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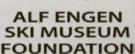
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The **Wasatch Mountain Club** is an outdoor recreation club for adults dedicated to fostering awareness of the scenic beauties of the Wasatch and encouraging preservation of our natural areas. Club activities include hiking, backcountry skiing, backpacking,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

**Hiking Cover Special Edition:** WMC group returning from a hike to Blanche Peak, by Ray Daurelle.



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## President's Message: July 2020



### By Julie Kilgore

State and local governments have been lifting some of the COVID-19 restrictions. It has been challenging navigating through all the conflicting information about best practices, protocols, guidelines, and restrictions related to COVID-19 and outdoor activities. Additionally, as the restrictions have been lifting, the confirmed COVID-19 cases have been increasing – by a lot!

The WMC board reached out to the State Health Department to get a personal response regarding WMC activities, and we also monitored what other outdoor recreation clubs were doing in our area and across the country. In June, we started cautiously opening up the WMC calendar, implementing Utah State Health Department guidelines, supplemented with over-arching WMC suggestions and protocols. This all may seem silly, especially when we are passing or are approached by hordes of people who are not following similar protocols. But the goal is to share the information with our members, and to consistently apply the current protocols for activities that get posted on the WMC calendar.

- → We're posting all activities as "Registration Only" so organizers can manage the group size (less than 10 is suggested). To avoid sharing pens and spending much time at crowded trailheads, we will be accepting electronic responses to our WMC sign-up/liability waiver and COVID-19 symptom/exposure questions
- → Avoid high traffic areas and/or high traffic times. Have a Plan B in mind so that if you get to a location and it's too crowded to maintain social distancing guidelines, head to another spot.
- → Wear a face mask or some kind of face covering (neck gaiters or bandanas work well) when you cannot maintain 6 to 10 feet distance (at the trailhead, approaching on-coming traffic, if participants are too close, etc.).
- → Strongly discourage carpooling, but if it occurs, participants should wear a face mask and the seats and anything they touch should be wiped down.
- → Most state and federal lands have opened back up, but still check. Here is a really good link for current information for state parks,

BLM, National Park Service, and the Forest Service:

### https://coronavirus.utah.gov/recreation/

We recognize that these guidelines are not going to be a good fit for all our members, and there is no pressure to organize or participate. We will keep the Centennial Activity Challenge on hiatus for now. We will re-launch the activity challenge when we don't have these health restrictions on club activities. We may need to rename it the 2nd 100 or New Century Activity Challenge or something along those lines:-).

So when you see me out there with one of my many buff/neck gaiters, I might be 1) keeping the sun off my face when I'm hiking, 2) not eating bugs when I'm biking, or 3) keeping my respiratory plume to myself if anyone is within 6 feet!

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### Stay safe and healthy!

### The History of Hiking in the Wasatch Mountain Club

### By Mark Jones

#### Part One: The First Fifty Years

It all started in 1913 with a small group of friends who enjoyed hiking in the beautiful Wasatch Mountains. This group eventually reached 13 members and they formally organized to become the Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) on May 13, 1920. The original 13 members were Claude Stoney, Leon Stoney, Lorris Holdaway, James DeBrie, Lewis Casto, George Ringwood, Rollo Bidgood, Ivan Jensen, Vernon Townley, Robert Smith, Frank DeBrie, Lewis Villet, and Sylvan Dunn.

From its beginnings, even before being formally organized, the WMC was a hiking club. It wasn't long before other activities such as skiing were added, and socializing events were always popular. Through everything though, it was always hiking that kept the club together.

Early hiking equipment consisted of leather boots that came well up over the calf, almost to the knee. The men wore long pants tucked inside their tall boots. Hiking sticks and hats were optional but all hikers were asked to bring a lunch and a canteen.



1922 hike to Lake Blanche.

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The boot from the 1924-'25 Rambler.

Canteens were made of metal and from my Boy Scout days, I can say that the water had a nasty metallic taste. It stated in the May 1970 Fifty Year Anniversary Rambler, "As you can imagine, foot gear was a bit different in the teens and twenties. Hiking boots covered up to the knee, and laced and bound your leg and foot as tight as today's ski boots. Then in the thirties, various members started looking for another type. Chick Pfeiffer, then Club president (??) wrote from the Utah Shoe Repairing Company to the Bergman Shoe Mfg. Co. in Portland, Oregon. To meet the problem, Bergman came out with a boot specially to meet the W.M.C.'s

requirements. Named for the Club, the boot was called: 'The Wasatch Boot.'"

Mike Treshow writes in his book Onward and Upward, "These were the days of women hiking in long skirts. Although awkward and impractical, anything else, such as pants, was considered immoral. Bloomers, or ladies pants as they were sometimes called, were more practical. They resembled knickers, the fashionable men's pants of the 20s, 30s and 40s. Made of sturdy fabric, wool usually but sometimes of heavy cotton, they were loose fitting from the waist to the knees. Woolen stockings rolled

over the tops of high-laced boots met the bloomers at the knees."

