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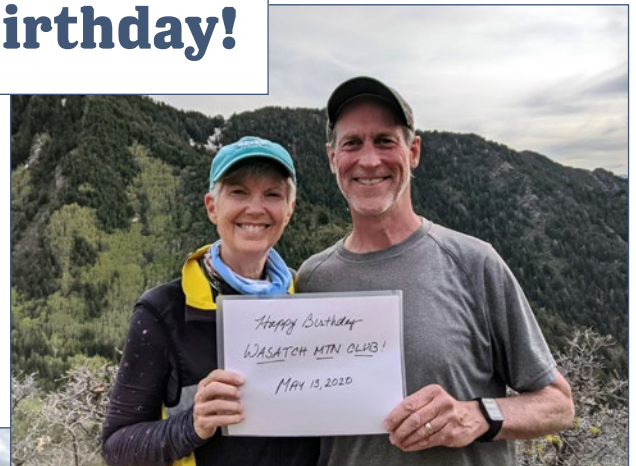
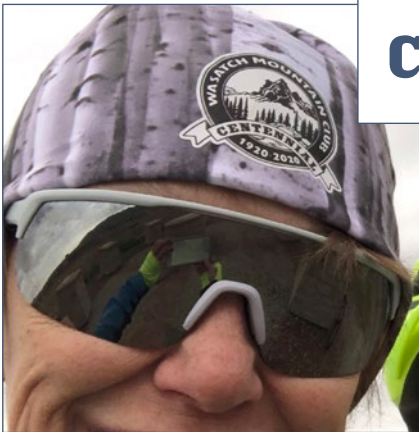
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**A Socially-Distanced  
Toast to the  
WMC's May 13  
Centennial Birthday!**





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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.

**Boating Cover Special Edition:** Slot section of the stretch between Tomsich Butte & Hidden Splendor mine. June 9, 2019. Photo courtesy of Donnie Benson.



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# President's Message

By Julie Kilgore

Happy 100 Birthday, Wasatch Mountain Club! Our official 100 birthday was May 13th, and members shared a variety of ways they were able to raise a toast to this great organization, its founders, and 100 years of leadership and membership commitment to our core purpose:

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

The club was formed in May 1920, on the heels of the most severe pandemic of the last century, followed by the Great Depression, World War II, the smallpox epidemic, polio, and more. Not only has the WMC survived, it has thrived.

**Let the  
celebrations  
continue!**

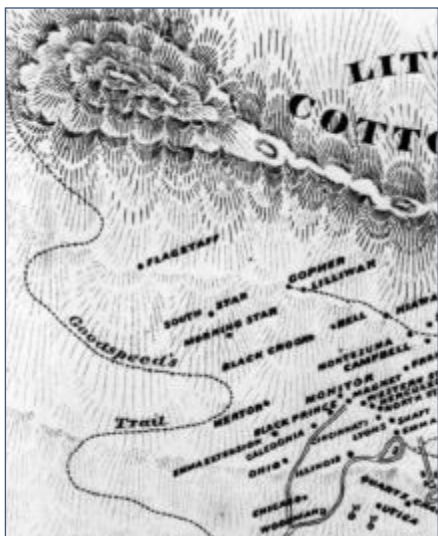


Remember, this month is the WMC Centennial Blood Drive. The goal is for club members to donate 100 pints of blood. The Red Cross has reserved a room for the WMC on June 10, 2020, at 6616 South 900 East between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. But Club members can also get credit for any blood donations between now June 10th by letting the Red Cross know that you are part of the Wasatch Mountain Club team.



The complete collection of Charles Keller's "Faint Trails in the Wasatch" articles are now available on the WMC website. This is a special gift from Charles, a past WMC president and author of "The Lady in the Ore Bucket (a history of the settlement and industry in the tri-canyon area of the Wasatch)." Charles authored and published these 97 "Faint Trails" articles in the WMC Rambler between 2005 and 2015. Yes, anyone can read them all by pulling up the Ramblers individually, but access to the collection with the click of a button is a members-only benefit. Check out the "Faint Trails in the Wasatch" link under the Members menu on the club website.

Dozens of WMC Members contributed photos, write-ups, and video for Pat Christian's anniversary video gift to the club. The Happy Birthday/100th Anniversary YouTube was unveiled on May 13, 2020, as part of our Centennial Celebration, and is now available on the WMC website for your viewing. This was so much fun that Pat might put another video together, maybe a Centennial Wrap Up.



Watch your emails and the online calendar as we continue to monitor COVID-19 information and current protocols. WMC activities are so varied that no single set of guidelines apply across the board. The activity directors are evaluating when it is appropriate to post and approve activities that are under their purview.



# The History of Boating in the Wasatch Mountain Club

By Mike Dege

The love of flowing water seems to be imbedded in the hearts of many Wasatch Mountain Club members. For two thirds of its history the club has been running rivers. A quarter century before I ever jumped in a boat, a crew of intrepid, forward thinking and perhaps naïve WMC members started the club's river heritage. It was May of 1957 when Harold Goodro and Don Pearson led 51 people in four 600 lb rafts down the Yampa River and into WMC history. There it began, but it certainly didn't end there. Over 60 years later the club is still boating, and will probably do so for as long as rivers flow.

Many of the club's first trips were down the Glen Canyon section of the Colorado River in hopes of catching glimpses of this amazing area before the dam would eventually drown it. In addition to the Yampa River, other early trips included the Split Mountain and Desolation Canyon sections of the Green River, the Moab section of the Colorado River, the San Juan River, and even a Grand Canyon trip led by Karen Weatherbee in 1975. The river schedule started out slowly with four trips mentioned in the 1962 Rambler and grew to over 20 river trips scheduled in 1977.

In 1962 the club by-laws were amended to add a Boating Director to the Board. Bruce Christenson became the first Boating Director the following year. Boating grew in multiple directions and as it did, additional coordinators were added to help with the overwhelming amount of chores. J. Dewell became the first Kayak Coordinator in 1973. A Canoeing Coordinator position was added in 1982, with Mary Manley serving. Sailing got its first Coordinator, Vince Desimone, three years later in 1985. For a period of



*Zig Sondelski on Cataract Canyon*



*Boating, 1950's. First huge boats.*



*Yampa River, 1967. Army surplus raft.*

time in the 80's and 90's there was so much for the Boating Director to do that separate Raft and Boating Instruction Coordinators were also included as club positions.

Due to its huge success, the club's boating budget and assets became second only to the lodge. As boating is an equipment intensive sport, the club purchased

many boats, personal flotation devices (PFDs), frames, paddles, kitchen, safety and all manner of river gear throughout the years; so much so that a large storage shed was rented to hold it all. By 1991, the task of keeping track of the gear including rentals to club trips and members, along with the upkeep and repair of gear, became such a



monumental undertaking that a separate Equipment Coordinator position (first held by Jeff Barrell) was created.

The WMC rivercrafts have evolved significantly since the club began boating. That first club trip started off with rubber impregnated cotton fabric WWII surplus rafts. Later Korean War surplus rafts were used. These rafts were prized for their inflatable rubber bumper that made for an easy perch while paddling a treacherous rapid or sunbathing. In the 1970s commercial versions of these boats made with synthetic Hypalon became available, which held up better in the sun and leaked less—well, a little bit less. The club had a half dozen of them by the 1980s, although usually only 3 or 4 of them were sea worthy at any given time. All the early boats were paddle rafts, but later oar rigs were purchased.

