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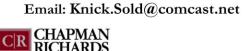


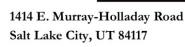




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# **20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PINK FLAMINGO PARTY**

What is the most thrilling, boating event of the year? **THE PINK FLAMINGO PARTY!** 

It is scheduled for Saturday, October 7 starting at 4 PM. This is our 20th anniversary for the event, so the location is back where it all started at 143 W 100 N in Bountiful. From I-15, take either 500 South (Exit 316) or 400 North (Exit 317), head east to 200 West and then find us on 100 North at 143 W in the backyard. Watch for the flamingos, our boating mascot.

EVERYONE is invited! Hey hikers, bikers, skiers, climbers, socializers, and snowshoers, come and get to know the boaters! We are a friendly wild bunch! Your ticket into the party is your potluck dish and pink attire. For your outfits, don't be shy! We want to see outrageous, daring, and flamboyant! Real men and women wear pink to this party! Be Brave! If pink is lacking in your wardrobe, beachwear is acceptable.

There will be prizes for outfits, boating skills, boating knowledge and more. Plan to participate in team and individual games. There will be a grill for your use. Enjoy homemade pink ice cream (will be cranking to do). In addition to a potluck dish, bring your own beverages as well as a chair, utensils, and plates - all in pink if you can!





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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### 50 YEARS AGO IN THE RAMBLER: OCTOBER 1967

Transcribed by Donn Seeley // WMC trustee

#### **CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 21-22 1967**

MT. OLYMPUS FROM THE NORTH FACE — El. 9,026, rating 8.0. A traditional hike of intermediate difficulty that is always enjoyed by everyone attending. This peak, so popularly hiked by our group & others in the valley, is not often climbed by this route. Here is an opportunity to see the mountain from this impressive side. The leader has also become a tradition, Harold Goodro ([...]). Carry a lunch & meet at the Red Carpet Inn at Wasatch Blvd. & 3900 So. at 7:30 a.m. [...]

<u>KOLOB</u> — another bus trip to Zion Nat'l Park. A relatively unexplored area open to even more exploration by a new highway. Every canyon opens new horizons of adventure. Leader, Charlie Keller ([...]). This will be a bus trip with the payment of all or part of \$12.00 being required for registration. [...]

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

by C. L. Keller

Those who have visited the Lodge recently have seen some notable improvements. Although many people have been involved, recognition must be given to those who were primarily responsible, and who did most of the work. <u>Carol Greenlee, Leon Edwards</u> and <u>Pete Hovingh</u> did the scrubbing and resurfacing that made the Lodge floor look better than it has in years. Credit for the new covers on the cushions goes to <u>Helen Long Breshears</u>. The recent request of throw rugs was answered by <u>Jeff Matcalf</u> who gave the Club enough carpet material to cover much of the dormitory floors.

The biggest Lodge renovation of recent years was planned and executed by <u>Dave Cook</u>. This was the removal of the old toilets in the annex and the installation of new ones. The old toilets used motor driven pumps and electric heaters, making them costly to operate and maintain. The operating instructions posted on the wall were enough to send those with less pioneering spirit to the outhouse behind the Lodge. And all too often, the toilets were inoperative, resulting in offensive odors permeating the air of the annex, and sometimes penetrating the Lodge itself. [...]

In carrying out this nasty job — you can't imagine what a dirty job it was — on second thought, perhaps you can; Dave received most of his help from <u>Jerry Powelson</u> and <u>Pete</u> Hovingh.

Thanks are due to all these people who have done more than their share of work to make our lodge a comfortable and pleasant place to visit. [...]

# MEMBER HIGHLIGHT: BRADLEY N. YATES LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Written by Evette Raen

Bradley N Yates achieved lifetime membership by club vote on August 26, 2017. He has been an active member from summer 1981-1984 and summer 1993 through present. He served two terms as Hiking Director, four terms as Conservation Director, two terms as President, served as a Trustee for two years filling a vacated position, Winter Sports Director for two terms and one term as Vice President. He also served as a coordinator for two terms as Mountain Bike Coordinator. He served on various committees including nominations as member and chair. Since 1994, he organized an average of ten activities per year including hiking, mountaineering, ski touring, snowshoeing, boating, road and mountain biking, and even leading two hikes in one day! He was the 1999 recipient of the Alexis Kelner Conservation Award. Congratulations Brad on your Lifetime Membership! Thank you for your years of service to the club.



# VOLUNTEERING WITH THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE WASATCH NATIONAL FOREST

Report by David Andrenyak // Photos by David Andrenyak



During the 2017 summer season, several Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC)members have volunteered with the U.S. Forest Service Wasatch National Forest, Salt Lake Ranger District (FS). The volunteer work involved patrolling in Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons with the professional seasonal FS rangers. The WMC volunteers help the FS extend their patrol range by contributing more personnel to get out and patrol. This is very helpful because the FS has limited budget and personnel resources to patrol the Wasatch. The patrol duties were educating Forest visitors about Wilderness and Watershed regulations, cleaning up backcountry campsites, demolish illegal fire rings, perform light trail work, and hauling out trash. The WMC volunteers were Kristen Tomas, John Ostrowski, Robyn Moore, Karen Mikkelson, Bruce Christenson, and Dave Andrenyak. Kristen did a wonderful job of organizing the WMC schedule and tracking the necessary FS paperwork. The FS supervisor was Zinnia Wilson and the FS Rangers were Mehgan Stan (patrol crew chief), Justin Hurtt, Shannon Stafford, Reed Buxton, Matt Hales, Jaime, Dave Rini, Chuck Stevers, and Michelle Thomas. Thank you FS rangers and WMC volunteers for protecting and maintaining the Wasatch. *Above: On break during a patrol in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Front to back: Michelle (FS), John (WMC), and Matt (FS).* 

# **SOLAR ECLIPSE IN GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK**

AUGUST 18 -23, 2017

Organized by Mike Budig // Trip Report by Carol Masheter // Photos by Carol Masheter



Mike Budig, Greg Clarkson, Richard Jirik, Carol Masheter, and Russell Patterson backpacked into a remote and seldom visited part of northern Grand Teton National Park. Every day was different. On Day one, we hiked for ten miles to our first camp on a raised bank above Owl Creek over rolling terrain through stands of live pines and stark charcoal trunks from last year's burn which was already recovering with drifts of red fireweed, yellow mountain

sunflowers, and lavender asters. Several bridges had burned out so we made several wet crossings up to our knees in river shoes and sandals. On Day two, we continued up Owl Creek above the burns for 8 miles past a mixture of familiar and unfamiliar wildflowers. We camped about 1100 vertical feet below our destination to view the eclipse the next day.

On our third morning, as we waited for the eclipse at Moose Basin Divide, a saddle at 9700 feet elevation between limestone peaks above Owl and Webb Canyons, we felt like the only



people in the world. Clear skies treated us to the experience of a lifetime. Starting at 10:30 AM we could see through our eclipse glasses that the moon had taken a small "bite" out of the sun's disk. Over the next hour, the moon's bites got bigger while the temperature dropped, shadows darkened, and stars shone in a twilight sky as sunset hues ringed the horizon at midday. I



used half a pair of eclipse glasses as a monocle over the lens of both of my cameras. The sun's "diamond ring" flashed as its brilliance disappeared behind the moon's black disk and the gossamer corona blazed like a ring of fire in a "night" sky. I tossed aside my eclipse glasses and camera monocle and laid on my back and fired off as many photos as I could with my Canon SX50 SH. We shouted and howled. Shivers ran down our spines, as much from awe as the sudden drop in temperature. A second diamond ring then flashed which ended the 90 seconds of totality at our location and the brilliant sun began its reappearance.

