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Avalanche Education: Utah Snow and Avalanche Workshop

Please join us for the 4th annual 2012 Utah Snow and Avalanche Workshop on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at the South Towne Center in Sandy. Once again, we will have a collection of the best avalanche minds in the Intermountain Region to discuss avalanche issues, including lessons learned from accidents and the latest international research. We will have exhibitors showing off their latest goods and the day will end with a happy hour for a more informal chat and quality social time. The open public session begins at 1:00 p.m. Buy tickets online to save time and \$\$. Tickets will be available at the door for \$30, if we have space.

Organizer: Walter Haas

Phone:

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Date: Saturday, November 3, 2012

801-209-2545

Meeting Place: South Towne Center, 10450 South State Street, Sandy, UT

Meeting Time: 1:00 p.m.

Web Link: http://utahavalanchecenter.org/2012-utah-snow-and-avalanche-workshop



Northeast chute of Elk Point on Mt. Timpanogos, 2005

Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation Lodge



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Snowshoe season is about to begin and it's a good time to brush up on your snow safety skills. I can't emphasize enough that **snow safety is everyone's responsibility**! While your organizer will do his or her best to keep the group safe; they are not professional guides. Every member of the group should be aware of the avalanche forecast, know how to travel safely in avalanche terrain and carry avalanche safety equipment. The group should work together to assess conditions and choose the safest route for travel. With that said, here are a few tips on how to get ready for the season ahead:

- Attend a class.
 - The Utah Avalanche Center website (utahavalanchecenter.org) provides a list of classes. They offer free "Know Before You Go" presentations which are a good starting point, or a refresher to attend annually. They also list more in depth classes. If you have never taken a Level I or Level II Avalanche Certification Class, I highly recommend that you consider doing so. They provide a lot of valuable information to help keep you safe. Register now as they often fill up quickly once the season begins.
- Read a book. Some good options include:
 - Snow Sense; A guide to Evaluating Snow Avalanche Hazard by Jull Fredston and Doug Fesler,
 - o **Staying Alive In Avalanche Terrain** by Bruce Tremper,
 - Backcountry Avalanche Awareness by Bruce Jamieson,
 - o **The Avalanche Handbook** by David McClung and Peter Schaerer.
- Get fresh batteries for beacons.
- Shop for any snow safety gear you do not own: inclinometer, probe, shovel, beacon, avalung, snow saw...
- Favorite the avalanche advisory webpage (http://utahavalanchecenter.org/advisory/slc) and add the phone number for the advisory to your contacts: 888-999-4019.

Take care of these basics now and you will be ready for a safe and fun snowshoe season with the WMC!

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2013 WMC GOVERNING BOARD

By John Veranth, President



October: President appoints the nominating committee

Publish in November's Rambler

November - December: Recruiting by Nominations Committee

January: Final Slate of Candidates

February: Elections by General Membership

March: New Board takes office

This year's Nominations Committee:

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Mark Bloomenthal 801-842-1242 markbloomenthal@yahoo.com

#3_____ pending
#4_____ pending

Thanks to these club members for being willing to serve on the committee. Note that as of the October 10th Rambler deadline we still need two more volunteers!

Positions where the incumbent will not be running for elections include:

- (1) Secretary
- (2) Membership
- (3) Hiking and Conservation would appreciate co-directors to share the workload
- (4) Several other Board members are still deciding, or would step aside if someone else was willing to run

IF YOU CARE ABOUT THE MOUNTAIN CLUB AND ARE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE AND EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST IN RUNNING FOR A BOARD POSITION.

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.

Notice To Organizers of Activities

If you have not received an invitation to the Annual Organizers/Awards Dinner by October 1st and you think you should have, PLEASE contact your activity director.

If anyone else would like to attend the Organizers/Awards Dinner on Sunday, November 11th, at Maurilio's Italian Cuisine (3078 West 7800 South, West Jordan), the cost will be \$20 per person. For more information contact: Tony Hellman (801) 809-6133, anthonyhellman@comcast.net or Helena Corena (801) 561-0095

FINAL RSVP deadline is November 2nd, although an earlier response is always appreciated. Don't forfeit your opportunity to attend this WMC tradition. Space is limited. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Trail Maintenance - September 29, 2012 By Dave Andrenyak, WMC Trails Coordinator



On a beautiful weather day, Wasatch Mountain Club volunteers continued to build the new section of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. This new section will eventually link the Mount Olympus Trail and the Neff's Canyon Trail. The work involved removing rocks, tree stumps, and roots from a section that we started last spring. Many of these obstacles were difficult to remove because of

their large size. The Bonneville Shoreline Trail Association supervised the work. The participants were Kelly Beumer, Mark Beumer, Yvonne D'Andrea, Mark McKenzie, Richard Jirik, Mary Settle, Sharon Kern, Peg Alderman, Dave Alderman, Bobby, Paul Felt, Dan Rutledge, Marv Stoddard, Dave Roth, Brett Smith and Dave Andrenyak. Thank you to all that helped out!!!



WMC LODGE STATUS

A Personal Report By Phyllis Anderson

As someone who is interested in the disposition of the WMC lodge, I would like to offer some cold hard facts as I understand them.

AS YOU WILL SEE, IF YOU HAVE ANY INTENTION OF SUPPORTING THE LODGE, IT'S CRUNCH TIME!!

HISTORY

At the urging of several club presidents and others, the Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation (WMCF) was created to take over the operation of the WMC lodge. The WMCF is a 501(c) (3) corporation, a charitable organization that can accept tax deductible donations. The WMCF board spent several years and about \$4,000 in legal fees to accomplish this goal. In Dec. 2010, the ownership of the lodge was transferred from the WMC to the WMCF, with a commitment from the club to donate 10% of dues in 2011, 8% of dues in 2012, and 6% of dues in 2013. It was expected that the WMCF would be able to become financially stable in this length of time.

To date, this has not happened. Some of the problems are:

- The overwhelming task of operating a charitable organization was greatly underestimated.
- The WMCF board has been unable to locate people with fundraising and grant writing experience who could share their talents. (This may be changing as I write this.)
- Donations from WMC members have not been as much as anticipated.
- The WMCF has no way of knowing about possible bequests in the future.
- The expected property tax savings of \$4,800 per year did not occur, even after spending \$3,500 in attorney fees.
- The creation of the WMCF put a spotlight on the lodge, and now the Division of Drinking Water has determined that the spring used for lodge water is a surface water source not approved for drinking water, and that the lodge must have a Public Water System. This determination was appealed, but denied on May 9, 2012. (This would likely have happened eventually, but the change of lodge ownership may have hastened the requirement.)
- Any lodge users must now provide their own drinking water (a temporary situation) and as a result, lodge use (and income) is down.

THE FIGURES

Major club expenditures before transfer of ownership:	Approximate Cost
2001 – Water and Sewer to the lodge, and Bathroom Addition	\$160,000
2005 – Remodel of Caretaker Unit	\$ 25,000
2003 – 2010 – Other building maintenance	<u>\$ 18,600</u>
(Some of funds came from John Veranth's book royalties) Total	\$203,600
Current situation:	
Cost of operation of lodge for one year, excluding any maintenance	\$ 25,000
Income from user fees collected for 2012	\$ 11,510
Donations for 2012 (mostly from the club and Big Cottonwood Community Assoc.)	\$ 10,710
Cash on hand (used to cover \$2,780 loss)	\$ 3,000
Balai	nce \$ 220

This picture is grim at best. *The foundation is basically out of money*. Then consider the following **"Catch 22"** in which the foundation finds itself:

The estimate for the required public water system is \$23,850. It would be wise to add on another \$5,000.00 to be safe, rounding the total to \$29,000.00. Without this system, the lodge will eventually not be permitted to operate. Without user fees, a major source of income will be lost.

To fund the new water system, the foundation must provide \$4,000 by February of 2013 for design drawings. Equipment costs of \$15,000 would be payable by August of 2013, and the installation cost of \$5,000 would come due in Sept. 2013. Financing may be available, but without foreseeable income, entering into a loan would be ill advised.

In July, long-time club member and WMCF director Linda Koski-Frady suggested that in view of the unexpected start-up expenses, the denial of tax exempt status, the cost of a new water system with associated loss of lodge use fees, etc. that the WMCF and the club should re-negotiate the terms of the separation agreement to secure funds necessary to meet operating expenses until the crisis could be resolved. WMC president John Veranth responded that the consensus of the board was to deny any further support to the WMCF (beyond the dues commitment stated above), and John strongly supports this position.

SUMMARY

So there you have it. Without significant support of both time and money from people who care about the lodge, the foundation will fail. The building cannot be destroyed since it is on the National Register of Historic Places, but any connection of the lodge to the WMC will be lost.

A one-time donation will not sustain the lodge. Even if the water system is somehow installed, future donations of \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year will be needed to operate the lodge – perhaps more with maintenance costs. Unless there are WMC members and members of the community who are willing to commit to annual contributions, offer their time and talents to do fundraising and chase grant money, include the WMCF in their wills, and otherwise support the foundation, then painful alternatives will be unavoidable.

DISCLAIMER

It has been my intent to present the facts as accurately and objectively as I can. I am not arguing any pros or cons nor trying to sway opinions. I will support the fundraiser on September 22, but there are no guarantees about the future of the building. Interested parties will have to weigh the situation and arrive at their own conclusions regarding the WMC lodge.

For further information, contact:

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Donations can be made online at http://wasatchmountainclubfoundation.org/donate/, or mailed to:

WMCF

Attn: Renae

1390 S. 1100 East, Suite 103

Salt Lake City, UT 84105-2443

ADDENDUM

Since writing this report in mid-September, the following has happened:

- The WMCF made \$3,100 on the fundraiser held September 22nd.
- The Foundation received \$4,350 in donations.
- Three people have stepped forward to offer their services for grant writing and fundraising.
- Two graduate classes at Westminster are working with the Foundation to develop Fundraising Projects and Website Enhancements.

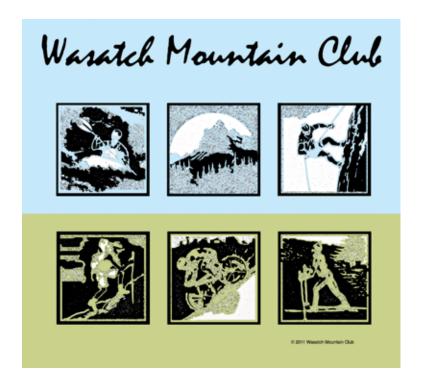
NEW SHIRTS AVAILABLE!!

The WMC T-Shirts Are Back - This Time In Lighter Colors

(See Below)

If you have, or saw, the black T-Shirts we sold last year, the design and shirt styles remain the same. That is, the **Original Design** (below) Is On The Back and The Club Name Is On The Front.

(The design was created by club member, Susana Jacobson)

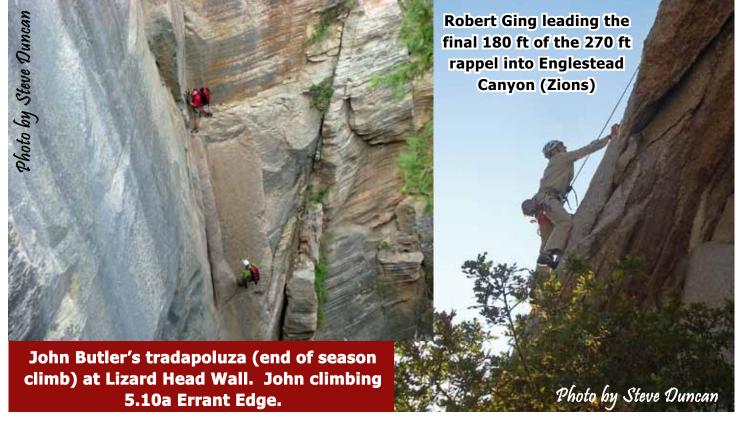


We have the women's cut available in Frosty Sky (very pale blue) and the men's shirts in Serene Green (pale moss).

Watch for the shirts to be sold at meeting locations for Club activities, or contact Phyllis Anderson at (801) 733-4806.

