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WMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check www.wasatchmountainclub.org for the latest announcements

Additional WMC Matching Donations for Bonanza Flats!

Park City is going to purchase and protect "Bonanza Flats". Park City is asking conservation and concerned groups to help cover the cost through donations. Information on the project and location can be found here: <https://saveourcanyons.org/2017/01/12/save-bonanza-flats/>

The Wasatch Mountain Club pledged to assist in this effort by matching dollar for dollar the first \$1,000 donated by club members. Club member donations exceeded \$1,000, coming in at \$1,860 by the time of the March WMC Board Meeting. The WMC Board approved a request from Eric Sadler, your WMC Conservation Director, to increase the WMC match to meet the full amount pledged by WMC members!

WMC Members can continued to Donate, Save Our Canyons through March 15th, 2017, by using the following link: https://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50928/donate_page/savebonanza

Rambler Articles

The Rambler editor needs more submittals of trip writups and other WMC-specific content. The Rambler is what the members make it. Send feedback on the Rambler to Rambler@wasatchmountainclub.org or contact any board member.

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TRAILS AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE

by Dave Andrenyak

One of the important functions of the Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) is to encourage the preservation of our natural areas. This purpose is readily accepted by our organization because we value the places where we hike, bike, climb, ski, etc. At the start of the hiking season, it is essential to review hiking guidelines that help protect our forest and mountains. These guidelines include such things as do not litter and do not shortcut trails. If practical and possible, do not travel off trail to get around muddy spots. Be aware of wilderness and watershed regulations. In the Salt Lake Ranger District wilderness areas, the number of group participants is limited to 10. In watershed areas, do not bring domesticated animals such as dogs. Do not swim or wade in streams and lakes within the watershed. Campsites need to be a least 200 feet from lakes, streams and trails. I realize that WMC members know and follow these guidelines. This dialogue is to bolster continued persistence of good hiking practices.

With this winter's heavy snowfall and deep snowpack, many trails will remain snow covered and muddy much longer compared to recent years. It is likely that there will be extensive deadfall and rockfall on the trails. If you encounter trail obstructions, please email the WMC trail maintenance coordinators and provide information about the obstruction (description, location, and date). We will contact the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) or other managing agency.

Any major trail maintenance needs to be performed by the appropriate agency such as the USFS, Cottonwood Canyons Foundation (CCF), and the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Committee (BSTC). The WMC participates in volunteer trail maintenance activities organized by those agencies. Last year, the WMC was a sponsor for National Trails Day. That trail event involved building a new section of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST) that will link the Mount Olympus trail to the Heughs Canyon trail. Later last summer, WMC volunteers worked on a trail day project organized by the CCF. That project involved working on a new trail that will link Dog Lake to the Desolation Trail. In the fall, WMC volunteers worked two more days on the new BST section. The WMC plans to work on similar projects this hiking season.

The WMC also has an agreement with the Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Department to maintain the Mount Olympus and West Grandeur trailheads. This maintenance work involves removing trash from the trailhead and parking areas, remediating graffiti, and emptying the Mount Olympus trailhead trash container. On Saturday April 1, 2017, there will be a clean up event at the Mount Olympus trailhead. Check the WMC Rambler or WMC website calendar for details about that event. Other trail maintenance events will also be listed in WMC Rambler or WMC website calendar. Thank you for hiking responsibly and for helping to maintain our natural areas.



Evette Raen and Alex Arakelian working on the new section of the Bonneville Shoreline trail in Tolcat's Canyon.

HIKING DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Welcome to the start of the busiest season of WMC hiking! We hike all year with weekend, evening and weekday hikes, as well as car camps and backpack trips. We keep our trail maintenance coordinators busy with reports of trail conditions (including lots of tree falls in the last few months!).

To prepare for the needs of our hike organizers, we'd like to answer a few commonly asked questions; in other words, when organizing a hike, have you ever wondered....

How long is this hike?

What is the elevation gain?

Should this be an NTD, MOD or an MSD?

If you are a new organizer, you might even ask, "What is the definition of an NTD, MOD, MSD or EXT hike?" The answers to these and related questions are a few clicks away on the WMC website. Start by clicking on the Activities Menu and select "Hike, Backpack & Camp". Choose "WMC Hike Ratings" and start exploring. Here are the basics:

NTD Not Too Difficult (Lightly Strenuous)
MOD MODerate (Moderate to Strenuous)
MSD MoSt Difficult (Very Strenuous, Difficult)
EXT EXTreme (An MSD with special requirements)

A category rating may be modified with “+” or “-” to show increased or decreased difficulty within the category rating.

Other information you’ll find in this section of the WMC website includes the round trip miles for many hikes, estimated hiking time, trailhead elevation, destination elevation, total ascent and average elevation change per mile. There are nearly 170 hikes described covering the Wasatch Front, Utah County and Davis County.

Once you have a hike in mind, share it with others. We always need organizers. As the organizer, you get to choose the date, time, location and pace, and have fellow hikers join you to enjoy the outing. The best way post your activity is to sign in on the website and under the “Member Menu”, select “Volunteer to Organize an Activity”. Once you submit the form, it will come to the Hiking Directors for approval and be posted on the activity calendar. You can also contact us and we will post your hike for you. Remember, the deadline for your hike to be in the Rambler is the 10th of the prior month.

If you are interested in service opportunities, look for Service Hikes. Our next Service Hike is scheduled for Saturday, April 1 at Mt. Olympus trailhead. Please bring work gloves and wear long pants. See the activity calendar for details; RSVP is requested.

Next month: What are the 10 Es? and important information to include in an activity description. We are looking forward to a great hiking season – see you on the trails.

Nancy Martin & Michele Stancer, WMC Hiking Directors



P.S. Time spent hiking, biking or climbing cant be deducted from your life. It’s a great investment... need another one?

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SNOW REMOVAL WORK PARTIES

We've been blessed this year with an epic Utah ski season, but as they say, there's no such thing as a free lunch. While spring is just around the corner in the valley, the snow keeps falling in the mountains... snow that needs to be removed from the lodge to protect the building and maintain access.



If you can find the time, please consider joining one of the Foundation's snow removal parties this April. Everyone who attends will be treated to a nice hot lunch, compliments of Robert Myers. For work party dates and times, please contact Robert Myers by email at robertmyers47@gmail.com, or the old fashioned way, by picking up the phone and dialing (801) 651-9965.



WINTERFEST REPORT

Thanks to everyone who attended Winterfest at the lodge! It was wonderful to see so many club members enjoying the space and using it as their home base for winter recreation. Also, we'd like to give a special thanks to everyone who brought a potluck dish to share. We hope you enjoyed the party as much as we did, and we look forward to seeing you again next year!



BONANZA FLATS PRESERVATION

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the club members for your support and contributions to the "Bonanza Flats" effort. The combined total of the donations and the club match is \$3,720.00! It is rare that we have the opportunity to be active participants in protecting and preserving a section of the Wasatch Mountains that could be developed commercially.

Thank you,
Eric Sadler, Conservation Director

BOATING DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Thanks to all of you who came to the planning party. Below are some take-a-ways from our meeting. We would also like to remind you that the WMC Canoe, Kayak and Raft webpage is a great resource for your river planning needs. Please take a look at it and become familiar with its content.

Important Dates:

April 8 - Boat Shed Opening Work Party; 9.00 a.m.

April 12 - U of U Rec. Center Used Gear Sale: 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

May 4 - Intro to Whitewater Boating Training Class; boating Shed; 6:30 p.m.