Day three's short hike of five miles ended when Greg found an enticing "swim hole" in Webb Creek. He boldly stripped and took the plunge. I settled for a timid ducking in stages: lower body, upper body, then head – chilly but refreshing! On Day four, we hiked nine miles down Webb Creek past a series of lovely waterfalls and wildflowers: pale columbine, mountain bluebells, hot-pink spikes of elephant's head, and blue lupine. On Day five, we woke to the cackling of sandhill cranes. As we left our last camp, a flock of cranes took flight, their wings flashing in the morning sun. We hiked eight miles back to Glade Trailhead where we on left our cars which completed our lollypop route. We used bear canisters and carried bear spray



but we saw no bears. The only sign was their scat and tracks. During our drive home, Richard (driver), Russell, and I were treated to a series of thunderstorms and a sunset that turned virga to gauzy bronze curtains which transformed the entire sky to pink, gold, and smoky orange.

This backpack trip was an unforgettable experience in a beautiful remote setting with good company. This was my third total solar eclipse and the best.

Photos Opposite Page: Full Totality // Enjoying the Eclipse // Above Right: Group Photo at the Moose Basin Divide // Above Left: Hiking through a Field of Wildflowers

# **ROCK CANYON ROCK CLIMB**

AUGUST 20, 2017

Organized by Kathleen Waller // Trip Report by Kathleen Waller // Photos by Kathleen Waller

Rock Canyon is one of my favorite places to climb along the Wasatch Range in Provo (and very uncrowded on Sundays). This canyon has something for everyone. There are easy routes, difficult routes, bolted routes, trad routes, and many multipitch routes. Rock Canyon has one of the longest multipitch sport routes in North America with 22 bolted pitches to the top of Squaw Peak. And there are many other things to do and watch in Rock Canyon including good bird watching, slacklining between peaks, big horn sheep watching, and very scenic hiking. I like to bring binoculars to Rock Canyon to see the wildlife and other adventurers.



Our group climbed at two crags on Sunday; The Jobsite and



Layer Cake. Scott and Kathleen took turns leading two routes on The Jobsite; Drivers Test (5.7+) and The Paper Route (5.8). Although the routes were rated 5.7+ and 5.8, we were glad we had a stick clip for the very bouldery starts. Getting off the ground on both routes felt like a 5.10. Scott and Kathleen took turns leading two routes on Layer Cake; Dude It's Classic (5.7) and Stolen Thunder (5.8). The route to the left (Dude It's Classic) allowed us to set up two possible toprope routes using directionals from the anchor giving participants a chance to climb Knuckle Dragger (5.6). The 5.8 route to the right was likely our favorite route of the day.

Above Right: Climber on route at Layer Cake // Left: Scott and the crag dog

### **JORDAN LAKE HIKE**

AUGUST 13, 2017

Organized by Akiko Kamimura // Trip Report by Akiko Kamimura // Photos by Akiko Kamimura

It was rainy on the way to the Highline trailhead in the Uintas. When we got to the trailhead, it was still rainy with 44 degree temperature. We put on rain gear and about 20 minutes later the rain stopped and turned to wonderful weather. It took about 3.5 hours to Jordan Lake. We did bushwhacking and short boulder hopping to climb up to the plateau on the east side of Jordan Lake. We had lunch at the plateau while enjoying great views of the lake and mountains. After lunch, we went to Shaler Lake which is about half mile northeast of Jordan Lake. On the way back when we were close to the trailhead, we heard thunder. It then became rainy and also hailed. (Distance: 14 miles, Elevation gain: 2243 ft, Time: 7 hours).



Photo: View of Jordan Lake from the plateau. From left – Deb, Michele, Dan, Deirdre and Mohamed



### MT. NEBO HIKE

AUGUST 19, 2017

Organized by Deidre Flynn // Trip Report by Akiko Kamimura // Photos by Akiko Kamimura

The Nebo Scenic Byway was closed for about 20 minutes due to an accident but we were able to get to the Nebo Bench/ Monument Trailhead by 8:30 am. It was sunny when we started. We did not go to North Peak but instead hiked around the North Peak to the saddle. At the saddle, we saw a mountain goat. From the saddle to Mt Nebo, the trail was very steep and sometimes not clear. Although we saw a number of other hikers up to the saddle, there weren't many hikers who continued after the saddle. At the summit, we enjoyed 360 degree views and saw another mountain goat. We did not spend much time at the summit because dark clouds were approaching. It was rainy and windy while going down to the saddle from the summit. As soon as we got to

the saddle, it became sunny again. It was a fun 7 hour hike. (distance – 9.77 miles, elevation gain – 4,105 ft). *Photo: Found mountain goat below the summit: From left – Stanley, Zhiheng, David, Bonnie and Scott.* 

# FISH LAKE – SEVEN MILE ROAD BIKE

AUGUST 11-12, 2017

Organized by Robert Turner //
Trip Report by Teri Jenkins

On August 11 and 12, twentytwo intrepid road biking WM Clubbers camped and rode bikes at Fish Lake, Utah. What a fun-filled weekend it was. The Bowery Campground was perfect and barely fit the ten or so tents



that went up. Intermittent rain made the rain tarps set up over the tables and group chair circle essential and huddling under the tarps as afternoon rains came was all part of the adventure. Everyone was happy and relieved that rain did not fall on our morning rides and miraculously cleared up for Saturday's awesome potluck.

The basic ride for the first day on Saturday was 34 miles with 2100 feet of elevation gain starting at the campground, over to Johnson Valley Reservoir, and then up Sevenmile Creek to Niotche-Lost Creek Dividewhich sits at about 10,500 feet. We then returned back to the campground. What a great ride it was, everyone grouping up according to their pace or slogging it up alone. The ride up was not too difficult with an average grade of 3.3 % and a few short segments of 7-8% grade.

Hardier bike riders did a longer ride (about 40-44 miles), as they continued down the other side of the summit to Taylor's flat and then returned. Not only did they ride 10 more miles, but they added 1700 feet of elevation gain to their ride.

The bike riding was basically finished around 1 pm, so a long lazy afternoon of either napping or just sitting around camp and chatting ensued. Robert organized a delightful dinner, grilling up hamburgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers made to order. All campers contributed with many delicious side dishes. We all ate far too much and justified it due to our hard riding that day! While some retired to their tents early, others sat by the fire into the cool evening and enjoyed conversation and "Cowboy TV." What's better than a warm fire, a cool mountain evening, and the company of many like-minded, fun people?

On Sunday, riders were interested in more leisurely bike riding. Some went back up toward Lost Creek Divide while others went around Fish Lake toward the north. A few members chose to go south around the lake and stopped to check out the lovely historic Fish Lake Lodge

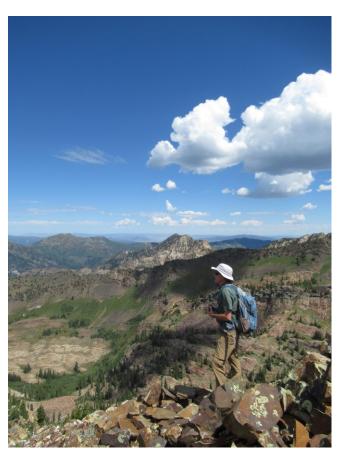
to take pictures of the glistening blue lake in the morning light. We all returned from our various rides and broke camp around 2 pm for the return trip to SLC.

Such a great weekend of riding and socializing. Big thanks to Robert Turner for organizing such an awesome event, planning a great shared dinner, for being so accommodating and gracious to all who showed up with bikes, and a willingness to have fun in the beautiful Fish Lake area.