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Forest Service Wasatch-Cache National Forest Salt Lake Ranger District 6944 South 3000 East Salt Lake City, Utah 84121

September 26, 2012

Bells Canyon Summary

Bells Canyon, located on the Salt Lake Ranger District (SLRD) of Uintah Wasatch Cache National Forest in Salt Lake County, is a popular route for hikers and climbers alike. Several years ago a wind event blew down several trees confusing hikers on the trail between the upper falls and upper reservoir. Due to the location of the trees in designated wilderness and the complexity of the bucking, the upper section of the trail has been unmaintained for years. Users have been making rock cairns to indicate a path to the upper reservoir. Many did not follow the main trail and would often dead end, resulting in lost hikers. In response to solicitation from the Wasatch Mountain Club and other interested parties and in the interest of public safety, resource managers determined that the time was right to correct the situation. The main goal of the project was to clear the trail of down trees and establish a main route to the upper reservoir.

Since the project area was in designated wilderness, we needed to pool resources across the SLRD in order to have enough cross-cut sawyers. A Bells Canyon crew was assembled from members of our Wilderness, Trails, and Millcreek programs. The crew hiked in on Wednesday 08/15/12, set up camp and got to work. We cleared some of the larger trees and did some route finding the first day. A significant amount of the flagging was torn down between scouting the project and when the crew arrived making the task more difficult.

The second day we received the help of the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation. They helped hike in additional supplies and thinned the trail out below the major stream crossing. At this time, we found some evidence of old trail and historic trail arrows that were attached to some trees. There were some reinforced switch-backs from the CCC that we rerouted the trail to. After establishing where we wanted the trail, we built a total of 19 rock cairns, clearly distinguishing a main route to the Upper Reservoir. The rock cairns were built to USFS standard (3' tall x 2.5" wide).

On the third day we cut out a 50 foot re-route that was overgrown. This was done to avoid routing the trail through a boulder field. We also knocked down over 100 rock cairns that did not lead to or along the main trail.

The fourth day we started to build a wilderness bridge. Two trees were dropped, debarked and the wood prepared for the construction of a 16 foot bridge. On the fifth day we finished the bridge. At that point, the Millcreek portion of the Bells Canyon crew hiked out as they had duties that they had to get back to in Millcreek Canyon. After the bridge was finished the remaining crew cleared the trail below the bridge. On the morning of day six, the rest of the crew hiked out.

In total, we cut out 14 large trees and approximately 20 smaller ones that crossed the trail. Most of the trailed was "brushed". We built 19 rock cairns to define the main trail. The trail was realigned to utilize some of the original CCC infrastructure and a 50' section was rerouted to keep users off a boulder field. A 16 foot wilderness bridge that crosses the major part of the





stream was constructed. Lastly, we knocked down over 100 user created rock cairns to keep people from wandering off the main trail.

This project resulted in a complete success. All objectives were met and nobody was injured in the process. A special thanks must be given to Curt McEwen, Mike Gunn, and Brett Jeppsen. Curt McEwen was the C qualified crosscut sawyer on the project and is the lead of the Millcreek crew. Mike Gunn is the lead of the Trails crew. Brett Jeppsen is the lead of the Wilderness Crew. Their leadership, expertise and hard work were crucial to the success of this project.

Sincerely,

Matthew Zumstein

Natural Resource Recreation Manager

Salt Lake Ranger District 6944 South 3000 East Salt Lake City, UT 84121

Phone: 801-733-2670 Fax: 801-733-2684

Matt Zumstein with the Forest Service wishes to give credit to the crew members. They worked really hard and deserve it!

<u>USFS</u>

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George Grygar

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Coleman Worthen

Hailey Griffin

Sarah Middleton

Julie Kilgore, WMC Hiking Director: This effort by the Forest Service and its team is remarkable, and it's important that our hikers/winter sports members are aware of the work that has been put into establishing a main route to the upper reservoir.

Bell Canyon Upper Section Trail Re-Worked

Bell Canyon is a challenging hike, but the section above the meadow approaching the upper reservoir has been particularly problematic for many years. As large trees have fallen and vegetation closed in, the historic trail deteriorated and a lot of "alternate" trails and cairns were placed, sending hikers in all different directions.

The WMC met with the Forest Service to discuss the poor trail conditions and explore possible remedies. But the area is deep in wilderness territory, this was going to require a huge hand-powered undertaking, and there was little the WMC

could (or should) do. This August, the Forest Service, with support from the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation took on the challenge, pulled together a multiteam/multi-day trail building project, and the results are simply incredible.

The first obvious sign of Forest Service work is a new and sturdy foot bridge that crosses the stream near the campsite in the upper meadow. This is our clue that the Forest Service prefers the trail that runs south of the stream, completely by-passing the older and more rickety footbridge at the base of the upper waterfall.



Cut trees found shortly above the meadow

Old bridge below upper falls

New bridge near the upper meadow campsite

After the meadow is where things really got tricky trying to figure out the route to the upper reservoir, and this is where the Forest Service teams focused most of their efforts. As clubbers walk through this area, take a moment to appreciate that every one of the large trees crossing the trail (and there were a LOT) were cut by hand with two-person crosscut saws!!

Equally impressive are the 19 Forest Service cairns (all built to a spec of 3' tall and 2-1/2' wide) that now clearly mark the route . . .

. . and re-establishing pieces of the old CCC trail.





The 19 new cairns are hard to miss!! Avoid smaller "false" cairns that have already been set up that send hikers through boulder fields and other wrong paths

We all owe a huge thanks to the Forest Service, the work teams, and Matt Zumstein (the Forest Service Natural Resource Recreation Manager) in particular for spearheading this project. Clubbers can help the long-term support of these improvements by utilizing this main trail, and not adding cairns that send hikers in the wrong direction.

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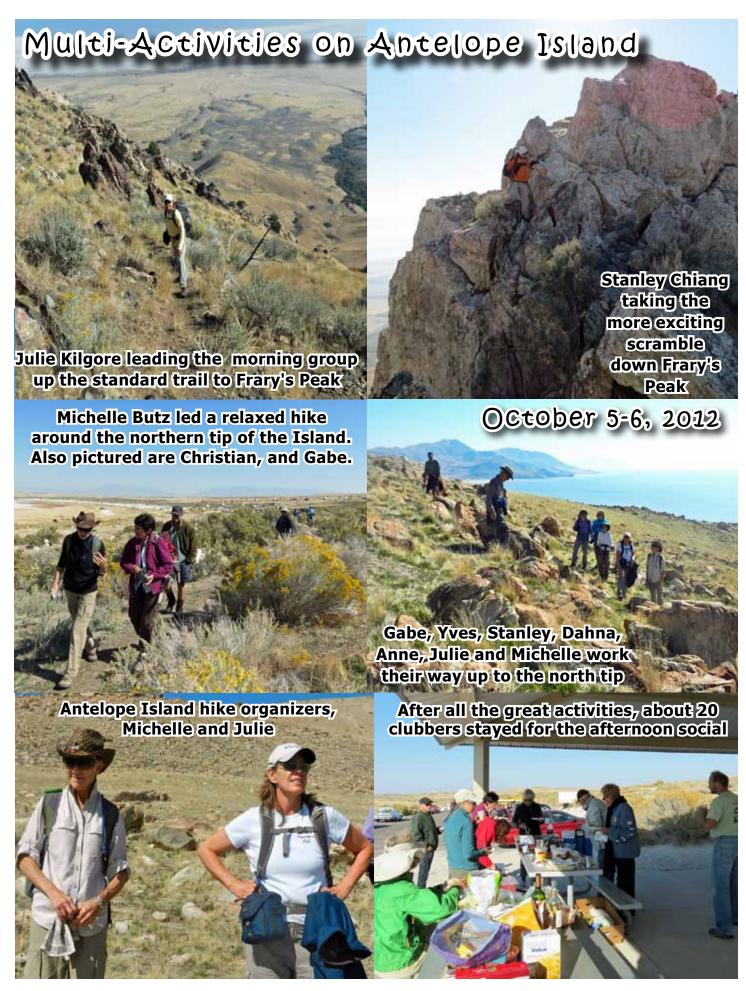


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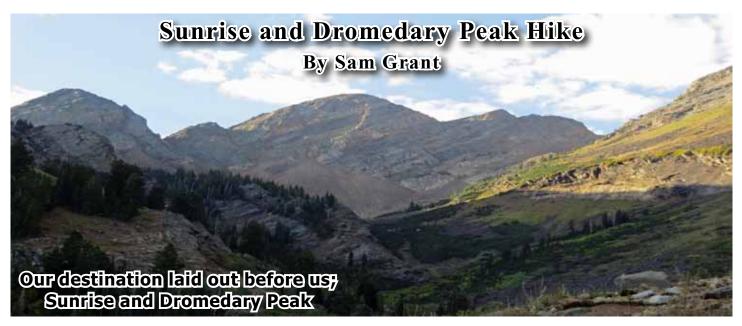




Robert: Three of us (Diane Rosenberg, Marcy Allen and Robert Turner) did the 40-mile morning ride across the causeway, around the north end of the island, down to Garr ranch and back. Very, very brisk temperatures to start (about 44 degrees), but we warmed up quickly and decided conditions were perfect for the ride. Sunny skies, hardly anyone out, spectacular stark scenery and lots of wildlife. We saw tons of buffalo and a band of antelope: a nice buck herding his harem of does along at a fast clip.

Three riders did the afternoon ride from the Marina to Garr ranch and back (L-R: Bob, Dave and Patrick)





Not knowing the reception I was going to receive for placing such a demanding hike on the calendar, I was thrilled with the number of eager hikers that showed up for this adventure in the Wasatch. Prior to the sun breaking first light, we all gathered at the Big Cottonwood Park and Ride. Final tally: 15 hikers ready to tackle a couple of summits that were high on everybody's list.

From the Broads Fork trailhead we worked our way up and gained the saddle between Twin Peak and Sunrise Peak at around 11 a.m. We all took a rest at the base of the West Buttress of Sunrise before systematically, one by one, climbing up and over the crux of this hike. From there it was a hop, skip, and a jump over to Sunrise Peak. As reaching Sunrise was a first for many of the people on this hike, excitement levels were high.

As we formed our single file line, we all began our descent of Sunrise with Dromedary in our sights. We slowly and carefully worked our way down the steep, loose, exposed East face of Sunrise down to the saddle between Sunrise and Dromedary. From there we picked our line and before we knew it, we were standing on the top of Dromedary (Peak #2). Again, the excitement was palpable as we all reveled in an amazing day in the Wasatch.

With spirits high, we began our way down to the east saddle of Dromedary before making our way off of the Cottonwood Ridge. With some careful navigation of the cliff bands that are so prevalent on the slopes coming off of Dromedary, we picked and chose our way down to Lake Blanche. Upon reaching the lake there was an overwhelming sense of accomplishment for this group of 15 who successfully completed the loop up Broads Fork, over Sunrise Peak, Dromedary Peak, and down to Lake Blanche. All that remained was the 3 miles back to the trailhead at the S curve in BCC.

Ten hours later we all reached the trailhead completing an epic day in the Wasatch Mountains.