May 19 – 21 Beginner Boating Trip: please see online calendar for more information. A pre-requisite is the training class on May 4th for ALL beginner participants. Experienced boaters - We need you to help out! Contact Kelly Beumer if you would like to come and help out. Our boating calendar is just starting to be filled out

Following are the scheduled trips. See the Activity Calendar or the Canoe, Kayak Raft page for more details.

April 27 – May 3 Flat Water - Canyonlands National Park/Colorado or Green River • 7 Days

July 5 – 9 Flat Water - Leigh Lake/Grand Teton National Park • 5 Days

August 5 – 13 Kayak/Canoe- Grand Teton N.P. Sampler • 9 Days

October 13 – 16 Kayaking Colorado River through Horsethief and Ruby Canyons • 4 Days

Following are trips that are either in the initial planning stages or were discussed at the planning party. The dates are rough estimates. Watch the calendar as these develop:

Mar. 28 – Apr. 4 – San Juan; Apr. 9 – San Juan; Apr. 18 – Salt River; Apr. 24 – San Juan; Apr. 27 – May 3 – Stillwater on the Green; Early May – Owyhee; May 6 – Logan; May 15 – San Juan; May 20 – 21 – Salmon Yankee Fork; July 3 Desolation/Grey; June 1 – Muddy River; July 1 – Payette; August 14 – Gates of Lodore

More ideas for potential one day or multi-day trips:

Alpine Canyon on the Snake; Westwater Canyon; Jordan; Weber; Bear; Logan; Ogden; South Fork of the Ogden.

If you would like to lead any of these trips, we would be more than happy to help you make that happen.

Thank you again and we'll see you on the river!

Your Boating Committee,
Tony, Cindy, Bret, Donnie , Kelly and Pam

50 YEARS AGO IN THE RAMBLER

transcribed by Donn Seeley, WMC trustee

CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL 1967 [...]

Apr 16 Sun.	<u>GOURMET'S TOUR</u> — An event that most touring people have been looking forward to. We will tour leisurely into Albion Basin or an equally accessible place, and consume whatever gustatorial delights that one might envision and be thoughtful enough to carry. Packs should be limited to 70 or 80 lbs. Meet at bottom of Wildcat lift at 10:00 a.m. Register by 5:00 p.m. Sat., Apr 15. Leader, Scotty Imber. [...]
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FROM THE PREZ by C. L. Keller

[...] In the most important action of the past few months, if not the past year, the Board of Directors, backed by the Trustees, voted to replace the club's old bus, La Tortuga. This action was announced at the Nomination Dinner and discussed at length at the Election Meeting. For those who were not at either event, you must be aware that the old bus was suffering ailments incident to old age and lack of love and TLC during its years of service to many masters. On its last trip, to Zion National Park in October, there were some members offering pretty good odds that it would never reach Salt Lake City again under its own power. The noisy old beast surprised them, but subsequent diagnosis showed that the cost of restoring it to a condition suitable to start a new season far exceeded its value. [...]

THE RIVER RAT'S REVIEW by Del Wiens

[...] A final item directed toward new members, the fees the WMC charges for its float trips are incredibly low. By way of comparison, the Western River Expeditions of SLC charges \$252.00 for the Middle Fork of the Salmon River (excluding your transportation to and from, but including food). The WMC makes exactly the same trip (including all transportation, but not your food) for about \$35.00. In terms of a vacation, it is difficult to improve on the low cost, the usually outstanding scenery and isolation found on most of our western rivers. Add to this some whitewater thrills and you have, I believe, a perfect outing. [...]

WHITE FIR PASS SNOWSHOE

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

Organized by Phyllis Anderson

Trip Report by Phyllis Anderson

A very cold and windy REI parking lot greeted us as we met for this snowshoe trip. However, it was a beautiful day, it warmed quickly, and we were out of the wind as we headed up the well packed, frozen trail in Bowman Fork. Most of us were on snowshoes, but spikes would have been fine. The pace was leisurely and the company outstanding. It was a pleasure getting to know Maria Zlobia, a delightful Russian gal, who came as a guest. As we enjoyed lunch at the pass, two long-time club members joined us: Eveline Bruenger and Suzanne Stensaas. Wayne, failing to realize on the descent that the snow was not really conducive to shortcutting, headed straight down and buried one snowshoe far above him in the process of taking a tumble. Maria kindly retrieved the snowshoe for him, becoming his new BFF. It was a great day to be out!



Wayne, Dave, Maria, Loreal, Phyllis, Eveline, and Bruce

DAY HIKE TO HUGHES CANYON

MARCH 4, 2017

Organized by Bruce Christenson

Trip report by Daisy DeMarco



Members enjoying the views along the trail.

Nine members enjoyed a beautiful Saturday hike into Hughes Canyon. We started at the Mount Olympus trailhead with whipping winds pushing us along, until we reached some relief along the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. We stopped for lunch at the top of the waterfall and enjoyed good conversation and Connie's homemade bread! Several members explored a little further up the waterfall before we all descended. Along the way down Mac and Connie encountered an injured woman. They quickly and calmly reacted and helped the woman safely back down the trail; reminding us to always have our Ten E's and to lookout for fellow hikers. Thanks to our organizer for a great hike, Mother Nature for sunny skies, and the members for excellent company!

SOUTH THUNDER MOUNTAIN

MARCH 4, 2017

Organized by Michael Hannan

Trip Report by Signe Gines

Participants - Jonathan Ruchti, John Marks, Lana Christiansen, Nicole Condie, Mike Gibby, Nancy Martin, Signe Gines, Michael Hannan

We met at the Schoolhouse Spring TH in Alpine at 6:00 am and were on the trail by 6:20 am. This early part of the morning was peaceful, calm and the sky became the canvas of a most glorious watercolor welcoming the dawn. We laughed and chatted as we made our way up the road toward the 1st Hamongog. Warning: Alpine city has done and is doing a lot of grading on the initial portions of the hill/road and getting on the wrong "road" is very easy to do - as part of the group found out!

Arriving at the 1st Hamongog, we paused to snack and strap on the snowshoes. On Thursday, Michael and Brent Waddoups had broken the trail from here to the 2nd Hamongog, so the going was easy - no route-finding. The early morning continued to be delightful and the air was relatively calm. The only aggravation was the never-ending brittle battle with the small trees bending over the trail, weighted down by the unusually deep snowpack.

The 2nd Hamongog, a circular brilliant white layer cake of smooth crusting snow, came quickly and it was here that we learned that Michael would not be accompanying us the rest of the journey because he was not feeling well. Lana decided that she would accompany him back down to the trailhead. Michael verbally described the general route

to the goal and the rest of us forged on. Michael put a lot of confidence in us as none of us had the route down to a science like he did. So, with deep breaths Jonathan, John, Nancy, Nicole, Mike and Signe took off on an adventure that would test their endurance, route finding, determination and mountaineering skills.

The first obstacle came when we climbed too high on the ridge that that lead to Bighorn Peak. We had to backtrack down the ridge as there was no safe way off due to massive cornices. Signe found a way off the ridge and once again we traversed too high along the second ridge and became blocked by cornices again. We grouped together and made the decision to drop nearly 800' and climb the next ridge rib. Once done, we were FINALLY on the right path!

YAHOOIE! Nicole had been experiencing some knee twitching and fatigue in her legs, so we remedied that with some extra electrolytes and food. Problem solved. What a great attitude and show of perseverance on her part! Mike Gibby kept a watch on her and aided her in her climb.



The whole group at the Second Hamongog. Front Row L-R: Nicole, Nancy, Lana, Signe. Back Row L-R: John, Mike, Jonathan, Michael.