The lucky trip participants were Marcy Allen, Ron Allen, Jennifer Chan, Mounia Collins, Rod Collins, Cindy Crass, Steve Duncan, Cory Fisher, Barb Gardner, Teri Jenkins, Chris Karcher, Dave Karcher, Rob Paull, Kneel Robinson, Frank Ryburn, Pat Saltzman, Dick Smith, Robert Turner, Dave Vance, Sharon Vinick, Chris Winter, and Leslie Woods



Opposite Page: Robert riding down the road // Photo Credit Rob Paull // Above: Fish Lake trip group photo



# PRE-LODGE PARTY LAKE BLANCHE HIKE

AUGUST 26, 2017

Organized by Julie Kilgore // Trip Report by Stephen Dennis

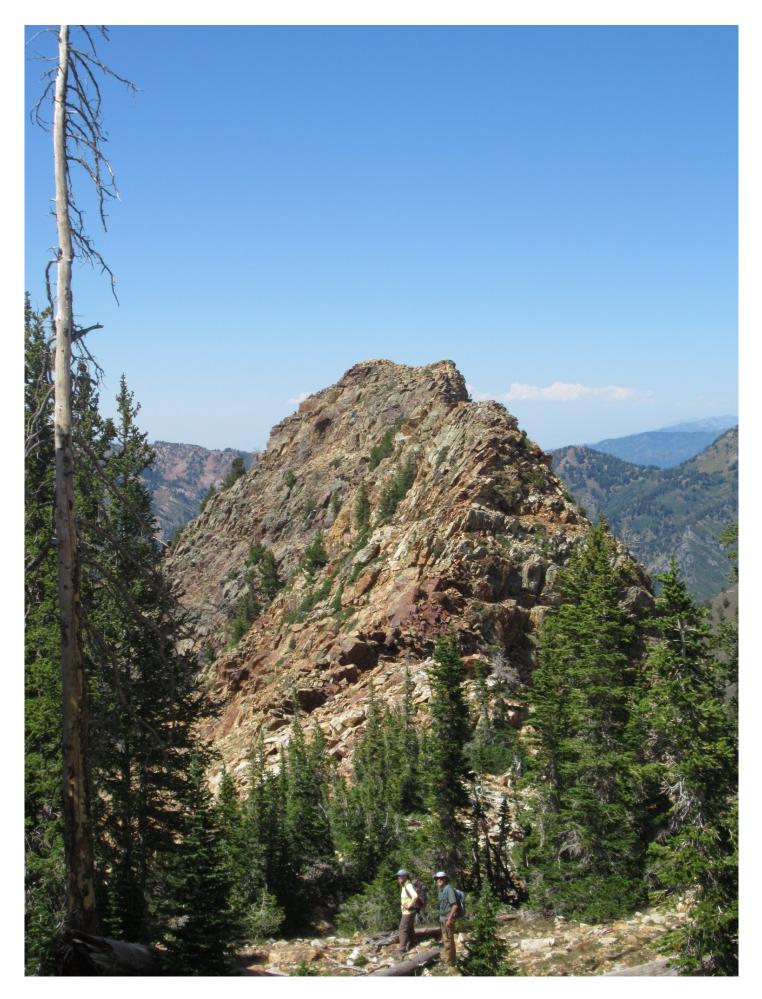
The morning was cool and pleasant as the four of us (Julie Kilgore, James Kucera, Akiko Kamimura, and Stephen Dennis) began at a steady pace from the Lake Blanche Trailhead. To the right, we saw a bull and cow moose between us and the water. Even with the crowd of people and cameras, the moose were calm enough to eat. Leaving them quietly to their courtship, the rest of the trail to Blanche Lake was uneventful. We took the steeper variation up and back. The C rock was painted, and there was another white arrow mark further up. Noted the old circle of rocks flush with the ground and a similar spiral of rocks further up.

A band of gray clouds threatened to spoil our fun as we approached the peak, and we felt some drops with the wind picking up, but the band spared us by moving further South.

The peak is so far above most other things and the view in all directions was simply spectacular. What a beautiful day. The walks out always seem longer, but with a little Vitamin I, we finished the hike in 9 hours 20 minutes. Numbers: 10.1 miles. 5013 ft. of elevation gain (ups and downs). and 55% maximum slope. We made it out just in time to be late for the social at the lodge.



Above Left: Jim on the way to the peak // Above Right: Group photo at the peak – Akiko, Julie, Stephen, and Jim. // Page 17: Julie and Jim on the saddle, Sundial behind



# DAY HIKE TO B25 BOMBER WRECK ON MT. TIMP

AUGUST 26, 2017

Organized by Russell Patterson // Photos by Lin Cheong



On a snowy night in 1955, a WWII era B25 bomber disappeared. Three days later the wreckage was found by three members of the Wasatch Club on Mt. Timpanogos. We hiked the Timpooneke trail to get to the plane wreck. Just as we reached the basin, there is a sign that says "toilet". We took the trail heading past the toilet and hiked up a small stream. Above us and to the north was a white spot at the top of the green vegetated area just below cliffs and a scree slope. This white spot is part of the bomber wreck (N40 deg. 24'25",W111 deg.24'25"). The last few hundred feet of the hike were very steep, but we made it to the wreckage. The plane is all broken up but the two engines and landing gear

are intact.

Participants: Russell Patterson, Lin Cheong, Jeff Stoppenhagen, Ryan Fletcher, Lauren Sullivan, Holly and Tom Holst, Stanley Chiang.

Above: Jeff, Holly, Tom, Lauren, Ryan, Stanley & Russell with the wreckage // Right: Members Hiking along the trail



# **DESERET PEAK HIKE**

SEPTEMBER 4, 2017

Organized by Chris Venizelos // Trip Report by Akiko Kamimura // Photos by Akiko Kamimura



Chris' annual Labor Day Deseret Peak hike took a clockwise route this year. It was sunny and very hot but once we passed the saddle, we had a nice breeze. This time of the year, we usually see a sign of the beginning of fall. However, there were still flowers blooming this time. Although the trail head parking was crowded, we did not see many people at the peak. We took a long lunch break to enjoy the incredible views at the peak.

Hikers: Deb Burton, Willy Furr, Akiko Kamimura, Zhiheng Liu, Laraine Mills. Tom Mitko, Russell Patterson, Lauren Sullivan // Above: Group photo at the peak: Front L-R – Laraine, Lauren and Chris. Back L-R – Willy, Zhiheng, Akiko, Russell and Deb // Page 3: Tom resting on the way to the saddle.

# MT. SUPERIOR & MONTE CRISTO HIKE

AUGUST 4, 2017

Organized by Deidre Flynn // Trip Report by Akiko Kamimura // Photos by Akiko Kamimura

We hiked to Mt Superior and Monte Cristo from Alta. We had showers about for 10 minutes in Cardiff Pass. After that, the weather became perfect – sunny but not hot. From the weather station above Cardiff Pass, we mostly followed the trail but the trail was sometimes not clear. We had to do some boulder-hopping to find the trail. The views from Mt Superior and Monte Cristo were incredible. We saw a couple of goats and wildflowers were still blooming. It was not a long hike but involved lots of different aspects of an enjoyable hike. (Distance: 5.15 miles, Elevation gain: 3170 ft, Time: 5 hours 15 minutes).



