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## FRONT COVER:

**JIM KUCERA'S SNOWSHOE**

**DECEMBER 18, 2013**

**BACK ROW L-R: MARK, STEVE,  
SHOSHANA, JANA, LARRY, ROBIN  
AND JIM**

**FRONT ROW L-R: CHRIS, KATIE,  
LORI, MARK AND MICHI**

**PHOTO BY JIM KUCERA**

## PRE-SEASON BIKING MEETING/PIZZA PARTY SOCIAL

Come join us for our annual bicycling planning meeting and pizza party social. Roadies, Mountain bikers, new, old, in between riders, potential riders, you're all welcome! Pizza and soft drinks on us. We'll be talking about local road/mountain day rides; weekend and multi-day supported and self-contained touring rides; beginner road and mountain rides; NTD, MOD and MSD rides for everyone, and how to plan and organize a ride. Your input really helps. We had a great turnout last year and it helped us have a great bicycling season. Let's do it again this year! Plus---come meet your new bicycling directors! We'll begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. because we can only have the meeting room for two hours.

**Organizer:** Robert Turner

**Phone:** 801-560-3378

**Email:** r46turner@gmail.com

**Date:** Thursday, March 6, 2014

**Meeting Place:** Rocky Mountain Pizza – 3977 South Wasatch Boulevard, SLC

**Meeting Time:** 6:30 p.m.



# Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation Lodge



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\*Reduced day usage price available between Memorial Day and Labor Day midweek. Sundays are based on availability.



## SNOW SHOVELERS NEEDED

We need your help at the Lodge removing snow from the roof of the building this winter. Mother Nature drops this wonderful element on the building and we need to reduce the load on the roof, as it accumulates during the winter. Moving snow off the roof can save the possibility of additional damage from this accumulation and weight. Snowfall for the upper canyons of Big and Little Cottonwood canyons average close to 500 inches in a snowfall season. That's a lot of moving.

We have a few people who have said they will join our crew, but we need more help. If you can give a day



or you want to become one of the regulars we call when we get a big storm, let me know. We can work with you. Don't stay home and wish you could do something helpful for the Club; here is the opportunity to help us preserve this historic piece of the Mountain Club history. Call Robert 801-466-3292(H), 801-651-9965(C) or email at [robertmyers47@gmail.com](mailto:robertmyers47@gmail.com).

Thanks for reading this message on behalf of the WMC Foundation, a non-profit charitable 501 (C) (3) organization created by the WMC. Visit our website at <http://wasatchmountainclubfoundation.org/>

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

**SNOWSHOES FOR SALE, NEW MSR**  
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## WMC Purpose

(Article II of the WMC Constitution)

The purpose shall be to promote the physical and spiritual well-being of its members and others by outdoor activities; to unite the energy, interests and knowledge of students, explorers and lovers of the mountains, deserts and rivers of Utah; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains on behalf of science, literature and art; to explore and picture the scenic wonders of this and surrounding states; to foster awareness of scenic beauties; and to encourage preservation of our natural areas including their plant, animal and bird life.

## WMC GOVERNING BOARD ELECTIONS 2014

The elections for the 2014 Wasatch Mountain Club Governing Board will be held during the General Membership Meeting as outlined on the following page. The new officers and directors will take over in March. Vacancies will be filled by vote of the Governing Board when a candidate volunteers. The Nominating Committee Slate for the 2014 Governing Board is as follows:

President	Will McCarvill	New
Secretary	Chris Frazier	Incumbent
Treasurer	Donovan Lynch	Incumbent
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Boating	Zig Sondelski	Incumbent
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Hiking Co-Directors	Julie Kilgore Donn Seeley	Incumbent New
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Public Relations	Kate Sturgeon	New
Social Co-Directors	Tony Hellman Lori Flygare	Incumbent New
Winter Sports	Walt Haas	Incumbent
Foundation Liaison	Robert Myers	Incumbent
Trustee 2012-2016	Robert Turner	New (fulfilling Gretchen Siegler's term)
Trustee 2014-2018	Dave Rumbellow	New



Thanks to the Nominating Committee: Jerry Hatch, Tom Walsh, Aaron Jones and Phyllis Anderson.

# ***2014 WMC General Membership Meeting***

**Wednesday, February 19, 2014**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Millcreek Library**

**2266 East Evergreen Avenue**

## **Agenda**

**Election of 2014 Governing Board**

**General club updates**

### **Speakers:**

**Donovan Lynch will present a slide show on hiking volcanoes in Ecuador.**

**Zig Sondelski will also be presenting a slide show event from his regent trip to hike Kilimanjaro.**

**Bert Ley is the former President and currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Utah Stream Access Coalition (USAC); an all volunteer, grassroots non-profit whose mission is to promote and assist in all aspects of securing and maintaining public access to, and lawful use of, Utah's public waters and streambeds. Bert is an avid fly fisher, river runner, and an active member of the WMC in the boating group. He will discuss how we legally had public access on our waterways, lost it legislatively and what we are doing to get it back." Bert will also provide a little history on how Utahans came to own the waters of their state as they flow in their natural channels, and how public ownership has been compromised since the passage of the incongruously named "Public Waters Access Act of 2010."**

**Sorry - no refreshments due to library rules**

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!

## **BOATING DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE (Zig Sondelski)**

### **2014 Permit and Planning Parties, Black Canyon, Grand Canyon, Training, Access Issues**

By the time you are reading this, it is too late to apply for most river permits as lottery applications are typically received up to Jan 31. HOWEVER, it can be possible to apply for leftover or cancelled permits during the remainder of the year.

We had our **Permit Party** January 8, and a great turnout in spite of the weather. We selected dates to apply for and filled out applications while catching up on the news, meeting new people and enjoying free pizza.

The **Planning Party** is RESCHEDULED for Wednesday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. This party will also be held at Rocky Mountain Pizza, 3977 S. Wasatch Blvd. (north of Dan's). Check out our Rambler ad and the Activity Calendar for more planning party details. At this party we will see what permits people got in the lotteries and continue building our season schedule, again enjoying free pizza. We already have ten trips planned (including three Grand Canyon trips) and all are shown in the Rambler Boating Schedule. Time to start signing up for river trips!

**Organizer Training** is being scheduled for spring. If you want to start organizing or help out more or just learn more about what's involved, then plan to join in. If you already organize trips and want to improve your skills and share your experience and knowledge, your help will be appreciated. This will be open for anyone and everyone as it can help you become more involved and knowledgeable and better able to help out on trips. The training will follow the Boating Organizer Guide format, which is now available on the WMC site under Activity Menu > Canoe, Kayak, Raft>Trip Organizer Guide. (You must be logged in to access it.)

**Boating Spring Training Camp** is again in the works for 2014. It looks like Kelly and Pam are interested in providing canoeing training similar to last year. This will again involve lots of show and tell and hands-on classroom training and at least a trip to Bountiful Pond once the ice clears off. We will try to have the indoor training before the March Black Canyon trips.

**Van driving and trailer towing introductory training** will also be done this spring. We will email the date for this (preferably a Sunday when traffic is low) and more details when it gets closer. People with no or little experience are especially welcome and people with experience are welcome to help out. This is a needed skill on trips and will help secure your spot. Class size will be small so you get lots of behind-the-wheel time and the first class will likely be women-only. Expect to start in a big empty parking lot, then move to the road and then try the trailer if you like. Contact Donnie Benson at [donnie.benson@u2m2.utah.edu](mailto:donnie.benson@u2m2.utah.edu) or 801-809-1854 for more information and to sign up. Registration is required.

Insure that you are signed up on the WMC boating email list as that is how we send out most information. Enjoy the white snow now and white water later.

#### **2014 BOATING CALENDAR**

As of January 10, 2014

TRIP DATES	TRIP LOCATION	CLASS RAPIDS	ORGANIZER	ORGANIZER CONTACT
Mar 6-9	Black Canyon	I	Rick Thompson	gone2moab@hotmail.com
Mar 5	Planning Party	0	Zig Sondelski	zig.sondelski@gmail.com
Mar 19-22	Black Canyon	I	Eileen Gidley	<a href="mailto:eileengidley@yahoo.com">eileengidley@yahoo.com</a>
Mar 27-30	Dirty Devil	1	David Nix	<a href="mailto:david.austin.nix@gmail.com">david.austin.nix@gmail.com</a>
Apr 27 May 22	Grand Canyon	V	Lanie Benson	<a href="mailto:bensonlanie@hotmail.com">bensonlanie@hotmail.com</a>
May 10-27	Grand Canyon	V	Dave Rabiger	drabiger@utah.gov
May 12-29	Grand Canyon	V	Donnie Benson	donnie.benson@u2m2.utah.edu
May 16-18	Beginner Gray	II		
Jun 13-15	San Rafael	I	Anja Wadman	Anja Wadman
Jun 20-22	Muddy	II	Anja Wadman	Anja Wadman
July 3-6	Payette	III	Rick Thompson	gone2moab@hotmail.com



# BOATING SEASON PLANNING PARTY

Rafters

Kayakers

**New Boaters Wanted**

**Experienced Boaters Needed**

**If you've thought you'd like to try boating, now's the time to get ready. The WMC has boats and boaters who can help you learn the skill needed. Together we can plan our calendar for our favorite trips.**

**Meeting at Rocky Mountain Pizza  
3977 South Wasatch Blvd. (north of Dan's)  
Wednesday, March 5, 2014**

Canoes

**6:30 p.m.**

Duckies

*Winter's white snow is summer's white water*

## WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

*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.

Check out our activities calendar and join us for an adventure!

