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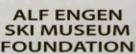
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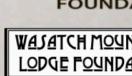
























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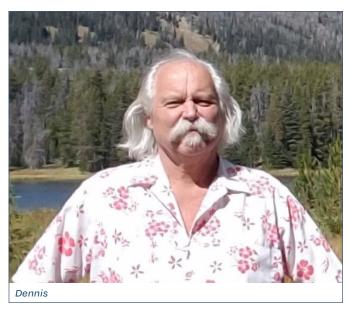
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# A Message From the 2020 WMC Conservation Director

#### By Dennis Goreham



In the Wasatch Mountain Club's hundredth year of recreating in our mountains, some parts aren't much different than they were in 1920. We owe thanks to the Forest Service, Salt Lake City Water, Salt Lake County, Summit County and many other public and private entities for helping to preserve these areas to recreate in. Some of these areas are currently at risk however.

Elsewhere in this month's Rambler, Will McCarvill addresses the history of the WMC involvement in conservation issues. The club really became active in these issues in the early 1960s. In the 70s, we were quite visible and vocal in our support of the Lone Peak, Mt Olympus, and Twin Peak Wilderness Areas. Now we are supportive of the proposed Grandeur – Mt Aire Wilderness, and an extension to the Lone Peak Wilderness. These new areas will not be easy to realize however, because they are not only opposed by developers but other conflicting recreation users.

Over the last several years, club members have been involved in a variety of critical activities in the Wasatch. One of those was the Mountain Accord process. It culminated in 150 signatories to continue a process to work together to achieve the agreed upon goals. Now, some are working on their own special interests that could undermine the cooperative spirit and compromises agreed

upon. We must all continue to work together toward common goals to preserve the Wasatch and provide recreation opportunities future generations can enjoy.

The Central Wasatch Commission has been instrumental in focusing efforts of government entities, and stakeholders, to address issues in our mountains. They are currently looking at transportation solutions to make sure needs are met for the residents in the mountains, the ski resorts, and the dispersed recreation users including our membership. We have encouraged them to focus on mass transit solutions, like buses, that can meet all these needs while reducing automobile traffic in the canyons. Another activity they are currently considering is a comprehensive analysis of visitor use in the canyons and how to manage it. The WMC is dedicated to participating in this analysis to ensure we have access to the trailheads and destinations we enjoy.

WMC members must all do their part. Get involved. There are currently many opportunities for members to be involved in the Wasatch, in our cities, and across the state to ensure open space, parks, and trails. Members can participate in trail maintenance, invasive weed removal, and other projects that are often listed in the Rambler and in our online calendar. A big thanks goes out to all of you who already do that!

We can each do our part when recreating to practice conservation ethics, minimize our impacts and do our best to leave no trace. Our individual efforts can help ensure we have clean water, clean air, healthy forests and deserts, and a nice place to recreate in.

What will our members find in the Wasatch 100 years from now? Will there be any chance for the beauty and solitude we enjoy, or will they be impacted by visual, sound, light, and air pollution; not to mention overcrowding. It is up to the WMC and members acting on their own to turn some of our recreational experiences into service. This will be the only way to guarantee our great grandkids have the same recreation opportunities our members have had for the last 100 years.

# The History of Wasatch Mountain Club Conservation

#### By Will McCarvill and John Veranth

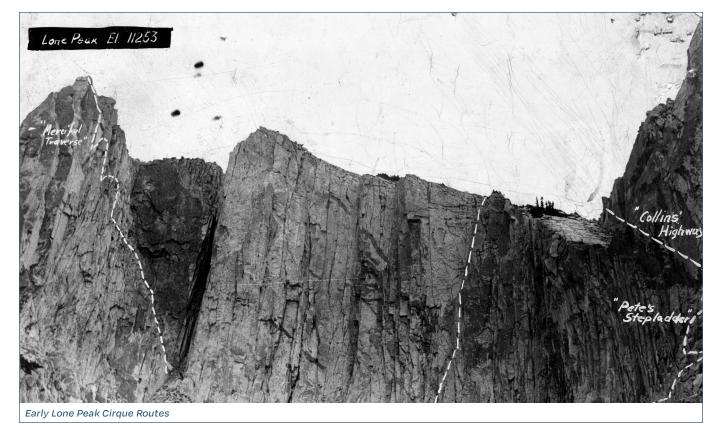
The 1920's statement of purpose for the Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) includes, "To encourage the preservation of forests, flowers, and natural scenery, as well as wild animal and bird life." In the January 1923 Rambler there is the statement, "We are rapidly becoming a great asset to our community; taking an active part in its development; an interest in its parks, and the city's cleanliness and beauty, our tourist camping grounds, and all other natural attractions to tourists." Thus from its beginning, the WMC and its members have participated in Utah environmental issues, promoting trails and wilderness protection and opposing inappropriate development.

However, it was not until 1960 that the Board of Directors established the position of Conservation Director and approved a Committee of 3-8 members to represent the club in Conservation matters. At the General Membership Meeting held October 19 of that year, the new Director, Austin Wahrhaftig, heard the views of many members who spoke up on the subjects of conservation, grazing, road development and many other items. The first actual conservation meeting was held February 13, 1961. Quoting from the March 1961 Rambler, "Our National Parks are in danger, our mountains over grazed and no adequate plans exist for providing wilderness

areas for our future population. We hope members of the WMC will help by writing to the appropriate officials stating their opinions on these conservation matters."

Not only did the club members write letters, but they took care of the outdoors. On August 20, 1961, 19 members showed up to retrieve trash from the shores of Lake Blanche. The WMC has continued this work into the present with an active trails maintenance program with the Forest Service and the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation.

One of the main drivers of activism was the passage of national legislation. The passage





Lake Blanche

of the Wilderness Act in 1964 spawned the rise of other wild lands legislation mandating formal review and evaluation of wilderness values on both Forest Service and BLM lands. Before the act was even passed, Cal Giddings had fantasized about protection for the Lone Peak area. He, along with Alexis Kelner and Gale Dick, launched the Lone Peak Wilderness Proposal. Many more club members like Dennis and Karin Caldwell were instrumental in getting Lone Peak designated as Utah's first wilderness area as part of the 1978 Endangered American Wilderness Act.

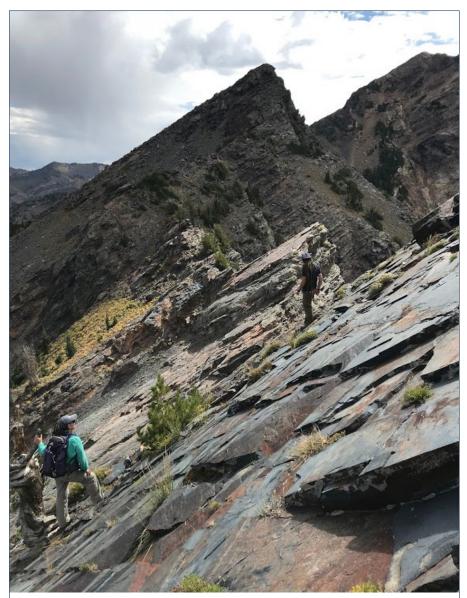
Locally, updating of Forest Management Plans followed an erratic schedule and reflected the changing views on how the land should be used. BLM land plans were also subject to periodic updates. These plan updates provided opportunities for conservation activists to effect changes on how lands were managed. In 1989 Salt Lake County published its first Wasatch Canyons Master Plan, which laid out a vision of how the canyons were to be managed. As these plans were developed, the WMC and the public were able to offer input. WMC members participated on local boards, commissions and studies.

During this time local nonprofit organizations sprang up to take advantage of the federal legislation tools for increasing the level of protection of lands and waters. Just a few include the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA), Utah Wilderness Association (UWA), and Utah Wilderness Coalition (UWC). The WMC was a founding member of the Utah Rivers Council and the Utah Wilderness Coalition. Alexis Kelner and Gale Dick, along with Floyd Sweat, founded Save Our Canyons (SOC). Many others came and went and only briefly played a role. There were also many other organizations that focused on specific issues like air quality. National environmental organizations such as the Sierra Club and The Wilderness Society were influential on the local stage. They played key roles in preventing bad bills from being enacted on a national level, and helping pass good bills.

Trail planning in the face of population growth and urbanization is an example of a local issue appropriate for WMC conservation activism. In the 1970's foothill trails were restricted by private holdings between the road and the national forest, and housing developments were blocking traditional routes. WMC members were active in bringing these issues to the attention of the forest service and the municipal elected officials and planning staff, and advocating for muscle-powered public access. For example, countless hours were spent on trails issues related to just one gated development on the north rim of City Creek above the state capitol. Today Salt Lake County and nearly every municipality have included urban trails and foothill trailheads in their



BST Trailhead Sign



Twin Peaks Wilderness

master plans. Official trailheads and dedicated rights of way through private lands have been created for Bells Canyon, Heughs Canyon, Grandeur Peak, and many other foothill locations. The Wasatch Mountain Club provided the initial seed funding that helped launch the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Committee. Today the vision of a trail along the foothill benches, first conceived by Jim Byrne and Rick Reese in 1980, has evolved into an urban interface trail that provides access to the ridges and canyons above.