Taken again from the May 1970 Rambler, "It wasn't until 1924-5, that women were first allowed to belong to the club. And then, I understand, the gals provided quite an insistent hassle in their attempt to be allowed to join. What's a guy gonna do when he and the fellas want to go hiking, and when the truck that is to take them to the starting point is besieged by females? Throw 'em out! Sure, but they kept jumping back in until they were finally allowed to go along. And it was the Mountain Club that introduced the wearing of pants and bloomers by women, to be sure, the community did not entirely approve. But then not everyone has loved the Mountain Club all the time."



C. R. (Pa) Parry

During the early years of the club, starting in 1922, the hikes along with other events were listed in the Ramblers or on schedule cards that were mailed out to members. The 1923 Rambler Year Book shows membership numbers in the spring of 1922 as being somewhere around 45 to 60 members. This Rambler also has a membership list dated September 15, 1922 and I counted 105 members. Later that year, the club had grown to 225 members.

While the WMC has Hiking Directors to organize hikes in the

modern era, in the 1920s they had a Committee on Outings as published in the 1923-1924 Rambler. "Committee on Outings, Chairman C. R. Parry, Assistants R. J. Gordon, Einar Lignell, C. A. Stoney, Ethel Farrell, and Dr. W. H. Hopkins. It shall be the duty of this committee to plan and suggest all trips, hikes, and outings, etc., arrange routes, find out possible camp sites, and accommodations, and appoint leaders." In 1925 it was called the Committee on Trips and Outings and added "to edit schedule cards." 1929 saw C. R. (Pa) Parry as Trips and Outings Director.

During the 1920s and 30s the club probably listed only 4 or 5 hikes per month or about 1 hike per week. However, these hikes could have as many as 30 to 50 or more participants. The September 1922 Rambler states, "...Sep. 2 (1922)... one hundred and fifteen Wasatch Hikers left in machines for Brighton." The first night they camped at Community Camp, now called the Spruces, and the next day they proceeded to Brighton where they divided into two hiking groups. That's over 50 hikers per group.

Some of the hikes listed in the 1924–1925 Rambler included Kings Peak, moonlight hike Mount Timpanogos, Mount Raymond, Lake Blanche, Lambs Canyon to Big Cottonwood Canyon, Deseret Peak, and Mount Olympus—just to mention a few. From the club minutes we see that on January 17, 1923 the WMC Board of Directors adopted the slogan by Dr. Lambert of "Onward and Upward."

Reviewing the 1929 treasurer's documents, we see that the club activities were presented in a list with each activity numbered. This list starts with activity #9, a hike on April 14 from Rose Canyon to Herriman. It ends with activity # 37, December 9, election and dance. Included with hikes were the Strawberry Bust, Saltair, Lagoon, Watermelon Bust, and "Hallowe'en Dance." Once these activities were approved by the Board, they were posted at such places as Owl Drug Co., the WMC headquarters in 1926, and schedule cards were mailed to members giving time, location and other details of the

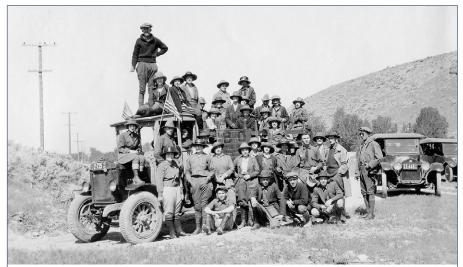
activity. A write-up of the activity was then published in the year-end Yearly Rambler. I counted twenty-two writeups in The Wasatch Rambler Year Book, 1929.

Page ten of the 1923 Rambler Yearbook states, "Our membership is divided into qualified and regular members. Only qualified members may hold office and the qualified members are those who have climbed to an elevation of 11,000 ft." The club produced a "Qualified" stamp and cards to acknowledge members that hike a peak above 11,000 ft. The 1940 Summer Issue of the Rambler completely clarifies the term qualified member. "While the term "qualified member" is still in use in the Club today, it is very misleading. When the Constitution was amended in 1932 and subsequently, the term was changed to "Mountaineer" and was defined in the By-laws as: "[...] a member who has completed (in any one year) with the Club ten hikes, outings, climbs or ski trips listed as qualifiers by the Board of Directors, or who has completed the climb of one of the following peaks on a scheduled Club trip: Belknap, Hayden Peak, Iron Mountain, Lone Peak, Matterhorn, Mount Agassi, Mount Nebo, North Peak of Mount Olympus, Mount Timpanogos, or Twin Peaks, or any other peak listed as qualifying by the Board of Directors.

The difference between "qualifier" trips and "qualifying" ones is evident: "Qualifiers" being easy hikes or just plain outings, which include, usually, trips to the Lodge at Brighton, enable anyone to become a qualified member or a mountaineer, merely by being an active Club member. "Qualifying" trips, on the other hand, are the strenuous climbs that test a person's skill, endurance and fortitude and make him a "Mountaineer" in one determined effort.

Under the present set-up, if a person once qualifies with the Club—regardless of which method he uses—he need not qualify again, although nearly every active member generally makes it a point to try to qualify at least once every two years."

WMC President Ford E. Holmes wrote in the 1942 December Rambler, "The important thing is that



A group of 35 plus hikers meet for a local hike.

we must stay together as a Club. We are perhaps the only organization of its kind left in the State. Most of the other Clubs have dissolved. That must not happen to us. I urge all of you to get busy and pay your dues, for it takes money to operate any Club. With your continued support we will manage to enjoy ourselves as we always have."

