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#### **WMC Purpose**

(Article II of the WMC Constitution)

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

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# Message from the President Will McCarvill





I plan on showing up at various Club activities to make myself available to membership for questions and comments. So far I have been showing up for hikes and will soon appear at climbing functions. I am not really a biker or boater so I have to figure out how to work them in. I have gotten some interesting input and I appreciate those who have taken the time to spend a few minute chatting with me in the car or on the ground. The organizer introduces me and I take a few minutes to explain that I would like to hear member's opinions or update them on the committees that the Club is represented on such as Mountain Accord. I look forward to meeting many of you personally on future activities. Feel free to call or e-mail me with your comments if we do not meet on the trail.

The President has the authority to send out e-mails that reach all members who have an e-mail address. Everyone gets a storm of e-traffic every day, so it is a responsibility that I take seriously and try to strike a balance between sending out important communications that everyone needs to hear versus just adding to the noise. I, along with other Board members, felt that the purpose of the registration required notice on an activity needed a refresher. It is important that both organizer and participants use registration so that everyone understands what they are getting into. I will also continue to send out notices where the public can input on the Mountain Accord process. I cannot understate how critical this process is to the future of our Club.



# September Boating Director's Message (Zig Sondelski) Time to Be Boating

Our **Boating Schedule** is blank for September, but August has a Selway organized by Steve, plus Da Yang is hosting our Pink Flamingo party on August 16 (details below). Everyone is invited. There are lots of other rivers that aren't permitted <u>and</u> there are more trips than what you see as they are informal and go out in emails or phone calls.

The **Watershed bag order** was received (thanks Kevin) and you should have picked up your bags by now.

Rick's Payette trip was an outstanding 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration crowned with the unregulated fireworks at Crouch. This was followed by Larry's Middle Fork Salmon trip on July 8. And Bret's Alpine Canyon trip already happened in August.

Our annual Pink Flamingo party is scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday, August 16, and is open to all WMC members, whether you are a boater or not. Be sure to wear pink and accessorize. It's at a new location: Da Yang's home located at 2229 Kodiak Court in Draper. Be sure to look up the directions. It is pot luck and some BBQ meat will be provided. Check out more details on the activity calendar.

Sign up for trips early and offer to help out to insure that you get a spot. Also insure that you are signed up on the WMC boating email list as that is how we send out most information and updates.



To receive your invitation for the WMC Organizers **Banquet (Sunday, October** 19, 2014, 5 p.m.), it must be documented that you led two posted WMC activities between the dates of October 1, 2013 and September 30, 2014. Activities must be listed on the WMC Activity Calendar to qualify. If you have any questions, contact the individual activity directors (respective of the activities you led) listed on the inside of the front of the Rambler. The evening includes dinner, **Pa Perry and Alexis Kelner** Conservation awards, organizer recognition gifts, free stuff found at the free stuff table, and startling great speeches. The event will be held at the First **Unitarian Church, 569** South 1300 East.

# **Lodge Annual Fundraising Dinner**



Saturday, September 27th 6:00 PM Wasatch Mountain Lodge Brighton, Utah



\$100.00 per person donation. Dinner will be provided and there will be a cash bar available. Social hour will begin at 6:00 PM with appetizers. Dinner will begin at 7:00 PM.

We will have a guest speaker give a short presentation.

To RSVP, please fill out a contact form on the following website: http://www.wasatchmountainlodge.org/events or contact: Robert Myers: 801.466.32920 RobertMyers47@Gmail.com

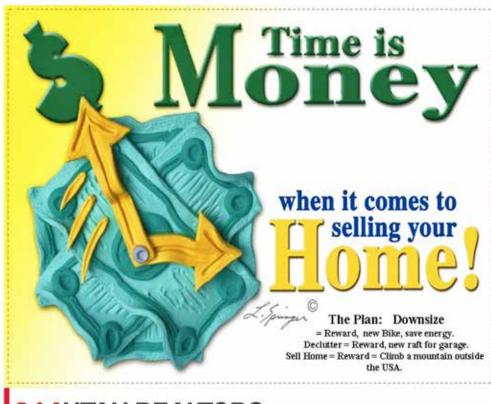






We appreciate your continued support for the historic lodge. Donations will be used for much needed improvements to the lodge. Use of the lodge would not be possible without the continued support from the community.

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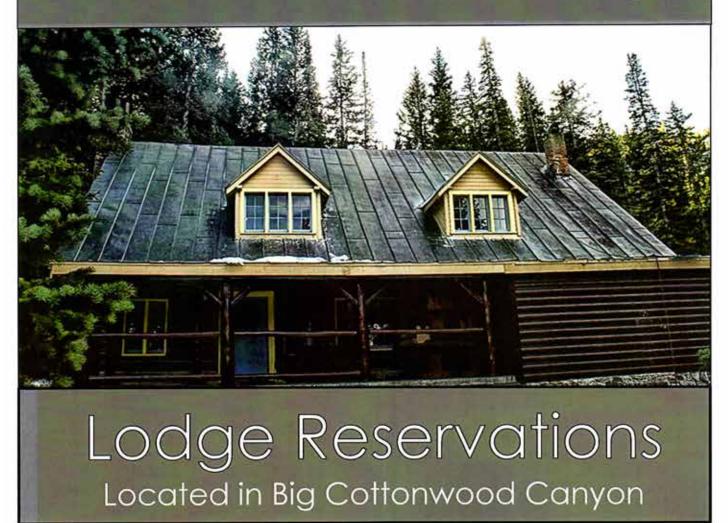




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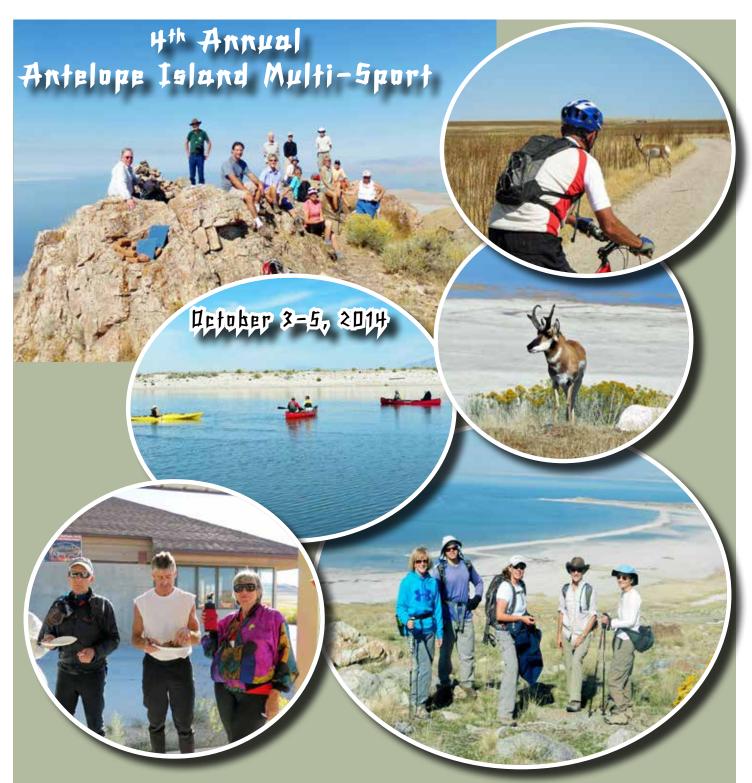


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- Large outdoor grill
- Separate men's and women's bathrooms with flush toilets and showers

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Biking, paddling, hiking, camping, and hot dog roast! We have it all for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Antelope Island Multi-sport. October is a great time to visit the island. It's cooler and those nasty gnats are gone! Some clubbers will be staying at the Bridge Bay Campground, which is where all the groups will convene on Saturday for a group campfire roast between 3-5 p.m.

Individual campsites at the Bridger Bay Campground can be reserved online or by calling (801) 322-3770. Day use for the Island is \$10 per vehicle. Coordinate with friends and share a campsite or carpool Saturday morning (see individual activity posts for meeting times and places).

# SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE (Tony Hellman)

Here's a reminder for the Pink Flamingo Party on August 16.

We hope to see you at the Old Timers/Newcomers party on August 23 at the WMC Lodge. The Lodge will open at 5 p.m. with a social hour prior to the potluck and General Membership Meeting at 6 p.m. Please bring you own choice of delicious beverages. Plates, utensils, cups, soda and water will be provided. A tribute to Tom Walsh is planned. An update on the Mountain Accord will be presented by our President, Will McCarvill.

Antelope Island will be the location of our last Multi-Sport event on October 4. Show us your new boating, biking, hiking and weenie roast skills you've perfected over the summer.

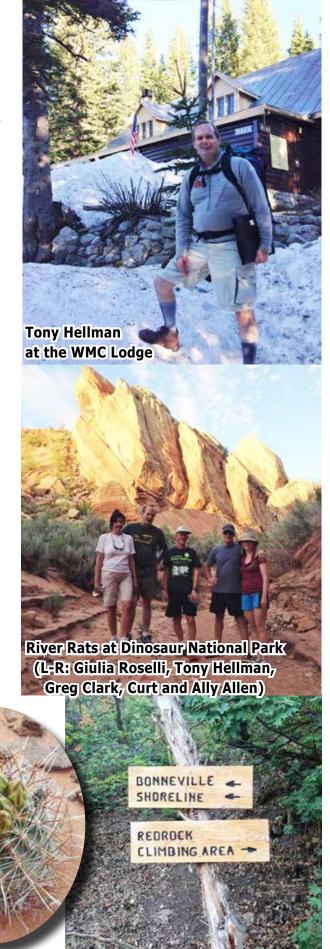
On October 19, the Club will honor our trip organizers with the annual banquet which will be will be held at the First Unitarian Church, 569 South 1300 East, with social hour at 5 p.m. Please volunteer to lead a great adventure and we'll see you at the party!

Congratulations to all the trip leaders: We posted over 100 events for August and September on the calendar. Here's to your fun and safety!

On September 24, there's the Jordan River Clean-Up. Let's show up to help and protect/keep a valuable resource clean for future generations.

Lastly, if you want to live a little dangerously, consider marking your calendar for the Halloween Party on November 1, and plan on staying overnight at the

Majestic and Haunted WMC lodge!



**Desert Flowers** 



# Come As You Aren't

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 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 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 car-pooling. 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: canders11238@yahoo.com, home: 801-487-2352, cell: 801-493-5673 (the day of the event).

## 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.

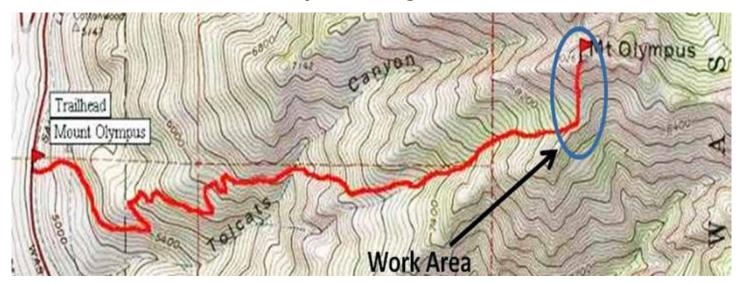
While most activities are aimed at adult participation several activities for families are organized each season. Activities are not limited to the above list, but are dependent on volunteer organizers to form the activities and programs.

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.

# Mt. Olympus Saddle-2-Summit Route Work By Julie Kilgore

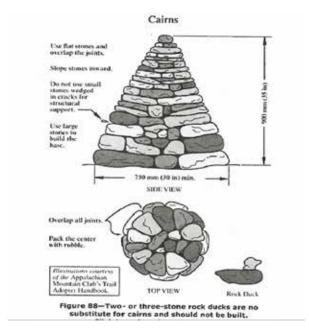


There is no trail on that final scramble to the top of Mt. Olympus, but there are a lot of paths that lure unsuspecting hikers into thinking there might be, and those paths are notorious for sending hikers into treacherous territory. The Forest Service's position has been (and will continue to be) that the Forest Service maintained trail ends at the saddle. But after many years of discussions and considering options, the Forest Service took the lead on a one-time project to better establish the route from the saddle to the summit.

The work team consisted of a four person Forest Service Wilderness Crew (FSWC), four volunteers from the County Search and Rescue Team (SAR), and 17 Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) volunteers. The overall plan was to close the route from the saddle to the summit for a three-day project, with one day of volunteer support.

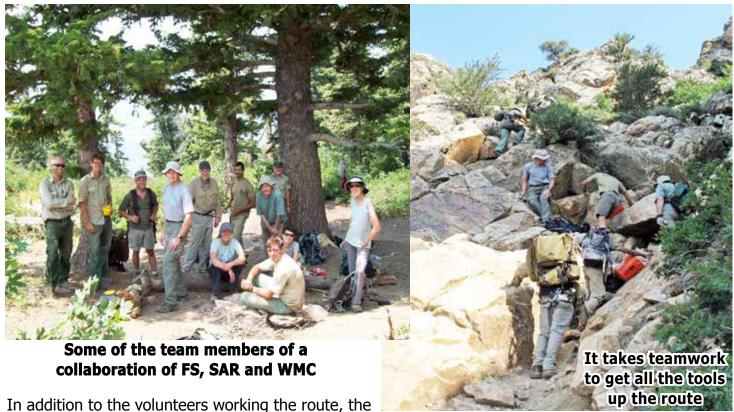
On Friday, July 25, the FSWC backpacked to the saddle to establish their weekend base camp, then spent the day scoping out the summit route, flagging locations for a series of 12 forest-service-standard cairns, and building the first one. It was hard work and a really hot day, and the FSWC went through most of their water. Thank goodness for great cell service up there. The FSWC leader called our WMC crew leader, Brett Smith, Friday night to let us know that if we couldn't get sufficient water to the saddle on Saturday, the project was going to have to be cut short!

On Saturday morning, Brett took the first WMC crew at 5:30 a.m. to get an early start and haul the heaviest of the equipment. Our stud Ben Stokes took up THREE sledgehammers, Brett loaded up with buckets/shovel/ supplies, and Lana Christiansen and Bruce Christenson followed with more water and food!



The 6:30 team consisted of the rest of the WMC work crew (Dave Andrenyak, Karen Perkins, George and Chris Frazier, Nancy Martin and Elliott Mott), John Knoblocker from the Mt. Olympus Community

Council, and the four SAR folks taking up more tools, food, and water.



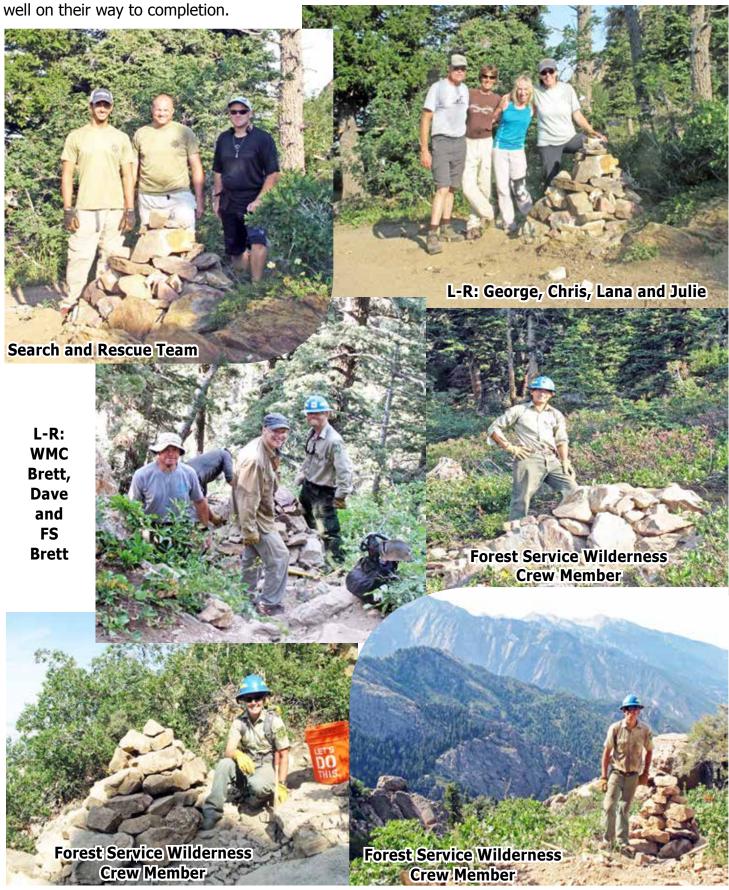
In addition to the volunteers working the route, the Forest Service had asked us to provide a "trailhead"

guard" throughout the duration of the work to advise hikers who don't notice the "closure signs" (which is most of them) that the route from the saddle to the summit was temporarily closed. But because the Forest Service crew had run through most of their water on Friday, one of the critical missions for the trailhead guards (Tony Hellman, Giulia Roselli, Barb Hanson, and Cindy Crass) was to get a LOT of water to the saddle by enlisting the support of hikes going to the saddle to carry a bottle or two.

