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History of the Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge

By Mark Jones



Lodge construction 1929

The Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) Lodge is a log-constructed building located above the Brighton Ski Area parking lot in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Early in its history, the WMC saw a need to have their own clubhouse and looked at some property near the Granddaddy Lakes. The August 1922 Rambler asks "Why not a permanent home for the Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) in some adjacent canyon where we could give parties and entertainments among club members?" The 1922 October Rambler lists a big Halloween dance at Christensen's School of Dancing. In the 1920s the WMC would hold an annual New Years party at the Pinecrest Inn in Emigration Canyon and an annual Easter weekend at the Hermitage in Ogden Canyon.

In 1929 the WMC took on the task of building their own lodge at Brighton. While a contractor was hired to do most of the major work, many Club members volunteered to help with the initial construction. A foundation was laid and the log-work was completed in 1929. From the WMC Membership Manual around 2006, our past historian, Dale Green, has supplied us with the following historical notes on the history of the lodge: "After a few years of discussion, negotiations with the Forest Service for a suitable lodge site at Brighton were completed the last of July, 1929. A few weeks later a contract was signed with Mr. Ernest V. Green for \$800 to construct the log walls and foundation and work immediately commenced. In 1930, other

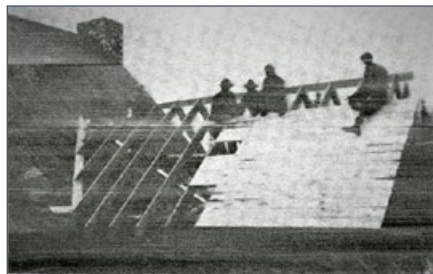
contracts were let for finishing the interior carpentry work and constructing a fireplace". This initial project did not include a kitchen nor restrooms. During the early 1930s this first rendition of the Lodge would be complete and members could start using it for Club events. While there was a road to Brighton it was not plowed during the Winter and was only accessible during the Summer months. Once the Lodge was open for business a Lodge Director was appointed and soon after came Lodge rules and regulations.

The first "CLUB LODGE COMMITTEE" is listed in the 1929 Rambler Yearbook and shows the following members: F. M. Duncan as Chairman, with E. A. Lambert, R. V. Erickson and

F. A. Trottier. Lodge Committee Chairman Frank Duncan writes in the 1929 Rambler, "If you can do a thing, or think you can, begin it; Boldness has virtue, power, victory in it." "The essence of this short verse (at least approximately quoted) should enable all of us to visualize the completed Club Lodge at Brighton, for it engendered in the Lodge Committee last summer the courage to proceed with construction to the present state of excellent log-work. It is difficult to imagine a more beautiful mountain setting for our home, and it is the prime site of this select region of scenic grandeur." Frank also looks to the future as he writes, "A well maintained summer road through Big Cottonwood Canyon is assured, if only through the existence of two upper reservoirs and a contemplated third one a few miles below the Resort; and it is not improbable that Brighton will develop into a real locale for winter sports, with automobile travel thereto all year. In any event all of us can reach it during snow time via bobsleds and skis."

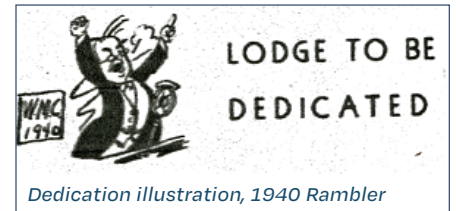
It was not long after the initial construction of the Lodge that the members decided they

needed a kitchen. According to WMC Board minutes from 1933 to 1935, plans for the kitchen addition were drawn up in 1934 and work was started in the summer of 1935. As was written later in the 1945 Rambler, "The kitchen was added, and improvements have been under way ever since, construction being slowed up only at times when it was impossible to get material and transportation". From the 1940 June Rambler we see that "It has been suggested that on Sunday trips to the Lodge, dinner be served later, about 5 p.m. This would allow hikers more time. Those staying at the Lodge can have a lunch at noon and all should be on hand for the later scheduled meal. The Brighton stage leaves every morning for Brighton at 8:30, Club members may use this means of reaching



Kitchen Addition circa 1935. Photo by Dorothy Green

Brighton and return on any club scheduled bus trip for the regular charge of \$1.00 round trip."