Above: Going down from Monte Cristo. From front, Chris, Donn, Deirdre, Luther and Kianoush // Right: Group photo at Mt Superior. From left, Chris, Deirdre, Mohamed, Donn, Kianoush, and Luther

Hikers: Chris Doman, Akiko Kamimura, Luther Kinicely, Laurie O'Connor, Kianoush Sadre-Bazzaz, Donn Seeley



# KAYAK & CANOE ON JACKSON LAKE & GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

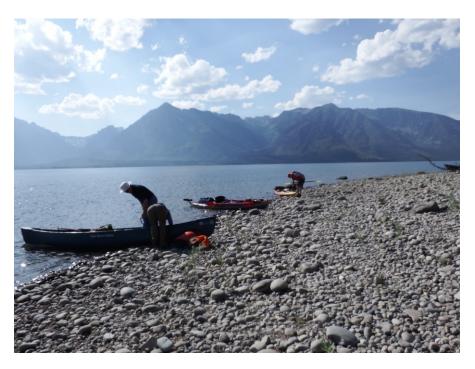
SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

Organized by Kathy Jones // Trip Report by Kathy Jones



With two touring kayaks and one tandem canoe, we launched from Colter Bay marina and spent the first and last night at Little Mackinaw Bay camp. The middle two nights were spent at Hermitage Point camp. Paddling was short distances but we did encounter some wind and waves in the afternoons. We explored Half Moon Bay, Elk Island, Willow Flats, Signal Mountain area, and Donoho Island. We were treated to many animal encounters including a visitation to our groover area by a large but well behaved black bear. Imagine Larry's surprise when he heard a noise and looked around to see the bear about 20 feet away. Larry yelled out "Bear" in a loud voice and the bear ambled away down the shore and into the forest. We were also treated to a show by a family of otters as they fed on a fish just around the corner from our camp at Little Mackinaw Bay. The two larger otters munched on the fish on shore, while the three smaller otters frolicked in the water waiting for their turn to feed. We saw a variety of birds including eagles, osprey, pelican, sandhill cranes, and the ever-present geese.

Since we were there during the week and before the holiday, we didn't encounter a lot of powerboat traffic. We were happy to be leaving for home just as the holiday crowds were arriving. Our camps were each a little different but very nice with bear boxes for our food, trash, cooking stuff, and anything that had a smell. The weather was good with no rain, moderate temps, and a nice mix of sun & clouds. We had a great time and I will definitely plan another paddling trip on Jackson Lake in the future.





Trip members - Larry Hall, Cindy Crass, Dick Smith // Opposite Page: Member Paddling on Jackson Lake // Above Right: Jackson Lake // Above: Little Mackinaw Bay Camp

# **TETON MULTISPORT TRIP**

AUGUST 7-11, 2017

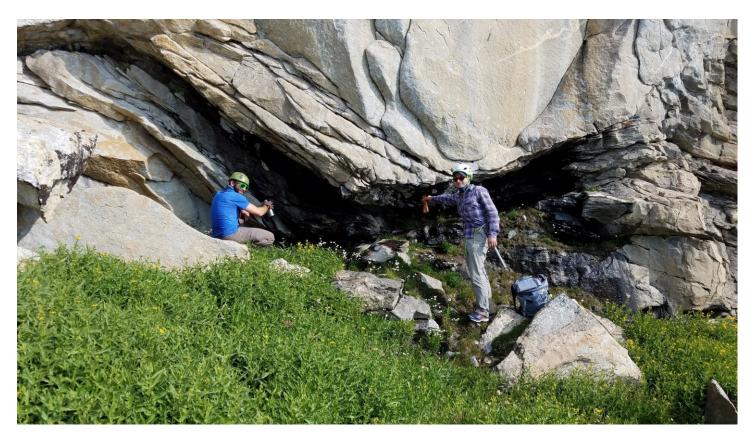
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I love the Tetons because there are some many different activities to do and my plan for this trip was to try many different activities all in a few days. We drove to the American Alpine Club's Climbers Ranch on Monday (stopping briefly at a gas station where I bought a few solar eclipse goggles for August 21st). I love the AAC ranch. \$16 a night for AAC members gets you a cabin bunk, warm showers, a massive covered cooking and dining area, an awesome library, and many other climbers and mountaineers to socialize with and swap route beta. The ranch is very conveniently located within the Grand Teton National Park and central to all the activities we wanted to do. Greg, Scott, and I enjoyed our dinner and some adult beverages that evening at the ranch with an amazing view of the Grand and Tuesday's objective, the Middle Teton.

We got an early start Tuesday morning and were well on the trail before the sun rose. We had passed a few elk on the road while driving the one-mile distance to the Lupine Meadow

Trailhead. As we hiked into Garnet Canyon, we passed a couple of deer that were incredibly close and not at all shy. The steep but well-defined trail gave way to rocks and scrambling as we navigated toward the Middle Teton. The sun was rising higher in the sky, but we kept our warm layers on as we hiked toward August snow. All three of us had helmets and alpine axes but only Scott had brought crampons despite the ranger blog claiming we would not need to navigate through snow. Greg and I managed to zigzag around multiple snowfields as Scott took a more direct route toward the southwest ridge of the Middle Teton. Conveniently, our zigzagging route did lead us to fresh water seeping through the rocks. Sometimes nature provides awesome water filtration. While filling our bottles we watched and listened to pikas and marmots amongst the rocks.



We reached the saddle between the Middle and South Teton just as clouds and thunder rolled in from the west. The top of the Middle Teton looked so close but none of us wanted to continue up the exposed fourth-class ridge with weather on the horizon. We did not summit but the views of the valleys west of the Tetons from the saddle are very worth the hike. Scott was the first to test the glissade conditions on decent. Conditions were ideal allowing us to stop almost instantaneously with our axes. Scott and Greg gleefully slid patches of snow as I timidly allowed myself to slide recalling an uncontrolled slide in the area one year ago. Patches of snow gave way to rocks and scrambling and eventually the well defined lower trail. As we descended we begin to encounter many more hikers and eventually a bear. Only a mile from the trailhead, the young bear foraged in the bushes just off the trail. The bear did not seem phased by our presence. Maybe this young lingering bear was very used to hikers in his area. Hungry from our hike, we headed to a pizza and pasta restaurant in Moose. This is a great restaurant on a nice day when you can sit on their large roof patio with awesome views. Looking to casually burn some calories from dinner, we went on a bike ride from the

ranch to Jenny Lake. Grand Teton National Park has miles and miles of paved bike paths. We passed by a few road bikers but never a crowd. Greg and I rode our mountain bikes and Scott borrowed a bike (for free) from a collection of interesting bikes at the ranch.



Our plan for Wednesday was to ferry to, hike to, and climb Symmetry Spire. The ferry across Jenny Lake saved us two and a half miles of hiking each way. And when catching the first ferry at 7am and paying cash, round trip is only \$5. To say the hike to Symmetry Spire is challenging would be an understatement. Including bushwhacking, navigating, class four climbing, and very steep hiking, this less than defined trail has something for everybody. We climbed the Southwest Ridge of Symmetry Spire (Trad, Alpine, 5 pitches, Grade II, 5.7). I led the first couple pitches and Greg led the rest of the route including guiding us through the scramble toward the summit. Despite the arduous two and a half hour approach, I really liked this climb. Trad placements were easy and the movements were varied and fun (including clipping 1935 pitons). We set up a very long free repel just south of the summit and began to move quickly after hearing and seeing thunderclouds in the distance. We began to move exceptionally fast when we realized we had only one hour and fifteen minutes to make the last ferry back across Jenny Lake. The rain began to pour just as we began our last rappel. Soaked from bushwhacking and sore from a full day, we ran down the trail under loaded packs. I laughed about trail running becoming another multisport trip activity while Scott screamed military cadences to help us keep a pace. The ferry had untied from the dock and was about to pull away as we came screaming around the last switch back. We arrived at the awaiting ferry at 7:05 pm and thanked the other passengers for waiting for us.