In a review of past Ramblers

it is amazing how few issues were resolved, how long it took to resolve them and how many still exist today. Here is a short incomplete shopping list: Forest Service wilderness, BLM wilderness, ski area expansion, ski area interconnects, national monuments, the Olympics, updated management plans, motorized recreation, the state of Utah taking over public lands, various bad bills on a local and national level and heliskiing in the Wasatch. It is also amazing how individuals and organizations fought to combat Utah's historic reluctance to

protect our special places and to stop ruthless exploitation. So let's take a look at some of these from a historical perspective. In the recent past, the WMC has tended to focus on the Wasatch and let the national organizations deal with the statewide big picture.

#### **Forest Service Wilderness**

Already in the early 70's the WMC was supporting the Lone Peak Wilderness as well as Mount Olympus and Twin Peaks, among others. In 1972 the WMC helped craft a proposal and met with then congressman Wayne Owens. Many times our members were asked to contact our congressmen for a Lone Peak Wilderness bill. We funded travel for Alexis Kelner to go to Washington, D.C. to lobby for Lone Peak. Finally, in 1978, Lone Peak was designated as



Olympus North Ridge

wilderness in the Endangered American Wilderness Act. During this same time the WMC was working with other organizations under the Roadless Area Review and Evaluation (RARE) process to come up with additional Forest Service wilderness in Utah. In the late 70's the WMC commented upon RARE II recommendations and proposed much more wilderness than recommended by the Forest Service. In 1984 the Utah Wilderness Act passed and established the Mount Olympus and Twin Peaks wildernesses and others sprinkled around the state. The bill protected much less than we wanted.

No additional Forest Service wilderness has been designated since then and there are continual efforts to weaken RARE protections. One of the last proposals for Forest Service wilderness was produced for southern Utah Forests by the Utah Forest Network in 2005. The last one I can find was the joint Utah Forest Network/Utah **Environmental Congress unified** Forest Wilderness proposal in 2012. There are no current congressional sponsors for a bill designating Forest Service wilderness.

#### Water



Main Salmon 1983

The WMC formed a Save Our Rivers Committee in 1973. The next year the club participated in hearings to determine the fate of the Salmon River in Idaho. The WMC joined many other organizations to prevent Lake Powell water from reaching Rainbow Bridge. The club helped to add 67 miles of the Snake River to the Wild and Scenic River System, and to create a 650,000 acre Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. This meant no more dams in the Hells Canyon. Club members participated in workshops for a management plan for Grand Gulch, Slickhorn Canyons and part of the San Juan River.

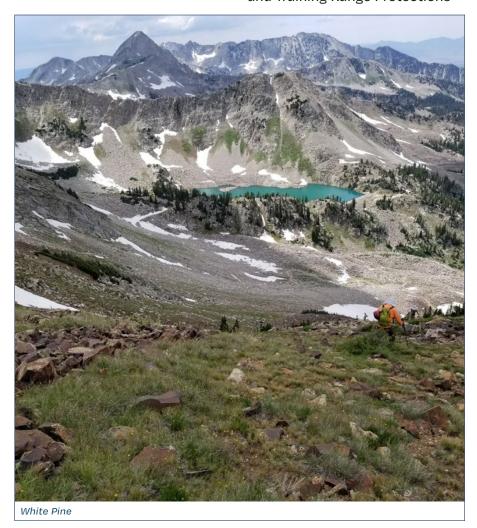
#### **BLM Wilderness**

In 1980 the BLM produced an inadequate wilderness survey

for Utah and the WMC started an adopt-a-Wilderness Study Area (WSA) program. As per the RARE process, courts in 1983 decided that the BLM failed to include 700,000 acres of wilderness quality lands, which had to be added back in. The WMC actually sent a letter to President Reagan asking that Secretary of Interior James Watt be fired! The club promoted the Utah Wilderness Coalition's proposed 5.1 million acres of BLM wilderness in Utah (The Citizen's Proposal) and the BLM came up with another inadequate proposal in 1986. In our Diamond Jubilee year of 1995 Governor Leavitt and the **Utah Congressional delegation** attempted to introduce a minimal Utah Wilderness bill. By this time the Citizen's bill was up to 5.7 million acres. This

became America's Red Rock Wilderness proposal which has been introduced into congress every session for decades.

Under an 1866 act, Revised Statute 2477 allows for road construction on BLM lands which thusly disqualifies them from wilderness consideration. Emery County alleged a number of such roads, so the WMC started a road inventory process to determine the actual nature of the roads being claimed. This program became wildly successful and results were used in Congress as part of the fight against the 1995 bill, which eventually failed to pass. The policy of standing fast and supporting more, not less, wilderness in Utah has slowly paid off. In 2005 the Utah Test and Training Range Protections



Act included designation of the Cedar Mountain Wilderness area of roughly 100,000 acres. In 2019 the Dingell Act created nearly 700,000 acres of wilderness in Emery County. The WMC has steadily supported America's Red Rock Wilderness bill as it slowly gains supporters in Congress. Over 8 million acres remain to be protected. Speaking of RS2477, in the mid 2000's Salt Lake County was pursuing claiming old roads in the Wasatch. The WMC inventoried these claims and in a joint program with SOC convinced the county to abandon these claims.

# Utah State Takeover of Public lands

This has a surprisingly long history. The earliest mentions in our Rambler are in 1979 and 1981. In 2016, the Utah legislature voted to provide \$18.5 million to fund lawsuits in this pursuit. The issue was reborn in 2018 in our state legislature when the Utah Transfer of Public Lands Act was passed.

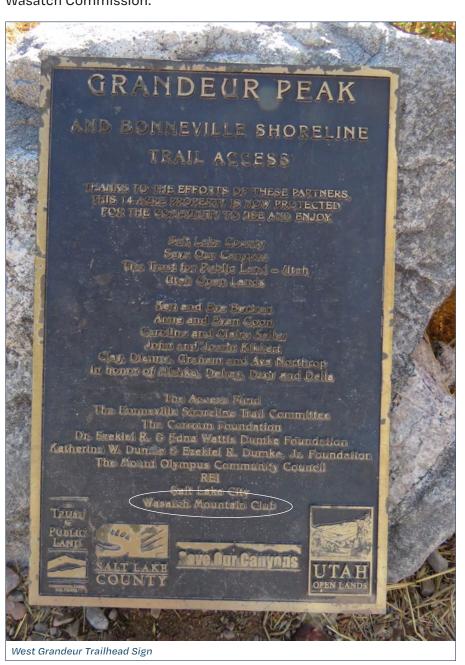
# Ski Area Expansions and One Wasatch Ski Interconnect

We hardly know where to begin with this one. Here is a partial list of those proposed and fought by the WMC. Alta - Wants lift up Flagstaff, Expansion into Grizzly Gulch late 2010's. Snowbird many attempts to expand into White Pine, first proposal for restaurant on Hidden Peak in 1997 (built in 2017). Brighton -1982 expansion, 1992 proposed expansion into Wasatch County. Solitude - proposed an interconnect in 1987, wanted lift realignment for expansion, wanted all of Silver Fork in 2010. Forest Service - 1985 Forest Plan left lift options for White Pine and an interconnect, 2003 Forest Plan froze ski area boundaries on Forest Service land. In 1987, Wasatch Aerial

Transit System (WATS) was proposed. In 1990 we pushed for a ski area master plan instead of piecemeal ski area proposals and Brighton complied. In 2013 the Ski Link proposal died, which would have linked Solitude and The Canyons. The One Wasatch interconnect was proposed by Ski Utah in 2015 and resurfaced in the signed Mountain Accord in 2015. The WMC opposes both. Currently interconnect transportation plans are being drafted by UDOT and the Central Wasatch Commission.

#### **Olympics**

In 1985, we opposed the proposed 1996 use of Snowbird. The WMC did not favor the Salt Lake County 1998 bid and funded an anti-Olympics tabloid. The WMC opposed using the Wasatch Mountains for the 2002 Olympics, but fought successfully to prevent the use of venues in Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons. It looks like we will see another proposal coming for the late 2020's or 2030's Olympics again.



#### **Canyons Planning**

In the recent past, WMC members served on Envision Utah's Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow, the Mountain Accord, the Central Wasatch Commission, Foothills and Canyons Overlay Zone Blue Ribbon Committee, the Update of the Canyons Master Plan and many others. Our participation helped these plans recognize the need to protect our natural resources and recreation opportunities. The club also tried to preserve hiking access to foothill canyons trailheads by attending County Planning meetings.

#### **Financial Contributions**

In the early 1970s a group of WMC members, including Betty Bottcher and Mel Davis, created the original "Wasatch Trails" guidebook and donated the royalty income to the cause of promoting trails, which was the beginning of the substantial funds the club has used for conservation donations. Subsequent guidebooks and maps authored by club members have continued this tradition. In addition, the Wasatch Mountain Club dedicates 10% of dues to conservation. A portion of these funds has been donated to local conservation organizations that have full-time staff because these professionals can provide legal and technical expertise that is beyond the capability of the WMC as a volunteer organization. The WMC made a substantial contribution that allowed colored illustrations in the advocacy book "Wilderness at the Edge," published by the Utah Wilderness Coalition. Additionally, the club has donated to Utah Open Lands to help purchase lands in Killyon Canyon, Emigration Canyon, Willow Lake in Big Cottonwood, the west slope of Grandeur Peak

at the mouth of Parleys Canyon, and Bonanza Flat.

#### **Alexis Kelner Award**



Alexis Kelner

In celebration of 50 years of active life, much of which has been spent preserving the natural beauty of the Wasatch Mountains, the friends of Alexis Kelner established The Alexis Kelner Conservation Fund to be administered by the Wasatch Mountain Club. It is suggested that revenues from this fund be spent on annual awards to individuals, inside or outside the club, who have given distinguished service to the cause of Utah Conservation. These awards are named "Alexis Kelner Conservation Awards."

