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## FRONT COVER:

**Celebrating Joe Bullough's  
500th Ascent of Mt. Olympus**

**September 15, 2014**

**Front Row: (L-R) Francois, John, Brent  
Michael, Jan, Joe, Shelley and Walter.  
Back Row: (L-R) Jimmy, Robert and Lee.**

**Photo by Michael Hannan**

## 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.

## 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 \$3,000. Last winter, we raised more than \$6,000 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

**Message from the President**  
**Will McCarvill**  
**November 2014**



Our Club was founded in 1920 and incorporated in 1923 and I find it remarkable that we have provided quality outdoor recreation for so long to so many. Our club is healthy right now with around 1,100 members, so we have the cash flow to enable the publication of the Rambler, make strategic donations for land acquisition, support high quality natural lands, and have some influence in the community around us. For example, WMC members worked for a year to get county attention to the Mount Olympus Trail Head and the county council has recently approved around \$800,000 to make significant upgrades. We also have a full activity calendar with a wide range and degree of options to pick from.

But the world is changing rapidly around us. I believe that now is the time to take stock of what we do and how we do it in preparation for our second 100 years. People communicate differently now. In a decade or so we have gone from a print based media, to an electronic one. There are other options for people seeking to recreate in the Wasatch such as Meetup. Our total membership has been stagnant for the last 6-8 years and there may be a trend towards increasing average age. These trends, if borne out by a more careful analysis of our membership data, are troubling to me. What can we do to assure our future?

We need to develop a vision for the future Club and ask tough questions. Do we want to stay at our current size, if so how do we make sure this happens? Do we want the Club to slowly shrink, if so how do we ensure we do not become extinct? Do we want some level of growth and how do we accomplish that?

The Board is looking at a plan for the future through the "The second 100 years" project. We have formed a steering committee to learn more about what our members want and what they believe it will take to stay a vital and healthy outdoor membership organization. Our ground rules are that discussion will occur in a collaborative supportive manner and any ideas will be considered. We will form teams to work in the targeted areas. These teams will be open to all of our membership.

This will be a deliberate, thoughtful process. Those values that have served us for 100 years will carry us into the second 100. We need you, our members, to get engaged in this process.

This will be challenging if we do it right, but it should also result in a healthy vibrant Club for our now and future members.

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

## 2015 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is responsible for recruiting a slate of qualified and willing candidates for the Wasatch Mountain Club Governing Board for the year from March, 2015 to February, 2016.

The members of this year's Nominating Committee are:

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Thanks to these Club members for being willing to serve on the Committee. Contact the individuals listed above if you are interested in volunteering to serve on the WMC Board. It's a great way to get involved with the Club!

## BOATING SEASON KICKOFF

Rafters

Kayakers

**New Boaters Wanted**

**Experienced Boaters Needed**

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

**Permit Application Party at REI Wasatch Room**

**3285 East 3300 South**

**Wednesday, January 14, 2015**

Canoes

**6:30 p.m.**

Duckies

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

**THANK YOU WMC MEMBERS FOR YOUR DONATION!**

**John Lodefink: Backcounty Volunteers and Trail Maintenance Fund**

**Kerry Quinn: Backcounty Volunteers and Trail Maintenance Fund**

## **November Boating Director's Message (Zig Sondelski)**

### **Still Boating, Multi-Sport, Winter and 2015 Plans**

Boating season has maybe slowed down but certainly not ended. We still have small informal trips going out on both permitted and non-permitted rivers, as well as flat water. We will start off in March on the water by canoeing the Black Canyon of the Colorado. Between now and then, there are some boating activities that you may be interested in.

The multi-sport weekend at Antelope Island was October 5 with beautiful fall weather. Thanks to Pam Stalnaker and John Schwed for bringing the watercraft and providing some instruction. The colorful boats against blue and white sky and aquamarine water made for some spectacular photos. Look at the online Rambler to really appreciate it in color.

This slower season gives us a chance to review what we accomplished, catch up on a few projects we started last slow season and start setting goals and making plans for the coming season. There will be a push to get articles into the Rambler for our trips this year that we were too busy to get in earlier.

Plans are already being made for the January Permit Party. We are moving the location from Rocky Mountain Pizza as they have closed down. ☹ The private room was getting a bit crowded anyhow. The current plan is to try out the 3300 South REI Store Wasatch Meeting Room and have pizza brought in. The permit party is scheduled for 6:30 on Wednesday, January 14, 2015.

Most permit applications are on line at rec.gov and applications are accepted December 1, 2014 to January 31, 2015, so no need to wait until the permit party. At the party, we will again be happy to help you determine dates that would work well for your trip if you are not sure when to apply for it, and to fill out the applications if you are not sure how to complete them. Make it easier on yourself and us and review the website before hand.

Watch for plans for a river rescue class at reduced rates next year. We have a Bill Viavant Water Sports Education and Safety Fund that will be used to subsidize the fee for people willing to help out in return. More details to follow.

The organizer training party earlier this year made a difference. I think we had five new organizers getting trips on the calendar in 2014. We should be able to repeat and improve the organizer training party next year. As before, we want both experienced organizers to provide input, as well as potential organizers to learn what's involved and ask questions. A little training makes it a lot clearer and more manageable for everyone.

Kelly and Zig have started the boating director transition, reviewing the calendar, action items, projects, training and goals. We are talking about a small party in November to resume a few projects that we started last winter.

Thanks again to our equipment coordinators: Bret Mathews and Donnie Benson, and our canoeing coordinator: Pam Stalnaker.

## A LITTLE ABOUT US . . .

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## **WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB**

**1390 SOUTH 1100 EAST #103**

**SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84105**

Dear Candidate:

September 9, 2014

The Wasatch Mountain Club was incorporated in 1920 and our 1000+ members in Salt Lake Valley have enjoyed our mountains in every season for over 90 years. We feel that the upcoming election cycle will be critical in preserving the high quality dispersed outdoor recreation opportunities vital to our organization. We have prepared questions which will be asked of all candidates for County Council, the responses will be provided to our membership to aid them in making voting decisions. We can schedule an in person interview with you to discuss your responses if you wish.

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- to encourage preservation of our natural areas including their plant, animal and bird life.

What outdoor activities do you enjoy?

A lot of effort has been made to develop a bike path along the Jordan River Corridor, but little has been done to make the Jordan River a safe enjoyable riparian channel for boating. What is your position on making the Jordan River a high quality recreational resource for county residents?

The Bonneville Shoreline Trail is a wonderful amenity for county residents, but land acquisition and trailheads to complete it in Salt Lake County are progressing very slowly. What can you do to speed up this pace?

Salt Lake County residents are the heaviest users of the National Forest lands in the Wasatch. Will you support providing funds for trails maintenance in the Wasatch?

The Mountain Accord process is trying to figure out what to do about the future increase in use in the central Wasatch. Do you think the county should increase and improve local parks and other recreation facilities to provide close to home opportunities?

Transfer of development rights from private in holding in the Wasatch to the valley floor has been talked about for years, what will you do to make this happen?

The ski areas have announced support for the One Wasatch interconnection. Only 11% of county residents support ski area expansion (Envision Utah, Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow). Since they claim that this will be done on private lands what would you do to prevent/assist this via FCOZ?

In August of this year Salt Lake County announced plans to invest \$800K in bicycle safety projects. What is your position on that vote and in promoting active transportation within the county?

Air quality in Salt Lake County can be unhealthy, both summer and winter. What do you think the county should be doing to improve this problem?

Will you approve funding for phase 2 of the Mountain Accord?

We can provide an opportunity to meet our membership by scheduling an easy hike on a weekend in September or October.

Thanks,

Will McCarvill  
President Wasatch Mountain Club  
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### **County Council Candidate Recommendations**

The WMC sent a questionnaire to the candidates for Salt Lake County Council. The questions addressed threats and opportunities for recreation in our county including the Wasatch Mountains and in urban areas. Questions were prepared by WMC members to try to cover all of our activities. On the basis of their replies here are the WMC recommendations. We like Arlyn Bradshaw who is the incumbent for District 1 over Richard Barnes. Arlyn has a proven record and gave detailed and supportive answers to our questions. Dan Snarr and Aimee Newton (incumbent) for District 3 did not answer some of our questions as they had not formulated opinions on the issues. On the questions they did answer they were similar in their positions and were generally in agreement on our issues. For At Large A we are fortunate in having two strong candidates, Jenny Wilson and Micah Bruner, who support recreation and conservation. To view the list of questions asked visit <http://wasatchmountainclub.org/admin/menu.php?add=admin/questions.htm>.

## **WMC FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER LODGE INTERIOR REMODEL**

The WMC Foundation is currently seeking to raise funds for the interior remodel of the WMC Lodge. Located at Brighton, UT, the lodge is an important centerpiece in the history of the Club. In 1980, because of its historic status, the lodge was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Currently the Board of the Foundation is seeking funds to help in the effort to find financing and provide for this interior remodel of the building. This fundraising effort is to begin remodeling and enable us to find either grant money or financial assistance.

The proposed project we are projecting would include the refinishing of the main room and the upstairs sleeping loft areas. The remodel plans would include:

Refinish the log walls which would include rethinking of the logs; refinishing the logs of the ceiling; refinishing of the windows and doors, including trim; refinishing of the floor.

Upstairs we would installed "tongue and groove" siding on the walls and ceilings of the rooms; refinish the floors; install trim on the windows and doors; possible partitioning for separate rooms and upgrading of electrical and lighting fixtures.

All of these things will improve the lodge experience and increase the use of the building by the general public and provide greater revenues.

How are we going to do this? Currently, we have an anonymous donor who asked to remain unnamed, offer to match, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$5,000, of any initial donations made to this interior remodel effort. This means that the first \$5,000 of donations by people like you and me, will be matched and the Foundation will then receive \$10,000 towards these projects. We are hoping that other interested parties might think about joining us in this effort and help us meet or increase our goals.

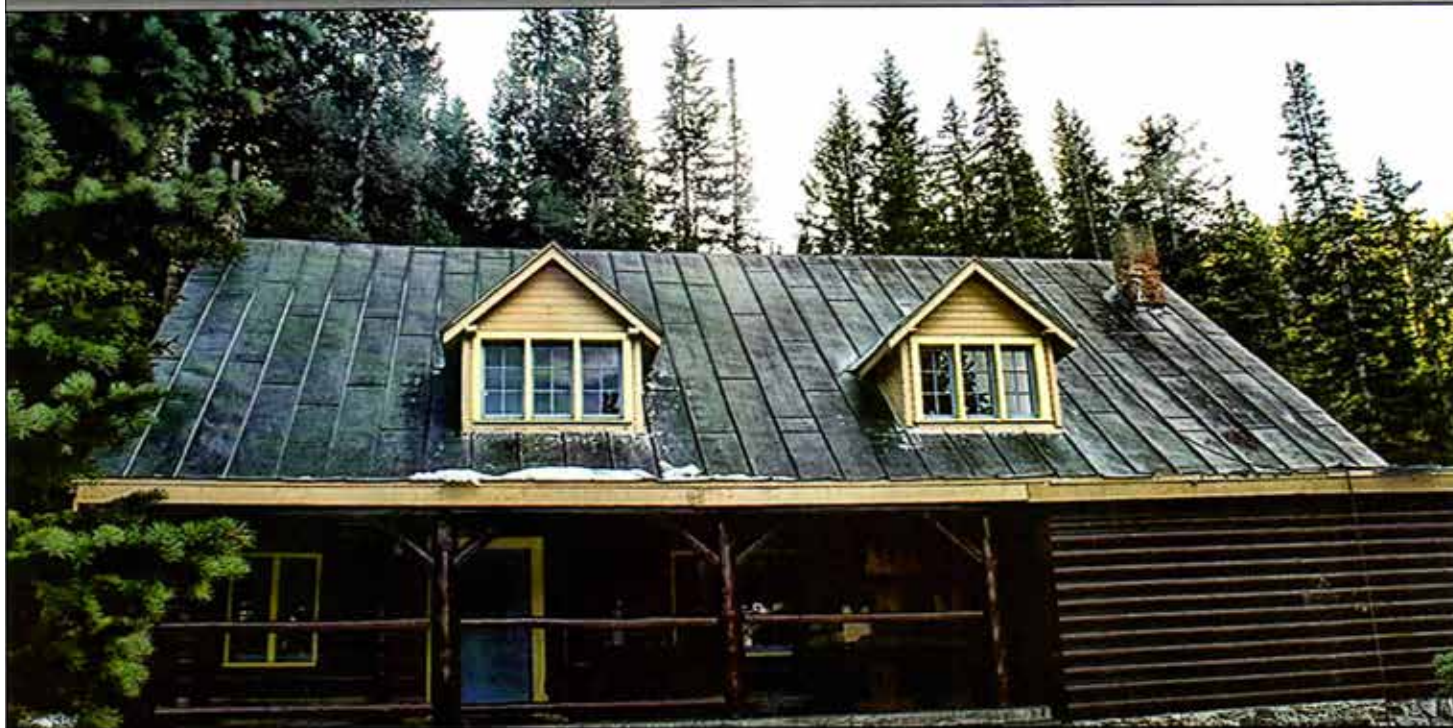
Your donation towards this fundraiser can be made either by check or online. Please mail your donation to WMC Foundation, c/o Robert Myers, President, 1390 South 1100 East, Suite 103, Salt Lake City, UT 84105-2443, or you can visit our website at [www.wasatchmountainclublodge.org](http://www.wasatchmountainclublodge.org) and click on the donate tab.

In the coming weeks we will be looking to further contact you via email and written letter and hope that you will favorably look upon our efforts in accomplishing this important remodel. The Board of the Foundation is committed to the idea that improvement of the interior of the building will build appreciation of the building, increase rental revenue, and allow its preservation. Please help us with your donations and we will be able to accomplish incredible things with this remodeling.

Should you have any further questions or desire additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Robert Myers, President  
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# Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation Lodge



## Lodge Reservations

Located in Big Cottonwood Canyon



### Perfect For:

Family Reunions  
Summer Picnics  
Business Retreats  
Business Meetings



### Amenities:

- Sleeping capacity for 20
- Chairs, benches, and tables accommodate 100
- Fully functioning kitchen with two stoves
- Log benches to seat 30+ outside in the summer
- Large outdoor grill
- Separate men's and women's bathrooms with flush toilets and showers

Day Use: \$200\*  
Overnight Use: \$460

Reserve at: [wasatchmountainclubfoundation.org](http://wasatchmountainclubfoundation.org)

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



## A Party Is Brewin

Don't be afraid to show up! Come one, come all. Club members, family and friends are invited to the WMC 2014 Halloween Party to be held at its "haunted" lodge at Brighton Sky Resort, in Big Cottonwood Canyon, on Saturday evening, November 1.

A POTLUCK dinner will begin at 6 p.m. Red Hot Rockin' DJ Rob Snow's riveting mix of music will emerge from the cobwebs to sizzle the dance floor, starting at 7:30 p.m., and will continue as long as feet are pounding the floor boards. The party is **BYOB** and Potluck: Be sure to bring some food to add to the table. Awards for Best Costumes in the categories of Greenest, Scariest, Sexiest and Funniest will be given. A monstrous piñata will also be smashed. A \$7 per person cover charge will be collected at the door; children are free. If you wish to stay overnight at the lodge, there is a charge of \$3 per person; children are free. Although the trail will be marked with jack-o-lanterns, bring a flashlight for the five-minute walk through the pines from the parking lot to the lodge. Also, bring boots should the trail be wet or have snow on it. Try to arrange your own carpooling. If you wish to carpool, arrange to meet people you want to share with at the park-and-ride lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

For further details and directions,  
email or telephone Craig Anderson:  
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(the day of the event)





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all summer, most  
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this artistic work.**



## Welcome New Members

*Alan Baggett  
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*Merrily Kulmer  
Keyvan Yaghmayi  
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Alyson Burleigh & Mike Dege*

# WMC's 4th Annual Multi-Sport Weekend at Antelope Island

Antelope watching us



Friday night  
greeting  
committee



The massive buffalos on the island



The bighorn sheep were  
keeping their distance

Julie: The 4th annual Antelope Island Multi-Sport event was a great event! Ten or so of the campsites were occupied by campers Friday and Saturday night. Some clubbers arrived as early as THURSDAY to take advantage of the best weather we've had for this activity. The wildlife at antelope island never disappoints.



Janet and Pam talk over the Friday night campfire, while Kyle, John, Robin and others kick back

After a day full of activities, some folks had to return to town but about 30 or so hikers, bikers, and paddlers gathered at Campsite 8.

October 3-5, 2014





**John and Robin get the turkey fry started for our social gathering**



**The campsite fire pit was used to roast hot dogs and kabobs, and others brought an array of dishes, snacks, and deserts to share**

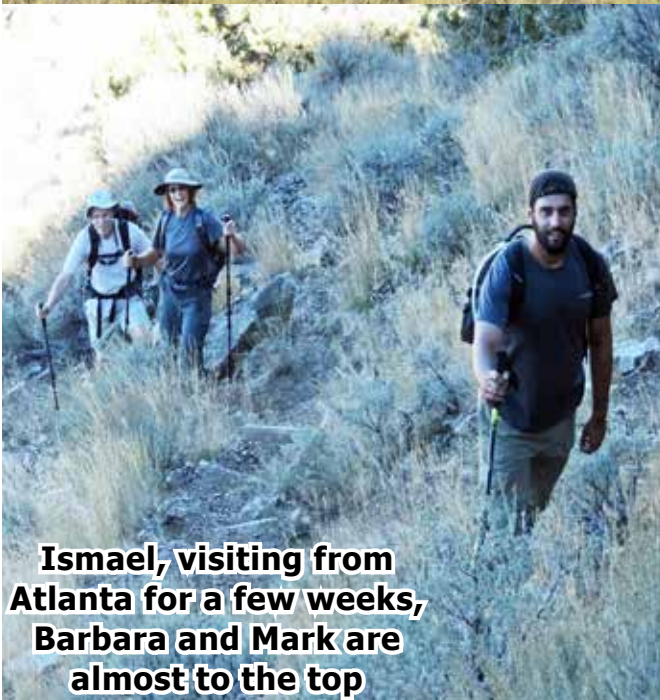


**Carol leads the group up the back side of the island, where the group enjoys the vast and beautiful views of the Great Salt Lake**