Thursday was a day for relaxing river style. Greg and I said our goodbyes to Scott that morning. Scott was on his way to his new home and wife in Chicago. Scott has planned on spending only one night in the Tetons with us but had

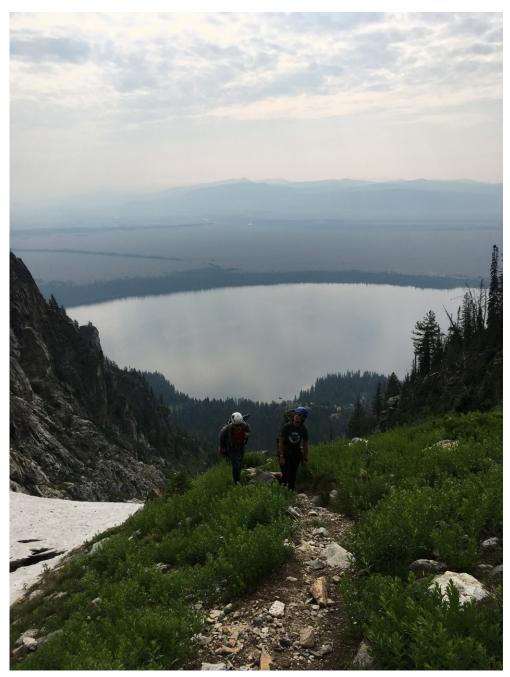


extended his stay to three nights when he realized the bliss of the area. Scott's wife was very understanding to let him spend a couple extra days with us.



Greg and I headed to the nearest visitor center to pick up passes and permits to float the Snake. We were pleasantly surprised to find out the passes and permits were not only good for the day but were good for the rest of the year. I am extra inspired now to make one more trip to the Tetons before the end of the year. We also stopped at Moose to purchase a tasty case of Jenny Lake Lager (only \$10 for a six pack) and very fully loaded sandwiches at the deli/grocer for only \$8 each. Employees at the local fly shop told us that catching a hitch at the take out would be very easy. In fact, we picked up a very nice gentleman at the takeout (Pacific Creek) needing a ride up to his wife and kids to float the same section. As a backup, Greg and I chained our mountain bikes to a tree at the take out. We drove to the put in just below Jackson Lake dam. Seeing the dam is in itself very cool. The float from Jackson Lake Dam to Pacific Creek is rated Class 1. Adults and kids entered the water on SUPs, couples loaded canoes, and the nice gentleman and his wife inflated rafts rented from a nearby outfitter. This section of the river is 4.5 miles in length and takes anywhere from 1.5 to many hours depending on how much you paddle and how much you explore the Oxbow Bend. Greg and I took almost four hours to float

from the dam to Pacific Creek. We took two lake kayaks and had zero difficulties navigating the gentle river. A river that gentle truly lets one enjoy the scenery and the wildlife. I was first awed by the amount and the size of the fish. I had heard this way a great spot for trout fishing but could never have guessed I would see some many. Greg and I will definitely bring our fishing gear when we return. We saw many pelicans (yes pelicans in the Tetons) and two bald eagles. We also saw almost no people once we were on the river. The take out is described as the most challenging part of the float. The river begins to move a little bit faster as it moves past Pacific Creek and toward Deadman's Bar (a place along the river where three miners were discovered murdered



supposedly by their scheming business partner).

Greg and I had no problem gently floating right up to the shore of the take out at Pacific Creek. We unchained our bikes and swapped the chain for our kayaks. I don't know how easy it is to hitch because Greg and I looked forward to the casual bike ride back to our truck. I could barely notice the incline of the road and it took us only 15 minutes to ride the four miles back to Jackson Lake dam. As we drove south and back toward the ranch, we passed herds of buffalo just off the road. We also stopped at Blacktail Butte to scout bolted sport climbing for our next trip. This crag has many routes which are mostly 5.10 and 5.11. The south facing wall would be enjoyable on a cool day. We arrived back at the ranch for our last dinner with an amazing view. I enjoyed a warm shower before dinner while Greg headed to the cabin for a nap. When I arrived back at the cabin, Greg was sitting quietly on the porch with his finger over his lips. Feet away from him was a mother moose and her baby dining amongst the cattails. They knew we were there yet they continued to feed and eventually moved even

closer to the place mom picked for them to lie down and sleep. In that moment, this trip felt very complete.

I went to the Tetons with no expectations and an open list of possible activities. Our list of activities (hike, climb, and float) grew beyond my plan. I saw every animal was I hoping to see. Did I mention that it never got hotter than 80 degrees? This is a trip I would love to repeat. Thank you to Greg and Scott for joining me.



Photos // Page 22: Scott and Kathleen carefully navigating a snow field (in August) as they approached the saddle between the Middle and the South Teton // Page 23: On the way to Middle Teton, Greg and Scott filled their bottles with water filtered by nature // Page 24: We enjoyed a leisure ride from the AAC ranch to Jenny Lake. Scott borrowed the garbage-emptying bike from the ranch to add to our entertainment. The Grand Teton is the tallest peak in the background with the Middle Teton to its left // Page 25: Greg enjoying the very calm waters of the Snake below Jackson Lake dam // One of the two bald eagles we saw as we floated the Snake // Page 26: Kathleen and Scott on the approach to Symmetry Spire. It looked so close from the car but felt so far on approach // Page 27: Momma moose takes a quick look around as her baby dines amongst the cattails

#### Date Activity

Sun

#### Oct 1 Day Hike Lowe Peak, Oquirrh Mountains – mod+ – 12.0 mi Out & Back – Fast pace

*Meet:* Registration required

Organizer: Brad Yates 8015925814 bnyslc@gmail.com

Lowe standing at 10,539 feet in elevation is the second highest peak in the Oquirrh Mountains and the most prominent from the Salt Lake Valley. It supports a vast forest of Aspen that should be at near peak for fall colors. It has been over twenty years since I have climbed it so it will be semi exploratory. The pace will be moderately fast. Due to drive time expect a fairly long day.

#### New! Ladies Fall Mountain Bike Ride Series – mod- – 6.0 mi Loop – 800' ascent – Slow pace Oct 1 Sun

Meet: 9:45 am at TBD Meet: 9:45. Wheels roll: 10:00.

Organizer: Winona Hubbard 831-331-7070 agooddayout@gmail.com

Join us in beautiful Park City for four Sundays of mellow but invigorating rides. Fall is spectacular here: the air is crisp and the aspen are turning. Ride #3: TBD. I'll post details by previous Monday. Ride is 5 - 10 miles. Pace is slow (~5 mph avg.) but steady with a few regroups. This isn't a race! We're just out to have fun and enjoy the outdoors. Skill level: intermediate but not technical. THIS IS NOT A BEGINNER RIDE. Required: helmet, 40 oz. water minimum, snacks, repair kit, tube, pump, knowledge of how to change a tube, two X chromosomes (or identifying as someone who does). Meet: 9:45. Wheels roll: 10:00. See you there! Winona

#### Post Season Evening Hike - Jacobs Ladder Approach - ntd+ - Fast pace Oct 2

Mon Meet: 6:00 pm at Orson Smith Trailhead - 12600 South Highland Drive Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com

Not quite ready to give it up for the season? We'll kick it up a notch, from the summer-time NTD strolls, to the steep but short NTD+ post-season work-out hikes. Tonight we'll drive the bumpy road up to the Jacob's Ladder trailhead then hike up to a nice overlook of Alpine. Dogs OK.

#### Oct 3 **Evening Hike - Living Room - ntd**

Tue Meet: 5:45 pm at Natural History Museum of Utah, 301 Wakara Way, Salt Lake City, UT 84108. We will park and meet in the museum parking lot in the south east corner of the parking lot. Organizer: Sue Jensen 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com 6pm departure from the Natural History Museum of Utah. Be prepared for varied weather and bring a headlamp or flashlight.

#### Oct 4 **Wmc Board Meeting**

Wed 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.

#### Evening Hike - Church Fork - Dog Friendly - ntd+ - Moderate pace Oct 4

Wed Meet: 5:45 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride

Organizer: Keith Markley 801-560-3844 geccu123@hotmail.com

Make sure to bring a flashlight or headlamp. Well mannered dogs welcomed. Prompt 6pm departure.

#### Oct 5 Mountain Bike The Mormon Pioneer Trail - mod- - 12.0 mi Out & Back - 1200' ascent -Thu Moderate pace

Meet: 5:00 pm at Little Dell Reservoir parking lot. Take the East Canyon exit off I-80 up Parleys Canyon to get there.