In the January 1943 Rambler WMC Vice President Harry Duerkop writes on page one, "As the war tempo of our country rises to meet the crisis, the hiking and skiing activities of the Club tend to decline. Practically the entire unmarried male membership, as well as some of our girls, are now serving in some branch of the country's armed forces. Bus transportation is on the rationed list. Rationed gas restricts use of private cars. As a result of these conditions, the old time trips marked by large attendance and gaiety of the pre-war type are not for the present."

Starting with only 13 original members in 1920, the number of hikes was limited. As more members joined the WMC in 1923 and 1924, it just meant that more people went on each hike. The 1924-1925 Rambler showed the membership at 580. After 1925, I was unable to find any membership numbers until 1945 when the membership was around 157. This was the time of the Great Depression followed by World War II and these were hard times for the club. This number would fluctuate between 130 and 200 until the mid-

1960's when the WMC really started to grow. By 1969 the membership went over 500 and by the 1980's it reached over 1000 members. The highest number I saw was around 1400 members during the mid-1990's. Although these numbers fluctuate from month to month, the club membership has seemed to stay somewhere in the 1000 member range for the last 20 years.

I would have to describe hiking in the 1960s as the decade of Dale Green. He joined the WMC in 1958 and held just about every position possible in the club including President, Vice President, Trips and Outings, Membership and Reception, Commissary, Historian and Trusteejust to mention a few. Dale started the first WMC hike rating system and wrote about it while President in 1963. "Starting with the RAMBLER, a number will be listed after each hike. This number is a relative measure of the amount of energy required to complete each hike. It is not meant to represent hours. The system is based on the number of round-trip miles and the elevation gain with various "fudge factors" thrown in. So far, the ratings have only been made for one day hikes that involve no climbing. There are nearly 50 hikes on the list. Sample hikes are:

Lake Mary from Lodge	1.5
Katherine Pass from Lodge	
Mt. Majestic from Lodge	4.5
Little Black Mountain	6.5
Mt. Olympus (any route)	0.8
Red Pine Lake-Phifferhorn	

Lone Peak via Bells Canyon.....15.0 Red-Pine-phifferhorn-Bells Canyon..17.0"

In 1968 Dale started what would become the most popular hike ever established by the WMC, the Thursday evening hikes. Dale wrote about the hikes as follows, "Every other Thursday night at Storm Mountain will feature a small hike on nearby trails. These hikes are only an hour or so long, and start at approximately 7 p.m. The pace and length are designed specifically for those who have already put in 8 hours at work. After the hike, we will have refreshments at the picnic area and engage in small talk with the most interesting people in the world, your fellow Mountain Clubbers. See the schedule for dates. That small announcement "officially" started an activity that had been informally occurring for several years previously. Scheduled Thursday evening hikes began as an experiment and soon became the club's most successful activity, with participation reaching over 100 people each week. A more sane policy now governs who may attend."

Mike Treshow wrote on Page 73 of Onward and Upward that August 1968 was the first formal Dale Green Thursday evening hike. The last hike was in 1994 after 27 years. According to Mike, "The classic Thursday evening hikes he [Dale Green] led began accidentally following a ski injury during the winter of 1962. The injury brought on bursitis that precluded his climbing. But it would be 1971 before the Rambler began listing the hikes as a weekly event."

In next month's Rambler we will see in part 2 how the growth of the WMC allowed the number of hikes per week to expand to new heights. Also, the diversity of hikes of all kinds grew from musical and spiritual hikes to faint trails and wildflower and family hikes. New technology enters the picture with the advent of the personal computer, cell phones and the world wide web. This will forever change the way hikes are listed and the way hiking directors and organizers make the whole system run. See you next month and remember our motto,

"Onward and Upward."

### **50 Years Ago in the Rambler**

### Transcribed by Donn Seeley, WMC trustee

#### CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR JULY '70

### July 4-5 KOLOB PLATEAU — Zion National Park

Sat-Sun

If you prefer the warm and pleasant (but not hot) climate of Southern Utah, here is a trip you should not miss. Few people have seen the plateau below Lava Point and above the Zion Narrows with its outstanding wildlife and its superb scenery. Activities can be geared to suit the most advanced hiker as well as the experienced and the beginning back packer. It is also ideal for families who like to enjoy a quiet and restful weekend in the delightful surroundings of Zion's isolated back country. For information call: Fred Bruenger.

### July 25 SUPERIOR FROM ALTA (rating 5+) AND LAKE BLANCHE (rating 11.0).

Sat

We will try to arrange for two different groups to come up from two different directions. Car keys can then be exchanged and a shuttle can be avoided. Hopefully the snow on the ridge will have melted and exposure should be considerably less than in June. The area above Lake Blanche is well-known for its abundant wildflowers and little streams. The better conditioned hikers should plan to come up the more difficult route over Lake Blanche. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 7:00 a.m. Leader: Fred Bruenger

#### **DESOLATION CANYON [May 28-31]**

by Fern Reid, Bud Holmoe, Ken McCarty and Jim McCullough

#### THIRD DAY

6:10 a.m. — Blueberry pancakes, syrup, pineapple, real coffee and bacon — what a way to start the day. Breakfast was under the auspices of Howie Wagner, Ken McCarty and our glorious leader, Fred [Bruenger]. The doomed ate heartily — this was the day of the big white water.