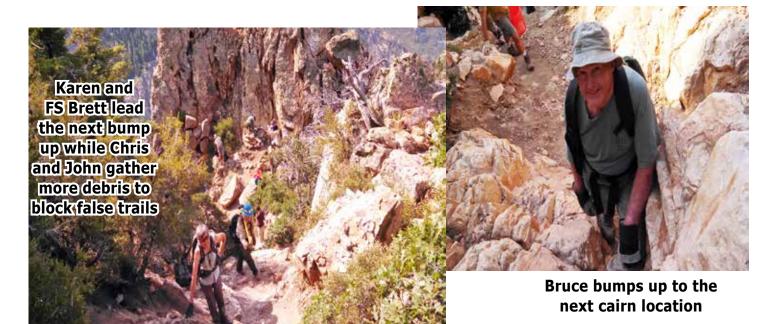


A few of the hunky kids hauled up several bottles or a full gallon jug! There was no shortage of folks willing to help out.

After checking in all our Saddle-2-Summit team volunteers and getting the first trailhead guards set up, I headed up about 7 a.m. By the time I got to the saddle, there were five crews working on separate cairns. With the one built by the Forest Service the day before, that made 6 of the 12 cairns



When a team would finish a cairn, that team would bump ahead of the highest team in progress.



Nancy and I went a bit ahead and started placing debris in the numerous false trails heading east into the headwall of Hughes Canyon, and west off into the wild blue yonder.

## Debris that was placed in false trails

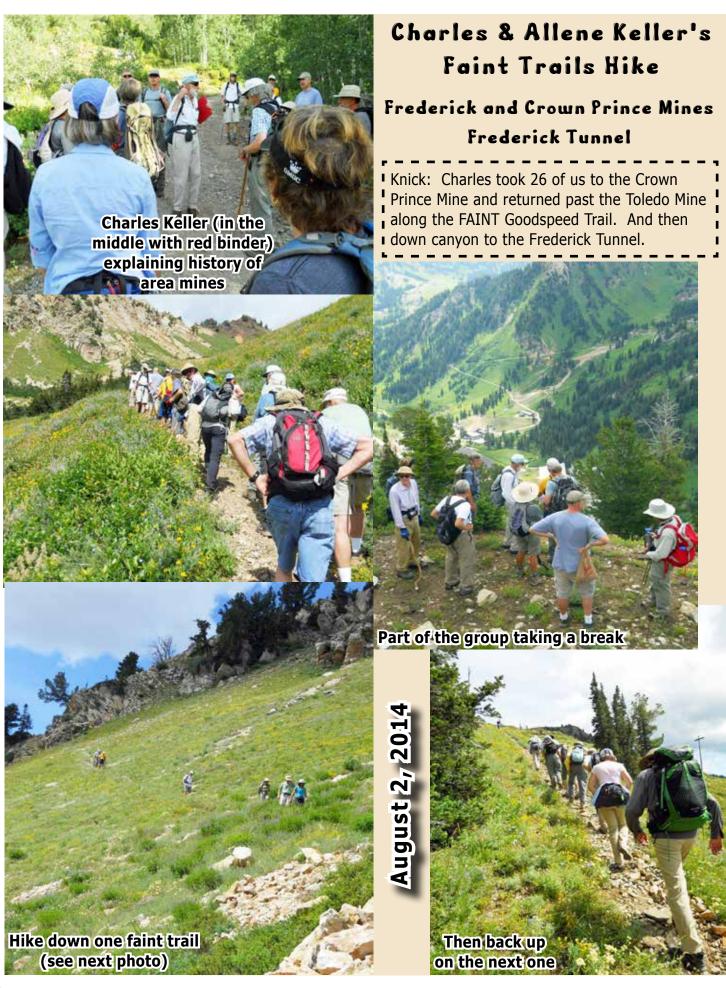
By noon, cairn number 12 was in the final stages of completion near the summit. As groups or individuals finished up, we each had to take a moment or two to tag the peak and take in the beauty of the day :-).

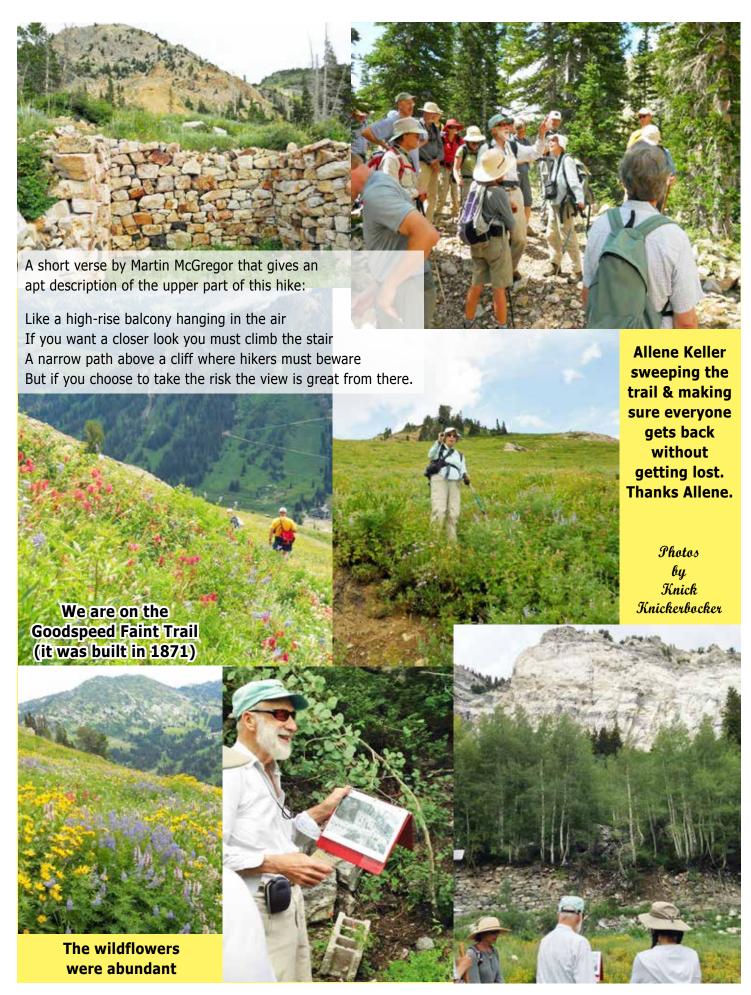
# Part of the team enjoying a few moments at the Summit

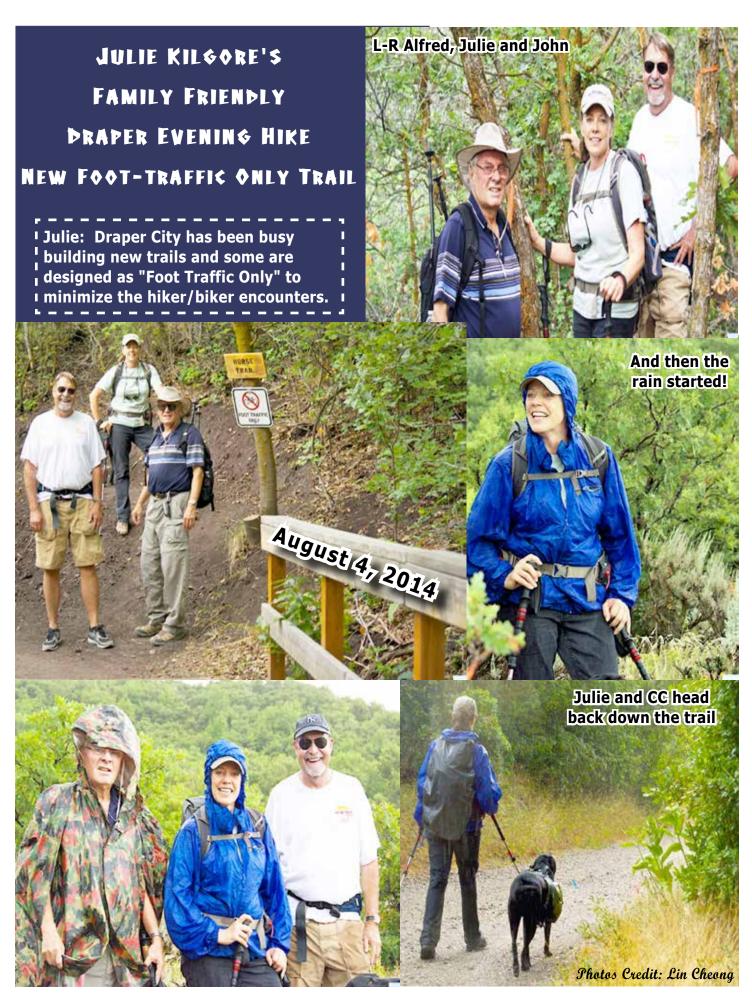


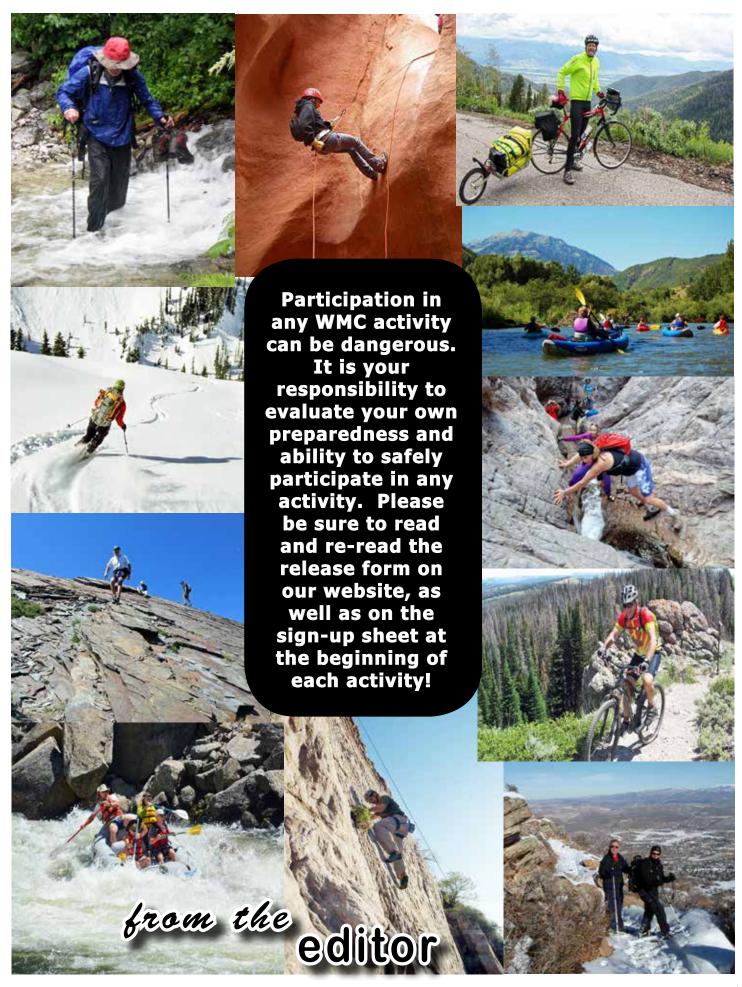
With such a great work crew, we didn't need our final trailhead guard shift (sorry Michael and Dianne Budig!!), and the route was re-opened for pleasantly surprised hikers who had started up the trail a few hours before and thought they were going to be settling for a mere trip to the saddle.

The Saddle-2-Summit route work was a great project that was successful because of this unique collaboration of the FSWC, SAR and WMC. It really was an honor for the WMC to be invited to participate.









# WMC Yellowstone Bike Tour, June 23-28, 2014

## Perspective from a New Member, by Louis Melini

I decided to retire a week earlier than planned when WMC members Dave Rumbellow and Cheryl Soshnik told me about a bike tour that the WMC was putting on. It wasn't a hard decision to retire early when given the chance to jump on my bike for a tour. Event leaders Katie Slack and Rusty Gardner had room to accept me; my work agreed to the retirement change, so off I went.

I was told that 15 people were going on the 6-day, 270-mile ride. This would make it the largest non-commercial bike tour that I've participated in. I considered the potential for logistical breakdowns, though any concerns were soon put to rest as Katie and Rusty did an outstanding job of planning and executing the trip. The participants knew the expectations of the trip and performed well. The group worked well together, supported each other when necessary, and should be commended for a most pleasurable bike trip. In addition to Katie, Rusty, Cheryl and Dave, the group also included Rob Paull, Cynthia Crass, Carrie Clark, Mark Shipman, Kevin Earl, Rob Jones, Karen Baker-Jarvis, Carl Kunz, Robin Perkins, Matt Davidson and yours truly, Louis Melini.

Yellowstone National Park is the world's oldest national Park. If you haven't ridden through Yellowstone on a bike, you should put it on your bucket list. It is simply a beautiful park with a multitude of geological features not seen elsewhere in the world in such a relatively small area. Riding takes some effort as you are above 7,500 ft. We crossed the continental divide four times! The weather can be a challenge at times, the roads and traffic can be annoying as well, but it is worth the effort for such beauty.

The group met at the Grey's River Campground in Alpine, Wyoming on June 22, the night before our tour was to start. At this time we had been well prepared via emails and a group meeting that included a detailed map and cue sheet, plus an itinerary and having all questions answered, there were no surprises. On the morning of the 23<sup>rd</sup> we parked the cars at the Storage Stables in Jackson. We then rode off through Jackson and onto a bike path that took us through Teton National Park to our first night's group campsite at Colter Bay. Robin said, "I can't imagine a more scenic bike path--no cars and excellent pavement." Cindy stated, "Riding past the Tetons was a true highlight of the trip".

The group exited Teton National Park on the second day and entered Yellowstone, camping at Grant's Village. I have to say at this point that obtaining camping for such a large group has challenges, as you can imagine. However, Katie and Rusty were able to obtain superb accommodations for us. Grant's Village was a bit of a challenge but they came through and obtained seven individual campsites for us. A piece of Swiss chocolate on our sleeping bags at night would have been the only way to improve upon our lodging. As I mentioned earlier, riding in Yellowstone can have its challenges. Cheryl summarized the road conditions on this day by saying, "We survived the heavy RV traffic, with the only poor shoulder section being from the South Entrance of Yellowstone to Lewis Lake."

Day three included a stop for a group photo at Old Faithful Geyser before riding to West Yellowstone, with the shoulder on the road becoming better. The road was so nice that Robin rode part of the road twice in order to retrieve the water bottles he left at Grant's Village! Old Faithful was mentioned several times by the group as a highlight of the trip. Katie said, "A highlight of the trip was accessing areas by bike around Old Faithful that most cannot. We found a dirt path that's little traveled and managed to navigate it just fine on our bikes. This was the only place in the park where we saw bison."

One of the most thoughtful comments came from Matt Davidson: "My best riding day was packing up early at Grant's Village, when everyone was still tucked in their sleeping bags, and riding out at 6 a.m. in the cool morning mist. With few cars, I spotted two groups of moose grazing within close range. I'm glad I took the time to attend the tour of the Old Faithful Inn. It only took one year, in 1905, to build it. Originally designed to attract wealthy Eastern tourists, it is constructed to appear as if sprouting from the ground up and oriented so stagecoach passengers would see Old Faithful as they approached the front driveway."

On day four the group left West Yellowstone for Ashton. I should mention that for the first three days Katie and Rusty provided the group with perfect weather, sunny with highs around 70°. Leaving West Yellowstone was different with rain starting early in the morning, but the weather cleared for the afternoon. Mark summarized today's ride: "It started out wet and miserable with lots of traffic on US 20. In the early afternoon the sun came out by the time I reached the turnoff for Mesa Falls Scenic Byway where I met up with Rob Paull. From there we rode together on the aptly named scenic byway with little traffic, stopping at the Lower Falls. To end the day, most of our group went to Big

Juds for dinner where we feasted on the biggest hamburgers and shakes imaginable." Big Juds was popular as it was mentioned as a highlight by Cindy as well for the huge malt shake that she had.