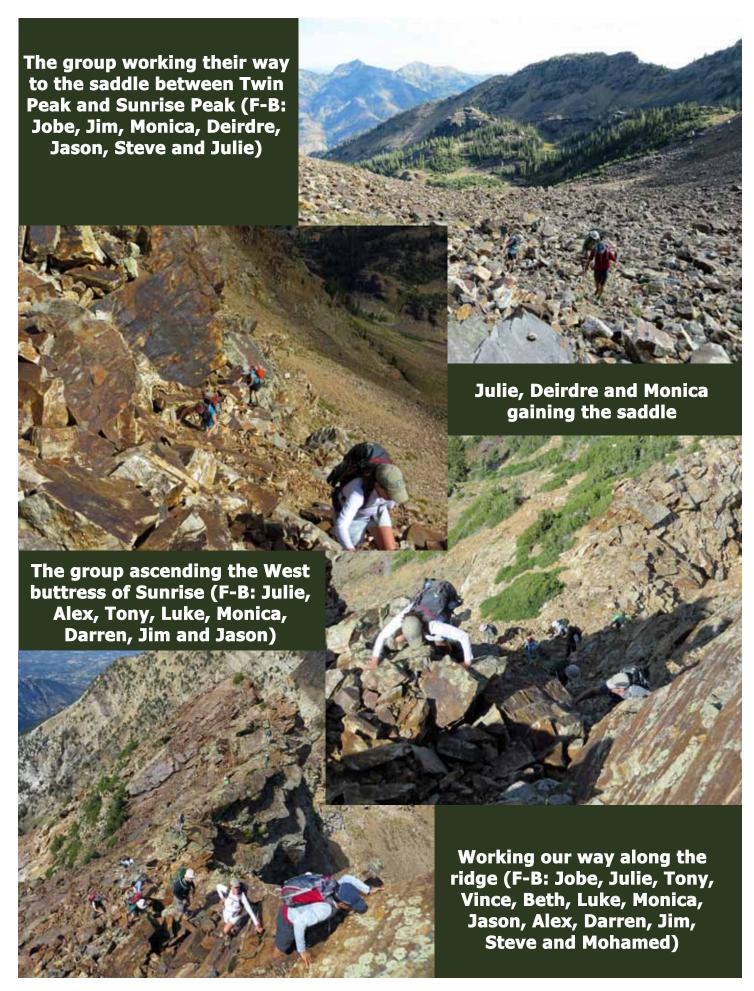
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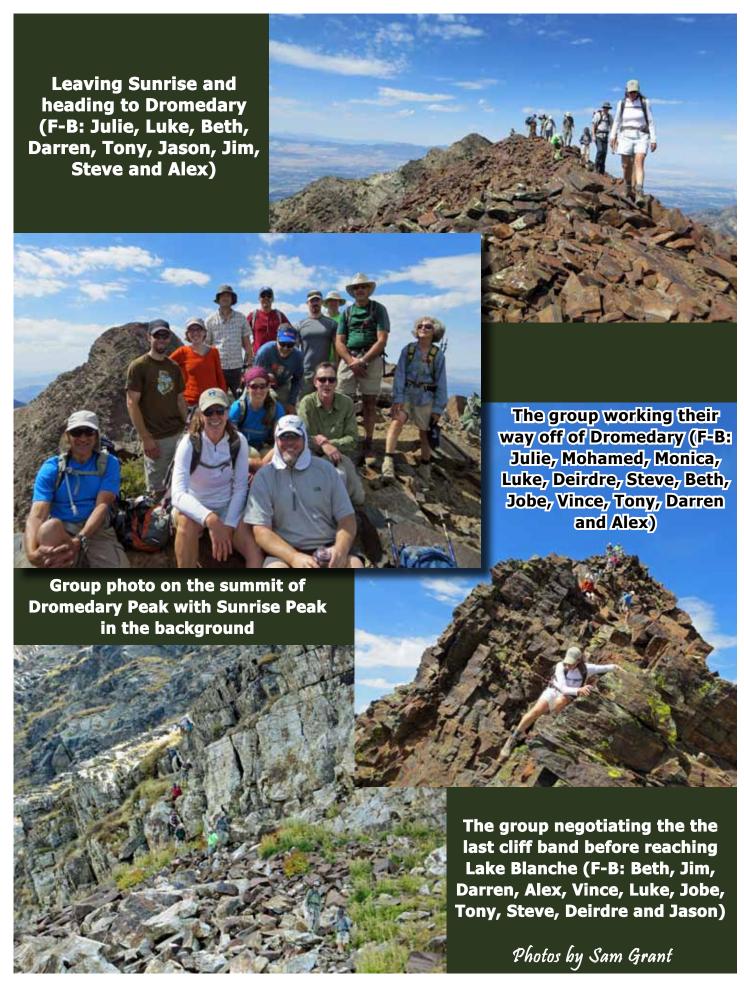
First reached Sunrise Peak 12:10 p.m.

First reached Dromedary Peak 1:30 p.m.

Back to the Trailhead 5:27 p.m.

Participants: Jason Decker, Mohamed Abdallah, Deirdre Flynn, Julie Kilgore, Alex Pearson, Tony Avery, Vince Rocco, Jobe Wymore, Beth Blattenberger, Jim Kucera, Luke Johnson, Steve Glasser, Monica Rockwood, Darren Anthony and Sam Grant.





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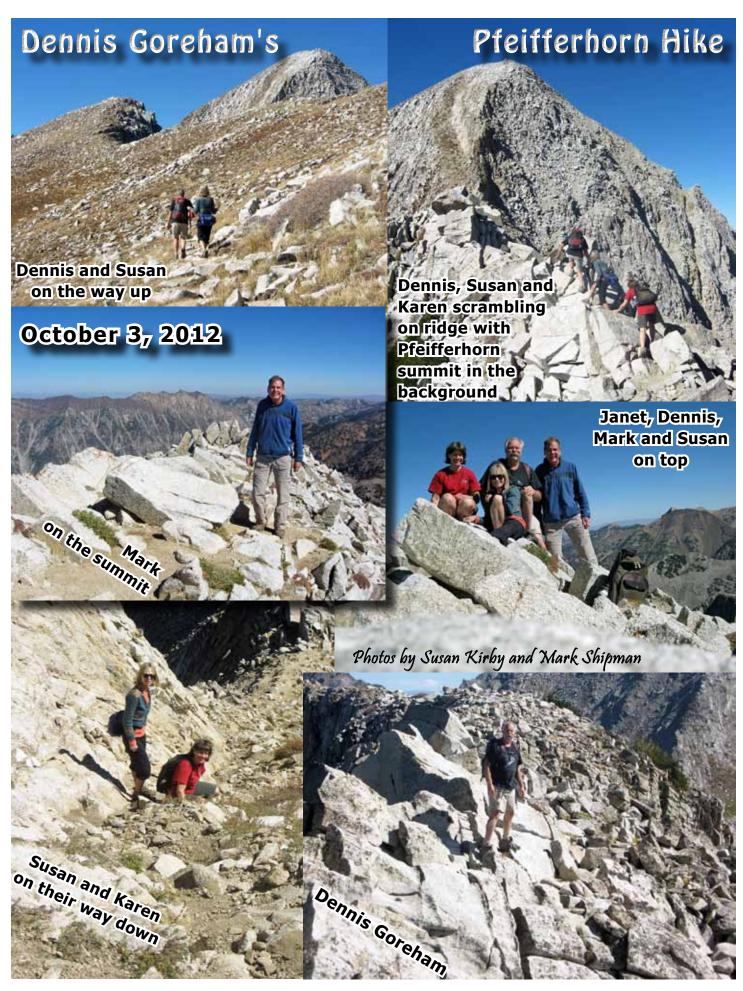
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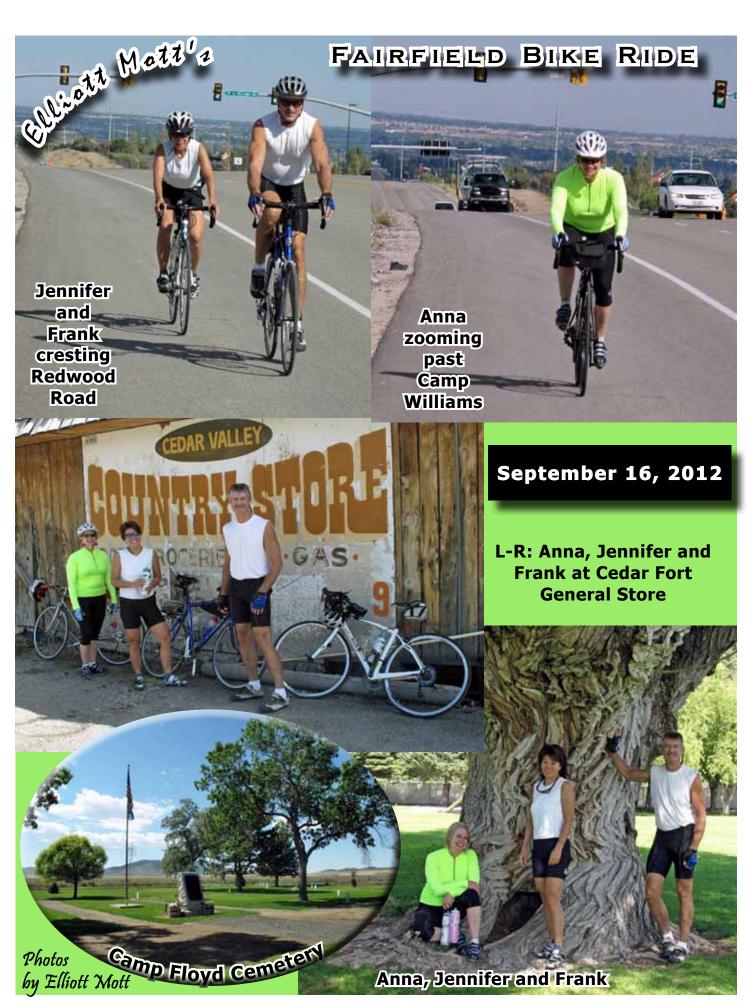
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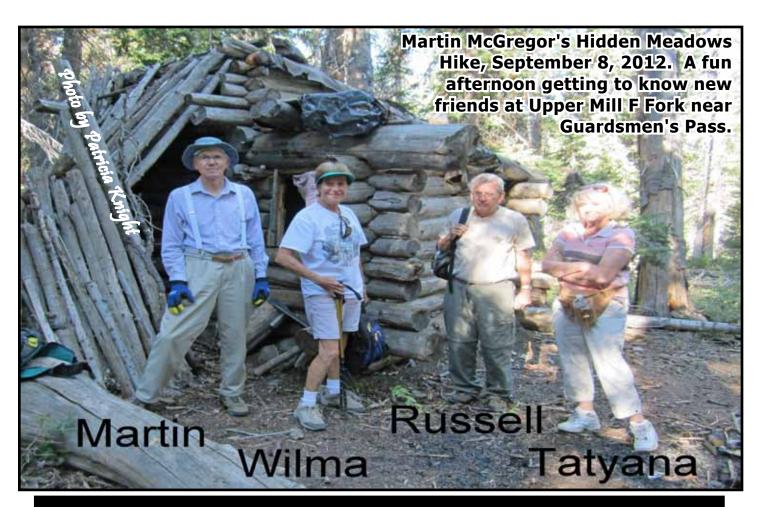


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Julie Kilgore's Final Monday Draper Evening Hike Series



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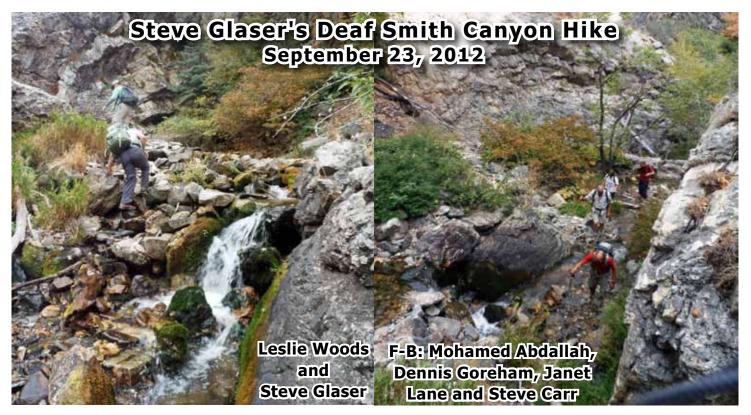
Bidding farewell to this season's Monday night Draper hikes (L-R: Valeta, Julie, Brett, Linda and Hal)





Sunset coming fast (L:R: Hal, Linda, Ellen, Julie and Valeta)

Julie: This season's weekly Draper hikes were a great succes, with as many as 15 to 20 hikers a week. We experimented with new loop routes, hiked along forgotten trails, and made a lot of new friends. We will definitely be on board for this Monday night Draper hike series in 2013!



On September 23rd, we treated ourselves to a hike up Deaf Smith Canyon. Deaf Smith has had access issues, and they've become more severe in the past year when one of the residents living beside the private road leading to the trailhead painted "no hiker access" on the pavement. Under the theory that it doesn't hurt to ask, I knocked on the door of one of the houses on that road and got permission to lead a hike.

Deaf Smith is a wonderfully chaotic canyon, with numerous spur trails that can look as good as the real trail for a few hundred yards before leading into the stream or a tangle of bushes. Even the right trail is dubious in places. Janet Lane said the hike reminded her of New England, with the dense trees mixed with rocks alongside the water, and where keeping trails open is harder due to the faster growth of vegetation.

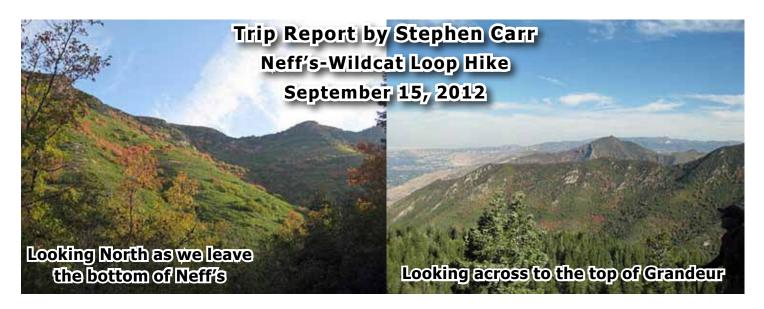
The group completely embraced the spirit of the canyon, not worrying if feet got wet crossing streams, and not being concerned about a couple of places where we had to double back to find the real trail. There is one place where it is necessary to scramble over a small rock wall, and everyone chose the line that was most comfortable to them. There is a rope that is bolted into the rock and it looked fairly new. Adrienne Bossi decided to take advantage of it for her means of ascent.