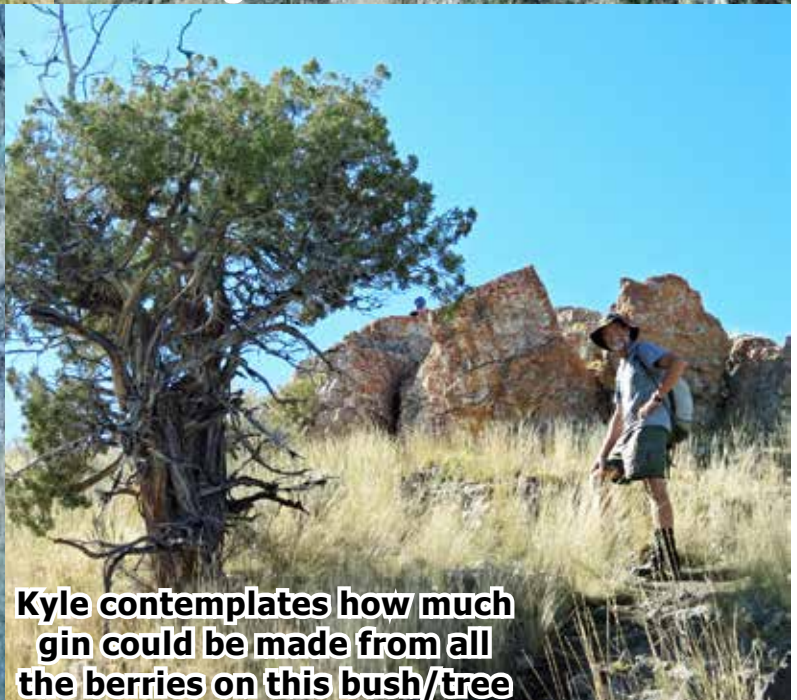


**Photos Credit: Julie Kilgore**

**The final approach to the summit is REALLY steep**



**Ismael, visiting from Atlanta for a few weeks, Barbara and Mark are almost to the top**



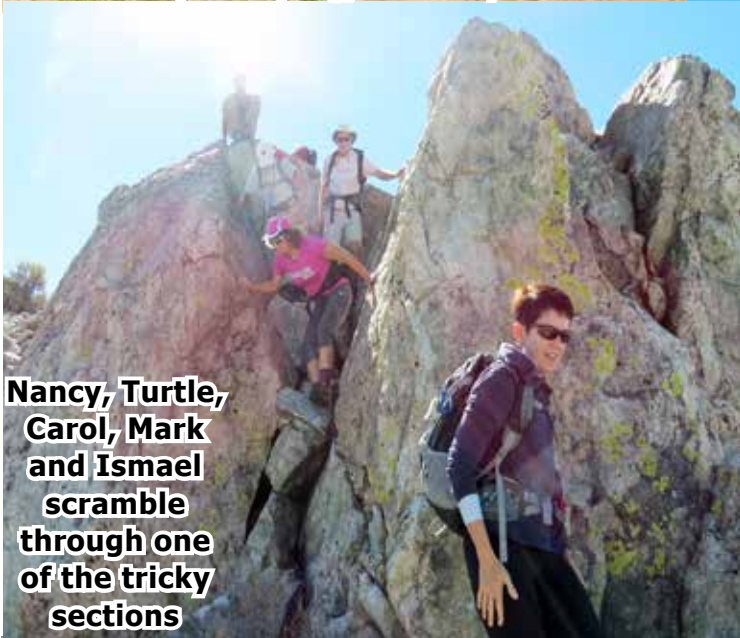
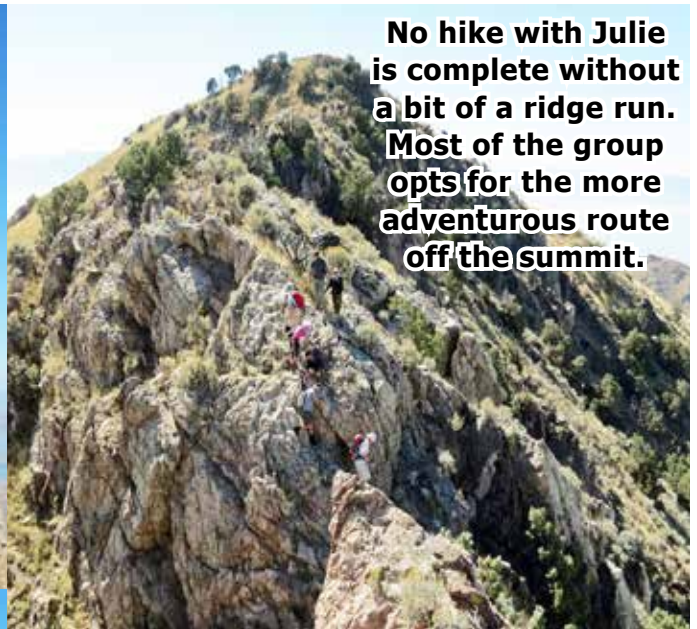
**Kyle contemplates how much gin could be made from all the berries on this bush/tree**

**The entire group makes the summit  
Standing: Kevin, Terry, Kyle, Dave,  
Ismael and Julie**



**Sitting: Turtle, Nancy, Janet, Mark,  
Giulia, Carol, Zig, Barbara, and Muhammed**

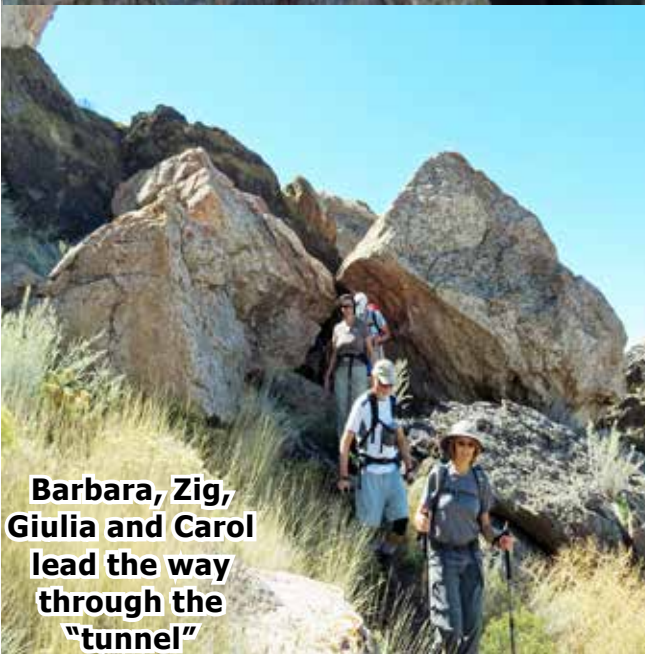
**No hike with Julie  
is complete without  
a bit of a ridge run.  
Most of the group  
opts for the more  
adventurous route  
off the summit.**



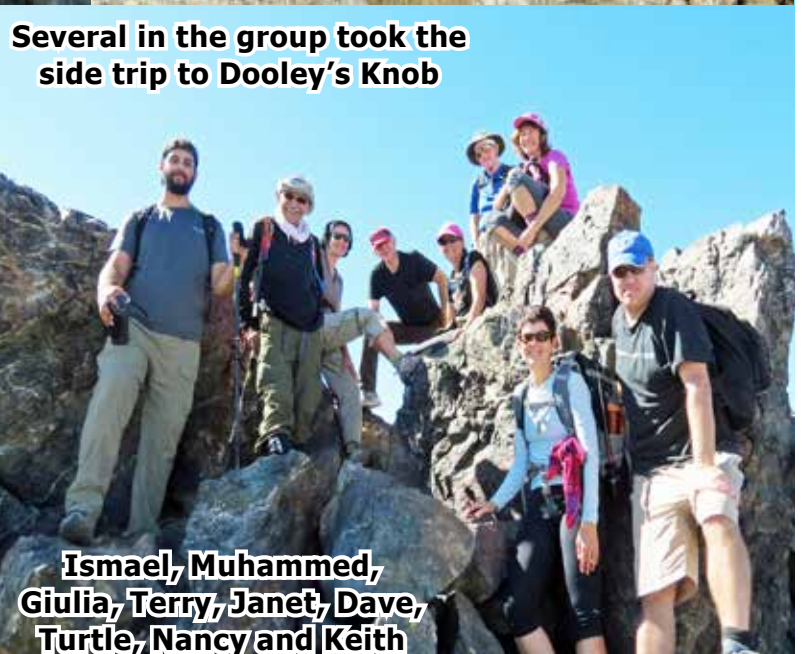
**Nancy, Turtle,  
Carol, Mark  
and Ismael  
scramble  
through one  
of the tricky  
sections**



**Turtle and Nancy are proud  
to have mastered the ridge**



**Barbara, Zig,  
Giulia and Carol  
lead the way  
through the  
"tunnel"**



**Several in the group took the  
side trip to Dooley's Knob**

**Ismael, Muhammed,  
Giulia, Terry, Janet, Dave,  
Turtle, Nancy and Keith**

**Boating Photos by Da Yang**

**Zig Sondelski getting ready to head out to join the group**



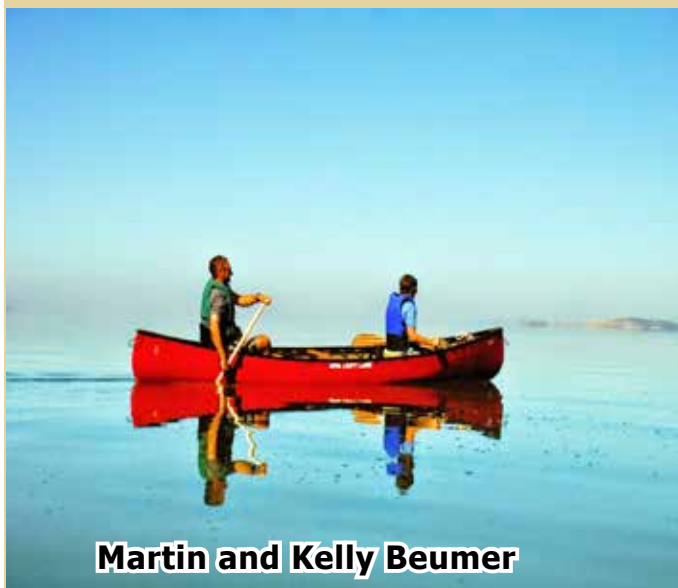
**Part of the group starting out**



**Larry Hall**



**John Schwed**



**Martin and Kelly Beumer**



**Kevin and Pam Stalnik**



**Girls just having fun**



**Determined paddlers**



**And more of the group  
leaving the harbor**



**Robin Perkins**



**Eileen Gidley in her Kayak with  
Kelly and Martin right behind her**

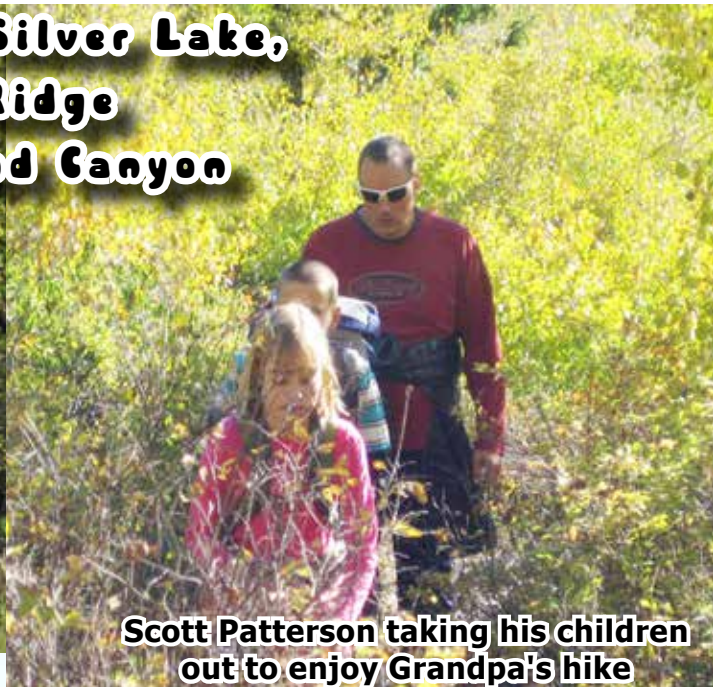


**Boat ramp with more of the  
group getting ready to head out**

**Russell Patterson's Hike to Silver Lake,  
Silver Glance Lake and the Ridge  
overlooking Little Cottonwood Canyon**

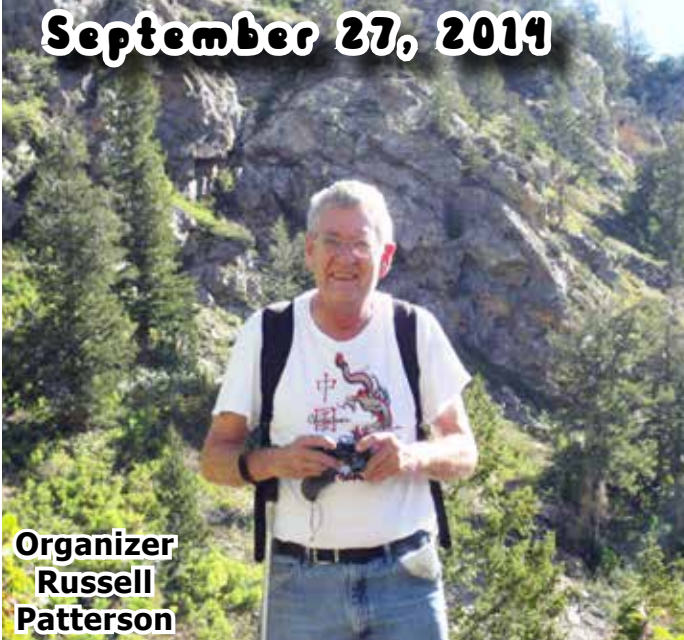


**Michelle and Tom**



**Scott Patterson taking his children  
out to enjoy Grandpa's hike**

**September 27, 2014**



**Organizer  
Russell  
Patterson**



**Silver Lake**



**Scott  
with  
his  
son  
Kessler**



**Silver Glance Lake**

**Photos by Akiko Kamimura**

# Mountain Biking in Dutch Hollow, Midway



L-R: Cheryl, Greg, Ryan, Jen and Colin



Cheryl Krusko



Jennifer Ritter and Lin Adler



L-R: Jen Ritter, Colin Ferguson, Ryan Cagan and Cheryl Krusko



Greg Libecci



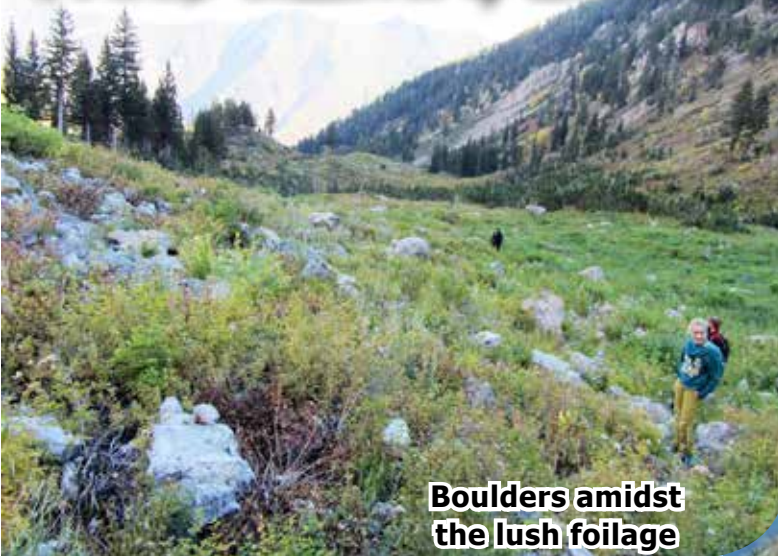
Ryan Cragun

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Nick Calas



# JERRY HATCH'S ALEXANDER BASIN HIKE



Boulders amidst the lush foilage



Stanley in front with Nancy and Michelle not far behind



Nancy and Julie enjoying the views atop Gobblers. Big Cottonwood Canyon in the background.

Stanley's group atop Gobblers, with Mt. Raymond and part of the Wildcat Ridge shown in the back



Chris, Michelle, and Yi converse together



What a view!

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L-R: Chris, Michelle, Yi, Julie, Nancy, Bela and Jane



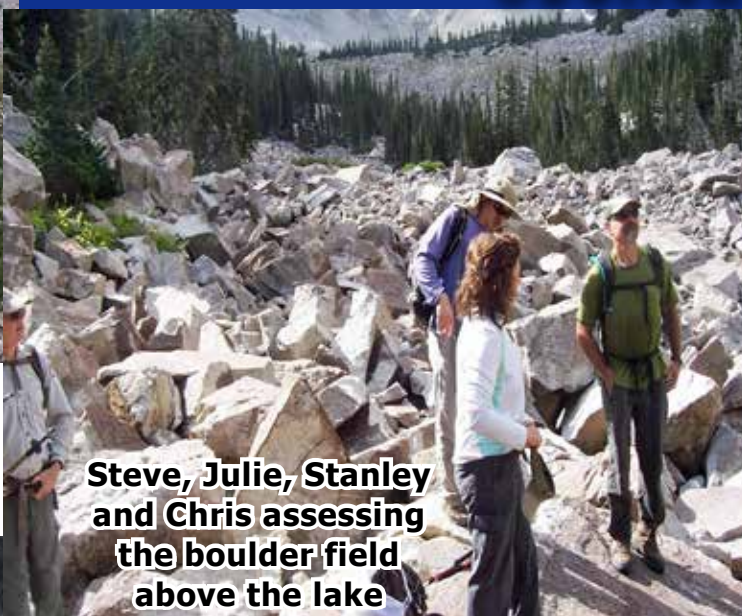
Lots of sunshine for the group on top

# Dave Kinnecom's Hogum Divide Obelisk



**A view of the ridge looking west from Maybird Lakes**

Dave: The Hogum Divide is a narrow ridge at about 10,000 foot elevation extending to the north from the north face of the Pfeifferhorn. It separates Maybird Gulch to the east and the



**Steve, Julie, Stanley and Chris assessing the boulder field above the lake**



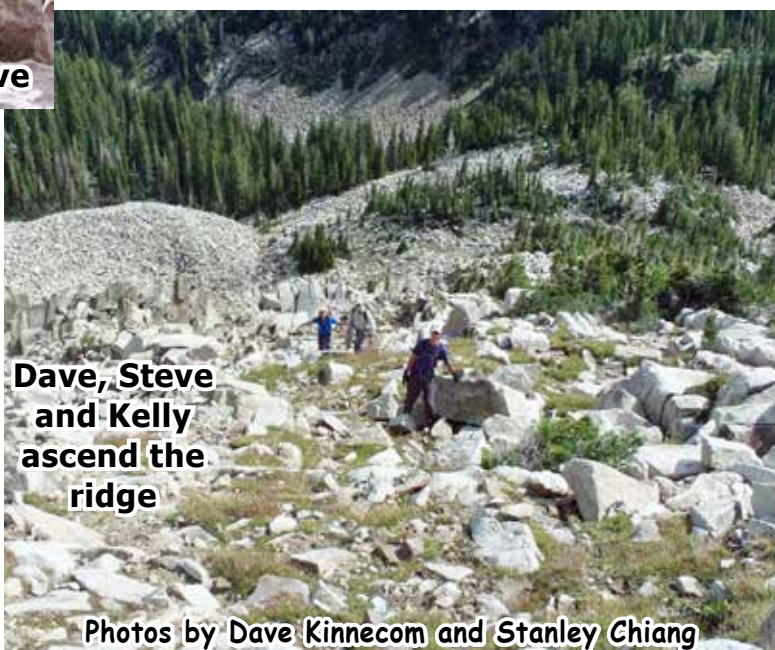
**Kelly and Steve**

Steve Duncan, Stanley Chiang, Kelly Phanco, Chris Ghicadus, Bob Grant, Julie Kilgore and Dave Kinnecom made up the second group. Bob decided to rest and enjoy the beautiful view at the Maybird Lakes, while the rest ascended via the rocky north end of the ridge. The two groups met briefly near the summit.

After photos at the Obelisk, the second group decided to descend via the hard way "just for fun." We traversed south along the knife edge of the ridge, requiring several exposed moves through the boulders, and then we dropped down a steep path towards the lakes.

Hogum Fork drainage to the west. The Obelisk is a scenic vertical spire of granite near the 10,516' summit on the ridge, always a beautiful and fun destination for a hike.