Three of the six who made the summit. It was too windy to try to set up a timer for a photo of the four in this group. Jonathan Ruchti took the photo: L to R: Nancy Martin, Signe Gines, John Marks.



Sunrise colors as we hiked the road leading to the first Hamongog.

WINTER MOUNTAINEERING LONE PEAK ATTEMPT

FEBRUARY 18, 2017

Organized by Michael Hannan

Trip Report by Michael Hannan

Two successive weather-related cancellations of this trip resulted in us putting our eggs into the basket of February 18, 2017, a day when the forecast seemed at least manageable rather than downright ugly. As we gathered in the pre-dawn darkness, headlamps aglow and spirits high, we all anticipated a long arduous day as a persistent southern breeze chilled the 45-degree air.

Like a houseguest overstaying his welcome, the wind would pester and irritate us for nearly all of the next 11+ hours. But you heard nary a complaint from this hardy group. Managing to slog along in the blown snow until about 8,300' we strapped on our snowshoes and wore them for the next 6 hours 45 minutes.

Enduring the Draper ridge gales as we fought our way to Enniss Peak, we found a modicum of shelter on the back side of the snow-covered summit bump. We strained our eyes but couldn't see Lone Peak as the clouds draped themselves over it as though protecting its stately beauty from prying eyes. We would never see the summit as visibility began playing games, ebbing and flowing like an indecisive tide.

Before entering the cirque at about 10,000', we stopped, found shelter behind a stand of weather-beaten pines and gathered courage for the push to the summit. It ended up being a push all right, but just not to the summit. Around noon visibility dropped to less than one eighth of a mile and we, shall we say, became temporarily disoriented. Finding ourselves at the base of the Lone Peak massif, we saw where we needed to be and climbed in deep snow up to the gully leading to the top of the Big Willow Canyon headwall. It is amazing the way heavy snow and limited visibility can combine to confuse one's orientation. A good lesson for us all.

A hundred yards below the cache point (10,750'), the wind was still blasting us and we had been hard at work for over 7 hours; the summit ridge was shrouded in cloudy mystery. After discussion, the group decided that the peak would have to wait for another day. We would turn our efforts to returning safely to the TH.

And that's what we did, in short order. We plowed down, enjoying the soft marshmallow descent both in and beyond the cirque. And a first occurred: the entire team ascended Enniss Peak for the second time today. That was a testament to their tenacity and strength. Breaking into 3 or 4 distinct hiking groups, we all ended up back at the TH before 5:30 PM.

Depending upon whose GPS one relies upon, we hiked over 12 twelve miles and gained approximately 6,300'. Having come within 600 vertical feet of the summit everyone felt satisfied with the effort in less than desirable circumstance



*Members snowshoeing up from Cowboy Camp.
Enniss Peak is visible on the right.*



*The group hunkering down out of the wind behind
the summit snow cone of Enniss Peak.*



Group photo at the turn-around point at 10,600.

EAST WILLOW SNOWSHOE

FEBRUARY 26, 2017

Organized by Muhammed Raja and Dave Andrenyak

Photos by Akiko Kamimura

Following a snowy week, our group was bestowed with clear blue skies and fresh snow, but the winds were strong (in advance of another storm cycle). For part of our trip, we followed an old wagon road that passed through an area of impressive conifer trees. This area is referred to as the 'Dark Forest'. Most of our travel was on open and forested slopes. Remaining wary of the huge cornices that were leaning to the Park City side, we all made it to the Wasatch Crest Ridge. The views of the Wasatch were spectacular. Because of the wind, we did not stay too long on the ridge and had an interesting descent through a beautiful forest. The trip lasted about 4 hours, covered 4.3 miles and a 2390 ft elevation gain. Trip participants were Alberto Uribe, Naval Apolin, Akiko Kamimura, Deirdre Flynn, Mohamed Abdullah, Carol Masheter, Roger Young, Muhammed Raja and Dave Andrenyak. Thank you Mother Nature and trip members for a wonderful day!



At the Wasatch Crest Ridge.



On the way back to the trailhead.

ROBERT MYERS THURSDAY SKI TOURS

By Brad Yates

I would like to extend a special thanks to Robert Myers for organizing around 15 ski tours on Thursdays with the addition of another five or so outings on weekends, including introduction to backcountry ski touring outings and a few others. Bob was hands down the MVP of the Wasatch Mountain Club's backcountry skiing program this season. His tours covered a large number of the drainages in Big and Little Cottonwood canyons with a few venturing beyond. I was able to join on four of them and have included a few pictures. Thanks Bob!



Bob in Cardiff



Brad Yates skiing Figure 8 Hill

PEAK 10420 VIA GUARDSMAN'S PASS SNOWSHOE

March 5, 2017

Organized by Greg Lott

Trip report by Akiko Kamimura



At Peak 10420. From left, Marcus, Maria, Michi, Bob, Deb and Jun.

With the forecast of afternoon storms, it was already windy early in the morning and we were unsure how long we would be able to snowshoe when we started toward Guardsman's Pass. We went on the road first and then into the forest to avoid the strong wind. When we got to Guardsman's Pass, it even more windy but we decided to continue on up to Peak 10420.

Fortunately the sun was out when we were at the peak, though wind was still strong. We went down away to find a little shelter from the wind to have lunch. Rather than retracing our steps going down, we looped back to the trailhead. It turned into to a nice warm sunny day toward the end of the snowshoe which took 3.5 hours (distance – 3.42 miles, elevation gain – 1,695 ft).

10420 SNOWSHOE VIA BRIGHTON

February 11, 2017

Organized by Jim Kucera

Trip Report by Akiko Kamimura

The original plan was to snowshoe to Montreal Hill from Mill D South. But due to high avalanche risk, the destination was changed to 10420 starting from near Brighton. Ten people participated; however when we reached the first ridge, we conducted a beacon check and realized that one of us had gotten separated from the group. Jim, Deirdre and Akiko went back to the trailhead to find the person but could not. We talked with Mac who is a club member and was on a Search and Rescue training session there. Meanwhile, the rest of the group continued to the summit.

Mac suggested that the group that went to the summit should descend along the same route while Jim, Deirdre and Akiko continued up to the summit in an effort to find the person. We communicated with each other by cell phone and met at the ridge but did not locate our fellow

snowshoer. As Jim, Deirdre and Akiko were on their way to the summit, we received a phone call from Sue informing us that the main group found our missing participant near the trailhead. Jim, Deirdre and Akiko continued to the summit and enjoyed the downhill off-trail.

Lessons learned: 1) exchange cell phone numbers – it was very helpful that we communicated each other by cell phone. We wish we had had a cell phone number for the person who got separated; 2) make sure everyone knows the route and destination – it is very important to re-group at a place where there are multiple tracks or at an intersection. In any event, it was a great snowshoe with nice snow.



Jim enjoying some deep snow on the downhill.

DEATH VALLEY HIKING

Trip Report by Don Seeley

This was my second year at Cheryl Soshnik's annual Bob Wright Memorial Death Valley Winter Escape. Once again, I came without a bicycle and I hiked almost every day.

The weather was a bit stormier than expected with grayer skies and some very windy periods. It didn't actually rain on us in Death Valley until we were on the drive out, however. The flowers that impressed us last year were absent this year. On the plus side, the Furnace Creek campground was much less busy - on many nights there were unreserved sites available.

My friend Jerry Hatch and I visited a couple old favorites and some new places.

