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Requirements to Become a Life Member

25 years of continuous dues paying membership

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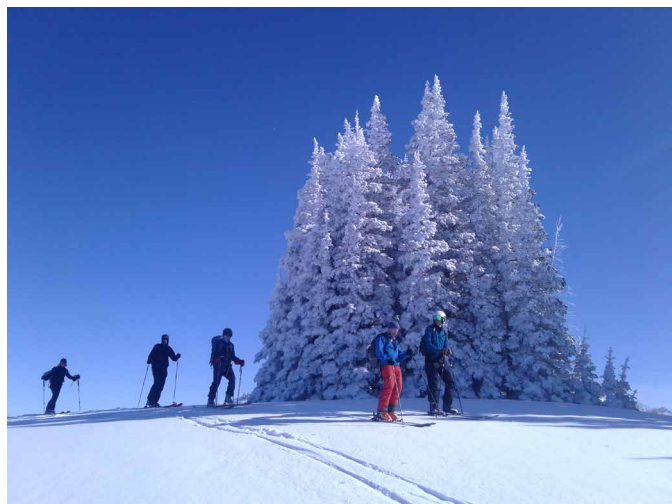
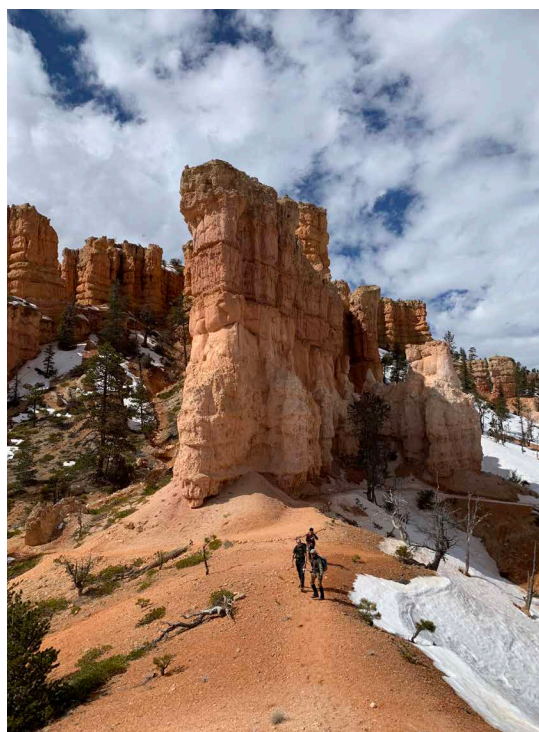
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The **Wasatch Mountain Club** is an outdoor recreation club for adults dedicated to fostering awareness of the scenic beauties of the Wasatch and encouraging preservation of our natural areas. Club activities include hiking, backcountry skiing, backpacking, camping, conservation, trail maintenance, canoeing, climbing, canyoneering, kayaking, mountaineering, mountain biking, road biking, river rafting, socializing, snowshoeing and multi-day adventures.

Cover Biking Special Edition: Heidie Schubert in the aspens on the Mid Mountain Trail. 2018 Tuesday Evening Mountain Bike Rides. Photo credit: Greg Libecchi.



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President's Message

by Julie Kilgore

This month, we highlight the history of bicycling in the Wasatch Mountain Club. Here's my WMC biking story. My first bike ride into Yellowstone National Park was in April 2002. It was the weekend before the gate at West Yellowstone officially opened to cars, so there was only the occasional park ranger or park employee driving by. My sister and I, along with a couple of her friends, rented bicycles in West Yellowstone, and it felt like we (and the bison) had the entire park to ourselves.



I went out that summer and bought a bike for the sole purpose of riding in Yellowstone every April! My sister is a one-and-done kind of gal, so I would send out invites to all my friends and family. A couple of folks would join me here and there over the years, but after two Aprils of riding into the park by myself, I thought "Well, this is dumb, I have 1,000 friends with the Wasatch Mountain Club! Surely someone will go with me." As with many of my outdoor adventure ideas that seem a little odd at first, there was some initial skepticism that riding in the cold/snow/rain/wind of early spring in Yellowstone would actually be fun. But each year, we fill the trip, many have come back for a repeat, and I haven't had a solo ride into the park since ;) That is just one of the many joys of being part of this organization.

Another is how we look out for one another. At the time of posting this issue of *The Rambler* (March 22, 2020):

The WMC Board of Directors decided it is in the best interest of our members to remove all of the club-approved activities from the calendar for at least the next two weeks.

Our community is facing the ongoing spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). The WMC has been quick to respond to the ever-changing news of the coronavirus by gathering and sharing information, implementing protocols and guidelines, and supporting our organizers and members. Although the WMC has been proactive in communicating and implementing social-distancing guidelines, some concerns have started to surface. While we adhere (or try very hard to adhere) to these guidelines, incidental contact occurs among us, and there are now a LOT of people recreating in our mountains which has led to the problem of distancing ourselves from others. In addition, we continue to hear news reports that some confirmed cases are asymptomatic. All of this is alarming for our club leadership and our organizers, as the number of coronavirus cases is currently on the rise.

We will continue to monitor the situation, knowing that we may very well be canceling more. Members can still use the activity email lists or membership directory to reach out to and coordinate an outdoor activity with another individual or very small group, but please be aware that could change at any time. Remember to follow all protocols to keep yourselves safe. Also, **state and federal agencies are asking that outdoor recreators stay local, and seek out lesser used areas.**

We will continue to keep our members updated, and we welcome any thoughts or suggestions that any of you would like to share.

If any member is in need, or aware of someone in need, please reach out to president@wasatchmountainclub.org. A number of club members have offered their assistance to obtain essential goods, provide no-contact delivery, run an errand, or whatever might be needed. We're in this together, and you all have the support of over 1,100 club members.

THE HISTORY OF BIKING IN THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

By Cheryl Soshnik

"Cycling is for those of you who are bored with the every weekend humdrum of hiking, rock climbing, and river running," June Wickham wrote in the May 1964 Rambler, introducing a season filled with rides to Saratoga, Homestead, Riverton, and Bountiful, which often included a swim at the turn-around, and an Evanston to Mirror Lake overnighter - a soon-to-be-classic repeated from 1963. The group had been biking together since 1962, with overnighters, 50-mile rides, and even a not-to-be-repeated ride from Wendover to SLC, but the early-1960s effort to start a bicycling program was short-lived - after another year, there were scant listings of WMC bicycling.

