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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check www.wasatchmountainclub.org for latest announcements

WMC Foundation

Learn more about The Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation and its Lodge by visiting their website: www.wasatchmountainlodge.org

Rambler Articles & Cover Photos

The Rambler editor needs more submittals of trip write-ups and other WMC-specific content. Additionally, The Rambler needs more cover photo submissions (must be in Portrait format). The Rambler is what the members make it. See page 12 for instructions on how to submit a trip report, and page 13 for cover photo submission guidelines.

Control of Activities You Organize

Select “Registration Required” for “Meeting Place” if you want to control who and/or how many participants will be on your activity. You are also free to indicate things like “WMC members only” or “Must have experience in ____.” in the activity description box. Organizers have broad discretion to make these types of decisions. As always, thanks to all the volunteers. (JMV May 2015)

2017 Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is responsible for recruiting and vetting a slate of qualified and willing candidates for the Wasatch Mountain Club Governing Board for the year from March 2017 through February 2018.

The members of this year’s Nominating Committee are:

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Alex Arakelilan	801-995-5526	kjojimujo@yahoo.com
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Thanks to these club members for their willingness to serve on the Committee. Several current board members have expressed their interest in continuing to serve in their current roles. Examples of some board slots the will likely need to be filled include boating director, climbing director co-director, and winter sports. Any member in good standing who is interested in a board position, please contact any one of the nominating committee members.

NOMINATIONS

Wasatch Mountain Club 2017 Nominations Are Open!

The WMC nominating committee is tasked with presenting a slate of candidates to serve as your elected leadership for the March 2017 to February 2018 term. All board positions are one-year terms, although if it's a good fit and a rewarding experience, folks tend to stick around a while. The draft leadership outline below lists the director positions available for the upcoming election cycle. In addition to the vacancies, all board positions are great opportunities for Co-director positions!

The list below is NOT A PROPOSED SLATE, but is a preliminary draft of director positions:

President	Julie Kilgore	Incumbent
Secretary	Barbara Boehme	Incumbent
Co-Treasurer	Jason Anderson	Incumbent
Co-Treasurer	Dave Rabiger	Incumbent
Information Technology	Bret Mathews	Incumbent
Membership	Sue Jensen	Incumbent
Public Relations	Evette Raen	Incumbent
Publications/ Rambler Editor	Mallory Reese	Nominee: Daisy DeMarco
Biking Co-Directors	Carrie Clark	Incumbent
	Chris Winter	Incumbent
	Cindy Crass	Incumbent
Boating Co-Directors	Aymara Jimenez	Nominees Needed
	Katrina Easton	Nominees Needed
Climbing/ Mountaineering Co-Directors	Steve Duncan Kathleen Waller	Nominee Needed Incumbent
Conservation	Eric Sadler	Incumbent
Social Co-Directors	Anthony Hellman	Nominee: Kathy Burnham
	Mckinley Gorham	Nominee Needed
Hiking	Nancy Martin	Incumbent
Winter Sports	Brad Yates	Nominees Needed
WMCF Lodge Liaison	Robert Myers	Incumbent
Trustees		

Donn Seeley	Trustee 2013-2017	Filled vacated term, Renewing for full term
Dave Rumbellow	Trustee 2014-2018	N/A
John Veranth		N/A
Zig Sondelski	Trustee 2016-2020	N/A
Dale Green	Trustee Emeritus	N/A

Serving on the board is a great way to give back to the club. Members who are interested in serving on the board are encouraged to contact the one of the nominating committee members listed below.

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- Robert Turner: 801-560-3378, r46turner@gmail.com (Primary contact for Social Director Nominees)
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- Alex Arakelian: 801-995-5526, kvojimujo@yahoo.com (Primary contact for Climbing Director Nominees)

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year!

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WINTER SPORTS DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As I sit down to write this, the mountains are brown with barely a trace of snow. Hopefully by the time that you read this, we will at least have a good base. In December, we have a few events in the works. The first weekend of December, the Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge Foundation will be hosting a "Pray for Snow" weekend open house/social which will include planned ski tours and snowshoes in the vicinity, depending on conditions. More details will be included in the Activities Calendar. On the 17th of December, there will be the annual avalanche transceiver instruction and practice class listed for both snowshoers and skiers. This will be followed by ski and snowshoe tours leaving from the practice site, organizers TBD. Still in the works for January and February, I plan on having some field avalanche terrain seminars but I need a few volunteers to organize them, and as always, we need outing organizers. Ideally getting activities posted by the tenth of the month is best, but due to unpredictable winter conditions, posting them even just a few days in advance is possible. For last minute updates, I recommend subscribing to the email lists.

Finally, this will be my last season as Winter Sports Director, therefore we need one of you fabulous volunteers to step up to the next level. If you have any interest, let me or the nominations committee know.

Thanks,

Brad Yates

Wasatch Mountain Club Winter Sports Director



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MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL DIRECTORS

Hi Everyone,

I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual. Henry David Thoreau

As the seasons change, the board wants to wish Everyone a Happy Thanksgiving ... and a shout out to fill the WINTER Calendar with activities!

What a fantastic Halloween Party!!! Thanks for the attendance with over 70 people attending and most in costume! It was a lot of fun. Pictures are on the Facebook page. Yes, we have very active Facebook page with over 1300 "friends".

Please consider bringing your best "snow dance" to the 1st annual PRAY FOR SNOW - overnight at the LODGE on Dec 3. See calendar for this and all the following events:

Dec 3, Lodge: This is the WMC Foundation's first attempt at continuing the tradition of social events at the lodge. This event will be especially attractive to those of you involved in skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing and hiking in the winter who love to play in the snow. There will be skiing & snowshoeing events in and around the Brighton area for both Saturday & Sunday centered around this open house event.

Dec 7 - WMC Board - Everyone is invited

Dec 14 - Avalanche Beacon Training

Jan ??? - Boating Permit party - stay tuned. If you attend the PRAY for Snow party, it should translate into more rapids in the summer!

Ski Ya Later,

Tony Hellman and McKinley Goreham
Social Directors

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

50 Years Ago in The Rambler

Transcribed by Donn Seeley, WMC Trustee
CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER 1966 [...]