We hit the river at 8:45 with high spirits and clear skies. Chandler's Falls were run with enthusiasm and as Gale Dick put it, "we were still looking for trouble." But really it would have been good to look for it since boat #4 (Fred) hit a submerged log and ran an Abandon Ship exercise at "Olde Leaky Hole" while all our backs were turned. Once we had discovered the mishap, a well organized rescue operation started. Boats were dispatched to both sides of the river and the capsized craft with three people aboard was pulled ashore just ahead of another rapid. Cal [Giddings] with his kayak pulled in the two people who got separated from the raft and were still floating in the ice cold water. Quickly a fire

was built, a sleeping bag rolled out and blood got back into circulation. The rest of the group flipped the raft back and crews were reorganized. Del [Wiens] and Fred changed boats. Del used the motor for the rest of the day, while Fred took the lead-boat. Total loss of gear was three paddles, and only a few things got wet — the advantage of a well packed boat.

We were on the river again at 1100 and ran uneventfully to McPherson Ranch where all partook of their various gourmet lunches, explored the ranch, filled the water buckets and took their various trips, "ups downstream and downs - upstream." Departing McPherson at 1340 we had great sport going thru Wire Fence (McPherson) Rapid, which was very turbulent and had high waves and lots of holes. Everybody then was looking out for Coal Creek, the biggest rapid of the trip. We stopped well ahead of it for inspection and from a high bank had a good view of a long stretch of that foaming and thundering river. A route was picked by carefully watching the flow of driftwood and all four boats and our intrepid kayaker had a perfect fun-run. Del and his crew had some exciting moments when they realized they had broken the shear pin of the motor in the first wave, a mishap that occurred again in rocky Rattle Snake Rapid. It proved that nothing works more reliably than man power. A real fun rolly coaster type rapid just below Coal Creek brought much comment. Rattle Snake with that big rock at the bottom plus a hole that seemed bottomless was the last really big rapid of the day and of the whole trip. Everybody enjoyed it and spirits were high after this day that started so frightfully.

Camp was made just below Rattle Snake at 1830 and at 1922 (7:22 p.m. to you landlubbers) Fred showed up at Happy Hour with — you won't believe this — fondue. Dinner was "black tie" with Carol [Greenlee] and Carma [Norberg] serving salad, ham, hot applesauce, fried biscuits, hot beverages and dessert. Soft singing and intellectual discussions were enjoyed after dinner with the hard core few finally folding up around

[Fred Bruenger (1925 – 2007) was a professor of radiobiology at the U and hiking director for the Club for 1970-1972.]

### 2020 WMC Centennial



In 2020, the WMC turns 100 Join in the year of celebration! To participate...

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### 2020 Centennial Key Dates

Events may be rescheduled				
	WMC Official Centennial Anniversary Event	rescheduled to 2021		
Jun 6	National Trails Day, Centennial Project	Cancelled		
Jul 17-19	Life Member Celebration & Multi-Sport Weekend	Postponed, TBD		
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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### Requirements to Become a Life Member

25 years of continuous dues paying membership

Service on the Board of Directors OR accumulated service of 100 hours in organization and/or leadership of WMC activities/functions

Submission of a written application to the WMC Board describing your service, qualification & the importance or the WMC in your life. Approval of your application by the Board.

Approval of your application by vote at a general membership meeting (August 23, 2020)

### Life Member Privileges

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Life Member Liaison Contact

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### **July 2020 Activity Calendar Update**

We are cautiously opening up the calendar for club organizers and club members who are supportive of and committed to implementing the current Utah State Health Department guidelines. However, conditions, protocols, and individual health can change quickly in these strange times. With these uncertainties in mind, and to facilitate flexibility, the WMC board has decided to not publish any posted July activities in this month's Rambler.

Check the on-line calendar frequently at <u>wasatchmountainclub.org/calendar</u>. We're keeping the groups small, requiring registration, going to less crowded areas, keeping appropriate distances, and using face cover meeting on-coming traffic or when participants are closer than the recommended distance.

### The Ten Essentials (10Es)

What are the "Ten Essentials"?

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

- → water
- → rain gear (also used as wind protection)
- → extra clothing / insulation
- → extra food
- maps and compass (and knowledge of their use)
- sun protection (sun glasses, sun screen, lip balm, and sun hat)
- → waterproof matches or lighter
- flashlight or headlamp (make sure in working order)
- → first aid supplies
- emergency shelter (lightweight emergency bag or space blanket)

What should you do with the Ten Essentials?

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

- Put the Ten Essentials in your pack.
- Always keep them in your pack.
- Always bring your pack.

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

Some other gear to think about.