### CLUB ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- Hiking, backpacking and camping
- Flat and whitewater kayaking, canoeing and rafting,
- Mountain and road biking,
- Rock and ice climbing, canyoneering and mountaineering,
- Snowshoeing,
- Nordic & alpine backcountry skiing,
- Social/entertainment activities/programs
- Conservation pursuits

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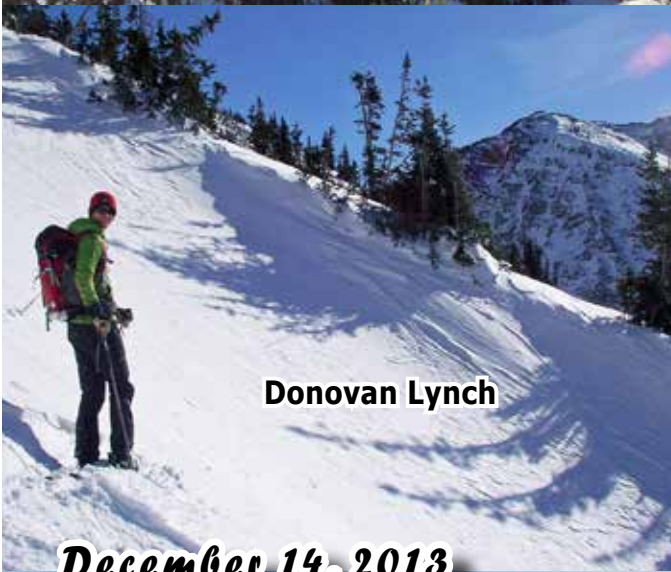
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# ***Walt Haas White Pine Ski Tour***

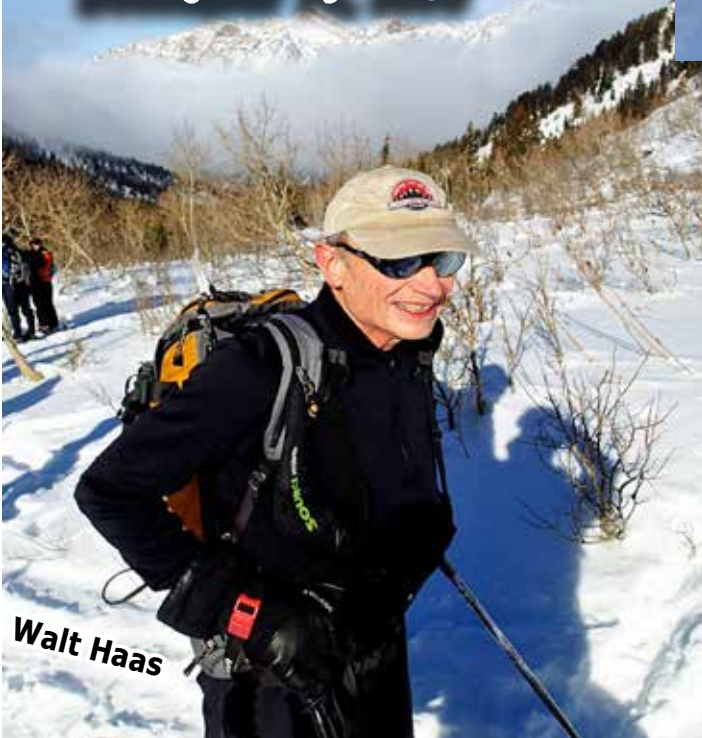


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Ken Dawson and  
Donovan Lynch



**Donovan Lynch**

***December 14, 2013***



**Walt Haas**







**Participants: Donovan Lynch, Bard Madsen, Sara Koenig, Nicholas Lumby, Frank Ryburn, Ken Dawson and Walt Haas.**



# Dave Andrenyak's Dog Lake Snowshoe



A dry weather pattern resulted in a packed snow surface on the trail that permitted travel without snowshoes. The trip featured pleasant weather, great scenery, and a wonderful group of participants. It was great to get out of the Salt Lake Valley inversion. The participants were: Sue Berg, Michi Braken, Steve Duncan, Peggy French, Tony Hellman, Shoshana Jansen, Teri Jenkins, Akiko Kaminura, Mark McKenzie, Dave Rumbellow, Giulia Roselli, and Dave Andrenyak.



**Dave Rumbello**



**Michi Braken,  
Mark McKenzie  
and Peggy French**



**Shoshana  
(Sho) Jansen**

**December 29, 2013**



**Sue Berg**



**L-R: Tony Hellman  
and Dave Andrenyak**

*Photos by  
Dave Andrenyak  
and  
Akiko Kamimura*



## Mike Berry's Upper Reaches of the Uintas Nordic Ski Tour



**Trip Organizer  
Mike Berry**



**Barb takes  
a trail break  
on the Spring  
Canyon Road**

**First Uinta ski tour of the season- group at end of the day  
(L to R: Hanz, Suzanne, Lubos, Judy, Sharon, and Barb)**



*Photos by Mike Berry*

**Participants: Judy  
Zachary, Sharon Vinick,  
Barb Gardner, Hanz  
Johansson, Lubos Pavel,  
Suzanne Pavel, and Mike  
Berry (organizer).**

**November 17, 2013**

Residents are invited to provide input regarding the future of the Central Wasatch Mountains, one of Utah's most vital resources. Public scoping meetings for Mountain Accord (formerly Wasatch Summit, formerly Access Wasatch) will be held Tuesday, February 4, at Park City High School (1750 Kearns Boulevard); and on Wednesday, February 5, at Skyline High School (3251 East 3760 South). Each meeting will be held from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m., where public comment can be shared at anytime.



# Elliott Mott's Christmas Day



L-R: Tom, Elliott and Carol

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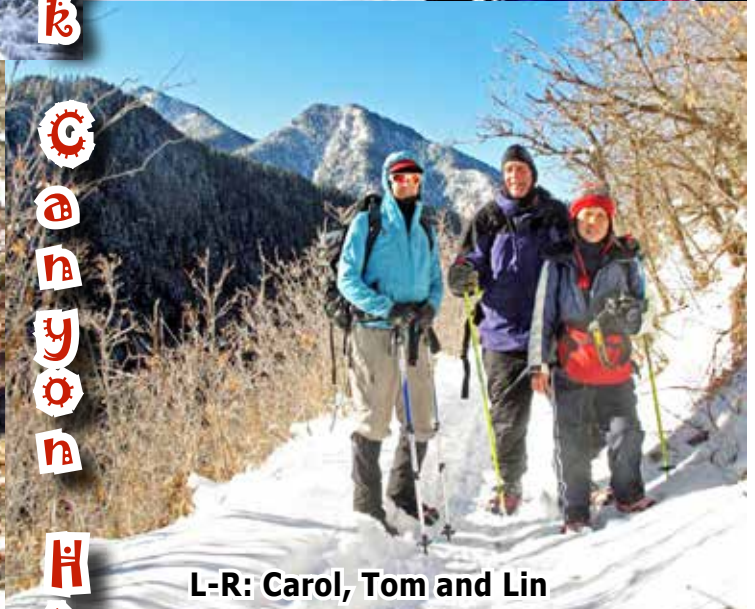


Elliott



Tom and Buddy

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L-R: Carol, Tom and Lin



Taking a brief rest

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Tom  
enjoying  
the day!



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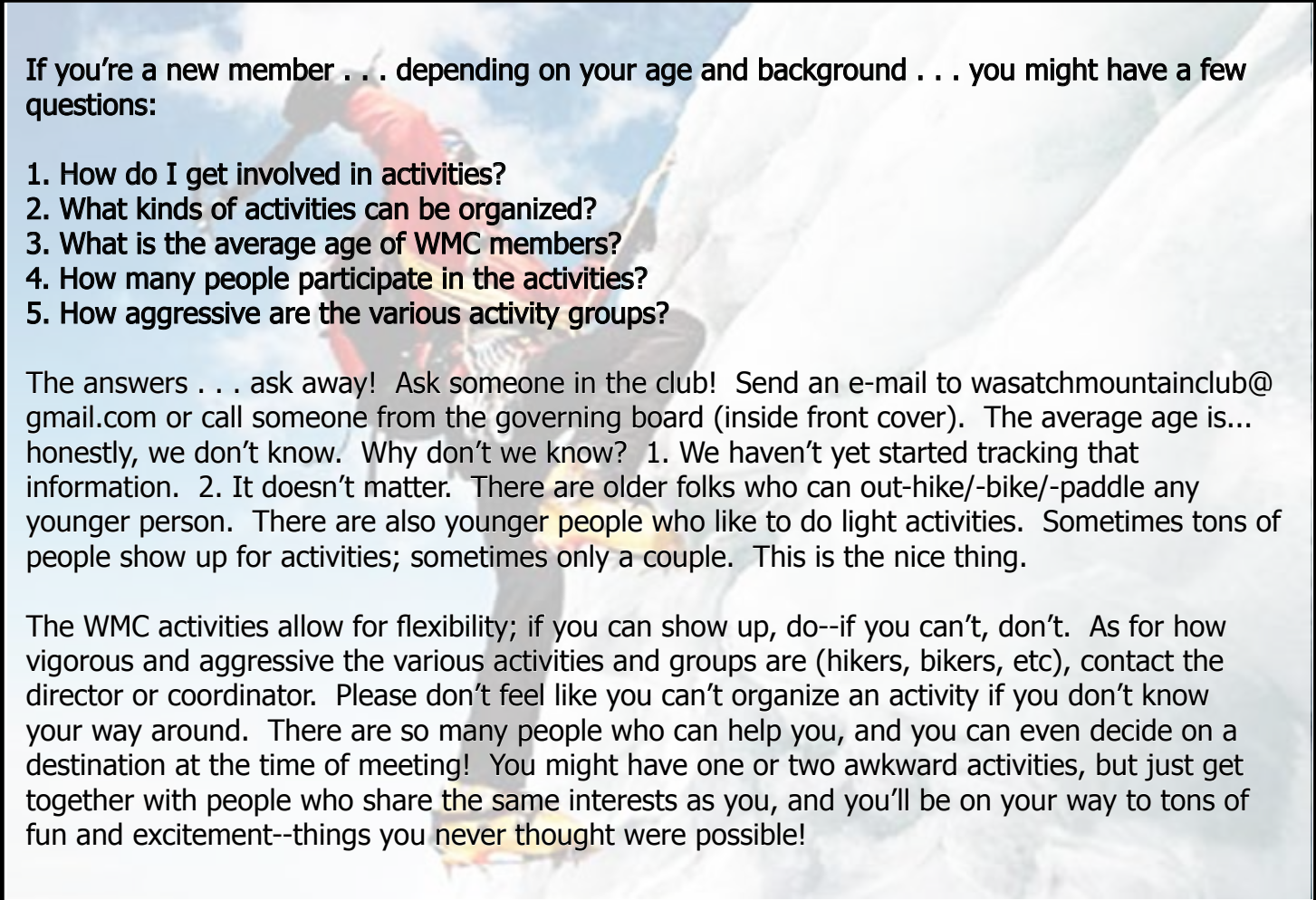
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If you're a new member . . . depending on your age and background . . . you might have a few questions:

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

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

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

## **UTAH AVALANCHE CENTER DONATION MATCHING**

Again this winter, the Wasatch Mountain Club Board has agreed to match, from Club funds, donations by Club members to the Friends of the UAC, to a maximum of \$3000. Last winter, we raised more than \$6000 as a matching fund to help keep the UAC going and providing all of us with the snow safety information we need!