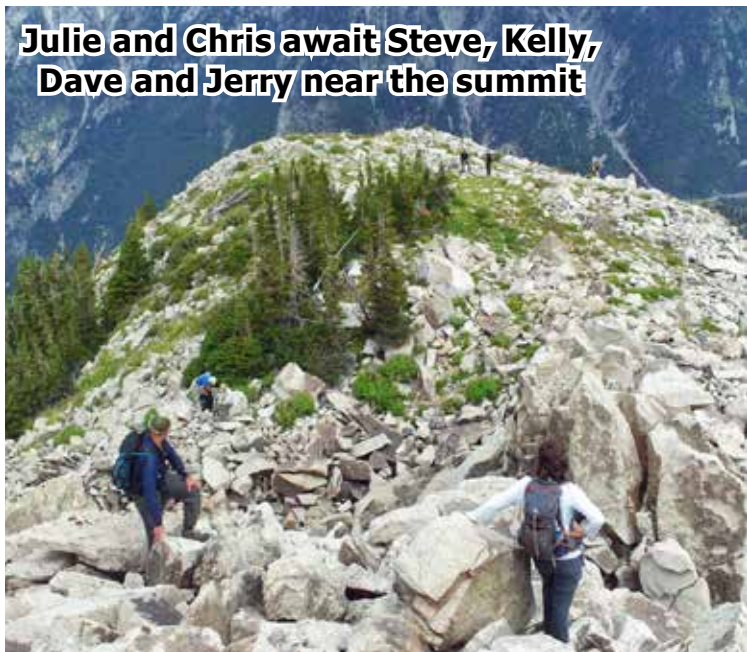
At the trailhead, our group decided to split into two, to conform to wilderness regulations and allow one group to move ahead at a face pace, while the other group took a more leisurely pace. In the first group were Brad Yates, Pierre Askmo, Shy Jansen and Jerry.



**Dave, Steve and Kelly ascend the ridge**

Photos by Dave Kinnecom and Stanley Chiang

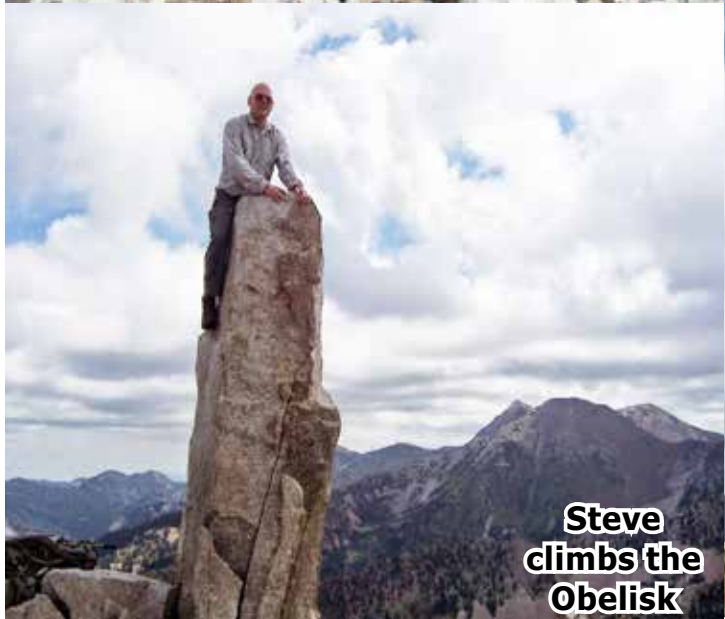
**Julie and Chris await Steve, Kelly, Dave and Jerry near the summit**



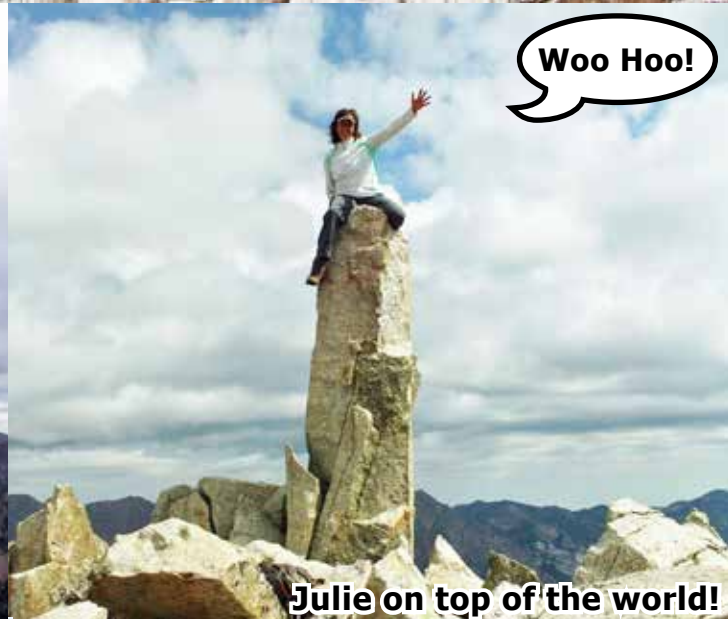
**Julie and Jerry looking out across Little Cottonwood Canyon**



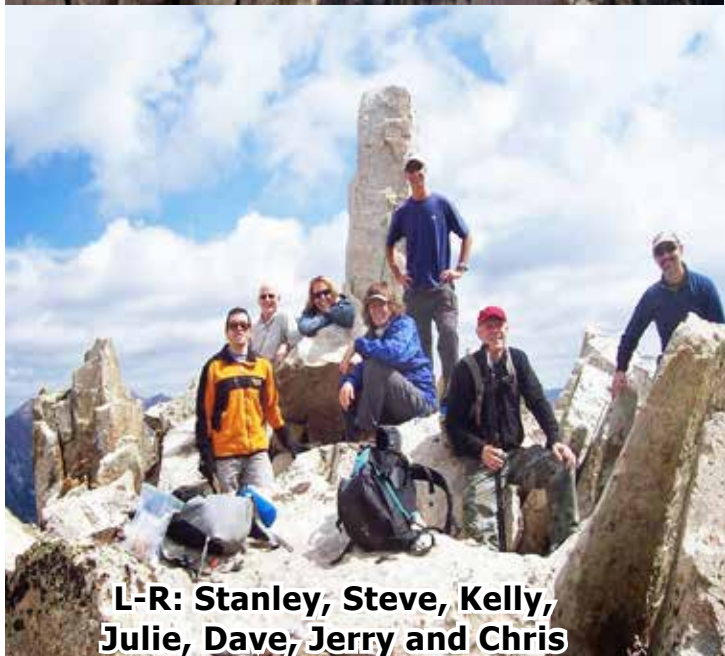
**Steve climbs the Obelisk**



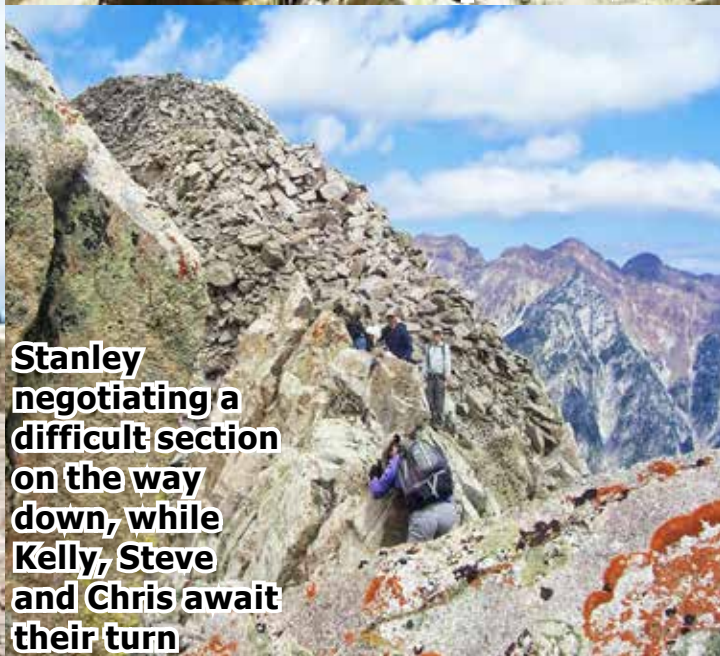
**Julie on top of the world!**



**L-R: Stanley, Steve, Kelly, Julie, Dave, Jerry and Chris**



**Stanley negotiating a difficult section on the way down, while Kelly, Steve and Chris await their turn**



**L-R: Matt DeLong, Sandra Hickey, Cassie Badowsky and Yi Qu with the North Summit Peak of Mt. Nebo in the background**



**L-R: Matt, Mohammed Raja, Yi Qu and Cassie on their way up to the summit**



Photos Credit: Yi Qu

**L-R: Yi Qu, Mohammed, Matt, Sandra and Cassie on their way up to the North Peak of the Tri-Summit of Mt. Nebo**



**L-R: Matt, Cassie, Sandra and Mohammed on top of the North Summit of Mt. Nebo**



**August 9, 2014**

## **Cassie Badowsky's Mt. Nebo Hike**



**Yi Qu happy to be on the summit**



**Cassie and Matt scrambling down from the summit of Mt. Nebo**



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*from the*  
**editor**

## FAINT TRAILS IN THE WASATCH

### FTW 93. Montezuma and Savage Mines

These two mines were recorded within a month of one another in the summer of 1870. Located about 700 feet above the Emma mine and only some three hundred feet apart, their development began immediately. By the end of the year both had shipped ore to west coast smelters. Although they were owned by separate groups of men, their close proximity caused reporters to refer to them as two parts of a single mine. Their independence soon faded, however, as they faced similar problems. Both were being developed from their discovery shafts, and as they followed their lodes deeper, they ran into problems with bad air and water. In the spring of 1871 it was announced the owners would construct a tunnel to tap the workings at or below the bottom of the shafts to providing drainage as well as good ventilation. They also announce the construction of a tramway to carry ore down to a wagon road, as well as to carry supplies up to the mines. Details of this tramway were never given, but it must have been a rail tram, where cars rode on a track, tethered by a cable to a winch or to another car traveling in the opposite direction. This type of tramway was used before aerial tramways became accepted. In fact, the Montezuma and Savage tramway was operating several months before the much acclaimed Vallejo mine's aerial tramway. A number of rail tramways were installed and operated in the Wasatch during these early years of the mining, such as at the Flagstaff, Davenport, Reed & Benson, and Rustler mines. When the Emma claim was surveyed for patent in August of 1871 the surveyor included the Montezuma and Savage tramway on his map, running from a point between the two mines to a lower terminal at the end of the Emma mine road. The tramway continued to serve the mines for nearly twenty years.

In September of 1872 the newly formed Winsor Utah Silver Mines company of Detroit, Michigan, purchased the Montezuma and Savage mines, as well as the Hiawatha and Last Chance mines in the immediate vicinity. The four mines became known as the Winsor group. The new company sent its own men as Superintendent and General Manager and began operations with a vengeance. Tunnels were driven from the Savage to the other three mines so ore could be taken out through a single portal, close to the tramway. Another tunnel was reported being driven farther down the slope, a common activity to tap a lode at depth, and provide an easier and more convenient way to remove ore and waste rock from the mine, as well as to provide drainage without pumping. The location of the tunnel was not identified, but was



Fig. 1. Montezuma mine dump is in the foreground; the tramway terminal was at the center of the bench, the Savage mine was at the far end of the bench. The Albion Basin road is below at right, Grizzly Gulch is at the left.



Fig. 2. Montezuma incline dump; the portal is on the right at the far end of the dump.

surely at what was later known as the Montezuma Incline. The company also built a boarding house, ore bin and other buildings to allow work to continue throughout the winter. But by the end of the next year the company was failing to cover its expenses. After that period of poor performance a local miner was put in charge. Although he managed to improve operations, rebuild the force of miners and to pay expenses, he could not solve all the problems. They were not seated at the mines, but rather at the company offices in Michigan, and went back to the formation of the company. They revolved about the man who promoted and formed the Winsor mining company, Harvey D. Winsor.

In the 1870 United States Census, twenty-four year old Winsor was a clerk in a Detroit store, but he soon advanced to being a stock and mining broker. It was in this position that he convinced Detroit businessmen to invest in Utah mines through the mining company with his name. Shares in the four

mines, Montezuma, Savage, Hiawatha and Last Chance, were purchased by the company for generous amounts of money. Whether it was paid in cash or corporate shares is not known; the deeds imply it was in currency. Except for his surname used in the title of the company, Harvey D. Winsor's full name never appeared in any of these transactions, nor in the press – until mid-June 1875 after he had mysteriously disappeared, leaving notes for sizeable amounts on which names of several prominent citizens had been forged. He had been involved in several other enterprises with similar results, and soon found himself in a Buffalo, New York, jail. His mining investors took steps of their own to recoup their losses. Their first action was to call a stockholder's meeting in September 1875 where it was resolved to deliver a trust deed to secure payment of company debts, not to exceed \$40,000, that amount believed to be the extent of the forged documents. If the debts were not paid in two months time, the trustees were empowered to sell the company's properties. The second action was to relocate the abandoned Little Cottonwood tunnel. It had been started in 1871 and driven 500 feet into the mountain. Since it was headed toward the Winsor group of claims it would be invaluable for future operations. The relocation was



Fig. 3. Buckland tunnel dump, with the Albion Basin road in the left background.

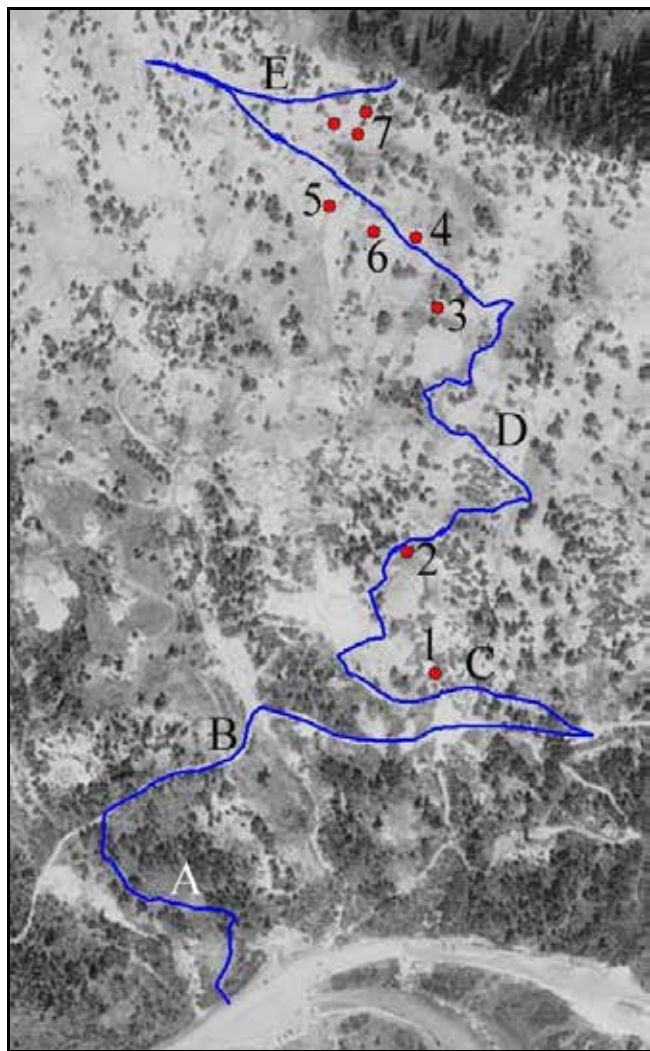


Fig. 4. This map shows roads, trails and places of importance in the article. For reference, A is the hiker's access trail from the highway in Alta to the Grizzly Gulch road B, and C is the lower portion of the Flagstaff road. The remaining legends are mentioned in the text.

made by another Detroit businessman, Don C. Buckland, surely another investor in the Winsor company, who renamed it after himself. This was the only mining activity to carry his name in the Wasatch mining scene.

Of course the terms of the trust were not satisfied, so the trustees foreclosed and sold the mines at public sale. The two men who purchased the properties also had been investors in Winsor's scheme. Several months later the Montezuma Silver Mining Company of Utah was incorporated, and the two men transferred the properties into it. Both became principals in the new company, one of them as president. While it might seem most of these activities were little more than a charade, they did serve to allow the mines to continue operating unburdened by past personalities and situations. And continue they did; the Montezuma company operated continuously throughout the remainder of the nineteenth century, even through the years of the 1890 doldrums. In 1906 the properties were sold to the newly formed Emma Copper Company, and while the Montezuma name still remains, the company faded away, still honorable to the end.

Figure 4 shows trails and points of interest for the Montezuma mines. The most important trail is D, leaving the Flagstaff road above the Emma mine (1) and climbing steeply through all the Montezuma sites. This trail is frequently used by hikers, so its point of departure from the road is quite obvious. As it climbs it passes the Buckland tunnel (2), whose dump escaped the rework activities of the mid twentieth century and still has its original shape. Farther up the dump from the Montezuma Incline (3) is on the west side of the trail, and still higher are parts of the Savage (4) and Montezuma (5) mines, with the site of the upper terminal for their tramway between them (6). At its upper end the trail joins another trail that went from the Flagstaff mine to the Eclipse mine in Days Fork via the west bowl of Silver Fork, E in the figure. The three points (7) are the sites of the Last Chance, Hiawatha and Hiawatha NE, respectively, from left to right.

# Knick Knickerbocker's

## Exploratory Days Fork to St. Louis Tunnel Hike

Roger Young  
with Bob Grant  
following as we  
started up the  
Days Fork Trail

September 14, 2014

Turning off of the  
Days Fork Trail

Photos by  
Knick Knickerbocker and  
Terry Baker

L-R: Knick,  
Terry, Bob,  
Roger and Efeta

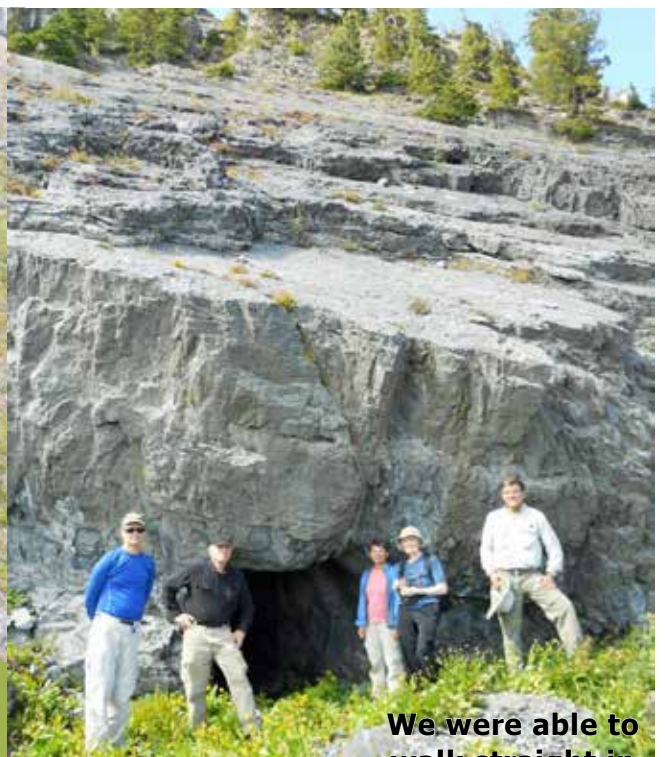
Now we're climbing  
the wall--1,000 ft. of  
elevation gain in one  
mile to the tunnel!

Time for a break--Knick  
is tired. We better wait  
for our organizer.

Almost there  
--you can see  
the Days Fork  
trail in the  
background--  
it runs along  
the light green  
area below



Yippie!  
I made it!