Dec 17 Sat	<u>BRIGHTON TO HONEYCOMB FORK SKI TOUR</u> – A beginner and intermediate tour. The only climbing involves several hundred feet above twin lakes. Bring skins. The upper descent covers open slopes and the lower part has several hundred yards of dense forest. Meet at the base of Millicent ski lift at 9:30 am. Register by 6:00 pm 16 Dec. Leader: Charlie Keller [...]
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SNAKE RIVER TRIP, LABOR DAY '66

by Ruth Holland

A group of 15 boarded the bus at the Ice Plant about 6:30 Friday night. Conversation was sporadic, and it took us two hours to discover that half of us were new members. John McDuff piloted the “smiling” bus in a quick run to Evanston, but we lost time later when a dense fog forced the use of instruments. Early in the evening we watched a lively display of the aurora borealis. Later a steadily diminishing chorus cheered John on with song, and finally we reached the campground at Colter Bay. Some continued to sleep on the bus, and some braved the cold, wet, dark unknown to sleep under the tall trees.

John woke us early and loudly to a cloudy day. After breakfast there was a unanimous decision to not go down the river, so we played tourist at The Lodge, then parked the bus at Jenny where splinter groups went horseback riding, hiking, and sight seeing, and met some of the club's climbers. Late that afternoon we went into Jackson where a gas station attendant put gas in the place where the oil should go, thus necessitating an oil change, and a delay. One of our number convinced us that the Chuck Wagon was the best place to eat, so we checked that out — “closed for the season”. Back to Jackson with varying success in obtaining dinner and the usual excitement over the staged hold up in the streets. That evening some of us enjoyed the Pink Garter melodrama where we river rats were introduced as the Wasatch (stumblingly pronounced) Climbing Club. Others of the group held open house at the Cowboy Lounge, where we were joined by more club members. We slept again at Colter Bay.

Breakfast the second day was a more organized meal, and some gourmets had chocolate pancakes served with strawberries. Breaking camp took some time and getting those rafts powdered and puffed up took a lot longer. We admired each other's hats and colorful life preservers. There were three rafts that day that took a leisurely 25 mile float, watching the changing aspects of Moran and the Tetons. Several moose were startled by our approach, ducks either ignored us or tried to race us. Paddling was very casual — we just floated, getting grounded only a couple times. We stopped once to check boat #2 which had to be pumped now and then. Tom's trousers were trimmed to shorts — whether or not this was reaction to group therapy is still a question. [...]

Breakfast was even better organized the third morning, with plenty of boiling water for everyone. The bus group was joined by others, and two rafts were ready to go by about 11:00 AM. Paddling Procedures were reviewed by each captain separately — as each had his own methods. #1 raft with John tended to head into the rapids and therefore some bailing was necessary. Roger's cigar stayed lit on the roughest rapids, but Ann's blouse got soaked several times. [...]

On the bus were: John McDuff, Ann Collins, John Riley, Dick Zeamer, Fran Lujan, Al Mathews, Vivian, Higgle and Ken Higginbotham, Connie Sedlar, Dave and Sharon Cook, Ellen Catmul, Tom Callahan, and Ruth Holland. Joining us for the second and/or third day were: Barbara and Ed Seman, Roger and Benita Jackson, and Norm, Ann, Richard, Susan, Tom and Lynn LeBlanc.

PRAY FOR SNOW!!

Pray For Snow Open House At The WMC Lodge

Saturday, December 3 - 4

It's a **PARTY!**

Social Hour, Saturday, 5 PM (cash bar)

Dinner, Chile and Brats, Saturday, 6PM
(\$10 Per Person)

Bring a dish to share, if you want

Make a DAY of it – Lodge will be open at 1 PM, so you can drop off your stuff and go play in the snow

Make a NIGHT of it – Stay overnight, free
First 20 who sign up get the beds, but you can bring a pad and bag and sleep on the floor too.

Please call for - the party/dinner, we would like to have a count for enough food & drink for all. Please e-mail Bob Myers: robertmyers47@gmail.com or call 801-651-9965

Come join us at the Wasatch Mountain Lodge for a fun filled evening. This is the WMC Foundation's first ever event of this type at the lodge. This event will be especially attractive to those of you involved in skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing and hiking in the winter who love to play in the snow. There will be skiing & snowshoeing events in and around the Brighton area for both Saturday & Sunday centered around this open house event.

UTAH AVALANCHE CENTER MATCHING DONATION

Again this winter, the Wasatch Mountain Club Board has agreed to match, from Club funds, donations by Club members to the Friends of the UAC, to a maximum of \$3,000. Last winter, we raised more than \$6,000 as a matching fund to help keep the UAC going and providing all of us with the snow safety information we need! To make your donation eligible for this matching, please write your check payable to: Friends of the UAC , and mail it to: WMC Treasurer 1390 South 1100 East, #130 Salt Lake City UT 84105 The Club Treasurer will total up the donations received this way and write a Club check to match the funds collected. The Friends of the UAC is a 501(c)3 under IRS rules, so your donation might be eligible for a tax deduction. Thanks for your support.



SOUTH FORK OF DEAF SMITH CANYON HIKE

October 8th 2016

Trip Report and Photos by Darwin Eggli

Getting there: From Wasatch Blvd. turn east into the Golden Hills sub-division on Golden Hills Ave. at 8785 So. Drive east to Kings Hill Drive (3710 E.) and turn left. Travel north to Kings Hill Drive to Golden Oaks Drive (8620 So.) We parked on Kings Hill Drive and walked up Golden Oaks Drive to the trail head. Rather than going to right, we took the uphill trail going east before dropping down in the South Fork of the Canyon. Coming back we did follow the South Fork trail to the beginning of a private driveway. Then we took the trail going north through the steel retaining wall back to the Golden Oaks Drive.

Down in the Canyon the trail was covered with golden autumn leaves. In some places the trail was a little rough, but the day was sunny and bright, and we were in no hurry. Along the way there was three old mine dumps. A small stream flows down the canyon. The south side of the canyon has overwhelming white cliffs.. Our destination was a pleasant surprise. There is a huge opening into the side of the cliff which exposes an old ore vein. Covering about half of the open area is a huge man made rock wall about ten feet tall and four feet thick. On the inside of the wall is a sizable fireplace. In the outer open area there is currently a low wooden bench and a fire pit used by hikers.

According to Charles L. Keller's book, The Lady in the Ore Bucket, the canyon's original name was Little Willow Canyon. The source of the latter name is not known, but it appeared sometime between 1952 and 1962. During the gold mining era Wasatch Blvd. between Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons was known as the "Gold Road". Organizer: Bruce Christenson. Hikers: Bruce, Darwin, David, Gretchen, Leslie, Lynette, Penny and Roger



Members enjoying the hike

PERKINS PEAK HIKE

October 23, 2016

Trip Report by Akiko Kamimura



Eleven people participated in the Perkins Peak Hike organized by Akiko Kamimura on October 23. We started from the Little Mountain Summit in Emigration Canyon. We wore bright color since it was in hunting season. The trail was sometimes steep, but well defined until we were close to the peak. It was not difficult to find the way to the peak, though we did moderate bushwhacking. At the peak, we had lunch. We went back the same way. The hike took 4 hours and 22 minutes (distance – 8.24 miles, elevation gain 2,785 ft).