To make your donation eligible for this matching, please write your check payable to:

Friends of the UAC and mail it to:

WMC Treasurer  
1390 South 1100 East, #130  
Salt Lake City UT 84105

The Club Treasurer will total up the donations received this way and write a Club check to match the funds collected.

The Friends of the UAC is a 501(c)3 under IRS rules, so your donation might be eligible for a tax deduction.

Thanks for your support!  
Walt Haas  
Winter Sports Director



**Jim Kucera's  
New Year's Day  
Snowshoe  
Little Water Peak**



**Steve and Mohamed  
Reynolds Peak just left of center**



*Photos by Jim Kucera*

**L-R: Tom, Shoshana, Steve,  
Lori, Mohamed and Michi on  
summit of Little Water Peak**

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*Sandy Hancock*

*Suzanne (Shoshana) Jansen*

*Rusty Gardner*

*Becka Rooff*

*Frank Puleo*

*Steven Gold*

*John Schwed*

*Jason Steorts*

*David Scheer*

*Karen Baker-Jarvis*

*Jeff Heyman*

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Lisa Corsetti -- Friends of Utah Avalanche Center

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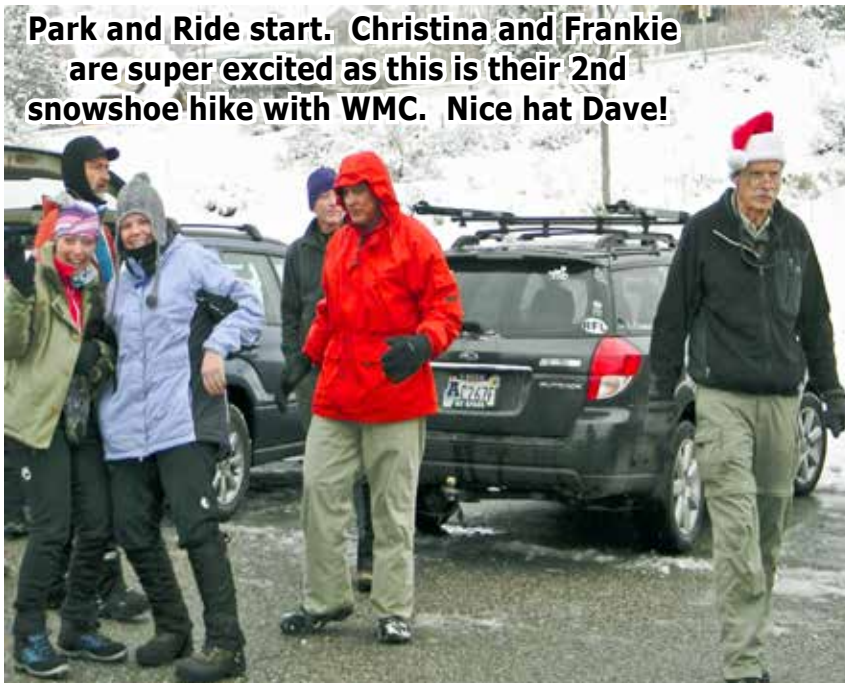
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Park and Ride start. Christina and Frankie are super excited as this is their 2nd snowshoe hike with WMC. Nice hat Dave!



Christina and Frankie heading up the trail



## *Mark McKenzie's Greens Basin Snowshoe*



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L-R: Mark, Christina and Frankie

*December 22, 2013*



Lots of snow!



Tom





**Jim**



**Ellen**



**Jim and Mark**



**Up and over for Christina and Frankie**



**Christina and lots of snow!**



**June Zhu**

*Photos by  
Lin Cheong*



## FAINT TRAILS IN THE WASATCH

### 84. Albion Mine - Part II

In January of 1881 when Charles M. Brough and James Watson filed their Albion claim they also filed three additional claims in the immediate vicinity. Two of them, Bauer and Metallic, were located directly above the Albion, while the third, Climax, was located immediately below. The latter claim was the most important of the three, for while the Albion encompassed the old Wellington shaft, the tunnel that had been driven to drain the shaft and access the deeper rich ore deposits had its portal on the Climax claim. As a result, when the Albion Mining Company was incorporated in 1898 only the Albion and Climax claims were transferred into it. By that time the tunnel had attained a considerable length and a shaft had been sunk below the tunnel level, following a rich vein of ore. As might be expected, this shaft also accumulated great quantities of water, although drifts off the shaft above the water level provided access to pockets of ore.

By the time the Albion Mining Company was incorporated only the Albion claim had been patented. The impending incorporation was well known and may have been the reason another miner stepped in and nine days before the incorporation filed two claims, the Utonian above the Albion and the Utah Volunteer below, the latter completely encompassing the Climax claim. The miner, Joseph J. Burnswood, who has appeared in several previous articles in this series, immediately had a crew of men removing a large amount of ore in preparation for shipment. When the Albion people learned of this action, William Hatfield, who would be president of the new company, and a squad of men went to the site and drove off the trespassers. It was reported that rifles and shotguns were involved. The ore was then shipped to the benefit of the company. Of course, all these actions resulted in law suits, the final result being Burnswood selling the claims to an intermediary, who in turn sold them to the Albion Mining Company.

The new company immediately built a boarding house, as well as made other surface improvements. It is not known where the boarding house was located, but in later years the company had a two-story house down in the basin, near the present day Alf's Restaurant. The distance between that building and the upper tunnel and shaft make it unlikely it was the building constructed in 1898. The boarding house was followed by the installation of machinery, consisting of a hoist capable of raising 3500 pounds from a depth of 1000 feet and a mine pump that could handle 200 gallons of water per minute. Both were installed at the shaft inside the tunnel, said to have been 700 feet from the portal. The company then made regular shipments of ore, even in the winter when it was taken to Alta on bobsleds. During the year 1900 five hundred thirty tons of sacked ore was shipped from the property,

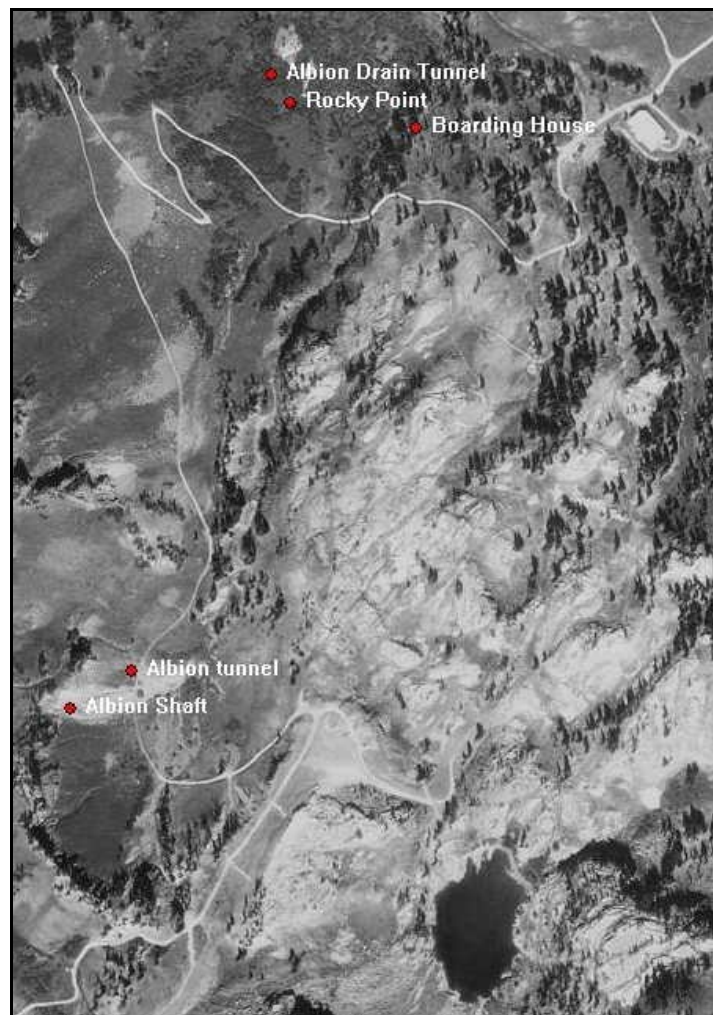


Fig. 1. This aerial photograph shows the Alta Ski Lifts road from Alf's Restaurant in the Albion Basin, seen at the upper right corner of the photo, and going up past the Albion tunnel and shaft, a distance of about 1.4 miles. The location of the drain tunnel and boarding house is also shown. The Albion company's road between the upper and lower tunnels followed the same general route at the upper end, but took a more direct route down the lower steep slopes as seen in Figure 2. Cecret Lake is at the lower right.

yielding considerable amounts of lead and silver, as well as 89 ounces of gold.

In March of 1901 a big strike was made at the 160 foot level in the shaft, followed by a failure of the pump. Before repairs could be made the rapidly rising water level was well above the strike. This incident convinced the management that additional drainage had to be provided, and a decision was made to drive a long drain tunnel starting about 3,000 feet away from the upper tunnel, and 700 feet lower. It was also arranged to harness the stream flowing past the new tunnel's site to generate electricity for power drills. The dam and pipeline installed by the Iris Mining Company nearly three decades earlier were salvaged to drive a power plant

located near the confluence of South Fork and Grizzly Fork streams. Meanwhile operations at the upper tunnel and its shaft were continued with the expectation that the ore it yielded would cover the expense of driving the lower drain tunnel. That was too optimistic, for a stock assessment was levied almost immediately, and was followed by six more in the next three years.

Late in 1904 the tunnel, now in about 2,000 feet, began draining water from the upper workings in large volumes, creating a gushing stream. The water level in the shaft below the upper tunnel began to drop as much as eighteen inches a day. While removing the water enabled full operations to be resumed in the upper tunnel and shaft, it would be the beginning of January 1907 before a connection was made between the new tunnel and the old workings. Now that the company was in a position to enjoy the benefits of the long tunnel, it was faced with a new crisis, the Panic of 1907 that caused many banks and businesses to fail throughout the country. The Albion Mining Company, like many others ceased operating. Except for some work by leasers, nothing more happened with the company's properties and all appearances were that the company was dead.