Organizer: Lisa Verzella 801-554-4135 lisaverzella@gmail.com

Evening ride up the Mormon Pioneer Trail from Little Dell Reservoir parking lot (free for bikers). About 1200' gain and 12 mi RT. Might be a bit chilly on the fast evening descent. Call/text if questions, 801-554-4135.

#### Evening Hike - Lambs Canyon Overlook From Elbow Fork - ntd+ - Moderate pace Oct 5

Thu Meet: 6:00 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride Organizer: Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancycmartin@gmail.com
Prompt 6pm departure from the meeting place. Bring your 10 Essentials. You'll need a headlamp or flashlight.

#### Oct 6 Fri Escalante Backpack – 22.0 mi Shuttle – 200' ascent – Moderate pace

– Oct 9 *Meet:* Registration required

Mon Organizer: Russell Patterson 801-973-6427 Patterson.Russell@comcast.net
Leave Friday afternoon and drive to Calf Creek Campground. Saturday, drive Burr Trail road to
Deer Creek. Saturday, Sunday and Monday, drive Burr Trail to Deer Creek, backpack down Deer
Creek to Boulder Creek, backpack down Boulder Creek to the Escalante River, backpack up the
Escalante River to Calf Creek and make day hikes to Bowington Natural Arch and Escalante Natural
Bridge. We will put our gear in garbage bags to keep it dry while crossing pools of water and
wading across the Escalante.

#### Oct 7 Pink Flamingo Party 20th Anniversary – flat water

Meet: 4:00 pm at Bountiful, UT at 143 West 100 North in the back yard Sat Organizer: Zig Sondelski 801-230-3623 zig.sondelski@gmail.com What is the most thrilling, boating event of the year? THE PINK FLAMINGO PARTY! It is scheduled for Saturday, October 7, starting at 4 PM. This is our 20th anniversary for the event, so the location is back where it all started at 143 W 100 N in Bountiful. From I-15, take either 500 South (Exit 316) or 400 North (Exit 317), head east to 200 West and then find us on 100 North at 143 W in the back yard. Watch for the flamingos, our boating mascot. EVERYONE is invited! Hey hikers, bikers, skiers, climbers, socializers and snowshoers, come and get to know the boaters! We are a friendly wild bunch! Your ticket into the party is your potluck dish and pink attire. For your outfits, don't be shy! We want to see outrageous, daring, and flamboyant! Real men and women wear pink to this party! Be Brave! If pink is lacking in your wardrobe, beach wear is acceptable. There will be prizes for outfits, boating skills, boating knowledge and more. Plan to participate in team and individual games. There will be a grill for your use. Enjoy homemade pink ice cream (will be cranking to do). In addition to a potluck dish, bring your own beverages as well as a chair, utensils and plates (all in pink if you can:-).

#### Oct 7 Hike To Lone Peak Cirque – msd – 10.0 mi – 5000' ascent – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet*: 6:30 am at Contact organizer to register, confirm current membership status, and get meeting details.

Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Instead of just passing through on our way to the summit, let's linger a while and explore the amazing cirque that sits at the base of Lone Peak. It's still a grueling day, so come prepared for a good 9 hours or so. This is a designated wilderness area, so the group will be limited to 10 WMC members.

#### Oct 7 Hiking Trail Maintenance - Bonneville Shoreline Trail

Sat *Meet:* Registration required

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

For the past two hiking seasons, the Bonneville shoreline trail section linking the Mount Olympus trail to the Heughs Canyon trail has been under construction. Thanks to those that have already helped out. Excellent progress has been achieved. The trail travels by some impressive cliff bands and foothill brush zones that features scrub oak, mountain mahogany, and big tooth maple. The trail also offers impressive views of Tolcats and Heughs canyons. Come over and help to complete this wonderful trail section. Participants should register at the Bonneville Shoreline Committee website. That website is www.bonnevilleshorelinetrail.org. The information about the meeting place and time will be forward to the participants that registered. In addition to the 10 Es, (water, and rain gear are especially essential), participants should bring work gloves, safety glasses and wear sturdy boots, long sleeve shirt, and long pants. If you need more information, please contact Brett Smith at brettsmith459@yahoo.com or Dave Andrenyak at andrenyakda@aim.com.

# Oct 7 Day Hike - Lower Silver Fork – ntd – Slow pace Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT) Organizer: Martin and Pat McGregor 801-255-0090 Join Martin and Pat in Lower Silver Fork. Plan on a 3 to 4 hour hike. We should have lots of fall colors!

- Oct 8

  Day Hike: Beartrap Fork mod 4.0 mi Out & Back 2300' ascent Moderate pace

  Sun

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

  Organizer: David\* Smith 801-572-0346 griz@xmission.com

  Beartrap is often a good choice for viewing the abundant aspen in their fall glory. Hopefully, our timing will be near their peak. We'll hike to the viewpoint above Desolation Lake, and if the group likes we can include Peak 9990 above the Canyons Ski Area. Call (or email) if you have questions. We'll leave promptly at 9:00 am.
- Oct 8

  Day Hike Broads Fork Twin Peaks msd 5.0 mi Loop 5130' ascent

  Meet: 7:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)

  Organizer: Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 jameskucera@aol.com

  We will ascend by the Robinson route, and descend by the standard Broads Fork route. The hike will involve considerable scrambling and exposure, as well as boulder-hopping.
- New! Ladies Fall Mountain Bike Ride Series mod- 6.0 mi Loop 800' ascent Slow pace Meet: 9:45 am at TBD Meet: 9:45. Wheels roll: 10:00.

  Organizer: Winona Hubbard 831-331-7070 agooddayout@gmail.com

  Join us in beautiful Park City for four Sundays of mellow but invigorating rides. Fall is spectacular here: the air is crisp and the aspen are turning. Ride #4: TBD. I'll post details by previous Monday. Ride is 5 10 miles. Pace is slow (~5 mph avg.) but steady with a few regroups. This isn't a race! We're just out to have fun and enjoy the outdoors. Skill level: intermediate but not technical. THIS IS NOT A BEGINNER RIDE. Required: helmet, 40 oz. water minimum, snacks, repair kit, tube, pump, knowledge of how to change a tube, two X chromosomes (or identifying as someone who does). Meet: 9:45. Wheels roll: 10:00. See you there! Winona
- Oct 9 Post Season Evening Hike One Hour Rock ntd+ Fast pace

  Mon Meet: 5:45 pm at Orson Smith Trailhead 12600 South Highland Drive

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

  We'll hike one hour up the steep west approach of Cherry Canyon. Dogs OK.
- Oct 10 Evening Hike Church Fork Mill Creek ntd+ Out & Back Moderate pace

  Tue Meet: 5:45 pm at Skyline High School 3251 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

  Carpool: 5:45 pm at Skyline High School 3251 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

  Organizer: Debra Baldwin 801-860-9251 debfbaldwin@gmail.com

  Join Bob and Deb for this favorite hike part way up Grandeur to the saddle if the group is interested. Moderate to faster pace. Prompt 6pm departure. Bring headlamp and 10Es. Dogs must be leashed on even days.
- Oct 11 Evening Hike = Rattlesnake Gulch Plus (if The Weather Holds) ntd+ Moderate pace
  Wed Meet: 6:00 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride
  Organizer: Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancycmartin@gmail.com
  We will plan on Rattlesnake Gulch plus the ridge as long as we don't have rain (what's that?). Bring
  your 10 essentials including headlamp or flashlight. The "Plus" and ridge line are steep and not
  recommended for beginning or occasional hikers. Prompt 6pm departure.
- Oct 12 Leisurely Hike Up Toll Canyon At The Top Of Parleys Canyon. mod- 5.0 mi Out & Back 800' ascent Slow pace

  Meet: 8:45 am at Parleys Way Walmart lot, East side 2703 Parleys Way, Salt Lake City, UT Organizer: Bruce Christenson 801-824-0131 b.c.com@hotmail.com

  Toll Canyon is in a beautiful nature preserve located near the top of Parleys Canyon. The trail is gradual following a small stream. The fall colors should be out in all their splendor. Wear suitable clothing and footwear and bring water and a snack. You can hike at any pace with no one left behind

except one of the organizers who will bring up the rear. We'll meet in the parking area east of Walmart, 2703 Parleys Way, at 8:45 am to carpool and leave sharply at 9 am. An organizer will have the back hatch up on a silver Subaru. For any questions email one of the co-organizers Bruce Christenson or Karen Perkins.