On the way to the peak, from left, Mohammad, Michi, Ed, Stanley, Nancy, and Bob

MAYBIRD LAKES HIKE

October 29, 2016

Trip Report by Akiko Kamimura

Ten people participated in the Maybird Lakes Hike organized by Yi Qu. At the beginning, it was cloudy but warm. The trail was snow free. When we got to Maybird Lakes, it was windy and cold. The Pfeifferhorn was covered by snow. We were unable to see the Pfeifferhorn well because it was also covered by clouds. We had lunch and took group photos at the lakes. The weather got better on the way back. It was a friendly relaxing hike. The hike took 4 hours and 24 minutes in total (distance – 7.46 miles, elevation gain – 2,974 ft).



Lunch at the Lakes. From left, Tom, Stanley, Russell, Carol, Lisa, Yi, Jodi, Lisa, and Karen.

DEVIL'S CASTLE TRAVERSE

October 22, 2016

Trip Report by Christie Konkol

On October 22, Tom Hamann organized a trip to hike the Devil's Castle Traverse. Tom and June scouted the route the day before to make sure the conditions were ok for the trip. The summer road was in great condition so we started the hike from the Albion Basin Campground parking lot and continued on to Cecert Lake. From Cecert Lake, the trail headed up the steep mountainside with switchbacks. The trail had some snow that required the use of microspikes or poles to help with traction to reach the ridge. We took a short break on the ridge before continuing to the summit. We decided as a group to all traverse the exposed ridge to reach the summit instead of taking the lower route with less exposure. This required some scrambling with great exposure and excellent photo opportunities. We continued on to the second peak which required more scrambling. After lunch and getting some sun on the top, we followed the east ridge and headed down the mountain. Tom and a few members decided to show off their glacading skills on the way down the snowy north side of the mountain. Unfortunately, the snow may not have been deep enough and much to their dismay, they found a few rocks on the way down. The trip was a little over 4 miles and took a total of 4.5 hours.



Starting to head down the from the summit.

BOUNTIFUL PEAK HIKE

October 15, 2016

Trip Report by Akiko Kamimura

Ed Hemphill organized the Bountiful Peak Hike on October 15. Fifteen people showed up at the meeting place. But four of them turned around early and did not go to the peak. We saw a nice waterfall on the way. There was no clear trail in the upper part. Some of us did extra bushwhacking. All of us found the way to the peak finally. We had lunch at the peak. It was very windy and chilly but the view was great. The hike took approximately 6.5 hours (distance - 8.27 miles, elevation gain – 4,923 ft).



Lunch at the peak. From left, Donn, Keith, Sadie, Diedre, Wayne, and Stanley.

MEANDER CANYON RIVER TRIP

Trip leader and Report by Kathy Jones

The put-in at Potash was crowded and busy, with late season rafting groups headed for Cataract Canyon. We got our boats (kayaks, IKs, and tandem canoe) loaded up and headed down the river. This group was full of energy and the desire to do lots of hiking, so we busted out the miles each day to camp in some prime hiking spots. Our first camp was a sandy beach near Little Bridge Canyon. A short bushwhack through the tamarisk revealed some good hiking just behind our camp.

The next day we stopped to check out some ruins and petroglyphs across from Lathrop Canyon, and made camp at Indian Creek Canyon. Indian Creek had great campsites, ruins, and good hiking in the canyon. On day three, we had almost reached our possible camp by lunchtime, so we paddled on to find better hiking opportunities. When all was said and done, we paddled 21 miles in order to reach the lower Spanish Bottom camp and give ourselves a layover/hiking day. The weather on the layover day was overcast, with occasional mic burst winds, so we were glad we made the big push to reach Spanish Bottom a day early. The hearty hikers spent all day exploring the Doll House and The Maze. Our jet boat shuttle arrived right on time the next morning for the ride back to Moab. As usual, Tex's Riverways provided outstanding service.

We saw some awesome canyon scenery on this trip, as well as bighorn sheep and great blue heron. We had nightly visitations from a skunk at Spanish Bottom, and shared that camp with a group of "hippy" rafters. They were a colorful and friendly bunch who were quick to share a hug and an adult beverage with us.



Boats hanging out on the river.

We also met a few solo canoer/hikers, a husband & wife who were finishing up a 10 day backpacking trip in Canyonlands Nat. Park, and a rafting group of college kids who

unfortunately lost a tent and belongings to one of the microburst winds at Spanish Bottom (bummer). Another wonderful river trip on the Colorado River, through Meander Canyon. Group members - Lynn Bohs, Greg Clark, Rick & Sheila Steiner, Erik Vogel.



Padding on the river,

Notice to club members who might be considering hiking the Appalachian Trail:

Lou and Julie Melini completed a through hike of the Appalachian Trail (all 2,189 miles) this past year, beginning on March 24th and finishing on September 15th. Lou would like any club members who might be contemplating hiking the Appalachian Trail in the next year or so to feel free to contact him for information or advice regarding the AT. Lou can be reached via email at lvmelini@comcast.net.

TRAIL BUILDING - BONNEVILLE SHORELINE TRAIL

Saturday October 15, 2016

By Dave Andrenyak

Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) members worked on the Bonneville Shoreline trail that will connect the Mount Olympus trail to the Heughs Canyon trail. The Bonneville Shoreline Trail Committee (BSTC) and the Forest Service organized this activity. Dave Roth and Brett Smith were organizers from the BSTC. Zinnia Wilson, Coleman Worthen, Eric, Dave, Matt, Charlie, Megan, and Clarissa were the Forest service organizers. The work involved developing a trail from a scratch line that we put in on last month. We removed roots, stumps, rocks, and started to define the trail tread. The new trail section passes by some very impressive slopes / cliffs and offers outstanding views of the Tolcats Canyon area. Because the trail is not finished and has many hazards, travel on it at this time is not recommended. The WMC participants were Bruce Christenson, Evette Raen, Lisa Jeray, Alex Arakelian, Brett Smith, and Dave Andrenyak. Thanks to all that helped to build a beautiful trail.



Evette and Alex working to make the trail tread.