The establishment of the award was, in fact, a formalization of a trend started some years earlier at our annual nominations and awards banquet for honoring individuals who had contributed significantly to the preservation and conservation of Utah's public lands. In 1973, Fred Bruenger and Alexis Kelner were honored for the effort to stop the 1976 Winter Olympic Games that had been proposed and promoted for the Wasatch

Front canyons. In the early 1980's, Chuck Reichmuth was recognized for his impassioned plea for rapid congressional enactment of the Utah Wilderness Bill. A few years later, Marilyn Tueller and Bob Wright were jointly recognized for efforts to stop nuclear testing in southern Nevada. A list of more recent awardees follows:

1989 -- Dick Carter, founder and director of the Utah Wilderness Association, for his continued activism on behalf of the state's public lands, wilderness areas, wildlife, and eco-systems.

1990 -- Tom Berggren, Salt Lake attorney, for his work on behalf of Wasatch Front canyons preservation, for utilizing his legal skills to prepare numerous appeals of Forest Service decisions regarding the Brighton-Solitude expansion, and for being instrumental in helping convince Salt Lake City officials to enact a moratorium on canyon land development.

1991 -- Steve Lewis, for his ceaseless activism to bring about a heli-free Wasatch, and his participation on the mediation team of backcountry tourers during the Forest Service's ill-fated attempt to resolve the continually escalating conflicts between backcountry tourers and the heli-ski concessionaire.

1992 -- Rick Steiner, for his active participation in the formulation of the Salt Lake County's Master Plan, his enthusiastic involvement in the mediation between the backcountry and heli-ski tourers, and the use of his talents for creative compromise.

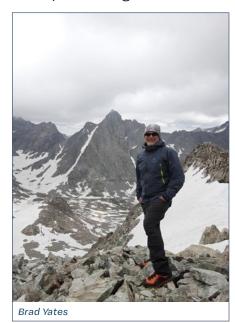
1996 -- Will McCarvill, for his surveying of the WSA's in the San Rafael Swell to expose the fraud of RS2477 road claims.



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1997 -- Randy Klein, for developing adult leader training materials that helped reduce impacts of Boy Scout activities on forest lands.

1998 -- Ellie Ienatsch took on the Wasatch Powder Birds Heliskiing operation to protect hawk and eagle nesting sites from helicopter landings.



1999 -- Brad Yates, in appreciation for efforts and significant contributions to the preservation and conservation of Utah's wilderness and public lands.

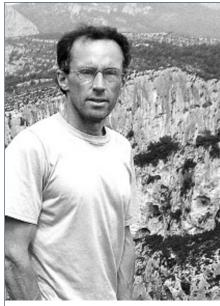
2000 -- Gale Dick, Executive Director of SOC for dedicating his life to protecting the Wasatch.

2001 -- Zach Frankel, Executive Director of Utah Rivers Council, for his efforts to keep Utah's water clean and free running.

2002 -- John Veranth, for efforts and significant contribution to the preservation and conservation of Utah's wilderness and public lands.

2003 -- Gavin Noyes, Executive Director, Save Our Canyons.

2004 -- Peter Metcalf, founder and CEO of Black Diamond, for keeping a strong outdoor ethic in his business.



Peter Metcalf

2005 -- Walt Haas, former Conservation Chair and longtime contributor to the outdoors.

2006 -- Chris Biltof, long time Trails Coordinator for the WMC.

2007 -- Jim Catlin, Director, Wild Utah project for bringing science to contentious conservation issues.

2008 -- Lawson Legate, Southwest Senior Regional Representative for the Sierra Club, for his ongoing contributions to conservation in Utah (and surrounding areas). 2009 -- Kathy Van Dame, Policy Coordinator, Wasatch Clean Air Coalition, for her many years of dedicated effort to protection of air quality.

2010 -- Carl Fisher, Executive Director, Save Our Canyons

2011 -- HEAL Utah, has established itself as a leader in the struggle to make Utah's environment healthy and safe for all.



2012 -- Ray Bloxham, Field Director for SUWA.

2013 -- Jim Bradley, Salt Lake County Councilman, for his many years of protecting and preserving the Wasatch Mountains and foothills.



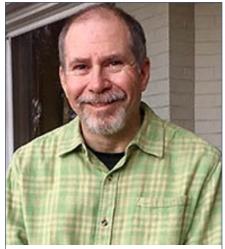
Jim Bradley

2014 -- Ann Wechsler, who was Conservation Chair for the Utah Chapter of Sierra Club.

2015 -- Dave Andrenyak, who has been the WMC Trails Coordinator for many years.

2016 -- Will McCarvill, who was the WMC Conservation Director for many years and continues to organize conservation activities.

2017 -- Dave Pacheco, his work has been instrumental in the fight (which must continue) for Bears Ears National Monument, and his work with SUWA and Wilderness Volunteers.



Dave Pacheco

2018 -- Corner Canyon
Trails Foundation has been
instrumental in promoting and
protecting the open space areas
of Draper, and constructing an
extensive network of multi-use
hiking/biking/equestrian trails.

2019 -- Ralph Becker, for his 40-year history in Utah working to make our communities and environment better, much of that effort focused on the Wasatch Mountains.



Ralph Becker recieves the 2019 Alexis Kelner Award

What will the future bring? Well, the future is already here. In 30 years the population of the Wasatch Front will double. We are already seeing increased traffic up our canyons and parking problems. Trail heads are overwhelmed and growing numbers of hikers. bikers and skiers are impacting our land, water and natural environments. Many of the problems of the past are still with us, and will get worse unless actions are taken. What will be these actions? The WMC is needed more than ever to add its voice to preservation and protection of Utah's natural resources for the next century of club members.

# Personal Reflections on WMC Conservation Achievements in 1989

By Keith Johnson, 1989 Conservation Director



View of Little Cottonwood Canyon from Hogum Divide

There are a couple of the Wasatch Mountain Club's major accomplishments that aren't mentioned in the Centennial Rambler. Both occurred in 1989.

One was the final agreement on the Canyon Master Plan. It limited development and reflected our values. Chris Biltoft and Mary Fleming had been among those individuals who insured that the Club's concerns and ideas were included in the planning process. After more than a year of negotiation, we then were able to attract to several public hearings large crowds of people who spoke out against further development in the canyons. This influenced Salt Lake County and Forest Service land use decisions which became included in the plan. This particularly squelched a proposed ski resort interconnect.

HOW WE GOT SUPPORTERS OF CONSERVATION TO ATTEND THE HEARINGS:

\* Jim Fassel, the Head Coach of the University of

Utah football team, responded to my request and recorded a targeted Public Service Announcement (PSA) urging his listeners to speak at the hearings.

\* Rob Snow produced funny but serious ads prior to each hearing. Listeners would hear an Englishspeaking squirrel get enormously upset about development in the canyons

\*I recorded sound bites of Gale Dick and Congressman Wayne Owens speaking about the importance of preserving the canyons. Each bite had corresponding written news copy. The combination was packaged along with a letter of explanation and distributed to 16 radio stations by Mike Budig. This made it easy for a station's announcer to read copy and insert voice actualities into their newscasts throughout the day.

\* Press releases to the Salt Lake Tribune and the Deseret News.

\* These tactics, along with Rambler articles and a WMC phone tree put together by Janet Friend, were used to motivate people with a conservationist viewpoint to attend the hearings. SEE PHOTO 2 - WOULD IT LOOK GOOD TO INCLUDE SOME VARIATION OF THIS SNIP FROM THE RAMBLER



## **CONSERVATION NOTES**

by Keith Johnson

#### THANKS TO CHRIS AND MARY

Past and present conservation directors jokingly view this March as a time when two individuals were paroled and two others incarcerated. Mary Fleming and Chris Bilotf have diligently and ably served the club as conservation co-directors. Each will continue to be active in environmental work. Janet and I applaud them and hope we can do as well in our conservation efforts.

#### CONSERVATION SOCIAL: HEAR ABOUT ISSUES, NEEDS & GET INVOLVED

Janet and I invite all club members to a CONSERVATION SOCIAL. Those who are Rambler Snip from April 1989

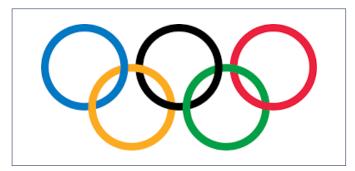
These people perform an important service to all of us. Some of the issues are effectively handled by just one or two people, but others demand the talents and energy of many individuals for long periods. People who haven't worked on an issue - this will be your chance to be updated and to get involved!

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR OWN BACK YARD

The Forest Service had a well attended open house on March 7, for the Brighton "Renovation" Plan. (see March Rambler for information on the plan). Members of the Board met to identify and address the various points in the plan which impact the use of the lodge, summer activities, ski touring or have the potential to cause other problems.