These early boats had inflatable sides and thwarts with a single layer bottom and were referred to as “bucket” boats as they had to be constantly bailed out in the rapids. In the mid-1990s boating was revolutionized with the invention of the self-bailing raft and the club quickly came on board with this design. Individual inflatable kayaks or “duckies” soon became popular and the club purchased several in 1998.

The club paddle boats carried all the gear in the center, latched down under tarps or with nets made of climbing webbing that club members had carefully sewn. They also had a rope or “chicken line” made from a discarded climbing rope that was attached on each side of the cargo net; the idea being when you hit a big hole or wave you could grab the line to prevent being tossed overboard. Cameras and day items were carried in steel ammo boxes carefully lashed to the thwarts.

Before the use of helmets these boxes were a major concern if the boat flipped. Larger steel ammo boxes were used for keeping food dry. Some of the large ammo cans



*Howards's Plunge on the Payaette River in 2004*

were used for other essential purposes and were labeled “P.U.” for “potty units”. They were also referred to as “Groovers” due to the impressions they would leave before some smart person fashioned a seat for them. The rules for selecting a location for the P.U. were as follows: it had to be semi private, not too far, and downwind from camp. And above all, it had to have a river view.

My first river trip adventure with the club was in one of those paddle rafts in June of 1981 on a Desolation Canyon trip led by WMC veteran Bill Viavant. My best friend and future boating director, Gary Tomlinson had signed me up without my knowing it. I remember the ranger checking all of our gear, PFDs, spare paddles, etc. It was all very official, very serious and foreshadowed dangerous whitewater action ahead. We put in on the river, Gary and I ready for adventure. Around the first bend, out of site of the ranger, our leader and Captain Bill took off all his clothes and jumped in the river, followed in turn by all the other paddlers on our raft except me and Gary. We sat there looking at each other floating alone on that raft. Neither of us knew how to steer that thing. What should we do if a rapid came up? It all ended well with Gary and I becoming lifetime boaters, thanks to the club.

Oar rigs were experimented with on club trips as early as 1960, but it was Kerry Ammerman and George Yurich, boating directors in 1981-84, who launched the club's

oar rig revival. Kerry and George had a personal oar rig which they would bring on club trips. George would instruct curious members on technique, which was quite different from the paddle boats. The club bought their first oar rig in 1982—a 14' Campways Miwok boat



*Desolation Canyon, 1981*

from Walton Marine in Salt Lake City. In those days Mike Walton was the only distributor for inflatable rafts in the West and all of the club's early boats were bought from Mike.

With only one oar rig in the club, coins were flipped to see who would run each rapid on trips. On its inaugural trip on the Moab Daily





*J. Dewell 1971, Photo by Cal Giddings*

it was Gary Tomlinson who won the toss to run the biggest rapid, White's Ranch. In those big water years the hole at White's Ranch was monstrous. The rest of us ran it and eddied out below. We waited, and waited. When we saw Gary's red Coors hat floating down the river followed soon by Gary and then the inverted club oar rig we knew that the club's new treasure had been properly baptized.

Oar rigs had become so popular that soon several were purchased by the club and by many of the club members as individuals as well. Rigs were so numerous that the club ran a "Decadence Canyon" trip through Desolation Canyon with a multitude of oar rigs and paddle boats. Rumor has it that the trip used the oar rigs to carry the enormous amount of "gear" in order to beat the commercial river runner's record of 100 cases of beer on a single trip. No one is sure if that record was broken but there are pictures of a "Toga Party" so we're sure the club broke some kind of record.

Most of the early kayaks were

homemade from fabric covered wood frames or molded fiberglass. They all started out at a 4 meter length as this was the standard size for the Olympic Games. Early WMC kayakers Cal Giddings and J. Dewell helped other members build fiberglass kayaks in their garages. My first kayak was one of those built by J. and Cal, nicknamed "Mother", as it was the mold used to create dozens of kayaks. These homemade kayaks were lightweight but tended to break when pinned or smashed into a rock. Kayakers on multiday trips would always carry a quart of two-part resin and enough fiberglass batting to make significant repairs. By the late 1970s commercially made plastic roto molded kayaks became available and the days of hauling volatile chemicals in your kayak were over. It was then that kayak designs exploded and the 13-foot kayak of old shrank to the 6-foot "playboat" size of today.

Canoers began running everything from flatwater to the biggest rapids as materials, design and skills evolved. Canoe materials

evolved from wood to aluminum, fiberglass, royaalex, and rotomolded plastic to much lighter kevlar and graphite. Canoe design also evolved to keep up with canoers' exploits with added flotation, saddles, skirts and enough rocker to turn easily. Canoes are especially well suited for some slow moving rivers. The club ran many of those slower stretches such as Labyrinth and Stillwater Canyons on the Green River, Black and Horsethief Canyons of the Colorado, and the Jordan River.

While canoers and kayakers participated in rafting trips they also had trips of their own. A kayak and foldboat trip down the Provo River was listed in the Rambler in 1962. In 1979 John Schell was running regular weekly pool sessions for kayakers to learn the "Eskimo Roll". These pool sessions were held for decades and were the reason that many of us were able to attain our sea legs.

There were outdoor shops in the early days of the WMC boating, but they didn't carry much in the





*The first club sailing trip, Belize 1986*

way of river gear. Army surplus was your best bet. A trip to Smith and Edwards in Ogden, if you were lucky, could score you an ammo can for your personal possessions or a waterproof rubber tote with roll top that the club used for years as kitchen boxes. Some people were lucky enough to obtain army surplus roll top rubber bags which were the prototypes for commercial river bags, but most of us used doubled up garbage bags inside of duffle bags to store our gear. At the end of the day it was always a surprise to see what stayed dry.

River fashion for both men and women consisting of cut off Levis and oversized men's white dress shirts purchased at Deseret Industries were de rigueur. Some WMC members of the medical profession used hospital scrubs which were perfect for those hot desert rivers. Before the "sport sandal" there was the old ratty tennis shoe and later, plastic or faux leather sandals which could be purchased at Kmart; oooh très chic! To offset the usual unwashed and unshaven appearance of the

typical WMC "river rat", the tradition of "Dress Up Night" on multiday trips was already standard by the late 70's. And speaking of social events, the annual WMC Boating Party which started in 1981 eventually became the famous Pink Flamingo Party, named after the spirit animal of all boaters. The first Pink Flamingo Party was in 1997 and the club celebrated the 20th anniversary in 2017 at the same location where it had been started by Vera Novak.

The club has participated in sailing for much of its history. You can read more about this in the sailing article by Vince Desimone.

So many people have brought the river experience alive for the club. Their memories and stories are too much to put in these few pages. A more complete history is being compiled and will be shared online. Please submit photos and short or long stories to the Boating Directors before the end of July in order to preserve the history of boating for this and future WMC boaters.

**As we say in boating,  
that's a wrap!**





# 2020 WMC Centennial



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

**Become a member** or renew your membership this year & join in the Centennial Celebration <https://www.wasatchmountainclub.org/join>

**Attend Centennial Celebration Events** (listed below) <https://www.wasatchmountainclub.org/centennial-key-dates> *Events may be rescheduled*

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**Donate to the WMC Centennial Scholarship Fund.** The WMC is creating a lasting legacy by establishing a permanent Education Endowment at the U of U. Learn more about the endowment and donate <https://wasatchmountainclub.org/centennial/education-endowment>

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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           | 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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## Become a Life Member in 2020

Life Members are recognized for their continuous membership and service in the Wasatch Mountain Club. There are currently 57 Life Members in the Wasatch Mountain Club. With over 125 regular members that are potentially eligible to become Life Members, we challenge those members that qualify to apply for Life Member status. If you've been considering applying, the centennial year is a great time to give it a shot.