Day five to Victor, Idaho was an off and on wet day. Carrie summarized the ride to Victor with this comment: "The highlight for me was riding along the backside of the Tetons from West Yellowstone to Victor. The countryside was peaceful. The roads had good shoulders. The hills were rolling, so the momentum from each downhill carried us halfway up the next hill. At times it poured, at other time there was a strong headwind. Four of us ladies stuck together and formed a pace-line. We kept riding and smiling through it all and made it to our destination just fine". Dave added this comment about the day: "Ashton to Victor was green, and I know why--it rains!!" I rode with Dave today. Dave wanted to stop for some chocolate milk in Island Park. I noted a soccer game on the TV in the adjoining saloon, so I managed to talk him into going for pizza and to watch the United States take on Germany in the World Cup. It was a nice break.

On day six the tour ended for most with a return ride over Teton Pass. Rob Paull and I continued south from Victor to ride back to Salt Lake City. The east side of Teton Pass was a highlight, as noted by Robin: "The old road converted into a maintained bike path. It was very popular with a lot of other riders and hikers. It had good pavement and outstanding views. The dog walkers weren't a problem because it was very wide."

Overall there were many positive comments. From Cheryl comes this summary: "I found it great that even though there were 15 people on this tour, we all got along wonderfully. We would spread out, leave camp at different times, regroup and then spread out again. It ended up feeling like a much smaller sized trip. But I got to vary the people I rode with each day. Spirits were good among all the participants, even on the miserably rainy and chilly day from Ashton to Victor."

Katie had these comments: "One highlight was observing how well a couple in our group managed the trip, despite their pre-departure concerns. They trained hard and were mentally prepared." I loved how Matt took in virtually everything possible to see. He didn't miss an opportunity to sit down and soak in all the scenery, beauty, and local attractions. He was usually the last one into camp because he took advantage of everything in his path. That, in essence, defines what we love about bike touring."

Rob Paull rode from Ogden (after taking the FrontRunner from Sandy) to join the group in Colter Bay, and then rode back home to Sandy after leaving the group in Victor. His highlights were as follows: "Other than the young Bull Elk who came to dinner with me at Jenny Lake and the over-friendly dog who thought my leg was a tree and "marked" it in Henry, Idaho, I have to say the whole trip experience was a highlight. The first five days I spent on the road riding solo. I do enjoy riding solo, as it is a good time to get introspective with myself. The next five days was a group tour with the fun of riding with folks I've ridden with in the past and new people who I just met for the first time. The camaraderie of the camps in the evening, plus the sharing of the scenic highlights in the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Park were fantastic. The final five days were spent riding back to Salt Lake with Lou. It turned out we were quite compatible riding together, though he is the stronger climber. On the flats and mild hills we shared the work up front to make sure the miles went by faster. We were always in camp, after 50-60 miles a day, by early afternoon which gave us plenty of time to rest, read and recover for the next day. Lou and I always discussed what to do next and it was nice to have someone to share the trip with."

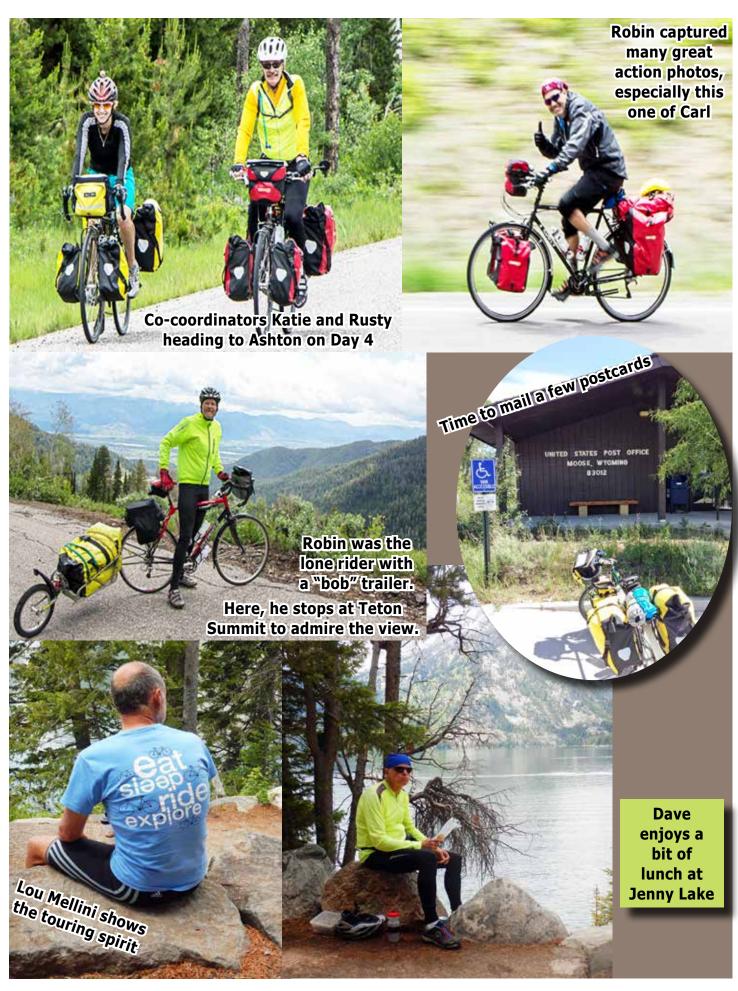
For a more intimate report of the WMC-Yellowstone bike tour you may want to go to Rob Jones' blog <a href="http://wilderness-vagabond.com/bike-jackson-loop2014/bike-jackson-loop2014.htm">http://wilderness-vagabond.com/bike-jackson-loop2014/bike-jackson-loop2014.htm</a>. You should read it and enjoy not only his perspective, but also the multitude of very nice pictures.

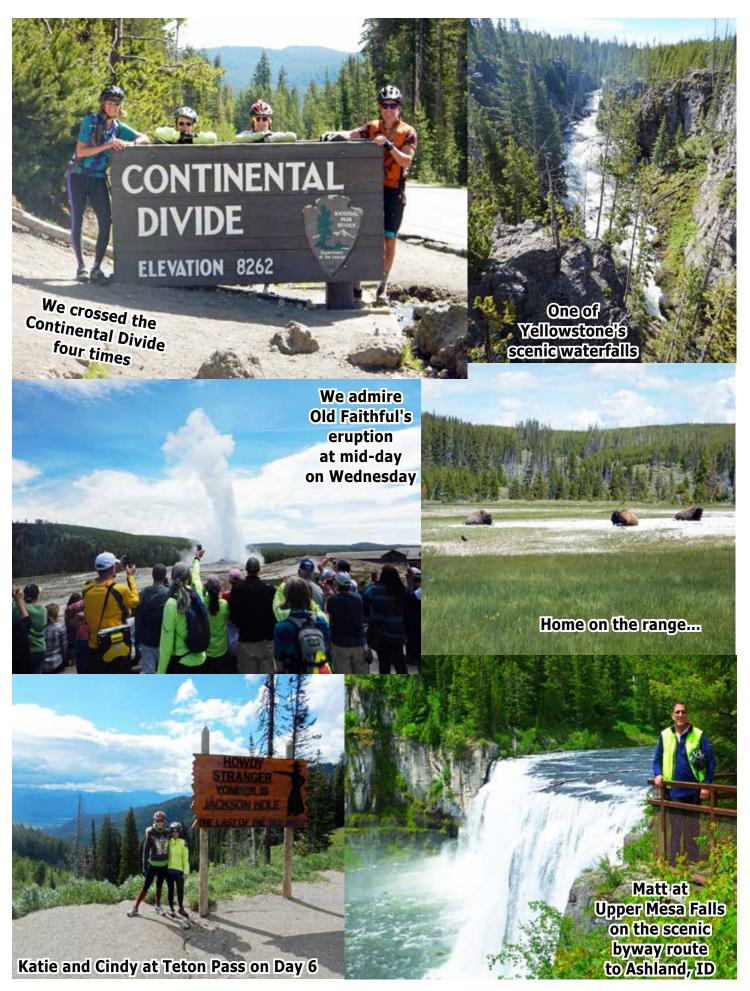
So for my summary: "Thank You to Katie and Rusty." I had a great time with a lot of memories. Stopping to watch the World Cup with Dave, eating a "chicken pot pie burrito" at a Victor, Idaho restaurant recommended by Katie and Carl, and sharing camping with Rob Paull were all highlights. I also have to thank Cindy for the loan of a sleeping pad as I left mine sitting in my garage! I was able to help her fix her flat tire. While I fixed her tire, Kevin noted that a bolt was missing from her front rack and was able to replace the missing bolt from his tool kit, all examples of how the group worked together.

I will echo what Matt Davidson said: "One of the highlights for me on the Yellowstone Wasatch Mountain Club Bike Tour was learning from the vast, collective experience of the group. I thought I had most of my bike touring skills down pat, but I still learned from some very seasoned bike tourers about food, equipment, and clothing."





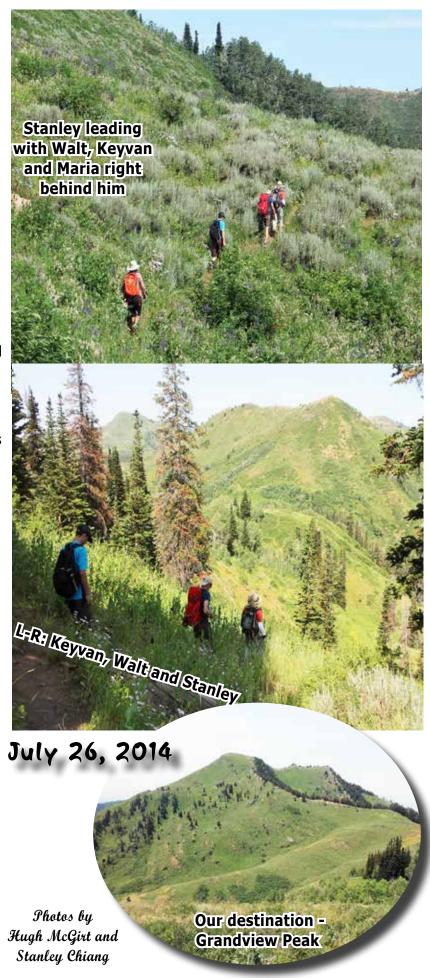


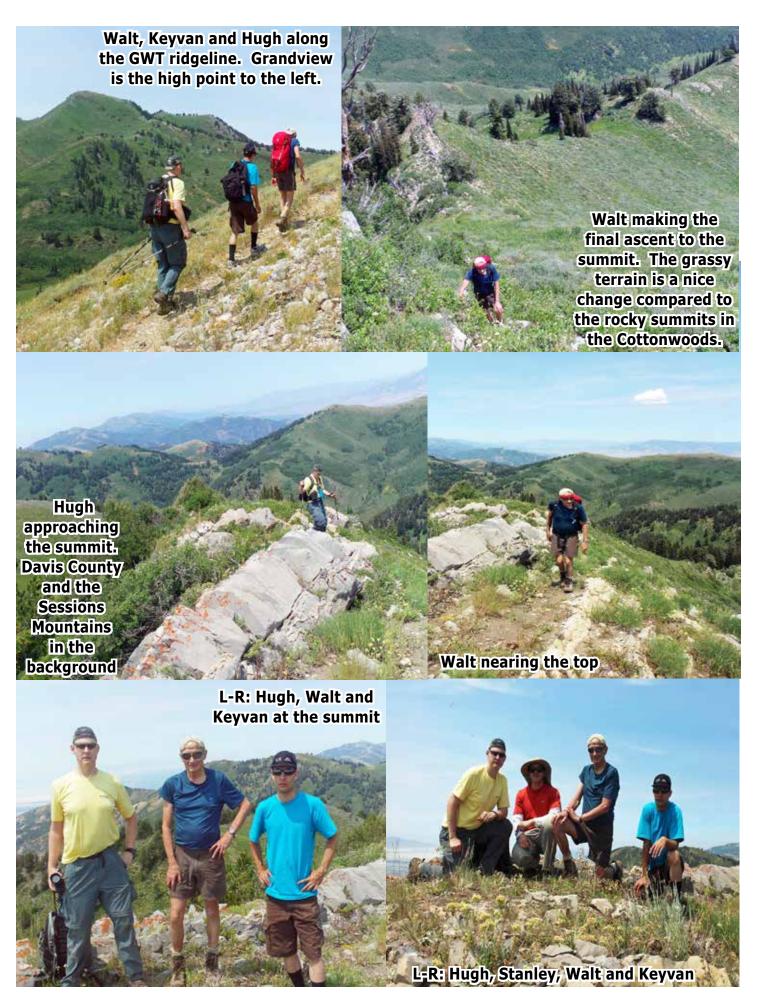


# Stanley Chiang's Hike to Grandview Peak from Affleck Park

Stanley: Grandview Peak is the highest point on the Salt Lake/Davis County border. It sits approximately 10 miles east of the Utah Capitol Building just above Upper City Creak Meadows as a spur off the Great Western Trail (GWT). The peak is not frequently visited because of the longer distances needed to summit the peak from almost any direction. Possible approaches are directly from the end of the paved road at Rotary Park in City Creek Canyon. Though this is the shortest approach, there is some heavy bushwhacking and route finding. Longer approaches involve starting at Big Mountain Summit on Rt. 65 and following the GWT north for about 10 miles. Another approach is from Rudy's Flat heading east over the ridge. Today, we approached Grandview from the Mormon Pioneer trailhead on Rt. 65 near Affleck Park. The start involves following the standard route towards Lookout Peak from the four-way junction, but there is a side trail that heads northeast before the Lookout Summit. This is a connector trail to the GWT. Where it meets the GWT, we headed due north at Hardscrabble Pass, which afforded some nice views into Morgan County. A steep ascent brought us to the ridgeline above Upper City Creek Meadows and from there Grandview Peak is in clear sight. From here, the route is fairly straightforward. We had the summit entirely to ourselves and there was a nice cool breeze at the 9,200 ft. elevation--a nice contrast to the 90 degree temperatures at the Rt. 65 trailhead. Great views of Upper City Creek Canyon, the Mill Creek and Cottonwood Mountains to the south, the GWT ridgeline and Davis County to the north, Morgan County Valley to the east, and the Desert Mountain Ranges to the west were all within sight. We arrived at the trailhead 9.5 hours after we started. Walt had his GPS logging the entire time for a round trip of 17.6 miles and 5,545 ft cumulative elevation.

Participants and summiteers: Hugh McGirt, Walt Haas, Keyvan Yaghmayi, and Stanley Chiang. Maria Moya accompanied us to Hardscrabble Pass but turned around there.





#### FAINT TRAILS IN THE WASATCH

## FTW 91. Joab Lawrence Company and the Burgess Tunnel

The unusual situation wherein two principals of the Alta Consolidated Mining Company took a bond on their own property, as mentioned in the previous Faint Trails article, came to an end in August of 1879 when the Joab Lawrence Company was incorporated and all the properties of the Alta Consolidated Mining Company were transferred into it. However, Joab Lawrence and Charles Read had been preparing for this reorganization for over a year, and once it was consummated they took steps to expand their operation. The first step was to record the Burgess tunnel in the name of the new company. This was a relocation of the abandoned Utah tunnel.

The Utah tunnel was recorded in June of 1871, intended to run in a northerly direction for 20,000 feet. It had no specified goal, but the mining laws stated that if a tunnel strikes a lode not already worked from the surface, the operators can file a claim on it. Since the lodes generally ran in a northwesterly direction, and the now famous Emma mine was east of the Utah tunnel, it may well be the operators expected to strike that lode outside the Emma claim. With a strong force of business men and miners behind it, the company started work with three shifts of miners. The work continued for nearly three years before the project was abandoned. Over eight years later, engineer Micajah Burgess explored the tunnel for use by the Joab Lawrence Company, and when the relocation was filed, the tunnel was named after him. At that time the tunnel was about 470 feet in length. When the Vallejo tunnel, running in a generally northerly direction, was in nearly 500 feet a shaft was sunk from the tunnel level and drifts were run in an easterly direction. The Burgess portal was only 560 feet southeast from the Vallejo tunnel and about 190 feet lower. The inner end of the tunnel was very close to the Vallejo's lower workings, making it an important adjunct to the company's operations. However, the Burgess tunnel was important to another concurrent event, the acquisition of the North Star claim.