MT. OLYMPUS TRAIL CLEANUP

Saturday, November 5, 2016

Report by David Andrenyak

Hikers, climbers, and sightseers heavily use the Mount Olympus Trailhead. The Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) has a volunteer agreement with Salt Lake County Parks and recreation to help maintain the trailhead. On Saturday, November 5, 2016, WMC volunteers worked to clean up the trailhead area. The work involved collecting trash, removing weeds that were growing into the parking area, and removing sand and gravel that washed into parking area. Bruce Christenson organized the event and graciously provided wonderful refreshments for the group. Following the clean up, some of the participants did some hiking in the Mount Olympus area. Participants were Tom Mitko, Brett Smith, Leslie Woods, Susan Allen, Dave Smith, Penny Smith, Russell Patterson, Carol Masheter, Karen Perkins, Mark Jones, Yvonne D'Andrea, Jonas D'Andrea, Dave Andrenyak, and Bruce Christenson. Thank you Bruce and thank you participants. It is important that the WMC continues to help maintain the places that we love and connect to.



Some of the participants at the Mount Olympus clean up (L to R).

Leslie, Dave S., Susan, Penny, Russell, Dave A., Carol, Karen, Mark, Yvonne, Bruce, and Jonas. Photo by Brett Smith.

CLAYTON PEAK HIKE

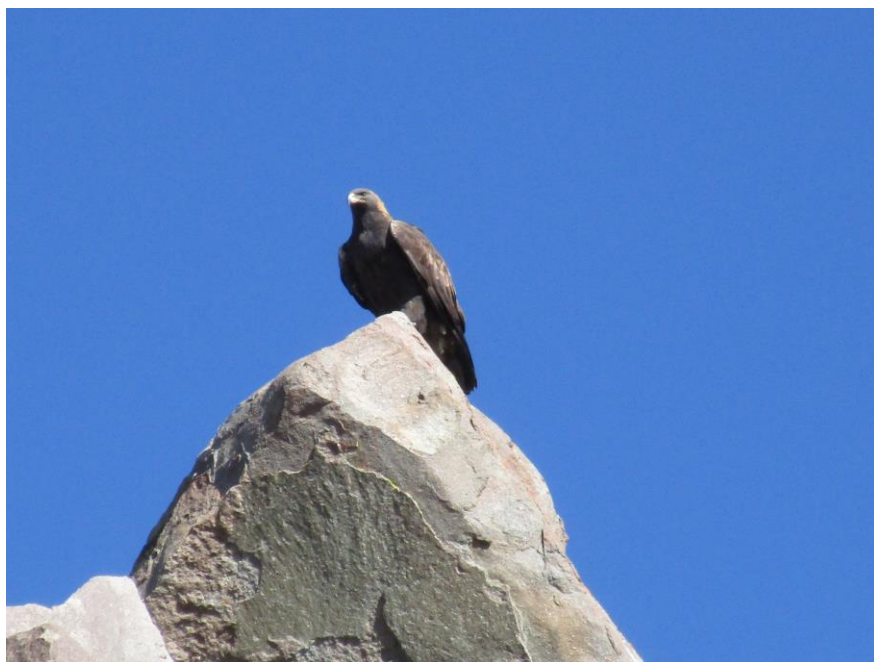
November 6, 2016

Trip Report by Akiko Kamimura



Nine people, Jim (an organizer), Tom, Steve, Greg, Sue, Carol, Leslie, Muhammad, and Akiko, hiked to Clayton Peak from Brighton on Nov 6. We encountered only patchy snow along the way. The highlight of the day was a golden eagle perched on the top of a sharp rock. The hike took 3 hours 45 minutes (distance – 5.86 miles, elevation gain – 2,292 ft).

Muhammad and Jim watching the golden eagle near the peak.



Golden Eagle on the way to the peak

DAY HIKE MT. SUPERIOR & MONTE CRISTO FROM ALTA

October 29, 2016

Trip Report by Evette Raen

It was a lovely, partly cloudy and mostly sunny fall day for our hike to Mt. Superior and Monte Cristo from Alta organized by Alex Arakelian on Saturday, October 29, 2016. We took an adventurous way up, deviating from the trail early on and climbing up boulders to get back onto the main route. A group of five goats including a kid scaled the mountain throughout our trip. We encountered several hiker groups along the way and a solo hiker ventured along with us near the peaks and back down the trail. The summits of Superior and Monte Cristo offered great 360 degree views of the Wasatch brushed with snow and magnificent clouds. Later that evening (after the hike) most of us enjoyed the WMC Halloween Masquerade Party at the Wasatch Mountain Lodge.



View from the summit. From Left: Evette Raen, Alex Arakelian, Steve Glasier, Steve Duncan, Sarah Friend

GRAND TETON BACKPACKING

August 27, 2016

Trip Report by Richard Jirik

Photos by Richard Jirik and Bob Perkins

Russell Patterson of the WMC, my friend Bob Perkins, and I headed to Grand Teton National Park the Saturday before Labor Day weekend, not knowing exactly where we would be backpacking, but hoping to do either most of the popular Teton Crest trail or a much-lesser known route traversing a remote part of the Teton range near the Park's north end. A large plume of smoke to the far north greeted us as entered the Park that afternoon, confirming that the Berry wildfire was still very active. At the Park's backcountry office at the Craig Thomas visitor center, a ranger confirmed our suspicions that the fire had forced the closure of trails in the Webb Canyon area, one of our backpacking options, as well as the highway to Yellowstone. So our attention turned to our other desired route: the Teton Crest trail. Securing a walk-on permit for the Crest trail was still a possibility, she said, if we arrived early enough at backcountry office the next morning.

Sunday dawned and we arrived at the visitor's center at about 6:45 AM. Only one party of hikers was in the permit line ahead of us. Once the facility opened we were successful in obtaining a backcountry permit for a five-day backpack along the Teton Crest trail, with the campsites we wanted. Because the Park requires backcountry users to store their food in an approved bear-proof container, we each were loaned a 10-liter capacity bear canister. As a warm-up for the backpack, we spent the rest of the day hiking around Bradley and Taggart Lakes nestled at the foot of the range.

The following morning we began our trek at the Granite Creek trailhead near the south end of the Park. We had briefly contemplated taking the aerial tram from the Jackson Hole ski resort to the top of Rendezvous Mountain, and beginning the backpack from there. That would have saved us a couple of miles and 2,000+ feet of elevation gain. But due to an early start, clear skies, and our masochistic obsession, we elected to hike the entire length of the trail up Granite Canyon to our first night's campsite near its headwaters. A few curious deer came into our camp that evening but in spite of their visit we slept well.