- → high-top boots (for rocky or off-trail hikes)
- → poly-fleece clothing for warmth
- extra fleece cap, mittens, and neck gaiter for warmth
- ⇒ a cell phone for emergencies
- ⇒ a water filter (on long hikes)
- → wind jacket and wind pants
- → gaiters (for snow or gravel)
- → toilet paper, trowel or sand-stake, zip-lock bags to pack out toilet paper

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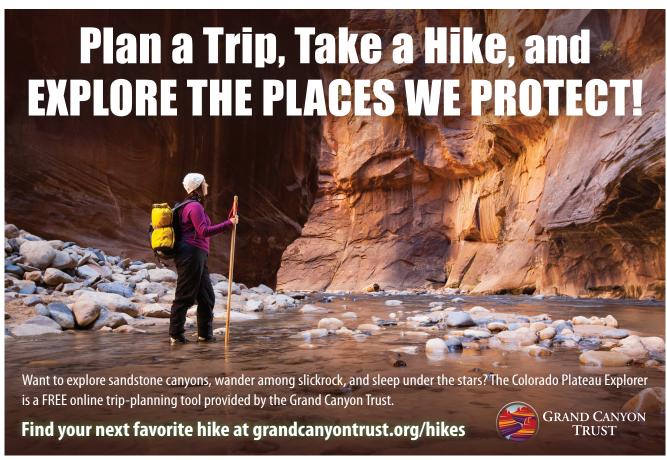


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### Mount Olympus Trailhead Reconstruction Underway!

After many years of talking about it, the Mount Olympus trailhead reconstruction is under way. The trailhead is closed and parking is currently permitted along the side of the road. That hasn't stopped the onslaught of hiking traffic, so the WMC Trash Angels and Graffiti Busters have still been hard at it. But now would be a good time for our club members to choose alternate hiking areas.



### WMC Heroes and Legends: Bob Frohboese

### By Joel Bown

In 100 years of the Wasatch Mountain Club, a number of members stand out for their leadership and accomplishments. One such larger-than-life person remembered by all who knew him was Bob Frohboese. Bob was witty, vital, and dynamic, and he threw himself into whatever he did.

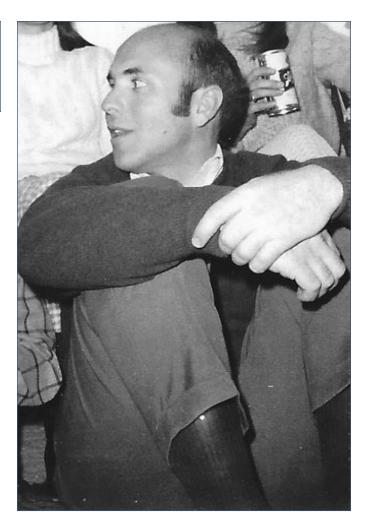
Skiing brought Bob to the Wasatch Mountains from New Jersey in the late 60's. He immediately fell in love with all the other activities that are available in the Wasatch and other mountain ranges in the West. He was an excellent skier and soon taught for the Alta Ski School, earning all the certifications that were available. A few years later, he became the Ski School Director at Wolf Creek Pass in southern Colorado, where he remained for a couple of years. But Utah would become home. Bob quickly became an accomplished rock climber and especially enjoyed the granite climbs in Little Cottonwood Canyon. He loved climbing in the Wasatch, the Wind River Mountains of Wyoming and the mountains of British Columbia. He was deeply concerned about the environmental future of the earth, but most specifically of Utah.

The deserts of Southern Utah drew Bob during the spring and fall when the skiing wasn't the best. He reveled in wandering down the small canyons where you never knew what lay around the next bend. He became an accomplished river runner and who could forget him, bright and early after an all-night bus ride, frantically, yet expertly making omelets for everyone on the trip?

Never one to conform, Bob always did what he wanted the way he wanted. He was the rare know-it-all who really did know it all. He loved to do things for effect. As a young man just out of high school, he would order from the menu of a snooty French restaurant in flawless French. Conversely, later in life he took equal delight in purposely ordering in English from a totally French menu.

Bob was an avid partier and he always went the extra mile. I still remember Mike Omana being shocked when Bob, all six foot six and 200 hundred pounds of him, called Mike to paint him. There he stood in nothing but a jock strap, wanting to be decorated as a flasher for a Halloween Party at the WMC lodge!

Although he never had an official position on the WMC Board of Directors, Bob led a number of trips into his beloved mountains. He was especially active in the 1970s, leading numerous ski touring trips in the higher and steeper parts of the Wasatch Range. It was on one of these trips that Bob triggered an avalanche that



cost him his life in the upper reaches of Porter Fork. As always, he went first to test ski the slope and to get the first tracks. My last contact with him was his "yahoo" upon finding powder in the fairly dense trees he was skiing through. The date was March 1, 1981.

Bob's many friends started the Robert Frohboese Memorial Fund that was used for many years to fund the WMC Avalanche Clinic. The club clinic was eventually replaced by the Utah Avalanche Center and in 2015, the memorial fund was zeroed out. The Avalanche Center remains a valuable community resource and continues to monitor avalanche activity to help people avoid trouble and to recover from trouble if necessary.

To this day, Bob remains the only Wasatch Mountain Club member to have been killed during a club activity.

### The Wasatch Mountain Club Centennial Blood Drive Results Are In!

### Story submitted by Tony Hellman, organizer of the Centennial Blood Drive

You did 33 donations — impacting 99 patients! Plus we know Anthony Hellman, Greg Libecci and Evette Raen donated the week before so that makes at least 108 Patients impacted!!! Congratulations on hitting the century mark of lives impacted.

Plus, you had 14 "New First Time Donors"!! That's amazing... We always hope they will become Lifetime Donors!

The raffler winner of the stunning "Alexis Kelner" Mountain photo is Mary Gootjes! Congratulations.