Fig. 1. This photo shows the waste rock dump from the Burgess tunnel as seen from the Flagstaff road. Its size reflects the great length of its underground workings

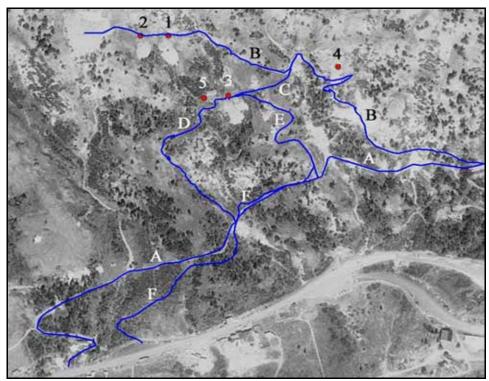
The North Star was one of the very earliest claims recorded at Alta under the auspices of O. H. Congar, who was acting as an agent for the New York and Utah Prospecting and Mining Company. In the winter of 1865-66 he traveled east and sold a portion of the North Star claim to James P. Bruner of Philadelphia. Brunner sent people out to develop the mine and build a furnace to process the ore. The mine was productive, but the attempt to smelt the ore resulted in failure. Bruner gave up, but held the property. In years that followed the mine was worked sporadically, either under lease or for the owner. It was the latter situation, when a miner was not paid, that caused a suit to be filed and the mine fell into the hands of the plaintiff. It was then sold to Chicago

investors who held it for several years before Joab Lawrence bought it. And for good reason.

James Brunner's workings on the North Star claim are located about 700 feet east of the Burgess tunnel, but the claim extends in a westerly direction to the South Star claim, northwest of the Burgess. In fact, it conflicted with the South Star, so Lawrence bought the conflicted area before the Joab Lawrence Company was incorporated. The Burgess tunnel was headed into North Star ground, and at about 700 feet it struck the North Star lode, opening a new era of development and production. The bright future it gave the company was cut short in January of 1881 when massive avalanches assaulted Alta and most mines in its vicinity, including the Vallejo, where the boarding house, ore bins and aerial tramway were totally destroyed. Recognizing the impending danger, Manager Read had ordered the discharge of all his men the day before the slide. However, two men chose to remain and were killed when the boarding house was destroyed. When work resumed at the mine ore was shipped down to Alta using rawhides, a primitive method when compared to the smooth and continuous flow that had taken place with the aerial tramway. In June a large force was employed to rebuild structures and the tramway. However, at this time all work was transferred to the Burgess tunnel, and the wire tramway was rebuilt from that point down to the rail terminal in Alta.

The company enjoyed several years of good production before it was devastated again by snow avalanches in February 1885. As before, all buildings, the ore bin and tramway were wrecked. And as before, crews were sent to rebuild the structures. There were suggestions the company would replace the aerial tramway with a track, but that was not done. Nor was the aerial tramway replaced. By this time there was a good road running down into Alta from the Burgess tunnel that provided an adequate route to ship ore.

Near the end of the 1880s the Flagstaff company began doing development work through the Burgess tunnel. After it made a connection with its sixth level, it began shipping ore that way and continued to do so until the turn of the century.



This map shows roads and places of importance to the Vallejo and Burgess tunnels, all on the north slope above Alta. For reference, the Grizzly Gulch road is labeled A and the Flagstaff road is B. Highway 210 crosses the bottom and the Rustler Lodge is at bottom center. The numeric labels, indicating tunnel locations, are: 1. Vallejo, 2. South Star, 3. Burgess, 4. North Star, 5. Silver Star. Other notations are discussed in the accompanying text.

After 1888 the company that had been privately owned by Lawrence, Read and Moylan Fox, began to fall apart. Joab Lawrence died at the end of December of that year, and two years later Charles Read severed association with company. With the company now fully owned by the Lawrence estate, Moylan Fox remained in charge. In 1908 he filed five claims in the vicinity of the Vallejo and Burgess tunnels. At least one of them, Silver Star, whose tunnel was located only 155 feet west of the Burgess tunnel, had work done on it and today still has a waste rock dump and a heavy growth of bushes where water seeps out of the collapsed tunnel. Finally, in 1916 the company's mining properties at Alta, including the Vallejo and Burgess tunnels, the South Star, Northern Star, Silver Star and Lucky Star, as well as the properties in Alta that once held

the lower terminal of the tramway and company offices, were sold to the Emma Copper Company for an estimated value of \$130,000 in the purchasing company's stock.

The site of the Burgess tunnel is easily accessible today via roads from several time periods. Some of them are shown in Figure 2. The roads labeled A and B are the Grizzly Gulch and Flagstaff roads, respectively. They

are fairly modern roads in that they were constructed in the post-World War 2 years. The short access road to the Burgess tunnel from the Flagstaff road, C in the figure, dates from the same period. A good road, E in the figure, runs north from the Grizzly Gulch road to the Burgess tunnel. This road might date back to the late nineteenth century, after the tramway was destroyed by avalanches and was not rebuilt, but was certainly in place in the early twentieth century. At that time it would have joined the old Emma road, F in the figure, to continue down into Alta. That road and the Grizzly Gulch road are closely aligned for a short westerly distance, but then the older road drops lower on the slope. It can be followed with only minor downfall obstructions until it makes a turn south and southeast and ends abruptly where the hillside was cut away to create a parking area along the highway. This was one of the earliest roads built at Alta, providing access to the Emma and many of the other early mines on the northeast slopes.

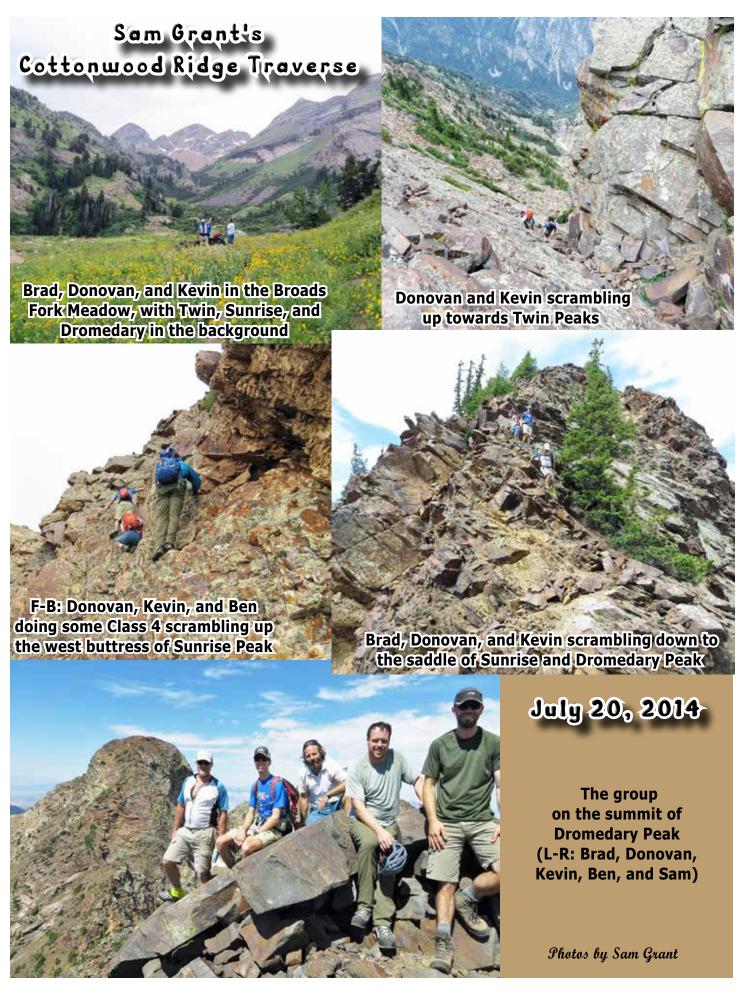
The final road, labeled D in the figure, heads in a westerly direction from the Burgess tunnel, dropping below the Silver Fig. 3. The short access road seen here connects the Burgess Star dump. It then turns to a southerly direction to join the on the left side of the road is from the Caledonia shaft. old Emma road. Where it makes the abrupt southerly turn it

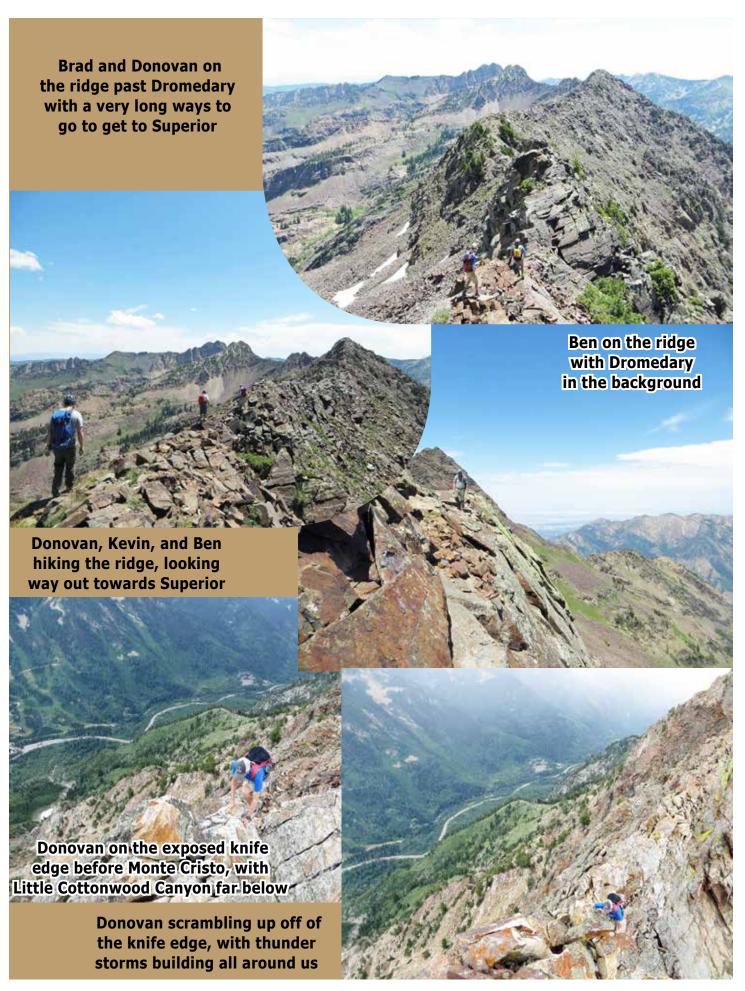


dump, in the foreground, with the Flagstaff road. The dump

is very close to the original site of the Flagstaff compressor as well as that mine's tramway, the line of which can be seen as a faint line heading north from the letters A and F in the figure. This road was little used in the last half century or more, so it is rapidly becoming another of the Faint Trails in the Wasatch.

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# Payette River Trip - July 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 2014 Rick Thompson, Organizer

By Richard Pedley



Participants, from left to right: Richard, Bret, Irene, Aymara, Luce, Barry, Greg, Barbara, Linda, Zig, Mitchell, Lori, Anja and, behind the camera, Rick and Sal!

Having been in Utah for less than four days, I turned up at a storage unit behind a McDonalds near Murray for a trip that I had been lucky enough to get onto at the last minute, having begged and borrowed most of the kit I needed for the trip. Fortunately it became clear that I was in good hands, as the organisation was spot on from the start and once the van arrived we were off quickly.

A full day of travelling later and we arrived at the campsite in time to set up our tents, explore the natural hot spring, prepare the boats for the next day and enjoy a bit of chatting under the stars before heading to bed for an early morning start.

The next day started early with a safety briefing from Bret about how to safely ride the river, which was useful for those like me who had never been white water rafting before! I could not have asked for better companions as we floated down the river taking a relaxed pace for our first run between Banks and Beehive Bend, enjoying the sunshine and the occasional swim.

After a break for lunch and a quick jump off the bridge at Banks for those mad enough, we were back in the water for the second run.

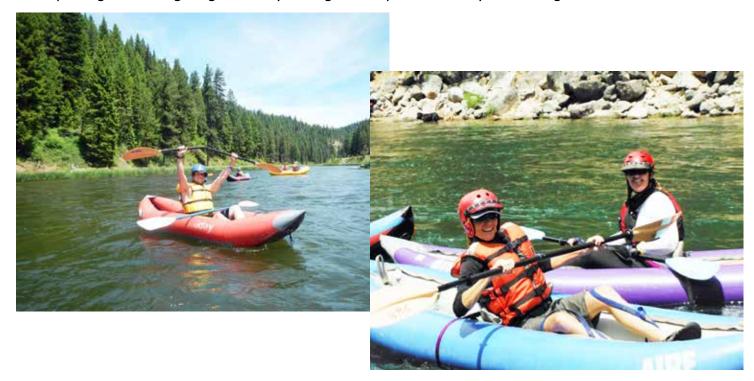
The second run followed much the same structure as the first, but with a change in the boats with a lot of new people building confidence in the duckies after the first successful run and a few people trying to stay drier in the bigger boats... unsuccessfully as the front raft was flipped by the last set of rapids!



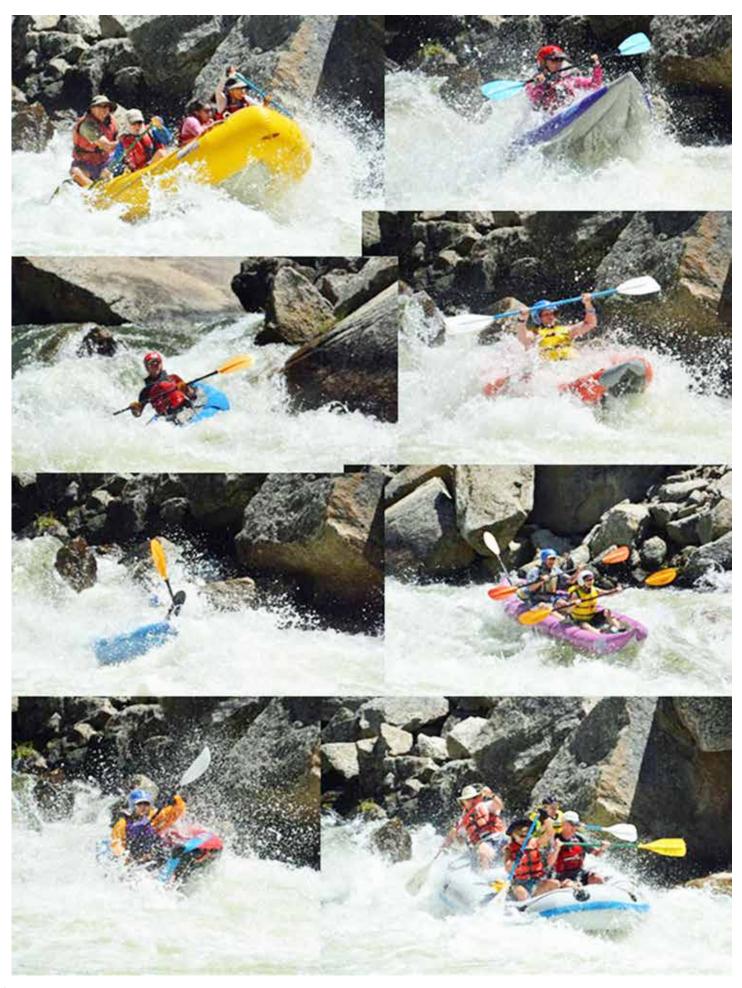
Despite the unexpected flip, we finished in good time to make it back to the campsite and eat before heading into nearby Crouch for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations. As a Brit experiencing my first 4th of July, this was a baptism of fire! The celebrations were truly spectacular and insane at the same time and like nothing I'd ever seen before! Several hours later we made our way back to camp again in order to be bright eyed and bushy tailed for the trips the next day.