We were able to walk straight in about 150 yards (with flashlights) turn around and still see the entrance



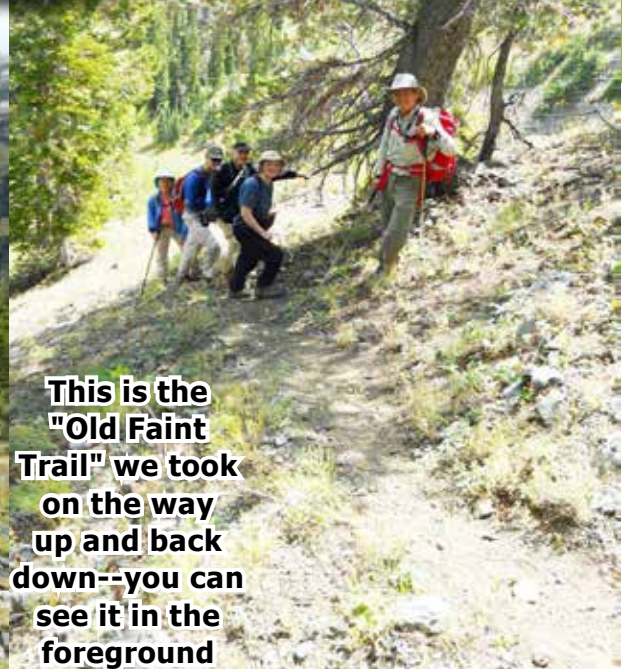
Inside the tunnel is this old wood barrel full of clear water from a drip above. It may have been an old nail keg - about 18 inches tall.



This view will give you a sense of the steepness we hiked up



Getting ready to head back down. Oh, my knees aren't going to like this!

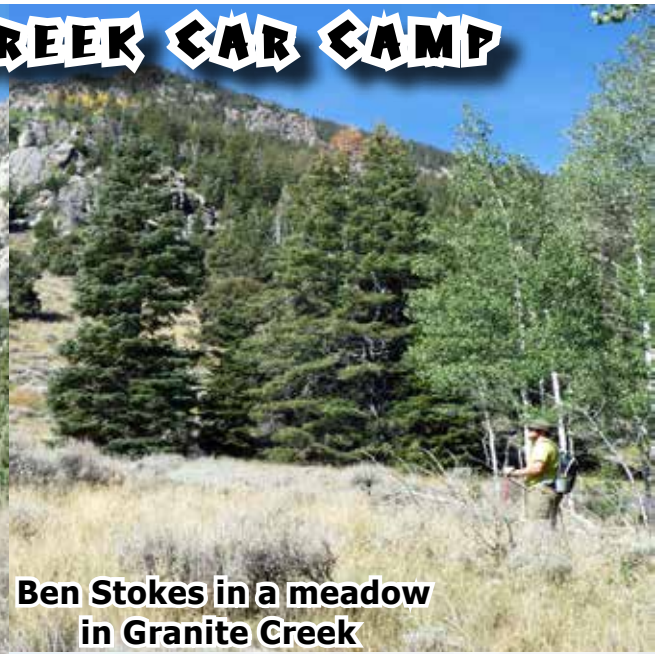


This is the "Old Faint Trail" we took on the way up and back down--you can see it in the foreground

# **DONN SEELEY'S DEEP CREEK CAR CAMP**



**Fall colors in Granite Creek  
in the Deep Creek Range**



**Ben Stokes in a meadow  
in Granite Creek**



**Frank Nederhand snaps a photo  
of Ibapah Peak from the park  
at the top of Granite Creek**



**Frank takes a break on  
the ridge at 11,000'**

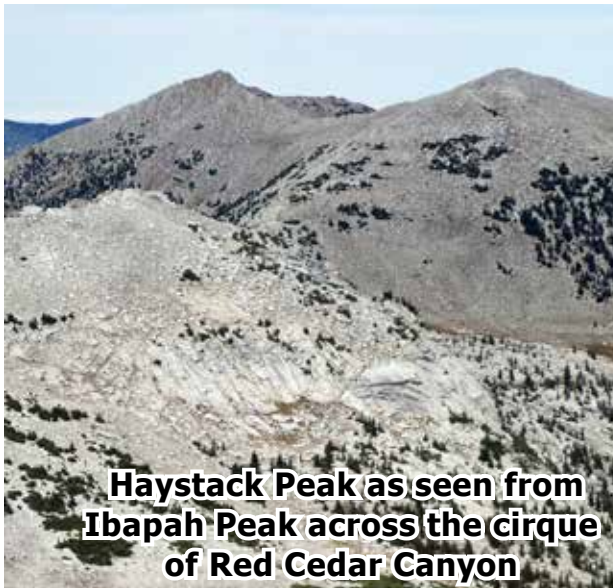
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**Red Mountain towers over the  
park area in Granite Creek**



**Ben and Frank take cover from the  
wind at 12,000' on Ibapah Peak**



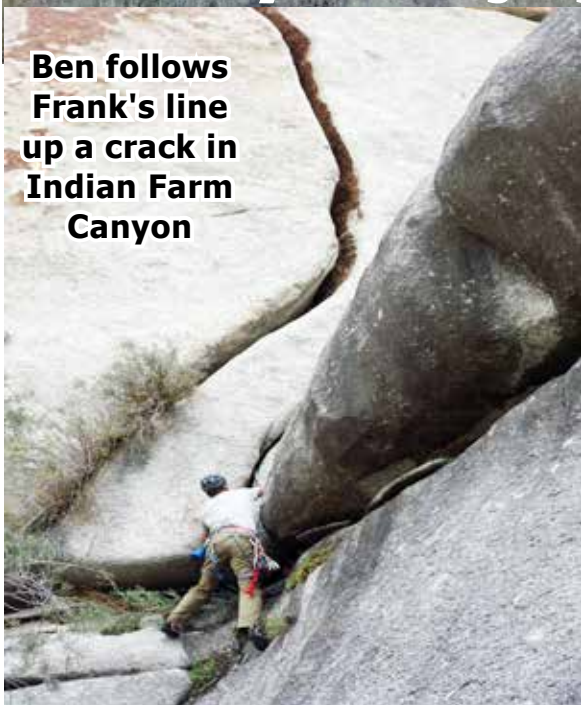
**Haystack Peak as seen from Ibapah Peak across the cirque of Red Cedar Canyon**



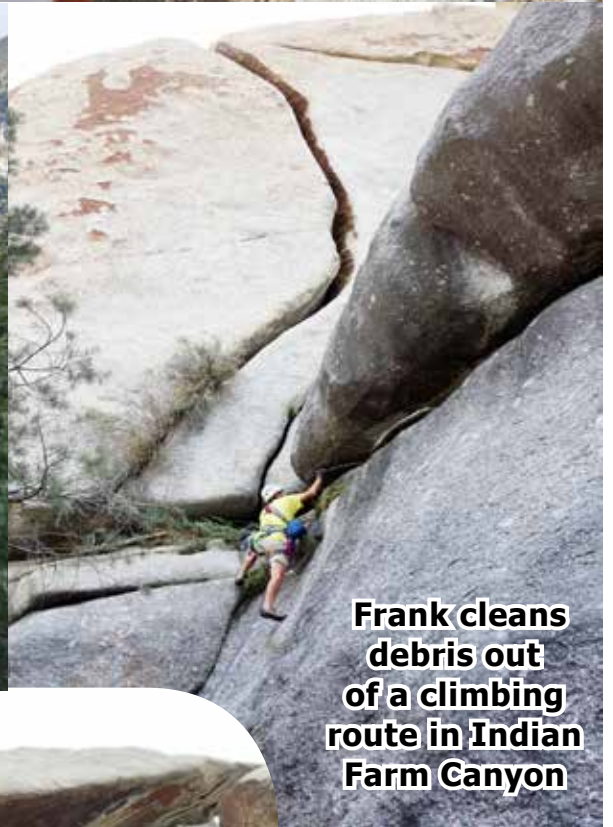
**Donn stops to show his new camera to Ben (the photographer) while descending Ibapah Peak**



**Frank descends the Granite Creek trail against a backdrop of Ibapah Peak in moody afternoon lighting**



**Ben follows Frank's line up a crack in Indian Farm Canyon**



**Frank cleans debris out of a climbing route in Indian Farm Canyon**



**Not a modern art installation, but rather bizarrely sculpted rock formations in Indian Farm Canyon in the Deep Creek Range**

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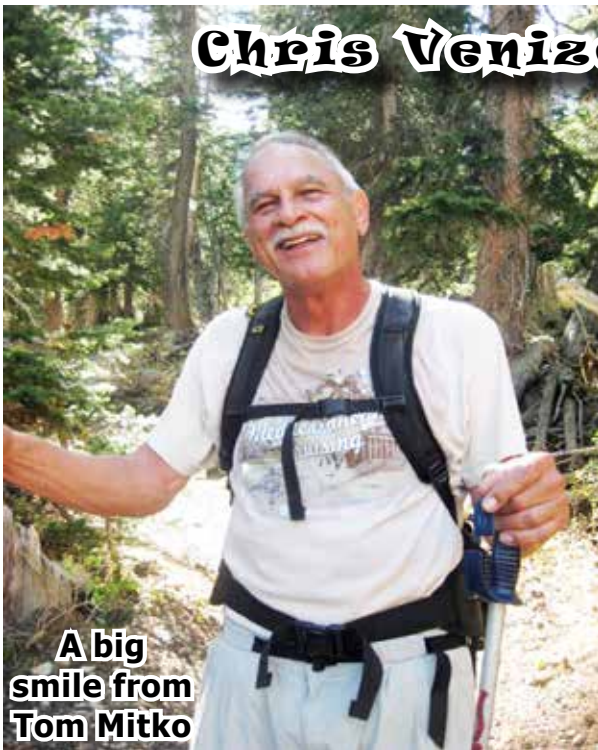
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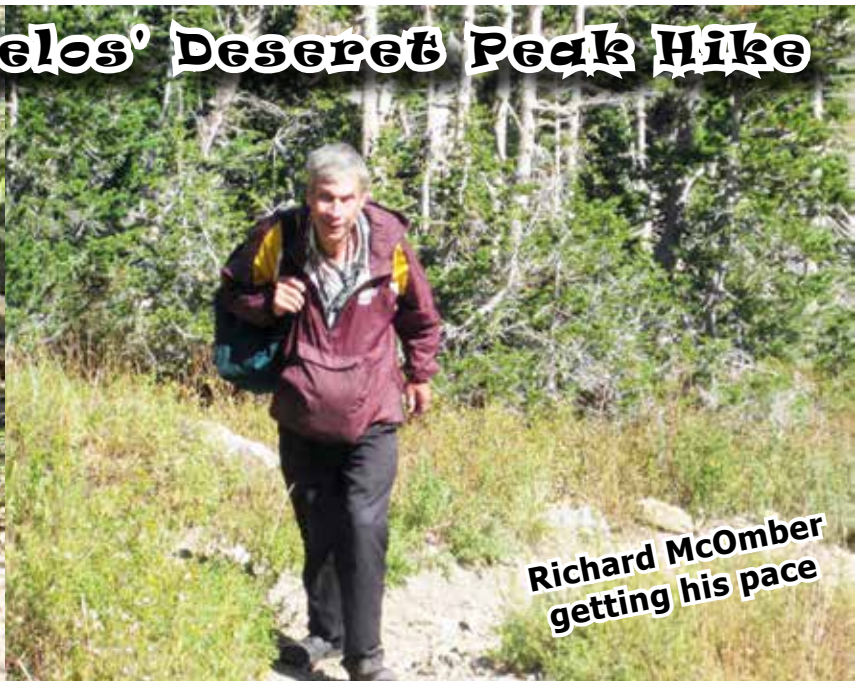
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# Chris Venizelos' Desert Peak Hike



A big smile from Tom Mitko



Richard McOmber getting his pace



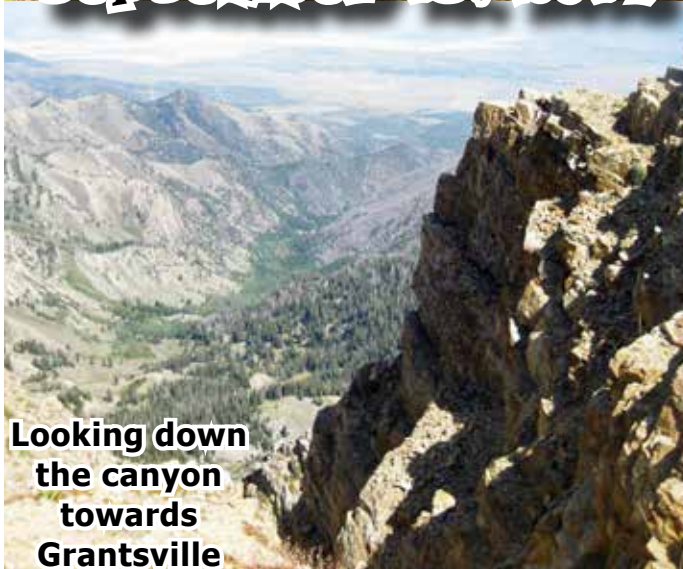
Our leader, Chris Venizelos



Photos by Akiko Kamimura

Yi Qu tackling a steep part

September 13, 2014



Looking down the canyon towards Grantsville



Front: Tom Mitko. Back: (L-R) Nancy Martin, Julie Kilgore, Yi Qu, Brenda Suta, Luce Forte, Akiko Kamimura and Chris Venizelos

## **Rick Thompson's Trip to Upper and Lower Black Boxes, Jewels of the San Rafael Swell (September 12-14, 2014)**

On Friday afternoon, the 12th of September, nine of us headed out for the San Rafael Swell to meet at the campground at the San Rafael Bridge, just below the outstanding Buckhorn Wash Petroglyph Panel. Richie Schwarz, a canyoneering WMC member from California, joined Rick Thompson and Tony Hellman, with Zig Sondelski and Barbara Boehme rolling in about 2 a.m., after Zig's 9 p.m. arrival at the Salt Lake City International Airport. Some last minute cancellation openings were filled by Rick's son, Michael, and two of his chronies, Mark and Jason. We pulled out reasonably early in the morning and headed down the Mexican Mountain Road to do the longer of the two Black Boxes, the upper. We still hadn't seen Anja Wadman, our local BLM ranger member out of Price who was to co-lead the trip. When Anja joined us that night in camp we learned that the road in had disabled her Subaru, and she spent the evening getting back home to get her vehicle to the garage and getting it transferred over to another vehicle.

There are several ways to do various stretches of the Lower Box. Shane Burrows' popular "Climb Utah" website outlines a short version which requires a triple digit rappel to get in, and Mid-Box where there are high walls. We dropped in at the regular BLM trailhead at the top which meant a long day (10-12 hours), depending on water levels in the river. We had been keeping an eye on the water levels all week--the massive storms of Monday and Tuesday had flooded the Boxes, and the river had hit a high of 500 CFS. For a little perspective Steve Allen, the Utah canyoneering pioneer, recommends not attempting the Boxes if the flow is over 25 CFS. By Friday when we left home it was down to 40, so we felt pretty good about the conditions not being too rowdy.

The first hour from the trailhead takes you over to the rim where you are left finding a route between cliff faces, down the 600 foot vertical drop to the river. We spread out and freelanced several routes in--some a little more challenging than others--until we all ended up together at the river's edge, ready to hit it.

Three hours in we were still carrying our wetsuits and had yet to get wet as we boulder hopped and bush whacked down the river, rock hopping across it several times in the process. Finally it narrowed up, so we stopped and suited up, dropping into the river for the remaining miles. The water was dark and muddy, making it impossible to see where you were stepping, or to avoid large rocks just under the water's surface. A hiking stick, or two, was mandatory, and those who had not brought one from home quickly found sticks or branches in the flotsom along the way to use. The fresh mud, gooey and sticky, was frequently over our boot tops (ranging from mid-shin to knee deep in places) and made it slow going and required some effort.

A friend I talked to after the trip, who had done it a few weeks earlier when it was much drier and with a flow near 10 CFS, related the hike being an easy stroll, much of it on solid, dry ground. They had a shorter hike, dropping in much lower in the canyon than we did, which necessitated rappelling in, missing out on all of the mud we waded through would not have hurt our feelings. It will be interesting to do it again under those more stable conditions, making it a little less work and getting back to camp before dark, in less than the nine hours it took us.

It was a lot of fun that included some casual swimming, or effortlessly floating along on your back, and pack, as well as some interesting scrambling, as we negotiated a large current swept boulder jam. Finally the walls relented, and the casual half an hour stroll up a side canyon to the end of the road and our shuttled cars was a marked contrast to the effort it had taken us to reach the river earlier. Back in camp dinner in the dark was sweet, and we found Anja there waiting for us. Unfortunately, we had dropped five of the original group of eight who were too trashed to contemplate another such effort the next day.

Although the shorter Lower Box was supposed to be easier and take less time, the trick here proved to be just getting to the trailhead. Where reaching the take-out on Saturday had required some fancy and careful driving from Barbara to get her Subaru in that far, the road to the Lower Box Trailhead was a hard-core, high clearance, serious 4WD only affair, no Subie's or SUV's need apply. We hammered Richie's old beater lifted Tacoma and Rick's venerable Jeep.

It took us approximately an hour and a half to pick our way the six miles in to the trailhead, and quickly dashed any thought of running a shuttle over to the take-out. We would try to find an alleged opposite bank trail from the exit to hike back to our cars there at the put in. This exit trail, BTW, proved to be easy to find and a relative breeze to walk; we made it back to our drop-in point in just a shade over an hour. A good decision! After the two mile road hike from the cars, and a short and very mild scramble down a short gully (unlike the precious day), we suited up immediately upon reaching the water. The Lower Box was more focused, going right to water, and swimming, as it walled up at the entry point. We had a few more rock piles and boulder jams, but nothing as interesting as the big one in upper. The mud was still an issue, but despite being worked from the day before we powered through it ok, and by late afternoon found ourselves picking our way through a dense Tammy Grove to a weakness in the wall where it was apparent there was an escape outlet. The trail was decent, though thin in places, and we found our drop-in point on the other side with no trouble, and we were soon slogging back up the two mile road to the cars. We were happy to have gotten out in the daylight; it turned out to be seven hours from car to car.

A solid weekend with two memorable hikes. Submitted by Rick Thompson.