It was a great time of year to hike the canyon. The water is lower making the stream crossings easier. Up higher, there was a gorgeous hillside of bright red maples and the aspens were starting to turn. We stopped and had our lunch at the meadow, which was also our turn-around point. The whole hike was very peaceful. We only saw one other person the whole way, undoubtedly a benefit of hiking in a canyon that is nominally closed.

It would be nice to have additional hikes up Deaf Smith in the future. Of the group, Steve Carr and Mohamed Abdallah were the only other two people who had been there before. The residents I spoke with wanted people to have more use of the canyon. Their concerns related to gang activity that had occurred in the area, construction of rock bridges that increased the risk of flooding for the homeowners last year, people defecating on their lawns, and other actions that no one would condone. In an ideal world, there would be an easement for all to use the canyon, and there would also be respect for the people who live by the canyon. In the meantime, just asking permission is a good way to say that you aren't going to be a canyon visitor that they have to worry about. It's a great place to spend a fall day.

Hike participants were Mohamed Abdallah, Adrienne Bossi, Steve Carr, Deirdre Flynn, Steve Glaser, Dennis Gorham, Janet Lane, Linda White, Leslie Woods, and April McNeff.





It has been 19 years since I last led the Wildcat Ridge backwards hike. Since that time I have explored for and trimmed several old trails on the Neff's side of the ridge. Usually these visits ended with serious bushwhacking. So I was quite pleased to discover a good trail last fall that goes up to the ridge. Whoever has been working on this route deserves our thanks.

The smoke wasn't as bad for the hike as it was before or after. Sunny, dry and with a breeze, the weather was perfect the steep hiking. The group included long-term members Cassie Badowsky and Russell Patterson; newcomers Stuart and Denise Talbert from Virginia, Katharina Gerstenberger from Germany, and Akiko Kamimura from Japan. My dog Rico also came along.

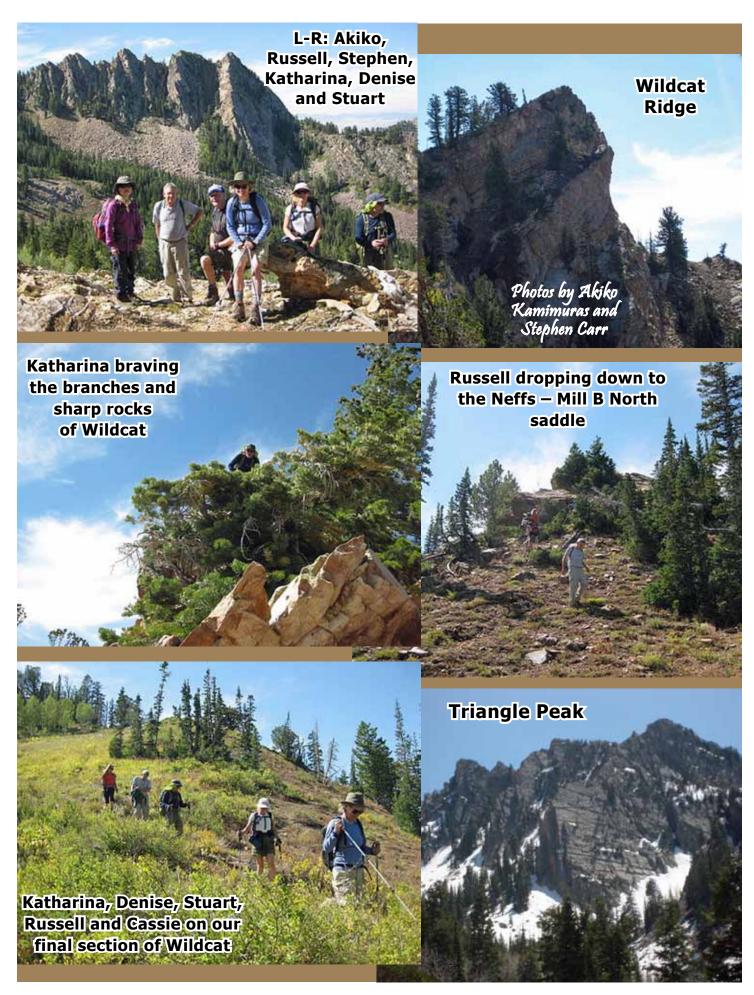
The trail up that I had learned is called "Thomas Fork." It is overall better, with fewer bushes brushing the body than the main Neff's trail. Well that is, until it gets high in the rocks where cairns indicate the way, although it is easy to follow.



L-R: Stuart, Stephen, Cassie, Denise, Katharina and Russell

Perhaps the most spectacular view is of the multiple peaks of Triangle Peak which are not visible from the Salt Lake Valley. It is quite something to look down both at them, as well as the Mt. Olympus Peaks. The section of Wildcat ridge we traversed involves scrambling around rocks and trees, but the exposure and difficulty are minimal. It is just so wild and beautiful!

Thanks to Cassie for keeping our needed breaks on schedule and entertaining the group! Thanks to Stuart and Denise for their entertaining songs, plus a thanks to Akiko for all the pictures. Rico, I am pleased to say, never needed assistance.



Part 1 of a 2 Part Series Pete's Rock – Man or Mountain? by Ron Petersen



"Pete's Rock: A popular bouldering spot only minutes from downtown Salt Lake" — www.killerclimbs.com

Director's Intro: I was drawn into the history of Pete's Rock this spring when the Wasatch Mountain Club initiated a project to rid this iconic quartzite outcrop of extensive and particularly disturbing graffiti. I couldn't exactly put my finger on why it mattered so much, but I sensed that Pete's Rock was more important to this club than just the starting point of another hike up Mount Olympus. Once we got the rock cleaned up, I decided it was time for me to find out who this Pete guy was.

What I found was a WMC treasure. My sincerest thanks go out to Ron Petersen for his time and commitment to scour 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

"O'Dell and Edith? Oh, you mean 'Pete and Pinky'. Of Course! They must have been newlyweds when we first met, but then, weren't we all. The years have taken their toll since those Wasatch Mountain Club days and the 'christening' of Pete's Rock above the boulevard. Thousands of neophyte climbers have practiced their technique

long after we became the experts from our own Thursday night sorties ascending and descending the various routes, marked carefully under Pete's scrutiny."

—Lee and Phyllis Steorts, 19--



O'Dell Petersen on Pete's Rock

In 1936, Pete, along with others. several had climbed the Grand Teton in Wyoming. Again the Grand was summited in 1937 and subsequent years with Pete as the leader. WMC climbers needed a training ground that was close to work. "Ascent rock climbing emerged in 1939. 'Pete, our own expert on rocks is in charge of the squad,' noted an item in the 1939 Rambler." —Onward and **Upward**

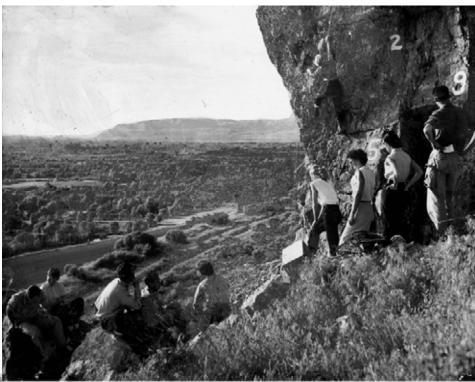


Grand Teton - July 1936 (I to r) Guide, June Whitehead, Homer Collins, Pete Petersen, ?, Charles Springer

In the early 30s, Pete, along with Homer Collins, Bill Kamp and Bert Jensen helped the club develop interest in rock climbing. Storm Mountain area was ideal, but too far to travel after work on weekdays. "Pete's Rock" was identified during Pete's climbing of Mount Olympus. After work, Pete, his twin brother Rody, and others would ride the trolley to the intersection of Highland Drive and 3300 South, and then hike or hitch a ride to the rock.

In the 20s through the early 40s WMC Trip Schedules were mailed to all members of the WMC. In the early 40s we find the following announcement: "Rock Climbing every Thursday at 5:30—Meet at 328 South Main Street." In those days, 328 South Main Street was Pete's Shoe Shop.

"It was Harold Goodro who started calling it 'Pete's Rock' and the name has stuck." — Wasatch Quartzite, John W. Gottom, Wasatch Mountain Club (1979). By the mid 50s, the Rambler stated, "Rock Climbing, Meet at Pete's Rock – just east of Wasatch Drive at 6:00 P.M."



Thursday Night at Pete's Rock - Mid 1950s

This weekly meeting became a time where lifelong friendships were made. Dale Green recalls his memories of Thursday night climbs at Pete's Rock. "I joined in the mid-50s. The crowd numbering in the 20s were relaxed and of good nature—friends just enjoying being together practicing their skills against the rock."—Dale Green (telephone interview).

Pete's Rock became *the gathering place*. From these associations came great friendships – and great men and women. WMC members successfully climbed and made first assents of several mountain peaks in the Wasatch and throughout the west. Ship Rock was scaled. The North face of the Grand Teton by direct route was climbed. Many unclimbed peaks in the Sawtooth and Wind River Mountains were first scaled by these men and women. The peaks of Denali, Matterhorn, Mt. Robson, and Mt. Cook, to name a few, have been reached by WMC members. The mountains were there, and *these* men and women found a way to meet the challenge.

It was not just climbing, but creating wilderness areas to preserve the beauty of the Wasatch Mountains for generations to come. These WMC people could enjoy sunsets from atop Pete's Rock, dance the night through, rescue others hurt in the mountains, and not last, reach out, bringing others into their friendship circle.



Mount Olympus - Near Summit - Early 1940s (I to r) Harold Goodro, Janet Christensen, Pete Petersen



Thursday Night at Pete's Rock - Mid 1940s (top to bottom) Jim Shane, Lee Steorts, Janet Christensen

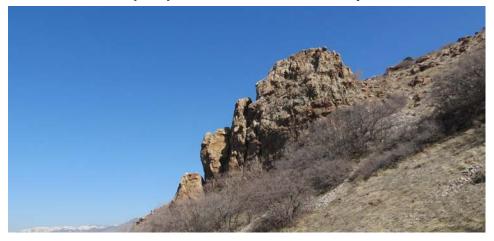
Several newspaper articles have been written about climbing on Pete's Rock. On May 31, 1948, the Salt Lake Telegram pictured Jim Shane, Harold Goodro, Lee Steorts, O'Dell Petersen and Janet Christensen demonstrating climbing skills and taking in the view from atop Pete's Rock. And yes, those fabulous sunsets!

The accompanying article stressed safety using proper equipment including the piton, karabiner (carabiner) and rope. Also shown were the heavy leather boots with tricouni nails. Repelling was without climbing harness or Swiss seat, but with rope passing through and around legs and body with descent speed controlled with hands and arms increasing and decreasing friction. In those days, climbers were roped together using the bowline and butterfly knots.

In 1972, the SL Tribune ran an article about Pete's Rock: "There's a quartzite slab of rock jutting out of the earth just east of Wasatch Boulevard. It's known as 'Pete's Rock' Rising some 80 feet in the air, the rock has been the classroom for hundreds of future climbers. Those who don't know 'Pete' might just be amazed when walking through the portals of his tucked away shoe shop on South Eight West. Pictures of mountain peaks across the world dot the walls of the shoemakers cove." Pete's the Pete in 'Pete's Rock'. . . He was the first instructor to lead fledgling 'mountain goats' up his namesake rock and Pete is responsible for the numbers at the rock's base."

Yes, Pete's Rock has become a training ground, and a place for meeting people and securing friendship and trust. Just as climbing skills were honed, personal skills were refined and bettered. It is these people that have made Pete's Rock. Many more like them will secure its future.