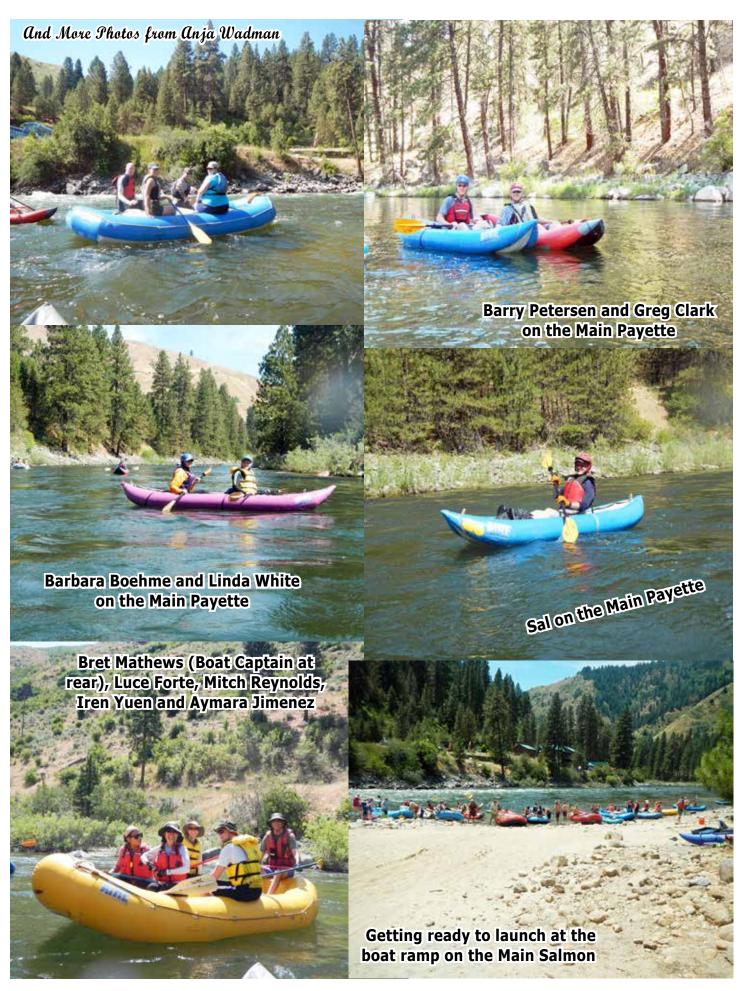


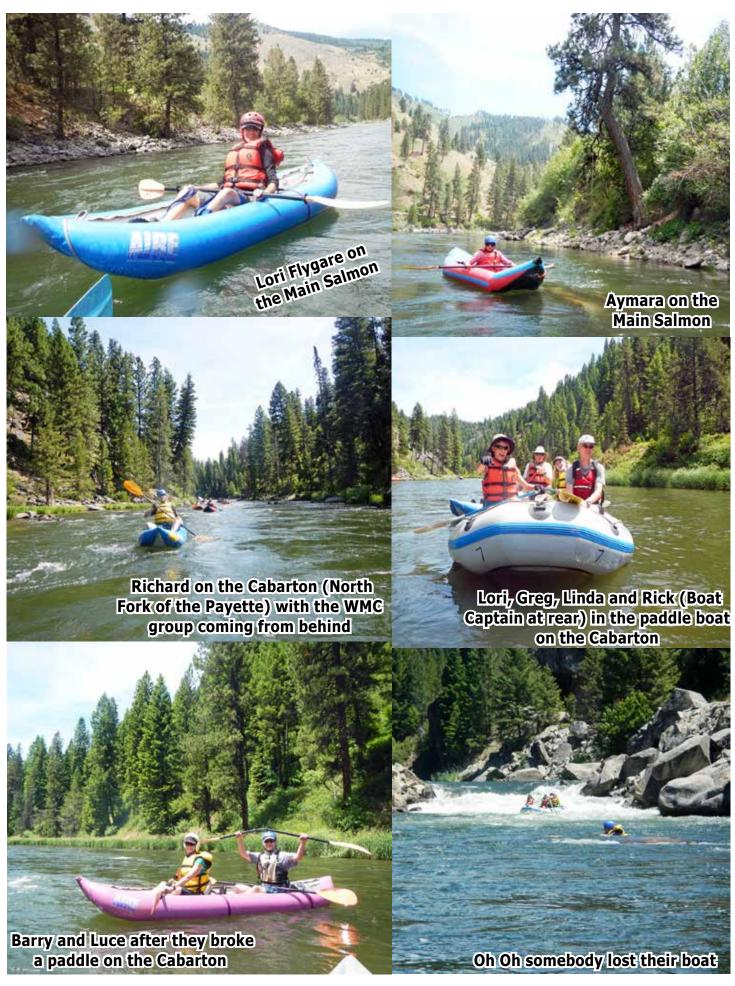
The first trip was down the Cabarton, a beautiful stretch of river with some tough sets of rapids including the Trestle and Howards Plunge right at the end, where a photographer lies in wait to take action shots of unsuspecting boaters fighting their way through the rapids and in my case being thrown out of the boat.



The second run of the day was through the aptly named Swirly Canyon and, despite the nice weather, we were less willing to be thrown into the ice cold water of the South Fork. A relaxed boat ride took us down to the take out and nicely rounded off a great long weekend of white water rafting with a great bunch of people who made me feel very welcome during my first WMC trip and my first weekend in the States.







#### WHAT ARE THE "TEN E'S"?

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

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

#### What should you do with the 10 essentials?

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

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

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

#### Some other gear to think about:

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

**Steve:** Seven of us started up the Deaf Smith Canyon trail on July 13. It was a hot day, with temperatures topping out at 97°, or so said the forecast. Normally that would make a hike starting just above Wasatch Boulevard rather silly, but this canyon has a lot of shade. Between that and walking alongside a stream, the trail is actually a very nice way to escape the heat.

The word "trail" is a bit kind. Deaf Smith has not been a formally maintained trail for a long time, and the lower third is marked by multiple stream crossings, scrambling over a rock wall (with a rope conveniently placed for those who would trust it), and lots of decisions about where the trail (route?) actually goes.

But conditions have recently become more degraded further up the canyon, as it has been lightly used over the past three years. The bottom of the trail is privately owned, and homeowners on the private lane have posted "No Trespassing" signs (no we didn't trespass-we obtained permission to take this hike). There is some justification for the closure, based on the stories of hikers behaving badly. The most egregious were the crossings built over the stream during 2011, after our most recent heavy snow winter. These crossings were built as dams, and caused flooding.

With the lack of use comes an overgrown trail, and in some cases there was deadfall that necessitated detours and bushwhacking (this was discovered on a scoping hike, and participants were advised that the trip was semi-exploratory). But we also had solitude, seeing only two pairs of hikers. Deaf Smith is a beautiful place to walk, with the light filtering through the trees and dancing off the stream. There are lots of little waterfalls, and the rock walls have their own character. We also hit peak thimbleberry season, and the berries were sweet, juicy, and abundant. They also made for slower walking.

The last third of the trail is a steep, straight line. Donn speculated that it was once a road. If so, someone went to a lot of work to not find any ore. When we got to the top of the ramp, the trail petered out (again). This time, we weren't able to find the continuation, and we slowly made our way over lots of deadfall. It was sad that we were unable to find the meadow. Hopefully it was our route-finding, and not the meadow becoming overgrown.

Even without the meadow for dessert, Deaf Smith made for an excellent hike. Admittedly, those who came along were happy to take a little bushwhacking in stride. Besides, aren't thimbleberries dessert?

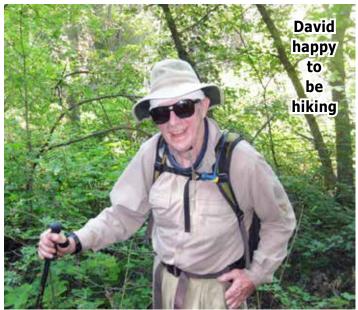
Hikers: Alex Arakelian, Stanley Chiang, Akiko Kamimura, Donn Seeley, Dave Smith, Ben Stokes, and Steve Glaser.



T-B: Steve, Alex, Ben, Stanley and Donn



Start of a steep climb for Alex







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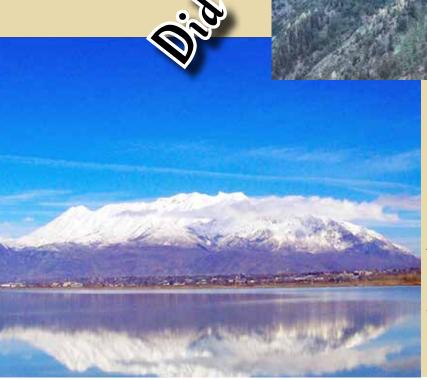
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The Wasatch Mountains are a narrow mountain range running north to south for about 200 miles. These mountains are located on the western side of the Rocky Mountains.

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The highest peak on the Wasatch Range is Mt. Nebo. This peak's highest point stands at about 1,670 meters. A hiker experiences a 1,158 meter elevation gain to reach the summit. Ten out of twelve months of the year this peak is covered in snow!



Mt. Timpanogos is the tallest on the mountain range. It stands at 3,582 meters and is found east of Provo. From the major trailheads the elevation gain is about 1,450-1,500 meters. Lone Peak is not as tall as Timpanogos, but is not the smallest on the mountain range. Don't take this mountain lightly as a climber; it has a reputation for being very rugged and having hard terrain to get over. The Lone Peak Natural Area was made in 1977.



Mt. Olympus and Grandeur Peak are very close to each other, they lie just east of Salt Lake City. Both these mountains are very popular for hiking and are accessible by all variety of skill levels. The summit is only 2,751 meters for Mt. Olympus and 2,529 meters for Grandeur Peak. There are manmade paths up the mountains that rise only about 800 meters. Hiking this summit is rather easy comparatively it takes a small 3 hours to reach these summits.

Mt. Ben Lomond is one of the more famous mountains along the Wasatch Range. The elevation reaches to 2,960. The trails of this mountain are longer that elevated. Round trip to the top will take about six hours if you are quick. This mountain peak shows the view of the Salt lake valley and Willard Bay from the summit.

Naming information: All these mountains that we have seen have very colorful backgrounds behind the naming of them. Most of the names come from others all around the world, take Mt. Olympus as an example. The name comes from the legendary mountain in Greece where the gods are supposed to dwell. Mt. Nebo is named after a mountain located in Jordan,

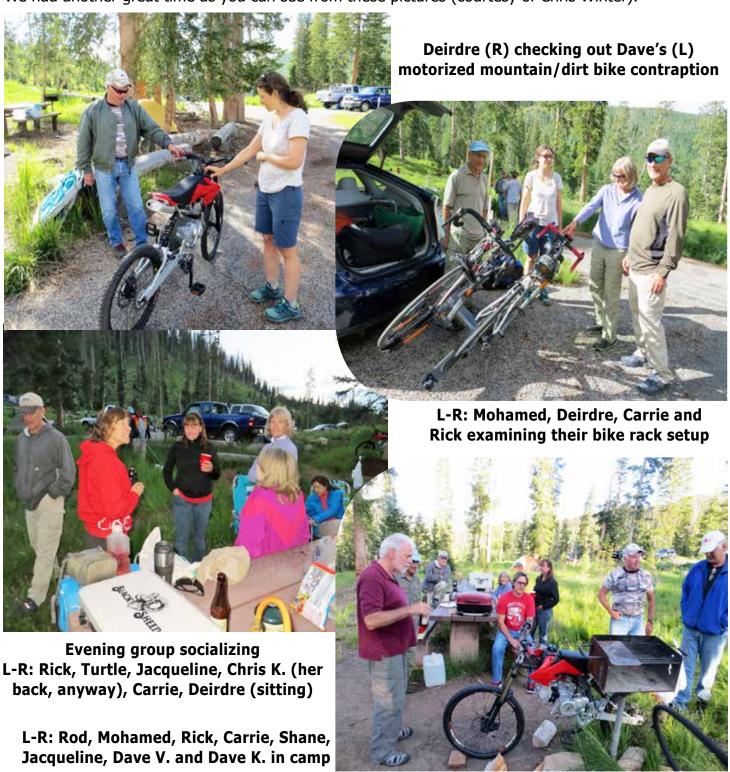


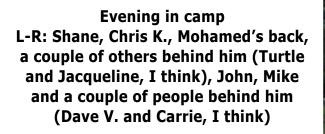
and Mt. Ben Lomond comes from a name of a mountain locked in the Highlands of Scotland. However, there are some that are prospected to come from legends or names, like Mt. Timpanogos. It is supposed to be named after an Indian maiden. It also means "river of rock" in Paiute. Others are named for the regular reasons, and appearance. Lone Peak and Grandeur Peak are obviously named.

#### Robert Turner's 2014 Huntington Canyon - Scofield Bike Trip

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Huntington Canyon—Scofield Road Bike weekend trip took place July 11-13. We camped again up top in Flat Canyon Campground since the campgrounds in Huntington Canyon itself are still closed due to continuing flash flood and debris flow danger caused by the fires that occurred there two years ago (summer 2012). In fact, a flood/debris flow the day before closed the road down Huntington Canyon until late in the evening the day we arrived. Fortunately, it didn't affect us; that is precisely why we camped up top where the roads are not subject to floods and closures.

We had another great time as you can see from these pictures (courtesy of Chris Winter).





The group at the pre-ride lecture:-)
L-R: Dave K., Chris K., Mike, Rod, someone
behind Robert (Mohamed, I think), Robert
(hand up, no helmet yet), someone's back
(Shane, maybe?), Cheryl eating a donut
or something. Robert (the organizer)
is probably scaring the bejesus out of
everyone about the potential for and nasty
consequences of hypothermia at 9,000+ feet.

Regrouping near the top L-R: Mike, John, Barb, Chris K., Carrie (I think), Turtle, Rick, Cheryl, and Dave V.

> Huntington reservoir and Mammoth discovery site L-R: Rod, Chris K., Jacqueline (I think), Dave V., Barb, Carrie, Rick, Turtle, and Deirdre (I think)

Flat repair--they still look like they are enjoying themselves anyway (L-R: Dave S., Cheryl, Rick, and Carrie)

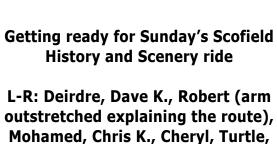


L-R: Jacqueline, John and Rod chillin' in camp

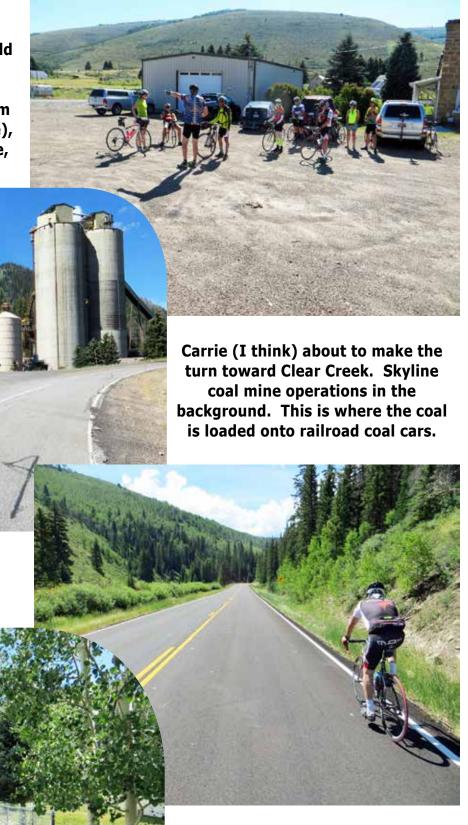
John and his ferocious guard dog



Rod getting a few much needed ZZZZZs after a hard ride



and Dave S.



Dave V. heading up the canyon to Clear Creek

Chris W. is all smiles as he peddles through the charming little town of Clear Creek

Cheryl and Mike bookending the Clear Creek welcome sign. It really is a little bit of heaven.

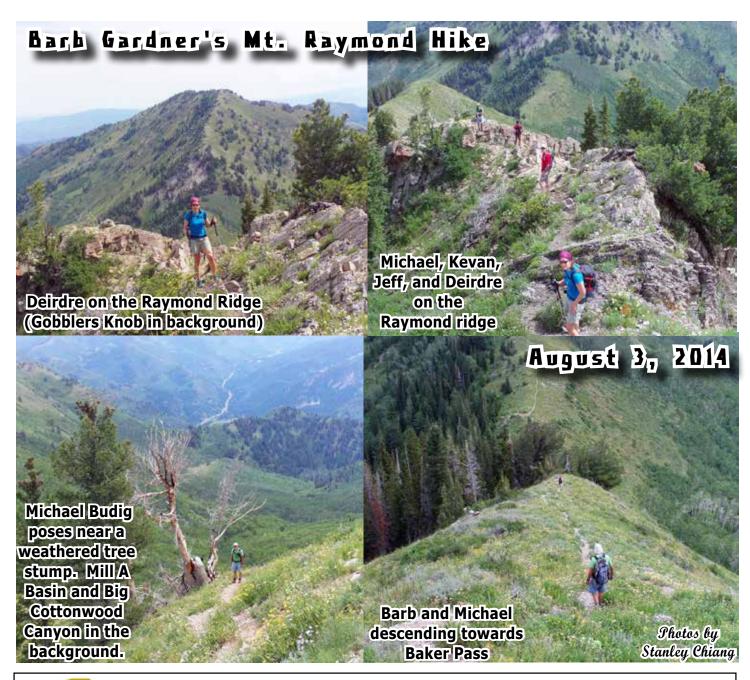


One of the local residents (parttime only; there aren't any full time residents anymore; the last one died a year or two ago) putted over to us on his ATV and gave us a fascinating history lesson of the town and surrounding area. Back in the day, it was a company town complete with company store where residents had to do all their purchasing. They even burned one man's suit because he bought it elsewhere. Paying rapt attention are (L-R) Turtle, Cheryl (obscured behind Turtle), Mike, Rick and Carrie.