### 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 of 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

Free membership\* - Life Member Status - New Centennial Life Member Patch

#### Life Member Liaison Contact

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# Boating Throughout the Ages

We asked some of our old timers for photos from their trips throughout the years. We were excited at the response we got and are happy to share some of these photos with you!

## 80's

Playing in the quicksand at the confluence of the Green and Colorado rivers- June 1982 Cataract Canyon.



L-R Bruce Pietsch, Brad Yates, Jean Garcide, Jeff Barrel, Gary Tomlinson.  
Photo by: Mike Dege

Mike Dege leading the first WMC paddle boat trip down Cataract Canyon, June 1982.



Photo by: Gary Tomlinson



Photo by: Mike Dege

Captain Tim Pine runs the WMC crew through Cole Creek Rapid, June 1981 Desolation Canyon.



Running the hole at Three Fords Rapid, June 1981 Desolation Canyon, Captain Bruce Pietsch.



Photo by: Mike Dege

Bill Viavant is mesmerized by Tim Pine's breakdown river banjo, June 1981 Desolation Canyon.



Photo by: Mike Dege

Kayaker Larry Hardebeck enjoying a hot spring soak. July 1984 Middle Fork of the Salmon river.



Photo by: Mike Dege



## Two Bills on a Boat, June 1982 Yampa River



L-R Bill Adams, Bill Yates. Photo by: Mike Dege

Mike Budig gets serious as he captains the clubs first oar rig approaching Warm Spring Rapid, June 1982 Yampa River.



Photo by: Mike Dege

The standard WMC paddle boat setup and it's aggressive crew can tackle any rapid, Warm Springs Rapid, June 1982 Yampa River



Front L-R Chuck Reichmuth, Irene Shilling, Tom Silberstorf, Back L-R Gary Tomlinson, Mike Budig, Cheryl Barnes, Ned Harden. Photo by: Mike Dege



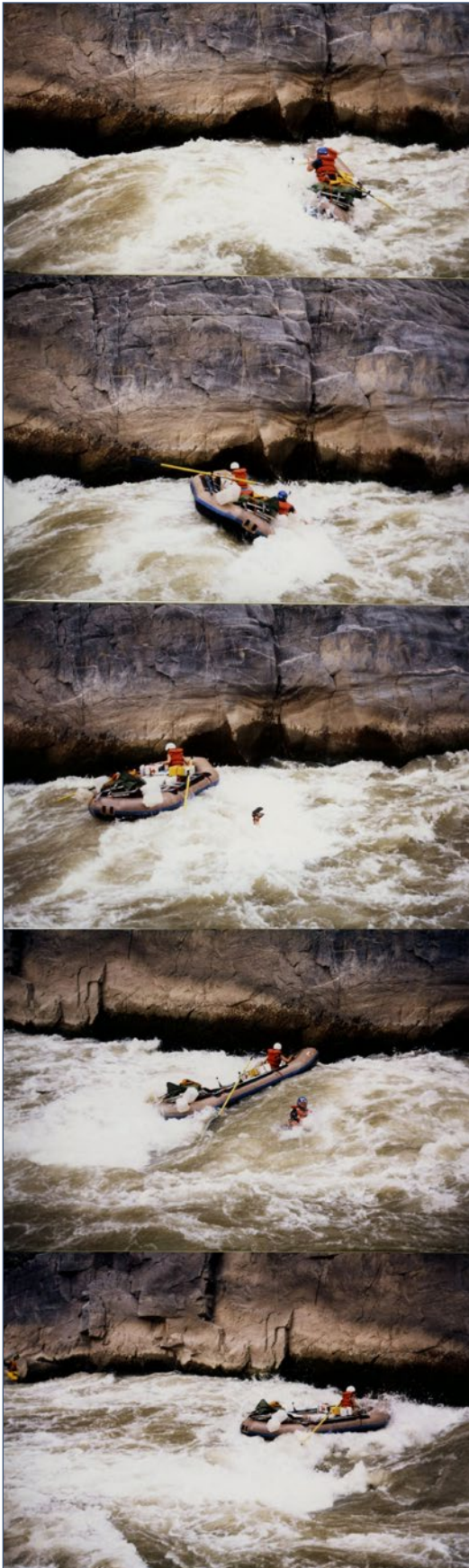


Photo by: Mike Dege

The "Teva Shot." Taken in July 1987 on a Westwater river trip, Tony Ackerman was rowing and Vera Novack was the passenger. The boat was approaching the huge hole at Skull Rapid when Tony hit a smaller hole in front and was catapulted out of the raft. Vera, noting that they had run the big hole backwards, looked back and saw Tony was missing. She jumped into the captain's chair and kept the raft out of the "Room of Doom." Tony swam the hole and was rescued by Vera. This is part of the WMC old timers river lore and we are fortunate enough that Mike Dege captured the whole event.

## 2000's

2004 Payette River – In the middle of "Howard's Plunge" on the Cabarton Run



Photo by: Zig Sondelski



2004 Payette River – In the middle of “Howard’s Plunge” on the Cabarton Run



Photo by: Zig Sondelski



Photo by: Zig Sondelski

2005 Middle Fork – Main Salmon  
The famous boat ramp at the put in.



Photo by: Zig Sondelski

2005 Middle Fork – Main Salmon  
One of the many hot springs along the river.



Photo by: Zig Sondelski



2005 Middle Fork – Main Salmon – Scouting a big rapid and picking the best line.



*Photo by: Zig Sondelski*

July 5, 2008 on the South Fork of the Payette (Rick Thompson was the organizer)- two boats got too close together and the one on the left (captained by Gene - he and Gloria were thrown from the raft and he took a very bad swim).



*Photo by: Michael Budig*

2007 Stillwater – Green River – A calm river stretch best done in a canoe.



*Photo by: Zig Sondelski*



# 2010's

2015 – Jordan River – One of the local gems in the Salt Lake Valley



*Dianne Budig and Barbara Boehme Photo by: Zig Sondelski*

2017 – Dolores River – This river had been unrunable for years, and due to high water levels, WMC members were able to enjoy it before water levels got too low.



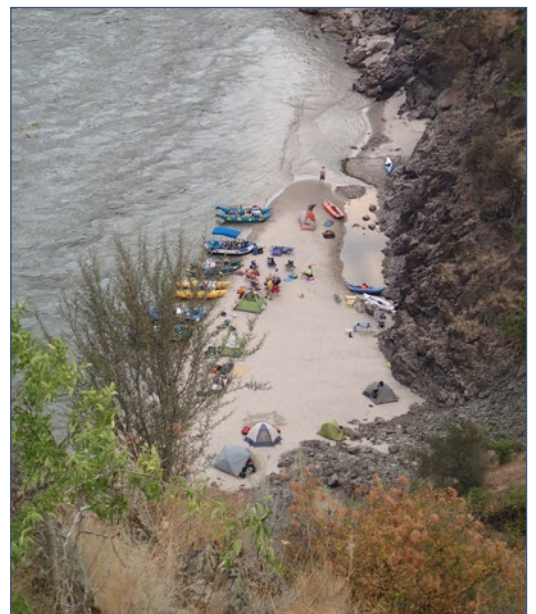
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July 17, 2017 Main Salmon River – One of the many campsites on this river. Many feature beautiful white-sand beaches while others are rocky.



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2017 Lower Salmon - Beautiful vistas on the Lower Salmon



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2017 Lower Salmon  
Steve Susswein relaxing in front of the boat.



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June 10, 2018 Gates of Lodore  
Rowers first view of the "Gates of Lodore" at the start of the river trip.