Oct 12 Monthly Ferguson Canyon Evening Hike – mod- – 4.0 mi Out & Back – Moderate pace

Meet: 6:00 pm at Big Cottonwood Overflow - about 3600 E on Fort Union Blvd

Organizer: Alex Arakelian 801-955-5526 kyojimujo@yahoo.com

This hike is very near and dear to my heart as it is the one in the Wasatch that I have been hiking the longest. I like to gather everyone here for an evening hike to the overlook. Meet at the BCC overflow parking to the west of Wasatch Blvd on Ft. Union Blvd. Bring your 10 E's. Prompt 6:15 pm departure. This is a STEEP hike.

#### Oct 13 Kayaking Colorado River Ruby Horsethief Class II – class II – 25.0 mi

Fri – Oct *Meet:* Registration required

16 Mon Organizer: 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.

#### Oct 14 Protect Wilderness In The San Rafael Swell-crack And Reef Wsa's

Sat – *Meet:* Registration required

Oct 15 Organizer: Will McCarvill 801-694-6958 will@commercialchemistries.com

Sun The spring remediation took care of problem areas around the Sids Mtn Wilderness Study Area in the north end of the San Rafael Swell. Our focus this fall will be the south end addressing problems in the Reef and Crack Canyon WSA's. Specific details are not yet available but expect a work day on Saturday driving carsonite signs and repairing barriers followed by a fun day on Sunday. Driving down Friday would be best as we plan on starting work 9 AM Saturday morning. Fall in the Swell typically has warm days and cool nights. Be prepared for a dry camp in an easily accessed spot.

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#### Oct 14 Cedar Mountains Day Hike – mod – 5.0 mi Loop – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace

Sat Meet: 9:00 am at Utah Travel Council Lot - 110 E 300 N

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

We'll do a (possibly exploratory) hike on the west side of the Cedars, depending on conditions. You can expect cross-country travel on steep slopes, and perhaps a wild horse encounter or a view out over the dune fields on the east side of the salt flats.

#### Oct 15 Day Hike/ Robert's Horn – msd- – 9.0 mi Out & Back – 4150' ascent – Moderate pace

Sun *Meet:* Registration required

Organizer: Barb Gardner 801-803-2926 inthemtns55@gmail.com

Robert's Horn towers above the Aspen Grove parking and harbors the most spectacular summit views in the Timpanogoes massif. We will follow the Timp trail to Emerald lake hopefully catching the end of the fall colors. The summit lies 600 vertical feet to the northeast with easy class II scrambling. Dogs welcome.

#### Oct 15 Day Hike - Snake Pit Overlook From Alta - ntd - 3.0 mi - Slow pace

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

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

Join Charles and Allene Keller on this NTD hike to the Snake Pit. Both Charles and Allene have a long history of hiking in the Wasatch and with the WMC. Carpool from the west end of the Little Cottonwood Park & Ride.

#### Oct 16 Post-season Night Hike - Lower Ridge Of Bells - ntd+ - Out & Back - Fast pace

Mon *Meet*: 5:45 pm at Bell Canyon "Granite" Trailhead on Little Cottonwood Canyon Road, approximately 9600 South and east of Wasatch Boulevard

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

Let's see how we can get up 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 is a watershed, so no dogs tonight. Plan on a 6:00 p.m. departure and a 8:00 return.

#### Oct 17 Evening Hike - Salt Lake Overlook - ntd+ - Out & Back - Moderate pace

Tue Meet: 6:00 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride

Organizer: Stephen Dennis 801-349-5635 brazilofmux@gmail.com

Headlamp is key. Other 10 essentials as well. Usually takes about 50 minutes to get to the overlook. Prompt 6pm departure from the meeting place.

#### Oct 18 Evening Hike - West Grandeur North Ridge To South Ridge Loop - ntd+ - Moderate pace

Wed Meet: 6:00 pm at North end of Wasatch Blvd, approximately 3000 S.

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

Plan on about 60 minutes up, cross to the south ridge and back to the trailhead. THIS IS A VERY STEEP HIKE. Not recommended for beginning or occasional hikers. Bring your 10 essentials, including a headlamp or flashlight. Prompt 6pm departure from the trailhead.

#### Oct 19 Evening Hike - Mt. Olympus - ntd

Thu *Meet:* 5:45 pm at Wasatch Blvd at approximately 5800 S; east side of the road. There are signs marking the trailhead.

Organizer: Sue Baker 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.

#### Oct 20 Canyoneering, Boulder / Escalante – mod

Fri – Oct Meet: Registration required

22 Sun Organizer: Steven Duncan 801-680-9236 duncste@comcast.net

Fall canyoneering in the Boulder / Escalante area. Based at John Veranth's house in Boulder and doing local canyons TBD of moderate technical difficulty. Experienced canyoneers, no beginners. Wet suits and appropriate canyon gear required.

#### Oct 21 Day Hike Houndstooth – msd- – 5.5 mi Out & Back – 3000' ascent – Moderate pace

Meet: 8:00 am at Big Cottonwood Overflow - about 3600 E on Fort Union Blvd Organizer: Alex Arakelian/ Julie Kilgore 801-995-5526 kyojimujo@yahoo.com
After Julie showed me this hike a few years ago it quickly became one of my favorites! This is a VERY STEEP hike and there is scrambling at the end but no exposure. It looks like somebody has been doing work on this trail, so come with me and check it out. Contact me if you have questions about conditions or anything else. Vegitation is dense on several sections, long pants and long sleeves are recommended. Parking is limited, please meet and carpool. See you there!

#### Oct 21 Stansbury Island Day Hike – mod – 3.0 mi Loop – 1800' ascent – Moderate pace

Sat Meet: 9:00 am at Utah Travel Council Lot - 110 E 300 N

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

We'll find a hike on Stansbury Island somewhere appropriate for the conditions. There will be cross-country travel on steep slopes, plus some easy scrambling. The view out over the lake is spectacular, and the quartzite rock is fun to play on.

#### Oct 22 Hike - Mount Olympus - msd- - 3.5 mi Out & Back - 4000' ascent - Moderate pace

Sun *Meet:* 7:15 am at Mount Olympus trailhead. On Wasatch Boulevard at about 5600 South.

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

This is a popular destination for Salt Lake area hikers. The hike offers great views of steep rocky slopes and impressive rock outcrops. It is a steep hike on a fairly defined trail and route. Participants should be prepared for a challenging hike. At this time of the year, weather and trail conditions may require change of plans. Please remember 10 Es and especially water. Also, do not leave valuables in your motor vehicle when parking at the trailhead. Wilderness limit of 10.

#### Oct 23 Ski Meeting/social, For Ski/board/snowshoe Activities

Mon *Meet:* 7:00 pm at Lumpy's: 3000 S Highland Dr, Salt Lake City

Organizer: Lisa Verzella 801-554-4135 lisaverzella@gmail.com

Attention all skiers, splitters and snowshoers! Your co-Winter Sports Directors, Sharon Vinnick and Lisa Verzella, will be hosting a gathering on Monday October 23rd at 7 pm to discuss and sign up for ski/board and snowshoe activities this coming season. We'll meet at Lumpy's sports bar, 3000 S Highland Dr in SLC. Text/call Lisa V with any questions or comments at 801-554-4135. Please RSVP so we know how many people to anticipate.