On Sunday, February 5, Jerry and I visited Surprise Canyon in the western Panamint Range which is on the west side of Death Valley National Park. My expectations were a bit low, given that the canyon formerly held a mining road that was used to build and supply the Panamint City camp higher up in the canyon. I had entirely the wrong idea. In fact, the canyon has few traces of a road, so much so that it's hard to imagine that there ever was a road in the canyon, except for the handful of dead vehicles at the top and bottom of the narrows. Instead, it's now a raw gorge cut into solid white rock with a lovely running stream that will promptly get your feet wet. It was so charming that it took Jerry and me well over an hour to travel about a mile through the narrows.

We were joined on Monday, February 6, by Rob, Bob, Eve and Don for a hike to Corkscrew Canyon, which is just south of the campground near the 20-Mule-Team Road on the opposite side of the Black Mountains from the more famous Artists Loop drive. A lot of the landscape reminded me of desserts - meringue, whipped cream, fruit, cake, ice cream, and strawberry sauce. We hiked for a mile and a half up a wash and then up an alluvial fan to the mouth of the canyon, and wandered up the increasingly narrow wash. We eventually turned south into an extremely twisty side canyon that drilled through fun narrows and a natural bridge to reach an upper basin surrounded by beautiful textured walls and topped with towers. It's hard to describe in words just how cool this area is.

Unlike last year, we had a crowd for the Funeral Slots hike on Wednesday, Feb. 8. My limited goal this year was to get above the rockfall in the main fork and check out the slots above. The climb proved to be easier than I expected and 4 of us managed to reach it. We also got everyone to the overlook in the first side slot on the right after the main right fork. This side slot is quite narrow and has a few obstacles, but nothing really major. It leads up to a nice view down into the main fork as well as an expansive view out to Death Valley. Thanks to Cheryl, Randy, Jennifer, Darryl, Ron, Donna, Bob, Jerry and others for the company!

On Thursday, February 9th, Jerry and I were concerned about the forecast for record high temperatures and high winds so rather than hiking, we visited ghost towns. Cerro Gordo, the fat mountain, is located high above Owens Lake. In its heyday, it produced millions of dollars worth of lead, zinc and silver - one of the few mines in the area that actually made money for the miners. At 8,000 feet, the wind was stiff and cold, but we got a tour from a volunteer named Bill who showed us around the museum buildings and the old American Hotel. The site is privately owned and used to feature a B&B, but the cost of maintenance in this remote area is high and a number of structures are in need of restoration. Currently the upstairs section of the hotel is off limits due to concerns about the flooring, for example. Friends of Cerro Gordo is a 501(c)(3) that exists to raise money to maintain the site.

Finally, on Friday, we visited Palmer Canyon, the little sister to the (much) more famous Fall Canyon. Mark and Rob accompanied Jerry and me from the Fall Canyon trailhead north across bizarre eroded terrain to the high alluvial fan at the mouth of Palmer Canyon. The lower narrows of Palmer Canyon are some of the best we've seen in the park, deep and rugged with imposing gray walls. The canyon floor is mostly walkable gravel, with a couple of excursions onto slickrock. There is one awkward 6-foot scramble around a chockstone in the second narrows, but otherwise there are no obstacles. I was obsessed with the view of crazily folded limestone beds that you get into in the upper canyon (and which appear to actually be in the left fork of Fall Canyon). The uniquely strange topography of the badlands south of Palmer was also magnetically attractive.

Many thanks to Cheryl for providing us with an excuse to go somewhere warm and pretty in February!



Don, Eve, and Rob in Corkscrew Canyon.



The American Hotel in Cerro Gordo.



Randy lost in the Funeral Slots.

THE ANNUAL BOB WRIGHT DEATH VALLEY BICYCLE WINTER ESCAPE

Trip Report by Cheryl Soshnik

Photos by Rob Jones



Eye of the Needle Arch in Echo Canyon, Panamint Range in distance.

For over 20 years, the WMC bicyclers have migrated to the warmth of Death Valley in February. For the past couple of years, we have also invited the hikers, which beautifully compliments the wheeled component of the trip. The bicycling every day was wonderful, as long as we were riding with the wind at our backs! The weather was warm with a slight cloud overcast, perfect for biking. We camped at Furnace Creek Campground, and each day we would ride to the various scenic destinations in the park. Fortunately or unfortunately, depending on how you view the climb, the road to Artist's Palate was closed for repair this year, so we didn't have to make that decision when we passed the turnoff to the climb. Scotty's Castle is still closed after having been severely damaged from floods two years ago, so that

destination was also off the menu this year. But there were plenty of other scenic roads to satiate the bikers: Bad Water and environs south, Stovepipe Wells, and Death Valley Junction.



Some of the biker 282' below sea level at Badwater. It was a fast ride to the lowest spot in the US!



Rod Collins and Matt Davidson on the Badwater ride.

Date Activity

Apr 1 Sat	<p>Service Hike - Mount Olympus Trailhead Clean Up <i>Meet:</i> 8:00 am at Mount Olympus Trailhead- 5700 South Wasatch <i>Organizer:</i> David Andrenyak 801-907-1325 andrenyakda@aim.com The Wasatch Mountain Club has an agreement with Salt Lake County Parks and recreation to help maintain the Mount Olympus trailhead. This agreement provides an opportunity to contribute to the preservation of a very interesting and beautiful place. This trailhead is a striking example of the the interface between urban and nature. We will meet at the Mount Olympus trailhead around 8:00 am and we will clean up the trailhead for about 1.5 hours. Then, lets go for a NTD hike. In addition to the 10 Es, please bring work gloves and wear long pants. I will not turn away anyone that shows up only to hike. If you want to hike only, show up by 9:30 am. To minimize the risk of vehicle break ins at the Mount Olympus trailhead, do not store any valuables in your vehicle. I will bring some refreshments. Please email me if you are planning to attend</p>
Apr 3 Mon	<p>Evening Hike - Ferguson Canyon - Dog Friendly – ntd+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at BCC overflow parking to the west of Wasatch Blvd on Ft. Union Blvd. <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Jensen 801-201-2658 Laughinglarkspur@gmail.com Meet at the BCC overflow parking to the west of Wasatch Blvd on Ft. Union Blvd. Traction devices, 10 Es and headlamp. Prompt 6pm departure. This is a STEEP hike. NOTE: Check the calendar after 12pm on the day of the hike. If the inversion is bad or snow conditions unfavorable, the hike and meeting locations may change. The change will be made by no later than noon on the day of the hike.</p>
Apr 4 Tue	<p>Evening Hike-salt Lake Overlook-dog Friendly – ntd+ – 4.4 mi – 1300' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride <i>Organizer:</i> Debra Baldwin 801-860-9251 debfbaldwin@gmail.com Prompt 6pm departure from the 3800 P&R on Wasatch Blvd. Microspikes or traction devices depending on conditions.</p>
Apr 5 Wed	<p>Wmc Board Meeting <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103 <i>Organizer:</i> 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.</p>
Apr 5 Wed	<p>New Member Orientation/social <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Fiddler's Elbow 1063 E 2100 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84106 <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Jensen 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com Feeling a little intimidated to jump into your first Club activity? Or maybe you joined a group or two but still not feeling quite "connected"? Or perhaps you just have a couple of questions and would like learn more about the club. Join us at Fiddler's Elbow to learn more about the club and activities. The restaurant is great about splitting checks, and if you arrive before 6, Happy Hour appetizers are 1/2 price!</p>
Apr 5 Wed – Apr 26 Wed	<p>Extended Wasatch Area Alpine Ski Tour – mod+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Chris Proctor 801-485-1543 proctorgtr@aol.com Weekly Wednesday Mod+ ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. Early starts, though start time in spring will be weather and snow dependent. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avalanche skills are essential. Please email Chris by Tuesday 5 P.M. the day before for meeting place and time. Newbies should plan on calling by that same deadline, to discuss trip requirements, their avalanche training, BC experience, fitness and equipment. Ski crampons or some form of self arrest may be needed.</p>