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May 28, 2019 North Fork John Day River – Becky Joplin  
enjoying a nice day on the river.



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June 10, 2018 Gates of Lodore  
Before the Yampa confluence,  
boaters enjoy high canyon walls.



Photo by: Michael Budig



# Pink Flamingo Parties

Boating has a rich tradition of hosting a yearly Pink Flamingo Party at the end of each boating season. It's a time when we get together, talk about the trips we've done over the season, do some fun games, dress in head-to-toe pink, and just enjoy each other's company before we put our boats away for the winter.



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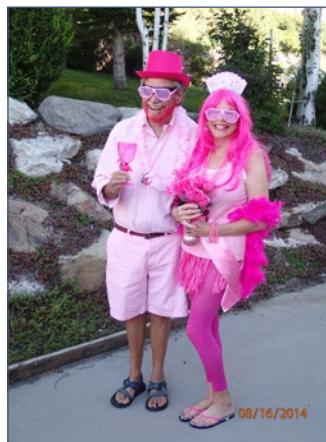


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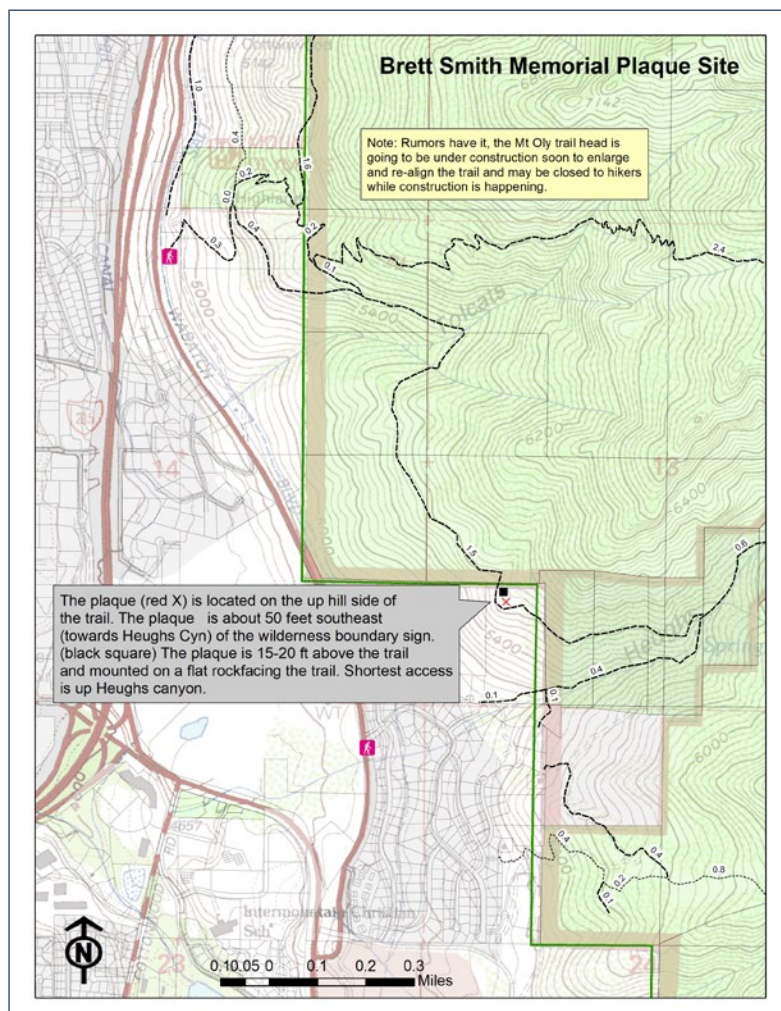
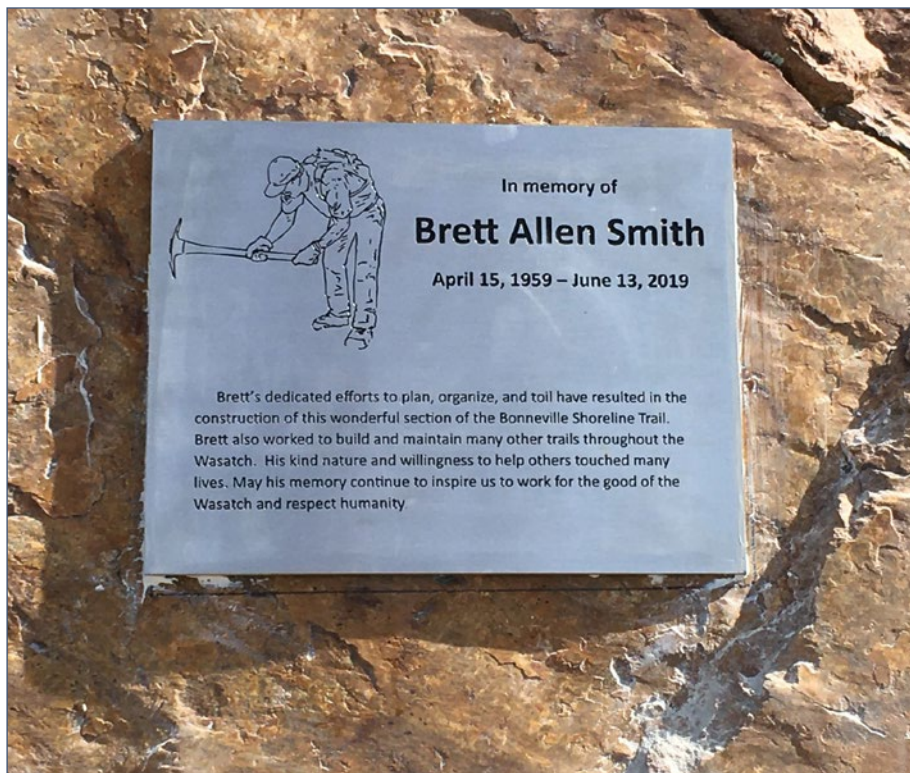




## Brett Smith Memorial Plaque

Dan Smith just finished installing the memorial plaque for his brother, Brett Smith, along the Bonneville Shoreline Trail at the site that was selected last fall. The plaque has been installed on a section of private property between Mount Olympus and Heugh's Canyon with the permission of the property owner. Please see the map showing the location and directions.

Due to the Covid situation, Dan decided not to do a group gathering at the site. You can enjoy the lovely spring weather and visit the site on your own and remember Brett. Also, Donor Connect will be happening in Aug for those that may not be able to hike to the plaque site.





# WMC Legends and Heroes: John Veranth

By Cheryl Soshnik



In 100 years of the Wasatch Mountain Club, a number of members stand out for their leadership and accomplishments. Over the next few months, we will feature several of these special members. One of the best examples of our WMC heroes is John Veranth. Conservationist, activist, outdoorsman, author, fundraiser and dancer, John holds the club record for holding just about every board position these last 45 years.

A native of the wilds of Northern Minnesota, in 1973 John was on the East Coast finishing his Master's Degree at MIT. The pull of the Western mountains was strong, however. John and his sweetie Martha traveled to Colorado to climb Longs Peak. Although afternoon thunderstorms thwarted their summit attempt, it was still a red-letter day, as John proposed marriage to Martha while on the mountain. From that point on, Martha and John have been together in all their adventures and endeavors. Degree in hand, Martha and John visited several western cities and universities, looking for the perfect location to settle down for work and play. They decided that Salt Lake and the University of Utah was the perfect location for their new home, and they moved here in the fall of 1974.