1973 saw a return of "bike-hikes" posted by hiking director Bill Rosqvist, including the popular Mirror Lake overnighter. Don Coleman gave a trip report on one of the bike-hikes stating, "June 16 was a terrific day for a bike trip, clear, and cool with some wind, and only three bike persons, which was soon cut to two, as my Schwinn proved to be far inferior to the twin Bianchi's of Marilyn Bateman and Kermit Earle. I know there are many bicycle riders in the club. Hopefully, we will see a more sizable group on the next bike-hike."

Bill and Kermit listed several bike trips in 1974, but then the Rambler went quiet once again for years. If people were still going for rides, they weren't listing them.

In 1979, possibly on the heels of the successful national 1976 Bike Centennial rides, the WMC biking program was finally revived, thanks mainly to the efforts of Ilka Allers, Guy Benson, and Marilyn and Kermit Earle. A bicycling photo was on the cover of the May 1980 Rambler, and Ilka wrote, "If you're tired of running, skiing, paddling, or walking, here's your big chance. May 19 begins this year's schedule of the WMC's cycling contingent. Although a relatively new club activity, cycling has been received enthusiastically, benefitting from renewed interest on the part of refugees from the energy crisis who also recognize a good recreational opportunity when they see one."

This time, bicycling was here to stay, with the schedule evolving to provide organized intermediate rides for the serious recreational cyclist. Again quoting Ilka, "Rides are difficult to classify as either touring or racing, and are probably best described as "canyon cycling," combining some elements of both. The centerpiece of the scheduling is the Monday night ride, patterned after Dale Green's spectacularly successful Thursday evening hike. An integral part of the activity is rejuvenation of precious bodily fluids at one or more local bars." Trips included the East Canyon-Morgan-Henefer Loop, Parley's to Rockport for sailing trip, Parley's to Park City for brunch ride, and the Alpine Loop (for thrills).

A bicycling photo once again graced the cover of the May Rambler in 1981. New innovative rides were introduced, and ride leaders included the additions of Steve Carr, Terry Rollins, Peter Hansen, John Peterson, and Bob Wright. Bob's Ride and Sail lured bikers with, "Here is an offer you can't refuse! Your reward for riding your bicycle up Parley's Canyon to Rockport Reservoir will be a fun-filled day of sailing at Rockport and lots of goodies to eat." Kermit Earle, Guy Benson, and John Kennington were leading 75- and 100-mile rides on the weekends. And once again, there was at least one overnighter from Evanston to Mirror Lake, as well as an overnighter to Antelope Island.

For the third year in a row, bicycling graced the cover of the May 1982 Rambler. A Bicycling Coordinator for the WMC was established, and Trudy Bach was chosen for that position. The biking program continued to grow, with additional leaders of Jim Piani, Lori Webb, Allen Olsen, Wally Fort, Bob Geer, and Vicky Stone. Bob Wright traveled long distances to bike. This year he and Trudy Bach took a group to the Oregon Coast to bike the 270 miles from Astoria to Coos Bay. Closer to home, the bikers again overnighted in the Uintas. It was advertised as 150 miles, with a sag wagon, camping at Stillwater campground, and led by Pat Fairbanks. Another overnighter was led by Allen Olsen and went up Parleys, through Park City, and over to the Homestead for the evening. The next day they biked back home via Provo Canyon.

In 1983, the biking coordinators were John Peterson and Donna Mirabelli. In addition to the evening, weekend, and overnighter rides, we see the dawn of Wednesday Mountain Biking in the WMC. Lori Warner writes, "This ride is for off-road, fat-tired, mountain bikes only. We are new to this type of activity, but we hope to have some organized day rides in the future if the demand is there." John Peterson led an historic cemetery ride called the "Tour des Tombs" and another called the "Gourmet Munchies" tour. Guy Benson conducted a bicycle maintenance clinic, Jerry Hatch took off his hiking boots and led a bike ride, and Bob Wright took a group to West Yellowstone over the July 24th weekend. He wrote, "See if you can drag race with a bear and win. We have a cabin at Henry's Lake to use as base, and will ride in the Island Park area, West Yellowstone and perhaps to Old Faithful. Swim in the Firehole River, fish, or whatever suits your fancy." Not to be outdone, Wally Stone took a group to Napa Valley to ride in the vineyards in September. Other bike leaders this year included Sam Kingston, Ross (Hector) Pearson, Lou Melini, and Trudy/Dex Whitehead.



2019 Cinco de Mayo Dutch Hollow Midway Mountain Bike Group with their knobby-tired bikes

In 1984, Bob Wright became the WMC President, and Richard Stone was named the Bicycling Coordinator. Helmets were required on all rides this year. A few highlights included Sam Kingston's and Bob Wright's bicycling the San Juan Islands, the return of Bob's July 24th West Yellowstone trip, Lori Webb's West Desert mountain bike weekend, and Rich Stone's Moab biking weekend. Doyle Dow led 15 members on an overnigher around Flaming Gorge, and Marilyn Earle rode in Summit County and then over to the Park City Arts Festival. The October Rambler cover featured the 27 participants from the San Juan Islands trip.

The following year, Terry Rollins became the Bicycling Coordinator. John Peterson started bringing a group from the WMC to Iowa's RAGBRAI, Lori Webb planned a week of bicycling in Hawaii, Bob Wright returned to Yellowstone, and Pat Fairbanks led a no-sag pannier week in Montana. Doyle Dow again took 14 members on a ride around Flaming Gorge, Jim Piani and Susan Allen organized a multi-day ride to the Grand Canyon North Rim, and Barb Carmody and Doyle Dow went to Bryce Canyon for the second year. The evening and weekend local rides continued to flourish.

In 1993, having outgrown the Coordinator Position, bicycling was awarded the position of Bicycling Director. Kathy Hoenig was elected the first Director, and eventually a Mountain Biking Coordinator was needed as well. As for additional trips, Bob Wright continued to create extended bike rides that included: a "Tall Ships British Columbia" pannier trip; bicycling from "Sea to Shining Sea" on a coast to coast sag-supported ride that was comprised of two-week segments in four consecutive years; and another two-week ride in each of 3 years to bicycle from "Canada to Mexico".

In the same year, Elliott Mott appeared on the scene and proceeded to lead many new and creative rides for the club. John Peterson continued to bring groups to RAGBRAI. Guy Benson became Bicycling Coordinator and continued to organize both mountain and road rides and hold maintenance clinics. Subsequently, Lade Heaton became Bicycling Coordinator and led numerous road and mountain bike rides. Frank and Joyce Luddington led a Tour of Idaho. Rick Kirkland led a Southern California bike tour. In 1995, Bob Wright began the annual Death Valley Winter Escape, a trip that continues to this day, although what used to be biking only has morphed into a biking and hiking and Dutch oven cooking week.