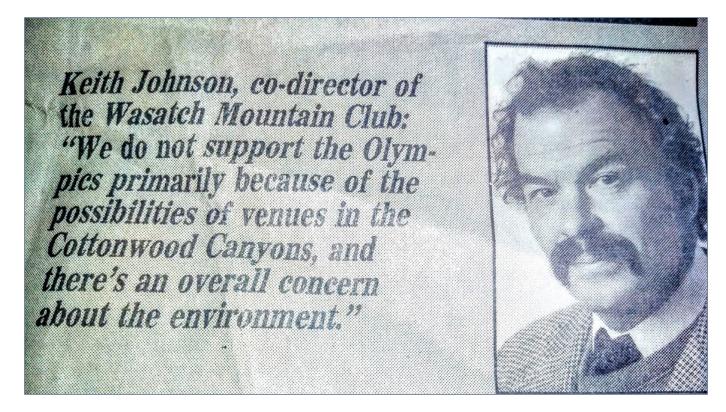
Many WMC members spoke at the series of hearings, and we did stop such nonsense as service stations or a restaurant at the top of a peak. Ski resorts did expand operations on private land but not nearly as much as they had wanted. And one of the agreements in this plan was that there were to be no Olympic venues in Wasatch Front canyons if Utah were ever to host the Winter games.

(NOTE by Michael Budig: Keith's efforts to get the PSA spots on the radio were very helpful. I do think Save our Canyons also played a critical role in turnout at the public hearings. And we absolutely hammered them at the hearing, which I think was critical for our overall success in the Canyon Master Plan. It should also be pointed out that Ralph Becker was the consultant who drew up the master plan and he did a great job.)



Another accomplishment was our fight to defeat the Referendum to Fund the Winter Olympics. This media battle was waged to ensure that Olympic planners complied with the Canyon Master Plan agreement. The WMC board examined the evidence of environmental damage caused by previous Winter Olympic Games and concluded that we had to do whatever we could to prevent such destruction. This was, perhaps, the most significant and courageous action taken by the Wasatch Mountain Club in 1989!

Most editions of the Rambler during 1989 contain articles about one or both of these issues.



In the December Rambler, there is an extensive explanation as to why the Mountain Club's board voted to oppose Salt Lake City's bid to host the Winter Games. It did recognize the probable diversity of opinion about the subject within the Club's membership.

A club member wrote a press release that read more like an indictment. In response to this notice, 15 journalists gathered in the club's board room on October 23. Peter Hovingh and I told them that as of that date, the Wasatch Mountain Club was neither for nor against the Olympics. We explained that the Club planned to research what impact the Olympics might have on our environment and our economy, and share our insights with the public. Toward that end, we had published a flyer which offered a side by side comparison of the arguments presented by the Salt Lake Organizing Committee vs. those of the Utahans for Responsible Public Spending, the opposition group in which Alexis Kelner was involved. Copies of the flyer were scattered across the board table.

I have a packet of newspaper clippings and policy papers describing our campaign. There are newspaper articles quoting statements I made about the International Olympic Committee's having the power to impose changes it might want to make to an already signed Olympic contract. This was a real concern. Our county and state officials had said, "Read our lips. No games in Wasatch Front canyons." But we didn't trust that they would keep those promises.

Canadian scientists had told us about the development that was occurring in an area where grizzly bears had roamed before the Olympics claimed the bears' habitat. Calgary officials had assured their citizens that specific wildlife habitat was off limits to the Olympics, but those officials caved when the International Olympic Committee said that exact area would make a great location for the men's downhill race. The local organizing committee, when faced with a choice to comply or lose the right to host the games, and as a result lose their financial investment, gave prime bighorn sheep habitat away to the whim of a few wealthy international power brokers.

Dr. Brian Horejsi, ecology scientist and international environmental consultant, came to Salt Lake City as a guest of the WMC. He explained to the press and to the public about the negative impact the Olympics had had on Calgary's economy and environment. He warned Utahans to mark "No" on their referendum ballot.

Dr. Horejsi stayed at my home during his five-

## Olympics May Cost Residents a Bundle, Benefit Them Little, Says Consultant

By Dan Bates
Tribune Staff Writer
The average Utah taxpayer
shouldn't be duped into thinking he
or she will have equal crack at ringside or slope-side seats for Winter
Olympics events. says one Canadian

Brian Horejsi said the 1988 Winler Games in Calgary produced what another detractor coined as "a new definition of 'pay TV': You pay the bill but watch the Games at home on television."

Dr. Horejsi, a Calgary environmental scientist and public-issues consultant, was in Salt Lake City or Wednesday as a guest of the Wasatch Mountain Club to pitch an opposing view of the Winter Olympics from that which Utah boosters are paint

ooing to foot the bill for this, but reeive very few of the benefits," he aid in an interview with The Trib-

Members and colleagues of the International Olympic Committee have been called "second-class royalty dukes and barons and kings of little places in Europe," short of being recognized heads of state, but still of a privileged echelon, said Dr. Hor-

He questioned if even 10 percent of Calgary's population personally took part in any Olympic activity last year, even if only to sample "free champagne and shrimp" at one of the "gala" receptions.

"The man on the street doesn't get invited to these things." Dr. Horejst said.

"The local (host site) groups are making a whole series of promises that they are really not capable oo keeping, and we found that out is Alberta," he said.

"As soon as you get the first name on the dotted line lon the IOC host-contract! the decision-making process quickly escapes from local people. They lose it. And it quickly rises where you would expect it to rise— to the boss, which is the IOC, and they don't see things the same and people." Said Dr. Hor-



Brian Horejsi avs Utahns Will Foot Bill

He said Utahns are "really fortunate" to have next Tuesday's statewide referendum as a check against doubts about public financing and

"We [Calgarians] weren't aske ever if we wanted the Olympics, an I can't tell you to this day if we woul have said 'yes' or 'no'." Dr. Horej

Tuesday's referendum in Utah e gages local boosters' use of a \$5 million sales-tax subsidy approve by the Legislature to finance co struction of a ski jump, bobsled/lug course and speed-skating oval.

Although the referendum is legal ly non-binding, Utah's organizers have consented to shelve their bid for the 1998 Winter Olympics if vot

Environmentalists are still raising the chance that the IOC, not loca planners, will make the final choices on locations for ski events.

resist holding any events in Big Cottonwood and Little Cottonwood canyons, a pledge outlined in writing on

Tuesday's ballot.
However, Dr. Horejsi believes th
local organizers would be inclined t
break that promise after "putting

"I think Calgary is a good example of how so many things could have gone wrong and did go wrong." he said, referring to many last-minute venue changes that IOC officials in-

sisted on.

However, the IOC "refuses to ge! involved in environmental issues."

Dr Horejsi added, and leaves funding of impact studies or mitigation

"The IOC will basically dictate the rules, and local people will be asked to fulfill those conditions." the scientist/consultant said. "Once this rolls along, there's wirtually no opportunities and belief the rules."

Dr. Horejsi characterized the \$56 million subsidy as merely "bait" for what could bailoon to an overall cost of up to \$1 billion over the next 10 years or until Utah ever hosts the Games.

With TV and corporate-sponsor proceeds. Utah's organizers claim they can stage the Winter Olympies on a \$420 million budget. That would neclude repayment of the \$56 million subsidy and funds for an endowment to operate and maintain the three

venue facilities, they say.

Meanwhile, Dr. Horejsi warnes
Utahns to be leery of "social disruptions" that the Calgary Games produced, including profiteering and

price-gouging.

He said low-income residents of a downtown tenement were evicted set the structure could be razed and replaced by the 1988 Games' medal

placed by the 1988 Games' medalceremony plaza.

Other apartment dwellers were evicted by building owners who ren

evely to wealthier Olympic visitors wer the 16-day period, he said. Hotel rooms that normally went or \$50 (Canadian) a night went for

"We had \$2 cups of hot choco-

day visit, and I was responsible for his speaking itinerary and TV press conference. He recorded a commercial urging a "No Vote." Janet Friend wrote a fine description of Dr. Horejsi's achievements for the December 1989 Rambler.

On the last night of Dr. Horejsi's visit, he attended a special board meeting to discuss with us what had happened in Calgary and what he worried could go wrong here. He answered our questions and then left the room. Pretty quickly after that, we voted 17-0 to announce our opposition to Salt Lake City's becoming the host of a Winter Olympics.

Even though the people voted to support the Olympics, we felt that our actions had kept the pressure on local decision makers who could have been influenced to put Olympic activities in the Cottonwood Canyons. We made a difference.

Since then, referenda regarding other cities' becoming Olympic hosts have become more common, and very often the public has voted "No"!

Participants in the above endeavors included Neil Hinkley, Mary Fleming, Congressman Wayne Owens, Ann Wechsler, Alexis Kelner, Coach Jim Fassel, Chris Biltoft, Gale Dick, Gay Johnson, Janet Friend, Mike Budig, John Veranth, and Milt Hollander

# 2020 WMC Centennial



In 2020, the WMC turns 100
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Our goal is to produce color issues of *The Rambler* all months throughout the Centennial. If you would like to reach our 1,000+ members, and hundreds of prospective members, consider running ads in *The Rambler*. All ad revenue goes directly to support *The Rambler* publication costs https://www.wasatchmountainclub.org/the-rambler

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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 over125 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 or the WMC in your life. Approval of your application by the Board.

Approval of your application by vote at a general membership meeting (September 13, 2020)

## Life Member Privileges

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

#### Life Member Liaison Contact

Cheryl Soshnik 435-649-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com

\*Though you no longer pay dues as a life member, we welcome you to continue to contribute to the club through service, participation and donation



# DODGE HINDUNTALAW

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#### From "The Rambler", 1946

"The war is over, peace again. Now the members are using their beautiful and spacious lodge at Brighton in ever increasing numbers. We are expecting, this coming winter season greater turnouts than ever before. It is understood that the road commission will keep the road open near our lodge when the chair lifts are built at Brighton. However, they will not be completed this year, but are supposed to be ready for the next ski season.