Tuesday was another gorgeous day. We hiked past Marion Lake, a lovely alpine gem, and after a brief respite continued north into the Fox Creek drainage within the adjoining Jeddediah Smith Wilderness. Upon reaching Fox Creek Pass, we had lunch. Reentering the Park at the pass, we negotiated the Death Canyon Shelf, which provided breathtaking views of Death Canyon to our right and massive limestone cliffs towering above us to our left. After ascending Mount Meek Pass, we dropped down several hundred feet into Alaska Basin and camped for the night.

The next morning a moose, less than a hundred feet from our tents, greeted us as we awoke before galloping off into the distance. After a strenuous climb up out of Alaska Basin, we passed Sunset Lake and began the long ascent up to Hurricane Pass, which is aptly named. On the steep descent into the south fork of Cascade Canyon, we stopped for lunch near the receding Schoolroom Glacier and the turquoise-colored moraine-dammed lake below it. Descending the

south fork via innumerable switchbacks, we finally reached its confluence with the north fork, and then continued up that tributary of Cascade Canyon for a few miles before locating a campsite that provided a spectacular view of the Grand Teton and adjacent peaks.

Early Thursday morning we trekked past a serene Lake Solitude at the head of the north fork, and began the long climb up to Paintbrush Divide. A few hours later we stood atop the divide at 10,700 ft, jagged peaks and ridges encircling us in all directions. Nonetheless, with thunder heads threatening above, we didn't really have time to admire the views, but rather began a hasty descent into Paintbrush Canyon as it started to rain. The initial quarter or half mile of the descent was unexpectedly challenging and a little unnerving due to the steep trail, much of it across scree. Fortunately, this section was snow-free. Several miles down the trail, Bob and Russell, who were about 10 minutes ahead of me, stopped for a break and waited for me to rejoin them. As they rested an adult black bear came into view, ambling up the trail towards them. As the bruin drew ever closer, it was still not aware of their presence. Finally, Bob yelled at the bear. In response, it made a leisurely detour down slope and around them before reappearing on the trail not more than 75 feet away. It was obviously used to people. That night we camped at the lower end of Paintbrush Canyon.

The final day of the backpack consisted of a three mile hike to the String Lake trailhead/parking lot. A shuttle bus ride from the nearby Jenny Lake Lodge and some hitchhiking was required to reach our vehicle at the trailhead. Upon picking up my hiking companions back at the lodge, we drove up to Colter Bay on Jackson Lake and obtained a campsite. Then, after a much needed shower and shave, we enjoyed a celebratory dinner at the Jackson Lake Lodge before watching elk graze in Willow Flats outside the lodge to close out the day.

After day hiking in the Colter Bay area on Saturday, we returned to Salt Lake on Sunday, sore and tired but having relished our adventure. Our Teton Crest backpack was just under 40 miles. Over that distance we gained a total of about 8,000 ft and lost 7200 ft. And although the Teton Crest trail is typically very popular, we encountered surprisingly few backpackers, probably because it was late in the season.





*Previous Page: Black bear in Paintbrush Canyon
Above: Richard, Bob, and Russell at the trailhead*



Lunch break at the head of South Fork Cascade Canyon

ACTIVITY LISTINGS

Date Activity

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9 Fri | <p>Enjoy St George Hiking Meeting/social Dec 1 To 9
 <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at St George, e-mail for directions
 <i>Organizer:</i> Bruce Christenson 801-824-0131 b.c.com@hotmail.com
 Come to St George to hike, bike, or whatever from Dec 1st to the 9th. From there it is between 30 minutes and 2 hours to Kolob, Cedar City, Zions, Kanab, N. Grand Canyon, Las Vegas and everything inbetween. Bring a friend(s) to have fun and adventure for as many days you want. The house will accommodate 10 people fairly comfortably with a few sleeping on the floor so bring a mattress. Since the organizer dose not like to do laundry bring your own bedding and towel. Plan your own food and transportation. Contact by e-mail, organizer Bruce Christenson, with your desired dates of stay and for directions. Thanks</p> |
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Thu | <p>Evening Hike The Living Room – ntd+ – 2.5 mi – 1000' ascent – Moderate pace
 <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Red Butte Parking lot 300 Wakara Way Salt Lake City, Utah 84108 directions are at this link: http://www.redbuttegarden.org/directions
 <i>Organizer:</i> Alex Arakelian 8019955526 kyojimujo@yahoo.com
 This hike is fairly steep but ends in a great view of the valley. May require spikes and extra layers. Prompt 6pm departure.</p> |
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Sat | <p>Snowshoe - Organizer's Choice – mod – Loop – Moderate pace
 <i>Meet:</i> 8:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)
 <i>Organizer:</i> Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 jameskucera@aol.com
 I'll choose a nice loop in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Be prepared for your own comfort and safety.</p> |

Dec 3 Sat **"Pray For Snow" - Open House, Party & Social - At The Wmc Lodge**
Meet: 1:00 pm at WMCF Lodge - 8465 S Mary Lake Lane, Brighton, UT
Organizer: Robert* Myers 801-651-9965 robertmyers47@gmail.com

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 Dec 4 Sun Pray For Snow Open House At The WMC Lodge Saturday, December 3 > 4. It's a PARTY!Social Hour, Saturday, 5 PM (cash bar)Dinner, Chile and Brats, Saturday, 6PM (\$10 Per Person) Bring a dish to share, if you want

.....Make a DAY of it - Lodge will be open at 1 PM, so you can drop off your stuff and go play in the snow

.....Make a NIGHT of it - Stay overnight, free First 20 who sign up get the beds, but you can bring a pad and bag, and sleep on the floor too.Please call for - the party/dinner, we would like to have a count for enough food & drink for all. Please e-mail Bob Myers: robertmyers47@gmail.com or call 801-651-9965

.....Come join us at the Wasatch Mountain Lodge for a fun filled evening. This is the WMC Foundation's first attempt at continuing the tradition of social events at the lodge. This event will be especially attractive to those of you involved in skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing and hiking in the winter who love to play in the snow. There will be skiing & snowshoeing events in and around the Brighton area for both Saturday & Sunday centered around this open house event.

Dec 3 Sat **Pre-lodge Event Foothills Hike – msd- – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
Meet: 9:00 am at Ferguson Canyon Trailhead on Timberline Drive (7780 South)
Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com

Let's see how far up Ferguson Canyon we can go, then make it down in time to join the Pray For Snow Open House festivities at the WMC Lodge. Several of us will be staying overnight at the lodge, then forming or joining a group for a Sunday morning snowshoe/ski/hike or whatever current conditions dictate. Conditions will also dictate footwear. Plan on microspikes and snowshoes, then we'll see what we need at the time.