Eight years later, in the spring of 1915, it was announced that operations were to be resumed on the property of the Albion Mining Company. By this time only William Hatfield remained of the original incorporators, although his son, H. T. Hatfield, was secretary and treasurer for several more years. The new general manager was George H. Watson, the man who was in the process of accumulating mining claims in the vicinity of Alta and would ultimately control most of them before the mining era ended. In 1915 he was president of the South Hecla Mining Company which had two major tunnels, Quincy and Dwyer, at the lower end of Collins Gulch. He seemed to have an obsession about working all mines under his control through one of those tunnels, abandoning their previous surface workings, or leaving them to be worked by leasers. As a result the long

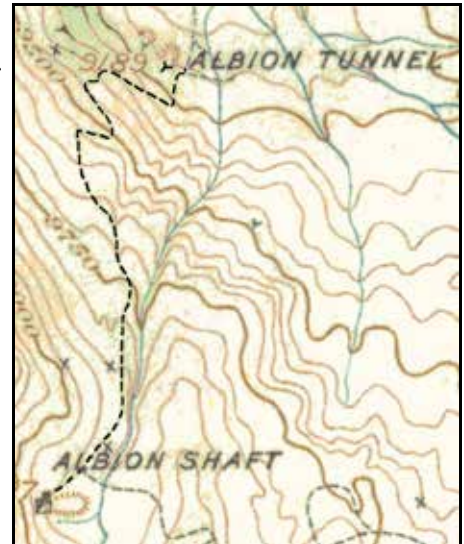


Fig. 2. The Albion company's road from the shaft and upper tunnel down to the drain tunnel is shown on this segment from a 1907 USGS map.



Fig. 3. The Albion drain tunnel's portal is at the top of the large dump on the west side of the south fork. The dump is readily visible from the road into Albion Basin. The smaller dump to its left is from the Rocky Point tunnel, also part of the Albion Mining Company's property. The company's two story boarding house is seen at the left.

Albion drain tunnel that had reached its goal just before operations were halted, was thereafter worked only by leasers. Instead the company started a drift from the Quincy tunnel and driven in the direction of the Albion upper lodes. While work continued on this drift for many years with only small shipments of ore from small mineralization deposits struck en route, the Albion company did receive considerable royalties from leasers at the drain tunnel, who were extracting large quantities of ore and making numerous shipments. In 1917 Watson became president of the Albion Mining Company and steered it to its ultimate destiny to be absorbed and vanish in the maze of his mining companies that followed.

Today little remains of the Albion Mining Company's operations, save the waste rock dumps at the drain tunnel and the shaft and upper tunnel. Nature has reclaimed the company's trails and roads between the various sites, but the Alta Ski Lifts company's road from Alf's Restaurant at the base of the Sugarloaf ski lift follows the general route of the original road between the lower and upper sites, except it makes several long switchbacks to avoid the steep grades of the Albion company's road. When it reaches the site of the upper workings, it goes across the top of the tunnel's dump.

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# Elliott Mott's New Year's Day Hike

## Bountiful Bench to Salt Lake



*Photos by Elliott Mott and Lin Cheong*

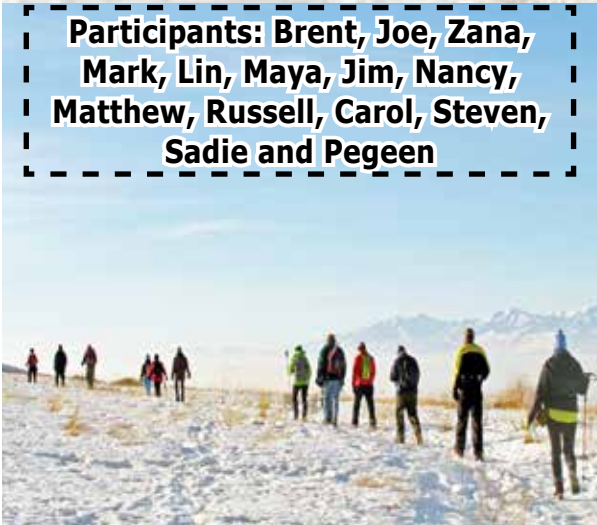


**This is why we get out of the valley!**



**Group at Ensign Peak**

**Participants: Brent, Joe, Zana,  
Mark, Lin, Maya, Jim, Nancy,  
Matthew, Russell, Carol, Steven,  
Sadie and Pegeen**



# Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC)

## Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgment of Risk, and Release from Liability

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Organizer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** I am aware that WMC activities involve risks, and may result in injury, illness, death, and damage to or loss of property. These dangers include but are not limited to: the hazards of traveling in remote areas without medical services or care, the forces of nature, the inherent dangers involved in participation in sports, wilderness travel, and social activities, and the negligent actions of other persons or agencies. I understand that all activities should be considered exploratory, with the possibility of unexpected conditions and route variations. The WMC is not, nor does it provide, a professional guide service. In order to partake in the enjoyment and excitement of WMC activities, I am willing to accept the risk and uncertainty involved as being an integral part of the activity. I acknowledge this risk, and assume full responsibility for any and all risks of injury, illness, death, or damage to or loss of my property.

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

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE:** I agree that I, my heirs, personal or legal representatives hereby do release and hold harmless from all liability, and promise not to bring any suit or claim against the WMC, its activity organizers, directors, agents or representatives for any injury, illness, death or damage and loss of property resulting from my participation in any WMC activity even if they negligently caused the injury or damage.

**LEGAL FEES:** Should it become necessary for the WMC, or someone on their behalf, to incur attorney fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to pay the WMC reasonable costs and fees thereby expended, or for which liability is incurred.

**INSURANCE:** I understand that the WMC strongly recommends that I maintain insurance sufficient to cover any injury, illness or property damage that I may incur while participating in WMC activities. In the event of injury, illness or death related to any WMC activity, I recognize that I, or my estate, will bear the full cost of my evacuation or recovery, and any related medical care that I may need. I acknowledge that the WMC carries no insurance whatsoever for any participants in WMC activities.

**My signature below indicates I have read this entire document, understand it completely, understand it affects my legal rights, and agree to be bound by its terms. I certify I am at least 18 years old.**

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

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Return this form to Wasatch Mountain Club, 1390 South 1110 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84105-2443  
Please mark attention to the appropriate activity director, e.g., hike, bike, boat.



# WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

## Rules and Regulations:

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

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

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

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

## Activity Difficulty Rating

0.1-4.0 > Not Too Difficult (NTD)	B > Boulder fields or extensive bushwhacking
Lightly Strenuous	E > Elevation change > 5,000 feet
4.1-8.0 > Moderate (MOD)	M > Round trip mileage > 15 miles
Moderate to Very Strenuous	R > Ridgeline hiking or extensive route finding
8.1-11.0 > Most Difficult (MSD)	S > Scrambling
Very Strenuous, Difficult	X > Exposure
11.1+ > Extreme (EXT)	W > Wilderness area, limit 14
Very Strong, Well-Seasoned Hikers	

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

## Directions to Meeting Places

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

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

**Butler Elementary:** 2700 E just south of 7000 S

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

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

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

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

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

**Parleys Way Walmart 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

- Feb 1 Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at/splitboard – 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, conditions permitting. Exact location TBD. Beacons, shovels, probes, skins & tele, AT or splitboard 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, 5000-6000 vertical feet. Reasonable but steady pace. Maximum group size of 10.
- Feb 1 Snowshoe, Wolverine Cirque – mod+ – Loop – Moderate pace**  
 Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)  
*Organizer:* Steve Duncan 801-680-9236 duncste@comcast.net  
 The Wolverine Cirque has great views if conditions allow safe travel. Bring your 10Es and avalanche safety gear.
- Feb 2 Nordic Ski Tour: Daniels Summit (uintas) – mod- – 10.0 mi Loop – 1700' ascent – Moderate pace**  
 Sun *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Michael Berry 801-583-4721  
 Annual Super Bowl Sunday outing to Daniels Summit to ski there on a 'slow' snowmobile day. Probable 10:15 am meeting time.
- Feb 2 Snowshoe, Organizers Choice – mod**  
 Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)  
*Organizer:* Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 jameskucera@aol.com  
 Jim will choose a destination based on current conditions. Bring your 10Es and avalanche safety gear.
- Feb 2 White Fir Pass Snowshoe – ntd+ – 5.0 mi Out & Back – 1100' ascent – Moderate pace**  
 Sun *Meet:* 10:00 am at Skyline High School - 3231 E Upland Dr (3760 S)  
*Carpool:* 10:00 am at Skyline High School - 3251 E Upland Dr (3760 S)  
*Organizer:* Michael\* Budig mbudig@blazemail.com  
 White Fir Pass Snowshoe- Please note the later time.
- Feb 3 Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace**  
 Mon *Meet:* 6:00 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate  
*Organizer:* Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com  
 We'll go as far as conditions allow but will be out no more than 1-1/2 hours. Dress in layers and bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear. Dogs prepared for winter conditions ok.
- Feb 4 Alpine Ski Tour: Tri Canyons – mod+**  
 Tue *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Chris Proctor 801-485-1543 proctorgtr@aol.com  
 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: Weekly MOD ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. Early season tours are contingent on snow conditions. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should call or mail ahead to discuss trip requirements.