## One happy Mike pedaling back toward Scofield

Trip participants were Mohamed
Abdallah and Deirdre Flynn, Turtle
Ala, Shane and Jacqueline Bode,
Rick Gamble and Carrie Clark, Rod
Collins, Barbara Gardner, Dave and
Chris Karcher, Mike Roundy, John
Schwed, Cheryl Soshnik, Dave
Sturgeon, Jim, Abram and Mali
Turner, Robert Turner, Dave Vance
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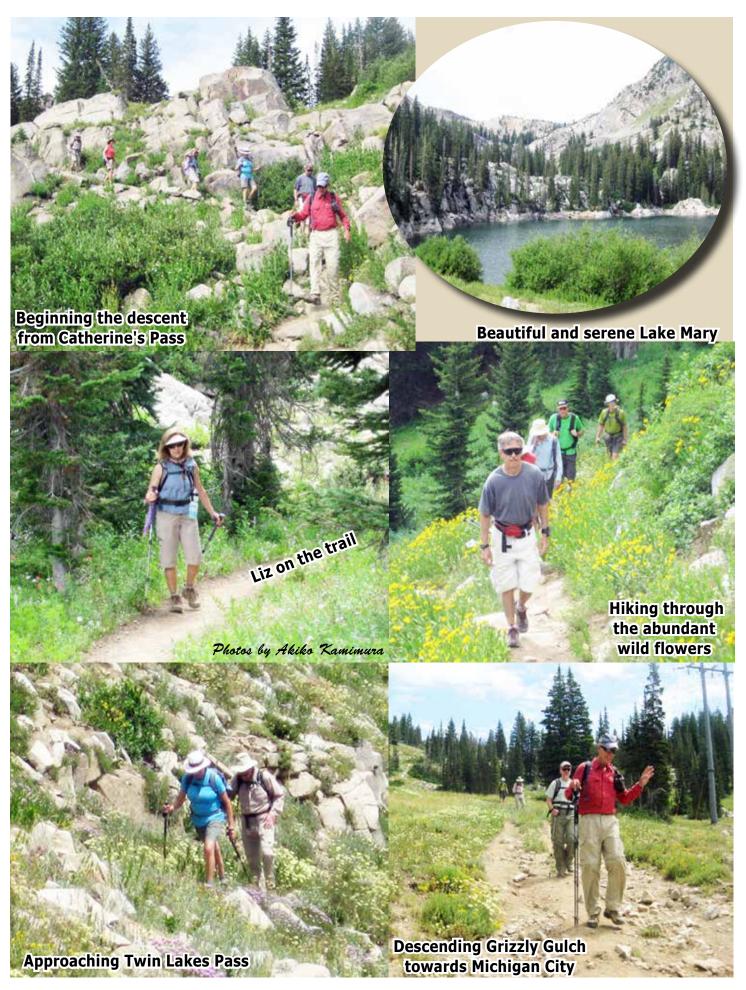
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#### WMC Kings Peak, 4-Day Backpacking Trip (July 31- August 3)

**Back Packers:** John Schwed/Organizer, Craig Brody, Catherine Bee, Kit Spicer, Cindy Crass, Dave Andrenyak, Brent Vawter and Greg Clark.

We started the trip early (6 a.m.) the first day to meet at Evanston's McDonalds for coffee and head count. We then traveled to Henry Fork Tail Head to start our four-day adventure. All the packs weighed-in around 40 to 60 lbs; we signed in and headed up the trail. Great weather in the high country followed us as we hiked up to Alligator Lake. (Mile 3) We witnessed a family that caught a nice cutthroat trout for lunch. Backpacked to Henry Fork Trail to Elk-Horn Crossing where we set up camp. (Mile 6.5, 1,100 ft. accent for the day)

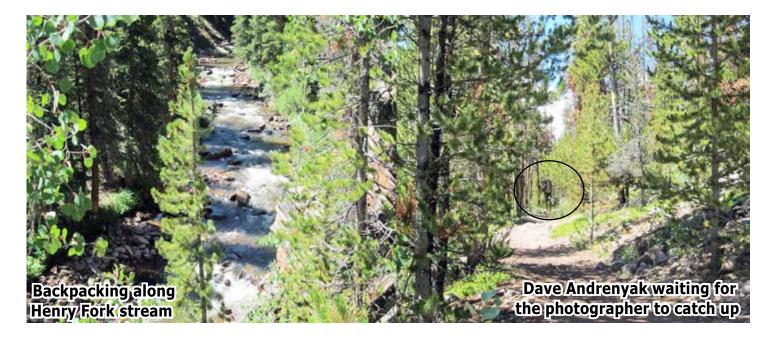
Start of the Kings Peak adventure (L-R: John Schwed, Dave Andrenyak, Brent Vawter, Catherine Bee, Greg Clark, Kit Spicer, Craig Brody and taking the picture is Cindy Crass)



**Alligator Lake** 

Resting and snacking at Alligator Lake

Thotos by John Schwed



**Second day**: Backpacking into the Henry Fork Basin was breath taking with the abrupt surrounding mountains with over 3,000 feet above you. The trail had plenty of water flow close by and the vegetation was lush with color. Heading up to Dollar Lake for a walk about was a picturesque event. We continued up to the timberline by bushwhacking to set up a base camp at 11,000 ft. elevation and off the main trail for visual security. (Mile 9, 900 ft. accent for the day) Greg and Brent took off to hike Gilbert Peak 13,442 ft. starting near Dollar Lake. Food, coffee, campfire stories and moose sightings were the events for the evening.



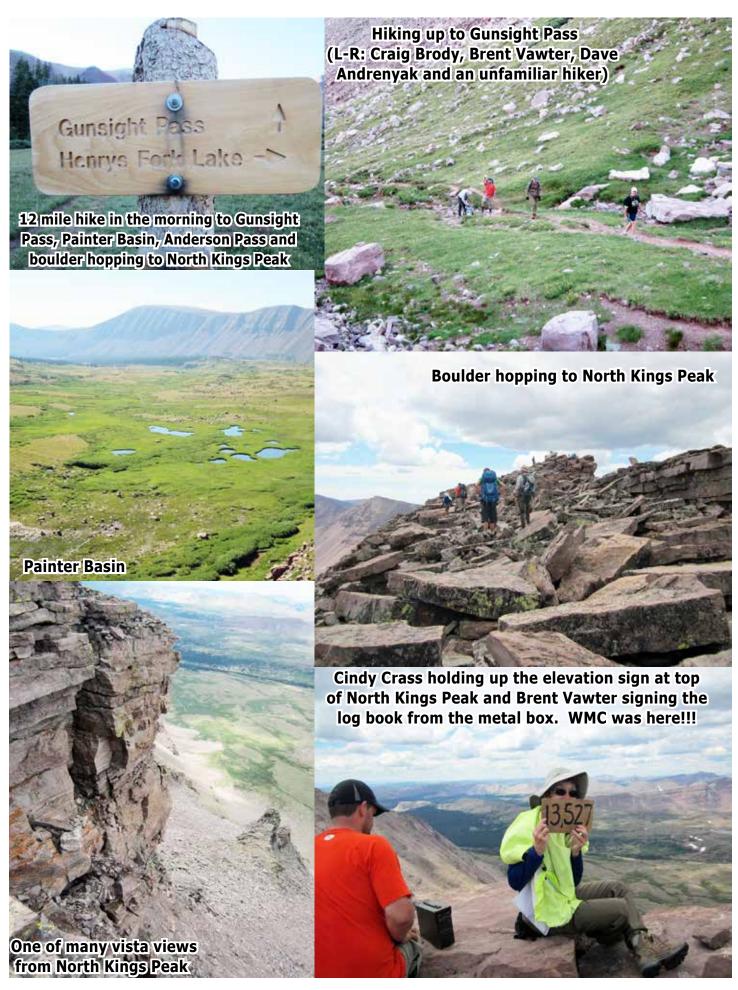
Beginning to enter Henry Fork Basin (L-R: Catherine Bee, Cindy Crass, Kit Spicer, Dave Andrenyak, Greg Clark, Brent Vawter and Craig Brody)

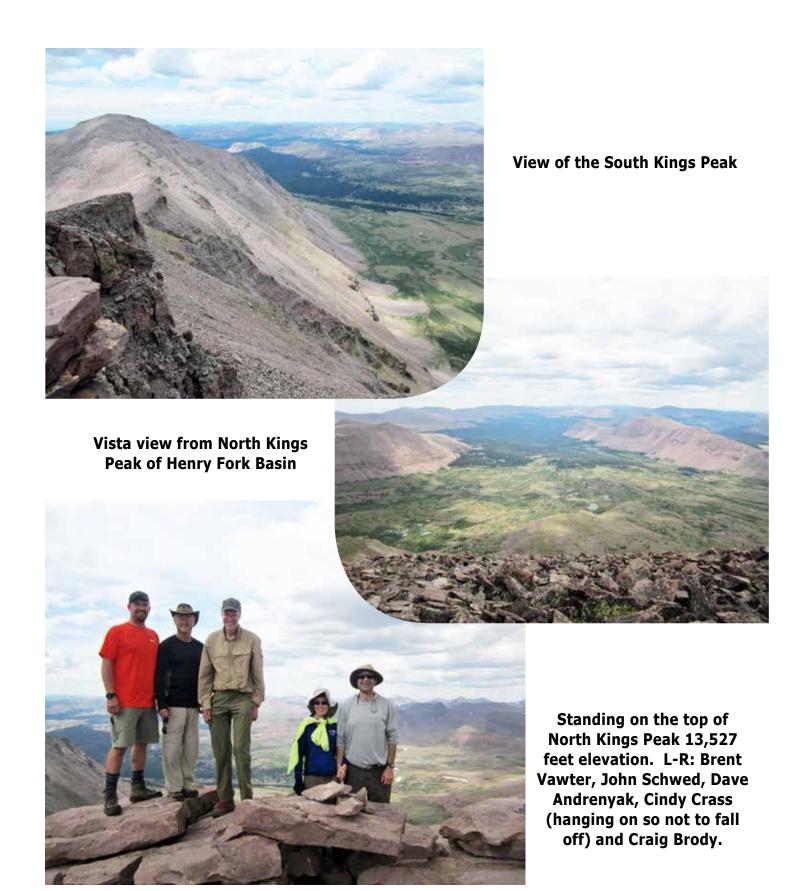


Base camp designed by Sherpa Kit Spicer!!! You got your bedroom, living room, dinning room and kitchen area :-)

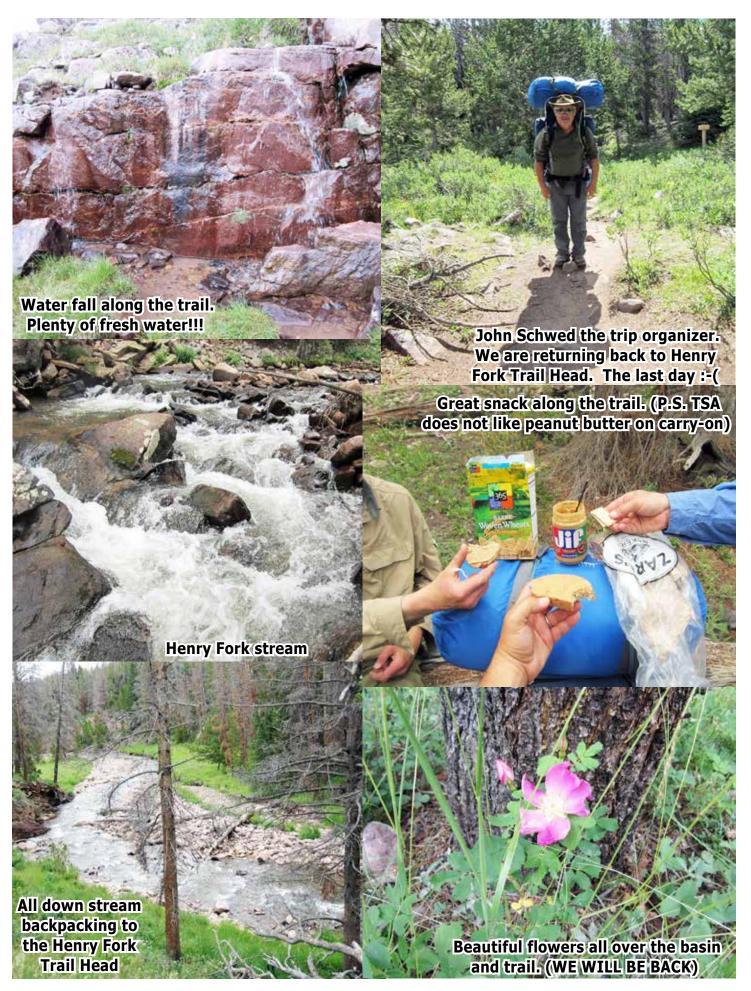
**Third Day:** Kings Peak hike day started another great clear sky in the high Uintas Mountains up to Gunsight Pass and into Painter Basin. The views were grand and the morning sky was very clear. This was to be 12 miles and 3,000 ft. accent round trip with light daypacks. The objective was to summit by noon for lunch. Kings Peak at 13,528 ft. was a great spot for lunch and some sent text messages if they had Verizon. The West Prominence View from Kings Peak is 6,358 ft. to the Yellowstone drainage below and it was Grandiose!!! "Life Is Good." The clouds started to roll in for the afternoon so it timed our departure from the top by boulder dancing down to Anderson Pass 800 ft. below.

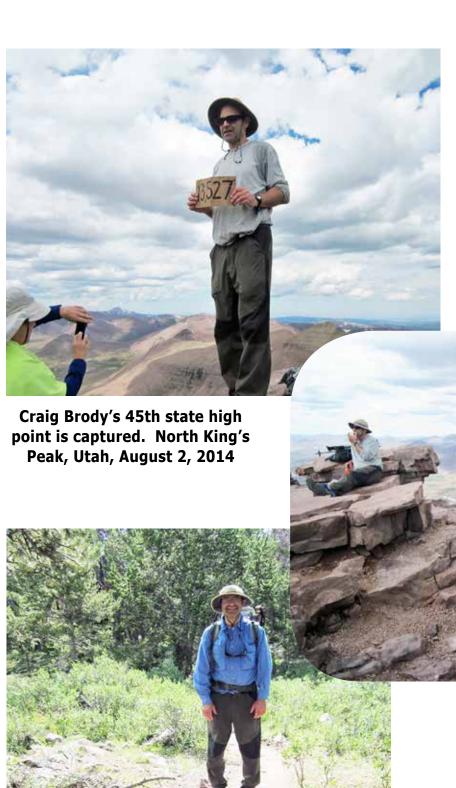
(L-R: Brent Vawter and Cindy Crass)





**Fourth day** was a leisurely 1,600 ft. decent from our base camp to Henry Fork trailhead stopping for water, lunch and pictures along the way. We capped this event by stopping in Evanston, Wyoming for Subway sandwiches for supper. The backpacking trip total was 32 miles and 4,500 ft. elevation gain. "Life Is Good."





Honorable Merit: Craig
Brody, a WMC member from
Philadelphia, celebrated
his 45th High State Point
captured. This was over the
last 18 years (Kings Peak
13,528 ft. Utah, August 2,
2014). What a monumental
hiking tasks. Good Luck
Craig for the rest of your
high point state captures.

Craig Brody having lunch at the top of North King's Peak with the 6,358 ft. West Prominence View of Yellowstone drainage below

Congratulations to Craig Brody on the 18 years to accomplish the 45 state high point with the Wasatch Mountain Club!

#### WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

#### **Rules and Regulations:**

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

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

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

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

#### **Activity Difficulty Rating**

0.1-4.0 > Not Too Difficult (NTD)

**Lightly Strenuous** 

4.1-8.0 > Moderate (MOD)

Moderate to Very Strenuous 8.1-11.0 > Most Difficult (MSD)

Very Strenuous, Difficult

11.1+ > Extreme (EXT)

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

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#### Date Activity

Sep 1 Slow Pace Day Hike Up Neff's – mod – Slow pace

Mon Meet: 8:30 am at Skyline High School - 3151 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

Organizer: Steve Carr 801-261-5787 Awewater@xmission.com

Steve and his faithful companion Rico will hike up Neff's canon to the alpine zone at 9,200 feet. Steve is getting his hiking legs back, so this will be a slow pace hike. Plan on about a 7 to 8 hour day. Dogs ok.

Sep 2 Evening Hike: Organizer's Choice, Big Cottonwood Canyon – ntd

Tue Meet: 6:00 pm at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)

Organizer: Erin McCormack 801 891-3739

There will be a prompt 6:15 pm departure.

Sep 3 Sixth Annual "maybe We'll Get Down After Dark But Who Cares" Evening Hike - ntd

Wed Meet: 6:00 pm at Skyline High School - 3151 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

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

Mark plans on doing a loop at the top of Mill Creek Canyon: Up the Old Red Pine trail to the Park City overlook, then down the Great Western trail. Please come prepared: Bring a working flashlight, some extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and some food. There will be a prompt 6:15 pm departure.

Sep 4 Evening Hike: Organizer's Choice, Big Cottonwood Canyon – ntd

Thu Meet: 6:00 pm at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)

Organizer: Steve Claar 480-747-2247

There will be a prompt 6:15 pm departure.

Sep 6 Co-organized Fall Hike – mod

Sat Meet: 8:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)

Organizer: George and Chris Fraizer 801-262-7152 Cbfraizer@comcast.net

George and Chris Fraizer will pick a hike that suits the mood and conditions of the day.

#### Sep 6 The 5th Annual Bust Yer Buns For Brunch Hike – mod – 6.0 mi Shuttle – 1600' ascent – Moderate pace

Sat Meet: 8:15 am at Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride

Organizer: Michelle Butz and WOIB 801-842-9646 mbutz27@yahoo.com

MARK YOU CALENDARS for the 5th annual Bust Yer Buns for Brunch. The hike will be conducted at a moderate to quick pace – we will not be lollygagging since we will be trying to get from Silver Lake at Brighton to the Silver Fork Lodge in time for brunch. If we don't make it in time for the morning menu we'll eat lunch instead. From Brighton the route heads up to Twin Lakes Pass and continues to the Prince of Wales Mine. From there we'll go "over the hump" and descend the Silver Fork trail, arriving at the Silver Fork Lodge to share food, libation, and to hear WOIB recount his wild adventure stories. Come prepared with the 10 Essentials found on the WMC website, especially water, sunscreen, sunglasses, good hiking shoes, extra layers, and rain gear (just in case). WOIB will provide the navigation with some help from Mark Bloomenthal.

#### Sep 6 "quaint Trails" Hike - Matt's Basin - ntd+ - 3.0 mi Out & Back - Slow pace

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

Organizer: Martin McGregor 801-255-0090

This hike is a somewhat short hike southwest of Silver Fork Lodge, but is an NTD+ because there are a couple of steep sections.

#### Sep 7 Hike: Devil's Castle - mod

Sun

Meet: 8:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)

Organizer: Mohamed Abdallah 801-466-9310 agm1144@yahoo.com

This hike above Alta requires scrambling and you should be comfortable with exposure. It is not a long hike, but it is challenging.

#### Sep 7 Day Hike - The Notch Loop In The Uintas - mod - 7.0 mi Loop - 600' ascent - Moderate pace

Sun

Meet: Registration required

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

Call to register! Knick Knickerbocker (801-891-2669 or knick.sold@comcast.net) plans to do a loop hike from Crystal Lake trailhead to "The Notch" on Notch Mountain in the Uintas Wilderness limit of 9 (nine). This will be approx. 7 miles with about 600 foot of elevation gain. We will pass by numerous lakes on this pleasant paced loop with the possibility of seeing some Mountain Goats. Plan on the group staying together. Call to register.

## Sep 7 Day Hike, Butler Fork, Gobblers Knob, Mt. Raymond – msd – 11.0 mi Out & Back – 4300' ascent – Moderate Sun pace

Meet: 8:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)

Organizer: Carol Masheter 801-493-9114 carol\_masheter@hotmail.com

Hike up Butler Fork in Big Cottonwood Canyon to saddle for a mod hike, go on to hike Mt. Raymond and/or Gobblers Knob for a msd hike. Enjoy late wildflowers, perhaps spot a moose or mule deer. Hiking to the saddle and back at a mod pace takes about 3-4 hours. Hiking on to Gobblers Knob and back at a mod pace takes about 5-6 hours. Adding Mt. Raymond, which has a bit of exposed scrambling, takes about 7-8 hours. Adjustable length trekking poles are a good idea. Bring layers, plenty of water, snacks. We will leave the meeting area promptly at 8:30 a.m.

#### Sep 7 Davis County Family Hike - Elephant Rock - ntd - Out & Back - Slow pace

Sun

Meet: 9:00 am at 855 West 400 North, West Bountiful. Call for easy directions

Organizer: Bill Goldberg 801-209-2881 abelgian@msn.com

Bill will take the group up this well packed trail for a great family hike behind Bountiful. Elephant Rock is a large feature in Mueller Park that can be seen from the valley. Meet at Bill's house (located near the freeway) and car pool to the trailhead.

#### Sep 7 Day Hike, Sundial To Superior – ext – Loop – Fast pace

Sun Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Brad Yates 801-278-2423 bnyslc@gmail.com

Do you enjoy long traverses on exposed Class III to IV ridgelines at a very fast pace? Well this outing may be for you! If you have not recently done this type of activity with the organizer be prepared to explain your fitness level and experience when signing up.

#### Sep 8 Family Friendly Draper Evening Hike – ntd – Loop – Moderate pace

Mon Meet: 6:00 pm at Andy Ballard Equestrian Center, 1600 East Highland Drive

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

This will be the last month for the Monday Night Draper Hikes. Julie will choose a hike that is appropriate for the group. There are more strenuous options for more seasoned hikers. Dogs on leash and sturdy hiking kids ok, but not required. Bring a small trash bag or grocery bag this month and we'll do some trash pick up along the way.

#### Sep 9 Evening Hike: Lambs Canyon From The Lambs Canyon Side – ntd

Tue Meet: 6:00 pm at Skyline High School - 3151 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

Organizer: Steve Wall 954-816-6241

Join Steve for this club favorite. There will be a prompt 6:15 pm departure.

#### Sep 10 Evening Hike: Ferguson Canyon – ntd

Wed

Meet: 6:00 pm at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)

Organizer: Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com

Join Donn for a trip up this beautiful and intimate little canyon. There will be a prompt 6:15 pm departure.

#### Sep 11 Ski Meeting/social: Annual Black Diamond Fall Fundraiser Party – ntd-

Thu

Meet: 6:00 pm at Black Diamond store, 2084 E 3900 S, SLC

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

Please join us for the annual Black Diamond Fall Fundraiser Party! Beverages by Uinta Brewing, food, live music by Herban Empire, silent auction and raffle with tons of great donated gear, and over 1,200 other backcountry enthusiasts and Utah Avalanche Center supporters. All proceeds go towards providing the tools you use to stay on top of the Greatest Snow on Earth.

#### Sep 11 Snowshoe Meeting/social: Annual Black Diamond Fall Fundraiser Party - ntd-

Thu

Meet: 6:00 pm at Black Diamond store, 2084 E 3900 S, SLC

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

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#### Sep 11 Hike Midweek, Borah Peak, Lost River Range, Idaho High Point – 12,662 Ft – msd – 7.0 mi Out & Back – 5500'

#### ascent - Moderate pace Thu -

Sep 14

Meet: Registration required

Sun

Organizer: Dennis Goreham 801-550-5169 dgoreham@gmail.com

Let's do the highest peak in Idaho, Borah Peak. This is a heavy use peak so we will do it on Friday and avoid the Saturday crowds. This is a very steep hike with a bunch of scrambling and exposure, especially on the so-called Chicken Out Ridge. We'll meet at an undeveloped campground (outhouse only) on the banks of the Lost River on Thursday night. I plan to do another of the Idaho high points on Saturday so we will camp again Friday night and then plan to eat and motel it in Mackay on Saturday night to support local businesses. Drive home on Sunday. Limit of 8. Contact Dennis to register and determine meeting and carpooling specifics.

#### Sep 11 Evening Hike: Willow Lake - ntd

Thu

Meet: 6:00 pm at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)

Organizer: Steve Wall 954-816-6241

Join Steve for this favorite evening hike to a beautiful beaver pond. Moose sightings at no additional charge! There will be a prompt 6:15 pm departure.

#### Sep 12 Yellowstone Backpack - mod- - 45.0 mi Loop - 3500' ascent - Moderate pace

Fri -

Meet: Registration required

Sep 17 Wed

Organizer: Michael\* Budig mbudig@blazemail.com

Itinerary yet to be determined-possibly to the Bechler Region in the southwest part of the park. We will leave Salt Lake City on Thursday, September 11 to be able to start our backpack the next morning. Please contact me by email for details.

#### Sep 13 Deseret Peak Hike - mod+ - 10.0 mi - 3600' ascent

Sat

Meet: 8:30 am at Utah Travel Council Lot - 110 E 300 N

Organizer: Chris Venizelos 801-554-3697 cvenize@xmission.com

This is an incredible hike to an 11,031 ft peak in the Stansbury Mountains. Limit 9. Dogs welcome.

#### Sep 13 Early Afternoon Upper Millcreek Dog Hike – ntd – Loop – Slow pace

Sat

Meet: 12:00 pm at Skyline High School - 3151 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

Organizer: Tom Silberstorf 801-255-2784

Hike from the upper parking lot of Millcreek to the overlook of Parley's Park near Murdock Peak, then return by an alternate route. This will be a casual hike that isn't too hard and not too difficult. Well mannered dogs and well mannered teenagers welcome.

#### Sep 13 Ibapah Peak Car Camp - msd - 12.0 mi Out & Back - 5200' ascent - Moderate pace

Sat -Sep 14

Meet: Registration required

Sun

Organizer: Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com

The fall colors in the Deep Creek Range in far western Utah are gorgeous. We'll hike to the 12,087-foot high point of the range, Ibapah Peak, via Granite Creek on Saturday, and we'll find an interesting and possibly exploratory hike for Sunday. The Ibapah Peak hike is mostly on-trail, but we'll probably go off-trail on Sunday.

#### Sep 14 Day Hike: Thaynes Peak Loop – mod – 9.0 mi Loop – 2900' ascent

Sun Meet: 8:00 am at Skyline High School - 3151 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

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

This lower Millcreek Canyon hike can be an especially pretty autumn trek if we can hit the foliage turning, and if we do, we'll meander through gauntlets of blazing orange, vibrant yellows and crimson reds. Our itinerary is to first hike up to the Salt Lake Overlook and then promenade around to Thaynes Canyon. From there we'll ramble over to the base of Thaynes and switch-back-up to the summit – for wonderful vistas of Gobbler's Knob, Reynolds, and the north east face of Olympus. Bring lunch for a summit picnic. Hikers should plan on about 9 miles round trip and 2900 feet of climbing. This hike has a long descent down Thaynes Canyon where many hikers find hiking poles helpful. Meet Elliott (801-969-2846) in the east parking lot of Skyline High at 8:00am.

#### Sep 14 Day Hike - Exploratory Days Fork To St. Louis Tunnel - mod+ - Out & Back - Moderate pace

Sun Meet: 8:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)

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

Ready for a change and a little off trail exploring in Days Fork? Then come join Knick Knickerbocker (801-891-2669 or knick.sold@comcast.net) and other like minded individuals on this hike to the St. Louis Tunnel on west side of Days, just below the Reed and Benson Ridge. BE PREPARED for some bush whacking and steep off trail fun excursion to a VERY interesting destination. By the way - bring a flashlight or headlamp. There was a faint trail a few years ago, let's go find it. Come prepared for views you haven't seen before seen before. Plan to meet Knick at 6200 South Park & Ride off of Wasatch Blvd. by 8:30 am.

#### Sep 14 Mid-morning Hike To White Fir Pass – ntd

Sun Meet: 10:00 am at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride

Organizer: Cal Osburn 801 944-4574

Sleep in a bit and join Cal for a stroll in Millcreek. Follow the stream to the switchbacks that lead to White Fir pass.

#### Sep 15 Family Friendly Draper Evening Hike - ntd - Out & Back

Mon Meet: 6:00 pm at Ballard Equestrian Center - 1600 East Highland Drive (13590 S)

Organizer: Justin Nelson 801-550-4969 justinnelson7@hotmail.com

We can all talk about what the group wants to see.

#### Sep 16 Evening Hike: Lake Solitude From Brighton - ntd - 3.0 mi - 500' ascent

Tue Meet: 6:00 pm at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)

Organizer: Terry Baker 801-641-7194 05miata@gmail.com

Join Terry for this popular hike. The trail head is in the northwest corner of Silver Lake at Brighton. Moose are often seen along this trail in the evenings, so bring a camera. Inclement weather is always a possibility this time of year, so plan accordingly. There will be a prompt 6:15 departure.

#### Sep 17 Evening Hike: The 2014 Penultimate Evening Hike: Broads Fork – ntd

Wed Meet: 6:00 pm at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)

Organizer: Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancycmartin@gmail.com

Nancy will bring us over the river and through the woods. We won't get to Grandma's house but we'll make it to the first meadow and possibly beyond. There will be a prompt 6:15 pm departure.

#### Sep 18 End Of Season Evening Hike And Pot Luck, Neff's Canyon – ntd

Thu

Meet: 6:00 pm at Skyline High School - 3151 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

Organizer: Anne Polinsky 801 466-3806

This will be the last evening hike of the regular evening-hiking season. Join Anne for an informal pot-luck on the trail to celebrate; so bring treats to share. There will be a prompt 6:15 pm departure. Bring a flashlight in case it gets dark before we get down.

#### Sep 19 Gallery Stroll Social

Fri

Meet: 6:00 pm at Phillips Gallery, 444 East 200 South

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

Join Craig and others for the Gallery Stroll on Friday, September 19th. Meet Craig at the first stop, the Phillips Gallery (444 East 200 South) at 6:00 pm. We will decide which other galleries to visit together while at the Phillips Gallery. There is usually a little to eat and drink along the way. Craig can be contacted by phone at 801-487-2352 or email at: canders11238@yahoo (cell phone number at time of event is 801-493-5673).

#### Sep 20 Slower Pace Msd - Lake Hardy Loop Hike - msd - 10.2 mi - 4510' ascent

Sat

Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Cassie Badowsky 801-278-5153 evenings

Lake Hardy is a beautiful alpine lake, set against a very dramatic backdrop of granite slabs/boulders that form Lightning Ridge and South Thunder -- well worth the somewhat steep, at times gutted trail to get there. Wilderness limit, and limited participants. Slower pace and very early start. Please call to sign-up and for meeting time.

#### Sep 20 Slow Pace Co-organized Hike To Dog Lake - ntd - 5.5 mi - Slow pace

Sat

Meet: 10:00 am at Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride

Organizer: Randy Long and Martin Gregory 801-733-9367

This is a nice little hike of about 2-3/4 miles each way to a pretty little lake close to the ridge between Big Cottonwood and Mill Creek Canyons.

#### Sep 20 Day Hike Millcreek Elbow Fork – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace

Sat

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

Organizer: David Rabiger 801-964-8190 derabiger@gmail.com

We will hike Millcreek Elbow Fork to Lambs Canyon pass. If group desires, we may continue to Mt Aire summit. Well behaved dogs and sturdy hiking kids would be welcome also.

#### Sep 20 Fall Hike To Alexander Basin - mod-

Sat

Meet: 8:00 am at Skyline High School - 3151 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

Organizer: Jerry Hatch 801-583-8047

Beat the heat and beat the crowds for the excellent fall hike. Jerry would be delighted to kick this us up to a full MOD if the group would like.

#### Sep 21 Faint Trails Hike - Alta Northeast Slopes - mod - 3.0 mi - 1200' ascent - Slow pace

Sun

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

Organizer: Charles & Allene Keller 801-467-3960 clkeller@utahweb.com

This will be a casual hike to the Burgess and Highland Chief tunnels, Montezuma mine sites, Buckland tunnel, plus other points of historical interest, including the Emma mine. Steep trails and a few very faint (i.e., no longer existing) trails. This is similar to the Faint Trails hike of Sept.2012.