And so, bicycling thrives through the present, with many of the rides the Wasatch Mountain Club currently offers traceable to these creative pioneers of the bicycling program so many years ago.

August 2017 Fish Lake - Seven mile Road Bike Trip



THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB SKI CIRCUS

By Mark Jones

The Ski Circus was a wild and crazy fun celebration of Spring skiing which took place at the Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) Lodge in Brighton and the adjoining slopes. The history of this event is taken from WMC Ramblers with the first report starting in the 1946 Rambler. At this first event, there were 20 competitors who were to ski through an obstacle course while carrying an intact balloon. Participants wore their finest costumes such as "girdles, coveralls, nightgowns, and long red flannels". Instead of the normal ski gates, the racers had to pass through or over a series of obstacles such as a barrel, a stepladder, a tunnel, or climb steps, or maneuver through other tricky combinations.

The circus was usually a two-day extravaganza with dancing and dining at the Lodge on Saturday night, and the skiing and the obstacle course race on Sunday, followed by an award dinner. The 1956 Rambler states, "...there were 26 mouths to feed Saturday night and Sunday morning and 40 for Sunday dinner." Prizes were awarded for best female and male costumes and fastest times. Costs were \$0.75 for Saturday supper and party, \$1.00 for overnight and Sunday breakfast, and \$1.25 for Sunday dinner.

April 2-3, 1960 was the last listing I could find for the Ski Circus until April 23-24, 1966. I recommend reading the delightfully descriptive write up of the races that appears in the June 1966 Rambler.

One can only speculate why this event ended as a Club activity. But I believe that the spirit of the Ski Circus still exists today. In April 1963 the first Gourmet Ski Tour was organized. This subsequently evolved into the popular Gourmet Snowshoe event where WMC members still wear costumes and celebrate spring and friendships in our beautiful Wasatch Mountains.



Wasatch Mountain Club Ski Circus, Spring, 1949: Wilbur, Norma Sugden, Janet Rogers, Steve Macdonald, Lee Steorts, Bev Allen, Janet Christensen, Larry Rogers, Ed Orlob, Dick Saville, Sig Zalo



June 1, 2019 Grandeur Peak from Rattlesnake Gulch Hike organized by Daisy DeMarco

Thank You, Daisy DeMarco!

FROM THE EDITOR TO THE PAST EDITOR

Daisy,

Thank you for jumping in to lead production of *The Rambler* when I was very sick. Your service to the WMC as *The Rambler* Editor for years is greatly appreciated!

Additionally, thank you for serving the club by participating as a hiking organizer, trash angel, trailwork volunteer, lodge board member and more. Leaders like you help our club thrive.

Thank you also for serving our local community as a school teacher, especially in these challenging times impacted by the COVID-19 spread. You are quick to adapt as a teacher and volunteer and lend helping hands to the community and club.

Sincerely,
eVette

If any member is in need, or aware of someone in need, please reach out to president@wasatchmountainclub.org A number of club members have offered their assistance to obtain essential goods, provide no-contact delivery, run an errand, or whatever might be needed. We're in this together, and you all have the support of over 1,100 club members.

50 YEARS AGO, IN THE RAMBLER

Transcribed by Donn Seeley, WMC Trustee

CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL '70 [...]

- April 12 BIG BEACON, Elevation 7,134 — Rating 3.0 Big Beacon has become the Club's traditional early Spring hike. After last week's short leg stretcher, it will give you the opportunity to shake off some of the rust which your steel-like muscles may have developed during the winter (or has ski touring kept you in superb condition? Of course snow-shoe hiking does not count since all snow-shoers were wiped out during a ski tour by your president)!! Meet at "This is the Place" Monument 8 a.m. Leader: Pat King [...]
- April 19 ALTA — BRIGHTON GOURMET TOUR (2,2) (ski tour) There are many variations that can be done on this popular standard. The cooking rituals may be held overlooking either Alta or Brighton, possibly at the Catherine Pass Hut. Sun. Prepare to eat as you have never eaten before. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9 a.m. for car spotting. Leaders: Diana and Andy Schoenberg [...]

SNAKE CREEK PASS TOUR, JANUARY THIRTY-FIRST

by Liz Choules

Ten skiers and seven snowshoers turned out for this trip which was billed as the easiest tour in the book. We started with a chilly ride up the Majestic lift which is always a bit nerve wracking for snowshoers who get yelled at by the lift loaders. Not to mention that you can't sit very securely in a lift chair while wearing a pack and clutching snowshoes with frozen fingers. But we eventually reached the top and reassembled the group. Our leader, John Riley, was soon approached by three rather grimfaced ski patrolmen who emphasized that we should stay in the trees at all times and under no condition should we try to go down the other side of the pass. We promised to be careful and set out with Eveline leading the snowshoers in front. The day and the snow were outstanding for scenery — bright sun, and fantastically sparkling snow crystals. We made the usual stops to adjust bindings and then began climbing and traversing some rather steep slopes among the trees, following the old tracks of some unknown skier who hadn't chosen the best trail. But the group finally scrambled and straggled to the pass where we were rewarded by a breathtaking view of the Heber Valley and distant mountains. It was somewhat chilling, however, to see how much smog had entered the valley from Provo and lay like a murky blanket below us. Not being very tired from our short climb, we hiked east along the ridge awhile, taking photos, enjoying the sunshine, and being careful not to stop on hidden cornices. Soon we retraced our steps and picked out the most wind-sheltered spot on the ridge to sit and eat lunch. After lunch we skied and shoed down at varying speeds with skiers deftly avoiding the trees. The majority of both skiers and snowshoers were down in about 45 minutes. However, one of Ellen's snowshoe bindings refused to stay on going downhill, even after she and Liz invented several jury-rig devices to fix it — so Liz and Ellen gave up and rode down on the lift, subject to the curiosity and wise-cracks of young people riding up. The gals were slightly miffed to find all of the males comfortably ensconced on the ski lodge porch drinking beer — especially when the gentlemen immediately pointed out an easy remedy for the binding problem. WHERE were you when we needed you on the trail GENTLEMEN?? Anyway it was a nice day, a nice easy tour, and we all enjoyed ourselves.

Skiers were: John Riley, Aaron Fidler, Phyllis Anderson, Oscar Robison, Ruth Hanson, Tim Eckels, Tania Kar, Phil Dahnken, Ivan Cindese and Snowshoers were: Eveline Bruenger, Liz and Lew Choules, Ellen Eckels, Suzanne and Larry Stensaas and their friend from Seattle. [...]