**Photos on pages 37-39 by Mark Long**

**The group approaching Upper Black Box Canyon**

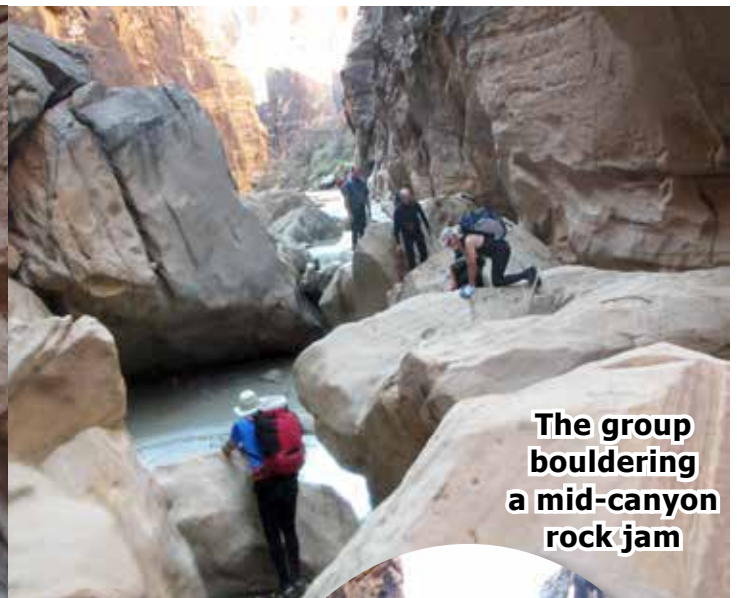


**Jason Cazier on the Rim of Upper Black Box Canyon**

**Rock hopping the wide open top section of Upper Black Box Canyon**



**Rick Thompson  
surveying a  
rock jam**



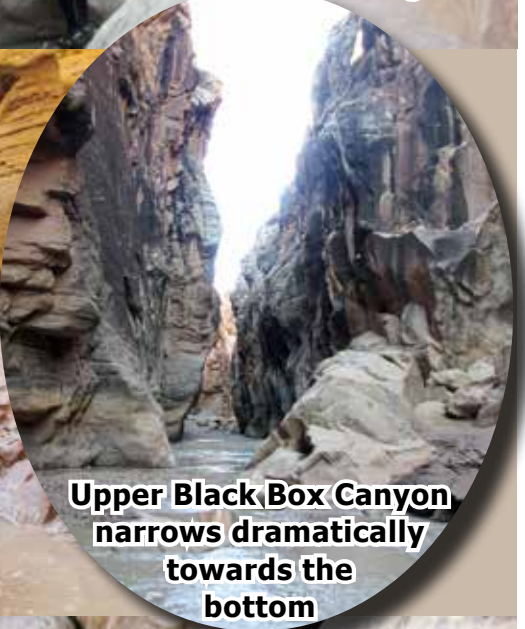
**The group  
bouldering  
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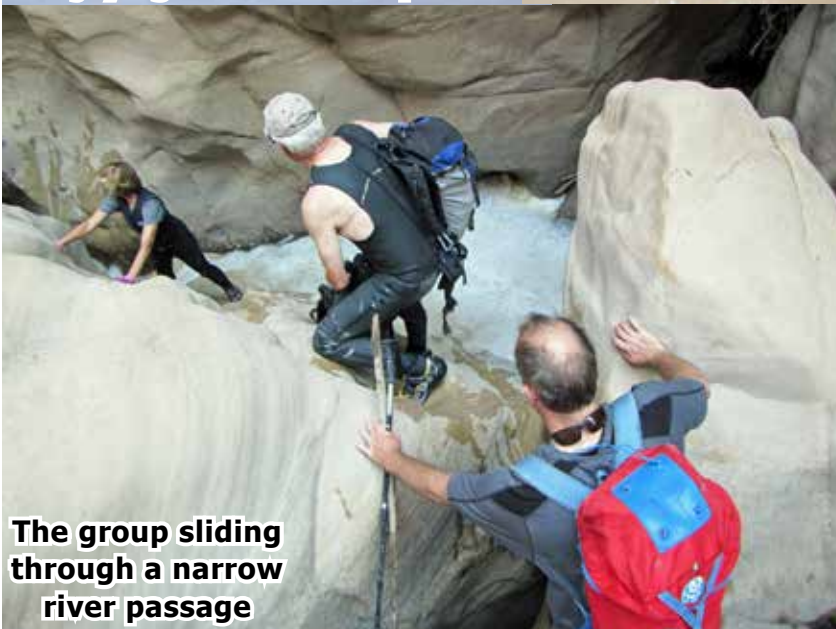
**Zig Sondelski & Barbara Boehme  
enjoying the suction cup mud**



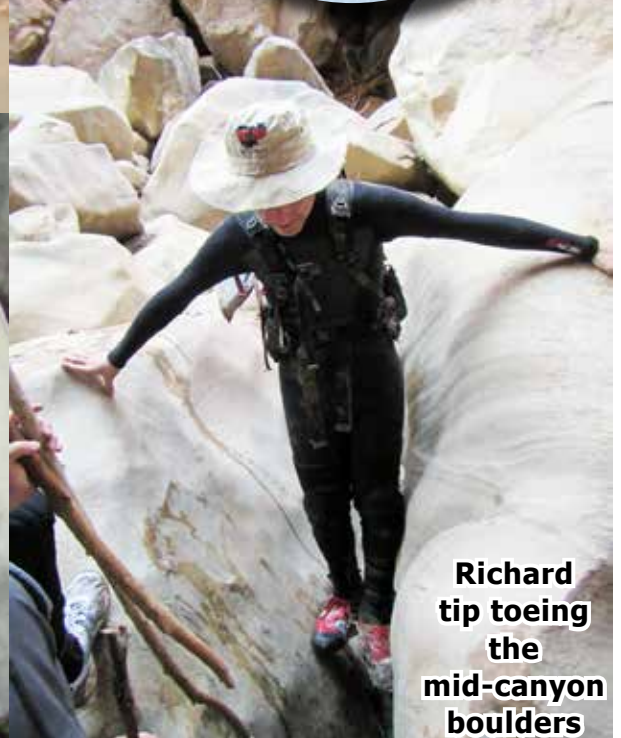
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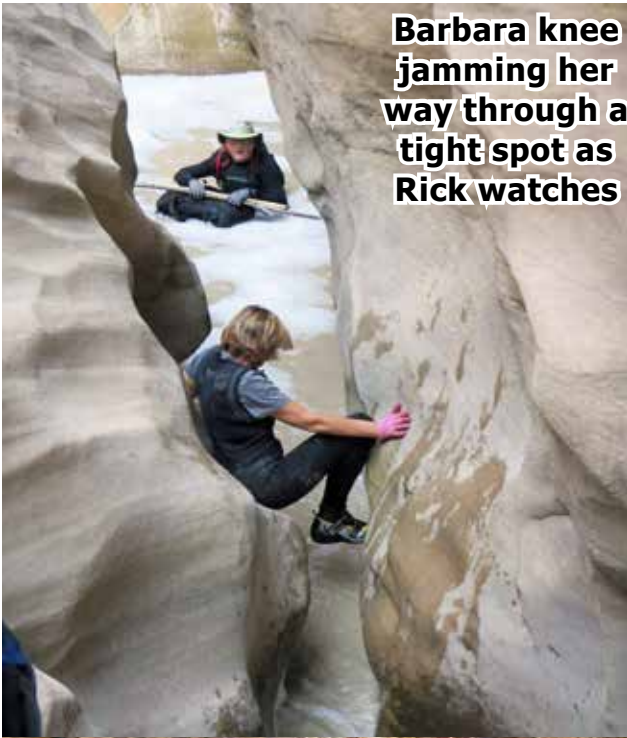
**Upper Black Box Canyon  
narrows dramatically  
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**The group sliding  
through a narrow  
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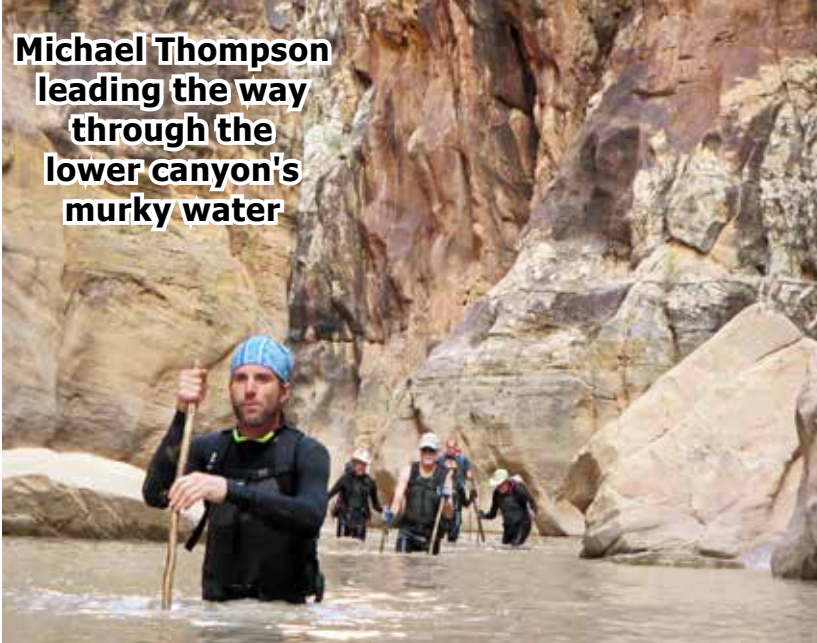
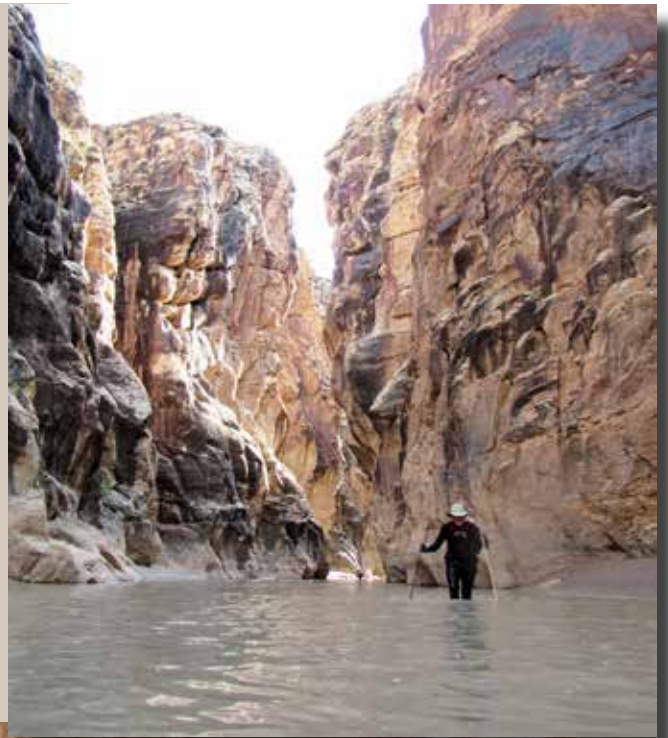


**Richard  
tip toeing  
the  
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boulders**

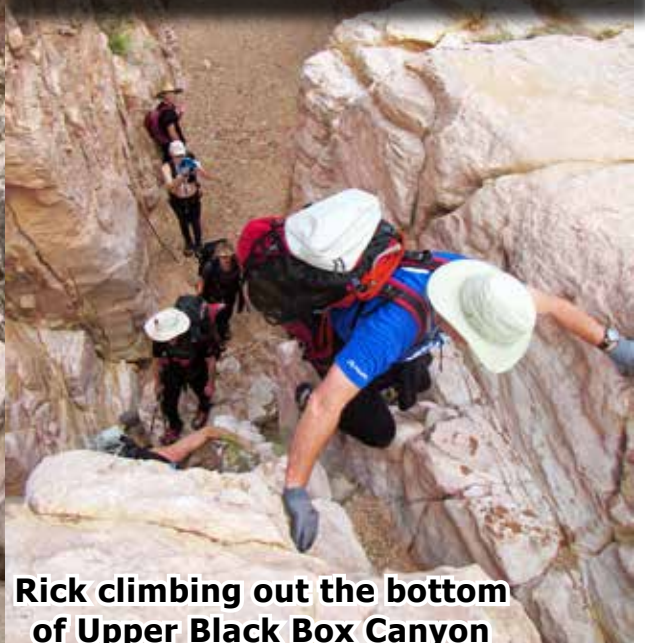


**Barbara knee jamming her way through a tight spot as Rick watches**

**Rick trudging Upper Black Box Canyon's muddy water**



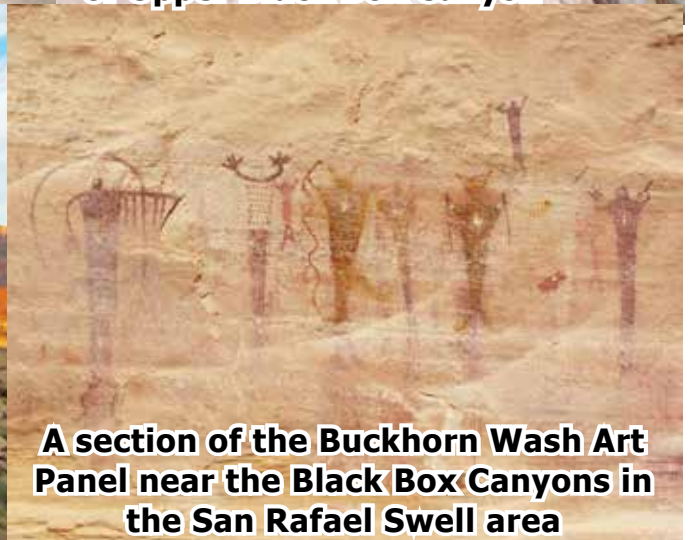
**Michael Thompson leading the way through the lower canyon's murky water**



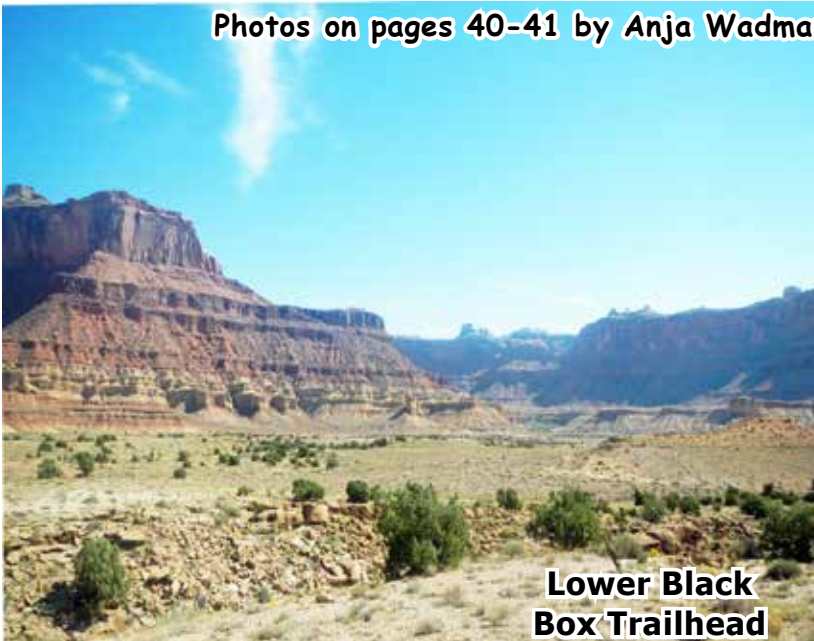
**Rick climbing out the bottom of Upper Black Box Canyon**



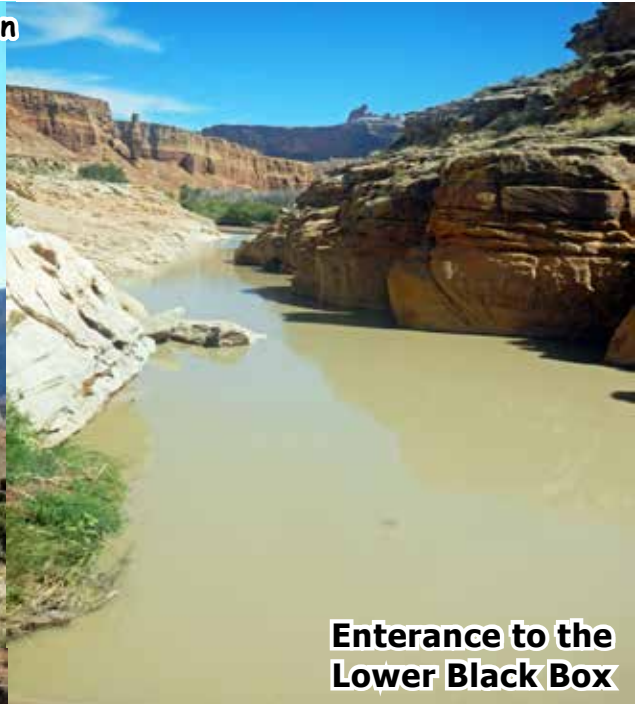
**Catching the sunset on the departure hike from Upper Black Box Canyon**



**A section of the Buckhorn Wash Art Panel near the Black Box Canyons in the San Rafael Swell area**



**Lower Black  
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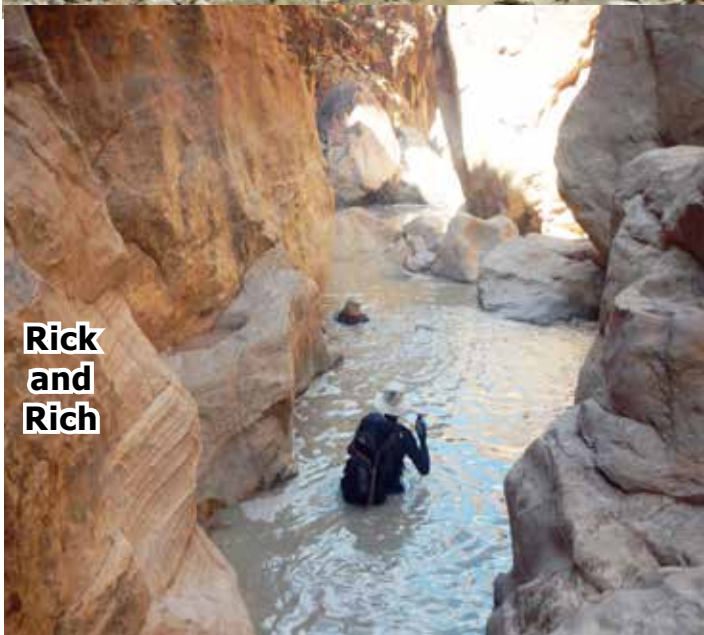
**Entrance to the  
Lower Black Box**



**The guys  
getting ready  
to get wet**



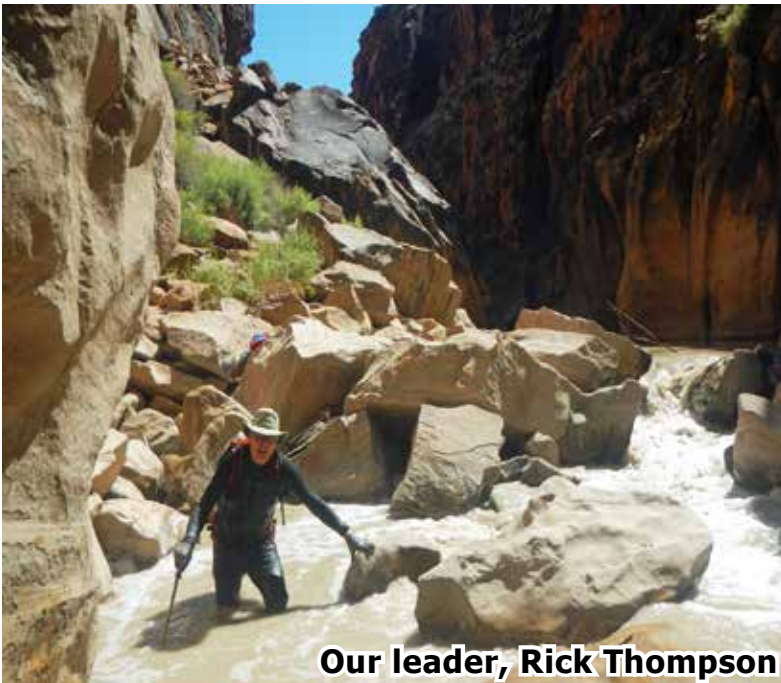
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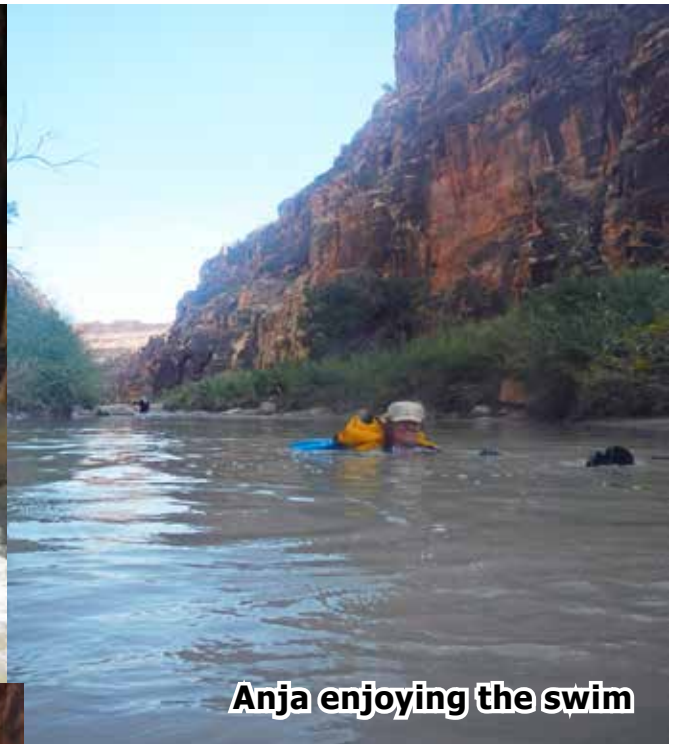
**Rick  
and  
Rich**