The Lodge had a dedication party as written about in the 1940 Fall Issue of the Rambler. "Before you read this Rambler, two committees will have been put to work on plans for the Lodge dedication next year (1941). One of these will work on the program of dedicatory exercises, the other will concentrate on a membership drive to bring back many who were instrumental in building the Lodge. The retiring Board created a trust fund to be used in carrying forward the Lodge improvement project as well as appropriating funds for the cornerstone plaque. We plan to use the displaying of the plaque to create a general interest in the Wasatch Mountain Club and all it stands for."

Again, we read from the 1940 Fall Issue of the Rambler: "LET'S DEDICATE THE LODGE - E. N. Ebbe. The Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge at Brighton was never formally dedicated. What would be more fitting than to lay a cornerstone with a bronze plaque in connection with the improvements now underway? It is my high hope and desire that the work program now started, the long-contemplated veranda with basement below, be faithfully carried on and pushed to completion as fast as energy and finance will permit. With the aid of all enthusiastic Mountain Clubbers, next summer should see the chain rope of strength lashed about our gigantic cornerstone, that so many years served as a door step This large



At the Lodge September 7, 1931

stone rejected by the builders in putting up the chimney and main structure, is to become the corner stone of our temple."

1942 December Rambler: "The return of Mr, Ebbe from Nevada was the occasion for calling together by our President, Ford Holmes, a special representative group of club members which met early in the summer and decided to continue the excavation begun in front of the Lodge two years previous. The original plan in 1940 called for a furnace room, showers, toilets and storage space for fuel. Due to lack of money, scarcity of materials and shortage of labor, it was agreed to complete only the excavation now, and use the space thus created for storing fuels. Later it was decided the retaining walls would support the porch floor, so it too was built". This first rendition of the porch did not include a roof covering the porch. This would not be added until about 1961.

The porch and rooms below

have cost well over \$1500.00. The porch floor proper is 10 feet wide and 28 feet long, the excavation being about 38 feet long however, as the remaining 10 feet are covered by a temporary shelter to the Northwest door." As the Lodge becomes 14 years old we can see that it has become an important fixture in the Clubs history as written in the 1943 Yearly Rambler: "The Club Lodge at Brighton - scene of never to be forgotten parties and trips for the past fourteen years - continues to be the rock to which we anchor. Much of our activity during this war period will center there."

Since its inception, the Lodge has had a continuing need to be maintained. This need has been met by a countless number of Club volunteers over the years. Each year work parties would be organized to do cleaning, painting, repairing, gathering wood and anything else to keep the Lodge going. This can be seen in the December 1942 Rambler: "Five work trips to

repairs made. The elimination of all types of hazards was emphasized, Fire prevention precautions were taken with the removal of waste paper, boxes and other inflammable articles from about the Lodge. The two fire extinguishers were rehung in more Conspicuous places, and escape ropes were hung in both dormitories for fire emergencies. Many new lights were placed about the Lodge and new steps were built or old steps repaired, all to eliminate the personal injury hazard." In 1944 the initial 15 year Forest Service land lease would expire as we read from the WMC minutes. "The Club's lease for Forest Service land where the lodge is located will expire in July. It was resolved that the Club sign the lease for fifteen years commencing July 14, 1944 at an annual rental of \$25.00 per year."

After the end of World War II, many members of the WMC return from service and the Lodge sees an increase in usage. From the January 1946 Rambler we read "The war is over, peace again. Now the members are using their beautiful and spacious lodge at Brighton in ever increasing numbers". It was also at this time that the Lodge saw a need for a new furnace. "Now we had a furnace but we 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 Elkins brought all of the tools necessary for removing the dirt and rocks, a pick for Henry Snedden, and a shovel for Dave Schlain. With Wally Wyman and Marion Beck's help, the basement was completed.