#### Oct 23 Evening Hike - Neff's Canyon - ntd+ - Out & Back - Moderate pace

Mon *Meet*: 5:45 pm at Skyline High School - 3151 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

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

May make it into the Mt. Olympus Wilderness. Prompt 6:00pm departure. Make sure to bring a headlamp or flashlight.

# Oct 24 Evening Training Hike On West Grandeur - Steep - Fast - Hot - mod - 4.0 mi Out & Back - 3000' ascent - Fast pace

Meet: 6:00 pm at Grandeur Trailhead, 2910 South Wasatch Blvd

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

I've been training on this trail for a couple years and I invite you to come out and train too. I test my endurance going as fast as I can up the mountain for an hour and then coming back down. This hike will be at your own pace, we will not be in a group. This hike is VERY STEEP and in direct sunlight. Bring the 10 Essentials. 6:15 pm departure to the trailhead.

#### Oct 25 Evening Hike - White Fir Pass - ntd+ - Moderate pace

Wed Meet: 6:00 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride

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

Club favorite! Bring your 10 essentials, including headlamp or flashlight (see the club website for details) and be prepared for the weather. 6pm departure from the meeting place.

#### Oct 26 Evening Hike - Church Fork - ntd+ - Out & Back - Moderate pace

Thu Meet: 6:00 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride

Sat

Organizer: Stephen Dennis 801-349-5635 brazilofmux@gmail.com

Headlamp is key. Other 10 essentials as well. Some may make it to the saddle before the turn-around time. Prompt 6pm departure from the meeting place.

#### Oct 28 Wasatch Mountain Club Halloween Masquerade Party 2017 Social

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

Carpool: 5:30 pm at Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride

Organizer: Craig Anderson 801-487-2352 canderson 11238@gmail.com

SATURDAY EVENING / OCTOBER 28 / Don't be afraid to show up! THIS IS A FUN SOCIAL, POTLUCK, DANCING AND COSTUME PARTY. Come one, come all! Club members, family

and friends are invited to the WMC Halloween Masquerade Party 2017 to be held at the club's exquisitely appointed and haunted lodge at Brighton Ski Resort, in Big Cottonwood Canyon, on Saturday evening, October 28, 2017. A Potluck dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. Red Hot Rockin' Zombie DJ Rob Snow's chain saw massacring mix of music will emerge from the cobwebs and mold to sizzle and grace the dance floor, starting at 7:30 p.m. The music will continue as long as the foot bones hang on to the rest of the skeleton. The party is BYOB and POTLUCK: Be sure to bring food to add to the feast. Awards for the Best Costumes in the categories of Best Historic Period Costumes, Scariest, Sexiest and Funniest costumes will be given. A horrifying pinata will also be smashed by the little people present; children are of course welcome. A \$10.00 per person cover charge will be collected at the door; \$20 for non-members; children are free. If you wish to stay overnight at the lodge, there is a very modest charge of \$3.00 per person; children are free. Bring a sleeping bag. Although the trail to the lodge will be marked with jack-o-lanterns or luminaria, bring a flashlight for the 5-minute walk through the pines from and back to the parking lot. Also, bring boots should the trail be wet or have snow on it. To get to the lodge, drive to the end of Big Cottonwood Canvon on Big Cottonwood Canvon Road (about a 20 minute drive from the mouth to the end of the canyon). Once you reach the canyon's end and the Brighton Ski Resort, there is a large parking lot. Drive to the far right and park opposite the two-story motel like the one in the movie Psycho. There will be a flashing light where the trail to the lodge begins. If you wish to car pool, arrange to meet people you want to share with at the park-and-ride lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon, at the intersection of Wasatch and Fort Union Boulevards. For further details and directions, telephone or email Craig Anderson (and if you want to help, call Craig): 801-487-2352 at home (cell: 801-493-5673/the day of the event) or before the day of the event you can email Craig at: canderson11238@gmail.com

#### Oct 28 Notch Peak Day Hike – mod – 8.0 mi Out & Back – 3000' ascent – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* 6:00 am at 14600 South and I-15 Park & Ride at Point of the Mountain on the west side of the freeway

Organizer: Jerry Hatch 801-583-8047 pikahatch@gmail.com

The Carl Bauer - Wick Miller Memorial Hike to Notch Peak is the WMC's traditional farewell to the hiking season. It's a three hour drive to the House Range west of Delta, but the 3,000 ft. cliff and ancient bristlecone pines are always phenomenal. Be prepared for cross-country travel with route finding and a bit of scrambling.

# Oct 28 Leisurely Hike Lake Mary To Twin Lakes Loop. Ntd+ Slow Pace. – ntd+ – 4.0 mi Loop – 800' Sat ascent – Slow pace

Meet: 8:15 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)

Organizer: Bruce Christenson 801-824-0131 b.c.com@hotmail.com

A leisurely hike starting at Brighton resort parking lot to Lake Mary and across to Twin Lakes then down to Silver Lake visitors center and a short walk back to the parking area. Bring water and a snack for a quick stop at Twin Lakes. Fall colors should be out in full. We'll meet at the 6200 So. Wasatch Blvd. park and ride at 8:15 am to carpool and leave at 8:30 am sharp. For any questions email organizer Bruce Christenson.

# Oct 29 Day Hike - Jardine Juniper Peak In Logan Canyon - mod+ - 11.0 mi Out & Back - 2010' Sun ascent - Moderate pace

Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu

The old Jardine Juniper tree in Logan Canyon is about 1500 years old and has very unique looking. We will hike to the old tree and then continue to the Jardine Juniper Peak. The trail has very gradual elevation gain until the old tree. There is no trail from the old tree to the peak. The last part may be steep and involves bushwhacking. The estimated hike time is 5-6 hours. It will take approximately 1.5-2 hours to get to the trail head from SLC. This hike will be exploratory since I have hiked to the old tree but not to the peak. Email before Friday, 12 pm, October 27, for the meeting place and time. Registration priority will be given to WMC members.

#### Oct 30 Post Season Evening Hike - South Ferguson Ridge - ntd+ - Fast pace

Mon *Meet:* 5:45 pm at Ferguson Canyon Trailhead on Timberline Drive (7780 South)

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

We'll hike one hour up the Ferguson Canyon ridge that rises quickly above the water tank. Dogs

OK.

#### Oct 31 Evening Hike - Salt Lake Overlook - ntd+ - Out & Back - Moderate pace

Tue Meet: 6:00 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride

Organizer: Stephen Dennis 801-349-5635 brazilofmux@gmail.com

Headlamp is key. Other 10 essentials as well. Usually takes about 50 minutes to get to the overlook.

Prompt 6pm departure from the meeting place.

#### Nov 11 **Trip Organizer Appreciation Dinner 2017**

Sat *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Social hour 6:00, dinner/awards at 7:00 pm. Location on your invitation.

Organizer: Kathy Burnham 801-548-8467 kbhothothot@yahoo.com

Annual Trip Organizers Appreciation Dinner. By invitation only. Must have organized 2 trips or equivalent (1 overnight) to be invited. If you did not receive an invitation and feel you should have, please contact your activity director and forgive our oversight. Invitations to be sent by October

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#### WHAT ARE THE TEN ESSENTIALS?

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

- 1) water
- 2) rain gear/wind protection
- 3) extra clothing / insulation
- 4) extra food
- 5) maps and compass

- 6) sun protection (sunglasses, hat, etc.)
- 7) waterproof matches or lighter
- 8) flashlight or headlamp (in working order)
- 9) first aid supplies
- 10) emergency shelter (space blanket)

### Brief Description of the Wasatch Mountain Club:

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

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

# WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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# **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.

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