**A natural dam we had to climb over**



**Our leader, Rick Thompson**



**Anja enjoying the swim**



**L-R: Rick,  
Anja and Rich  
enjoying a  
snack break**



**Our exit  
from the  
Lower  
Black Box**

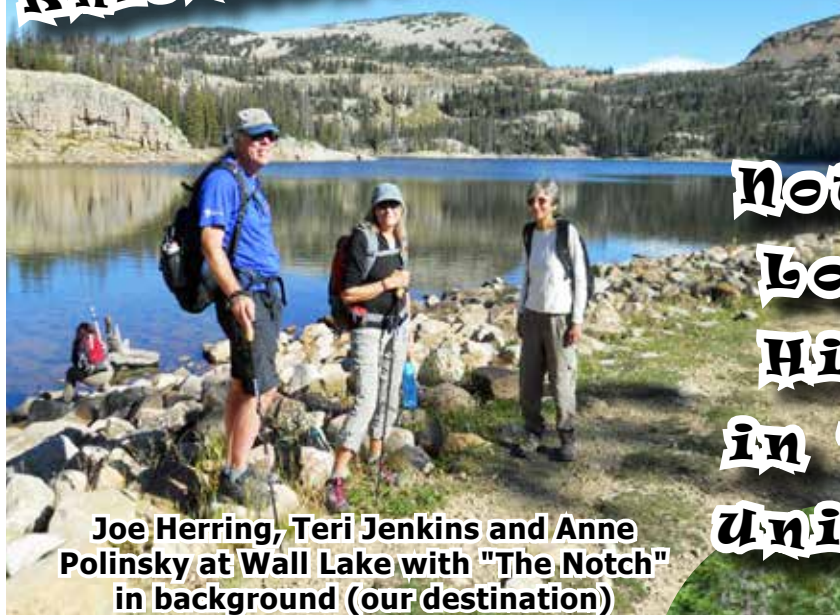


**Anja taking  
in the  
beautiful  
scenery**



**Crossing the San Rafael River**

# Knick Knickerbocker's

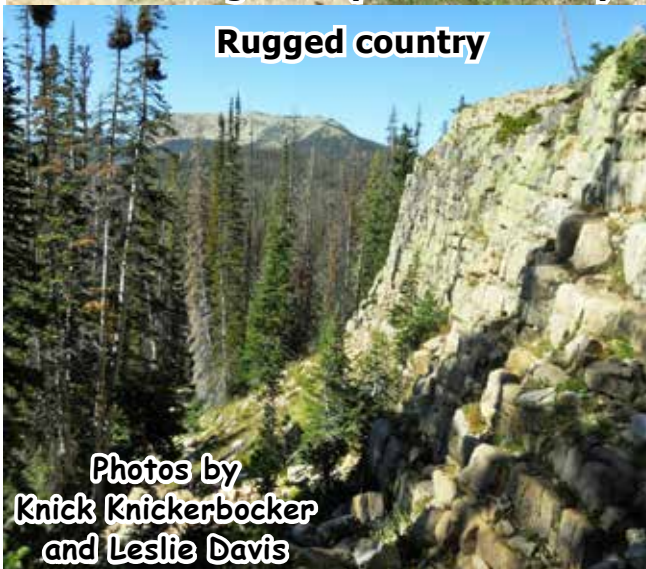


Joe Herring, Teri Jenkins and Anne Polinsky at Wall Lake with "The Notch" in background (our destination)

## Notch Loop Hike in the Uintas



Mark Jones



Rugged country

Photos by Knick Knickerbocker and Leslie Davis

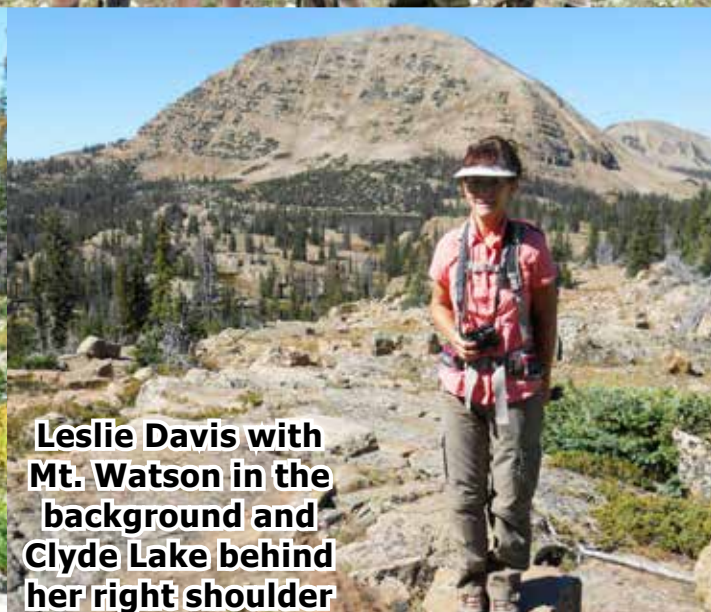


L-R: Mark, Erin, Anne, Leslie and Knick

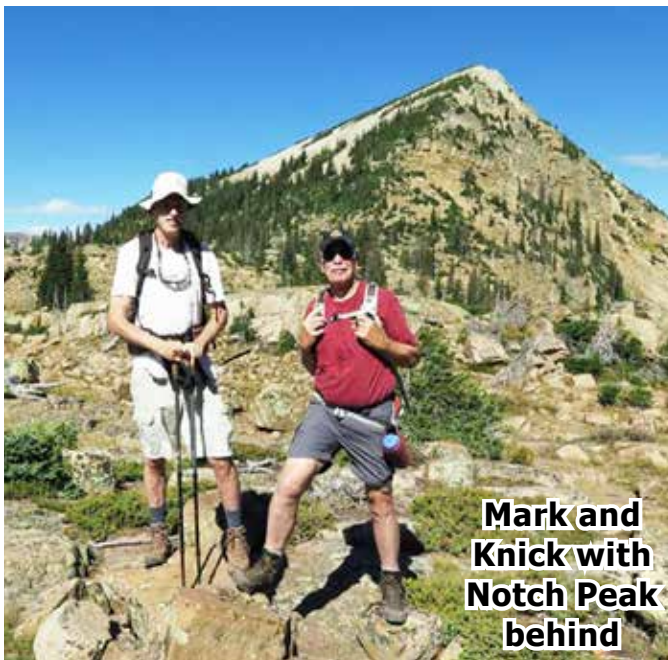
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Beautiful day in the Uintas



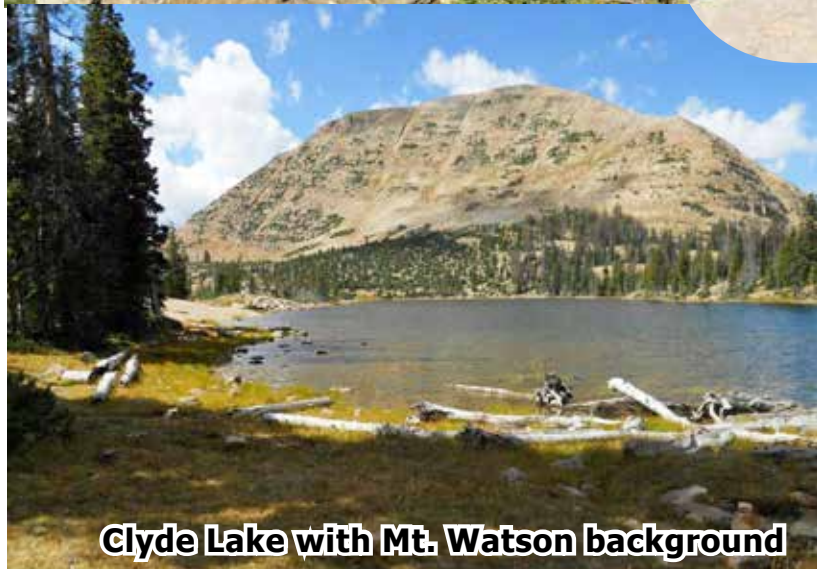
Leslie Davis with Mt. Watson in the background and Clyde Lake behind her right shoulder



**Mark and  
Knick with  
Notch Peak  
behind**



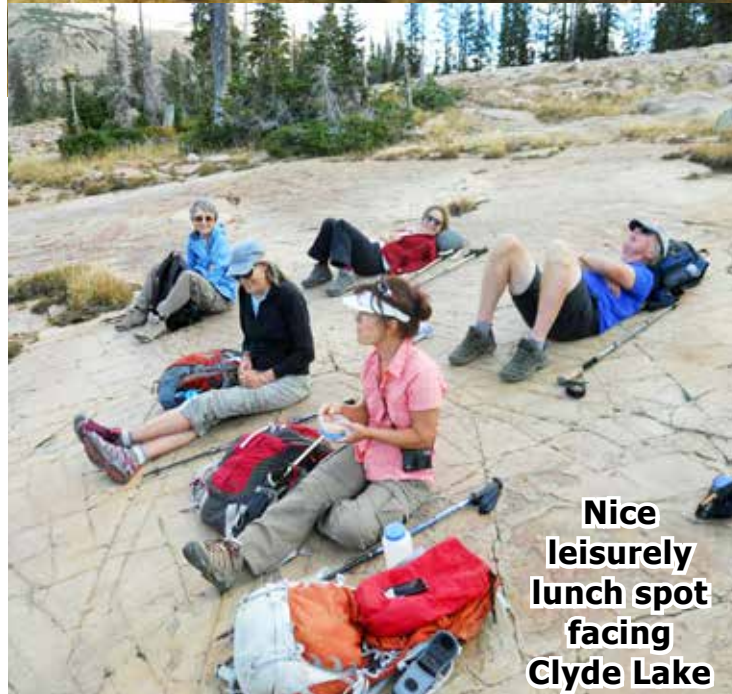
**With lower Twin Lakes behind  
our group (L-R: Barb Hanson,  
Teri Jenkins, Joe Herring, Anne  
Polinsky, Leslie Davis, Murielle  
Blanchard and Mark Jones)**



**Clyde Lake with Mt. Watson background**



**On the slab  
rock around the  
lake are tufts of  
earth and grass -  
hanging on to life**



**Nice  
leisurely  
lunch spot  
facing  
Clyde Lake**



**Last view as we head back to the cars**



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**We are the Shepherds of Wasatch.**

**A regular gang are we; We play with vim, our opponents  
to trim.**

**With ease and alacrity. Bau-a-a-a-a Bau-a-a-a-a**

**Climbing Mountains, Conquering Peaks;**

**In this great sport we can't be beat. Rah! Rah!**

**Wasatch-Hip-Hooray!!**

**Rub-a-dub; rub-a-dub Rub-a-dub club,**

**We are the Wasatch Mountain Club.**

**Sing around, ring around, Shout it to the sky, We're for Wasatch, do or die.**

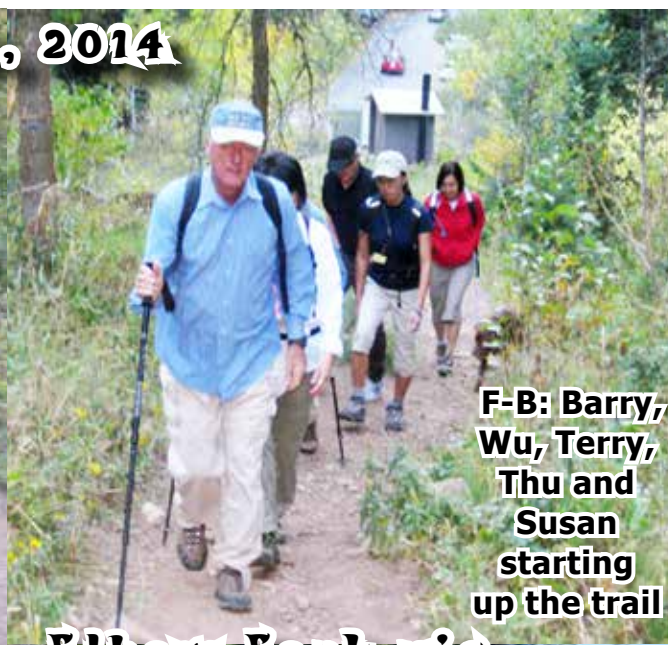
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**September 20, 2014**



**L-R: Wu, Barry,  
Conner (dog) and Susan**



**F-B: Barry,  
Wu, Terry,  
Thu and  
Susan  
starting  
up the trail**

**Dave Rabiger's**

**Elbow Fork via  
Lamb's Canyon Pass to  
Mt. Aire Summit Hike**

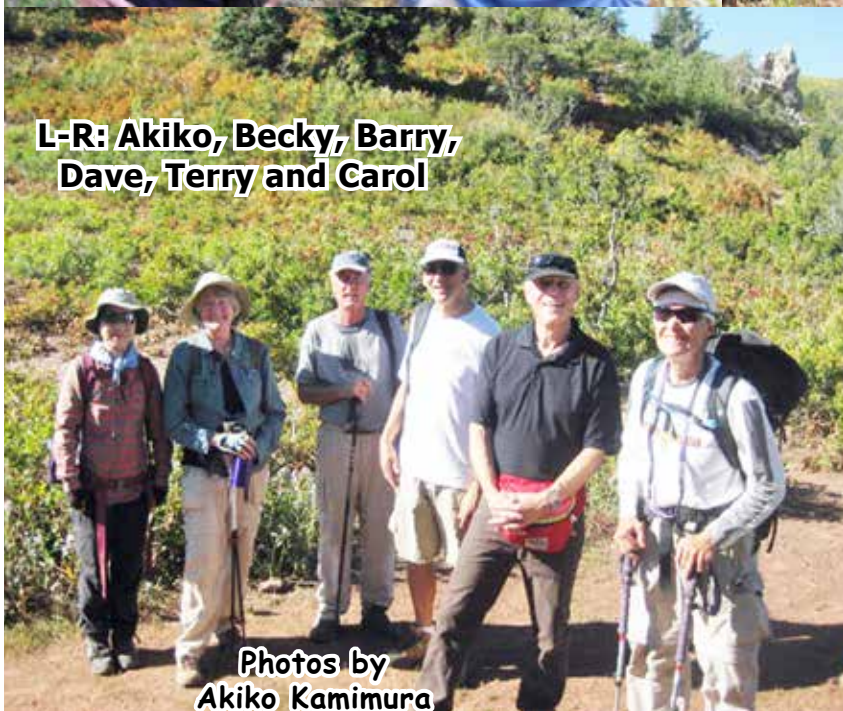


**Thu and Dave  
posing for the  
camera**

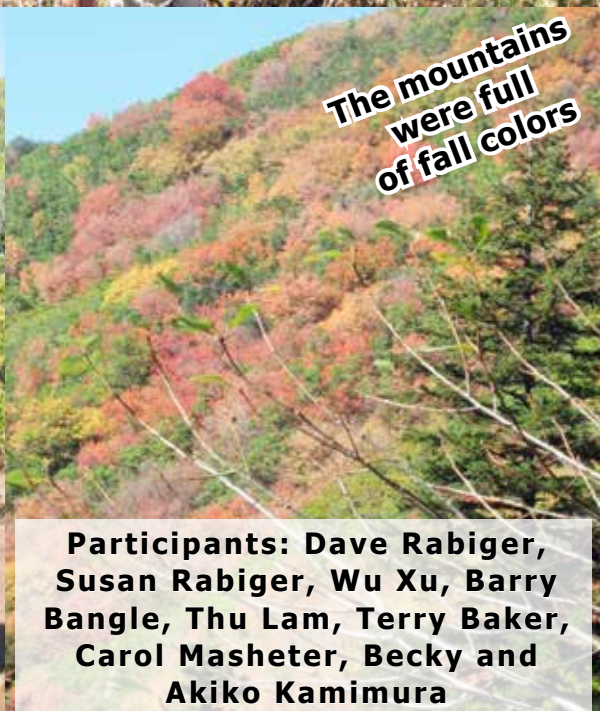


**Our leader, Dave**

**L-R: Akiko, Becky, Barry,  
Dave, Terry and Carol**



**Photos by  
Akiko Kamimura**



**The mountains  
were full  
of fall colors**

**Participants: Dave Rabiger,  
Susan Rabiger, Wu Xu, Barry  
Bangle, Thu Lam, Terry Baker,  
Carol Masheter, Becky and  
Akiko Kamimura**

## **Mt. Borah – Hike lead by Dennis Goreham**

**September 12, 2014**

**By Cassie Badowsky**

As we drove past the first peaks in Idaho's Lost River Range, the alpenglow was casting warm golden hues over a long range of dramatic gray peaks; it was so beautiful, so immense, so inviting! I just wanted to linger there and enjoy it, and I thought: "Why did I wait so long to come here?!"

The Lost River Range is Idaho's highest mountain range, with seven of Idaho's nine "Twelvers." Our goal was Mt. Borah, the highest peak in Idaho at 12,662'. It's a 5,262' elevation gain in 3.5 miles, so the terrain can be described as steep and steeper. The trailhead starts in sagebrush, and then you quickly climb to a magnificent forest of limber pines--so many majestic, old huge trees. Then a steep 800' climb to the main ridge, which steadily climbs to the notorious "Chicken Out Ridge." After hearing so many accounts of Chicken Out Ridge for so many years, it was really fun to finally see it.

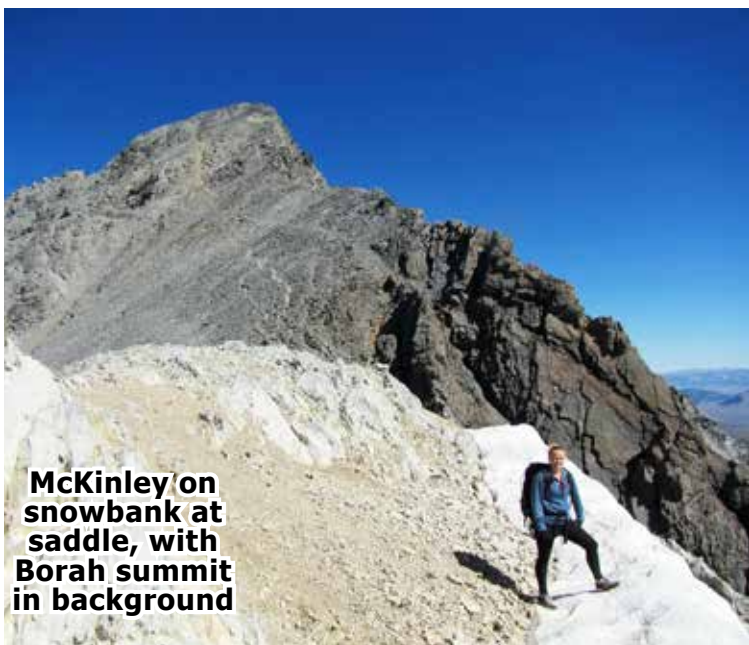
Sawtooth Guides describes the standard route as a "classic 3rd class scramble with a notoriously exciting traverse known as Chicken Out Ridge." Another route description referred to Chicken Out Ridge as a Class 4 arete. No matter what it is called, it was great fun and totally safe to negotiate with our very capable trip leader, Dennis Goreham, who has hiked Borah several times. Dennis was right there at the critical junctures, to point out the best routes, and lend calm confidence to every situation. Dennis really enjoys hiking Borah and the Lost River Range, and he always has a happy smile on his face when he's in "his mountains"; in fact, he was so happy all the time that everyone else was too just being around him! Obviously, if you want to really enjoy hiking Mt. Borah, go with Dennis!