In view of the fact that the lodge will be accessible during the winter months to non-skiers, and in anticipation of the large turnouts expected, we are installing a furnace in the basement.

A really big job started one evening at board meeting when Ry Watrous said he had an old furnace that the club could have it they wanted it. Well, we wanted it, so we went to look it over and noticed he had another furnace with a blower also. Now we had a furnace but needed space under the lodge to install it. And, as many members remember only too well, to get more room under the lodge isn't easy. But, as usual, the club had just the right members for such a job, the members in the "bureau of mines!" Doug Eakins brought all of the tools necessary for removing the dirt and rocks, a pick for Henry Snedden, and a shovel for Dave Schlain. But that wasn't all that was needed to install the furnace, a chimney had to be built.

It just happened that our old friend, Ebbe, paid us a visit at the right time. He arrived, newly married, and on his honeymoon, but that didn't stop his from building the chimney for us."

That furnace was the first of many. For years, a blower hung from the ceiling of the lodge like a huge monster, occupying its claimed corner. Last autumn, using part of a generous gift from Dr. Bruce Parsons, we were able to install a new, more efficient furnace and duct work. Gone is the hulking behemoth.

Through the efforts of club members, the lodge has been improved and updated over the years but, the lodge is over 90 years old and in need of major renovations in order to preserve its structural integrity. In the near future we will be are embarking on a major fundraising effort in order to raise the capital for these improvements. Watch for some exciting happenings soon.

100 MORE YEARS

WASATCH Mountain Bodoe

# In Memoriam: Connee Clemens Gates

#### 1931 - 2020



Since the early 1960's, Connee Clemens was an active member of the Wasatch Mountain Club. She was the life of the party on many of the early river, hiking and skiing trips, and was both secretary and publications director on the WMC Board. It was in the club that she met and married Joe Gates, and their May wedding was announced in the June 1964 Rambler. They co-led trips for the club, hosted socials at the lodge, and both became life members in the 1980s.

Her love of the outdoors lasted her lifetime. She will be missed by husband Joe Gates and their daughters, grandchildren and friends. The family has created a memory page for Connee which can be found at https://www.forevermissed.com/connee-gates/about. They invite friends from the WMC to share photos and stories of their time together in the Wasatch Mountain Club.



Joe and Connee Gates, Just Married

# **November 2020 Activity Calendar**

#### Nov Day Hike - Mahogany Ridge - mod+ - 9.0 mi Out & Back - 3810' ascent - Moderate pace

1 *Meet:* Registration required

Sun Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu

We plan to bag Mahogany Ridge (10,210 ft), weather, conditions and situation permitting. Mahogany Ridge is one of the Wasatch 10ers and is located southeast of Loafer Mt. Due to the popularity of the neighboring peaks, Loafer and Santaquin, Mahogany Ridge is rarely climbed. There is a trail all the way, except the last short section (class 2 scrambles). Exploratory. Please bring microspikes (if there is snow) and 10 Es. The location may change depending on situations. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, October 30, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.

#### Nov Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain - ntd+ - Out & Back - Moderate pace

2 Meet: 5:45 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills

Mon Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate

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

It is now officially very dark! So we will be hiking under the glitter of the stars and above the glitter of city lights. Come out for a brisk 2-hour outing up and down the steep route along the ridge behind the "H" rock. If there is snow on the foothills micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok. It's dark, it's cold, the route is steep, and the trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together. Prompt 6pm departure.

#### Nov Virtual Wmc Centennial Committee Planning Session

4 Meet: 7:00 pm at email president@wasatchmountainclub.org for Zoom information

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

The Centennial Planning Committee has been meeting every couple of weeks throughout 2020, convening remotely since March. While our in-person activities have been put on hold, the Centennial Committee continues to work on community support activities and historical content for the Rambler. All members are welcome to participate in the centennial planning committee.

#### Nov Co-organized Very Relaxed Pace Evening Hike: Draper Suspension Bridge - ntd- - Loop - Slow pace

5 *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Call, text, or email to register.

Thu *Organizer*: Julie and Jamie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Enjoy the darkness and the city lights. Dress for cooler weather and bring a headlamp. Covid protocols apply.

#### Nov Virgin River Gorge Canyoneering - mod

6 Meet: Registration required

Fri Organizer: Kevin Earl 801-568-3791 kbe44@hotmail.com

Details can be found here: https://www.meetup.com/Wasatch-Mountain-Club/events/273358327/

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#### Nov Family Hike- Stansbury Island Glyphs – ntd- – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 100' ascent – Slow pace

7 Meet: 9:00 am at Sutherland's parking lot, south end 1780 W. North Temple

Sat Organizer: David Rabiger 801-971-5836 derabiger@gmail.com

Stansbury Island has two amazing petroglyph sites offering hundreds of images chipped and etched into the rock. This amazing collection of native American rock art requires only a short hike and the trailhead is located 40 minutes from Salt Lake City, which makes this the perfect adventure for the entire family. Carpooling should be limited to immediate family members or friends you trust are COVID free. RSVP by Friday Oct 6, 6PM. Group sized limit 10 people. COVID 19 protocols apply.

#### Nov Day Hike - Willard Fin Peak - mod - 6.6 mi Out & Back - 2000' ascent - Moderate pace

7 *Meet:* Registration required

Sat Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu

We plan to bag Willard Fin Peak (6579 ft), weather, conditions and situation permitting. This hike will be on the trail entirely. There are a number of mines that would be interesting to explore on the way. Please bring microspikes (if there is snow) and 10 Es. Exploratory. The location may change depending on situations. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on November 6 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.

#### Nov Angel Leading Ledge Walk- Via Ferrata In The Zion Area, Canyoneering - mod

8 *Meet:* Registration required

Sun Organizer: Kevin Earl 801-568-3791 kbe44@hotmail.com

Details can be found here: https://www.meetup.com/Wasatch-Mountain-Club/events/273358421/

#### Nov Day Hike - Lone Rock Via Alpine - mod - 7.0 mi Out & Back - 1500' ascent - Moderate pace

8 *Meet:* Registration required

Sun Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu

We plan to bag Lone Rock (6921 ft), weather, conditions and situation permitting. Lone Rock is located south of Ennis Peak. This hike will be on the trail entirely. Please bring microspikes (if there is snow) and 10 Es. Exploratory. The location may change depending on situations. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on November 6 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.

#### Nov Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - To The Dragon's Tail - ntd+ - Out & Back - Moderate pace

9 Meet: 5:45 pm at Text, call, or email organizer to register

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

Come out for a brisk 2-hour outing to the base of the Dragon's tail below Grandeur. If there is snow on the foothills micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok. It's dark, it's cold, the route is steep, and the trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together. Prompt 6pm departure.

#### Nov Social - Online Book Club

10 Meet: 5:30 pm at Online

Tue Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu

The Sierra Club Huron Valley Group Book Club in Michigan, which focuses on environmental issues, welcomes participants from Utah while they have meetings online during the pandemic. Participants do not need to be members of Sierra Club. The November book is The Story of More: How We Got to Climate Change and Where to Go From Here, by Hope Jahren . If you would like to participate, please contact Akiko for the access information.

#### Nov Day Hike - Grandeur Peak Via Church Fork - mod - 6.3 mi Out & Back - 2610' ascent - Slow pace

10 *Meet:* Registration required

Tue Organizer: Phyllis\* Anderson 801-733-4806 paisnow@comcast.net

Weather permitting, Da Yang and Phyllis Anderson will co-organize this slow-paced hike for those who like MOD hikes, but need more time. Participants will be limited to 10 and COVID-19 rules will be followed. Call or email to register and get details of time and place to meet.

#### Nov Wmc Board Meeting

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

Wed Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 president@wasatchmountainclub.org

Monthly Board Meeting. Members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to bring topics to the Board's attention should email the President 7 days prior to the meeting.

#### **Nov Trip Organizer And Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

14 *Meet:* Registration required

Sat Organizer: Tonya Karren 801-493-9199 tonyakarren@gmail.com

The Annual Trip Organizers Appreciation Dinner is an invitation only event, our way of saying thank you to all those who organized 2 activities or 1 multi-day activity, or volunteered in another capacity within the last 12 months. Watch the calendar for details.

#### Nov Day Hike - - Chilly Peak In Ogden - mod+ - 9.0 mi Out & Back - 2400' ascent - Moderate pace

14 Meet: Registration required

Sat Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu

We plan to bag Chilly Peak (8620 ft) via North Ogden Divide TH, weather, conditions and situation permitting. This hike will be on the trail entirely, except the last short part. Please bring microspikes (if there is snow) and 10 Es. If we have multiple snowstorms before the day, we may need to use snowshoes for the last part. If the group is interested, we can also bag a neighboring peak (bump) - Peak 8246. Exploratory. The location may change depending on situations. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on November 13 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.

#### Nov Day Hike - Lions Head Peak Via Slide Canyon - mod+ - Out & Back - Moderate pace

15 *Meet:* Registration required

Sun Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu

We plan to bag Lions Head Peak (9001 ft) via Slide Canyon in Provo, weather, conditions and situation permitting. This hike will be on the trail entirely, except the last short part. The peak offers beautiful views of surrounding mountains. Please bring microspikes (if there is snow) and 10 Es. If we have multiple snowstorms before the day, we may need to use snowshoes for the last part. If the group is interested, we can also bag a neighboring peak (bump) - Peak 8753. Exploratory. The location may change depending on situations. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on November 13 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.