Feb 5 Wed – Feb 9 Sun	<p><b>Death Valley Winter Escape Road Bike – mod – Out &amp; Back</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Cheryl Soshnik 435-649-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com</p> <p>This is the annual Bob Wright memorial Death Valley Winter Escape, where we seek warm sunny weather in the middle of winter, for a camping, road riding, hiking, gourmet dutch oven 4-day trip to the lowest spot in the United States. There is also an optional pre-trip to Mesquite for hiking in the Gold Buttes area scheduled, and a post-trip backpack within Death Valley National Park is also being planned. The trip is currently full, but if you would like to be placed on the wait list, please contact me for more details and to let me know you are interested.</p>
Feb 5 Wed	<p><b>Grandeur Peak West Ridge Winter Day Hike – msd- – 4.0 mi Out &amp; Back – 3180’ ascent – Moderate pace</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 8:00 am at Parking lot at north end of Wasatch Boulevard (Approx. 3000 south) just below Grandeur Peak</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Dennis Goreham 801-550-5169 dgoreham@gmail.com</p> <p>We will do a short, but steep, weekday morning hike up the West Ridge of Grandeur Peak to the top. This is a well traveled trail even in winter so it can be icy near the top; studded footwear may be useful. We will go at a moderate pace. Plan on about 3.5 to 4 hours so we should be down by noon. Meet at the parking lot at the north end of Wasatch Boulevard (Approx. 3000 South), just below Grandeur Peak at 8:00 a.m.</p>
Feb 6 Thu – Feb 8 Sat	<p><b>Alpine Ski Tour: Uac Advanced Avalanche Skills Workshop – mod</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Thursday night classroom session at Red Butte Garden. Saturday on the snow at Brighton.</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Devin Dwyer devin@utahavalanchecenter.org</p> <p>Skiing and riding in the backcountry is safer and more fun when you understand avalanches, knowing when you can go big and when to dial it back. Nobody wants to be that partner that can’t make informed decisions or be counted on in a rescue. Spend an evening in a classroom and a day on the snow with the pros to learn how to get out in the backcountry, have fun and come home ready to do it again. Taught by the Utah Avalanche Center. \$140. Register and pay at the link below.</p>
Feb 6 Thu	<p><b>Flashlight/moonlight Hike - Mount Olympus Trail To Streamcrossing – ntd+ – Out &amp; Back – Fast pace</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Mt. Olympus Trailhead, approximately 5800 South Wasatch Boulevard</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Mark Bloomenthal 801 261-2567 markbloomenthal@yahoo.com</p> <p>A variation on the winter Thursday night hikes departing, meet Mark at the Mount Olympus trailhead for a night hike to the streamcrossing. Yak trax, micro-spikes, or similar lightly studded footwear are required (these are very short but steep hikes). Bring a headlamp or flashlight.</p>
Feb 6 Thu	<p><b>Back Country Alpine Ski Tour – mod – 4.0 mi Out &amp; Back – 3500’ ascent – Moderate pace</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Robert* Myers 801-466-3292(H) or 801-561-9965(C) robertmyers47@gmail.com</p> <p>THURSDAY BACKCOUNTRY SKI TOUR: weekly MOD (moderate) ski tour. (Leader Needed, consult online Activity List for update). Destination dependent on weather, snow conditions and participants abilities. Tours require good conditioning, skiing skills and familiarity with beacon, shovel and probe.</p>
Feb 8 Sat	<p><b>Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at/splitboard – mod+ – Out &amp; Back – Moderate pace</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Walt Haas 801-209-2545 haas@xmission.com</p> <p>Show and go skiing on a variety of MOD and MOD+ terrain, conditions permitting. Exact location TBD. Beacons, shovels, probes, skins &amp; tele, AT or splitboard 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, 5000-6000 vertical feet. Reasonable but steady pace. Maximum group size of 10.</p>

- Feb 8 Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – mod**  
**Sat** *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)  
*Organizer:* Mohamed Abdallah 801-466-9310 agm1144@yahoo.com  
 Meet Mohamed at 9 am for today's MOD snowshoe. He will select a destination suited to the conditions of the day. Participants should bring their 10 E's, avalanche safety/rescue equipment, and be knowledgeable about how to travel safely in avalanche terrain.
- Feb 8 Mount Olympus Winter Hike – msd – 7.5 mi Out & Back – 4200' ascent – Moderate pace**  
**Sat** *Meet:* 8:30 am at Mount Olympus Trailhead, Approximately 5800 South Wasatch Boulevard  
*Organizer:* Julie Kilgore 801 244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com  
 Depending on conditions, this hike could be anything from a miserable MOD to an exhilarating MSD. Some years the group makes the peak, sometimes it's no fun by blister hill. We'll go as far as its fun! Micro-spikes, yak tracks or some variation of lightly studded footwear will be necessary.
- Feb 8 Social Movie Night At Broadway Theaters**  
**Sat** *Meet:* 6:45 pm at Broadway Theaters, downtown on 3rd south, 2nd east  
*Organizer:* Teri Jenkins 801-661-4452 teridawnjen@gmail.com  
 Let's hit another movie at Broadway Theaters downtown. Meet at 6:50 in front of the theater. We'll decide that night what movie to see. After, we'll head to a local spot and share a pitcher of beer while we seriously discuss the movie.....or not!
- Feb 9 Snowshoe, Little Black Mountain – mod**  
**Sun** *Meet:* Disseminated via the Snowshoe email list  
*Organizer:* Carrie Clark & Rick Gamble 801-931-4739 dr\_carolyn@yahoo.com  
 Join Carrie and Rick on a hike or snowshoe to Little Black Mountain today. Turnaround point will depend on weather conditions and consensus of participants. Depending on the snow cover you may want to bring Yak trax, microspikes and/or snowshoes. Meet at 9am at 1027 Terrace Hills Drive (84103). To get to Terrace Hills take 11th Avenue to Terrace Hills Drive (890 East).
- Feb 9 Snowshoe Ntd+ - Organizers Choice – ntd+**  
**Sun** *Meet:* 8:45 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)  
*Organizer:* David Andrenyak 801-582-6106 andrenyakda@aim.com  
 We will do a trip that is appropriate for the conditions. Plan for a 8:45 am meeting time with a 9:00 am departure. Remember the 10 Es. Snow safety equipment is recommended.
- Feb 10 Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace**  
**Mon** *Meet:* 6:00 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate  
*Organizer:* Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com  
 We'll go as far as conditions allow but will be out no more than 1-1/2 hours. Dress in layers and bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear. Dogs prepared for winter conditions ok.
- Feb 11 Alpine Ski Tour: Tri Canyons – mod+**  
**Tue** *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Chris Proctor 801-485-1543 proctorgtr@aol.com  
 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: Weekly MOD ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. Early season tours are contingent on snow conditions. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should call or mail ahead to discuss trip requirements.



- Feb 12 Snowshoe, Organizers Choice – mod**  
 Wed *Meet:* 9:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)  
*Organizer:* Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 jameskucera@aol.com  
 Jim will choose a destination based on the conditions. Bring your 10Es and avalanche safety gear.
- Feb 13 Flashlight/moonlight Hike - Wasatch Boulevard Area – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace**  
 Thu *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Parking Lot at North End of Wasatch Boulevard (Approximately 3000 South)  
*Organizer:* Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com  
 Julie will continue this series of winter weeknight hikes with Thursday night hikes departing from the West Grandeur trailhead area. With at least four different routes heading up the mountain, and one trail going down to a nature area tucked between the freeways, there are lots of options. Yak trax, micro-spikes, or similar lightly studded footwear are required (these are very short but steep hikes). Bring a headlamp or flashlight, though we seldom need it when we have the stars, the moon, and city lights (even if inversion is set in, we'll get above it). Dogs ok if prepared for winter conditions.
- Feb 13 Back Country Alpine Ski Tour – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 3500' ascent – Moderate pace**  
 Thu *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Robert\* Myers 801-466-3292(H) or 801-561-9965(C) robertmyers47@gmail.com  
 THURSDAY BACKCOUNTRY SKI TOUR: weekly MOD (moderate) ski tour. (Leader Needed, consult online Activity List for update). Destination dependent on weather, snow conditions and participants abilities. Tours require good conditioning, skiing skills and familiarity with beacon, shovel and probe.
- Feb 15 Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at/splitboard – 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, conditions permitting. Exact location TBD. Beacons, shovels, probes, skins & tele, AT or splitboard 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, 5000-6000 vertical feet. Reasonable but steady pace. Maximum group size of 10.
- Feb 15 Alpine Ski Tour, Big Cottonwood Canyon – ntd+ – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace**  
 Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)  
*Organizer:* Steven Duncan 801-680-9236 duncste@comcast.net  
 Easier tour but not for beginners. We'll stay in safe terrain likely in the Mill D or Willow Heights area. Estimated miles and vertical gain.
- Feb 16 Snowshoe, Organizers Choice – mod**  
 Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)  
*Organizer:* Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 jameskucera@aol.com  
 Jim will choose a destination based on current conditions. Bring your 10Es and avalanche safety gear.
- Feb 16 Alpine Ski Tour, Multi Canyon – msd- – 12.0 mi Shuttle – 5000' ascent – Fast pace**  
 Sun *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Brad Yates 801-278-2423 bnyslc@earthlink.net  
 Multi Canyon tour, tri canyon area, route will be dependent on current snow and avalanche conditions, expect to use a combination of auto and ski bus shuttle. Beacon and Shovel and knowledge of their use required.

- Feb 17 Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace**  
**Mon** *Meet:* 6:00 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate  
*Organizer:* Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com  
 We'll go as far as conditions allow but will be out no more than 1-1/2 hours. Dress in layers and bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear. Dogs prepared for winter conditions ok.
- Feb 17 Nordic Ski Tour- Beaver Creek Trail- West Unitas – ntd – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 600' ascent – Moderate pace**  
**Mon** *Meet:* 8:45 am at Parleys Way Walmart lot, East side - 2703 Parleys Way  
*Organizer:* David Andrenyak 801-582-6106 andrenyakda@aim.com  
 President's Day Nordic Ski Tour. The Beaver Creek trail is on Forest Service land east of Kamas, It runs somewhat parallel to the Mirror Lake Highway, but it is not adjacent to it. The trail travels through forest, meadows and not too difficult slopes. We may explore some side trails off the Beaver Creek trail. Although this event is less difficult compared to other WMC nordic tours, the opportunity to ski a long distance and the longer drive can make this event an almost all day activity. Plan for a 0900 AM departure from the SLC Foothill Walmart parking lot. There is a Mirror Lake Highway fee of \$ 6. Also if you are car pooling and not taking your vehicle please contribute for the gas.
- Feb 18 Alpine Ski Tour: Tri Canyons – mod+**  
**Tue** *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Chris Proctor 801-485-1543 proctorgtr@aol.com  
 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: Weekly MOD ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. Early season tours are contingent on snow conditions. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should call or mail ahead to discuss trip requirements.
- Feb 19 Membership Meeting**  
**Wed** *Meet:* 7:00 pm at Millcreek Library, 2266 East Evergreen Avenue (just south of 33rd S.)  
*Organizer:* John Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com  
 2014 Governing Board Elections and speakers Donovan Lynch (Ecuador), Zig Sondelski (Kilimanjaro), and Bert Ley (stream access issues).
- Feb 20 Alpine Ski Tour: Uac Women-only Backcountry 101 Avalanche Class – mod**  
**Thu – Feb 22 Sat** *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Thursday night classroom session at Red Butte Garden. Saturday on the snow at Brighton.  
*Organizer:* Devin Dwyer devin@utahavalanchecenter.org  
 Skiing and riding in the backcountry is safer and more fun when you understand avalanches, knowing when you can go big and when to dial it back. Nobody wants to be that partner that can't make informed decisions or be counted on in a rescue. Spend an evening in a classroom and a day on the snow with the pros to learn how to get out in the backcountry, have fun and come home ready to do it again. Taught by the Utah Avalanche Center. \$140. Register and pay at the link below.