By 1951 the Lodge was now 22 years old and was ready for a new roof. The September 1951



Porch Addition

are now finished for the duration at a cost slightly in excess of \$300.00, a project that, had it been let to contractors, would

Brighton during the months of May and June saw the Lodge cleaned, put in order and many

Rambler tells the story about a new roof for the Lodge: "Saturday, August 18, broke bright and clear as WAMOCs crawled out of their beds to load roof materials at 6:00 A. M. Later, other WAMOCs joined them at the Lodge where they stormed the roof, eager for destruction. Securely tied by ropes anchored to near by trees and on ladders, they tore the old roofing off the kitchen and back side of the Lodge." And later on, "Backs and noses got red under the sun. It was the WAMOC construction partners help in operation, supervised by Leon and Larry. All present agreed it was hard work, but enthusiasm ran high as everyone watched their efforts progress toward – at last – an aluminum roof- to be green".

It seems that culinary water has always been a problem at the Lodge as we see in the September 1956 Rambler. "A start was made in the installation of the new, improved, guaranteed-not-to-freeze-or-clog-up water supply. That is, a hole has been dug large enough for the settling tank now resting beside the Lodge. Perhaps next time the tank can be connected to the creek and the water supply pipe line." Again, we read about the water in the 1963 January Rambler "The City has shut off the water at Lake Mary so we have no water at the Lodge. Even if they turn it back on our pipes are probably frozen so we will not get water inside, anyway. This means carrying snow, carrying water from the creek (when and if it flows again) or bringing it from the City. Use the paper plates and plastic spoons provided to save washing."

A history of the lodge cannot be written without mentioning the annual wood gathering parties. Each year logs would be gathered, sawed, chopped and then stacked for the winter

supply. A typical writeup can be found in the November 1972 Rambler under Lodge Wood Gathering: "The winter's wood supply was cut, hauled, split, and stashed in record time this year as forty-five people, six trucks, and four chainsaws showed up to perform the task. The cutting crew left the mountain at one o'clock and the splitters and stashers finished about three. The scene next to the lodge resembled a colony of beavers as they bustled around, carrying the split logs to the basement store room. The basement was filled, also one of the coal rooms, and the space on each side of the fireplace was stuffed with logs."

In 1957 "modern" inside restrooms were finally added to the Lodge. However, these were only what is known as "pit toilets" and although a great improvement over the outhouse, they were hardly modern by today's standards. It took many weekend trips to the Lodge to complete this project. From the November 1957 Rambler we read: "The principal reason for this number (of trips) was to add an addition to the Lodge, containing modern "inside" facilities, and to improve the water supply. The new facilities are now operating, due largely to the efforts of Harold Goodro, who not only worked every work trip, but on many other occasions." This new addition would later be called the Goodro's Annex. The Lodge should now be a much more comfortable place for an overnight stay during the winter--no more of those freezing trips to the CASTLE."

Work continues around the Goodro Annex in 1961 as we read in the October Rambler. "The Addition scoured and the Annex tidied. Preliminary work was done on the steps leading to the basement prior to cementing in a new stairway, Rocks and boulders

were cleared from the parking lot to smooth it and create room for three additional cars. Lastly, a front porch was created." And in November: "Dale Green spent so much time at the Lodge on the project of cementing the basement steps." In the 1962 March Rambler: "To gain access to the Lodge one now locates the porch roof added last summer (1961) and drops down the steps cut in the snow." From the 1963 Ramblers we read "the Forest Service requires us to finish the stone facing around "Goodro's Annex", repair the outside toilets." And in November "[...] The next day, Sunday, many hands accomplished other important tasks, including the following: completion of the rock-facing around Goodro's Annex., shellacking of the entranceway, varnishing of the outside of Goodro's Annex."