Challenge delayed due to COVID-19 spread

100 Miles of Organized WMC Hikes Challenge

We have a 2020 challenge for our Hiking Organizers! Keep track of your total miles organized for hiking events. The first three to 100 miles will receive a prize. All hike organizers with 100 miles in total will be announced in the 2020 Ramblers. Organize, track and let the WMC Hiking Directors know when you hit your goal! Happy trails...

- Michele & Nancy

#WMC100Challenge

WMC 100 YEARS DISPLAY AT U OF U - MAY 2020

Event may be rescheduled due to COVID-19 spread



During the Month of May 2020 the Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) will have an exhibit of historical artifacts showing the Clubs 100-year history. This display will be in the reading room of the Special Collections located on the fourth floor of the J. Willard Marriott Library, The University of Utah. We are looking for any vintage hiking, biking, climbing, skiing, snowshoeing or other equipment to tell the story of our history. Also, any old patches, badges, or anything with the WMC logo and as always, any pre 1950s Ramblers and photos from any time frame. This exhibit is open to anyone and is free of charge. For information about this event and how to contribute items for display, please contact Mark Jones at (801) 410- 4163.

An advertisement for Voile Straps. The top half features a close-up of an orange Voile Strap with a silver metal buckle. The strap has "VOILE" and "VOILE STRAPS" printed on it. Below this, a person wearing a red beanie, a grey jacket, and a bright yellow backpack with "evoc" on it is riding a mountain bike on a muddy, rocky trail. The background shows a steep, grassy hillside. The text "Ski season ends, but the adventure doesn't." is written in white, italicized font. At the bottom left is the Voile logo, an orange infinity symbol with a white square in the center. To the right of the logo is the text "Infinitely useful." and "voilestraps.com".

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2020 Centennial Key Dates

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May 13	WMC Official Centennial Anniversary Event	Red Butte Orangerie
Jun 6	National Trails Day, Centennial Project TBD	
Jul 17-19	Life Member Celebration & Multi-Sport Weekend	Wasatch Mountain Lodge
Aug 23	Member Meeting, Awards & Historic Photo Reveal	Wasatch Mountain Lodge
Sep 26	National Public Lands Day, Centennial Project TBD	
Oct 31	Halloween Party - Carrying on the tradition	Wasatch Mountain Lodge
Dec 5	Centennial Holiday Party Closing Event	Alf Engen Ski Museum

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February 29, 2020

Organizer & Report: Judy Kilgore; Photos: Judy Kilgore, Akiko Kamimura

Winter is a great time of year to be on Antelope Island. There are no bugs! We started with 28 hikers to explore the trails on the west side of the island. The overall plan was to take Bone Road Trail to the Elephant Head Spur, hike the shoreline bench portion of Split Rock Loop, then back to the Junction Trail to connect with the White Rock Loop. The route allowed for lots of options to continue or turn back, depending on how much time and distance folks were interested in. So 28 became 23, then 12, then 6, then 5, then 3. And everyone had the perfect day.

We had a very diverse group, ranging in age from 23 to 78. Some hikers had a wonderful day at 6 mile, some at 12. Several hikers maxed out at 14 miles, adding a little distance to go see a herd of bison we had been watching from a distance. But as we got closer, the herd had the trail blocked and they were agitated thanks to a mountain biker who had just come by with his dog off leash. he dog started herding the bison, and the bison were not happy about that! So we gave them a very wide berth!

After the hike, we stopped by the visitors center for an update on the new big horn herd. They brought in 25 sheep on January 29th and they were doing quite well. At the visitor center, we heard there were some porcupines hanging out in the trees munching on tree-bark. It took us a bit to find them, but find them we did! From the road, they looked like nests high up in the trees, but when we got closer, and zoomed in with the camera, we could see them quietly tearing at the bark.

Five hikers enjoyed snacks, dinner, and beverage next to a roaring campfire. Two left from home, and the final three hardy ladies lingered for the night at the White Rocks campground. We knew a storm was coming, and yes we woke up to a snowstorm! But we were all well protected in our various hard-sided camping options, so we were warm and happy.



MILLCREEK CANYON ROAD HIKE

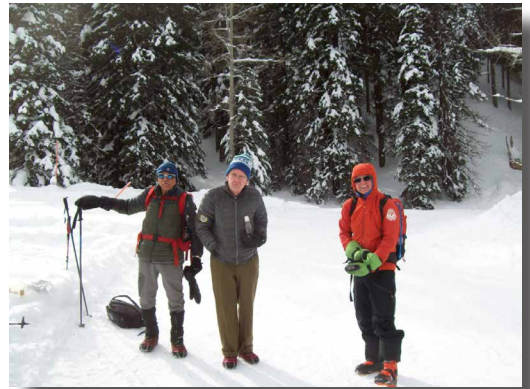
February 15, 2020

Organizer, Report, Photo: Dave Andrenyak

During the winter season, the Millcreek Canyon Road is not plowed beyond the gate at the Maple Grove picnic area. The U.S. Forest Service grooms the road above the gate so that the upper Millcreek Road is an excellent winter trail for skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, and fat tire snow biking.

On February 15, Mac Brubaker, Russell Patterson, Muhammed Raja, and I traveled up the Millcreek Road for a Wasatch experience. Mac traveled up on backcountry skis to do some equipment checks. Russell, Muhammed, and I used hiking boots with traction devices. The snow surface was supportable and good to travel on.

The trip offered the opportunity to travel through a beautiful forest and great views of interesting rock formations that are often overlooked when driving up the Millcreek Canyon road. We all made it up to the Big/Little Water Trailheads at the end of the road (4.5 miles one way distance). Thanks to the participants for a great WMC activity.



Muhammed, Russell, and Mac at the Big/Little water trailheads.

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BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK HIKE & SNOWSHOE

MARCH 6-9, 2020

Organizer & Report: Akiko Kamimura, Photos: Bob Myers & Akiko Kamimura

March 6 Friday We met at noon at the Bryce Canyon NP Visitor Center and gathered the information about trail conditions. There was not enough snow for skiing. There were a few locations that were suitable for snowshoeing. We decided to do a short hike and visit viewpoints on this day. We drove the main park road until the end (Yovimpa Point) and hiked Bristlecone Loop Trail. While we were informed the trail may be icy by rangers, the snow was slushy, as the temperature became over 50 F by the time. The snow was deep at places where snowshoes would have been helpful. We stopped frequently to enjoy views. After the hike, we went to the following viewpoints - Black Birch Canyon, Ponderosa Canyon, Agua Canyon, Natural Bridge, Farview Point, Piracy Point, Swamp Canyon, and Bryce Point. Ravens were entertaining tourists at the view points. The majority of us stayed in Tropic, which is located 10 miles east of the park. So we had dinner together at a pizza place in Tropic.