John and Martha joined the Wasatch Mountain Club the next spring, and within that first year, John was helping Trudy Healy on the hiking committee. That was just the beginning. He would hold just about every position on the board for the next 35 years straight! John was president twice, as well as hiking, mountaineering, and skiing directors. He was treasurer, Rambler editor, conservation director and trustee. In 1996, John received the "Pa Perry" award, which is bestowed on a WMC member who has given exceptional service to the club. In 2002, he received the "Alexis Kelnor Conservation Award", for distinguished service to the cause of Utah Conservation. John's strong conservation values, love of trails, and the WMC lodge were the three areas of club leadership that became his main passions. Club fundraising for these passions was important. In 1988, John wrote the first of three outdoors guidebooks, *Hiking the Wasatch*, and donated all proceeds to the WMC Lodge capital fund and Trails fund.

"*Hiking the Wasatch* was really a community project, and I was merely one who put the information into book form. For nearly every hike in the book my first time on that trail

had been on a WMC trip. While I was writing the book, club members provided valuable comments and corrections, and many of the best photos were donated by club members."

Next, John wrote *Wasatch Winter Trails: Beginner and Intermediate Ski and Snowshoe Tours in the Wasatch and Uinta Mountains*, published in 1991. And then in 1999, he and Mel Davis completely rewrote the 1974 book *High Uinta Trails*.

As well as his expertise on local hiking trails, John is famous for leading various out-of-area activities. He led mountaineering trips to Mt Rainier and the Mexican volcanoes, a McKinley backpacking trip, and distant ski tours. For many years, John and Martha organized a Memorial Day car camp in the Escalante area of southern Utah. In 1996 they purchased land in nearby Boulder, Utah and set up a yearly base camp on their property with hiking, canyoneering and bicycling trips venturing from this new location. They built a garage/apartment there in 2008, and over the next 9 years, often with assistance from other club members, slowly constructed their retirement home, nestled against the sandstone cliffs. They have occupied the new home since 2016, and now split their time between SLC and Boulder.

Martha and John are both Life Members of the Wasatch Mountain Club. For years, Martha and Karin Caldwell organized Chamber Music concerts at the WMC lodge. It was quite the process to recruit the performers and rent the piano and bring it up to the lodge. Martha is now retired from her medical informatics job but is still an avid Scottish dancer. John is 'almost' retired from his computer science position at the University, and is still active in ballet dance and continues hiking and canyoneering near their southern Utah home.

"The Wasatch Mountain Club has been a source of personal friends, of outdoor skills teachers and mentors, and of academic, business, and professional contacts. Much of our life has been shaped by people in the club."

"The WMC succeeds because members volunteer. Martha and I plan to continue to support the club into its next century!"





# Boating in the Time of Coronavirus: A Message From the WMC Boating Directors

**Hello, fellow boaters,**

**Happy 63rd birthday!**

Although our club is 100 this year, boating didn't start quite as soon. In fact, the first boating trip did not occur until May of 1957, when 51 people and four boats climbed onto three busses and headed to the Yampa! These days, those 51 people would probably have 35 boats!

That is not the only thing that has changed in 63 years. For one, that trip was self-supported, something pretty common for kayakers now, but pretty rare in WMC rafters. We might need to bring that one back this year.

This year is unlike any year in the 63 years of boating in the club, and your leadership committee has been struggling with the best way to deal with it. We have talked as a group, with the board, and looked to see how other groups are handling reopening. At this point, many, if not most of our desert and Idaho rivers are closed, with uncertain plans for reopening. Rafting is an activity where folks are often quite close. Paddle boats are cheek to cheek. We often share meals, groovers, and even beers. Six folks line up to lift a boat. Fire lines stretch up the bank. Even if you are rigorous in maintaining appropriate social distance, it all goes out the window when someone goes overboard.

Then there is the rental gear. We hear that the virus is pretty fragile, and probably sitting in the shed for a few days is all it needs to die, but we also see people in protective gear lumbering into buildings to spray disinfectants. Our facility is not easily set up to sterilize boats or kitchen gear. We don't want to put our members at risk. Thus, here is the plan we have arrived at.

First, we will not open the boat shed in May. When river managers figure out a plan, and the state has tried out the reopening, we will be in a better position, and will revisit the issue at the end of May.

Second, we currently have no trips scheduled for May and June, and feel that it is appropriate to keep the calendar clear for these two months. There will not be a beginner trip this year—we see no way to do this trip responsibly.

When we do open the calendar, we encourage you to keep your multi-day trip to no more than three households, each on their own boat or boats. The other households that come on your trip should be folks you feel you can trust to follow the guidelines put out by the board.

You need to discuss how you will load and transport trip members and gear safely. This may involve separate vehicles and shuttles or wearing masks over distance. Currently carpools are discouraged. We have talked to a few shuttle companies, and they are opening with COVID precautions in place. Their precautions sounded reasonable enough to me to feel safe. Masks, gloves, disinfectants before and after, and hot cars sitting in the sun. Especially if your trip is a ways away, we believe shuttles are more environmentally responsible than driving extra cars.

Each household group should be self-sufficient, with all their own food, kitchen gear and other supplies. One exception may be the groover, as you are maintaining social distance there, and should be washing your hands before touching anything after use. And nobody has gotten COVID through their butt-cheeks.

Choose campsites where households can set up with sufficient space.

In this situation we feel it appropriate to suggest you be selective in choosing as boating partners people you are comfortable that you can maintain these guidelines with.

We do have rivers which are available to us as day trips—the Weber river, the Provo River and the Jordan River. We suggest that trips to these rivers be handled in the same way the hiking group handles trips and will open up for this kind of trip when the board opens for activities. Multi-day trips may be delayed a little longer.

Again, as the situation develops, we will revisit and revise these guidelines. Happy 63rd Birthday and stay safe. We'll see you on the river, a few at a time!

**Your Directors, Aymara and Kelly**

# A Brief History of WMC Sailing

By Vince Desimone

The Wasatch Mountain Club has actively participated in sailing activities for much of its history. Members have organized sailing activities informally with their own boats on local waters for years. Sailing activities were formally recognized by the WMC when Vince Desimone became WMC Sailing Coordinator in 1985. Many members participated in these local outings which were often posted in the RAMBLER. The first sailing trip abroad was to Belize in 1986. That week-long trip had two 40-foot sailboats, one of which had a scuba diving air compressor on-board. Scuba diving was a frequent activity as part of visiting many islands of the Belize Barrier Reef. Beautiful coral, sea fans, sponges and brightly colored sea life provided divers and snorkelers a wonderful experience. When not on the boat, participants explored natural and local island life. Visits were made to Mayan temples, limestone caves and jungle preserves. We celebrated Halloween with locals in the small town of Placentia which had no cars and the only pavement was a foot and wheelbarrow path several feet wide. On our Belize air travel we spent a memorable night in New Orleans.

For about 20 years trips were taken to Tahiti, Greece, Turkey, Mexico and nearly all of the islands of the Caribbean including the Virgin Islands, the Windward's (St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Grenadine's, Grenada), the Leeward's (Guadeloupe, Isle des Saints, Martinique, Dominica), St. Martin, Antigua and Trinidad. Typically, two to four boats were leased although there were seven boats on the Sea of Cortez trip. The boats were captained by WMC members. All WMC members on trips participated in the sailing activities. Many of the captains started as novices and became capable captains for later trips.