This was such a FUN & fabulous opportunity and please thank everyone on behalf of many patients!

If you downloaded the app to follow where your pint is going, it will probably be used by next week! The need continues.

So we say, "Onward and Upward to 100 pints." The next WMC blood drive is tentatively set for August 12, 2020. Please note: we hope to get more donors by organizing and coordinating with companies that our members have connections with.

The original Club charter listed "part of its purpose" as to promote the physical and spiritual wellbeing of its members and others by outdoor activities. While a

blood drive may be an indoor activity, the generosity and caring of our members through volunteering does help the club fulfil its "spiritual" mission. Thank you so much!





### Celebrate the legac In 2020, Wasatch Mountain Club turns

100! We have a year of celebration with many ways you can participate!

### ■ Attend a Centennial Event

- January 27: Centennial Kick-Off
- May 13: Anniversary Party
- December 5: Closing/Holiday Party For a full list of Centennial activities, visit WasatchMountainClub.org
- Donate to WMC Centennial Education **Endowment Fund:** Create a lasting legacy at the University of Utah. Details on our website. Use this form to receive Thank-You gifts, or donate online.
- Donate to Centennial Events Offset celebration obligations by using this form to receive Thank-You gifts!
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### **WMC Centennial Scholarship Fund**

The Wasatch Mountain Club is making a lasting legacy in commemoration of the centennial year. Past WMC President John Veranth has worked closely with the University of Utah to establish an endowed scholarship fund at the University of Utah to support students in the Parks, Recreation and Tourism department pursuing degrees focused in environmental health and community outdoor recreation.

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.

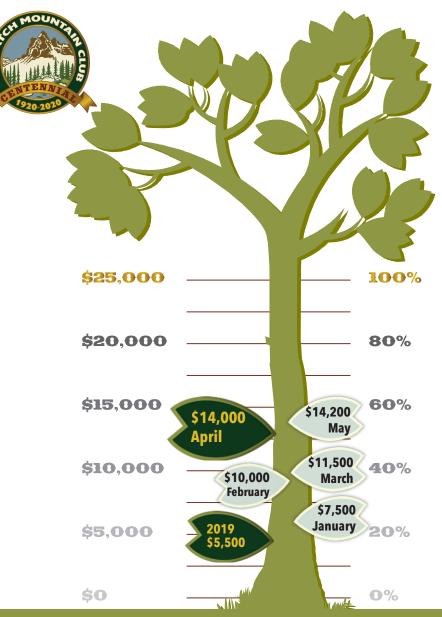
Donations made through the WMC will not be tax deductible (we are a non-profit membership organization, but not a 501(c)(3)). Donations made directly to the U of U will be tax deductible and you will be credited as a donor to the U of U.

Fun centennial items are available in exchange for endowment donations (hats, shirts, journals, patches, coasters, mugs, koozies, etc.) Additionally, any sponsorship funds remaining over and above the cost of the Centennial events will be directed to the endowment.

Donate to the WMC Centennial Scholarship at the University of Utah online!

https://wasatchmountainclub.org/centennial-education-endowment





Wasatch Mountain Club Endowment Fund Goal



Peak photo. From left – Akiko, Jim and Stanley.

### Trip Report: Hoyt Peak

June 13, 2020

Organized, report & photos by Stanley Chiang & Akiko Kamimura

Hoyt Peak (10,228 ft) is located in the West Uintas. Probably the most difficult part of this hike is getting to the trailhead (TH) on a 4WD road. We decided to take the White Pine Canyon Route via South Fork Weber River/White Pine Trailhead, assuming it would not be hard to get to the TH. However, we were unable to drive to the TH due to streambeds. We walked approximately half mile to the TH. The first part of the trail was shaded and then reached to the scenic meadow. Until the first lake, the trail was well maintained. However, the trail turned out to be faded for a while and became clear again. When we reached the second lake, we could see Hoyt Peak in front of us. The trail became difficult to follow again because it was covered with the mix of snow and mud. When we got to the ridge, it was very windy. We had lunch and enjoyed beautiful views at the peak and went down a different way to avoid snow and mud. We did not see any other hikers/persons during the hike. However, after we were back to the TH, we saw approximately 5 ATVs. This hike took 6 hours in total (distance - 9.39 miles, total elevation gain - 3,570 ft).hours of work and fun.



Beautiful meadow between the two lakes – Stanley and Jim.

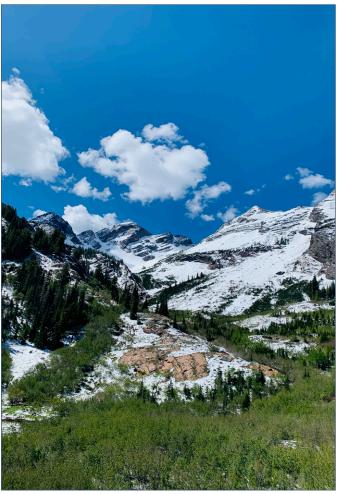


Jim going up to the ridge.

### Trip Report: Weekday Day Hike to Broads Fork

June 10, 2020





Organizer, Report & Photos: Daisy DeMarco

It's been a great official first week back on the trails hiking with the good company of my WMC friends! We started off the weekday day hikes with a little warmup hike in Millcreek Canyon and ended on Thursday at Grandeur Peak. On Wednesday, we headed to the Broads Fork Meadow for some true mid-week solitude.