- Dec 3 Sat **Alpine Ski Tour To Wolverine From The Wmc Lodge – mod- – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 1500' ascent – Moderate pace**
Meet: Registration required
Organizer: Robert* Myers 801-466-3292 robertmyers47@gmail.com
 Plan for a little exercise on Saturday Dec 3rd, when we hope for snow, but it may not have arrived. The plan for the day will be a tour or hike in conjunction with the "Pray for Snow Party at the Lodge". Plan to do the ski/hike with a destination of Wolverine Peak via Catherine's Pass. A return to the lodge for the party starting at 5:00PM
- Dec 4 Sun **Nordic Ski Tour: North Of Iron Mine Mountain – mod+ – 16.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace**
Meet: 8:15 am at Parleys Way Walmart lot, East side - 2703 Parleys Way, Salt Lake City, UT
Organizer: Michael Berry 801-750-1915 mcber.ut@gmail.com
 Cross-country skiing. The tour starts at the MLH Winter Parking, 14 miles east of Kamas and follows the Iron Mine Mountain jeep road (north slope) on early season snowpack. The terrain opens up for good views and several options in the high country above 10,000 ft. Expect extra cold temperatures and little sun. Contact trip organizer if driving from the Park City area. Carpools can be arranged for separate return times (NTD+ to MOD+). Remember the MLH parking fee and be prepared to share the cost of transportation. Dogs OK. Bring lightweight backcountry touring gear with scales, skins, or swix (grip wax) and the 10 E's. Meet at 8:15 am for a prompt 8:30 am departure.
- Dec 4 Sun **Snowshoe - Organizer's Choice – mod**
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)
Organizer: Greg Lott 801-361-4132 lottgreg@comcast.net
 Join Greg for a nice day on the snow. Be prepared for your own comfort and safety.

- Dec 4 Sun **Break Into The Backcountry - Ski Tour Twin Lakes Or Clayton Peak – 4.0 mi – 1500' ascent**
Meet: 8:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)
Organizer: Robert* Myers 801-466-3292 robertmyers47@gmail.com
 Sunday Ski Tour starting from the WMC Lodge, in conjunction with the "Pray for Snow Party at the Lodge" and going either to Clayton Peak or up towards Twin Lake Pass and beyond. It is difficult to speculate whether we will have snow, but we can always hike. For many of us, this may be first time out for the season , so you are welcome to join us.
- Dec 5 Mon **Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
Meet: 6:00 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate
Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com
 A brisk and steep 2-hour outing along the ridge behind the "H" rock. If there is inversion, we'll go up Millcreek. Bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear. Bring a flashlight and dress in layers. Dogs ok.
- Dec 6 Tue **Evening Hike - Mt Olympus - Dog Friendly – ntd – Moderate pace**
Meet: 6:00 pm at Mt. Olympus Trailhead on Wasatch Blvd.
Organizer: Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancymartin@gmail.com
 Moderately steep hike at the beginning. Prompt 6pm departure from the Mt. O trailhead.
- Dec 7 Wed **Wmc Board Meeting**
Meet: 7:00 pm at WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103
Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-332 president@wasatchmountainclub.org
 Monthly Board Meeting. Members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to bring topics to the Board's attention should email the President 7 days prior to the meeting.
- Dec 8 Thu **Evening Hike - Millcreek Canyon Org Choice - Dog Friendly – ntd+ – Moderate pace**
Meet: 6:00 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride
Organizer: Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancymartin@gmail.com
 Join us for an evening hike in Millcreek. Will plan to do Pipeline trail to Elbow Fork and back down the road. Plan for the weather; if we have snow, bring microspikes or other traction devices, as well as your 10 Es. Prompt 6pm departure.

Dec 9 Fri Christmas Sing-a-long And Pot Luck Supper December 9

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

Organizer: La Rae Bartholoma, Frank Bernard 801-277-4093 roosiebear@gmail.com; frankbernard55@earthlink.net

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

Dec 10 Sat Organizer's Choice Snowshoe Or Hike – mod

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

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

Come prepared to hike or snowshoe. If hiking, you may still need gaiters and traction devices. Come dressed in layers and bring any necessary safety gear that conditions may warrant. There will be a prompt 8:30 departure. Please email with any questions.

Dec 10 Sat Day Hike Gobbler's Knob From Bowman Fork – msd – 10.2 mi Out & Back – 4000' ascent – Moderate pace

Meet: 9:00 am at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride

Organizer: Alex Arakelian 801-995-5526 kyojimujo@yahoo.com

I haven't been up to the knob in a couple of years so lets try it here late in the season. I'm hoping to do the peak with just spikes at the most and if it's an exceptional day we could add Raymond also. Please remember your 10 e's.

Dec 11 Sun Snowshoe - Organizer's Choice – mod

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

Organizer: David Andrenyak 801-907-1325 andrenyakda@aim.com

Our activity will be based on group interest, weather, and snow conditions. Please bring the 10 essentials and snow safety equipment. If snow cover is minimum, I suggest that we do a hike. Plan to leave from the meeting place at 8:15 AM.

- Dec 12 Mon **Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
Meet: 6:00 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate
Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com
 A brisk and steep 2-hour outing along the ridge behind the "H" rock. If there is inversion, we'll go up Millcreek until we're out of it. Bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear. Bring a flashlight and dress in layers. Dogs ok.
- Dec 13 Tue **Evening Hike - Church Fork Mill Creek - Dog Friendly – ntd+ – Moderate pace**
Meet: 6:00 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride
Organizer: Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancymartin@gmail.com
 Prompt 6pm departure.
- Dec 14 Wed **Weekday Snowshoe – mod-**
Meet: 9:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)
Organizer: Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 jameskucera@aol.com
 I'll seek group input for place to go. Come prepared for your own comfort and safety.
- Dec 15 Thu **Evening Hike - Mt. Olympus – ntd+ – Fast pace**
Meet: 5:45 pm at Wasatch Blvd at approximately 5800 S; east side of the road. There are signs marking the trailhead.
Organizer: Sue Jensen 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com
 6pm departure from the Mt. Olympus trailhead on Wasatch Blvd. Be prepared for varied weather and bring a headlamp or flashlight. Dog friendly.
- Dec 17 Sat **Training: Beginner Avalanche Beacon Practice – ntd**
Meet: 9:00 am at Butler Elementary - 7080 S 2700 E
Organizer: Brad Yates 801-278-2423 bnyslc@earthlink.net
 Learn to use your avalanche beacon, or practice what you forgot over the summer. We will form into small groups, learn the basics and go from there. No prior experience required. Depending on snow conditions we will carpool to a location with enough snow to simulate burials. Bring your beacon and if you have any extra's bring them also. For snow travel bring ski's or snow shoe's. Also I would like some experienced beacon users to step up and help teach.