In Greece, our boats were Crisdi, a 47' sloop captained by Dave Townsend and Sonalis, a 54' sloop captained by Vince. Many of the crew members were seasick when we arrived and tied up to a sea wall bollard on the stern and a set anchor from the bow at the island of Kithnos. The next day even the large ferry boats were not running because of the strong Meltimi winds. Several people rented a hotel room that night. Those who stayed on board experienced an active night as the strong winds tossed us about. With calmer weather, we changed our itinerary to more sheltered islands which were not on the tourist route which gave us the experience of Greek life not affected by tourism. As another part of the trip we were able to enjoy Greek food and nightlife and visit the Parthenon, the Acropolis and Delphi.

Tahiti was a magical adventure for our two boat crews. Highlights include sailing through narrow reef openings to get to and from the islands of Moorea, Riatea, Bora Bora, and Tahaa; a private Hibiscus dance show put on by young native Tahitian dancers; donating money to acquire large sea turtles from the turtle rescue society for us to release once we got into open water; visiting a local church during Sunday service; snorkeling with manta rays, sharks, and other sea life; and experiencing the gentle warm people of Tahiti.

The sailing trip out of La Paz Mexico had seven boats. Diving and snorkeling were frequent activities. One dive was among huge hammerhead sharks while trusting that our commercial dive master was correct when he told us that there was nothing to be concerned about. Upon returning from that dive we learned that two of the women snorkeling had been approached by a huge elephant seal that wrapped

his flippers around them in a gentle hug possibly thinking that maybe they were female elephant seals. Both women were wearing black wet suits that could have fooled the elephant seal.

The Leeward Islands of the Caribbean trip started in Guadeloupe Island. Upon arrival a group hiked the Soufriere Volcano since our four sailboats would not be available until the next morning. Once on the boats, we sailed to Dominica by midday and then visited Indian River, a Carib town. That afternoon some of the cruisers went scuba diving. Others hiked to the Emerald Pool in the deep jungle for a refreshing cool waterfall and then up to the town of Trafalgar and to two adjacent falls. One side of the falls had golden hot water the color of sulfur which flowed out of the volcanic Boiling Lake above. The other side had cool fresh mountain spring water. We enjoyed a hot bath and a cool refreshing shower. In the following days we sailed to Martinique and Isle des Saints for more adventures.

Sailing trip reports to many other locations are not included in this article. Many fond memories came from the sailing trips. The camaraderie sailing along with cultural experiences and adventure activities in foreign countries resulted in many long-lasting friendships.



L-R, seated: Ray Wenger, Vince Desimone, Ron Perez; standing: Cynthia Anderson, Mark Ryan, Elizabeth Morris



# Celebrate the legacy *by Giving*

**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](http://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.

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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.

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

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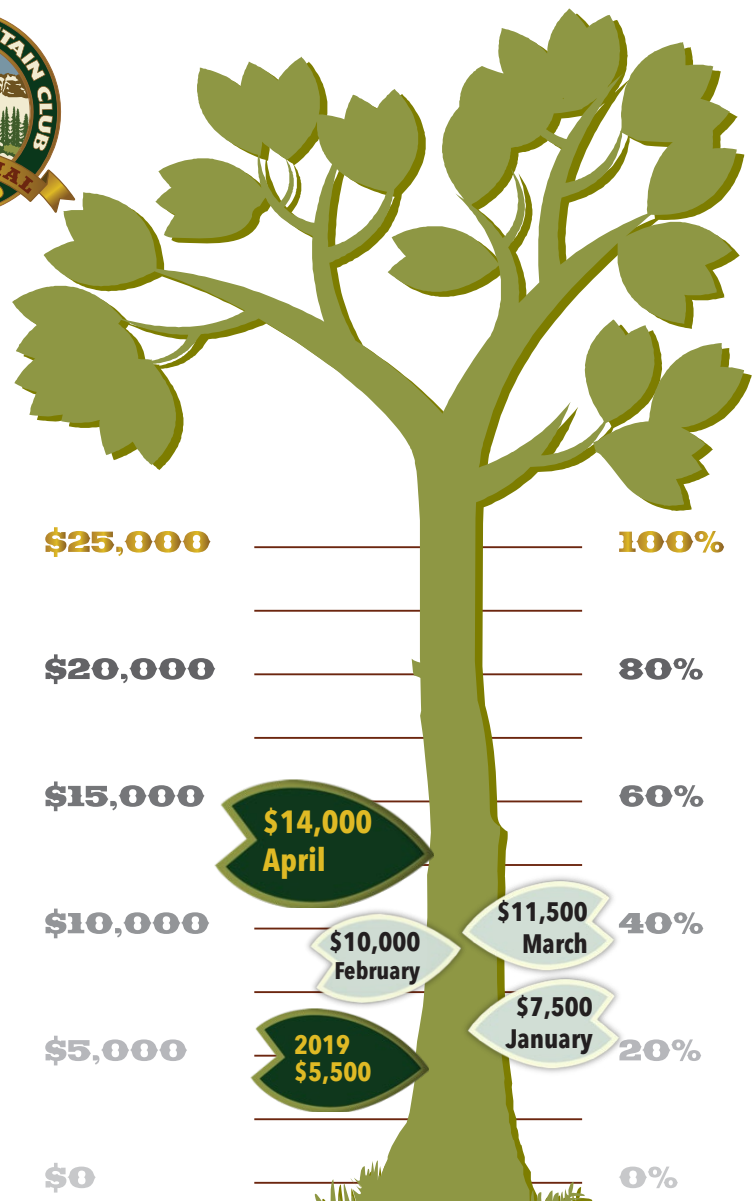


The PRT program is part of the College of Health. The program inspires students to inform policy, serve social needs, promote sustainability, and advocate for the health of people, communities, and the environment. This is closely aligned with the purpose statement of the WMC.

\$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.

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.



**Wasatch Mountain Club Endowment Fund Goal**



Thunder Mtn 4930: Michi, Michael, Signe, Akiko, Chris P, Lana, Chris, and Andrew

## Trip Report: Snowshoe to South Thunder Mountain

February 15, 2020

Organizer, Report & Photos: Michael Hannan

Three 4-wheel-drive vehicles (a Jeep, a Montero, and a pickup) make their way carefully along the rutted snow-caked final half mile to the Schoolhouse Springs trailhead north of a dark Alpine suburb. A wintery chill engulfs the drainage while headlight beams bounce and dance as the vehicles making up the carpool slowly turn and pirouette to a flat area 50 yards south of the steel gate and the chain-link protected reservoir.

Our objective waits solemnly, rising along Lightning Ridge, a distant 6 miles and nearly 6,000 vertical feet from our starting point. With headlamps lighting the way and micro-spikes providing traction on the lumpy ice-caked road, we begin our journey which will eat up almost eleven hours of this day.

A sky emblazoned with pastel pinks, oranges, and yellows casts an optimistic glow as we climb toward the 1st Hamongog. We welcome the sunrise, knowing the warmth will soon dispel the early dawn chill. At the 1st Hamongog ("mountain meadow") we exchange spikes for snowshoes and wore them the entire rest of the day. The abundant snow this year allowed us to take liberties with the normal trail and easily cut a few corners en route to the 2nd Hamongog.

The clear skies which greeted us at sunrise soon gave way to a gauze-like overcast which muted the sunlight but allowed stunning views of Lone Peak, Bighorn Peak,

Chipman Peak, Box Elder Peak, and mighty Timpanogos. Those of us who had been on this route before were astounded at the amount of snow. As we ascended the so-called key rib from 9,500' an insistent west wind began to assault us. Like a relative overstaying his welcome it pestered us without mercy the entire rest of the ascent.