As I arrived at the S-Curve at 9:00 AM a little fear set in when I noticed both parking lots were near full and there were a few cars already parked along the road. Fortunately, Terry Baker, Heidi DeMartis, and I had nothing to worry about. We encountered about five people throughout the morning along the trail, and had the views of Dromedary, O'Sullivan, the Twins, and the meadow all to ourselves.

While social distancing on some rocks in the meadow, we all took in the views of the snow covered peaks set between a blue sky blanket and vibrant green vegetation. Heidi and I had our snacks while Terry shared a story of a too-close-for-comfort encounter with a mountain lion from a trip he was on years ago. We enjoyed a beautiful and quiet hike on the way down, while at one point Heidi and Terry both commented on how much they loved this one particular forested section along the trail. For me, I'm always stunned by how close this is to the Lake Blanche trail, but how vastly different it feels in both the landscape and the crowds. You can't really compare the two, both magnificent and magical in their own ways. But there is something to be said about the far off feeling Broads Fork provides. When we could begin to hear the humming engines of the cars and motorcycles along the S-Curve, Terry said, "Back to civilization." And just like that, we were. It was good while it lasted though.

### Trip Report: Bells Canyon Hike

June 9, 2020



WMC Group near Bells Canyon Trailhead.

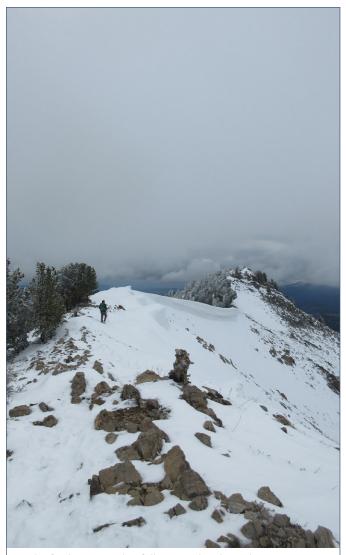


In June, the Wasatch Mountain Club starting posting a few hikes. The rules are fairly simple. Small groups, less crowded routes, and face protection or distance. The first evening hike on June 9th was a group of 5, and that was just right. It takes a little practice, but "space or protection" is a good rule of thumb that works well. The group started at the Bells Canyon trailhead, which was overflowing with vehicles. But hikers disperse pretty quickly. For the first 10 minutes or so, the WMC group met on-coming hikers, none with face protection and none particularly concerned about distance. So we donned our face masks or neck gaiters most of the way up the start of the traditional trail. But soon we



Just a little scramble at the end...

were on our own, following a ridge line that few will travel. This steep, dry, rocky ridge that separates Bells Canyon and Little Cottonwood Canyon might be described by many as a somewhat miserable route. But it was a perfect outing for WMC-isolation through fresh greenery, with a tiny bit of scrambling, a great view of the lower Bells Canyon waterfall, and a stopping point above "Hoodoo Hill," these weirdly shaped glacier-scoured granitic rocks.



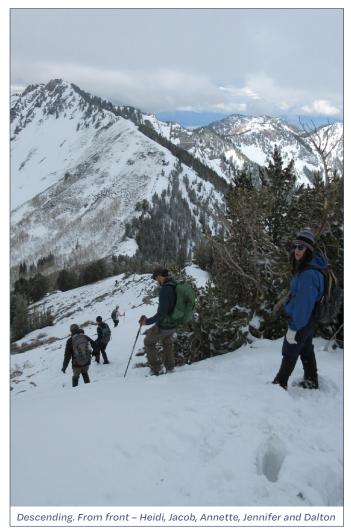
Jacob's final ascent. Other folks were already on the top.

### Trip Report: Gobblers Knob Hike via Butler Fork

May 24, 2020

Organizer, Report, & Photos: Akiko Kamimura

Right after a late spring snowstorm, we saw snow from the beginning of the Butler Fork trailhead. When we got to Baker Pass, it was windy and cloudy. The conditions were like in March-April from Baker Pass and the peak. There was lots of snow. It was not windy anymore during the final ascent. We enjoyed beautiful snow scenery. Trees had flower like snow and ice on them. From the TH to the peak, we saw only one other person (a skier). We were at the peak just by ourselves. During descending, it started snowing. We saw only two other hikers and three deer until we were very close to the TH. It was a wonderful 5-hour adventure with nice people. Great way to spend Memorial Day weekend.



**WMC 23** 



Diane on the ridge trail.

### Trip Report: Burro Peak

June 14, 2020

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

Burro Peak (8,958 ft) is a rarely climbed small bump, which is located between Grandview Peak and Rudy's Flat. We started from the Canyon Creek Drive Trailhead (TH) in Bountiful. It was very straightforward to Rudy's Flat. It was a little hard to find the trail that goes to the ridge from Rudy's Flat. Once we were on the ridge, we saw beautiful views on both sides of the ridge. Al and Diane really enjoyed the ridge trail, wanted to enjoy it longer, and turned around from the ridge. The rest of us continued to Burro Peak. Because there were many bumps on the ridge, we figured out which bump would be Burro Peak using a paper map and a GPS. The trail was faded when we were very close to the peak. So we just went up to the peak. Surprisingly, there were three geographical survey markers for the peak. We saw only two other hikers between Rudy's Flat and Burro Peak. It was very nice to visit a peak that is not recognized



Peak photo. From left - Mark, Dalton, Akiko, Heidi and Jim.