#### Nov Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain - ntd+ - Out & Back - Moderate pace

16 *Meet*: 5:45 pm at Call, text, or email to register

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

There are several routes to choose from. Come out for a brisk 2-hour outing up and down the steep route along the ridge behind the "H" rock. If there is snow on the foothills micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok. It's dark, it's cold, the route is steep, and the trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together. Prompt 6pm departure.

#### Nov Co-organized Very Relaxed Pace Foothills Evening Hike - ntd- - Loop - Slow pace

19 *Meet*: 6:00 pm at Call, text, or email to register.

Thu Organizer: Julie and Jamie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com
Enjoy the darkness and the city lights above Wasatch Boulevard, behind of the water tanks north of Millcreek.
Dress for cooler weather and bring a headlamp. Covid protocols apply.

#### Nov Snowshoe - Scotts Pass & Guardsmans Pass - mod - Loop - Moderate pace

21 Meet: Registration required

Sat Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu

We plan to snowshoe to Scotts Pass and Guardsmans Pass in BCC, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring snowshoes, microspikes, and 10 Es. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) not required. But if you want to practice using avalanche safety gear, please feel free to bring it. If you want to try avalanche safety gear, I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing, we will hike. The location may change depending on situations. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on November 20 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.

#### Nov Snowshoe - Location Tba Depending On Snow - mod - Moderate pace

22 *Meet:* Registration required

Sun Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu

We plan to snowshoe somewhere in BCC, LCC, the Uintas/ Heber, Provo, or Park City, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring snowshoes, microspikes, and 10 Es. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) not required (If this changes, I will post a note). But if you want to practice using avalanche safety gear, please feel free to bring it. If you want to try avalanche safety gear, I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing anywhere, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on November 20 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.

#### Nov Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - To The West Grandeur Route - ntd+ - Out & Back - Moderate pace

23 *Meet:* 5:45 pm at Text, call, or email organizer to register

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

There are several routes to choose from below Grandeur. If there is snow on the foothills micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok. It's dark, it's cold, the route is steep, and the trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together. Prompt 6pm departure.

#### Nov Day Hike - Flux Peak In Tooele - mod+ - 10.0 mi - 3700' ascent - Moderate pace

28 *Meet:* Registration required

Sat Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu

We plan to bag Flux Peak (8003 ft) in Tooele, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The peak is the highest in the area but is rarely climbed. This hike will be on and off trail. Bushwhacking should not be very bad this time of the year. Please bring microspikes (if there is snow) and 10 Es. If we have multiple snowstorms before the day, we may need to use snowshoes. Exploratory. The location may change depending on situations. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on November 13 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.

#### Nov Snowshoe - Location Tba Depending On Snow - mod - Moderate pace

29 *Meet:* Registration required

Sun Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu

We plan to snowshoe somewhere in BCC, LCC, the Uintas/ Heber, Provo or Park City, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring snowshoes, microspikes, and 10 Es. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) not required (If this changes, I will post a note). But if you want to practice using avalanche safety gear, please feel free to bring it. If you want to try avalanche safety gear, I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing anywhere, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on November 27 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.

#### Nov Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain - ntd+ - Out & Back - Moderate pace

30 Meet: 5:45 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills

Mon Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate

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

It is now officially very dark! So we will be hiking under the glitter of the stars and above the glitter of city lights. Come out for a brisk 2-hour outing up and down the steep route along the ridge behind the "H" rock. If there is snow on the foothills micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok. It's dark, it's cold, the rout is steep, and the trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together. Prompt 6pm departure.

#### Dec Save The Date: Centennial Closing Event Social, Alf Engen Ski Museum

5 Meet: 5:00 pm at Alf Engen Ski Museum, 3419 Olympic Pkwy, Park City, Utah

Sat *Organizer:* Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com More details to come!

#### Dec Social - Online Book Club

8 *Meet:* 5:30 pm at online

Tue Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu

#### Dec Wmc Board Meeting

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

Wed Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 president@wasatchmountainclub.org

Monthly Board Meeting. Members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to bring topics to the Board's attention should email the President 7 days prior to the meeting.

# Celebrate the legacy by Giving In 2020, Wasatch Mountain Club turns

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.
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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.

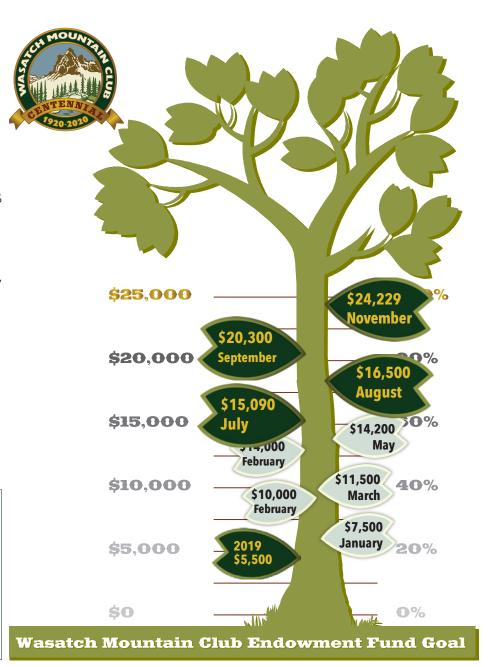
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# **50 Years Ago in the Rambler**

#### Transcribed by Donn Seeley, WMC trustee

#### **CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 1970**

#### Nov 1 MOUNT OLYMPUS NORTH AND SOUTH

Sun

If the weather permits, this trip will wind up our hiking activities in the Wasatch for this season. So let's finish it right. The north route is for the more experienced hiker since it involves considerable exposure. The route over Tolcats Canyon should — at the end of a vigorous hiking season — be no problem. You have to register for Olympus North with the leader. Meet at the Olympus Hills Shopping Center at 8 a.m. Register with Dixon Smith [...]

#### Nov 26-29 SALT TRAIL AND GORGE OF THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER

THANKS-GIVING The approach to the Salt Trail is over some 30 miles of dirt road in the Navajo Reservation west of Echo Cliffs. The Little Colorado can be reached after 7 miles of hiking down this very steep, ill defined, rugged and often quite exposed route. The river here, provided there has been no flooding recently, has a milky-green appearance and provides with its many travertine ledges a very beautiful and contrasting picture against the red wall. A number of side canyons will be explored and a trip to Sipapu (the place where the souls of the ancestors of the Hopi Indians entered the earth) will be possible. You have to be in TOP physical condition to make this trip, but if you are, this backpack trip will be very rewarding. All drinking water has to be carried. Please do not try to register if you have not participated in at least 3 hikes rated 9 or higher during the last few months. Register with Fred Bruenger ([...]) before November 20th or after that time until November 24th with Leroy Kuehl ([...]).

# REMINISCENCES OF HELL'S CANYON by Sue Gregor

On September 16th the Cannon Ball ventured into the abyss of night with a weary crew of 23. For most crewmen the night seemed infinite. The monotony ended when driver Bob Everson was given a police escort through Mountain Home. Once again the ride continued, only to be disturbed by a few restless sleepers. At 5:30 a.m. the screeching sounds of Cannon Ball and crewmen aroused the town of Oxbow, Idaho (population 10?) where breakfast was finally served. After that, leader Jim Byrne and crewmen scouted the water below Hell's Canyon Dam. The following is a collage of memorable accounts by river rats Stew Harvey, J. Dewell, Bob Everson, Sherm Dickman, Carol Greenlee, and anonymous crewmen.

CAPTAIN HARVEY: [...] For 11 miles of relatively easy going we pondered the nature of Wild Sheep

Creek Rapids.

Suddenly, there it was. What a brute! Rock in the middle sending up a vertical wall of water several feet high. Gargantuan hole below, raging white water and oblique currents between the upper and lower shelves. Everybody scouts. Take a picture — damn! What a helluva place to run out of film, a replacement roll in the boat 1/4 mile upstream. Too late, those first boats have already gone through. Gone through? Slick as a whistle; in on the left, skirt the hole, cross to the right, bring it around. We did that too, I guess. The truth is, we went through so fast, I didn't even look up until we were through. What velocity!

The next big rapid was to be Cache Creek (Granite Creek). A sharp 8 foot drop, so said Jones' map. What a disappointment — that abrupt river horizon characteristic of a big drop just wasn't there, and there was only a bit of whitewater showing along the rocky walls. "Well," says Big

Mac, "let's follow Easy Everson and watch!" Good lord! They dropped out of sight! Then splash and a boat vomited skyward out of the water. There was Bob in the stern, madly signaling us to go left. That sneaky devil (the rapid, not Bob, though the term is dually appropriate) was the last of the big benders (and after only 16 miles). Everything else was anticlimactic. [...]

CHEF GREENLEE: Total calories consumed on the Snake River trip were 210,595. Among the more noteworthy nutrients consumed were: 9 lbs. cheese, 27 oz. more exotic cheeses, 3 lbs. butter, 3 qts. milk, 5 doz. eggs; 11 1/2 boxes crackers, 6 1/2 loaves of garlic bread; 15 cans fruit, 25 apples, 8 lbs. assorted fresh fruit, 3 1/2 lbs. dried fruit, 21 cans mandarin oranges, 32 servings pudding; 3 heads lettuce, 3 lbs. tomato sauce, 5 cans LaChoy Chow Mein, 48 potatoes, 7 lbs. candy, 4 pkgs. dextrose, 1 1/2 c. grapenuts, 1 c. chinese noodles, 1 pkg. familia, 6 cs. root beer, 2/3 gal. syrup, 3 cs. dog food, 10 lbs. sirloin steak, 2 pkgs. hot dogs, 3 lbs. salami, pepperoni, 3 lbs. ham and 4 lbs. bacon.