March 7 Saturday We hiked Fairyland Loop Trail including Tower Bridge Trail via Rim Trail clockwise. The conditions were the mix of slushy snow and mud mostly, and deep soft snow and dry occasionally. Dave, Paul, and Kathryn turned around at 2.3 miles from the trailhead. The rest of us completed the loop. We saw rocks from the higher elevation and the lower elevation. Looking at the rocks from different angles made the hike more interesting. It was warm. But the weather was changing frequently - sunny to cloudy and vice versa. The changing weather created different lights on the rocks and made them even more scenic. This hike took 5 hours and 15 minutes in total including a number of breaks (distance - 8 miles, cumulative elevation gain/loss 2,150 ft). We had dinner together at a restaurant in Bryce Canyon City.

March 8 Sunday We divide the group into two - a snowshoe group (Jim, Suzan, Bob M, Deb, Bob S, and Akiko) and a hike group (Beth, Shawn, Dave, Paul, and Kathryn). The snowshoe group snowshoed to Rainbow Benchmark (9,091 ft) from the end of the park main road. When we got to the peak the weather was nice. We had a very long break and enjoyed the views. Then, wind suddenly picked up. So we descended quickly. Our next destination was Paria View. It became snowy on the way to the trailhead to Paria View. While it was a short snowshoe to Paria View, it was very beautiful - snow was falling up from under the rim to the sky. Our last destination was Mossy Cave. It was rainy there but worth doing this short hike to see stunning icicles in the cave and waterfall. The hike group went to Kodachrome Basin State Park and had a great time. Paul and Kathryn went home after this hike. We had dinner together at the place where the majority of us stayed. Dave prepared appetizers. Deb cooked salad. Beth brought homemade organic pasta sauce and cooked pasta. After the wonderful dinner, Deb and Bob S went to a full moon hike at the national park (They won the lottery to participate in it).

March 9 Monday We hiked Cassidy Trail-Rich Trail-Ledge Point Trail from Red Canyon Trailhead at Red Canyon National Forest. Our original plan was doing a small loop of Rich Trail. But since the trail was covered by deep snow at places, we ended up going to Ledge Point via the more direct route and did an out and back. Dave turned around early before the trail became more challenging with snow. The rest of us continued to the overlook at the south end of Ledge Point Trail. The views were remarkable. The red rocks were very beautiful with snow. On the way back, some of us (Jim, Bob S, Beth, Shawn, and Akiko) made Ledge Point (7,937 ft). There was a short class three section with snow on the way to the peak. Bob M did the section but did not go to the highest point. Susan and Deb thought it would be enough to see pictures later and waited at the bottom of Ledge Point. It was a brilliant hike, which concluded this enjoyable trip. We had a great time together for four days.



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The PRT program is part of the College of Health. The program inspires students to inform policy, serve social needs, promote sustainability, and advocate for the health of people, communities, and the environment. This is closely aligned with the purpose statement of the WMC.

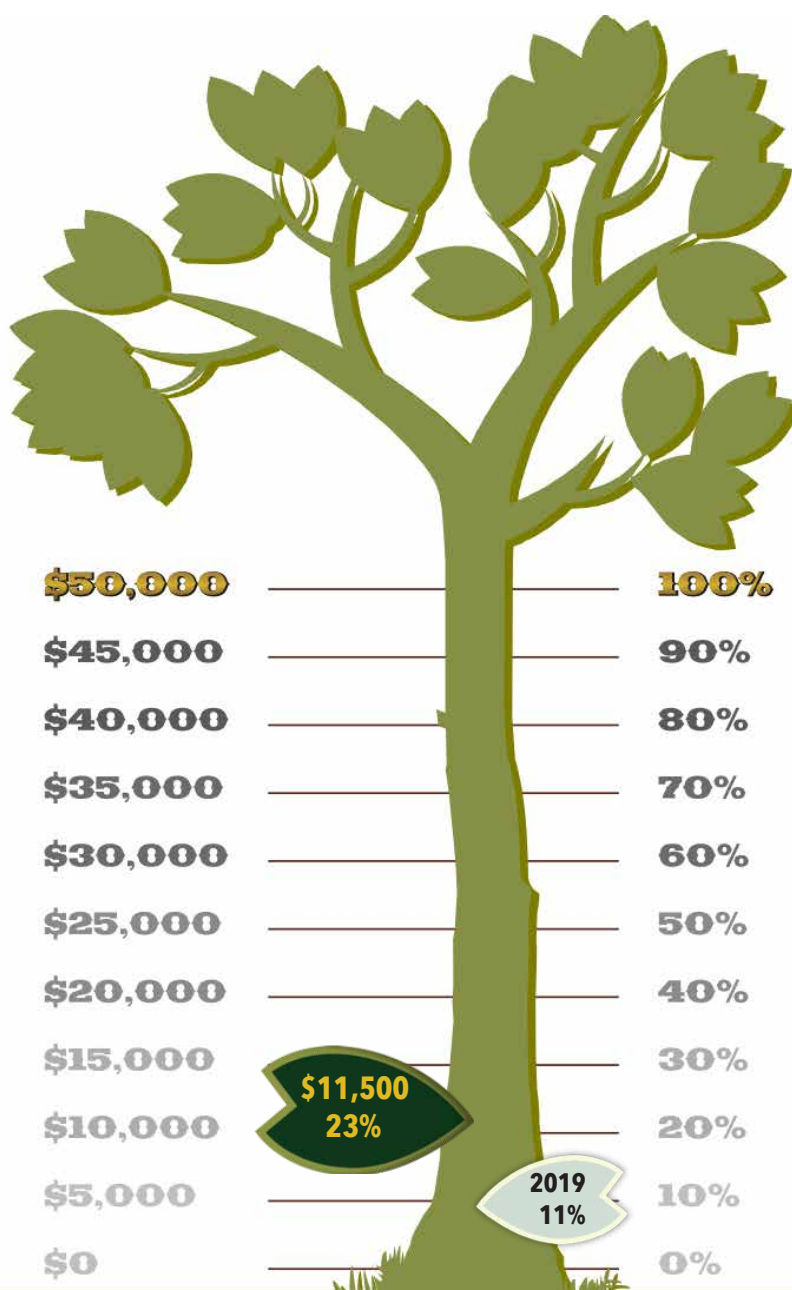
\$25,000 is required to establish the endowment, but our goal is to establish a \$50,000 endowment that can continue to be funded year after year. The U of U distributes ~3% endowment fund balances annually, depending on investment returns.