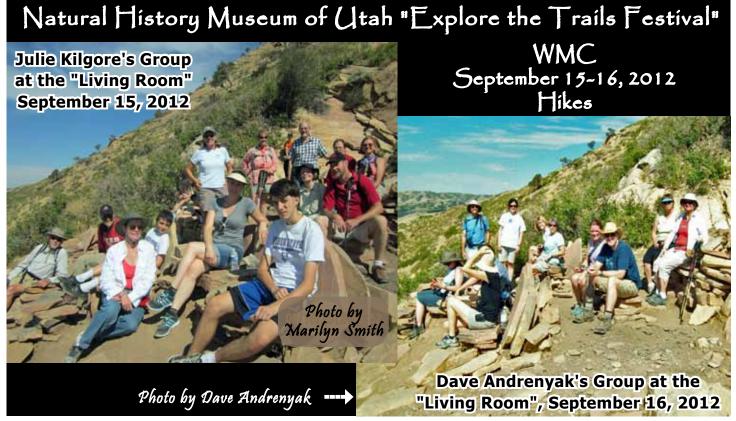
Christian O'Dell (Pete) Petersen is one of the many who are Pete's Rock.



Pete's Rock—A quartzite outcropping on the western bottom slopes of Mount Olympus.

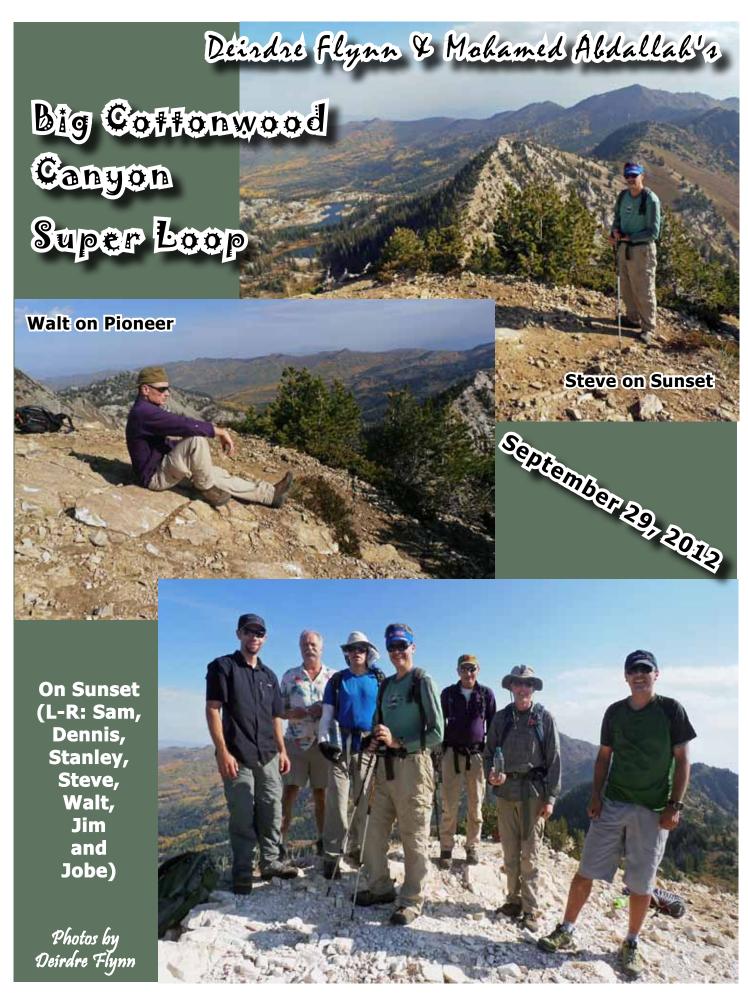
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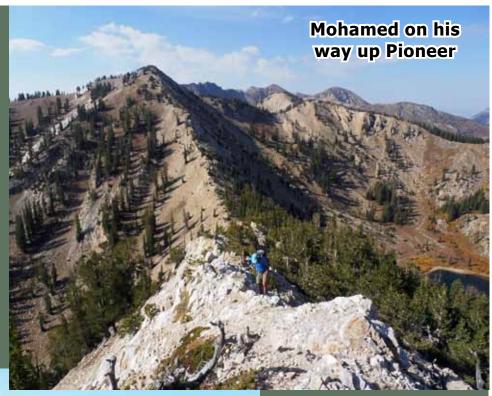








Deirdre: This was an all day ridge run in upper Big Cottonwood Canvon, starting and ending at the Spruces. Nine of us met at 5 a.m. and headed up the Day's Fork Trail with headlamps and a full moon to light the way. We summitted Honeycomb, Wolverine, Sunset, Pioneer, Preston, Clayton, 10420, **Tri-County, Scott's** Hill, Silver, and 9990. **According to Walt's**

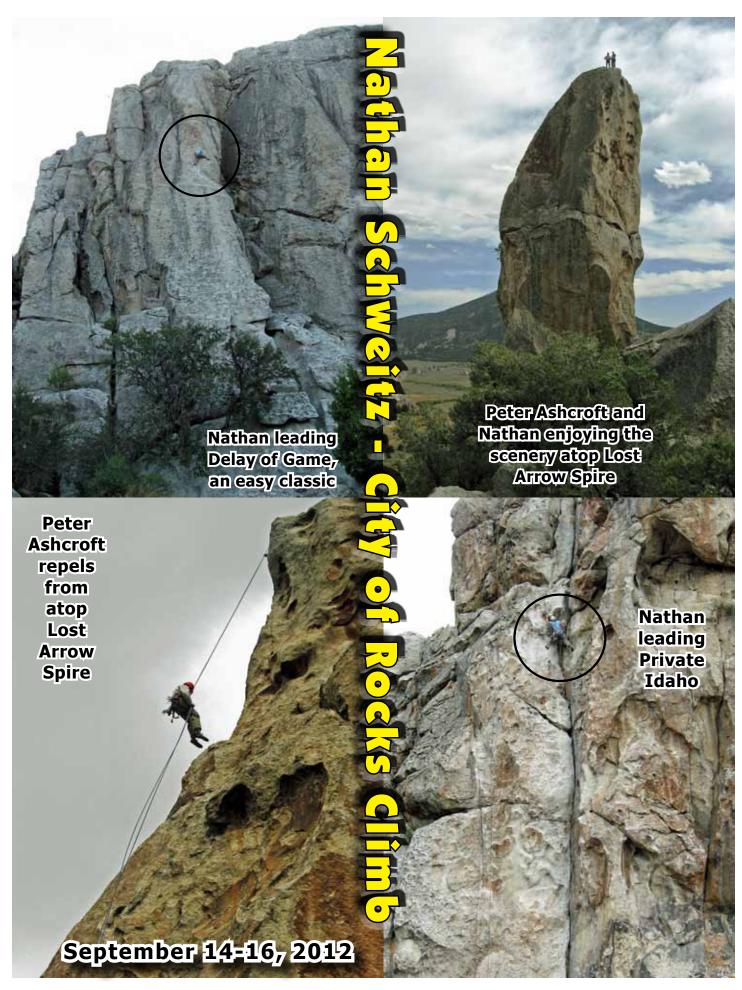


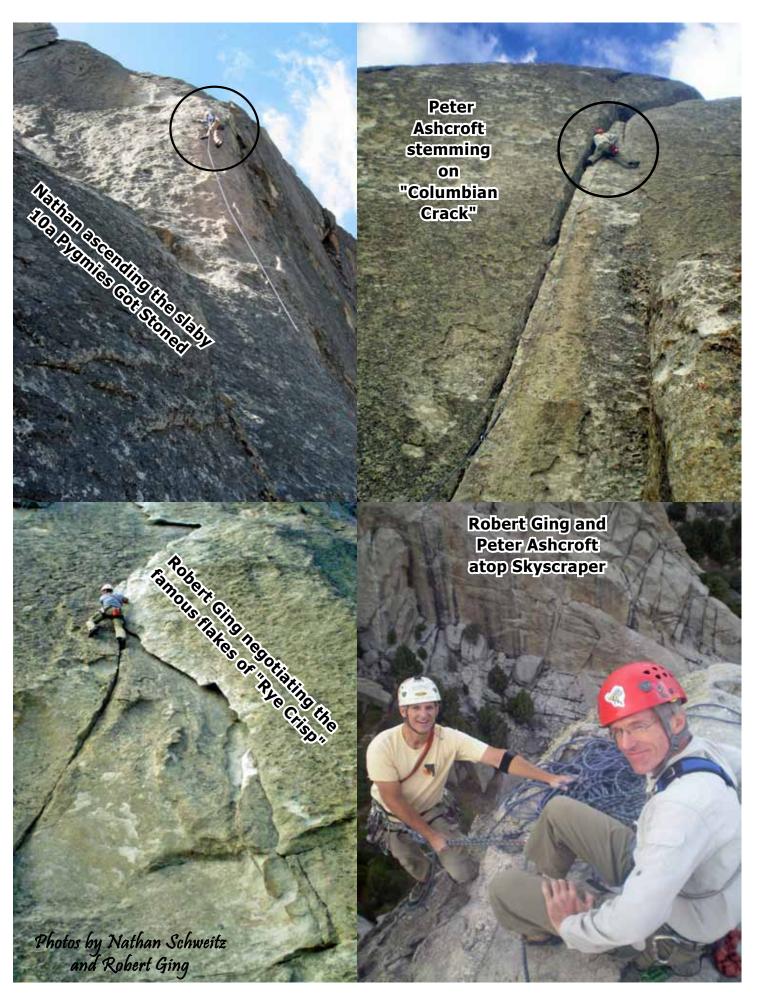




Participants: Steve Glaser, Jobe Wymore, Walt Haas, Dennis Goreham, Sam Grant, Stanley Chiang, Jim Kucera, Mohamed Abdallah and Deirdre Flynn. GPS, we hiked 20.6 miles and climbed (and descended) 9,750 feet by the end of the day. It was a great group and the Wasatch put on a beautiful display of fall colors.

Walty Sam and Jobe looking back across the beautiful golden Aspens





FAINT TRAILS IN THE WASATCH

70. Braine and Yankee Blade Mines

I his is a story, a somewhat convoluted story, of two obscure claims, one of them dating back to the first days of prospecting in the upper reaches of Little Cottonwood Canyon. While neither of them ever gained any amount of notoriety, they had some amount of importance in the early twentieth century mining operations. It began in the spring of 1865 when several prospectors visited the north slope above the present day Alta. They located three claims during their visit and recorded them in what was then the Mountain Lakes Mining District. There were a total of nine men named in the three claims, but there is no evidence that more than five of them were actually present, and possibly as few as two. Those were Silas Braine and David C. Nichols. Braine named the first of the three claims after himself, the Braine Lode. To describe its location he cited, "Located about 5 miles above the sawmill on Little Cottonwood creek on the north side of said creek" That sawmill would have been the Woolley mill at Hogum Fork. It is very likely that Braine and Nichols were not only prospectors, but also explorers, for very few, if any travelers had gone into this area before. At this time the road in Little Cottonwood Canyon only went as far as Woolley's mill and logging trails went another mile or two farther. The very first mining district in the Wasatch mountains, appropriately named the Wasatch Mountain Mining District, was formed in December 1863. That winter was barely over when, in July of 1864, it was reorganized as the Mountain Lake Mining District. Records of the first district, if there were any, have not been found, but in the second district Braine and Nichols' three claims were numbered thirty-one to thirty-three in the recorder's book. Of the previous entries, most were in Big Cottonwood Canyon where a road existed nearly to the head of the canyon, providing easy access. Of the Little Cottonwood entries, none can be identified as being above the end

The location of the Braine - Yankee Blade mine is shown in this aerial photograph at the large dot about sixty feet north of the Grizzly Gulch road. The Little Cottonwood highway crosses near the bottom of the photo, with the Alta Lodge below it.

of the logging trails. Hence, Braine and Nichols were opening new territory.

The two men took samples of their discoveries into the city and showed them to Dr. O.H. Congar. Congar had arrived in Utah late in the summer of 1864 as a representative of the yet to be incorporated New York and Utah Prospecting Company. He wrote a lengthy and learned discourse on the technical details of prospecting which was printed in the Daily Union Vedette, a Camp Douglas publication, and opened an assay office in downtown Salt Lake City, giving him recognition as an authority on the subject. When he saw the Braine and Nichols samples he hired them to prospect for him or for the company he represented. They returned to Little Cottonwood Canyon in August and by the end of the 1865 year had filed seven more claims, each including Congar as one of the claimants.