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- Dec 17 Sat **Snowshoe To Moose Flats – mod+ – 8.0 mi Out & Back – 1700' ascent – Moderate pace**
Meet: 9:00 am at Terrace Hills trailhead of Bonneville Shoreline Trail (1027 Terrace Hills, SLC, 84103).
Organizer: Rick Gamble & Carrie Clark 801-931-4739 skithebrd@yahoo.com
 Join Carrie and Rick on a snowshoe, hike, or spikes-hike to Moose Flats (on the shoulder of Little Black Mountain above the Avenues Twins). TRAILHEAD DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From 11th Avenue, turn uphill onto Terrace Hills Drive (890 East). Terrace Hills Dr is just west of the graveyard and just east of the fire station on 11th Ave.
- Dec 17 Sat **Snowshoe, Post-snow Safety Training – mod-**
Meet: 9:00 am at Meeting place as specified for snow safety training.
Organizer: Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 jameskucera@aol.com
 We'll make some tracks after concluding our safety practice. This activity will be Not Too Difficult to Moderate rating.
- Dec 17 Sat **Alpine Ski Tour Post Beacon Practice – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
Meet: 12:00 pm at Butler Elementary - 7080 S 2700 E, Cottonwood Heights, UT
Organizer: Brad Yates 801-592-5814 bnyslc@earthlink.net
 Depending on snow conditions and group size we will head out after the beacon practice for a moderate tour or two. Beacon, shovel and probe required.
- Dec 18 Sun **Nordic Ski Tour: Norway Flats – mod – 12.0 mi Out & Back – 1800' ascent – Moderate pace**
Meet: 8:15 am at Parleys Way Walmart lot, East side - 2703 Parleys Way, Salt Lake City, UT
Organizer: Michael Berry 801-750-1915 mcber.ut@gmail.com
 Cross-country Skiing.

- Dec 18 Sun **Beginner Snowshoe Ntd Tour - Big Cottonwood – ntd – 4.0 mi**
Meet: 8:45 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)
Organizer: Knick Knickerbocker 801-891-2669 Knick.Sold@comcast.net
 Weather permitting - come join Knick Knickerbocker (801-891-2669 or knick.sold@comcast.net) for this beginner NTD snowshoe tour in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Along with your snowshoes, you'll want to dress in layers & bring a day pack to store those layers in as you warm up. Also suggest that you wear gaiters and bring poles, water and a snack. We'll find a safe place to play. **BE SURE TO ADJUST YOUR SNOWSHOES TO YOUR BOOTS BEFORE ARRIVING.** This will be an easy, slower paced tour (as snowshoeing goes). Come prepared for a fun outing. Meet Knick at 8:45 am in the 6200 Park-n-Ride off Wasatch Blvd
- Dec 19 Mon **Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
Meet: 6:00 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate
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 A brisk and steep 2-hour outing along the ridge behind the "H" rock. If there is inversion, we'll go up Millcreek until we're out of it. Bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear. Bring a flashlight and dress in layers. Dogs ok.
- Dec 22 Thu **Christmas Evening Hike In Ferguson Canyon – ntd+ – 3.0 mi Out & Back – 1600' ascent – Moderate pace**
Meet: 5:45 pm at Big Cottonwood Overflow - about 3600 E on Fort Union Blvd
Organizer: Alex Arakelian 801-995-5526 kyojimujo@yahoo.com
 Come celebrate the season in Ferguson Canyon. It will be cold and icy so bundle up and bring your spikes and we will see what kind of adventure we can have. This hike is steep with some slippery sections. We will hike to the overlook for a great view of the valley. Please remember your 10 E's.
- Dec 24 Sat **Snowshoe, Upper Greens Basin – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)
Organizer: Steven Duncan 801-680-9236 duncste@comcast.net
 Come out and burn off some of those holiday calories!

- Dec 25 Sun **Snowshoe - Christmas Morning Easy Outing – ntd – Out & Back – Slow pace**
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)
Organizer: Knick Knickerbocker 801-891-2669 Knick.Sold@comcast.net
 In case you feel like getting out from under all that wrapping paper, come join Knick Knickerbocker (801-891-2669 or knick.sold@comcast.net) and other like-minded outdoor enthusiasts for this Wasatch Mountain Club traditional easy get together. Weather permitting we'll have a pleasantly paced short snowshoe tour. Bring finger food treats to share if you'd like for a relaxed break before our return to the valley. If bad weather, it will be cancelled. Meet at 6200 South & Wasatch Blvd Park-n-Ride 9:00 am.
- Dec 28 Wed **Weekday Snowshoe – mod-**
Meet: 9:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)
Organizer: Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 jameskucera@aol.com
 I'll seek group input for place to go. Come prepared for your own comfort and safety.
- Dec 29 Thu **Evening Hike - Grandeur Peak Loop - Dog Friendly – ntd+ – Moderate pace**
Meet: 6:00 pm at Grandeur Peak trailhead on Wasatch Blvd approximately 3000 S.
Organizer: Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancymartin@gmail.com
 Join us for a section of Grandeur Peak. If there's not much snow, we will turn this into a loop. About 50 minutes up hill. THIS IS A VERY STEEP HIKE. Not suggested for beginners, but we will burn off some holiday calories! Traction devices, 10 Es. Prompt 6pm departure.
- Dec 31 Sat **Snowshoe - Organizer's Choice – mod – 6.0 mi – Moderate pace**
Meet: Registration required
Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
 We will decide where we will snowshoe depending on conditions and weather. Please bring snow safety equipment. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, December 30, for the meeting place and time. Co-organized with Jim Kucera.
- Jan 1 Sun **New Year's Day Snowshoe - Little Water Peak – mod – 8.0 mi Out & Back – 2100' ascent**
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)
Organizer: Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 jameskucera@aol.com
 Little Water Peak via Mill D North / Dog Lake. Celebrate the New Year. We'll do a loop if conditions permit. Bring your 10 E's and avalanche safety gear.

Jan 3 Tue **Snowshoe, Park City Environs – mod**
Meet: 10:00 am at Disseminated via the Snowshoe email list
Carpool: 9:15 am at Parleys Way Walmart lot, East side - 2703 Parleys Way
Organizer: Vince DeSimone 435-645-9344 vincedesimone@yahoo.com
Vince will organize a Tuesday group again this year. Meet at 10:00 AM Tuesday and go places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect friendly conversation; you will feel welcome and comfortable. For meeting location and last-minute details, join the WMC snowshoe e-mail list for automatic notices or updates for all these Tuesday trips throughout the winter. Vince prefers cyberspace for questions and info. Carpool from SLC from the Parley's Way Walmart at 09:15 AM.