Our delightful group was Dennis Goreham, his daughter McKinley Goreham, Jim Kucera, Mohamed Abdallah, Brent Waddoups, and myself, Cassie Badowsky. After Chicken Out Ridge, the really strong hikers all made it to the summit of Borah by enduring the last 800' of elevation gain on an unforgiving 50-degree slope, clinging to the slope by their fingernails. I watched them go, very happy to remain at the saddle, which had breathtaking views out over the rest of the Lost River Range.

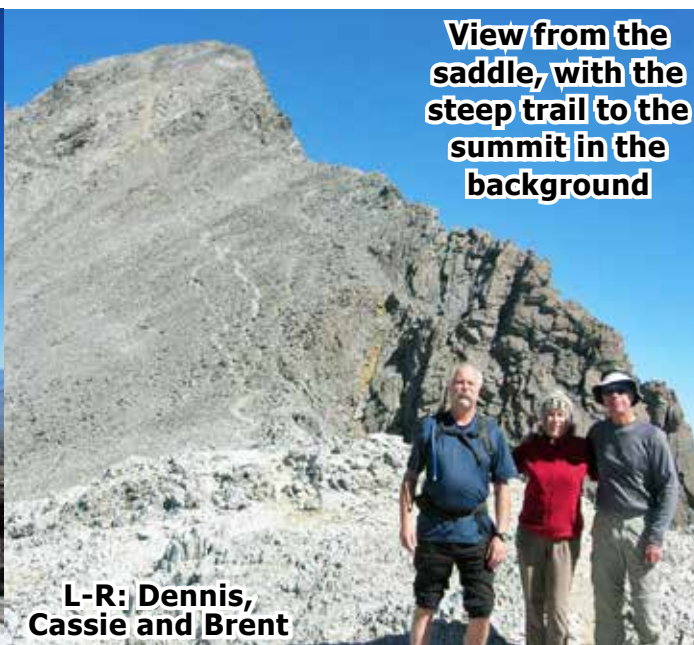
And the next day, as if Borah wasn't enough, everyone else hiked up to the saddle of Mt. Leatherman, the second highest peak at 12,228'--planning their attack on this mountain for next year's challenge.

Another fun thing about our trip was watching Dennis pour over his maps (with a smile on his face of course), planning which of the Twelvers he simply had to hike next. Oh, and then there were the plunges in the very cold Lost River to wash off the day's grit; Jim identifying the animal sounds and bird calls while we were sitting around the camp fire; Brent recounting some of his many fine adventures; McKinley talking about what she may do next, after having just graduated from law school; the prime rib celebratory dinner at the one best restaurant in Mackey; and the delightful little town of Mackey itself--only 512 people and still true to its roots--standing still in time.

A wonderful place! Go--you'll love it! And you'll have more chances, because Dennis hasn't climbed all the Twelvers up there yet!

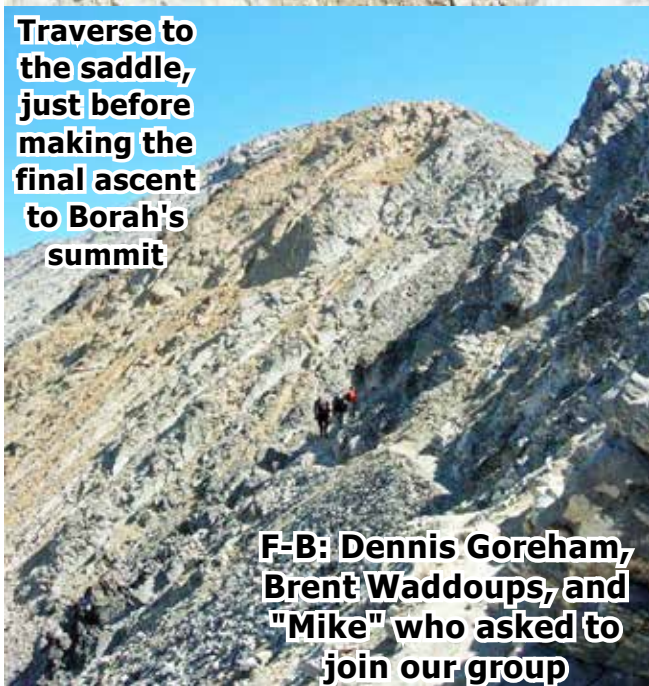


**McKinley on snowbank at saddle, with Borah summit in background**



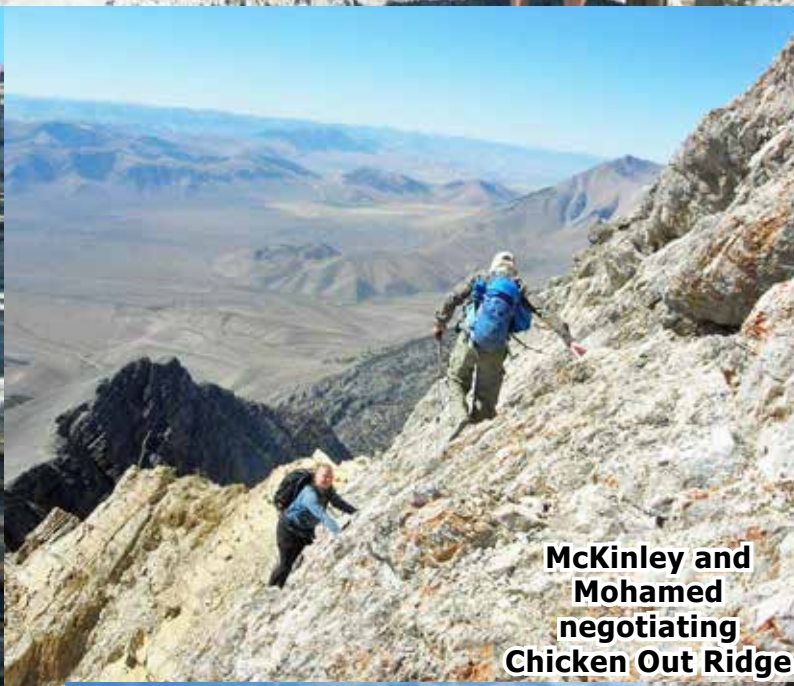
**View from the saddle, with the steep trail to the summit in the background**

**L-R: Dennis, Cassie and Brent**

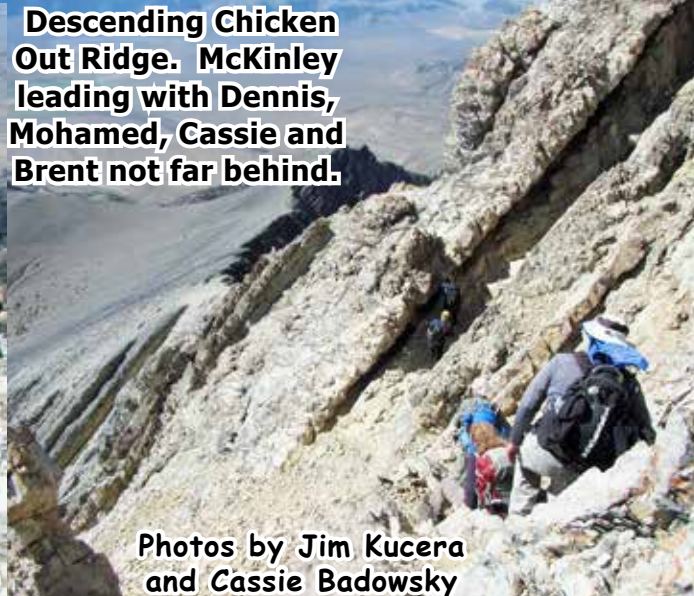
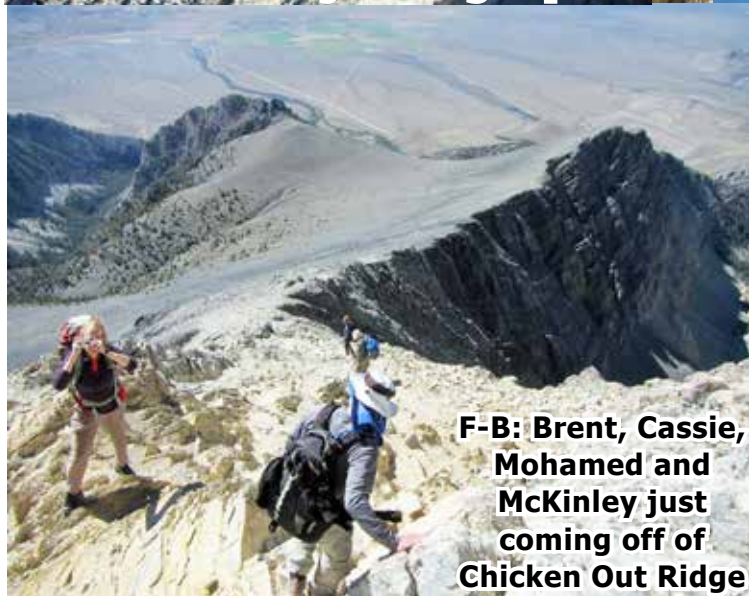


**Traverse to the saddle, just before making the final ascent to Borah's summit**

**F-B: Dennis Goreham, Brent Waddoups, and "Mike" who asked to join our group**



**McKinley and Mohamed negotiating Chicken Out Ridge**



**Descending Chicken Out Ridge. McKinley leading with Dennis, Mohamed, Cassie and Brent not far behind.**

**F-B: Brent, Cassie, Mohamed and McKinley just coming off of Chicken Out Ridge**

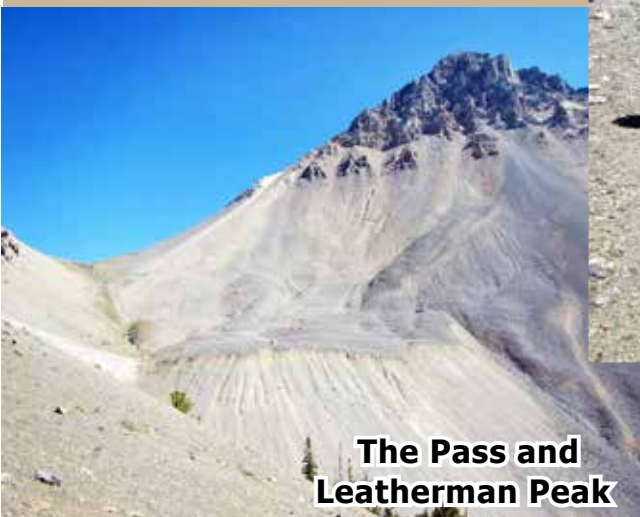
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**The Mighty Four at the summit of Borah Peak (L-R: Brent, McKinley, Mohamed and Dennis)**



**Mohamed walking to Brent and Dennis (in shade of tree) - heading to Leatherman Pass (Leatherman Peak on horizon - 2nd highest in Idaho)**



**The Pass and Leatherman Peak**



**The group descending off Mt. Borah (F-B: Dennis, Mohamed, Jim and Brent)**



**Brent and Mohamed approaching the pass**

# WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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I am applying for membership as: \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Couple

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant 1: Main phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRIVACY INFORMATION:** The WMC defaults to listing your name, address, phone and email in a *Member Directory*. This information is only available to current members, and to access it they must either log in to the WMC website ([www.wasatchmountainclub.org](http://www.wasatchmountainclub.org)) or request a printed copy from the Membership Director.

**YOU NEED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION:** To not have your address, phone, and/or email listed in the *Member Directory* – if you don't have computer access or need help contact the Membership Director, otherwise on the WMC website use the **Member Menu > Privacy & Activity Preferences** webpage.

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Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for application fee and first year's dues. Check or money order only. Please make checks payable to Wasatch Mountain Club.

How did you learn about the Wasatch Mountain Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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# WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)

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

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**SIGNATURE:** 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.

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Very Strong, Well-Seasoned Hikers

B > Boulder fields or extensive bushwhacking

E > Elevation change > 5,000 feet

M > Round trip mileage > 15 miles

R > Ridgeline hiking or extensive route finding

S > Scrambling

X > Exposure

W > Wilderness area, limit 14

Be kind. When you carpool up local canyons, please give the driver \$2.00 or \$3.00 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

### Nov 1 Wmc Halloween Party 2014

Sat Meet: 6:00 pm at The Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge at Brighton Ski Resort in Big Cottonwood Canyon

*Carpool:* 5:30 pm at Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride. If you wish to car pool, arrange to meet people you want to share with at the park-and-ride lot located at the mouth of the Big Cottonwood Canyon (7000 South and Wasatch Boulevard).

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

SATURDAY EVENING / NOVEMBER 1st / Don't be afraid to show up! Come one, come all! Club members, family and friends are invited to the WMC Halloween Party 2014 to be held at its "haunted lodge" at Brighton Ski Resort, in Big Cottonwood Canyon, on Saturday evening, November 1st. A POTLUCK dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. Red Hot Rockin' DJ Rob Snow's riveting mix of music will emerge from the cobwebs to sizzle the dance floor, starting at 7:30 p.m., and will continue as long as feet are pounding the pine floor boards. The party is BYOB and Potluck: Be sure to bring food to add to the table. Awards for Best Costumes in the categories of Greenest, Scariest, Sexiest and Funniest will be given. A monstrous piñata will also be smashed by the little people present. A \$7.00 per person cover charge will be collected at the door; children are free. If you wish to stay overnight at the lodge, there is a charge of \$3.00 per person; children are free. Although the trail will be marked with jack-o-lanterns, bring a flashlight for the 5-minute walk through the pines from the parking lot to the lodge. Also, bring boots should the trail be wet or have snow on it. To get to the lodge, drive to the end of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Once you reach the Brighton Ski Resort, there is a large parking lot. Drive to the far right and park opposite the two-story motel. There will be a flashing light where the trail to the lodge begins. If you wish to car pool, arrange to meet people you want to share with at the park-and-ride lot at the mouth of the Big Cottonwood Canyon. For further details and directions, email or telephone Craig Anderson: canders11238@yahoo.com, home: 801-487-2352, (cell: 801-493-5673 / the day of the event).

### Nov 1 Ski Meeting/social: Utah Snow & Avalanche Workshop Open Session

Sat Meet: 1:00 pm at Southtowne Expo Center, 9575 S State St, Sandy, UT 84070

*Organizer:* Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 devin@utahavalanchecenter.org

Join us for the 7th annual USAW, where Utah's avalanche community will team up with snow professionals from around the west to share avalanche knowledge and history. This professional development seminar taps into the vast amount of avalanche knowledge in the intermountain avalanche community. You'll learn from and network with Forest Service forecasters, patrollers, snow scientists, highway avalanche crews, search & rescue personnel, mountain guides, ski industry manufacturers, backcountry skiers & snowboarders, snowmobilers, avalanche scholars, and more. The format will be much like the International Snow Science Workshop (ISSW), with 15 minute presentations followed by Q&A as well as panel discussions. \$26.

## Haven't heard from us lately? We want to connect with you!

If you recently got an email account, changed your email address, or mysteriously stopped getting emails from the WMC, then send an email to: [membership@wasatchmountainclub.org](mailto:membership@wasatchmountainclub.org), along with your name (members only!) and the Membership Co-Directors will be happy to update your WMC membership. Another way to contact us is to: go to the website, [www.wasatchmountainclub.org](http://www.wasatchmountainclub.org), click on Governing Board/Contact Us, and under Administration, click on either of the Membership Co-Directors' emails. How easy is that?

Nov 1 Sat	<p><b>Avalanche Education: 2014 Utah Snow &amp; Avalanche Workshop Open Session</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 1:00 pm at Southtowne Expo Center, 9575 S State St, Sandy, UT 84070</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 devin@utahavalanchecenter.org</p> <p>Join us for the 7th annual USAW, where Utah's avalanche community will team up with snow professionals from around the west to share avalanche knowledge and history. This professional development seminar taps into the vast amount of avalanche knowledge in the intermountain avalanche community. You'll learn from and network with Forest Service forecasters, patrollers, snow scientists, highway avalanche crews, search &amp; rescue personnel, mountain guides, ski industry manufacturers, backcountry skiers &amp; snowboarders, snowmobilers, avalanche scholars, and more. The format will be much like the International Snow Science Workshop (ISSW), with 15 minute presentations followed by Q&amp;A as well as panel discussions. \$26.</p>
Nov 1 Sat	<p><b>Rock Climb - 62nd Annual Tradapalooza – ntd – 160' ascent</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 11:00 am at Lisa Falls - Park 2.8 miles up canyon at big right hand corner. Hike up the short trail on the North, until you reach the falls.</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> John Butler 801-718-4166 john@utahman.com</p> <p>Food, Fun &amp; Climbing in Little Cottonwood Canyon. RSVP if you want a beer-braised, then grilled Bratwurst. Specify Habanero, Jalapeno, or boring plain old regular. Bring some food to share. Lisa Falls provides easy access to 5 easy routes from 5.5 to 5.10, along with a cold creek to keep your beverages refreshingly cool. In case of inclement weather, Ms. Ellen will host the party.</p>
Nov 1 Sat	<p><b>Slow-paced Hike - Hughes Canyon – ntd – Out &amp; Back – Slow pace</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at 6200 South Park &amp; Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Bruce Christenson 801-824-0131</p> <p>Bruce will take a group on a 2 to 3 hour slow pace morning walk from the 6200 S. Wasatch Blvd parking lot.</p>
Nov 2 Sun	<p><b>Microspike Hike Birch Hollow To Elbow Fork – ntd – Loop – Moderate pace</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Skyline High School - 3151 E Upland Dr (3760 S)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Mark Jones 801-410-4163</p> <p>Maybe boots, maybe spikes, but this is the sunny side of the hill, so probably not snowshoes. Mark will take the trail up and the road back, or visa versa depending on the desire of the group.</p>
Nov 3 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>Yes, it's dark now, but come out for a brisk 2-hour jaunt up the steep route along the ridge behind the "H" rock. The foothills are free of snow, so no yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. Bring a flashlight and dress in layers. Dogs ok.</p>
Nov 4 Tue	<p><b>Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Bell's Canyon Lower Reservoir – ntd+ – Out &amp; Back – Slow pace</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Bell's canyon pull out off of Wasatch Blvd.</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Justin Nelson 801-550-4969 justinnelson7@hotmail.com</p> <p>Weather permitting. Be prepared for slippery conditions.</p>
Nov 5 Wed	<p><b>Wmc Board Meeting</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Will McCarvill 801-942-2921 will@commercialchemistries.com</p> <p>Monthly Board Meeting. Members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to bring topics to the boards attention should email the President 7 days prior to the meeting.</p>