In October of 1866 Silas Braine, no longer employed by Congar, returned to file six more claims in the company of various other individuals, his partner from the previous year, D.C. Nichols, sharing in several of them. Braine died in Salt Lake

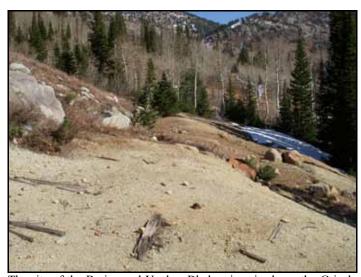
City late in 1868, but Nichols remained in the area at least until 1870 when that year's census listed him as living in Little Cottonwood Canyon with his wife and sixteen year old son, also a miner. The two men must have remained friends to the end because Nichols lent Braine almost five hundred dollars shortly before the latter's death, a loan that was repaid by the administrator of the estate.

On Silas Braine's last claim in 1866 he was accompanied by five local men who had never joined him in a claim before. They went on to relocate the Braine Lode, which he had abandoned, and recorded it with its original name. In 1871 two of those five men, Richard Gill and Francis Doughman, became incorporators of the Union Mining Company of Little Cottonwood, a company whose object was to develop mining in Little Cottonwood. The first president of the company was William Godbe, the leader of the Godbeite movement in which he was joined by a number of Mormon merchants and other men of influence objecting to economic demands and policies of Brigham Young. Among other things, they encouraged the promotion of mining activity.

This was in deference to Young's stand on the matter, resulting in many of those involved being excommunicated from the Church. Another of the incorporators was Henry W. Lawrence, at that time a Salt Lake City merchant who shared and supported Godbe's beliefs and activities. He later became prominently involved in the Woodlawn mining company in Honeycomb Fork. However, what is important here is the fact that, together with about two dozen other claims, the Braine Lode was transferred into the Union Mining company shortly after its formation.

In the years that followed Francis D. Clift became president of the company and Richard Gill became secretary. Clift was an early merchant in Salt Lake City and a minority stockholder in the Emma mine until it was sold to New York and English interests. He remained in the mining business as an investor for many years, putting his profits into real estate. He retired at age 32, thereafter listing his occupation as Capitalist. Richard Gill was a Salt Lake City barber who was an example of local citizens who succumbed to the lure of mining. He was a partner in Silas Braine's last claim in 1866 and was involved in mining at least until the Union Mining Company disbanded. But he continued his trade as a barber for the rest of his life. It is interesting that when Richard Gill was involved in the relocation of the Braine claim in 1866, two of the other locators were George and E. W. Clark. George Clark also was a barber in Salt Lake City, possibly induced to take this brief plunge into mining by his colleague Gill. E. W. Clark was his wife Elizabeth; neither indulged in mining again after this brief venture.

Several years later, in 1876, another group of men filed a claim called the Yankee Blade. It is believed this was a relocation of the Braine, since no mention of the latter mine appeared after it was incorporated into the Union Mining Company. Conversely, the Yankee Blade mine was mentioned in the newspapers a number of times in the next two years. The Union Mining Company lost little time in acquiring this property for itself,



The site of the Braine and Yankee Blade mines is above the Grizzly Gulch road about a quarter mile from its junction with the Little Cottonwood highway. The dump was worked by mid-twentieth century miners, leaving little in the way of mining artifacts.

but held it for only a year before selling both it and the Braine to F. D. Clift, the president of the company. That was the last time the Yankee Blade name appeared in any transaction. When Clift had the claim surveyed for patent he used the Braine name, thereby perpetuating both it and the memory of the man who originally named it after himself. Once the patent was issued nothing more was done with the mine for over twenty years.

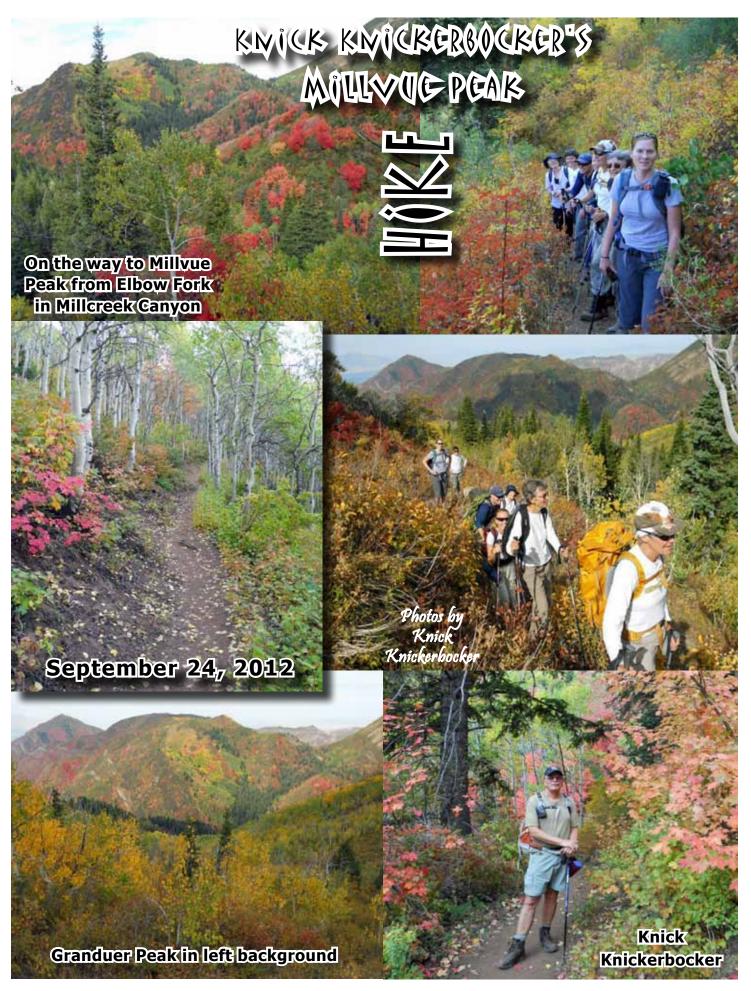
In 1902 the Columbus Consolidated Mining Company was formed, a joint effort of brothers Tony and A. O. Jacobson. Its property included a number of claims, one of which overlapped the Braine Lode. To avoid conflict, the new company bought the long idle Braine from Clift. The company's first base of operations was at a tunnel whose portal, now closed and out of sight, was located below today's Little Cottonwood highway, north of the Goldminers Daughter Lodge and west of the Alta Lodge. The tunnel was driven in a northeasterly direction, striking several fissures on the way. But at a little over 1,000 feet it struck a major fissure, at first called

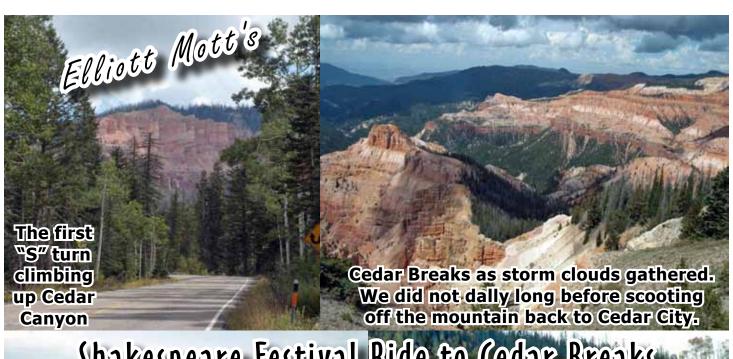
the Main Fissure, but soon thereafter became known as the Braine Fissure since it was encountered below the Braine claim. This was a strike of major importance, and brought much success and fortune to the Columbus Consolidated Mining Company through the years that followed. While it is unlikely the company did any work through the shaft on the Braine claim, it apparently did make use of it, possibly as an air shaft to provide ventilation for their subterranean passageways. Curiously, they chose to resurrect the Yankee Blade name for that shaft, as shown on later maps of the company's workings. This is yet another reason to believe that the Braine and Yankee Blade claims were one and the same. The Braine fissure continued to be worked by successor companies as long as active mining was taking place throughout the twentieth century, and became almost legendary among Alta miners. Although many knew of the name Silas Braine, few if any knew any more about the man than we do today. And as the old miners fade away, so do their legends.

Today there is not much to be seen at the site of the Braine and Yankee Blade mines. It can be found about sixty feet north of the Grizzly Gulch road, about a quarter mile from where the road leaves the Little Cottonwood highway near the Alta Lodge. The site was much disturbed by the latter day miners who worked old mining dumps in the mid-twentieth century, leaving a fairly large area devoid of vegetation, but not much in the way of mining artifacts.

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Tanner Morrill's "The Wave" Trip in Coyote Butte's North October 6-7, 2012

Jurassic Navajo Sandstone Beds bend and twist to make a half-pipe of glorious orange gullies on the Arizona-Utah border 40 miles east of Kanab. "Where's your skateboard?" Gloria Leonard asked as I ran up the berms in the first trough. We were amazed at the beauty of the striations of orange, red, pink, white and black. We puzzled over the transformation of these once flat strata.

According to Wikipedia, "The Wave is particularly well known among European tourists, partly because it appeared in *Faszination Natur - Seven Seasons*, a German documentary film made in the 1990's."

A circular swirl six-foot in diameter hides in a short slot canyon. We explored the area only to find more unique mysteries such as "brain rocks" and rusty "tire tracks" made by geological processes. Teepees appeared as giant swirly ice cream cones of sand.

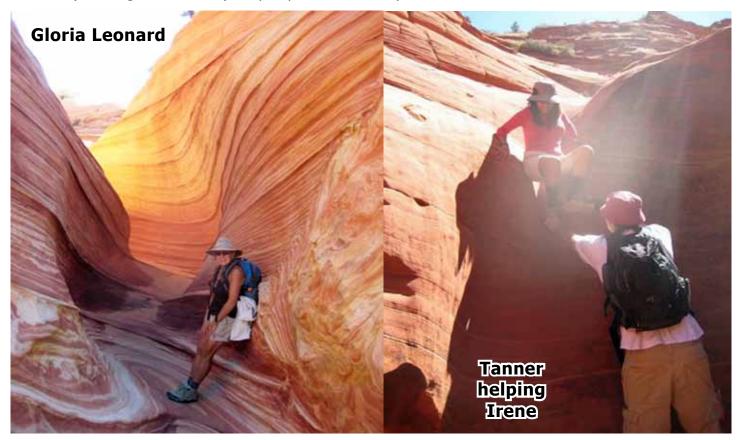
Irene Yuen and Deirdre Flynn wandered throughout the landscape, capturing the beauty with many thoughtful photographs.

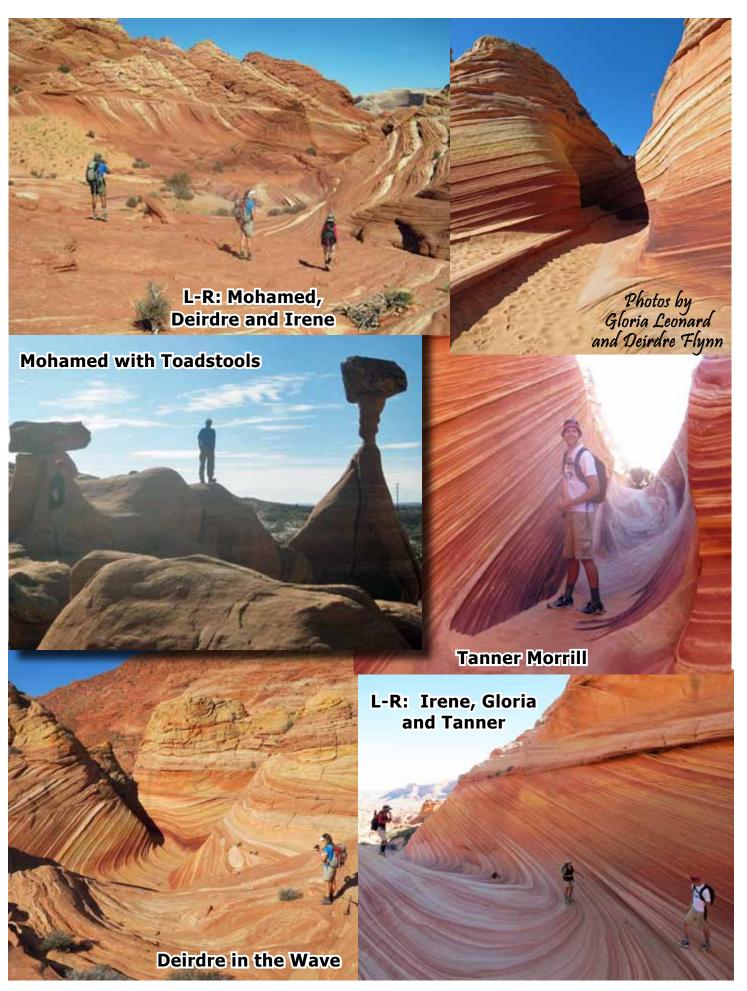
Mohamed Abdallah led us to the "second wave," doing a bit of canyoneering on the way. Gloria and Irene were brave enough to slide down a sloping 10-foot pour-off into the sand below. We could have explored for hours more. The round trip was about 9.3 miles through sand, stone and reflected heat.