Another problem that has plagued the Lodge over the years is the lack of money needed to finance annual repairs and maintenance. This problem is addressed in the February 1970 Rambler by Dale Green, President, "Our lodge at Brighton has a serious problem. The Board of Directors has decided to take a poll of all members and asked me to write an objective explanation. However, I find I am pessimistic about the future of the lodge so this discussion is definitely slanted. Anyone with opposing views is free to write their own evaluation to the editor of the Rambler. The problem is this: The membership does not have sufficient interest in the lodge to keep it properly maintained or provide enough income for needed maintenance or improvements." Dale goes on to make several arguments as to what to do with the Lodge. The problem is again addressed in the October 1977 Rambler by President Dennis Caldwell. "There

are a number of advantages to biting the bullet early in the game while we are quite solvent. For example, insurance rates on the lodge have gone up to about \$1400, more than 1/3 of the dues in an average year. The consensus seems to be that rather than pay this sum, we would be better off systematically building up a fund in part from dues for replacing the lodge when the time comes. (The decision on the fire insurance is not entirely in our hands, since the Forest Service would have to approve a cancellation.) A third possibility is to let the lodge die a natural death, which in this writer's opinion would be pity."

It has been over 44 years since the kitchen was added to the Lodge and it is now time for another serious makeover. In the August 1979 Rambler, Club President Dennis Caldwell writes "Work is progressing on the kitchen remodeling. The structure has been shored up with railroad ties underneath as a temporary replacement to the rotted bottom logs. Once the trenches have been dug, concrete will be poured and the new wood floor installed. In the bargain wooden cabinets are being designed to give the place a new look."

It was in 1980 that the Lodge was nominated to be designated as a National Historic Landmark. This was documented in the July 1980 Rambler. "The Utah Historical Society and Utah Holiday have instituted an annual awards program to recognize achievements in the preservation of historic buildings. The first ceremony was held May 23 at the Grand Lobby of the Union Station in Ogden. A. Stephen Dirks, mayor of Ogden, formally opened the ceremonies for this initial awards program. We are especially proud that the Wasatch Mountain Club entry for designation for a National Historic Landmark was

selected to be among the first of such awards to be presented. Clare Davis received the award for the Category of Excellence in Research for an Institutional Building. Club members who provided information and assistance which was valuable in the compilation of our entry include Ron Weber, Alexis Kelner, Larry Vanderplas and Roy Reynolds. Our nomination request has been approved by the Utah Office for Historic Preservation and forwarded to Washington, D.C. where it awaits final approval for designation as a National Historic Landmark." In the August 1981 Rambler we read "Excerpts taken from the Salt Lake Tribune--July 19, 1981 'The WMC Lodge has joined the ranks of America's more distinguished buildings. The Lodge has been placed on the national Historic Register. Club President Mike Treshow is attempting to find a special place for the plaque.'"

In 1980, Bob Myers was elected to his first stint as Lodge Director and it wasn't long before he got the ball rolling on many projects. This is evident in the September 1980 Rambler where Bob writes: "Great progress has been seen on the Lodge. The painting has been done, the floor has been finished and the landscaping is being worked on along with the kitchen. We have spent close to \$2,000 on Lodge improvement so far this summer, and I am happy to say we have had a greater turnout at work parties this year."

Another addition was made to the Lodge in 1984 in the form of an outside grill area. We read in the September Rambler about the dedication of the new barbeque. "Five WMC Lodge Directors meet at the Old Timer's party to inaugurate the new barbeque at the lodge. L. to R. Peter Hovingh, Bob Meyers, Max Egli, Mel Davis & Alexis Kelner."

The special use permit from the Forest Service expired in 1992 and needed to be renewed by the Club. The January, 1994 Rambler explains. "The following letter from District Ranger Mike Sieg will keep you current on the Forest Service Position regarding the status of the WMC Lodge. 'The lodge has been on National Forest System land since it was built in 1929. It has been authorized through a series of special use permits, the last two were for 15 years each. The last permit expired on May 5, 1992. We met with members of the Club on February 2, 1993 and October 12 to discuss the process and requirements for obtaining a new permit. Our engineers have done a detailed structural inspection of the lodge and identified numerous items that need to be fixed. Some are major and some are small. If the decision is made to issue a new permit it will be contingent upon making the necessary structural changes. Also, like all the facilities in the canyon within 300 feet of the sewer, the lodge will be required to connect to the sewer.'" We read about the follow-up in the 1994 March Rambler "In December, a lease renewal application was submitted to the US Forest Service. The public comment period for the proposed lease renewal runs from now through March 7, 1994. (See the attached letter requesting comments.) Your letters are needed to ensure that the lease is in fact renewed. Listed below are points you may want to include in your letter." "The log building has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1980."