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LITTLE BALDY SNOWSHOE

February 22, 2020

Organizer, report & photo: Akiko Kamimura

Little Baldy (7689 ft) is located southwest of Mt Timpanogos and southeast of Big Baldy. When we snowshoed to Big Baldy a month ago, we thought we would like to bag Little Baldy next time. We started from Dry Canyon Trailhead in Lindon. Until the junction of Big Baldy and Little Baldy, it was straight forward – hiking with micro spikes on the trail covered with packed snow. We put on snowshoes at the junction. From the junction, we were supposed to take the Great Western Trail. However, we did not see any tracks or trail to Little Baldy. As a result, we had some adventures – going up and down on very steep bushy slopes. Finally, we got to the bottom of Little Baldy and went up to the peak. Although the peak is not high, the views were beautiful and remarkable. From the peak, we followed the ridgeline toward the trailhead but were unable to find a good place to go down to the original trail for a while because it was too steep. When we found human tracks after snowshoeing on the ridgeline for 1.5 miles, it was a huge relief – we found the Great Western Trail. We made a big loop and went back to the trailhead. We had wonderful journeys to bag the small peak. This snowshoe took 7 hours in total including breaks (distance – 7.43 miles, cumulative elevation gain – 3,656 ft).



Group photo near Little Baldy. From left – Jean, Jim, Larry, and Akiko.



WINTER AT THE LODGE

Winter is a special time of year to visit the Lodge. The path from Brighton's parking lot is maintained and easy to climb. Once inside, a fire in the old, stone fireplace adds a special ambiance to the place.

The Lodge was originally built to provide overnight accommodations to early club members before the canyon was easily accessible during the snowy season. While sitting in the Lodge on a cold winter's evening, it's easy to imagine how cozy and safe those early members must have felt after traversing the mountains from Park City just to get here. Of course, the Lodge has changed much over the years. A kitchen extension was built, the "pit" outhouse was moved closer to the lodge, and eventually indoor plumbing was added.

This truly is a historic building that needs our protection to stay available to future generations.



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On Saturday we will take a 6.5 mile roundtrip hike up the Saddle Mountain trail to the Nankoweap Saddle Overlook on the north rim. This remote hike into the Saddle Mountain Wilderness offers breathtaking views of Grand Canyon few will ever see.

Grand Canyon Trust staff member Emily Thompson will be your host and hiking guide for the weekend, and she will share her knowledge of the landscape and history of the Trust's conservation efforts in the area.

Each evening you'll enjoy engaging conversation on the front porch of the Trust's Kane Ranch headquarters. There's nothing in the world quite like sharing a sunset together in full view of the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument, Marble Canyon Gorge, and the expansive House Rock Valley.

TRIP DETAILS

All meals, snacks and water will be provided. Bring your own beverages of choice. Participants will need to provide their own sleeping gear, towel/toiletries and day-hiking gear. Accommodations at Kane Ranch are rustic—however there is running water, an indoor shower, and outdoor bathroom facilities. Seven twin beds are available indoors in shared quarters, or sleep comfortably outside in canvas wall tents, or under the stars if you wish. Sleeping requests will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. The hike will be moderately strenuous and ~6 miles roundtrip. Our intent, however, is to take our time and soak in the beauty.

Maximum participant group size: 12

Arrival time and place: Friday, September 18, 2020, 2:00 pm at Kane Ranch Headquarters

Departure: Check out by 11:00 am on Sunday, September 20, 2020

Cost per person: \$200 (includes meals, snacks, accommodations, and a one year membership to the Grand Canyon Trust. Transportation not included.)

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Contact Emily Thompson at ethompson@grandcanyontrust.org or (928) 286-3370 to answer any questions or for more information.



AVENUES TWINS SNOWSHOE OR SPIKE HIKE

February 2, 2020

Organizer, Report: Judy Elizondo; Photo: Judy Elizondo & Andy Beard

Rick Gamble, Carrie Clark, and friends Spike Hike to The Avenue Twins on Groundhog Day! It was a warm, cloudy day so the Groundhog did not see his shadow, thus we should have an early Spring!

Rick and Carrie welcomed everyone at the trailhead with bright smiles and hugs. While waiting for everyone to arrive there was a lot of socializing and catching up with friends who have not seen each other for a long time.

Spike Hike to The Avenue Twins on Ground Hog Day

Matter of fact not everyone had signed in due to having so much fun visiting with friends (Jude & Andy ha ha) but Carrie took charge and made sure everyone was accounted for!

Off we went with enthusiasm and lots of chatter! Rick pointed out some notable mountain peaks as we reached our summit, such as Little Black Mountain, Lone Peak, and Broads Fork Twins! We were happy to have taken some awesome group photos because the weather was in our favor. YEAH!

As we were coming down there was lots of exciting WMC adventures being planned. Such a fun group, could not have been a better day. OK everyone be sure to count this hike towards your 100 WMC Hikes!

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May 16	Trailwork Day with Draper City Trail Crew
May 30	Wasatch Mountain Club, Bonneville Shoreline Trail Committee and U.S. Forest Service Trail Crew work day on the new section of the BST from Big Cottonwood Canyon to the Ferguson Canyon Trail
Jun 6	National Trails Day is a huge annual event that attracts over 100 local volunteers. This year's specific project is in the works with partnering organizations. Details will be provided in upcoming issues of <i>The Rambler</i> and on the WMC website activity calendar.
Jun 20	We will be helping the U.S. Forest Service Trail Crew with some projects further up in the canyons that may require a more hiking than a normal volunteer day
Sep 26	National Public Lands Day (Centennial Project TBD)



Service work days may be rescheduled due to COVID-19 spread

Check the activity calendar on the WMC website for more information about these days and keep an eye out for more opportunities to help build and maintain the trails we all know and love.

**For more information
or to RSVP for work days, please email
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**If you are interested helping organize trail
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DEATH VALLEY - *hikers join the bikers*

Trip report by Julie Kilgore, Photos by Julie Kilgore and Tom Hamann

I took my bike to Death Valley for the annual WMC Death Valley biking trip. But I'm a hiker girl first, biker almost never, so it didn't take much to talk me right out of putting my behind on that bike seat all week. We started out with a great hike into Mosaic Canyon. We made an attempt at hiking Grotto Canyon, but it quickly became a bit more challenging than we were up to at the moment (Right: Will Sandoval and Tom Hamann in Grotto), so we moved on to the Golden Canyon/Red Cathedral/Gower Gulch Loop.