The day before we explored landscapes and toadstools of various colors, shapes, heights and formations. These columns of stone are protected by more erosion-resistant stones above. In return, the column holds up these stones on an ever-increasing pedestal as the surrounding rock has eroded over millions of years.

The wave is highly restricted due to popularity and sensitive environment. Thanks to Irene, our permit holder, and to everyone who entered the lottery against the odds. Thanks to Bret Mathews for sharing knowledge and advice of this scenic area.

Trip participants: Irene Yuen, Gloria Leonard, Mohamed Abdallah, Deirdre Flynn, Tanner Morrill and Bret Mathews (did not go to the wave). Trip Report submitted by Tanner Morrill.





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 gropus 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

o.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)

Very Strenuous, Difficult

X > Exposure

11.1+ > Extreme (EXT) W > Wilderness area, limit 14

Very Strong, Well-Seasoned Hikers

Be kind. When you carpool up local canyons, please give the driver \$1.50 or \$2.00 to help with gas and the wear and tear on the vehicle.

Directions to Meeting Places

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

Skyline High School: 3251 E Upland Drive (3760 S). From the intersection of Wasatch Blvd and the Mill Creek Canyon Rd (3800 S), go west under the I-215 freeway, then turn north (right) into the entrance opposite Birch Dr (3330 E). **Butler Elementary:** 2700 E just south of 7000 S

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

6200 Park and Ride Lot: 6450 S Wasatch Blvd. Go two lights east and south on 6200 S from the I-215 overpass and turn east (left) onto Wasatch Blvd; the lot is immediately on your left. Sometimes used as an overflow lot for access to Big Cottonwood Canyon.

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

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES LISTING

See online Calendar for updated and additional events and trips

Date Activity

Nov 1 Early Evening Hike - West Approach Of Grandeur - ntd+ - Out & Back - Moderate pace

Thu Meet: 5:00 pm at Parking Lot at North End of Wasatch Boulevard (Approximately 3000 South)

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

Clocks change next weekend, so join Julie for her last evening hike of 2012.

Nov 2 Canyoneering 201 - mod+

Fri – Meet: Registration required

Nov 4

Sun

Organizer: Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com

If you actually not only survived a 101 trip, but enjoyed it and are interested in the challenge of stepping it up a notch to the next level of difficulty, then this is your trip. Held again in north wash, you will need all of that NW equipment for the next go around.

Nov 2 Conservation Meeting/social: Stop Skilink Fundraiser

Fri

Meet: 7:00 pm at Caterina (formerly Cucina Nassi), 2155 South Highland Drive, Salt Lake City

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

Please join a group of concerned citizens at the Stop SkiLink Now Fundraising Event. The fundraiser will benefit the efforts of Save Our Canyons and Winter Wildlands Alliance to halt the proposed SkiLink project in the Wasatch Mountains. \$100 per person (contributions are tax deductible/ contribution receipts will be provided by Save Our Canyons and/or Winter Wildlands Alliance). Click the link below for details.

Nov 3 Wmc Halloween Party 2012 Social

Sat

Meet: 6:00 pm at WMC Lodge at Brighton Ski Resort in Big Cottonwood Canyon

Carpool: 5:30 pm at Park-and-ride lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Try to arrange your own carpooling, if you want that, by arranging to meet people you want to share with at the park-and-ride lot at the mouth of the canyon.

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

SATURDAY EVENING / NOVEMBER 3RD / Come one, come all! Club members, family and friends are invited to the WMC Halloween Party 2012 to be held at its "haunted" lodge at Brighton Sky Resort, in Big Cottonwood Canyon, on Saturday evening, November 3rd. A POTLUCK dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. Red Hot Rockin' DJ Rob Snow's riveting mix of music will sizzle the dance floor starting at 7:30 p.m., and will continue as long as there are legs still flyin'. The party is BYOB. Bring some food to add to the table. Awards for Best Costumes in the categories of Greenest, Scariest, Sexiest and Funniest will be given. A horrorific pinata will also be obliterated. A \$7.00 per person cover charge will be collected at the door; children are free. If you wish to stay overnight at the lodge, there is a charge of \$3.00 per person; children are free. Although the trail will be marked, bring a flashlight for the 5-minute walk through the pines from the parking lot to the lodge. Also, bring boots should the trail be wet or have snow on it. Try to arrange your own car-pooling, if you want that, by arranging to meet people you want to share with at the park-and-ride lot at the mouth of the canyon. For further details and directions, email or telephone Craig Anderson: canders11238@yahoo.com, home: 801-487-2352, cell: 801-493-5673.

Nov 3 Hike To Houndstooth - msd- - 5.5 mi Out & Back - 3000' ascent - Moderate pace

Sat

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

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

This is a short but VERY STEEP hike. The hike will somewhat follow the ridge to the base of the Houndstooth, with a short scramble through the secret sweet spot that leads to the top of the "tooth." We've done this route enough, there's very little bushwaching anymore! Expect approximately 6 hours.

Nov 3 Ski Meeting/social: Utah Snow & Avalanche Workshop

Sat

Meet: 1:00 pm at South Towne Center, 10450 South State Street Sandy, UT

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

Please join us for the 4th annual 2012 Utah Snow and Avalanche Workshop on Saturday, 11/3/12 at the South Towne Center in Sandy. Once again, we will have a collection of the best avalanche minds in the intermountain region to discuss avalanche issues including lessons learned from accidents and the latest international research. We will have exhibitors showing off their latest goods and the day will end with a happy hour for a more informal chat and quality social time. The open public session begins at 1:00 pm. Buy tickets online to save time and \$\$. Tickets will be available at the door for \$30 if we have space.

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Nov 3 Hike: Mill B North - ntd+

Sat

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

Organizer: Tom Silberstorf 801-255-2784

Tom is heading up Mill B North as far as the snow will permit or until the group decides to stop and have lunch. Call the leader about equipment as it may be a snowshoe hike depending on the conditions.

Nov 4 Road Bike: Salt Lake Marina – ntd+ – 42.0 mi Loop

Sun

Meet: 9:00 am at Parking strip adjacent to Weather Bureau, 2200 West North Temple, Salt Lake City

Organizer: Elliott Mott 801-969-2846 elliott887@msn.com

This is a 42 mile ride to the Salt Lake Marina situated on the south end of the Great Salt Lake. This loop course zips across the airport and features a variety of terrain to include rural farm lands, industrial parks, wetlands and a tour of the old mining town of Magna. Riders should plan on regrouping stops along the way, a teeny tiny climb across the north end of the Oquirrh Mountains, and a rendezvous at the Great Salt Lake Marina. Bring snacks. Meet Elliott (801-969-2846) by the Weather Bureau located on North Temple west of 2200 West, at 9:00am.

Nov 4 Road Bike: Tweed Ride – ntd- – 12.0 mi Loop – Slow pace

Sun

Meet: Disseminated via the Bike email list

Organizer: Anna Cordes 801-573-5592 cordesa@q.com

Calling all Dandies and Quaintrelles to prepare yourselves and your steeds with tweeds, woolies, Brooks, and baskets for a Tweed Ride. Tweed Rides are being held around the world. Salt Lake City had its' first Tweed Ride this past May. Now it's time for the Mountain Club to have a Tweed Ride. Details are still being worked out, but anticipate meeting at 1:30PM for 10-15 easy leisurely miles with a proper social stop. Here is a link to one of the many Tweed Rides held across the U.S. with lots of good ideas for preparing an elegant wardrobe and hand-some steed: http://tweedride.phlbikes.com/. More details to be disseminated through the bike email list.

Nov 4 Day Hike, Mt. Olympus - msd - 6.8 mi Out & Back - 4050' ascent - Moderate pace

Sun

Meet: 9:00 am at Mt. Olympus trailhead at about 5400 S Wasatch Blvd.

Organizer: Carol Masheter 801-493-9114 carol_masheter@hotmail.com

We will go as far as November conditions permit up the standard route on Mt. Olympus. Bring micro-spikes in case of ice on the trail and trekking poles, as well as layered clothing, hat and gloves, plenty of water and snacks. If there is too much snow and ice, we might snowshoe up Grandeur Peak via Church Fork instead of Mt. Olympus, if avalanche conditions permit. If we climb Mt. Olympus to the summit, estimated time is about 6 hours, longer if the route is muddy or icy. If we climb Grandeur Peak, the estimated time about 5 hours, longer if the route is muddy or icy.

Nov 4 Hike: Lake Blanche – mod – 6.0 mi – 1600' ascent – Moderate pace

Sun

Meet: 9:00 am at Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride

Organizer: Barb Gardner 801-538-5351 inthemtns55@gmail.com

Barb is heading to scenic Lake Blanche. To join her, meet at 9am at the Big Cottonwood park and ride.

Nov 6 Rock Climb - Gym Fever @ Momentum - mod - 48' ascent

Tue

Meet: 6:30 pm at Momentum

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

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Nov 7 Post-season Evening Hike To Avenue Twin Peaks – ntd

Wed

Meet: 6:00 pm at Alexis Kelner's home at 1201 1st Avenue (corner of 1st Ave. and "U" Street).

Organizer: Alexis Kelner 801-359-5387

Moving to Wednesday to avoid to election night, join Alexis for a series of hikes he'll organize up to the Avenue Twins. Each time Alexis will take a different route. See spectacular views of the valley and the Salt Lake cityscape. There's about 1000 feet of elevation gain and a round-trip of about 2.5 miles. Dress warmly; bring the 10 Essentials (http://www.wasatchmountainclub.org/docs/10Es.htm) and especially a working flashlight. There will be a prompt 6:15 pm departure.

Nov 10 Hiking Trail Development - New Section Of The Bst.

Sat

Meet: 7:45 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

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

The new section of the Bonneville Shoreline trail is progressing and work continues this autumn. Thank you to the volunteers and workers that participated during the spring. The Wasatch Mountain Club will join with the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Association and other groups to build the new section between the Neff's Canyon and the Mount Olympus trails. Please meet at the 6200 South Park and Wasatch Park and Ride. We will car pool to the work site staging area. Please wear long pants and sturdy footwear. Please bring work gloves, water, snacks, and water. The WMC will offer snacks and drinks. If you are planning to attend, please email me. This will help to estimate the amount of tools needed.

Nov 10 Hike: Organizer's Choice - mod

Sat

Meet: 9:00 am at Skyline High School - 3151 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

Organizer: Deirdre Flynn and Mohamed Abdallah 801-466-9310 deirdre.flynn@marriott.com

The destination will depend on the weather and general trail conditions. Most likely it will be something in the foothills or Millcreek like Little Black Mountain, Church Fork Peak or West Grandeur...if the weather is not great it will be something shorter. Meet at Skyline High School at 9am.

Nov 10 Hike: Avenue's Twin Peaks - ntd+

Sat

Meet: 9:00 am at Ensign Elementary, 775 12th Avenue

Organizer: Chris Venizelos 801-572-7493 cvenize@xmission.com

Chris is meeting at Ensign Elementary to hike to the Avenue's Twin Peaks today. Ensign Elementary is at 775 12th Avenue.

Nov 11 Nordic Ski Tour: Upper Reaches Of The Uintas - ntd+ - Out & Back - Slow pace

Sun

Meet: Registration required

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

Early season cross-country ski tour to/from the Crystal Lake Trailhead area, depending on conditions. If snow is lacking, this will be a nordic walking workout. The plan would be to explore the route into the upper North Fork of the Provo drainage from Crystal Lake. Dogs OK. We are always looking for nordic ski organizers- contact Mike Berry if you would be willing to lead a tour.

Nov 11 Road Bike: City Creek Canyon - ntd+ - 28.0 mi Out & Back - 1600' ascent

Sun

Meet: 9:00 am at Sugarhouse Park, immediately west of 15th East entrance (15th East 2100 South, Salt Lake City).