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Feb 6 Mon **Death Valley Road Bike Car Camping Winter Escape – mod**
Meet: Registration required
Organizer: Cheryl Soshnik 435-649-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com
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Feb 10 Fri
The annual Bob Wright Death Valley Winter Escape might be escape from a no-snow winter, but we'll see! It's a getaway to the warmth and fun of car camping, daily road biking, hiking, small group cooking, and having a good time at the Furnace Creek campground. The group has reserved tent camping sites, but you are welcome to reserve RV and camper sites, cabins or motels as well. There will be a planning meeting in January (date to be announced) to establish carpools, cooking groups, and pre/post trip extensions. The six group tent sites are almost full. Call for more information or to register, let me know if you have made your own reservation at Furnace Creek to join us for the bike rides and hikes, happy hours and campfires.

Feb 9 **Motel Car Camp: Yellowstone Wolf & Wildlife Watching - 4-6 Days – ntd**
 Thu *Meet:* Registration required
 – *Organizer:* Robert Turner; Julie Kilgore Robert: 801-560-3378; Julie: 801-244-3323
 Feb r46turner@gmail.com; jk@wasatch-environmental.com
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 Sun Join us for some winter wolf and wildlife watching in Yellowstone Park. Last year was so good we want to do it again. We saw wolves, foxes, coyotes, bighorn sheep, eagles; even a couple of moose and one very active weasel. ----- Trip length: Leave Thursday afternoon; return home by Sunday night if you have to get back to work or whatever; stay until Monday or Tuesday if you have more time and would like to stick around. -- --- We'll motel it in Gardiner, MT, and drive into the Park each day on the road between there and Cooke City, 4 miles east of the northeast entrance. It's the only road kept open in Yellowstone in the winter. We might see wolves anywhere along that road, but the most likely place is Lamar Valley. ----- A few noteworthy considerations: We'll get up very early each morning (about 5:00am) and the mornings will probably be very cold (zero or less). ----- The best way to find wolves is to drive the road, so we won't spend much time hiking, snowshoeing or whatever on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday morning. ----- If you are able to stay until Monday or Tuesday, bring your skis, snowshoes or whatever for sure so you can enjoy some time trekking around in Yellowstone's spectacular winter wonderland. You should have plenty of time for that on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. ----- The drive to Gardiner in the winter is about 500 miles since we can't go through the Park to get there; so we will leave Thursday and drive about halfway that night. Plan to leave anytime in the afternoon, but no later than 5-6pm. ----- Robert Turner and Julie Kilgore will be your co-organizers. Contact one of them for more details and to register.

Feb 15 **Belize Islands And Jungle Multi-activity Event**
 Wed *Meet:* Registration required
 – *Organizer:* John & Martha Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com
 Feb Mark your calendar for a February 2017 trip to Belize, an English-speaking country in
 25 Central America with a wealth of outdoor activities. Time will be divided between
 Sat snorkeling, diving, and birding in the cayes and hiking, canoeing, birding and visiting
 archeological sites from a jungle lodge. Email to be on the list for the planning
 meeting in December. Airfare plus lodging estimated \$2500/person

Feb **Canyoneering, Canoeing And Hot Tubbing Vegas – mod – 13.0 mi**

23 *Meet:* Registration required

Thu *Organizer:* Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com

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Feb Time for another annual classic- the Canyoneering Canoeing Hot tubbing trip to the
26 Black Canyon, down by Vegas. A wonderful getaway from winter weekend- spend it
Sun scrambling, canyoneering, canoeing and luxuriating in scenic backcountry hot tubs;
leaving your snow boots and parkas home, and hanging out in your Tevas, T shirts and shorts. We will drive down thursday morning, check into the hotel just before Boulder City, at off season rates and then drive over and check out the dam, and the stunning new bridge over the dam. After dinner we will get our gear together for an early morning rollout to meet the outfitter (700 am) who will be driving us through the national high security zone to the foot of the dam, where we will launch our rented canoes. There is not much real canoeing involved, it is almost all flat water, we will spend the first night camped at the mouth of Gold Strike canyon, less than a mile from the put in, and then saturday morning meander another mile to a second exploratory canyon, where we will spend the day in an energetic and athletic climb/scramble up Boy Scout Canyon, before paddling another mile down to camp saturday night @ the third canyon, Arizona Hot Springs, with more hot springs and pools. Sunday morning we will paddle for 3 hours down to the takeout, where the outfitter picks us up and will bring us back to pick up our cars at the hotel, and then we will boogy for home sunday afternoon. Actually you'd better not plan on leaving all of your snow gear home- a couple of years ago, after kicking back in our swim suits all weekend, coming home we ran into a major blizzard around Beaver, and struggled around vehicles parked on the shoulders and in the barrow pits, before we made it back home. It is still winter. In Utah. Note that this trip has traditionally been on the first weekend in March, but two years ago there were 150 people camping at Arizona Hot Springs, it was a zoo- everybody wants to do this trip. I figured it must be a first of March Spring Break thing, so last year I decided to move it up a week, the weather wasn't any different one week earlier, and we had a little more solitude, at least less of a crowd, doing it in February. The fee for the 3 day canoe rental, the per person federal launch fee and the launch and pick up shuttles comes to \$110 per person. I have already paid half of this to get the reservations, your \$100 nonrefundable payment is required to get onto this trip. Mail me a check, at 8267 so 1280 E, sandy, ut 84094. With only 7 canoes, for 14 people, the trip fills up fast, get on board now.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Do not use for renewals.)

Please read carefully and completely fill out both sides of the page. Print legibly, *please*.

I am applying for membership as: _____ Single _____ Couple

Name: Applicant 1: _____ Birth date*: _____

Name: Applicant 2: _____ Birth date*: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Applicant 1: Main phone: _____ Email address: _____

Applicant 2: Main phone: _____ Email address: _____

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

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

Membership dues:

- \$40.00 for single membership (Annual dues \$35.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee)
- \$55.00 for couple membership (Annual dues \$50.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee)
- \$25.00 for student membership (Annual dues \$20.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee)
- Student members must be full-time student.

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

How did you learn about the Wasatch Mountain Club: _____

* Your birth date is only used to verify you are at least 18 years old and membership age statistics.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)

Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgement of Risk and Release from Liability

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature 1 _____ Date: _____

Signature 2 _____ Date: _____

Mail completed application to:

Membership Director
Wasatch Mountain Club
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