The winds were brutal one day, so bikers and hikers united, starting with a stop off at Badwater (photo above). In Willow Canyon, Barb Gardner took a bit of a climb up the waterfall, and in Sidewinder Canyon we explored several slots. The bikers showed the hikers a secret "route" connecting Willow and Sidewinder, surprising us with a very steep ascent to a ridgeline that rewarded us with great views of Death Valley!

There were two big peaks on the to-do list while we were in Death Valley. One was Corkscrew Peak, which tops out only at 5,804 feet, but it is a very unique mountain. The trail was well defined on the way up, similar to going up West Grandeur a couple of times. The summit offered fantastic views of Death Valley, and near the top was an odd arch that was the perfect photo opp! We thought we had a good alternative coming down that would make this a nice loop hike, but we soon lost a indications of a trail! We knew about where we needed to be, and collectively we found a route that wasn't too awful.

The other big peak of the trip was Telescope, the high point of Death Valley. It soars up 11,049 feet as a backdrop to Badwater, the lowest point. On the last day of the Death Valley trip, Tom Hamann, Barb Gardner and I took the hour and half drive early in the morning get as close to the trailhead as we could get. About two miles from the trailhead, the road is closed at the Charcoal Kilns, so we knew this was going to be about an 18 mile day. The conditions could not have been more ideal. We were in and out of snow and ice, but the route was obvious. As we approached the summit, the snow was firm enough that we didn't post-hole, and also gave just enough bite that micro spikes were all we needed. It was a gorgeous day with no wind on the ridge or the peak (photo right).

We bagged Bennett Peak on the way back, only because we either had to go around it (again) or go over it, and over seemed just as easy. It seemed like a good idea at the time, but my hiking companions were a little unhappy with me as we made our way up and over.

It was a great week in Death Valley. Next time, I might ride my bike a bit, but it sure looked like there was a lot more hiking to be done!



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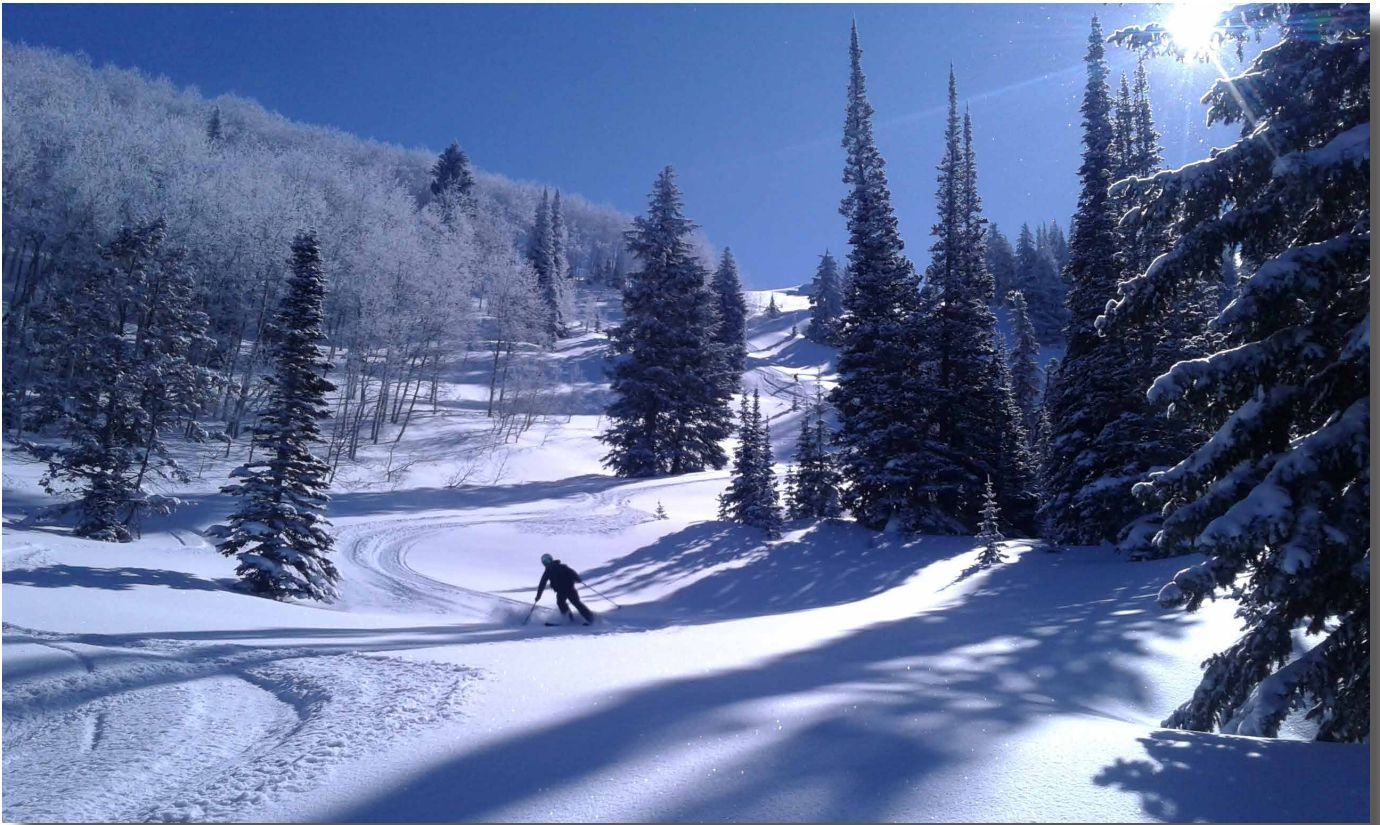
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Ben skiing at Powder Park Two

AVALANCHE TERRAIN WORKSHOP AND TOUR

February 9, 2020

Organizer, Report, Photos: Brad Yates

After an early meeting at 7 AM, six of us started out from the Spruces up Mill D towards Desolation Lake, choosing this area due to a recent severe avalanche cycle in LCC. We did a quick beacon check and then with light snow falling through breaking clouds we worked our way up the Mill D drainage discussing terrain features such as terrain traps and avalanche paths that were above the route.