Organizer: Elliott Mott 801-969-2846 elliott887@msn.com

This is a 28 mile ride up scenic City Creek Canyon from Sugarhouse Park. We'll spin thru the University of Utah, zip across the lower Avenues and pedal up Memory Grove on our way to City Creek. We'll regroup at the top of the pavement at Upper Rotary Park and then stop for brunch/lunch at the Cucina Deli in the Avenues on our way back. Cyclists should plan on a ride of about 28 miles and 1600 feet of climbing. Meet Elliott (801-969-2846) inside Sugarhouse Park close to the 15th East entrance at 9:00am.

Nov 11 Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice - ntd

Sun

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

Organizer: Robert Turner 801-467-1129

Join Robert for a delightful afternoon outing. If there's snow we'll snowshoe, if there's not we'll hike.

Nov 11 Hike: Mt Olympus - msd - 7.5 mi - 4200' ascent - Moderate pace

Sun

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

Organizer: Barb Gardner 801-538-5351 inthemtns55@gmail.com

It's a good time of year to head up to Mount Olympus. Depending on conditions you may wish to bring yaktrax or microspikes. Bring plenty of water, food, and your 10 E's. Dogs are welcome, too.

Nov 13 Rock Climb - Gym Fever @ Momentum - mod - 48' ascent

Tue

Meet: 6:30 pm at Momentum

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

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Nov 15 Movie Night Social

Thu

Meet: 6:00 pm at Pier 49 Pizza (next to the movie theater). Theater and restaurant are located close to corner of Simpson Av. (2250 S) and Highland Dr. (1230 E).

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

Join Craig and others for a light meal and a movie at Sugar House Movies 10, on Thursday, November 15th. We will select a movie while dining. Seeing a movie costs only \$2.00 at this theater. Meet at 6:00 p.m. at Pier 49 Pizza (next to the movie theater). Theater and restaurant are located close to the corner of Highland Drive (1230 East) and Simpson Avenue (2250 South). See you at the movies!

Nov 16 Sing-a-long And Pot Luck At Joan Hatch's Home

Fri

Meet: 6:30 pm at Joan Hatch's condo on third floor at 1841 Paschal Circle. Directions are included in the above description

Organizer: Joan Hatch, Frederick Tripp or Frank Bernard 801-916-6603 or 301-461-0161 joanhatch27@yahoocom; fredgtripp@gmail.com or frankbernard55@earthlink.net

Joan Hatch has offered to host our November 16th Sing-A-Long. Plan to join us at 6:30 p.m. and we'll begin the evening with a Pot Luck dinner. Please bring something to share (entree, appetizer, salad, side vegetable or a dessert) with 4 to 6 others. BYOB. Please bring a chair (card table or camp) to ensure adequate seating. Following dinner we'll have a Sing-A-Long - think folk music, campfire songs, joke songs, songs from Broadway musicals, etc. Acoustic instruments are welcome. Joan's condo is on the 2nd floor above the garage (3rd floor) at 1841 Paschal Circle. Directions: Start on Foothill Drive about midway between E. 1700 South and E 2100 South. Paschal Circle is on the east side of Foothill Drive just south of Laurelhurst Drive and north of S. 2600 E. Parking is limited in the Circle but is available on Foothill Drive, Laurelhurst Drive and other nearby streets. Plan on a fun evening of socializing, enjoying good food and an opportunity to stretch your vocal chords (and bring any acoustic musical instrument that you'd like to play.) We'll wrap it up by 10 PM. For questions or additional information contact Joan Hatch at 801-916-6603 or email at joanhatch27@yahoo.com or Fred Tripp at 301-461-0161 or email at fredgtripp@gmail.com or Frank Bernard at Frankbernard55@earthlink.net

Nov 17 Day Hike Stansbury Island Glyphs - ntd - Out & Back - Moderate pace

Sat

Meet: 9:00 am at Sutherlands Lumber 1780 S North Temple, SLC meet at south end of parking lot.

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

Day Hike Stansbury Island. We will visit a area of numerous Fremont culture petroplyphs. See a description at http://climb-utah.com/WM/stansbury.htm I expect a noonish return time.

Nov 17 Snowshoe Or Hike: Big Cottonwood Canyon Ntd+ Or Mod- - mod-

Sat

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

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

Mike will pick a suitable destination in Big Cottonwood Canyon based on the conditions. It could be a hike or a snowshoe so come prepared for either. It will be an NTD+ or a MOD-.

Nov 18 Road Bike: South Valley – ntd – 29.0 mi Loop

Sun

Meet: 9:00 am at West Jordan Swimming Pool, 8120 South 2200 West, West Jordan

Organizer: Elliott Mott 801-969-2846 elliott887@msn.com

This 29 mile bike ride showcases a fun slice of southern Salt Lake Valley. We'll launch from West Jordan and spin through the communities of South Jordan, Riverton, Bluffdale, Herriman and Daybreak; along the way we'll pedal a scenic 4 mile stretch of the Jordan River Parkway Trail, enjoy the ambiance of rural farm and ranch lands, spin through a small stretch of wetlands, and swoon along Lover's Lane. This event has one official stop midway for coffee/tea/hot chocolate and sacks to regroup and socialize. A small section of this course — maybe two hundred yards — is poorly paved/gravel. Meet Elliott (801-969-2846) in the parking lot immediately north of West Jordan's community swimming pool located at 8120 South 2200 West, at 9:00am.

Nov 18 Snowshoe Or Hike: Big Cottonwood Canyon - mod- - Out & Back - Moderate pace

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

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

Organizer's Choice - Depending on weather and snow conditions, Knick Knickerbocker (801-891-2669 or knick. sold@comcast.net) will organize an outing suitable for conditions in Big Cottonwood Canyon. So come prepared to snowshoe, but if snow conditions aren't good, we'll go for a hike (maybe yak-tracks). Planning for an MOD-.

Nov 18 Hike: Grandeur Peak - mod - Moderate pace

Sun Meet: 9:00 am at Skyline High School - 3151 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

Organizer: Barb Gardner 801-538-5351 inthemtns55@gmail.com

Dogs are welcome on this hike to Grandeur Peak.

Nov 20 Rock Climb - Gym Fever @ Momentum - mod - 48' ascent

Tue *Meet:* 6:30 pm at Momentum

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

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Nov 21 Car Camp - White Rim Trail - mod - Out & Back

Wed - Meet: Registration required

Nov 25

Sun Organizer: Bob Grant cincoymaya@msn.com

This will be a 5-day out-and-back car camp with dayhikes along the eastern half of the White Rim Trail in Canyonlands National Park. High clearance 4WD vehicle required. Expect freezing night-time temperatures and approximately 90 miles of off-pavement driving. The permit allows only 6 people and 3 vehicles. Registration and \$20 deposit per vehicle required. Please email for more information or to register.

Nov 22 Snowshoe: Thanksgiving Day - ntd+

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

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

Burn some calories before sitting down to a Thanksgiving feast with a short snowshoe in the morning. Please note the slightly earlier start time of 8:30 am.

Nov 23 Snowshoe: Greens Basin - ntd

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

Organizer: Mark Jones 801-486-5354

Join Mark for his traditional after Thanksgiving snowshoe to Greens Basin. Bring leftovers and come work off some of the big meal from the day before. A different location may be selected depending on the snow conditions.

Nov 24 Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice - mod

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

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

This will be a moderate snowshoe and Cassie will go where conditions are best. If conditions are questionable for a snowshoe, call Cassie for an update as she may change it to a hike instead.

Nov 25 Road Bike: Emigration Canyon – ntd+ – 24.0 mi Out & Back – 1500' ascent

Sun

Meet: 9:00 am at Sugarhouse Park, 1500 East 2100 South, Salt Lake City

Organizer: Elliott Mott 801-969-2846 elliott887@msn.com

This out and back ride begins from Sugarhouse Park and snakes up Emigration Canyon to Little Mountain and then returns. Riders should plan on a 24 mile ride, 1500 feet of climbing, and a stop for warm-up drinks/snacks/brunch on the return. Everyone should bring a shell for the chilly decent down canyon back to town. Meet Elliott Mott (801-969-2846) near the 15th East entrance to Sugarhouse Park at 9:00 AM.

Nov 25 Hike: Big Beacon – mod – 4.0 mi Loop – 2200' ascent – Moderate pace

Sun

Meet: 9:00 am at 2600 East and Sunnyside Ave

Organizer: Liz Cordova liz1466@live.com

A short, sweet hike in the foothills to round out your long weekend. Meet across from Hogle Zoo with spikes, trax, etc. We can come down through Georges Hollow for a nice loop at a relaxed moderate pace.

Nov 27 Rock Climb - Gym Fever @ Momentum - mod - 48' ascent

Tue

Meet: 6:30 pm at Momentum

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

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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

Feb 6 Bob Wright Memorial Death Valley Winter Escape Road Bike

Wed – Feb 10

Meet: Registration required

Sun

Organizer: Cheryl Soshnik 435-649-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com

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.

What are the "ten E's"?

The "ten E's" are essential gear that you should **always** carry. This list of essential gear has its origin with *The Mountaineers*, a famous Seattle hiking and mountaineering club. As stated in their book *Mountaineering, The Freedom Of The Hills*: "You won't use every one of these items on every trip, but they can be lifesavers in an emergency, insurance against the unexpected." Lists vary and this list isn't perfect, but it's very good. Yes, there really are more than ten items on the list, but hey, the name's catchy.

- 1. water
- 2 extra food
- 3. extra clothing/insulation
- 4. rain and wind protection
- 5. sun protection: sun glasses, sun screen, lip balm, sun hat
- 6. compass and maps or GPS and knowledge of their use
- 7. flashlight and spare batteries
- 8. first aid kit and insect repellent
- 9. emergency kit: whistle, matches or small lighter, candle or fire starter tabs, lightweight reflective emergency bag or space blanket
- 10. pocket knife

What should you do with the 10 essentials?

Based on the observation that there is no crystal ball giving infallible weather predictions, the professional meteorologists don't have one either and that conditions in the mountains are incredibly changeable the WMC recommendation is to:

- Put the 10 essentials in your pack.
- Always keep them in your pack.
- Always bring your pack.

Yes, that means you should not remove your rain jacket from your pack because you're "sure" it won't rain today. Nine times out of ten you'll be right. The 10th time you might get hypothermia.

Some other gear to think about:

- 1. high-top boots (for rocky or off-trail hikes)
- 2. poly-fleece clothing for warmth
- 3. extra fleece cap, mittens, and neck gaiter for warmth
- 4. a cell phone for emergencies
- 5. a water filter (on long hikes)
- 6. wind jacket and wind pants
- 7. gaiters (for snow or gravel)
- 8. toilet paper, trowel or sand-stake, Ziplock bags to pack out toilet paper

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SANDY CITY - 10600 SOUTH 230 WEST

Ski - Snowboard Waxing Basics, Thursday, November 1st, 7pm

Taking care of your skis/board will help you have a great time. This class will focus on a wide variety of subjects including base preparation: structure, major and minor repair and stone grinding. Our expert tech will also go into an in-depth examination of how and why waxes work. You do not need to bring your personal skis or snowboard to this class.

Backpacking the Grand Canyon, Tuesday, November 13th, 7pm

Join REI Adventures Grand Canyon Backpacking Guides Tom and Todd, as they take us on a pictorial journey through one of the natural wonders of the world, the Grand Canyon. REI's Grand Canyon Backpacking trip explores some of the most remote areas of the national park. We will also discuss training and preparation for this most challenging adventure.

Avalanche Awareness: Know Before You Go, Thursday, November 29th, 7pm

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SALT LAKE CITY - 3285 EAST & 3300 SOUTH

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Backpacking the Grand Canyon, Wednesday, November 7th, 7pm

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Avalanche Awareness: Know Before You Go, Tuesday, November 27th, 7pm

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Snowshoes.com Get Going! Workshop by Atlas, Tubbs & Gore-Tex, Wednesday, November 28th, 5:30 pm and again Wednesday, November 28th, 7pm

From how to choose the right snowshoe, to what to wear, how to snowshoe, and where to find trails and events near you, this workshop will teach you all the essential tools and tricks. All ages and experience levels welcome. Get a goody bag, great discount offers, and a chance to win great prizes from sponsors Atlas Snow-Shoe Company, Tubbs Snowshoes, etc.

Anasazi State Park Museum - 900 Year Old Village, Thursday, November 29th, 7pm

Come and discover what there is to see, learn and do at Anasazi State Park Museum, located in picturesque Boulder, Utah surrounded by breathtaking scenery and hundreds of years of human history.

CLASSES:

Hands on Ski/Snowboard Tune and Wax Workshop, Saturday, November 3rd, 9:00am- 1:00pm 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/and \$85 non-members. Pre-registration required.