- Apr 6 Thu Alpine Ski Tour: Thurs Ski Backcountry – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 3500' ascent – Moderate pace**
Meet: Registration required
Organizer: Robert* Myers 801-651-9965 (C) robertmyers47@gmail.com
 Weekly backcountry alpine ski tour in the local Tri-Canyons. These trips start out as MOD's and move towards MOD+ Tours which require experience in using your equipment, good alpine techniques using skins, experience with avalanche beacons, selecting good routes, as well as safe terrain. Please email or call by Wednesday evening for time and meeting place. If you have not been on one of my trip, you should call ahead of time.
- Apr 6 Thu Houndstooth Canyon Evening Hike – mod- – 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
 This hike is very steep with some slippery sections. We will determine turn around time that night. Please remember your 10 E's. Snow possible, bring your micro spikes. Strict 6pm departure. Recommended for experienced hikers.
- Apr 8 Sat Boat Shed Opening Work Party**
Meet: 9:00 am at Boat Shed - 4340 S 300 W
Organizer: Bret Mathews and Donnie Benson 801-831-5940, 801-809-1854
 bretmaverick999@yahoo.com; dmbenson13@gmail.com
 Come help us get the boating gear ready for a new season. Since we didn't get all the boats cleaned last fall we'll be doing that along with deflating & rolling all of the boats up, restocking the kitchens, and whatever else that needs to be done. Depending on when we finish we may go lunch afterwards, so come join us!
- Apr 8 Sat Stansbury Island Day Hike – mod- – 1.5 mi Loop – 1600' ascent – Moderate pace**
Meet: 9:00 am at Utah Travel Council Lot - 110 E 300 N
Organizer: Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com
 We'll hike and scramble to the summit of the quartzite block in the southwest corner of the island, just north of the BLM mountain bike trail. We'll enjoy the green and purple colors of the Great Salt Lake, and we'll check out mid-Paleozoic fossils on the way down. This is steep, off-trail hiking with potential mild exposure. There will probably be some mud and there may be a bit of leftover snow. Hiking boots are recommended.
- Apr 8 Sat Snowshoe To Red Pine Lake – mod+ – 7.0 mi Out & Back – 2200' ascent – Moderate pace**
Meet: Registration required
Organizer: Tom Hamann 801-712-0454 tdhamann1@msn.com
 Snowshoe to Red Pine Lake. Limited to 10 people. We will snowshoe up to the lake, scout the route to Pfeifferhorn from below for next weeks trip.
- Apr 9 Sun Grandeur Peak Via Church Fork Hike – mod – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 2600' ascent**
Meet: 9:00 am at Skyline High School - 3151 E Upland Dr (3760 S)
Organizer: Phyllis* Anderson 801-733-4806 paisnow@comcast.net
 This will be a slow-paced hike for me, but all are welcome provided someone will account for the forward group. My hope is that there will be some glissading, but it is difficult to predict the conditions so far in advance. Therefore, check the reports and come prepared with good boots, spikes, gaitors, etc. as warranted.
- Apr 9 Sun Day Hike: Mt. Olympus From 5700 S. Wasatch Boulevard – msd – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 4050' ascent – Moderate pace**
Meet: 8:00 am at Mt. Olympus trailhead at about 5700 South Wasatch Blvd.
Organizer: Carol Masheter 801-493-9114 carol_masheter@hotmail.com
 Hike Mt. Olympus from the standard trailhead on Wasatch Blvd at about 5700 S. Bring plenty of

water and snacks. Trekking poles are a good idea. In early spring, the trail can be wet, muddy, icy and slick, so footwear with good traction, gaiters and traction devices may be useful. Remember to bring the rest of your 10 E's. The last few hundreds of vertical feet to the summit are exposed. The quartzite rock can be slick when wet or icy. If it rains or snows, or the route is in poor condition, we will do something else in the area. This hike takes 6 hours round trip at a brisk moderate pace with short breaks. We may see glacial lilies and other early wildflowers, possibly mountain goats from the summit. Let's leave the dogs at home.

Apr 10 Maze Fins Area Backpack – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace

Mon – *Meet:* Registration required

Apr 16 *Organizer:* John Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com

Sun Drive in on 4WD road, car camp at Teapot Rock the first night. Backpack to base camp in the Fins area. Group size limit for Maze backcountry is 5. Priority will be given to active WMC volunteers. Send an email to get the logistics information including shared costs and itinerary.

Apr 10 Should Season Evening Hike - Dragon's Tail – mod- – Moderate pace

Mon *Meet:* 6:00 pm at West Grandeur trail head; north end of Wasatch Blvd, 3000 S.

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

The days are getting longer so we're going to tackle different foothill ridges on Monday nights. Conditions will dictate the route and the distance, but will be no more than 2-1/2 hours for these short but very steep hikes. The group will start together, stay within reasonable proximity of each other, and end together. Tonight's hike is a STEEP HIKE so the rating has been bumped to a MOD-! Dogs OK.

Apr 11 Evening Hike Dog Friendly - Mt. Olympus – ntd+ – Moderate pace

Tue *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.

Apr 13 Alpine Ski Tour: Thurs Ski Backcountry – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 3500' ascent – Moderate pace

Thu *Meet:* Registration required

Organizer: Robert* Myers 801-651-9965 (C) robertmyers47@gmail.com

Weekly backcountry alpine ski tour in the local Tri-Canyons. These trips start out as MOD's and move towards MOD+ Tours which require experience in using your equipment, good alpine techniques using skins, experience with avalanche beacons, selecting good routes, as well as safe terrain. Please email or call by Wednesday evening for time and meeting place. If you have not been on one of my trip, you should call ahead of time.

Apr 13 Evening Hike - Broads Fork – ntd+ – Moderate pace

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

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

We will go as far up Broads Fork as time and conditions permit. Plan on bringing traction devices; we may or may not need them depending on the spring weather. Prompt 6pm departure from the 6200 S Park & Ride.

Apr 14 Yellowstone Hike - Paced Bike Ride – 30.0 mi Out & Back – Slow pace

Fri – Apr *Meet:* Registration required

16 Sun *Organizer:* Ron and Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com

Join Julie for this annual pre-season road bike trek into Yellowstone the weekend before the park is open to cars. The park service is preparing for the season so the roads will be plowed, but being flexible is key. Plan A is a SLOW MEANDERING bike ride from West Yellowstone to Gibbon Falls, intentionally taking about 4 hours for 40-mile round trip. Plan B will be dictated by whatever

Mother Nature is dishing out that morning. Come prepared for every combination of sun/snow/rain/wind/hot/cold. Base camp is the Kilgore Kom pound in Island Park, which can comfortably hold about 15 to 20 people depending on the make-up of the group. Because of the limited space, RSVP priority will be given to WMC members.