The Sun broke through to a brilliant sparkling sky as we approached the Dog-Desolation lake trail junction. Proceeding up the left fork of the Mill D drainage we worked our way towards Powder Park Two, crossing below the intimidating avalanche paths that are known to sweep off the West Desolation Ridge, we worked on proper group spacing. At the base of Powder Park Two I noted a small safe slope that had a similar aspect to what we were intending to ski, using this safe slope we dug a snow pit in order to evaluate conditions we may encounter higher up. We isolated multiple week layers and adjusted our ski plan accordingly. We skinned up towards the dividing ridge between Powder Park Two and the West Deso area noting the place and circumstances of the 1979 fatal avalanche. Starting at the base of some beautifully rimed spruces we finally started our first run into Powder Park Two with some low angle dust on crust and then some nice light powder mid slope in the aspens and lower bowl.

Using our previous established skin track we re-climbed the ridge this time intending to drop the lake shots to the surface of Desolation Lake, after evaluating the slope we determined that it had not been wind loaded, observed other skiers who entered before us had not uncovered any instabilities, one by one we descended the steep slopes to the surface of the lake, noting the terrain trap of the abrupt steep to flat transition at the edge of the lake. We had our lunch and re-skin toward the middle of the frozen lake.

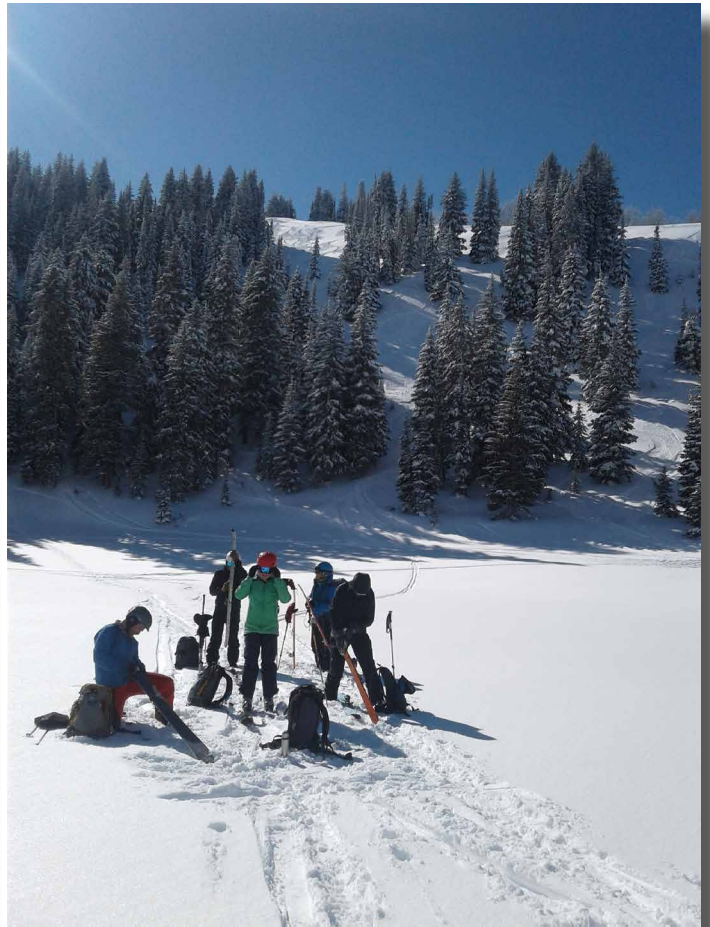
After lunch we headed off to the north towards Powder Park One, an area with spacious views that were highlighted by wonderfully rimmed and frosted trees and rocks. The upper run into Powder Park One started with a bit of dust on crust followed by some lower angle powder to the base of the park. One more climb brought us to the top of the better wind protected slope on the west end of the park for a lovely little powder shot. Followed by the gradual exit down to the Mill D luge run and out.



Collapsing snow



Snow pit profile



Group skinning on Desolation Lake

Centennial Activity Challenge

Challenge delayed due to COVID-19 spread

Grab a leather-bound Centennial journal, a pile of post-it notes, or whatever you want to use. Starting January 1, 2020, track your participation in WMC posted activities. The first 100 members who participate in 100 posted club activities will receive a WMC Centennial Challenge jacket!

RULES

- **Any activity that is posted on the calendar will count.** That includes club socials, membership meetings, sing-alongs, board meetings, boating permit parties, trainings, etc. If it's posted on the calendar (which means the activity has to be an approved WMC activity), it counts. Now that being said . . . no fair back-dating an activity, or only giving an hour notice! Stay within the spirit please.
- **If it's a multi-day activity, each day the activity is posted on the club calendar**

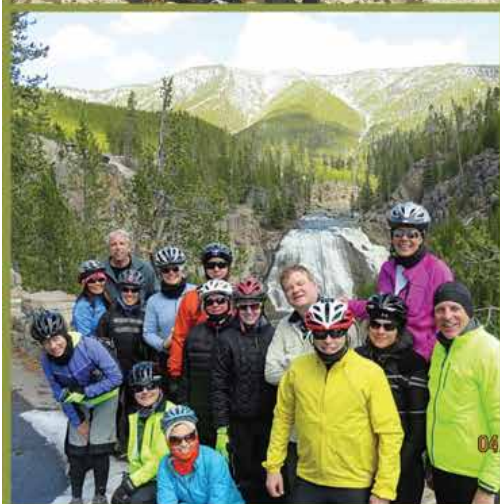
- can be counted as an activity.** You'll be doing something fun and different every day, right? If the travel day is included in the post, that counts too. It's an important "activity" of sharing resources, planning, and camaraderie!
- **Activities start counting as of January 1, 2020,** but all 100 activities do NOT have to be completed this year. History shows that we're going to be around a while.
- **Once you record 100 activities (or 100 days of**

- activities, if you participate in multi-day events), submit your documentation to the board.** You will be highlighted in the Rambler, and you will get your prize at the next membership meeting or social.
- **The more club activities you participate in, the sooner you reach the goal.** If you don't see an activity that suits you, jump in an organize or co-organize! If you're not one of the first 100, that's ok. We'll come up with another prize :-).

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Please read carefully, print clearly and completely fill out both pages of the application.

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? _____

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC) Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgement of Risk and Release from Liability

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature 1 _____

Date: _____

Signature 2 _____

Date: _____

Mail completed application to:

Membership Director
Wasatch Mountain Club
1390 S 1100 E STE103
Salt Lake City, UT 84105-2462

Leave blank for office use:

Check # _____ Amount Received _____ Date _____ By _____

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Wasatch Range, Utah 📷 Andy Earl



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