By 1997 plans were underway to solve two of the Lodges longest lasting problems; Sewer and Water. It is written in the October Rambler, "Bathroom Plans and Construction Progress

Work is continuing on the plans for the new bathroom addition. David Triplet the Architect prepared 6 or 7 possible options for the new addition. The President and Trustees have met with David to discuss, view and select the best option." It is in the June 2000 Rambler where we read "We have recently reached an agreement with Salt Lake City to purchase their excess water not being used by the Girls Camp's system. A water line will run along the road to the Girls Camp and our sewer line will drop down the hill to connect to the spur built earlier. The engineer

the addition to the lodge, was submitted to the Forest Service on June 2 and is currently being reviewed for approval. The full-scale, detailed drawings will be delivered June 16 for review by the Forest Service architect (located in Ogden.) These same drawings will also be submitted in the next couple of working days to Salt Lake County to obtain a building permit. The lodge improvement committee, with the help of Bob Meyer, interviewed five contractors for the general contractor position and chose one, with extensive experience building log homes,

the lines went well as no rock work was encountered and the route restoration is impressive." We get another report in the December Rambler: "The Lodge report stated that 400 people hours and 40 trips to the Lodge have been put in toward Phase I of the water project. The budget is \$150K, of which, \$30,000 has been spent on 1000' of lines, \$20,000 has been spent on architect/engineer/permit costs, and \$35,000 has been spent on the excavation concrete and rough plumbing work. The balance is \$65,000 to complete the addition."



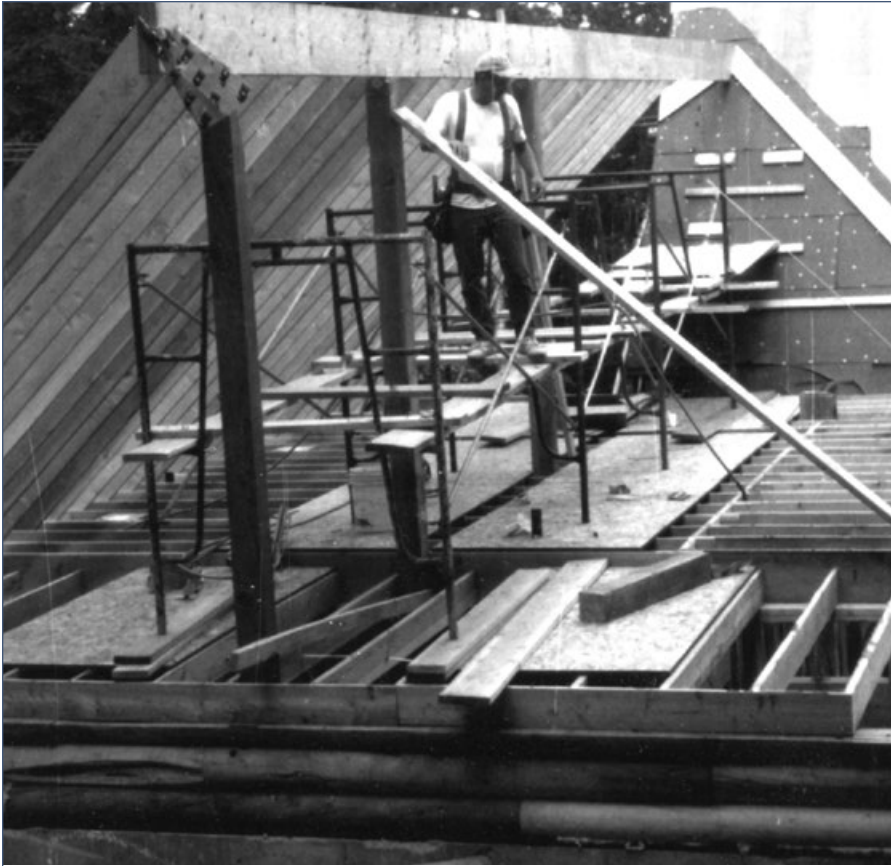
Bathroom Addition, Nov. 2000 Rambler Photo by Phyllis Anderson

that designed and oversaw the Girls Camp system has designed our system and it has gone out for bidding by four different contractors." We read about the bathroom addition in the 2000 July Rambler "The amendment to the Special Use Permit, for

for further evaluation."