- Apr 15 Sat **Day Hike: Pipeline To Slc Overlook – ntd – 3.3 mi Out & Back – 707' ascent – Slow pace**
Meet: 8:30 am at Skyline High School - 3151 E Upland Dr (3760 S)
Organizer: David* Smith 801-572-0346 griz@xmission.com
A pleasant early season walk along the Pipeline Trail to an impressive overlook of the city. Stretch out those unused hiking muscles and reconnect with hiking friends on this easy slow paced hike.
- Apr 15 Sat **Winter Mountaineering Summit Pfeifferhorn – msd – 9.0 mi – 3600' ascent**
Meet: Registration required
Organizer: Tom Hamann 801-712-0454 tdhamann1@msn.com
Summit Pfeifferhorn via Red Pine Lake and the East Ridge. Must have a beacon, probe and shovel along with some training. Also snowshoes and crampons. Trip limited to 10 people. If you have gear or will rent it and want a refresher trip, sign up for April 8th Red Pine Lake trip. We can review skills.
- Apr 16 Sun **Snowshoe - Lower Days Fork – 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
This season's deep snowpack may permit some late season snowshoe trips. Days Fork in Big Cottonwood Canyon offers great forest scenery and views of impressive slopes. Snow, weather, and avalanche conditions will determine how much distance we will travel. It is possible that participants may prefer to use microspikes. Please remember the 10 Es and snow safety equipment. We will depart from the meeting place at 8:15 AM. This event is co-organized by Muhammed Raja and Dave Andrenyak
- Apr 16 Sun **Central Cedars Day Hike – mod – 6.0 mi Loop – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace**
Meet: 9:00 am at Utah Travel Council Lot - 110 E 300 N
Organizer: Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com
This is a loop hike on the west side of the central Cedar Mountains (west of SLC), in a seldom-visited area north of the high point. You can expect the usual unusual Cedars topography, with a tiny amount of very easy scrambling and pretty, cliffy canyons. The hike is entirely off trail and may encounter mud or patchy snow; bring sturdy hiking boots.
- Apr 17 Mon **Shoulder Season Evening Hike - Houndstooth Ridge To Ferguson Canyon Overlook – ntd+ – 2.0 mi Out & Back – 1500' ascent – Moderate pace**
Meet: 5:45 pm at Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride
Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com
If conditions are not favorable, we can hike into Ferguson Canyon, rather than taking the ridge. Dogs ok.
- Apr 18 Tue **Evening Hike-church Fork Mill Creek-dog Friendly – ntd+ – Moderate pace**
Meet: 6:00 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride
Organizer: Debra Baldwin 801-860-9251 debfbaldwin@gmail.com
We will hike for at least an hour before turning around, possibly going as far as the overlook.
- Apr 19 Wed **Evening Hike - Burch Hollow - Tailgate Get-together After The Hike – ntd+ – Moderate pace**
Meet: 6:00 pm at Skyline High School - 3151 E Upland Dr (3760 S)
Organizer: Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancycmartin@gmail.com
We will plan to get well up the Burch Hollow trailhead. If we make it to the ridge will depend on...weather, footing, lots of things. Bring your 10 Es and footwear appropriate for the conditions. Prompt 6pm departure. We'll have a tailgate get-together at the meeting place after the hike. Bring a camp chair and a snack or drink to share! Maybe a warm jacket if it's chilly...

Apr 20 Thu	Evening Hike - Salt Lake Overlook - Dog Friendly – ntd – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Jensen 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com Prompt 6pm departure from the 3800 P&R on Wasatch Blvd. Be prepared for varied weather.
Apr 22 Sat	Day Hike, Mill B North To Desolation Pass – mod – 7.0 mi Out & Back – 2960' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 8:30 am at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride <i>Organizer:</i> Steven Duncan 801-680-9236 duncste@comcast.net There will probably still be snow up higher and snowshoes and/or spikes may be needed.
Apr 22 Sat – Apr 23 Sun	House Range Car Camp – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com We'll visit the famous Notch from below, and check out the Stone Cabin in Marjum Canyon. We'll look for outcrops of the Wheeler Shale and search for trilobites. We'll explore side canyons near Dome Canyon, and if the weather is warm, we may head up to Howell Peak and its spectacular cliffs.
Apr 23 Sun	Day Hike - Parley's Canyon Rail Trail – ntd – 4.0 mi – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Parleys Way Walmart lot, East side - 2703 Parleys Way, Salt Lake City, UT <i>Organizer:</i> Charles & Allene Keller 801-467-3960 clkeller@utahweb.com Join Charles and Allene on this great spring hike. Slow pace with lots of opportunities to enjoy the scenery. Plan on a trip on Parley's Rail Trail with a side trip to Rogers Pass and possibly Alexander Fork.
Apr 23 Sun – Apr 30 Sun	Rafting The San Juan River <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Boat Shed - 4340 S 300 W <i>Organizer:</i> Cindy Crass 801-803-1336 cjcrass@gmail.com Driving down on the 23, launching from Sand Island on the 24th, taking out at Clay Hills on the 30th, and drive back that day if possible. Lots of native american sites to hike to. It should be good water this year. A pre-trip meeting will be held before the trip, when and where will be provided later. Permit size is for 12 and currently there are a few openings.
Apr 24 Mon	Hike North Ridge Of Bells – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Bell Canyon Trailhead (the one with the restrooms), approximately 9600 South and east of Wasatch Boulevard <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com The group will follow the lower section of the ridge between Little Cottonwood Canyon and the lower Bells reservoir. With the city lights in view, this should make a nice sunset and city-light night hike. This will be a short but very steep hike, and there are several sections with difficult footing. Bring flash lights and appropriate layers. This is a watershed, so no dogs tonight. Plan on a 6:00 p.m. departure and a 8:00 return.
Apr 25 Tue	Evening Hike-church Fork Mill Creek-dog Friendly – ntd+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride <i>Organizer:</i> Debra Baldwin 801-860-9251 debfbaldwin@gmail.com We will hike for at least an hour before turning around, possibly going as far as the overlook.
Apr 26 Wed	Evening Hike - Neff's Canyon – ntd – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride <i>Organizer:</i> Keith Markley 801-560-3844 Join Keith for a trip up Neff's Canyon. Bring your 10 Es and be prepared for variable weather and footing. Prompt 6pm departure from the meeting location.
Apr 27 Thu –	Flat Water - Canyonlands Nat. Park/colorado Or Green River – flat water – 52.0 mi <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Kathy Jones 801-518-4227 cooperdog1@comcast.net