#### Sep 21 Hike Bullion Divide Backwards Plus Or Minus A Peak Or Two - msd - 11.0 mi Shuttle - Moderate pace Sun

Meet: 6:30 am at Little Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride

Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801.244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com

This year's peak-bagger delight will be done in memory of Tom Walsh, although he always said I did it backwards. Hence, the title :-). This club classic crosses Salt Lake County's highest points. The hike starts as a morning stroll to Cecret Lake, picks up the ridge near Sugarloaf, then works across 6 to 8 peaks (depending on conditions of the day and condition of the hikers) before exiting at the White Pine trailhead. Come prepared for a 10 to 12 hour day, scrambling, boulder hopping, and ridgeline exposure. If you haven't done this hike before, call or email to discuss and register.

#### Sep 21 Desolation Lake Day Hike - ntd

Sun

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

Organizer: Akiko Kamimura Kamimura@umich.edu

Meet Akiko at the 6200 South Park and Ride at 9:00 am. We will be hiking to Desolation Lake by way of Mill D.

#### Sep 22 Family Friendly Draper Evening Hike – ntd – Moderate pace

Mon

Meet: 6:00 pm at Andy Ballard Equestrian Center, 1600 East Highland Drive

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

Maybe one-hour rock, maybe Oak Hollow. Julie will choose a hike that is appropriate for the group and the weather. Dogs and sturdy hiking kids are welcome to come along.

#### Sep 24 Hike The Camino De Santiago – mod- – 500.0 mi

Wed –

Meet: Registration required

Nov 5 Wed

Organizer: Michael\* Budig mbudig@blazemail.com

This will be about a five-week 500 mile hike following "the Way of St James", a traditional Christian Pilgrimage route from France to Spain. We will pack with bare essentials and stay primarily in shelters and eat in a lot of cafes and restaurants along the way. Still the price should be reasonably moderate (probably about \$30-35/day plus airfare). The dates are approximate at this point and will be clarified later. Email co-organizers Michael and Dianne Budig (pdbudig@gmail.com) for questions or to express an interest in the trip.

#### Sep 24 Trail Maintenance: Jordan River Parkway

Wed

Meet: 6:00 pm at Trailhead parking lot located on the north side 4800 South on the east side of the Jordan River.

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

This conservation project will help make the Jordan River Corridor a better place. We will focus efforts on evasive weed (puncturevine) removal and general clean-up activities along a short section of the Jordan River Parkway Trail. Puncture vines aka goat-heads are a special hazard because a single plant can generate upwards of 2000 seeds (the thorns) which can stay dormant in the ground for 5 years; so, if you ride a bike or walk a dog, you can appreciate how important this trail maintenance activity is. Sturdy shoes/boots, gloves, and long pants are recommended. Meet Elliott (801-969-2846) in the parking lot located on the north side of 4800 South and on the east side of the Jordan River, at 6:00pm.

#### Sep 27 Social Fundraiser Dinner

Sat

Meet: 6:00 pm at WMCF Lodge - 8465 S Mary Lake Lane, Brighton UT

Organizer: Robert Myers 801-466-3292 robertmyers47@gmail.com

\$100.00 per person donation. Dinner will be provided and there will be a cash bar available. Social hour will begin at 6:00 pm with appetizers. Dinner will begin at 7:00 pm. We will have a guest speaker who will give a short presentation. We appreciate your continued support for the historic lodge. Donations will be used for much needed improvements to the lodge. Use of the lodge would not be possible without the continued support from the community.

#### Sep 27 Hike To Silver Lake And Silver Glance Lake - mod - 7.0 mi Out & Back - 2800' ascent - Slow pace

Sat

Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Russell Patterson 801-973-6427 patters@xmission.com

Hike to Silver Lake, Silver Glance Lake and ridge overlooking Little Cottonwood Canyon. See great displays of autumn leaves, awesome views of Timanogos and maybe moose

#### Sep 27 Hike Brighton Lakes Loop - ntd+ - Slow pace

Sat

Meet: 9:15 am at 3900 South Wasatch Boulevard UTA Park and Ride

Organizer: Doug Stark 801-277-8538

Join Doug for his annual stroll past several of the lakes in the Brighton area. Doug likes the route that goes by Lake Mary, Lake Catherine, Twin Lakes, and ends at Silver Lake, though this year he might do it in reverse.

#### Sep 27 Hike Beartrap Loop – mod – 4.0 mi Shuttle – Slow pace

Sat

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

Organizer: Tom Silberstorf 801-255-2784

This hike will start with a hike up Beartrap to the overlook of Desolation Lake, then walk down to the lake bed and to meet up with Mill D, go past the "Y", and back to the road where a car or two will be waiting. The leaves might be in full fall color!

#### Sep 27 Tushar Twelvers Car Camp – msd – Moderate pace

Sat – Sep 28

Meet: Registration required

Sep 2 Sun

Organizer: Benjamin Stokes 801-839-8993 benjamin.t.stokes@gmail.com

Situated immediately east of Beaver, the Tushar Mountains are the third highest range in Utah. If you've never been there, it's well worth the trip. There are four peaks that would qualify as "twelvers": Delano (12,173'), Belknap (12,137'), Baldy (12,122'), and Holly (12,000'). The provisional plan is to make the 3.5 hour drive from SLC to the Tushars early Saturday morning and then do a ridge traverse from Delano Peak to Mt. Holly. We'll car camp at the undeveloped campground at Big John Flat on Saturday night. On Sunday we'll bag Belknap and Baldy in a loop hike and then return to SLC. Of course this is all contingent upon the weather. If the ridge lines aren't safe, there are plenty of other fantastic options for hikes in the area. While I've hiked in the area a few times, I haven't taken these exact routes before so please consider this trip semi-exploratory.

#### Sep 28 Big Cottonwood Canyon Mid-morning Hike - ntd

Sun

Meet: 10:00 am at Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride

Organizer: Cal Osburn 801 944-4574

Cal will select a destination based on the desires of the group.

#### Sep 28 Hike- Lake Blanche, Service Hike - mod - Out & Back - 2400' ascent

Sun

Meet: 8:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)

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

Lake Blanche hike offers outstanding mountain scenery. The aspens and maples should be starting to show fall colors. Let us plan to meet at 8:00 am at the 6200 South Wasatch Park and Ride and depart to the trailhead at 8:15. I will bring some trash bags so that we can clean up the trail. This clean up is optional. We will comply with the Wilderness regulations. If there are more than 10 participants, our group will split up.

#### Sep 28 Hike Lookout Peak Loop - mod+ - Shuttle - 3000' ascent

Sun

Meet: 8:30 am at Meet at east side of parking area opposite Hogle Zoo

Organizer: Beth bblatten@aol.com

Lookout peak by way of Pinecrest to Killyon Canyon. There will be some off trail but no real scrambling.

#### Sep 29 Final Draper Monday Evening Hike - Traverse Ridge Loop - ntd+ - Moderate pace

Mon

Meet: 6:00 pm at Ballard Equestrian Center - 1600 East Highland Drive (13590 S)

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

This is the last Draper evening hike and there is no better way to close out this series than an exploratory route that offers fantastic views from the South Mountain ridgeline. Plan A is to hike along the old roads and trails of traverse ridge. Plan B will be dictated by weather and the make up of the group. Dogs OK.

#### Oct 1 Nepal In The Fall Backpack – mod – Moderate pace

Wed –

Meet: Registration required

Oct 22 Wed

Organizer: Bob Norris 801-943-6039 bobnepal@comcast.net

Nepal in the Fall (October 1-22, 2014). Join Bob Norris for a look at Nepal that few see. Instead of the traditional trekking routes of Annapurna and Everest Base, we will go up the Arun drainage which comes down from Makalu. Few trekkers venture into this area, which means that the villages are much as they were 40 years ago. It will be a combination of tea houses and tents. For information and a DVD of past trips, e-mail or call bobne-pal@comcast.net 801-943-6039.

#### Oct 3 Multiple Activity Weekend At Antelope Island - Friday Night Car Camp

Fri – Oct 5

Meet: Registration required

Sun

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

Join us for a day or a weekend of multiple activities (see Saturday postings for activities). For those interested in camping Friday and/or Saturday night, we'll be staying at the Bridger Bay campground. Campsites are about \$15 each. Two tents are allowed at each campsite, but only one vehicle is allowed per campsite. Individual reservations can be made online using the link below, or by calling the park directly at at 801-322-3770. Several campsites are set aside for walk-ins, but the campground typically fills up.

#### Oct 4 Multiple Sport Weekend At Antelope Island - Saturday Morning Hike - mod - 7.0 mi Out & Back - 2050' as-Sat cent - Moderate pace

*Meet:* 8:30 am at Meet at the upper Frary Parking lot at 10:00. Camp on the island Friday night, or to carpool to the island for the day's activities, meet at the 2100 South Trax park-n-ride for a prompt 8:30 a.m. departure.

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

We'll take the regular route to Frary Peak, then have the option for a little ridge line scramble on the way back down. There are several good turn-around points for folks who want to be back for the 1:00 p.m. paddle. All the activities will wrap up in time to come together for the afternoon campfire roast at the campground.

#### Oct 4 Antelope Island - Saturday Afternoon Leisure Hike - ntd

Sat Meet: 1:00 pm at Antelope Island Visitor Center

Organizer: TBD TBD

The Saturday afternoon hike will be a more relaxed outing for those recovering from the morning activities, or clubbers who want to come out to the island a little later. We'll return in time to join the other groups for the 3:30 social.

#### Oct 4 Multi-sport Antelope Island Social

Sat Meet: 3:00 pm at Campsite 8 (far northwest corner) at Bridger Bay Campground

Organizer: Tony Hellman 801-809-6133 utahhomes4us@gmail.com

After a great day of WMC activities, let's gather for a campfire roast from 3 to 5 pm. We'll have hotdogs and associated condiments on hand - plus anything you might pack in your cooler to share with the group. BYOBeverage of choice. A voluntary nominal contribution of \$3 can be made at the door. We plan to hold the campfire roast at one of the Bridger Bay campsites that have been reserved, carpooling as much as we can to minimize parking needs. Please RSVP if you plan to attend the dinner, (including number attending). BE AWARE THERE IS AN ENTRANCE FEE TO THE PARK. EACH PARTICIPANT/CAR IS INDEPENDENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENTRANCE FEE.

#### Oct 4 Flat Water Paddling On The Great Salt Lake-multi-sport Weekend – flat water

Sat Meet: 10:00 am at Antelope Island Marina, either 10:00 or 1:00.

Organizer: Pam Stalnaker 801-425-9957 canoepam@yahoo.com

MULTI-SPORT WEEKEND INTRODUCTION TO PADDLING If you like paddling or you just want to try paddling and are not sure where to start, join us at the marina near the causeway for a paddle on the Great Salt Lake. We will give instruction and paddle for about an hour. After that, you are welcome to come back to the marina or continue paddling for another hour with others. Bring water, sun screen, life jacket, boat and paddle. Sea kayaks or longer recreation kayaks are ideal, but any kayak will work. If there is any significant wind, the Great Salt is not the place for beginners in canoes, but if the wind is light they can work. Thanks to the kindness of some club members, a limited number of kayaks (and maybe canoes) will be available for use. If you need to borrow a boat, you must register ahead of time. If you want to rent a boat, they are available from Wasatch Touring and the Outdoor Program at the U of U. Call if weather is questionable. The September Rambler has more info on all the weekend's activities. You are welcome to join us camping out Friday night & culminate Saturday's activities with a group dinner at 3:30 pm. Information about the dinner & to who to RSVP is available on the activity calendar. Camping will require you make your own arrangements with the park. BE AWARE THERE IS AN ENTRANCE FEE TO THE PARK. EACH PARTICIPANT/CAR IS INDEPENDENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENTRANCE FEE. Meeting Time: either 10:00 or 1:00 pm.

### Oct 4 Multi-sport Weekend Road Bike Ride: Antelope Island To Garr Ranch – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace Sat

*Meet:* 10:00 am at Antelope Island Marina. To get there, take I-15 exit #332; go west on Antelope Drive about 7 miles to the park entrance booth, then another 7 miles to the end of the causeway.

Organizer: Robert Turner 801-560-3378 r46turner@gmail.com

Join Robert for a great ride on Antelope Island. We'll start from the marina just across the causeway and offer ride options anywhere from 22 to 40 miles. All of them will include the super ride down the east side of the island to Garr Ranch and back. Pick a short ride if you want to get back in time try a second activity in the afternoon, or do a long one if you just want to ride. Whatever you do, be sure to plan on joining the social starting about 3:00-3:30pm (see the separate listing for the social). Bring water, snacks and a lunch for the ride. Water and restrooms are available at Garr Ranch, but nowhere else on the ride. Bring a park pass if you have one or money for the park entrance fee (\$10 per vehicle, \$5 seniors, \$3 cyclists and pedestrians).

#### Oct 5 Day Hike: Yellow Fork Canyon Loop – mod- – 7.0 mi Loop – 1600' ascent

Sun Meet: 9:15 am at Yellow Fork Canyon Trailhead

Carpool: 8:30 am at Taylorsville Recreation Center, 4948 South 2700 West, Taylorsville

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

This Oquirrh Mountain adventure is fun loop in the southwest corner of Salt Lake Valley. Starting from the end of the pavement up Rose Canyon, we'll hike a 6.5 mile clockwise loop sandwiched between Camp Williams and Rio Tinto. We'll trek through groves of overhanging trees, mosey adjacent to flowing streams, scamper through wild turkey habitat, and enjoy unique vistas of the Salt Lake Valley, the Wasatch Front, and the Oquirrh Mountains. Along the way we'll gain approximately 1600 feet before looping back to the trailhead. Meet Elliott (801-969-2846) at the Yellow Fork Canyon trailhead at the top of Rose Canyon at 9:15am, or at Taylorsville Recreation Center, 4948 South 2700 West, at 8:30am to carpool/caravan to Rose Canyon.

#### Oct 10 Escalante Backpack – mod- – 20.0 mi Loop – Moderate pace

Fri – *Meet:* Registration required

Oct 13

Mon

Sun

Organizer: Russell Patterson 801-973-6427 patters@xmission.com

Escalante backpack starting from the Hole In The Rock Road. We will drive down Fri. On Sat and Sun.will backpack down 40 mile canyon and up Willow Canyon. We will encounter drop offs, narrow sections where you wade in waste deep water, overhung canyon walls, alcoves, moss and fern covered seeps and natural arches. On Monday we will day hike Spooky and Peek a Boo slot canyons and drive home

#### Oct 16 **Boulder Family Car Camp – ntd+ – Moderate pace**

Thu – *Meet:* Registration required

Oct 19

Organizer: John & Martha Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com

Mark your calendars. Open WMC weekend basecamp at Veranth's property in Boulder, UT during the school fall break. There is plenty of things for kids to do in the area. Usual format, carpools drive independently, hikes planned each day based on weather and interests, potluck group dinners. Email to register and get the logistics information.

#### Oct 17 Sing-a-long / Pot Luck Supper Friday October 17 6:30 P.m.

Fri Meet: 6:30 pm at Randy Long's 8610 S Kings Hill Dr (3630-3745 E)

*Organizer:* Randy Long, La Rae Bartholoma, Frank Bernard 801-733-9367, 801-277-4093 roosiebear@gmail. com, frankbernard55@earthlink.net

We are circling the wagons again! Tune your vocal chords, bring your instrument (or not!) and join us for an evening of fun, friends and food! Meet at Randy Long's home 8610 S Kings Hill Dr (3630-3745 E) at 6:30. Bring something to share with 4 to 6 others (appetizer, salad, entree, side vegetable or a dessert). We'll start with our pot luck supper then break into song! Any questions: Randy Long 801-733-9367, LaRae & Bart Bartholoma 801-277-4093 roosiebear@gmail.com or Frank Bernard frankbernard55@earthlink.net

#### Oct 19 Awards Dinner & Fabulous Trip Organizers Event

Sun Meet: 5:00 pm at First Unitarian Church 569 South 1300 East Salt Lake City, Utah 84102

Organizer: Anthony Hellman, MBA 801-809-6133 utahhomes4us@gmail.com

Tenatative Date for Trip Organizers Dinner and Awards Night. Remember it takes organizing at least two (2) activities to be invited to this annual event. Hope to see you there.

#### 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).

#### 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

Reserve tonight for our annual Christmas Sing A Long at Bart & La Rae's. Details will follow. Questions: La Rae 801-277-4093

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

#### 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, 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, click on Governing Board/Contact Us, and under Administration, click on any of the Membership Co-Directors' emails. How easy is that?

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