In the October 2000 Rambler we get our first report about the construction project. "The big news in August was the completion of the water and sewer lines to the lodge. Installing

By July of 2001 "Work is underway on the new bathroom addition to the Lodge, and a contract whas been signed for the construction work". In the September Rambler we read: "The construction at the lodge



Bathroom Addition

is going slowly but we all hope surely. A hole for the interior access door has been cut, and the contractor did a nice job of reworking the window that was in the door's planned location". And again in the October Rambler we read: "The construction at the lodge is well underway and club members should be very impressed at the Hallowe'en party. A lot of work has been done by a small number of very dedicated members". Then in the 2002 April Rambler we read: "The WMC Lodge, now with flush toilets AND Hot showers!!!, can be rented on a full- or half-day basis. Full-day rate, is \$300. There is a discount for WMC members, and, you can earn a \$50 voucher by participating in lodge service projects!"

With the completion of the new bathrooms it was finally time to say goodbye to the Goodro Annex. This can be read in the

2004 May Rambler. "At the February board meeting, Lodge director Dave Trask announced that the Mountain Club has obtained permission to build a new patio on the west side of the lodge- and to tear down the old Goodro annex. The removal project is set for this summer".

By 2009 the Club was moving in the direction of transferring the ownership of the Lodge to a private foundation. From the 2009 March Rambler "The WMC Board is requesting membership input on a proposal to transfer the WMC Lodge to a separate non-profit 'WMC Lodge Foundation' focused on the maintenance, upkeep and public accessibility of the Lodge. I would like to tell you how this transition would affect both the Lodge and the Club and ask you for your approval by mail-in vote." In the 2010 September Rambler we read: "In August, we received a

'Letter of Determination' from the Internal Revenue Service granting 501 (c) (3) charitable organization status. The WMC Foundation is an independent corporation with its own officers and directors (Bob Myers is the Foundation President) but the Foundation's Statement of Purposes are closely aligned with the long-standing purpose of the WMC." Finally as we see in the 2010 December Rambler: "On Thursday, November 11th, the General Membership Meeting was held and the results of the voting on the transfer of the lodge were announced by the Trustees. The final count was 408 in favor of giving the lodge to the Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation, with 18 opposed."

As this is being written in 2020, the Lodge has had a glorious 91 years and will very soon to turn 100 years old. This has been possible only because of thousands and thousands of countless hours of work put in over the years by WMC volunteers. Not only did they give of their time but many members also donated money for the upkeep of the Lodge. The largest financial donation that I know of was given by Dr. Bruce Parsons in 2019 when he generously donated \$50,000.00 to the Lodge Foundation. Thank you Bruce, and thank all of you past and present for your contributions to the Lodge.



Dr. Parsons presenting check to WMC President Julie Kilgore and WMCF President Renae Olsen

WMC Heroes and Legends: Charles “Chick” Pfeiffer

By Alexis Kelner, WMC Historian

The following was taken from the July, 2013 Rambler: The Pfeifferhorn Then, Now, and Forever. Soon after I became a member of the Wasatch Mountain Club, I joined the group on a hike up the Pfeifferhorn. Along the trail I asked one of the elder members if he knew how the peak got its name. The Pfeifferhorn, I was told, was named after Chick Pfeiffer, a highly respected former President of the club. Some years later I discovered that the peak was also called Little Matterhorn though, throughout my 50+ years of Wasatch hiking and ski touring, I had never heard the peak referred to after the Swiss mountain.

Charles Frank (Chick) Pfeiffer was born in Ohio in 1904/1905 to parents of Romanian/Hungarian origin. The 1920 U.S. Census lists him as living with his mother, his brother Ben, and two roomers near downtown Salt Lake City. He made his living as proprietor of the Utah Shoe Repairing Company, specializing in outdoor footwear and giving “particular attention to ski equipment.”