May 3 Wed	Canyonlands Nat. Park - either Meander Canyon/Colorado River or Stillwater Canyon/Green River. Meet in Moab. Shuttle to put-in & jet boat shuttle pick-up by Tex's Riverways. 4-5 paddle days. Desert canyon paddling & hiking. Self support. Suitable for canoes, touring kayaks, and strong Ik paddlers. Cost - \$200-\$225/person estimated. Weather can be great/windy/rainy or all of the above.. I need contact asap to arrange the shuttle. This trip is FULL
Apr 27 Thu	Evening Hike - Cherry Canyon To One-hour-rock, Note Later Meet Time – ntd+ – 2.0 mi Out & Back – 1300' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Orson Smith Trail Head, 12601 South 2000 East (Highland Drive) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com It's the perfect time of year for this short STEEP hike up the approach to Cherry Canyon, a route that is no fun once the weather starts heating up. Depending on the pace of the group and conditions of the day, we may go a little farther. We'll meet at the trailhead and start the hike promptly at 6:30, and should be off the mountain in 2 hours. There will be an optional post-hike fire pit gathering at the Draper Park South Pavillion at 13200 South 1300 East.
Apr 29 Sat – Apr 30 Sun	Protect Wilderness In The San Rafael Swell <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Will McCarvill 801-694-6958 will@commercialchemistries.com WMC members have put in many hours surveying the Wilderness Study Areas in the San Rafael Swell. Now it is time to do the remediation work for problem areas. Put this on your calendar this activity will be updated as specific areas in a given WSA are identified. Expect car camping in a beautiful spot. We usually work on Sat and do something fun on Sunday.
Apr 29 Sat	Leisurely Hike To Hughes Canyon – ntd+ – 5.0 mi Out & Back – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Mt. Olympus trailhead <i>Organizer:</i> Bruce Christenson 801-824-0131 b.c.com@hotmail.com Leisurely hike to and from Hughes Canyon via the BST from the Mt. Olympus trailhead. This is a repeat hike from last April with Daisy DeMarco leading the way if available. The organizer will be bringing up the rear with no one left behind. Bring water and a snack and meet at the Mt Olympus trailhead at 9am April 29th
Apr 29 Sat	Mt Olympus Day Hike – msd- – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 4300' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Mount Olympus trailhead at (roughly) 5300 South Wasatch Boulevard <i>Organizer:</i> Alex Arakelian 801-995-5526 kyojimuj@yaho.com There will be at least some snow on the slopes the ascent, bring microspikes or yaktrax plus gaiters. If you haven't done Olympus before, you should be aware that the trail is steep with sections of mud and (easy) rock scrambling, but the payoff is spectacular, with unmatched views of the city and the Wasatch. Limit: 9.
Apr 30 Sun	Day Hike - Broads Fork To The Beaver Pond – mod- – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 1:30 pm at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancymartin@gmail.com Depending on the snow pack, be prepared with microspikes and possibly snow shoes. Bring your 10 Es and be prepared for the weather. 1:30pm departure from the 6200 P&R.
Apr 30 Sun	Neffs Canyon Day Hike – ntd+ – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 1600' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Skyline High School - 3151 E Upland Dr (3760 S) <i>Organizer:</i> Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com We will hike to the switchbacks just past the wilderness boundary, and perhaps a little further if conditions are good. Well-behaved dogs and their well-behaved owners are welcome. Limit: 9.
Apr 30 Sun	Snowshoe - Red Pine Lake – mod – 7.0 mi Out & Back – 2880' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu Please prepare for snowshoe (at higher elevation) as well as hike with micro-spikes (at lower

elevation). Bring snowshoes, micro-spikes, and 10Es. If avalanche risks are high, the location will be changed. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, April 28, for the meeting place and time.

- May 3 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.
- May 4 Intro To Whitewater Boating Training Class**
Meet: 6:30 pm at Boat Shed - 4340 S 300 W
Organizer: Kelly Beumer 801-230-7967 kellybeumer@gmail.com
This class is required before joining the beginner trip as a beginner or new club member. We will cover issues such as; what type of boats the club owns and uses for whitewater, how to rig a boat and hold a paddle, general safety, how and what to pack, what a day might look like on a multi-day trip, boat communication, and reading the river. We will meet at the boat shed Thursday, May 4, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Bring a chair, pen and paper, and water or other beverage. The last 45 minutes will be devoted to finalizing meal and transportation plans for the beginner trip. Although experienced boaters are not required to attend, your help would be greatly appreciated and we do need you to be there by 7:45
- May 8 Living Room Evening Hike And Gary Snyder Poetry Reading – ntd – 1.5 mi**
Meet: 6:30 pm at Colorow Rd. in the University of Utah Research Park, south of Tabby Lane where Colorow goes uphill. This is about 1/4 mile south of the entrance to Red Butte Gardens.
Organizer: Aaron* Jones 801-467-3532 ajonesmvp@msn.com
Enjoy a pleasant evening jaunt and experience the poetry of Gary Snyder on the day of his birth. Snyder has been called the Thoreau of the Beat Generation. A number of favorite poems will be available for reading but, feel free to bring a favorite of your own if you desire.
- May 10 Yellowstone Backpack – mod- – 23.0 mi Shuttle – 200' ascent – Moderate pace**
Meet: Registration required
Organizer: Michael* Budig mbudig@mail.com
May 13 Sat 23 miles backpack along the Black Canyon of the Yellowstone River. Great scenery and chance to observe spring wildlife migration back into the park. Please contact by email at mbudig@mail.com. Limited to 8 people. We will leave on May 9 to drive to Yellowstone and finish the hike and return home on May 13.
- May 13 Casto Canyon Car Camp – mod+ – Moderate pace**
Meet: Registration required
Organizer: Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com
May 14 Sun This area northwest of Bryce has equivalently awesome scenery and far fewer visitors. We'll explore Losee Canyon, Casto Canyon and Butler Wash, looking for hoodoos and arches in strikingly pink and rose red cliffs.
- May 19 Beginner Trip - Paddling**
Meet: Registration required
Organizer: Kelly Beumer 801-230-7967 kellybeumer@gmail.com
May 21 Sun Besides being a fun river trip, this trip introduces you to WMC Boating. On a commercial boating trip, the guides do everything for you (inflate the boats, make the meals, guide you down the river, etc.). But on Club trips, there are no paid guides. Hence, everybody on the trip contributes to completing the tasks that need to be done. Club members will share with you what they know about running rivers. This should include how to "read the river", throw a throw bag, right a flipped raft, paddle a paddle boat or duckie (inflatable kayak), row an oar rig, swim a rapid, and other safety skills. Non-river skills you will learn about are what personal gear works well on river trips, how to make group meals using the WMC Boating's kitchen, what gear the club owns (and is available for

cheap private rentals when it's not being used on a club trip). This trip is normally done on the Green River Daily. That's the stretch of the Green River that's just North of the town of Green River. It's also the last part of a Deso-Grey Canyon river trip. However, weather may cause us to shift to the nearby Moab daily. Beginners Prerequisite: You are required to attend an Intro to Rafting class to be held Thursday, May 4 at the boat shed, 6:30-8:30. Experienced boaters--we need you to help make this a successful learning experience!

May 20 Protect Wilderness In The San Rafael Swell

Sat – *Meet:* Registration required

May 21 *Organizer:* Will McCarvill 801-694-6958 will@commercialchemistries.com

Sun WMC members have put in many hours surveying the Wilderness Study Areas in the San Rafael Swell. Now it is time to do the remediation work for problem areas. Put this on your calendar this activity will be updated as specific areas in a given WSA are identified. Expect car camping in a beautiful spot. We usually work on Sat and do something fun on Sunday.

May 27 Indian Peak Car Camp – msd- – Moderate pace

Sat – *Meet:* Registration required

May 29 *Organizer:* Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com

Mon Indian Peak is the conical mountain at the south end of Pine Valley, west of Beaver near the Nevada border. We will climb the two sections of 9,000-ft+ summits in the Indian Peak Range, and also explore oddities like the Elephants Back, an indescribably bizarre outcrop of cliffs and ledges, and perhaps strange features like the Tetons.

Jun 2 Fri Kayaking The San Rafael River – class II- – 20.0 mi

– Jun 4 *Meet:* Registration required

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

This date is a guesstimate. It may occur earlier or later. We will be boating through the "Little Grand Canyon" section on the San Rafael River. This trip is spring-run-off dependent. There needs to be at least 250 cfs for this section to be boatable. The section is 20 river miles and swift flat water. We will also be camping on the river. Splitting the river into 10 mile sections to allow for exploring and hiking. Space is limited. Email me at anjawadman@gmail.com if you are interested and to sign up. Trip will be cancelled if there is not enough water. The call will be made on May 31. Each person will be responsible in bringing their own gear (IK or kayak, lifejacket, paddle, food, etc). Fees may include: Gear Rental \$25/per day, Shuttle cost \$35 per person, campground fee \$6 per night additional from food and gas. More details to come.