Snowshoeing the final 300' of South Thunder's south ridge was a classic example of mixed emotions: braving the biting wind with patient resentment but knowing the long sought-for goal was within our grasp. On the summit we were all smiles. Pictures, high-fives, hugs, fist bumps, astonishing views. Then the unwanted but necessary admonition, "Let's get going; I'm freezing!"

Our way down was quick, Chris and Andrew electing to carry their snowshoes and simply boot it to the cache point at 10,700'. A short break there - no relief from the wind whatsoever! - and we were off, marching in a sloppy strung out line which would have given a military drill sergeant heartburn. A break at the so-called plateau (9,400') provided an opportunity to snack and sit for 5 minutes; then it was plunge-stepping down to the 2nd Hamongog and a reverse carbon-copy of our early morning journey. Back at the cars we again shared high-fives and expressed mutual thanks to one another for a job well done and a mountain well climbed, a mountain worthy of eleven hours of work and fun.



# Trip Report: Summit Park Peak Snowshoe

February 23, 2020



*Group photo at Summit Park Peak. From left – Bob, Jean, Jim, Michi, Mary, and Akiko.*

Organizer, Report & Photo: Akiko Kamimura

We started from Parkview Drive Trailhead to bag Summit Park Peak (8,618 ft). We followed Summit Park trails at first but went off trail to take a more direct route to the peak. Once we were up to the ridge, we saw many peaks and tried to figure out the names of the peaks. On the ridge, we stopped at a ski lift chair - a memorial for Craig A. Patterson who was an avalanche forecaster and died in an avalanche accident at 33 in 2013. The next stop was an abandoned small,

rusty cabin. Then, we climbed up on the steep slope to the peak. After we had a long break at the peak, we descended via a different way that was a shortcut. The distance from the trailhead to the peak is 5 miles on the trail. But because we took shortcuts, our distance was only 3 miles (elevation gain 1,631 ft, time – 2 hours 40 minutes including breaks). After the snowshoe, some of us wanted to locate two other trailheads near the peak but did not find them. It was a wonderful day with nice weather, great company, and stunning views.



## Trip Report: Heugh's Canyon Hike

March 13, 2020



Edward Newby, Lauren Moon, Dick Smith, Logan Foltz, Daisy DeMarco, MackLeBlanc, and Steve Duncan

Organizers: Cindy Crass, Liz Cordova, Daisy DeMarco;  
Report & Photo: Cindy Crass

No coronavirus here. We were outside in the fresh air breathing it heavily up from the Mt. O trailhead to the BST and south to Heugh's Canyon. Weather was

chillier than expected (where was that promised sun?) but bracing. Eleven started out and eight made it to and past the waterfall. Ken didn't stay for the picture. Several remarked that although they had been to the waterfall many times, they had never seen it without foliage blocking the view.

## Trip Report: Slow Pace Draper Evening Hike

March 2, 2020

Organizer & Report: Tonya Karren

As we hiked the beautiful tree covered trails in Corner Canyon last evening, we noticed many wild turkey tracks in the snow on the trail in front of us. We then noticed a procession of about 18 turkeys walking in

a line, one after another, just like us, following the trail across the valley until they were high up on the mountainside. Then watched as they, one by one, launched into the air and floated down into the tops of a lofty tree to roost for the night. We were quite transfixed, watching the rare and wondrous display.





Nancy, Andrea, Akiko, Lana, Michi



Akiko, Andrea, Michi, Lana, Nancy



Deirdre, Nancy, Mohamed, Michi, Lana, Akiko, Andrea

## Trip Report: Mount Raymond Snowshoe March 14, 2020

Organizer, Report, and Photo: Lana Christiansen

Sometimes being a trip organizer demands flexibility and willingness to change things up a bit. On Tuesday March 10, 2020 Michael and I went to the little town of Ophir to check out the trail conditions for this upcoming activity. We were surprised to see signs posted everywhere denying access to the trailhead we have used for years. We decided to come up with a Plan B for our Saturday excursion. Mount Raymond from Butler Fork seemed like a good idea. We were grateful for the willingness of those who had expressed interest in the Oquirrh to change their plans and join us on Raymond

(Andrea, Akiko, Michi, Deirdre, Nancy, Mohamed, Michael, and I). Our group of eight started out knowing we were up against some pretty strong winds that day. We agreed to start out and evaluate the conditions once we got to Baker Pass. We were able to ascend with only the help of micro spikes for quite a distance. We finally switched to snowshoes to cross several snow fields through the aspens and on up to Baker Pass. The 30 mile an hour wind gusts were annoying but six of us decided to press on and try to attain the summit. Three and a half hours after starting we were elated to be standing on top. Five women and one man had weathered the storm and made it to the top. We made the round trip of 8 miles and approximately 3600 vertical gain in about six hours. I am thankful for the strong and courageous women of the Wasatch. And of course, the men too!



*Jim taking pictures on the ridge.*



*Group photo at Pine Hollow Peak. From left, Chris, Jim and Akiko.*



*Jim and Chris descending.*

## Trip Report: Pine Hollow Peak Snowshoe March 21, 2020

Organizer, Report, and Photos: Akiko Kamimura

We bagged Pine Hollow Peak (8,440 ft) in American Fork. When we met at the Tibble Fork Reservoir parking lot, the temperature was only 22 F. Nevertheless, we did not feel cold. The weather was nice throughout the day, except brief snow showers. We started from Tibble Fork Trailhead with micro spikes and switched to snowshoes. Until the junction with Mud Springs (TR. 173), there was a good track on the trail. However, after the junction, there were only ski tracks that were not exactly on the trail. We mostly followed the ski tracks, which were steep short cuts. Once we were on the ridge, the views were remarkable. There are three "bumps" on the way to Pine Hollow Peak. We enjoyed different stunning views at each bump. We did not see Pine Hollow Peak until we came very close to the peak. While the peak looked just like a very small bump, we were very happy that we made it. We had lunch

and took many pictures at the peak. Descending was fun! We put lots of snowshoe tracks on fresh powder snow. We did not see any other snowshoers/hikers, except near the trailhead. When we were back to the parking lot it was full. Some cars parked on the road. There were many people near the reservoir fishing, biking, running, etc. This snowshoe took 6 hours and 15 minutes in total including a number of breaks to enjoy views (distance – 8.23 miles, elevation gain – 2,694 ft).



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## Trip Report: Kings Peak Backcountry Ski Tour – 47th Edition

March 21, 2020

Organizer, Report & Photos: Larry Swanson

This year was brimming with surprises. First, on a recon drive in February, we found the road we have used for 25+ years is no longer plowed in winter. Next, we found a locked gate where we normally park cars, and finally this terrible Coronavirus that messed with everyone's plans. Nevertheless, the KPT went on with many modifications to eliminate the hazard of personnel contamination. The traditional "Hot Chocolate in Larry's VW Van" became "walk thru" with steaming cups offered out the window by a gloved hand.

The morning was nippy, 10F at the start, but the sky was clear when the sun came up and with no wind the skiing was nice. A fair amount of new snow covered the track 3 of us had set the week earlier. The snow got deeper as altitude increased. The conditions in the drainage were super. One could almost ski anywhere. Above Elkhorn Crossing the trail breaking got serious in both old and new snow. Gunsight Pass became the turn-around point for all. A comment from most was how great it was to be out of range of the Coronavirus news cycle and in the Forest for a while. Next year will be here before you know it.