Nov 6 Thu	<p><b>Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - West Grandeur Area – ntd+ – Out &amp; Back – Fast 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 <a href="mailto:jk@wasatch-environmental.com">jk@wasatch-environmental.com</a></p> <p>We'll pick one of four routes and hike for a one- to two-hour hike, depending on conditions. Dress warm and bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear. Dogs prepared for winter conditions ok.</p>
Nov 8 Sat	<p><b>Members Only Hike To Houndstooth – msd- – 5.5 mi Out &amp; Back – 3000' ascent – Moderate pace</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at 6200 South Park &amp; Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801 244-3323 <a href="mailto:jk@wasatch-environmental.com">jk@wasatch-environmental.com</a></p> <p>If the weather holds, let's go tag this club classic. This is a short but VERY STEEP hike. The hike will somewhat follow the ridge to the base of the Houndstooth, with a short scramble through the secret sweet spot that leads to the top. Expect approximately 6 hours. If we get snow, we can bag the hike and join the snowshoers.</p>
Nov 8 Sat	<p><b>Organizers Choice Hike Or Snowshoe – ntd</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at 6200 South Park &amp; Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Tom Mitko 801 277-7588</p> <p>First choice is a hike in Big Cottonwood Canyon, but weather will dictate the day.</p>
Nov 9 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> Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 <a href="mailto:jameskucera@aol.com">jameskucera@aol.com</a></p> <p>Early season snowshoe or hike - be prepared for either.</p>
Nov 9 Sun	<p><b>Day Hike: Sentry Peak – mod- – 7.0 mi Loop – 1000' ascent</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 8:45 am at Antelope Island Causeway Parking Lot</p> <p><i>Carpool:</i> 8:00 am at Council Hall, across from State Capitol on 300 North</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Elliott Mott 801-969-2846 <a href="mailto:elliott887@msn.com">elliott887@msn.com</a></p> <p>This Antelope Island hike circumnavigates a high point known as Sentry Peak on the islands' southern extremity. This 7 mile event will gain about 1,000 feet as we ascent the island's southeastern slope; we'll then loop around to the western flank and ultimately descend back down the eastern slope on our return. This hike provides marvelous vistas of the southern part of Antelope Island plus a wide arc of the Great Salt Lake and Wasatch Front. It is common to see wildlife to include buffalo on this hike. This late season adventure should avoid pesky micro fauna, but everyone should bring bug spray just in case; also, depending upon the weather micro spikes (or similar) traction devices or snowshoes might be appropriate. Meet Elliott (801-969-2846) at the Council Hall parking lot located across from the State Capitol building on 300 North at 8:00am, or at the east Antelope Island causeway parking lot at 8:45am, to carpool or caravan to the trailhead. Bring money as a fee is required to drive across the causeway to Antelope Island.</p>
Nov 9 Sun	<p><b>Hike Graham Peak Siver Island Range – mod+ – Out &amp; Back – Moderate pace</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 7:30 am at Home Depot 2100 S 300 W near the McDonalds</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Brad Yates 801-381-8316 <a href="mailto:bnyslc@earthlink.net">bnyslc@earthlink.net</a></p> <p>The Silver Island Range lies near the Nevada Border Just North of I-80, Graham is the high point of this rugged, dry and spectacular range, the hike is off trail with light scrambling and a bit of scree. Brad plans on stepping it back a bit to a Mod+ pace.</p>

- Nov 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 be doing this on Monday nights all winter. There are three routes to choose from on this steep 2-hour outing along the ridge behind the "H" rock. The foothills are usually free of snow this time of year, but have yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear on hand. Bring a flashlight and dress in layers. Dogs ok.
- Nov 11 Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Organizers Choice – Out & Back – Slow pace**  
**Tue** *Meet:* 5:30 pm at Orson Smith Trailhead - 12600 South Highland Drive  
*Organizer:* Justin Nelson 801-550-4969 justinnelson7@hotmail.com  
 Thinking cherry canyon or trail of the eagle. Figure something out when we get there. Weather permitting, be prepared for slippery conditions, and layer.
- Nov 15 Organizer's Choice Hike Or ? – mod**  
**Sat** *Meet:* Disseminated via the Hike email list  
*Organizer:* Karen Perkins 801 272-2225 karenp@xmission.com  
 Karen will select a hike or other outdoor adventure that is appropriate for conditions. Check the online calendar for details.
- Nov 16 Snowshoe - Organizer's Choice – mod-**  
**Sun** *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)  
*Organizer:* Mark McKenzie 801-913-8439 mdm571830@gmail.com  
 Join Mark for some early season snowshoeing.
- Nov 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  
 A brisk and steep 2-hour outing along the ridge behind the "H" rock. Bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear. Bring a flashlight and dress in layers. Dogs ok.
- Nov 18 Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Organizers Choice – ntd+ – Out & Back – Slow pace**  
**Tue** *Meet:* 5:30 pm at Orson Smith Trailhead - 12600 South Highland Drive  
*Organizer:* Justin Nelson 801-550-4969 justinnelson7@hotmail.com  
 Let's figure something out when we get there. Feel free to send me something your interested in trying out. Weather permitting, be prepared for slippery conditions, and layer.
- Nov 23 Nordic Ski Tour Series (sun.) – ntd+**  
**Sun** *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Michael Berry 801-750-1915 mcber.ut@gmail.com  
 Cross-country skiing. Western Uintas, Northern Wasatch, or nordic center track skiing. A progressive rating for season trip series will be used: NTD-NTD+ (Nov.- Dec.), MOD-MOD+ (Jan.-Feb.), and MSD (March). Contact organizer by Friday PM for weekly details and to request registration. Meeting time and place, and any updates or changes (e.g. trip location, road conditions, date change to Saturday) will be announced to those registered via email the day prior to the trip date. An NTD trip participation will be pre-requisite for MOD trip, then MOD trip for MSD.

- Nov 23 Snowshoe - Organizer's Choice – mod**  
**Sun** *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)  
*Organizer:* Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 jameskucera@aol.com  
 Early season snowshoe or hike - be prepared for either.
- Nov 23 Day Hike: Split Rock Loop – mod – 10.0 mi Loop – 1400' ascent**  
**Sun** *Meet:* 8:45 am at Antelope Island Causeway Parking Lot  
*Carpool:* 8:00 am at Council Hall, across from Capitol on 300 North  
*Organizer:* Elliott Mott 801-969-2846 elliot887@msn.com  
 This 10 mile trek on Antelope Island's western flank showcases a nifty not frequently seen part of the island; we'll stroll across grassland plains, contour around on an old Lake Bonneville shoreline, and then switch-back down to Split Rock Bay before looping back. Along the way we'll enjoy a rich array of vistas, mosey amongst some very interesting geology, amble past a pioneer rock corral, and view a variety of wildlife to include buffalo. This event has approximately 1400 feet of climbing split evenly in two sections: half on the way out, and half on the return. This late season adventure might include some icy-snow packed sections so micro spikes (or similar) or snowshoes might be appropriate. Meet Elliott (801-969-2846) at the Council Hall parking lot located across from the State Capitol building on 300 North at 8:00am or at the east Antelope Island causeway parking lot at 8:45am to carpool or caravan to the trailhead. Bring money as a fee is required to drive across the causeway to Antelope Island.
- Nov 24 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  
 A brisk and steep 2-hour outing along the ridge behind the "H" rock. Bring yak trax, micro spikes or other stud-ded footwear. Bring a flashlight and dress in layers. Dogs ok.
- Nov 25 Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Organizers Choice – ntd+ – Out & Back – Slow pace**  
**Tue** *Meet:* 5:30 am at Orson Smith Trailhead - 12600 South Highland Drive  
*Organizer:* Justin Nelson 801-550-4969 justinnelson7@hotmail.com  
 Let's figure something out when we get there. Send me an thing your interested in trying out. Weather permitting, be prepared for slippery conditions, and layer.
- Nov 27 Grand Canyon Vasey's Paradise Backpack – mod – 18.0 mi Out & Back – 2700' ascent – Moderate pace**  
**Thu –** *Meet:* Registration required  
**Nov 30** *Organizer:* Russell Patterson 801-973-6427 patters@xmission.com  
**Sun** We will leave Thursday after your Thanksgiving meal & drive to the trail head. On Friday, we will backpack to the Colorado River in Marble Canyon and camp on the beach next to a large spring and water fall that turns the desert into an oasis. On Saturday, we will explore some caves and Indian ruins, watch river rafters and fish in the Colorado if you wish to. We will then hike to the top of the Red wall, leave our packs and hike off tail along the top of a cliff to an overlook of Red Wall Cavern, a huge alcove. On Sunday, we will back pack back to the rim, maybe see a few buffalo and then drive home. The only time it will be cold is on the first night. You will have to pay \$12 for a Park Service back country camping permit by Oct. 30.
- Nov 28 Snowshoe: Greens Basin – ntd – Out & Back**  
**Fri** *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)  
*Organizer:* Mark Jones 801-410-4163  
 Join Mark for his traditional after-Thanksgiving snowshoe to Greens Basin. Bring leftovers and come work off the big meal from the holiday. Destination may change depending on the conditions.

**Nov 29 Snowshoe- Lower Cardiff – ntd+**

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)

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

I listed Lower Cardiff, but the final decision will depend on the conditions. Please remember 10 Es and snow safety equipment. If the snowpack is minimal, the activity will be a hike. Plan for a 9:15 departure.

**Nov 30 Snowshoe - Organizer's Choice – ntd+ – 3.0 mi**

Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)

*Organizer:* Teri Jenkins 801-661-4452 teridawnjen@gmail.com

Let's snowshoe or hike with yaktraks to somewhere. Come prepared for either, depending on snow conditions.

**Dec 4 Avalanche Education: Uac Backcountry 101 For Snowshoers**

Thu – *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Classroom session 6-9PM Thursday at REI Salt Lake, 3285 East 3300 South, SLC. Saturday field  
Dec 6 session meets at the Brighton Fire Station at 8:30AM.

Sat *Organizer:* Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 devin@utahavalanchecenter.org

Snowshoeing in the backcountry is safer and more fun when you have at least a basic understanding of avalanches. Nobody wants to travel with a partner that can't make informed decisions, or be counted on in a rescue. Spend an evening in the classroom and a day on the snow with pros. Learn how to get out in the backcountry, have fun and come home ready to do it again. Taught by the Utah Avalanche Center. Cost: \$80. Register and pay in advance at the link below.

**Dec 5 Christmas Sing-a-long & Pot Luck Supper**

Fri *Meet:* 6:30 pm at 5904 S Tolcate Woods Ln (2930 E)

*Organizer:* La Rae Bartholoma 801-277-4093 roosiebear@gmail.com

Even Scrooge would have fun at our annual Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long/potluck supper! We'll meet at Bart & La Rae Bartholoma's home at 6:30 at 5904 S Tolcate Woods Ln (2930 E). You are invited to bring an appetizer/side dish/salad or dessert to share with 4 to 6 others ... turkey, ham and pumpkin pies will be provided. BYOB. If you don't sing or play an instrument, come anyway and be prepared for an evening of fun! DIRECTIONS: take 5800 S (Tolcate Lane) off Holladay Blvd. (Only goes East) Turn right (South) on Tolcate Woods Lane (before the underpass.) When the street ends with a steel fence with horse statues and an eagle statue in the air, YOU ARE THERE! Any questions, call or email La Rae or Bart Bartholoma 801-277-4093 roosiebear@gmail.com or Frank Bernard frankbernard55@earthlink.net

**Dec 7 Nordic Ski Tour Series (sun.) – ntd+**

Sun *Meet:* Registration required

*Organizer:* Michael Berry 801-750-1915 mcber.ut@gmail.com

Cross-country skiing.

**Dec 8 Avalanche Education: Uac Women-only Beacon Clinic**

Mon *Meet:* 8:00 am at Albion Grill, Alta

*Organizer:* Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 devin@utahavalanchecenter.org

The Beacon Clinic is designed for all ability levels to get out on the snow and practice using your beacon. Even if you spend every day in the backcountry or are just starting out knowing how to use your beacon is the most important skill to have when it comes to avalanche rescue. Taught by the Utah Avalanche Center.

- Dec 8 Mon Ski Meeting/social: Uac Women-only Beacon Clinic**  
*Meet:* 8:00 am at Albion Grill, Alta  
*Organizer:* Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 [devin@utahavalanchecenter.org](mailto:devin@utahavalanchecenter.org)  
 The Beacon Clinic is designed for all ability levels to get out on the snow and practice using your beacon. Even if you spend every day in the backcountry or are just starting out knowing how to use your beacon is the most important skill to have when it comes to avalanche rescue. Taught by the Utah Avalanche Center.
- Dec 11 Thu – Dec 13 Sat Alpine Ski Tour: Uac Backcountry 101 Avalanche Class – mod**  
*Meet:* 6:00 pm at Thursday night classroom session at Red Butte Garden. Saturday on the snow at Brighton.  
*Organizer:* Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 [devin@utahavalanchecenter.org](mailto: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.
- Jan 8 Thu – Jan 10 Sat Avalanche Education: Uac Backcountry 101 For Snowshoers**  
*Meet:* 6:00 pm at Classroom session 6-9PM Thursday at REI Salt Lake, 3285 East 3300 South, SLC. Saturday field session meets at the Brighton Fire Station at 8:30AM.  
*Organizer:* Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 [devin@utahavalanchecenter.org](mailto:devin@utahavalanchecenter.org)  
 Snowshoeing in the backcountry is safer and more fun when you have at least a basic understanding of avalanches. Nobody wants to travel with a partner that can't make informed decisions, or be counted on in a rescue. Spend an evening in the classroom and a day on the snow with pros. Learn how to get out in the backcountry, have fun and come home ready to do it again. Taught by the Utah Avalanche Center. Cost: \$80. Register and pay in advance at the link below.
- Jan 14 Wed Boating Permit Application Party New Location – flat water**  
*Meet:* 6:30 pm at REI Wasatch Room 3285 E 3300 S  
*Organizer:* Kelly Beumer 801-230-7967 [kellybeumer@gmail.com](mailto:kellybeumer@gmail.com)  
 No sooner did we get our boating gear cleaned and stored in the shed and it's time to start thinking about the upcoming 2015 season. This meeting is our time to get acquainted, discuss river trips, trip organizing, new ideas and, most important, to fill out and submit permit applications to obtain a share of the river permits. All interested WMC members are invited. Due to popular demand, some of the rivers we enjoy have limited access through a permit lottery system. We will have some paper permit applications for you to complete for: Yampa/Ladore, and San Juan. If you can print and fill out paper applications now by logging into the WMC web site, then going to the boating website to access the permit links, please do. Also bring a checkbook as paper applications can have a fee up to \$15. We will complete on-line applications for: Main Salmon/Middle Fork Salmon. Of course, you can still apply for all your favorites! Please bring your laptop and credit card to access and complete the on-line applications. And please consider sharing your laptop with those who don't bring one. You don't have to wait, though, you can also fill out on-line applications after Dec 1 by logging into the WMC web site, then going to the boating website to access the permit links. However, help will be available for selecting launch dates and any for other questions. If you are not already on the WMC boater email list, consider signing up. Add yourself to it via Member Menu > Email List Subscribe.

Jan 22 Thu – Jan 24 Sat	<b>Alpine Ski Tour: Uac Women-only Backcountry 101 Avalanche Class – mod</b> <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Thursday night classroom session at Red Butte Garden. Saturday on the snow at Brighton. <i>Organizer:</i> Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 <a href="mailto:devin@utahavalanchecenter.org">devin@utahavalanchecenter.org</a> 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.
Jan 29 Thu – Jan 31 Sat	<b>Alpine Ski Tour: Uac Backcountry 101 Avalanche Class – mod</b> <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Thursday night classroom session at Red Butte Garden. Saturday on the snow at Brighton. <i>Organizer:</i> Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 <a href="mailto:devin@utahavalanchecenter.org">devin@utahavalanchecenter.org</a> 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 5 Thu – Feb 7 Sat	<b>Avalanche Education: Uac Backcountry 101 For Snowshoers</b> <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Classroom session 6-9PM Thursday at REI Salt Lake, 3285 East 3300 South, SLC. Saturday field session meets at the Brighton Fire Station at 8:30AM. <i>Organizer:</i> Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 <a href="mailto:devin@utahavalanchecenter.org">devin@utahavalanchecenter.org</a> Snowshoeing in the backcountry is safer and more fun when you have at least a basic understanding of avalanches. Nobody wants to travel with a partner that can't make informed decisions, or be counted on in a rescue. Spend an evening in the classroom and a day on the snow with pros. Learn how to get out in the backcountry, have fun and come home ready to do it again. Taught by the Utah Avalanche Center. Cost: \$80. Register and pay in advance at the link below.
Feb 5 Thu – Feb 7 Sat	<b>Alpine Ski Tour: Uac Advanced Avalanche Skills Workshop – mod+</b> <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Thursday night classroom session at Red Butte Garden. Saturday on the snow at Brighton. <i>Organizer:</i> Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 <a href="mailto:devin@utahavalanchecenter.org">devin@utahavalanchecenter.org</a> Learning about snow and avalanches never ends. The more you learn, the more you realize there is to learn. This is an opportunity for experienced skiers and riders to go out with Bruce Tremper, author of Staying Alive in Avalanche Terrain, Director of the Utah Avalanche Center, and one of the most most experienced avalanche instructors in the world. Your skills will be challenged, boosted, and refreshed as you learn how a seasoned professional assesses current conditions and sets travel objectives and strategies to match. This class is for experienced backcountry users wanting to go beyond what they learned in their introductory class or "recertify" their skills. \$140.
Feb 26 Thu – Feb 28 Sat	<b>Alpine Ski Tour: Uac Women-only Backcountry 101 Avalanche Class – mod</b> <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Thursday night classroom session at Red Butte Garden. Saturday on the snow at Brighton. <i>Organizer:</i> Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 <a href="mailto:devin@utahavalanchecenter.org">devin@utahavalanchecenter.org</a> 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 26 **Bryce In Winter- Snowshoe, Spikes Hike, And Maybe X/c Ski – ntd+**

Thu – *Meet:* Registration required

Mar 1 *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 whenever you can get away- morning, 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 a memorable weekend. And this year for a limited time only, you can get a nights lodgings for only 42\$ on a KSL special- see the link below. With multiple coupons you can get multiple nights, the coupon says up to two, but if you like, come down with me after work on thursday, and stay thursday friday and saturday nights, with three coupons, it worked for me. Sunday is only a half day hiking before we come home, so thursday gives me two full days to hike and frolic. Whether you come thursday or friday, its a beautiful weekend you won't forget, sign up now while the KSL special is still in effect.



**Wasatch Peaks seen over the town of Sandy in the Salt Lake Valley below, from Mt. Olympus to the north**

**Salt Lake City, Utah is a great place to experience the outdoors, especially for those seeking quality mountain hikes and breathtaking scenery. When asked what Utah has to offer, most people are quick to mention the famous red rock national parks to the south or skiing in arguably the best snow on earth, but many overlook the mountain hiking aspect. Within an hour or two from downtown Salt Lake City, there are hundreds of miles of trails, as well as several worthwhile peaks to summit. Options exist for every level of hiker,**

**making it the ideal training ground for anyone from the most inexperienced of weekend warriors to the more hardcore mountaineers. Since the unique location combines the benefits of living near a major city with having quick and easy access to the mountains, it offers the rare experience of allowing one to mix quality day hikes with everyday work life.**

**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.**

**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.

**Getting to Know Your GoPro: GoPro Basics, Tuesday, November 18th, 7 pm**

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. This talk is presented by a representative of the Utah Avalanche Center. For ages 12 and older.

**Snowshoe Basics, Thursday, November 20th, 7 pm**

Taking care of your skis/board will help you have a great time on the slopes. Our technician will examine how and why waxes work and base preparation: structure, repair and stone grinding.

**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.

**Getting to Know Your GoPro: GoPro Basics, Tuesday, November 4th, 7 pm**

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. This talk is presented by a representative of the Utah Avalanche Center. For ages 12 and older.

**Ski/Snowboard Tune and Wax Basics, Thursday, November 6th, 7 pm**

Taking care of your skis/board will help you have a great time on the slopes. Our technician will examine how and why waxes work and base preparation: structure, repair and stone grinding.

**Avalanche Awareness – Know Before You Go, Monday, November 24th, 7 pm**

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**CLASSES:** The following are paid classes and require registration.

**Hands on Ski/Snowboard Tune and Wax Workshop, Thursday, November 6th, 4-8 pm REI Sandy**

Spend four hours with an REI shop tech learning the basics of tuning your own gear. We'll have all the tools, just bring a set of alpine skis or snowboard. We ask that you have basic knowledge of the gear and tools, or attend one of our Basics classes in store. Space is limited to four students. Minimum age 18 years or older to register and participate in this class. \$65 REI members/ and \$85 non-members. Pre-registration required. Hands on Ski/Snowboard Tune and Wax Workshop, Saturday, November 8th, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., REI SLC

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