Jun 3 Sat Annual Bike Touring Weekend To Rockcliff

– Jun 4 *Meet:* Registration required

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

Calling all folks interested in bicycle touring...from wannabes to experienced world travelers! Join us for the annual Bike Touring Overnighter to RockCliff Recreation Area at Jordanelle State Park. Here is the plan: On Saturday, bike from 'your house' in SLC, Ogden, Provo or wherever you live; or drive up to Park City and begin biking from 'my house'. It all depends on your desired mileage and amount of elevation gain. No matter where you start, our destination for Saturday night is our campsites at RockCliff, which is located near Francis Utah. Estimated mileage from SLC is 65 miles, and from Park City it is 27 miles and considerably less elevation change. Optionally, if you want to bike from the Wasatch Front in two days, you can leave from 'your house' on Friday and make an overnight stop at Chateau Cheryl, then continue on to RockCliff, leaving late Saturday morning with the rest of the 'my house' crew. Once at the park, we will individually camp and cook, just like you would do on a longer bike tour. Sunday morning after breakfast, we pack up and head back to our starting locations

This trip is also listed with Adventure Cycling's National Bicycle Weekend. It's the perfect weekend for meeting with like minded folks, getting ideas for future trips, exchanging equipment information. Trip fees are only the shared cost of camping, which will be between \$7 and \$10. For more

information, discussion of loaner panniers (you need your own bicycle but often road or mountain bikes can be fitted to panniers for this short trip) and to register, please contact the co-organizers Cheryl Soshnik or Lou Melini at lvmelini@comcast.net or 801-487-6318

Jun 7 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.

Jun 21 White Water Rafting-river Trip Planning Meeting For The 4th Of July Payette

Meet: 7:00 pm at Boat Shed - 4340 S 300 W

Organizer: Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com

We will work out meal groups and menus, boats and paddlers, and cars and transportation. In other words, all of the final planning for this trip. You'll need to attend in order to go. Everybody will have a role in contributing to this 5 day, 1000 mile trip. Bring a camp chair, a drink, and pencil and paper to take notes. We will not actually be IN the boat shed. We will meet in the parking lot of the Flower Patch, right next to the shed, at 4340 South Commerce Dr. (300 west) just up the street from the McDonalds.

Jul 1 Sat Fourth Of July White Water Rafting – class III

– Jul 5 *Meet:* Registration required

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

The club's annual 4th of July Payette extravaganza will start by driving up to Boise on Saturday, the 1st of July. We will proceed directly to set up camp in the very nice Hot Springs forest service group campsite and then Sunday, do 2 runs down the friendly whitewater of the Main Payette daily section. Monday we will run the beautiful high alpine and somewhat more rambunctious Cabarton section of the North Fork. Tuesday we plan to paddle the lively and scenic Swirly section of the south fork, past camp, and then, that night catch the fireworks at Crouch. Be aware that after last years writeup/expose of the Crouch 4th of July insanity, along with the story of the 12 year old boy losing a thumb when the roman candle he was shooting off blew up in his hand, Crouch has banned ALL private fireworks from their town, legal or illegal, starting this year, so that unbelievable, certifiable and dangerous display is now history. Like the rest of the civilized world they will now have a 10 minute city fireworks show. We will then drive home on Wednesday. This is one of the most fun trips of the year and a perfect intro to white water, with car camping, and a mellow but active river. These are great ducky venues, get your ducks in a row in advance, to try an adventurous step beyond the paddle rafts. Whatever your craft of choice, sign up early as this trip fills up quickly. The required planning meeting for this trip will be held ten days earlier at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 21, at the boat shed, which is at 4340 South Commerce Dr. (300 west) just up the street from the McDonalds. A \$100 nonrefundable deposit will be required to get your name on the list for this trip.

Jul 5 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

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Jul 5 Flat Water - Leigh Lake/gtnp – flat water – 5.0 mi

Wed – *Meet:* Registration required

Jul 9 Sun *Organizer:* Kathy Jones 801-518-4227 cooperdog1@comcast.net

Four nights on Beautiful Leigh Lake in Grand Teton Nat. Park. Two nights on the west side of the lake and two nights on the east side. Access to hiking from both camps. Suitable for canoes, touring kayaks, and IKs. Self support trip. 6 people max. Bear country camping.

Jul 21 Fri	The Subway- Canyoneering In Zion – mod+ – 10.0 mi
– Jul 23 Sun	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com The Subway in Zion is a magical place of beauty, adventure and fun. If you've never done it, but always wanted to, this is your chance. We will be driving down Friday afternoon, doing the Subway one day and its equally alluring sister canyon, Orderville, the next day for an epic weekend. We'll drive home Sunday night. Classified as semi-technical, no rappelling is ordinarily required in either canyon, but there are some scrambling obstacles along the way in each canyon that will test your mettle, making for two high energy days full of hiking, climbing and swimming. Due to the popularity of this trip, I limit it to people who have not done these hikes previously. These are both day hikes. We will be car camping in the park. This trip is now full, but when people sign up 6 months in advance sometimes there are drop outs before the trip actually happens, so you can sign up to be on the waitlist in case that occurs.
Aug 2 Wed	Wmc Board Meeting <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103 <i>Organizer:</i> 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.
Aug 5 Sat – Aug 13 Sun	Kayak/canoe- Grand Teton Sampler – flat water – 10.0 mi <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Kathy Jones 801-518-4227 cooperdog1@comcast.net Sample the beauty & paddling in Grand Teton Nat. Park - Leigh Lake & Jackson Lake. Start with three nights on Leigh Lake. Two west side camps and one east side with access to hiking. One night at the Colter Bay campground with an early launch on Jackson Lake to beat the afternoon wind. One night at Little Mackinaw Bay camp with day paddling in Half Moon Bay or maybe around Elk Island. Next two nights at Hermitage Point camp with access to hiking trail or paddling in the area. Paddle back to Colter Bay & home. Under 10 miles of paddling distances for both trips. No long open water crossings on Jackson Lake. Self support trip. This trip can be done as a whole or join in the portion that works best for you. Preference will be given to those who want to do the whole thing. Group size is 6. Canoes or touring kayaks are suitable. IKs will work on Leigh Lake, but not on Jackson Lake due to larger lake with more wind/wave exposure.
Sep 6 Wed	Wmc Board Meeting <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103 <i>Organizer:</i> 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.
Oct 4 Wed	Wmc Board Meeting <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103 <i>Organizer:</i> 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.
Oct 13 Fri – Oct 16 Mon	Kayaking Colorado River Ruby Horsethief Class Ii – class II – 25.0 mi <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Gretchen Siegler 801-661-5635 gsiegler@westminstercollege.edu Kayak or canoe this class I&II stretch of the Colorado River through Horsethief and Ruby Canyons on the Colorado and Utah border. We will camp at the Westwater Ranger Station on Friday night, October 13th, leave a vehicle there for the take-out shuttle, and then drive up to the Loma Boat Launch to put in Saturday morning. This 25 mile stretch allows us plenty of camping and hiking choices for two nights. Take out will be on Monday morning, October 16th. The leaves should be

peaking and it will be late enough in the season to dodge most of the fishing boat activity. The trip will be cancelled if there is too much wind. Register with Gretchen at 801-661-5635.

Nov 1
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

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Dec 6
Wed

Wmc Board Meeting

Meet: 7:00 pm at WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103

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Members enjoying some lunch and rest before descending. Happy Trails!

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
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