Ski Tourers: Steve Swanson, Josh Childs, Larry Swanson, Oliver Hansen, Sharyl Smith, Lubos Pavel, Joseph Butcher, Barry Dehaan, Bruce Coulter, Sam Stevens, Vince Snow, Tanner Gerrard, Mike Zufelt

## Trip Report: Relaxed Pace Day Hike Bells Canyon

February 15, 2020

Organizer & Report: Tonya Karren

Many club friends showed up yesterday for our Bells Canyon Hike and a few new people too. We all enjoyed hiking together on such a pleasant day. The snow on the trail was in excellent hiking condition and hardly any ice patches to worry about. Although it was warmer than usual, the snow was still in freshly packed condition and hadn't softened up and turned slushy at all. Spikes were all we needed. We wound our way up the trail to the lower lake and then continued on up the trail beyond to the log bridge, took a moment to enjoy the beauty of the partially frozen river, crossed over it, and headed back down the trail on the other side of the river. We wove along the trail through the snow frosted trees, scrambled down a hillside and crossed a small stream on a three branch bridge, and circled around the lake and back down the trail. It's a frozen winter wonderland up there and we got to play in it! I highly recommend hiking this trail if you get a chance.

# Trip Report: Maple Mountain Snowshoe

March 22, 2020

Organizer, Report and Photos: Akiko Kamimura

Maple Mountain (9,088 ft) is located in the south of the Y Mountains in Provo and is rarely climbed. Winter is the best time to make Maple Mt because it is possible to avoid nasty bushwhacking. We started from Y-Mt Trailhead. Until the junction to Y-Mts we did not need to use snowshoes. From the junction, the track was only going toward Y-Mts. There was no track on our way up Slide Canyon Trail. We put on snowshoes and broke the trail. There is no trail to get to the peak from Slide Canyon Trail. There are two approaches to the peak – the west ridge and the northeast ridge. We chose the northeast ridge route, which is longer but less steep. Breaking the trail on deep fresh snow was lots of work. It was group efforts to get to the peak – we took turns to climb the challenging snow covered slope. It was worth it to make the efforts. The views from the peak were wonderful. Also, we had a sense of accomplishment. We had lunch and relaxing time at the peak. We descended mostly on the same route but had some fun by going down on steep slopes. The weather was nice. It was the first time to bag the peak for all of us. This snowshoe took 7 hours and 15 minutes in total including breaks

**Distance – 8.26 miles**

**Elevation gain – 4,259 ft**



*Sandra on the way to the peak. Cascade Mt in the back.*



*Group photo at the peak of Maple Mt.  
From left – Sandra, Al, Akiko and Jim.*



*Al, Sandra and Jim descending from the peak.*



*Al and Sandra making the peak.*



# Keep Our Recreation Areas Clean

We all have a responsibility to keep our recreation areas clean of litter and waste. I am sure WMC members are better than most about not leaving a mess, but an occasional reminder is good for everyone.

Not too many things are more disturbing while recreating in our beautiful state than seeing tissue and toilet paper scattered around hiking and camping areas. In this day of COVID it is even more problematic since it is harder to get any of us clean up someone else's messes.

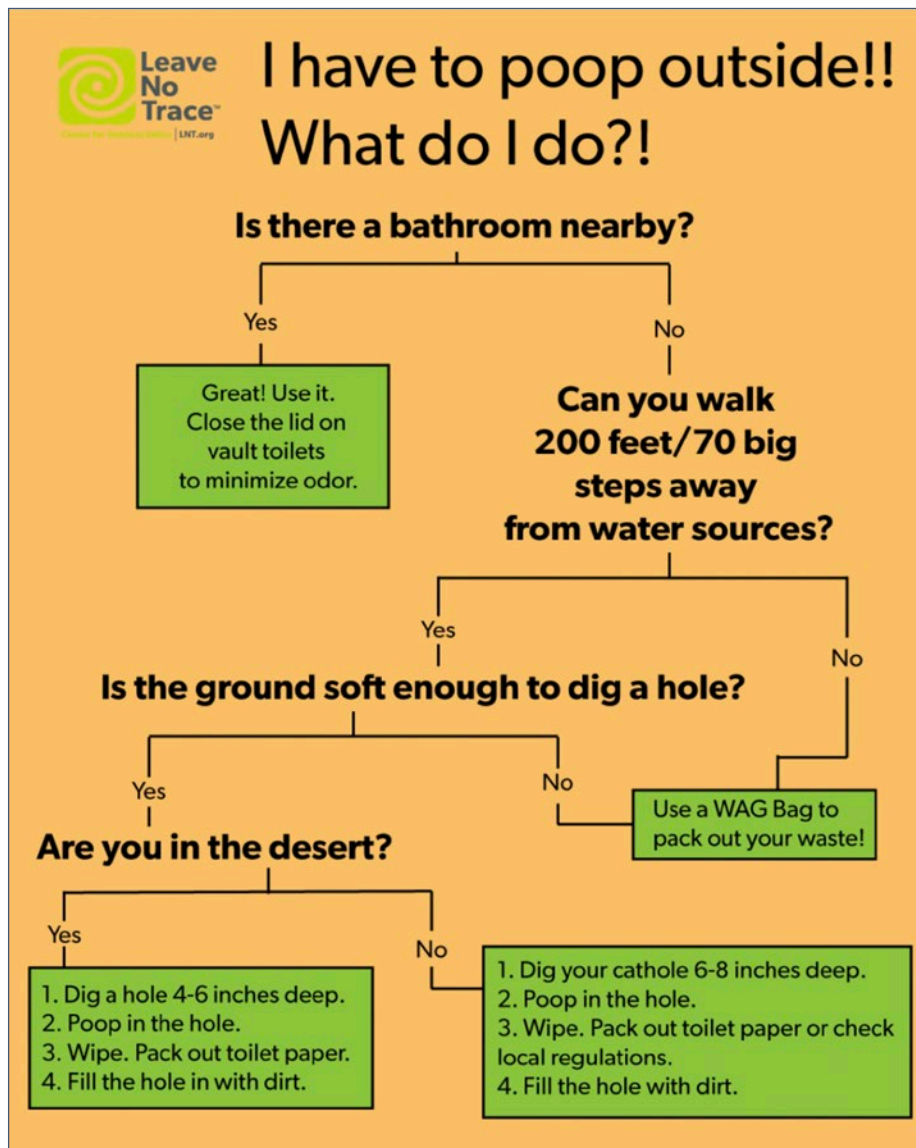
We must all take responsibility to leave our recreation spaces as good or better than we found them.

The Wasatch Mountain Club is now a Community Partner with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics. They have kindly provided the graphic below depicting best ways to dispose of human waste when we are recreating in our outdoor spaces. Please follow these guidelines.

Always remember to pack out everything you carry in. When on hiking trails, that means your dog waste too. Thanks to all.

Dennis Goreham

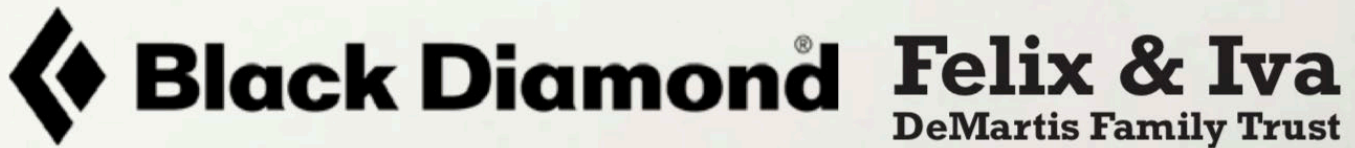
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# WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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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

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**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](http://www.wasatchmountainclub.org)) or request a printed copy from the Membership Director.

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### Membership dues:

\$40.00 for single membership (Annual dues \$35.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee)

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\$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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature 1 \_\_\_\_\_

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Wasatch Range, Utah 📷 Andy Earl





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