- Feb 20 Flashlight/moonlight Hike - Wasatch Boulevard Area – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace**  
 Thu *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Parking Lot at North End of Wasatch Boulevard (Approximately 3000 South)  
*Organizer:* Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com  
 Four different routes head up the mountain and one trail goes down to a nature area tucked between the freeways, so there are lots of options. Yak trax, micro-spikes, or similar lightly studded footwear are required (these are very short but steep hikes). Bring a headlamp or flashlight, though we seldom need it when we have the stars, the moon, and city lights (even if inversion is set in, we'll get above it). Dogs ok if prepared for winter conditions.
- Feb 20 Back Country Alpine Ski Tour – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 3500' ascent – Moderate pace**  
 Thu *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Robert\* Myers 801-466-3292(H) or 801-561-9965(C) robertmyers47@gmail.com  
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- Feb 21 Bryce In Winter-snowshoe, Spikes Hike, And Maybe X/c Ski – 7.0 mi**  
 Fri – *Meet:* 9:00 am at Rubys Inn, Bryce Canyon City  
 Feb 23 *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 hike, 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 friday afternoon or evening, and spend the weekend seeing and skiing the area, and returning home on sunday. 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. Half price rates @ Rubys Inn in this offseason make it an affordable getaway, on top of being one you won't forget. And this year for a limited time only, you can get two nights of lodgings for only 70\$ on a KSL special- see the link below.
- Feb 21 Sing-a-long And Pot Luck Dinner**  
 Fri *Meet:* 6:30 pm at 35 E 2200 South Bountiful  
*Organizer:* La Rae Bartholoma 801-277-4093 roosiebear@gmail.com  
 Time to test your vocal chords (or not!) and prepare to have a fun evening at our Sing A Long! Bring a pot luck dish to share and any instrument you'd like to play. If you don't play anything, come anyway! We'll be circling the wagons at Becky Collett's home in Bountiful 35 E 2200 South at 6:30. Directions: I-15 northbound to exit 315 to 2600 South (exit just south of Woods Cross High School). Right onto 2600 South. 2600 South becomes Orchard Drive to 2200 South. Left onto 2200 South. Dick's Market is on corner, 35 East is across street to the North of Dick's Market. #35 East is in the back, there is a sign on the street pointing to #35. There are 5 to 6 parking spots available in front of #35 or many more parking spots in the parking lot in the strip mall just east of the condos along 2200 South. A sign with an arrow will be posted where to park and where to find the condo if you park in the parking lot. Questions: Becky Collett 801-450-5341 bcollett53@gmail.com, La Rae Bartholoma 801-277-4093 roosiebear@gmail.com or Frank Bernard frankbernard55@earthlink.net

Feb 22 Sat	<p><b>Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at/splitboard – mod+ – Out &amp; Back – Moderate pace</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Walt Haas 801-209-2545 haas@xmission.com</p> <p>Show and go skiing on a variety of MOD and MOD+ terrain, conditions permitting. Exact location TBD. Beacons, shovels, probes, skins &amp; tele, AT or splitboard 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, 5000-6000 vertical feet. Reasonable but steady pace. Maximum group size of 10.</p>
Feb 23 Sun	<p><b>Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – mod</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at 6200 South Park &amp; Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Mohamed Abdallah 801-466-9310 agm1144@yahoo.com</p> <p>Meet Mohamed at 9 am for today's MOD snowshoe. He will select a destination suited to the conditions of the day. Participants should bring their 10 E's, avalanche safety/rescue equipment, and be knowledgeable about how to travel safely in avalanche terrain.</p>
Feb 24 Mon	<p><b>Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain – ntd+ – Out &amp; Back – Moderate pace</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>We'll go as far as conditions allow but will be out no more than 1-1/2 hours. Dress in layers and bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear. Dogs prepared for winter conditions ok.</p>
Feb 25 Tue	<p><b>Alpine Ski Tour: Tri Canyons – mod+</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Chris Proctor 801-485-1543 proctorgtr@aol.com</p> <p>TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: Weekly MOD ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. Early season tours are contingent on snow conditions. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should call or mail ahead to discuss trip requirements.</p>
Feb 26 Wed	<p><b>Snowshoe, Organizers Choice – mod</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 9:30 am at 6200 South Park &amp; Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 jameskucera@aol.com</p> <p>Jim will choose a destination based on the conditions. Bring your 10Es and avalanche safety gear.</p>
Feb 27 Thu	<p><b>Flashlight/moonlight Hike - Wasatch Boulevard Area – ntd+ – Out &amp; Back – Moderate pace</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Parking Lot at North End of Wasatch Boulevard (Approximately 3000 South)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>Four different routes head up the mountain and one trail goes down to a nature area tucked between the freeways, so there are lots of options. Yak trax, micro-spikes, or similar lightly studded footwear are required (these are very short but steep hikes). Bring a headlamp or flashlight, though we seldom need it when we have the stars, the moon, and city lights (even if inversion is set in, we'll get above it). Dogs ok if prepared for winter conditions.</p>
Feb 27 Thu	<p><b>Back Country Alpine Ski Tour – mod – 4.0 mi Out &amp; Back – 3500' ascent – Moderate pace</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Robert* Myers 801-466-3292(H) or 801-561-9965(C) robertmyers47@gmail.com</p> <p>THURSDAY BACKCOUNTRY SKI TOUR: weekly MOD (moderate) ski tour. (Leader Needed, consult online Activity List for update). Destination dependent on weather, snow conditions and participants abilities. Tours require good conditioning, skiing skills and familiarity with beacon, shovel and probe.</p>



- Mar 1 Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at/splitboard – mod+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace**  
 Sat *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Walt Haas 801-209-2545 haas@xmission.com  
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- Mar 4 Alpine Ski Tour: Tri Canyons – mod+**  
 Tue *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Chris Proctor 801-485-1543 proctorgtr@aol.com  
 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: Weekly MOD ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. Early season tours are contingent on snow conditions. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should call or mail ahead to discuss trip requirements.
- Mar 6 Canyoneering, Canoeing And Hot Tubbing – flat water – 13.0 mi**  
 Thu – *Meet:* Registration required  
 Mar 9 *Organizer:* Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com  
 Sun  
 Time for another annual classic- the first of March Canyoneering Canoeing Hot tubbing 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 Hoover Dam, at off season rates (last year we paid 25\$ 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 boogie 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 per person launch fee and the launch and pick up shuttles comes to \$100 per person. I had to pay half of this to get the reservations, so a \$50 nonrefundable deposit is required to get onto this trip.
- Mar 6 Pre-season Biking Meeting/social Pizza Party**  
 Thu *Meet:* 6:30 pm at Rocky Mountain Pizza, 3977 Wasatch Boulevard, SLC (next to Dan's in Olympus Cove).  
*Organizer:* Robert Turner 801-560-3378 r46turner@gmail.com  
 Come join us for our annual bicycling planning meeting and pizza party social. Roadies, Mountain bikers, new, old, in between riders, potential riders, whatever, you're all welcome! Pizza & soft drinks on us. We'll be talking about road/mountain day rides; weekend and multi day supported and self-contained touring rides; beginner road and mountain rides; NTD, MOD and MSD rides for everyone, and how to plan and organize a ride. Your input really helps. We had a great turnout last year and it helped us have a great bicycling season. Let's do it again this year! Plus---come meet your new bicycling directors! We'll begin promptly at 6:30 pm because we can only have the meeting room for 2 hours.

- Mar 6 **Back Country Alpine Ski Tour – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 3500' ascent – Moderate pace**  
 Thu *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Robert\* Myers 801-466-3292(H) or 801-561-9965(C) robertmyers47@gmail.com  
 THURSDAY BACKCOUNTRY SKI TOUR: weekly MOD (moderate) ski tours in Big or Little Cottonwoods Canyons with destination dependent on weather, snow conditions and participants abilities. Moderate tours require good conditioning, skiing skills and familiarity with your beacon, shovel and probe. Call or e-mail Robert by 7:00PM on WED. evening, for the meeting place. Group limited to 8.
- Mar 8 **Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at/splitboard – 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, conditions permitting. Exact location TBD. Beacons, shovels, probes, skins & tele, AT or splitboard 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, 5000-6000 vertical feet. Reasonable but steady pace. Maximum group size of 10.
- Mar 11 **Alpine Ski Tour: Tri Canyons – mod+**  
 Tue *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Chris Proctor 801-485-1543 proctorgtr@aol.com  
 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: Weekly MOD ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. Early season tours are contingent on snow conditions. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should call or mail ahead to discuss trip requirements.
- Mar 12 **Boating Season Planning Party With Pizza**  
 Wed *Meet:* 6:30 pm at Rocky Mountain Pizza-3977 S. Wasatch Blvd, next to Dans  
*Organizer:* Zig Sondelski 801-230-3623 zig.sondelski@gmail.com  
 Whether or not you were lucky enough to have won a permit, join our meeting so we can build our 2014 season river trip schedule and fill in the details. New boaters and interested individuals are welcome. This meeting also is our time to get acquainted, discuss rivers, trips, trip organizing and new ideas AND to sign up for some of the trips. There already are Black Canyon trips and a Grand Canyon trip on the schedule. Pizza & drinks will be provided. Consider signing up on the WMC boater email list using the "Member Menu > Email List Subscribe" as we use it regularly.
- Mar 13 **Back Country Alpine Ski Tour – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 3500' ascent – Moderate pace**  
 Thu *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Robert\* Myers 801-466-3292(H) or 801-561-9965(C) robertmyers47@gmail.com  
 THURSDAY BACKCOUNTRY SKI TOUR: weekly MOD (moderate) ski tours in Big or Little Cottonwoods Canyons with destination dependent on weather, snow conditions and participants abilities. Moderate tours require good conditioning, skiing skills and familiarity with your beacon, shovel and probe. Call or e-mail Robert by 7:00PM on WED. evening, for the meeting place. Group limited to 8.
- Mar 14 **Nordic Ski Tour: Glide The Divide – msd – 33.0 mi Loop – Fast pace**  
 Fri – *Meet:* Registration required  
 Mar 16 *Organizer:* Michael Berry 801-583-4721 mberryxc@earthlink.net  
 Sun Cross-country skiing. The Steamboat Springs (CO) Nordic Council sponsors the 10th Annual 'Glide the Divide' (www.glidethedivide.com). Marathon (55k), Ultramarathon (100k), and 15k ski tour/ race to the Wyoming border, Hahn's Peak Village, Colorado. Knowledge of competitive ski waxing technique essential. Registration ends FEBRUARY 28th.



**Mar 15 Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at/splitboard – 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, conditions permitting. Exact location TBD. Beacons, shovels, probes, skins & tele, AT or splitboard 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, 5000-6000 vertical feet. Reasonable but steady pace. Maximum group size of 10.