Consumer-of-the-trip award goes to Cal Giddings who eats fresh mushrooms filled with peanut butter. [...]

Captains: Fred Bruenger, Noel de Nevers, Bob Everson, Mike Gallagher, Hafty Hafterson, Dan Thomas, Stew Harvey and Lloyd McMahan.

Kayakers: Jim Byrne, Jay Dewell and Cal Giddings.

Rafters: Bob Anderson, Eveline Bruenger, Clancy de Nevers, Sherm Dickman, Mary Jo Farrer, Carol Greenlee, Sue Gregor, Ruth Henson, Kay Mandel and Richard Parks.

Shuttlers: Paul Horten and Rob Snyder.



# Trip Report: Big Horn Hike via Alpine

#### **September 20, 2020**

Organized, report & photos by Matt Luntz & Akiko Kamimura

Big Horn (10,877 ft) is located in upper Bells Canyon. We bagged the peak from the south side, in Alpine. For all of us, except Matt, it was the first time to make the peak. From Schoolhouse Spring Trailhead, we followed the trail that goes to First Hamongog, Second Hamongog, and beyond until we reached the south ridge of Big Horn. The last part to the peak was steep - 1,200 ft elevation gain for half mile (class 2 scrambles). The very short last part involved easy class 3 scrambles. The views from the peak were amazing. When Matt scouted the route a week ago, fall colors had not started. There was a big change in one week. We saw beautiful fall colors. We stopped frequently to enjoy fall colors and chatting. The weather was nice - sunny. The hike took 8 hours and 50 minutes in total including breaks (distance - 9.92 miles, elevation gain - 5,514 ft).



Group photo at Big Horn. From left – Alyssa, Andy, Matt, Akiko and Dalton.



Descending from the peak. From left – Dalton, Andy, Matt and Alyssa.



Alyssa and Andy at the bottom of the peak.



Peak photo - Akiko and mountain goats



Barb and Shasta below the summit.



Barb and Shasta at Hidden Lake. Roberts Horn on the back.

# Trip Report: Elk Point hike via Aspen Grove Trail

## September 20, 2020

Organized, report & photos by Barb Gardner & Akiko Kamimura

Elk Point (10,791 ft), also known as East Peak of the Mt Timpanogos Massif, is rarely climbed peak. But anyone who has hiked to Mt Timpanogos from Aspen Grove Trail has probably seen Elk Point. We went up to the saddle, which is located south of the peak, from Hidden Lakes Cirque (class 2 scrambles). All, except one, of Hidden Lakes were completely dry – no water. The slope to the saddle was very steep and bushy. From the saddle, we followed the south ridge to the summit (class 2 scrambles with several short easy class 3 sections). Shasta (Barb's dog) made the summit first. When Barb approached the summit, she saw eight mountain goats. Barb was one foot short

from the summit but turned around with Shasta because she was worried that Shasta might chase mountain goats or vice versa. Akiko summited right after Barb and Shasta turned around and took a peak photo with mountain goats. We had lunch at Hidden Lake and went back to the trailhead. Fall colors were very beautiful. This hike took 7 hours and 15 minutes in total including breaks (distance – approximately 11 miles, elevation gain – 3,920 ft).

# **Trip Report:** Canoe Trip on the GRUB (Green River Uinta Basin), 105 miles

October 2-8, 2020



Paul + Dudley. Pic by LB



While most of us have taken out at Split Mountain, how many of you have launched from there? Have you ever wondered what the Green River might be like between Split Mountain and Sand Wash? We were curious enough to find out for ourselves, are glad we did and would do it again. The six intrepid explorers were Bob Cady (mastermind), Zig Sondelski (assistant), Ted Mahoney and Lloyd Buckingham (the Canooks), Paul Dowler (map man) and Dudley McIlhenny (wise one). Turns out that all 3 of our canoes were Old Town Discovery 169's of various vintages. Launching at Split Mountain required a Dinosaur play permit, easy enough to get by phone.

A leisurely drive the day before (dropping off keys at RRT in Vernal) and camping at Split Mountain group campground (FCFS starting Oct 1) got us on the river at 9:30 AM on Oct 2. This set the pattern for the rest of the trip – on the water by 9:30 after getting up at 6:30 (gotta have time for coffee). The other constant was 15 river miles per day - though with all of the zig-zagging in the channel (think San Juan) it may have been 18 miles or more. Camp was usually by 3:30 PM on a sand bar or dry channel along an island. Every evening and morning we had a chorus of coyotes howling/ yipping/barking at the moon that would terrify any rodents hearing it (and gave us pause too).

Finding a good map was easy enough as the Belknap Desolation River Guide has GRUB included.



Lloyd + Ted in polar boat. Pic by ZS

Covid protocol was followed by having pods for travel and cooking. The groover and hand wash were shared by all, being considerate of other boaters below Sand Wash. Bob and Zig kept everything separate, only sharing the canoe with 8 foot spacing on seats.

The first day would be hard to beat, after seeing a herd of about 50 elk in and along the river with the bulls bugling. Next was having hundreds of sandhill cranes flying over all afternoon and evening to their night time location. This was starting to sound a lot like Jurassic Park. As expected, there were signs of human impacts, usually a pump running at the bank to irrigate fields. Split Mountain stayed in view for the day. The sandbar we camped on was covered with Sandhill crane prints - and droppings.



Zig + Bob. Pic by LB



Celebrating Dudley's 80th birthday. Pic by ZS

The second day got us past Jensen under the Hwy 40 bridge and continuing through farm land, not that much of the nearby terrain was visible from the river level, the water being about 6 feet below the banks in places. If you make it up the bank, then there are willow, tamarisk, Russian olive and other brush to penetrate before getting a close-up view of the landscape. This sand bar camp was near the Hwy 45 bridge, so we did hear some road noise. It wasn't much noise compared to the bar-hopping geese who landed during the night on the sand bar and wouldn't settle down.

We accomplished going around Horseshoe Bend the third day, travelling 8 river miles to go 1 mile south. Did have the pleasure of meeting Mr Martin, who managed to chase us down on his ATV and share the history of the area with us. Camp on a dry channel produced a plethora of animal prints the next morning. It looked like everything from mice, beaver, bobcat, raccoon, badger, deer, elk, cranes, geese and more visited us during the night.

Day four was the best day, since it was Dudley's 80th birthday, which should make him somewhat wise by now. It also included the Ouray National Wildlife Refuge, which had a lot of birds, but still couldn't beat our first day. The cottonwood groves along the river are getting even more impressive for their size and more beautiful for their golden colors. Russet color was provided by bushes along with blue skies, orange sunrises and remaining greenery. Our timing was good enough to enjoy fall colors, see lots of wildlife, avoid high temperatures (high 70's to mid 30's), avoid mosquitoes and have lots of giant sand bars to choose from.

On day 5 we had our closest approach to what we thought were cranes, but turned out to be decoys on closer inspection. If the hunter had been after humans rather than cranes, he could have bagged all 6 of us. We passed Ouray and the Hwy 88 bridge and passed the Duchene (Uinta) River and White River.

Day 6 was when we stopped getting cell service, now that the oil fields were getting left behind. The sand bars seemed to decrease for a bit, then we spotted a giant dry channel for camp. The binoculars sure do make a difference when trying to spot a good camp downstream.

Coming around the last left bend on Day 7 brought the roofs at Sand Wash into view and a little farther around the ramp appeared. We landed at 2:30 on a much bigger ramp than I am used to seeing there. All 4 vehicles successfully made the shuttle by RRT (\$150 each) and were loaded up for the short trip home.

In summary, the GRUB is good enough to do again, and about the same time of year. Bob described the scenery as gorgeous, and we would agree.



A chilly sunrise in camp. Pic by ZS



Final Camp. Pic by ZS

# Trip Report: Hike - Toledo Peak, Flagstaff Mt & North Flagstaff

#### October 3, 2020

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

It was a nice day – sunny and perfect temperature for hiking – though it was a little bit hazy. We started from Alta and hiked on the trail to Flagstaff Mine. Then, we hiked on the off-trail to the saddle. Our first destination was Toledo Peak, which is located southwest of the saddle. For all of us, it was the first time to make the peak. We had a very long break at Toledo Peak to celebrate our first ascent to the small but wonderful

peak. Our next destination was Flagstaff Mt. We continued on the north ridge of Flagstaff Mt to North Flagstaff and had lunch. Paul and Craig bagged North Flagstaff for the first time. We went back to Flagstaff Mt and followed Emma Ridge to the junction near Michigan-Utah Mine. From the junction, Cassie and Paul hiked to Prince of Wales Mine because Paul had never been to the mine and wanted to see it. Craig and Akiko went down to Alta and made a loop. We took a relaxed pace and enjoyed the beautiful route.