We made 3 bumps on the way to Burro Peak. At one of the bumps (we called it "lunch bump"), we had lunch. Al and Heidi.

by many other hikers. This hike took 6 hours and 30 minutes in total (distance – 11.7 miles, total elevation gain – 4,406 ft).

### Trip Report: Group Road Bike Ride

June 10, 2020

Organizer: Steve Duncan



The group at the start of the ride (minus Irene, taking the photo)



Bret and Irene (Photo by Steve Duncan)

### Trip Report: Park City Mountain Bike Ride

June 2, 2020

Organizer, Report: Craig Williams

It was quite the interesting beginning to the 2020 Mountain Bike season. We had a nice turn out with 14 bikers, all of whom had to pre-register, then electronically sign a "Hold WMC harmless waiver" and confirm a "No COVID" personal health status. We kept the groups small (a max of 4) with Nick Calas leading the Mod++ riders, Craig Williams leading the Mod+ riders, HardySherwood leading the Mod- riders and last but not least, Heidi DeMartis leading the NTD group. The electronic waiver/COVID sign in eliminated the need for close contact for a pre-ride sign in, thereby keeping everyone safer.

We staggered the start of each group so as to not run the risk of running up any other rider's tailpipe, we had nice separation of groups on the trail and post ride, we kept our social distance and discussed the perils encountered on the day's trails and ride. These are all things we never had to logistically plan for in past years, but it was worth it to be able to get out of our COVID Cocoon's and ride with the club. We even had a new comer to the group, Andrew Persky, and we hope to see him more as the year moves on. The riders were The Zen Master Nick Calas, Craig Williams, Greg Libecci, Heidi Schubert, Heidi DeMartis, Shane Andrus, Connie Nelson, Andrew Persky, Hardy Sherwood, Billy Allen, Larry Parker, Ryan Cragun and Dave Perkins.

### Trip Report: Layton Peak & Chinscraper Hike

May 16, 2020

Organizers: Ed Hemphill & Akiko Kamimura; Report, Photos: Akiko Kamimura

Layton Peak (9,571 ft) is one of the highest peaks in the area of Layton but is rarely climbed because the route does not have a maintained trail. To avoid nasty bushwhacking, we wanted to do this hike when there is some snow on the route. Three new members, Mark, Elia and Thom, came to participate in their first club activity. We started from Fernwood Recreation Site and took the Great Western Trail. The very steep section to the south ridge near Chinscraper was covered with lots of snow. We did not think we could climb up the slope to the south ridge without ice axes. So we decided to go up to the east ridge, followed the ridgeline, and hiked to Layton Peak via Jacob's Peak (9,536 ft). Thom turned around from the east ridge. The views from Layton Peak were wonderful, though it was windy and chilly. We went down to the south ridge and bagged Chinscraper (9,190 ft) – a small bump. We took Kay's Ridge Trail to go back to the trailhead. The trail was overgrown in some places and was sometimes difficult to follow. This was a shorter but steep route to get back to the trailhead. It was a beautiful day. We enjoyed seeing snowy scenery at higher elevations and beautiful wild flowers at lower elevations. This hike took 7 hours and 30 minutes in total (distance - 9.31 miles, cumulative elevation gain - 4,990 ft).first time to bag the peak for all of us. This snowshoe took 7 hours and 15 minutes in total including breaks





Going down from Chinscraper. From front – Annette, Mark, Paul and Stanley

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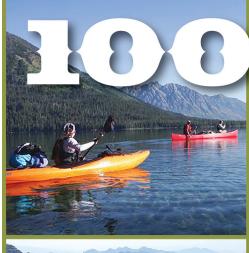
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The Salt Lake Ranger District announced the 2020 Summer Season closure of the Silver Lake Visitor Center, The following points summarize the decision and the rationale:

- The Silver Lake Visitor Center will not be open for the 2020 summer operational season in an effort to minimize potential transmission of COVID-19 and to prioritize the health and safety of visitors and staff.
- USDA Guidance for the Operation of Recreation Services Sites dated March 19, 2020 orders visitor centers to remain closed due to their design and intent to draw large numbers of people into one space.
- The nature of the visitor center and its displays is to encourage hands on interaction with public infrastructure and features. Adequately disinfecting such surfaces and features during a pandemic isn't plausible.
- This closure is only for the duration of the 2020 summer season. The District intends to have the site fully functional in the 2021 operating season if current conditions permit.
- The Silver Lake boardwalk trail, fishing and hiking access will remain open to the public with the advisement that they maintain recommended social distancing.
- The external restrooms will remain open to the public and be cleaned as regularly as possible.
- Forest Service Interpretive Rangers and FPOs will maintain a presence in the area to address resource protection concerns and have limited informational interactions with the public while prioritizing social distancing for visitor and staff health and safety.
- It is unlikely the visitor center will open in the 2020 season if all restrictions are lifted due to the extensive collaboration required for set up and staffing.









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**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.

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