**Mar 15 Rappelling Class For Canyoneering – ntd**

Sat *Meet:* 1:00 pm at Dogwood Picnic area climbing wall

*Organizer:* Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com

Learn to rappel, and open the door to all kinds of new experiences and places. With proper instruction it is safe and easy- your fears are quickly banished. Whether you have never done it, or did once long ago and are not sure you remember, this is a great opportunity to learn not only how to do it, but also to be comfortable and safe on rope. Dogwood is the first picnic area in Big Cottonwood Canyon, just 1 mile up the canyon, on the right. Park on the highway to avoid a picnic area use fee, cross the bridge, walk thru the site, up canyon, and follow a trail 50 yards past the last table to the climbing wall, and sign in on the Club sheet. A harness, helmet, leather gloves, locking carabiner and a descending device are needed, I have a few extra harnesses for folks who do not have and are unable to beg, borrow, or steal one, for a \$5 rental/equipment replacement fee, but you need to make those arrangements with me in advance, as there is a limited number available. If you are renting gear from me, you should try and be there 15 minutes early, by 12:45, so we can get you outfitted before the class. This class is held in the afternoon to allow you to attend the Black Diamond Fall Sale/Parking lot swap meet that morning (800am) to hook up with some good gear, cheap, in advance.

**Mar 18 Alpine Ski Tour: Tri Canyons – mod+**

Tue *Meet:* Registration required

*Organizer:* Chris Proctor 801-485-1543 proctorgr@aol.com

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**Mar 19 Black Canyon Classic Canoeing/ides Of March Trip – flat water – 13.0 mi**

Wed – *Meet:* Registration required

Mar 22 *Organizer:* Eileen Gidley 801-870-5870 eileengidley@gmail.com

Sat This annual classic is a canoeing, canyoneering, and hot tubbing trip to the Black Canyon located below Hoover Dam. (see Rick's write up). We will be driving down Wednesday morning, check into Hoover Dam Lodge, formerly Hacienda Hotel, and for those that want to, check out the dam and the spectacular bridge over the dam. After dinner together at the casino buffet, we will spend time getting our gear together for an early morning meeting with the outfitter. They will be driving us through the high security zone to the foot of the dam where we will launch our boats and be on our way. The Colorado below is almost all flat water so it is great for beginners. We will camp the first night within the first two miles allowing us to explore some great spots like the sauna cave and great scenic viewpoints. We will spend the second day hiking, climbing, relaxing in numerous hot tubs, then continue on to Arizona Hot Springs to camp and enjoy a group meal together. Sat morning, we will break camp early and paddle 3 miles to the takeout, where the outfitter will pick us up and return us to the lodge to pick up our vehicles. Those who would like can then head for home or can stay the night and return home Sunday. Prepare for winter and warm weather. One trip last year hit a blizzard on the way home. There is a \$100 nonrefundable deposit required for this trip. Sign up ASAP as NPS permits are required for this trip and they go fast in March.

- Mar 20 **Back Country Alpine Ski Tour – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 3500' ascent – Moderate pace**  
 Thu *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Robert\* Myers 801-466-3292(H) or 801-561-9965(C) robertmyers47@gmail.com  
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- Mar 21 **Canyoneering 101 – ntd+**  
 Fri – *Meet:* Registration required  
 Mar 23 *Organizer:* Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com  
 Sun An Introduction to Technical canyoneering. The North Wash is a great place to get started and learn some of the basics of canyoneering, with something for everyone in these wonderful southern utah sandstone slots. We will drive down Friday after work, and do canyons Saturday and Sunday, returning home Sunday night. If this is your first trip, you need to have taken one of the club rappeling classes as a prerequisite.(there is another on March 15).
- Mar 22 **Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at/splitboard – 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, conditions permitting. Exact location TBD. Beacons, shovels, probes, skins & tele, AT or splitboard 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, 5000-6000 vertical feet. Reasonable but steady pace. Maximum group size of 10.
- Mar 25 **Alpine Ski Tour: Tri Canyons – mod+**  
 Tue *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Chris Proctor 801-485-1543 proctorgtr@aol.com  
 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: Weekly MOD ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. Early season tours are contingent on snow conditions. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should call or mail ahead to discuss trip requirements.
- Mar 27 **Back Country Alpine Ski Tour – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 3500' ascent – Moderate pace**  
 Thu *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Robert\* Myers 801-466-3292(H) or 801-561-9965(C) robertmyers47@gmail.com  
 THURSDAY BACKCOUNTRY SKI TOUR: weekly MOD (moderate) ski tours in Big or Little Cottonwoods Canyons with destination dependent on weather, snow conditions and participants abilities. Moderate tours require good conditioning, skiing skills and familiarity with your beacon, shovel and probe. Call or e-mail Robert by 7:00PM on WED. evening, for the meeting place. Group limited to 8.
- Mar 28 **Packrafting: Dirty Devil - Angel To Burr – class I – 20.0 mi**  
 Fri – *Meet:* 8:00 am at Burr Pt Trailhead, Hanksville  
 Mar 30 *Organizer:* David Nix 801-649-6438 david.austin.nix@gmail.com  
 Sun A three day packrafting trip into the Heart the Dirty Devil just south of Hanksville. The scenery is incomparable, the canyons beautiful, and the paddling sublime. The plan is to hike down the Angel Pt trail to the river (~2hrs, 4th class), explore classic canyons such as Robbers Roost, Twin, and Sam. Paddle and camp two nights coming back to the rim via Kelsey's Burr Pt trail (~4hrs w/ one short 5th class scramble). (Links: What's packrafting? <http://www.packraft.org>, Rentals in SLC? <http://packraftrentals.com> \$34/day) Rating: MOD+ with off trail back-packing. Contact me for additional logistics.



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

**Sat** *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Parleys Way Walmart lot, East side - 2703 Parleys Way

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

The 4th decade of the KPT is now safely in the books. The 41st KPT, hosted by Steve and Larry Swanson, will convene on Friday night (March 28th) at the Henry's Fork Snow-Parking area and get under way very early on Saturday morning. We meet for car pooling (optional) at the Walmart parking area on Parley's Way about 5:00 pm and leave NLT 5:30 pm for Evanston and JB's restaurant which is just a couple of long blocks from the first exit to Evanston (#3) on the right side as you approach town. It is next to the Days Inn. Registration is not required. Headlamps are mandatory (double check that they work and that the batteries are fresh). Lots of water (2-3 liters) and protection from facing directly into the sun for most of the day is also important. Standard back-country touring gear is best. Climbing skins are often handy but not essential. We generally leave the skis at Gunsight Pass and climb the peak on foot so Vibram-type soles on your boots are usually helpful if the snow is hard. It will be a long day as we start before dawn and usually end after dark. It is not at all necessary to summit however to enjoy the ski touring in this lovely, gentle drainage and normally at least 2/3 turn around short of the peak. Elkhorn Crossing is a good scenic NTD destination used by many. Gunsight Pass, 4.5 miles farther, is a MOD+ and gives wonderful views. Gunsight Pass is the standard turn around place for most and for ALL that arrive after 2:00 pm. The summit is MSD+ chiefly because of the length of the day and the steep climb of the peak at the end. Mandatory turnaround is 4:00 pm no matter where you are on the route. We carry out ALL waste paper including TP so carry a plastic bag and plan for it. For additional information contact Steve (801-272-5750, stephenswa@gmail.com) or Larry. We will start out no matter what the weather as the trip to the basin is sheltered and makes a nice ski tour even in stormy weather. We want everyone to go up and back down on the same route (the creek route is normal) for safety reasons so check with Larry or Steve if you plan to leave extra early or ski in the night before for a higher camp.

**Mar 29 Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at/splitboard – 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, conditions permitting. Exact location TBD. Beacons, shovels, probes, skins & tele, AT or splitboard 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, 5000-6000 vertical feet. Reasonable but steady pace. Maximum group size of 10.

**Apr 4 Canyoneering 201 – mod**

**Fri –** *Meet:* Registration required

**Apr 6** *Organizer:* Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com

**Sun** The 201 designation means that you need to have been to north wash with me on a 101 trip, as a prerequisite. We will be returning to north wash, to step it up a notch in difficulty, commitment and excitement, to do a couple of new canyons, on saturday and sunday, though I may go down thursday pm to secure a campsite, and get in an extra canyon or two on friday, as well. The usual north wash conditions apply and equipment will be needed.

**Apr 19 Point Reyes National Seashore Backpack – mod- – 32.0 mi – Moderate pace**

**Sat –** *Meet:* Registration required

**Apr 27** *Organizer:* Aaron Jones 801-467-3532 ajonesmvp@msn.com

**Sun** Whales, and seals, and elk, Oh My! April is an amazing time in the park with wildflowers in bloom, birds and gray whales are migrating, and harbor seal pups are born. We will spend four days backpacking, setting up camp at three different sites, two of which are right on the beach. Afterwards, we will do dayhiking in other parts of the park. Then we will turn towards home stopping to enjoy the beautiful hikes and other enticements of California's wine country. Participants should be aware of fog and windy conditions that occur at the seashore. The leader prefers email as a contact method. Maximum Number: 6

**Apr 26 Hike/car Camp To Colonnade Arch – ntd – 2.0 mi Out & Back – 200' ascent – Moderate pace**

Sat – *Meet:* 10:00 am at Ray's Tavern in Green River; 25 Broadway, Green River, UT 84525

Apr 27 *Organizer:* Anja Wadman 801-388-2214 anjawadman@gmail.com  
Sun

We will be hiking to Colonnade Arch (the locals call it 5-hole Arch) in Emery County. This site is about 3 miles above Horseshoe Canyon (The Great Gallery). The hike is 1 mile. However there are other neat spots around the arch too. I proposed to meet at Ray's Tavern in Green River at 10 AM. We will then be driving about 1 to 1 1/2 to the trailhead. A 4WD, high clearance vehicle is needed to access the trailhead. My subaru can make it because it is 4WD; however, I would prefer a little more clearance. We would get to the trailhead by 2PM and Car camp there and start our hike and finish around 6 PM. The hike is a mile from the trailhead and is over slick-rock. There is a steep slant to the arches where hiking poles will help. The next day, people can hike Horseshoe Canyon (7 miles), do another hike around the arch or head back home.

**May 10 White Water Rafting - Grand Canyon – class IV**

Sat – *Meet:* 9:00 am at Boat Shed - 4340 S 300 W

May 27 *Organizer:* David Rabiger 801-964-8190 derabiger@gmail.com  
Tue

Grand Canyon river trip permit for 16 people 16 days from Lee's Ferry, Launch day May 11, 2014. Our first priority is to find 2 or 3 skilled boat men who can oar the Grand Canyon. That will determine the group size we can take down the river. We plan to use Professional River Outfitters for our boats, gear, food and shuttle service which requires only personal preparation for the trip. Cost is approximately \$1,000 per person. Contact Dave Rabiger at derabiger@gmail.com or home 801 964 8190.