Paul on the ridge between North Flagstaff and Flagstaff Mt



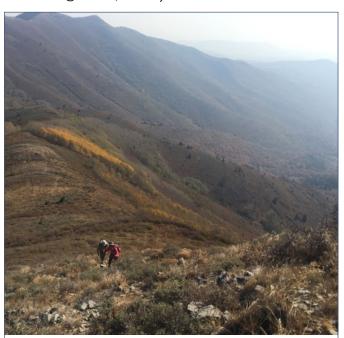
Group photo at North Flagstaff. From left - Akiko, Cassie, Paul and Craig.

# Trip Report: Hike - White Pine Peak & Kelsey Peak via Butterfield

#### October 4, 2020

Organized, report & photos by Cigi Owens & Akiko Kamimura

We started from Butterfield Peaks Trailhead (TH). Our first destination was White Pine Peak (10,321 ft). We had 1,460 ft elevation gain in the first 2 miles and dropped 480 ft before climbing up on the steep trail to White Pine Peak. The false peak of White Pine Peak (Wan's Peak) had a much larger cairn than the true peak and the mailbox for the true peak. When Akiko hiked to White Pine Peak in 2019, the mailbox was at the true peak. It looks like someone moved the mailbox from the true peak to the false peak. After we had lunch at White Pine Peak, we decided to hike to Kelsev Peak (10,373 ft). We hiked down 400 ft to the saddle between Wan's Peak and Kelsey Peak and climbed up 460 ft on the short but steep ridgeline to get to Kelsey Peak. We enjoyed the views at Kelsey Peak, went down to the saddle, and took a trail to bypass the very steep slope to White Pine Peak. Fall colors were very beautiful. It was the first time for Cigi to hike to those peaks. Jim bagged White Pine Peak for the first time. The weather was wonderful. It was a great day. The hike took 6 hours and 15 minutes including breaks (distance - 9.15 miles, total elevation gain - 4,343 ft).



Jim and Akiko climbing up on the very steep trail to White Pine Peak.



Group photo at White Pine Peak, From left – Akiko, Jim and Cigi.



Group photo at Kelsey Peak. From left – Jim, Cigi and Akiko.



Jim on a bump on the way to White Pine Peak. Akiko bypassing the bump. Butterfield Peak on the back.

# Trip Report: Wasatch Mountain Club Multisport Antelope Social

#### October 2-4, 2020

Organized, report & photos by Sharon Vinik

The weekend at Antelope Island was a success. Members and nonmembers had the flexibility to enjoy the weekend however they choose. Some camped all weekend, some came one night and some came for the day. Saturday started with your choice of an early or later start ascending Frary Peak. Do the ridge or do the traverse? Both were able to make the summit with a hazy yet beautiful view of the Salt Lake, Antelope Island and surrounding area views. Daisy was wondering where the peak was. She thought it was just a warm up from the trailhead! Yoga poses at the summit.



Hike Summit Yoga Poses

Next was the Wasatch Mountain Club social-distancing "social". Your choice of fresh fruit, homemade soup, or snack of your choosing. Kyle played guitar while he and Teri sang two oldie but goldie songs.

Those who wanted more "multi-sport" gulped a beverage and then hopped on their bikes. Your choice: short ride or longer. Mountain bike or road bike. The only request was no left turns. A quote from a participant "not sure if riding a bike after having a club social is a good idea."

Next, a few participants took an SUP (stand-up



Julie Heads Out for a Moonlight Paddle



Social



Kyle Williams Brings the Entertainment



Mountain Bike Riders



**Road Bikers** 

paddle board) on the Great Salt Lake at sunset. A few tried it for the first or second time and actually stood up. The later it got, the spookier the sky became with haze and darkness. Beautiful red moon came up the horizon. A few took a longer night tour (Tom Hamann and Michael Kligman).

Julie Kilgore and Sharon Vinick got the triple day award with hiking, biking and SUPing. Others claimed hiking, biking and adult beverages counted as a triple day as well.

Sunday people choose to hike or mountain bike. Mountain bikers took a new road up that has been traveled down in the past. We biked to Elephant Rock. Some choose to bike it. Some choice to walk-a-bike it. Continued hazy skies and views of receded Salt Lake made the day enjoyable. One mountain biker had the pleasure of two flat tires that day! We all had a review on how to change a flat at the car and in the field!



Mountain Bike Riders



Bison



Covote

Overall, great weekend however you chose to enjoy it!

### **Trip Report: Primrose Overlook and Horse Spring Trail Loop Hike**

#### October 6, 2020

Organized and Reported by Da Yang and Phyllis Anderson

Photos by Bruce Moore, Vernon Sears, and Da Yang

It was the best of times; it was the not-as-goodas-we-would-have-hoped times.

Six optimistic hikers set out in search of fall colors that have largely eluded us in the Cottonwood Canyons. We scouted this trail in June and were awe struck by the beauty of the overlook into Aspen Grove and Mt. Timpanogos. We vowed to return in the fall to enjoy the aspen groves that the nice trail wanders through.



Da Yang at the Overlook in June



Karen Perkins and our smoke-filled Oct. view



Spectacular Aspen by Bruce Moore

The quakies did not disappoint. The yellows and golds were breathtaking. Unfortunately, so was the smoke from all the fires still raging in California. Nonetheless, we thoroughly enjoyed the hike. We stopped at the spring/water trough for fresh water on the way out.

Not in any rush to get home, we also visited Cascade Springs – a first for some of us.

Participants: Bruce Moore, Hong Duong, Karen Perkins, and Vernon Sears.

Hike: A bit over 3 ½ mile loop and about 1000' vertical.



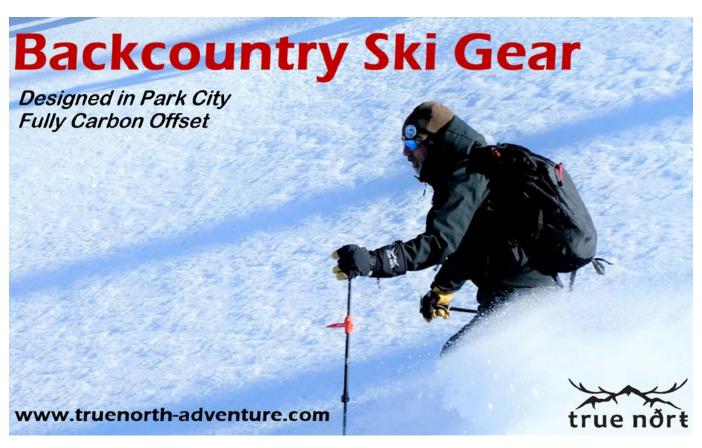
Hong, Bruce, Vernon, Karen, and Phyllis at the spring







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### How are WMC **Hikes Rated?**

The WMC rates all hikes as NTD (Not Too Difficult), MOD (Moderate), MSD (Most Difficult, or More Strenuous and Difficult depending on who you ask), and EXT (an MSD with special requirements).

A discussion of the hike ratings can be found on the WMC web page following this link: https:// www.wasatchmountainclub.org/wmc-hike-ratings

These hike ratings are originally based on a system developed by Dale Green in the 1960s, which was updated and refined by Kip Yost in the 1990s. A more complex hike ratings matrix was developed by Dan Smith in 2012. Again, all of these hike rating tables can be found on the WMC website.

The important thing to keep in mind about the hike ratings is that this is a formula based on distance and elevation gain. Pretty much any short hike, no matter how steep it is, is going to be rated as an NTD because you're just not going very far. Now, there is some disagreement over whether this is an appropriate description for a short steep hike. There is a considerable difference between an evening hike along the Bonneville Shoreline Trail and an evening hike up Alexander Basin. Both are short hikes and both will be done in a couple of hours, but one is a stroll and one will hurt a little bit. Both are likely to be rated as an NTD, but that's where the "+" (Alexander Basin) and "-" (Bonneville Shoreline Trail) come in. Also, the hike ratings is a formula that does not account for the pace of the hike. Some organizers go so far as to rate a fast-paced steep evening hike as a MOD, just to make the point that the activity is going to be short but strenuous.

If you're just starting out with the club, it's wise to start with a relaxed-pace NTD hike. This gives you an opportunity to test out your lungs at our higher elevations, and gives you an opportunity to chat and ask questions. Even those who are welltoned from a lot of gym workouts will find that hiking up a mountain at 10,000 feet will challenge lung capacity.

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Please read carefully and completely fill out both sides of the page. Print legibly, please. I am applying for membership as: \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_ Couple Name: Applicant 1: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate\*: \_\_\_\_ Name: Applicant 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate\*: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_ Applicant 1: Main phone: Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant 2: Main phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_ **PRIVACY INFORMATION**: The WMC defaults to listing your name, address, phone and email in a *Member* Directory. This information is only available to current members, and to access it they must either log in to the WMC website (www.wasatchmountainclub.org) or request a printed copy from the Membership Director. YOU NEED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION: To not have your address, phone, and/or email listed in the Member Directory – if you don't have computer access or need help contact the Membership Director, otherwise on the WMC website use the **MEMBERS > Privacy & Activity Preferences** webpage. Membership dues: \$40.00 for single membership (Annual dues \$35.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee) \$55.00 for couple membership (Annual dues \$50.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee) \$25.00 for student membership (Annual dues \$20.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee) Student members must be full-time student. Enclosed is \$ for application fee and first year's dues. Check or money order only. Please make checks payable to Wasatch Mountain Club. How did you learn about the Wasatch Mountain Club: \_\_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>\*</sup> Your birth date is only used to verify you are at least 18 years old and membership age statistics.

### **WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)**

#### Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgement of Risk and Release from Liability

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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