**Jun 13 San Rafael River Kayaking Trip – class I – 20.0 mi**

Fri – *Meet:* 9:00 pm at The Wedge Overlook

Jun 15 *Organizer:* Anja Wadman 801-388-2214 anjawadman@gmail.com  
Sun

The San Rafael River in Emery County Utah. This river is boatable above 250 cfs and is perfect for Inflatable Kayaks. The water is flat but swift and is great for first time boaters as well as seasoned boaters. We will be floating through the famous Glen Canyon Formation (Navajo, Kayenta, and Wingate Sandstones) as exposed in Moab. There is one short portage 3 miles down. We would meet at the Wedge Overlook/Campground in the San Rafael Swell, Friday night. Camp there. The next morning go to Fuller's bottom and unload, shuttle and float. The river corridor is about 20 mile river miles. It will be a long day. Participants will need to bring/rent all their gear in SLC. The rental places in Carbon County have closed down. The San Rafael is not a permitted river so there is not a limit on participation. However, I will be watching the water level and hope to be able to run it this weekend. Anything less than 250 cfs or more than 1000 cfs, the trip will be cancelled. The determination will be made by Wednesday June 11. Email me if you are planning to come by Monday, June 9. This will be for me to send a group email of more details, maps and updates as well as things to bring and to plan out the shuttle.

**"KNOW BEFORE YOU GO"** and make sure to bring your 10 E's! 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](http://www.wasatchmountainclub.org). Organizers are expected to keep their groups together and use proper backcountry etiquette.



- Jun 20 **White Water Ik On The Muddy River Class Ii+ To Iii – class III – 21.0 mi**  
 Fri – *Meet:* 2:00 pm at Green River; Ray's Tavern  
 Jun 22 *Organizer:* Anja Wadman 801-388-2214 anjawadman@gmail.com  
 Sun  
 We will boat the Muddy River from Tomsich Butte to Hidden Splendor. The river is spring-run-off dependant. It is only boatable above 250 cfs. The river starts out in open country and as we descend toward the Muddy Chute, the walls rise around us. The chute is a box canyon that narrows to 12 feet in width. Only Inflatable Kayaks are allowed. This is a more technical river and has some challenging rocks to avoid; however, it is not undo-able. Participants must have strong confidence with swift water and good paddling skills. We will meet up in Green River. This river does not require a permit and there is not a limit on participation. For people coming later, they can meet us at Hidden Splendor. We will do the shuttle and put on the river. The trip will be cancelled if the river level is below 250 cfs or greater than 500 cfs. More details to come.
- Jun 23 **Road Bike: Jackson, Wy Tour – ntd – 270.0 mi Loop – Slow pace**  
 Mon – *Meet:* Registration required  
 Jun 27 *Organizer:* Katherine Slack 801-272-0392 katieslack@xmission.com  
 Fri  
 This 270-mile loop from Jackson, WY takes us through 2 national parks and 3 states before the height of the summer tourist season. Enjoy moderate days on the bike with plenty of sightseeing and time for enjoying gorgeous scenery. This is a self-supported trip. We plan to camp in national park service facilities or RV parks, but you can make lodging arrangements each night if you'd prefer indoor facilities. I'll be leading this tour with Rusty Gardner. Contact me if you're interested and I'll send a detailed description of each day.
- Jul 3 **July 4th White Water Rafting Party – class III**  
 Thu – *Meet:* Registration required  
 Jul 6 *Organizer:* Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com  
 Sun  
 The clubs annual 4th of July Payette extravaganza will start by driving up to Boise on Thursday, the 3rd of July. After a short shopping stop at the local Sierra Trading Post, and dinner in town, we will proceed to set up camp in the very nice Hot Springs forest service group campsite, with multiple tables, and all the comforts of home, including a hot shower. Friday, the 4th, we will run the Payette daily section twice, with lunch in the middle, and playing musical boats between runs, to give as many people who are interested a turn in a duckie- this is a perfect place to experience paddling a river in a small boat, in one or two man duckies. After dinner back in camp, we will head over to the quaint little farm town of Crouch to join in on their raucous 4th of July festivities, a wild party that must be experienced to be believed. Saturday we will run the beautiful high alpine and somewhat more rambunctious Cabarton section of the North Fork. Then we will drive home on Sunday. This is one of the most fun trips of the year, and a perfect intro to white water, with car camping, an insane country hoedown, and a mellow but active river. These are great ducky venues, get your ducks in a row in advance, to try an adventurous step beyond the paddle rafts. Whatever your craft of choice, sign up early, as this trip fills up quickly. The planning meeting for this trip will be held a week earlier, on Wednesday June 25th @ 700pm at the boat shed, which is at 4340 South Commerce Dr. (300 west) just up the street from the McDonalds. A \$50 nonrefundable deposit will be required to get your name on the list for this trip.

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

Aug 1 **The Fabulous Subway- Intro To Canyoneering – mod – 10.0 mi**

Fri – *Meet:* Registration required

Aug 3 *Organizer:* Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com  
Sun

The Subway in Zion is a magical place of beauty, adventure and fun- if you've never done it, but always wanted to, this is your chance. We will be driving down Friday afternoon, doing the Subway one day and its alluring sister canyon, Orderville, the other, for an epic weekend. Classified as "semi-technical", no rappelling is required in either canyon, but there are some scrambling obstacles along the way in each canyon that will test your mettle, making for two high energy days full of hiking, climbing and swimming. Due to the popularity of this trip I limit it to people who have not done these hikes previously. These are both day hikes, we will be car camping in the park.

### **Safe Backcountry Ski Travel Techniques:**

**One at a time.** There always needs to be someone left in a safe spot to do the rescue. Never put everyone on the slope at once. With large groups, split them in half and stay in visual and voice contact.

**Have an escape route planned.** Always think avalanche. What will you do if you trigger an avalanche? Have a plan first.

**Use slope cuts.** Keep your speed up and cut across the starting zone, so that if you do trigger an avalanche, your momentum can carry you off the moving slab into safer terrain. You can do this on skis, snowboards or on snowmobiles.

**Watch out for cornices.** They always break farther back than you think. Always give them a wide berth. NEVER, NEVER walk out to the edge of a drop-off without first checking it out. Many people have needlessly died this way.

**What are the alternatives?** Use terrain to your advantage. Follow ridges, thick trees and slopes with safer consequences. You can almost always go back the way you came. The route got you there; it will most likely get you back as well.

**If there's no other choice, go underground.** You can almost always weather out a bad storm or bad avalanche conditions by digging a snow cave in a protected area. You may be uncomfortable but you will be alive.

### **AVALANCHE QUICK CHECKS**

**Following is a list of quick checks you can make throughout the day:**

1. What have the weather conditions been over the past few days? Recent heavy snows?
2. Can you observe any wind loading on the slopes?
3. Do you have a good sense of the snowpack? Have you performed any snowpit or shear tests?
4. Have you noticed many fracture lines, heard "whumping" or cracking sounds, or hollow noises in the snowpack?
5. Are you keeping an eye on the orientation and steepness of the slopes as you cross them?
6. Are you lingering in gullies, bowls, or valleys?
7. Noticed any recent avalanche activity on other slopes similar to the one you are on?
8. If a slope looks suspect, are there alternative routes?



## 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

**REI COMMUNITY CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
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**SANDY CITY** - The following presentations are offered free of charge to the public at the Sandy City REI store. REI is located at 10600 South & 230 West in the northwest corner of the South Towne Mall property. **Registration is required.** If you register for any of our free in-store presentations, we will hold a seat for you until the scheduled start. If you do not arrive to claim your seat before this time, we will release it to the general public. Seating may be available at the door, even if the registration is closed. For more information and to register, visit our website at [www.rei.com/Sandy](http://www.rei.com/Sandy) or call (801) 501-0850.

**Utah Avalanche Center, Avalanche Awareness – Know Before You Go, Thursday, February 13th, 7pm Sandy**

This popular, multi-media talk includes an exciting 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, avalanche weather, safe travel practices and essential equipment.

**Yoga for Outdoor Fitness, Thursday, February 27th, 7pm Sandy**

Join our Yoga instructor to learn the Yoga basics and develop your balance, endurance and strength (inner and physical). Note this is not a Yoga class – we will demonstrate a select number of poses and provide examples.

**SALT LAKE CITY** - The following presentations are offered free of charge to the public at the Salt Lake City REI store. REI SLC is located at 3285 East & 3300 South. **Registration is required.** If you register for any of our free in-store presentations, we will hold a seat for you until the scheduled start. If you do not arrive to claim your seat before this time, we will release it to the general public. Seating may be available at the door, even if the registration is closed. For more information and to register, visit our website at [www.rei.com/saltlakecity](http://www.rei.com/saltlakecity) or call 801-486-2100.

**Utah Avalanche Center, Avalanche Awareness – Know Before You Go, Tuesday, February 4th, 7pm SLC**

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**GoPro Basics, Thursday, February 6th, 7pm SLC**

Join our GoPro experts for this class and Get to Know Your GoPro. We will focus on the camera's user interface, video capture, image settings, and accessories.

**Snowshoe Basics, Tuesday, February 11th, 7pm SLC**

Join our experienced REI staff for a class on the basics of snowshoeing. 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.

**Yoga for Athletes: A yoga sessions with Sage Rountree, Thursday, February 13th, 7pm SLC**

Join REI and prAna for an athlete's approach to yoga with author, endurance sports coach, and yogi Sage Rountree. Come prepared for a workout while learning some tips from this stellar trainer. Space is limited and registration is required.

**Brainstorming Mountain Transit Up Little Cottonwood Canyon, Wednesday, February 19th, 7pm SLC**

Join Beat Von Allmen, acclaimed specialist in mountain resort design, and guests for their presentation on mountain transit up Little Cottonwood Canyon. The presentation will be about the history of how people traveled up Little Cottonwood Canyon and the possibilities for improved travel in the future. This presentation put on by the Alta Historical Society.

**International and Adventure Travel Basics, Tuesday, February 25th, 7pm SLC**

Thinking about an exciting adventure abroad? Curious about what planning the trip might entail? Join our International and Adventure Travel experts to learn about planning, preparation, and execution of an international adventure trip.

**Introduction to Pet First Aid, Thursday, February 27th, 7pm SLC**

Join Salt Lake County Animal Services and Dr. Jordan Scherk DVM, DACVECC of Utah Veterinary Center for an introduction to first aid for your pets.

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