Chick joined the Mountain Club in 1931 and a year later joined its governing board as transportation director. He became President of the club from November 1938 to November 1939.

During the latter half of the 1930's the Mountain Club's Lodge at Brighton had served as “the ski center” of the Wasatch. Working alongside the Forest Service and the Civilian Conservation Corps Pfeiffer promoted and helped develop “trail skiing” in the Brighton Basin. He was instrumental in organizing women's downhill racing that culminated in the 1939 State Championships. Chick was highly respected by local sports reporters. He also led and co-led many club ski tours, including a spring ascent of the Mt. Timpanogos snowfield/glacier. “Chick” was also a board member of the Salt Lake chapter of the Utah archery association.

Gen Green of the Utah Committee on Geographic Names recently reported that “after a lengthy submission and review process” the Domestic Names Committee of the U.S. Board of Geographic Names has officially changed “the name of Little Matterhorn Peak to ‘The Pfeifferhorn’ in honor of Chick Pfeiffer.” The name



change, she notes, “is now official and will appear on all new USGS maps, and online map programs.” Thanks, Gen for all the work you and the Utah Committee on Geographic Names has put into this well deserved change.

Meet your Newest WMC Life Members

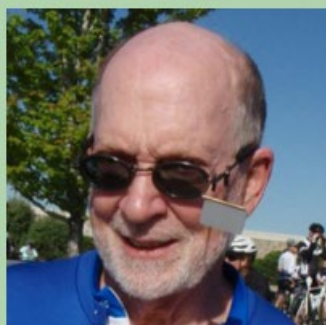
By Cheryl Soshnik

Congratulations to the 19 newest Life Members of the Wasatch Mountain Club, who received their final vote of approval at the September 13 General Membership Meeting. This is an impressive list of members who have contributed so much to our club for at least 25 years.

In this Centennial Year of the Wasatch Mountain Club, we encourage long time members to apply to join this elite group of 77 active Life Members. If you have been a member of the Club for 25 years, and have either held a position on the board or have contributed at least 100 hours of service to the club, you qualify to apply for Life Membership.



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Jim Byrne
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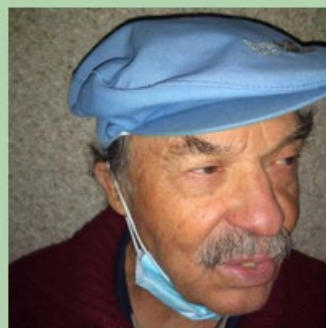
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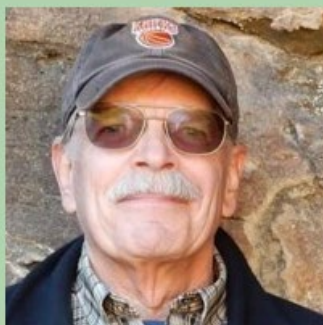
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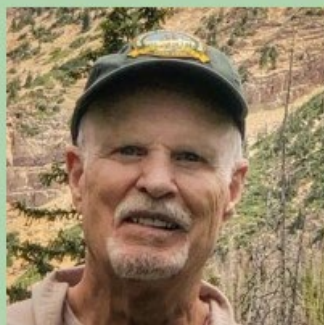
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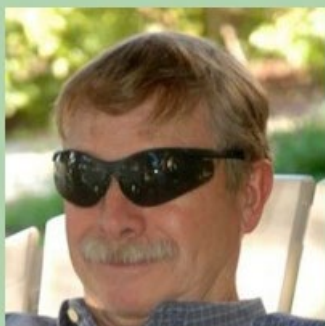
Zig Sondelski
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Dave Vance
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Mohamed Abdallah
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Frank Bernard
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Carrie Clark
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2020 WMC Centennial



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

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Sponsor the Centennial Events through one of many levels of sponsorship available <https://www.wasatchmountainclub.org/centennial/sponsor-levels>

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
	Life Member Celebration & Multi-Sport Weekend	Postponed, TBD
	Member Meeting, Life Member Approvals, & Historic Photo Reveal	Wasatch Mountain Lodge
	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

2020 CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

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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 (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

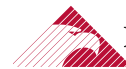


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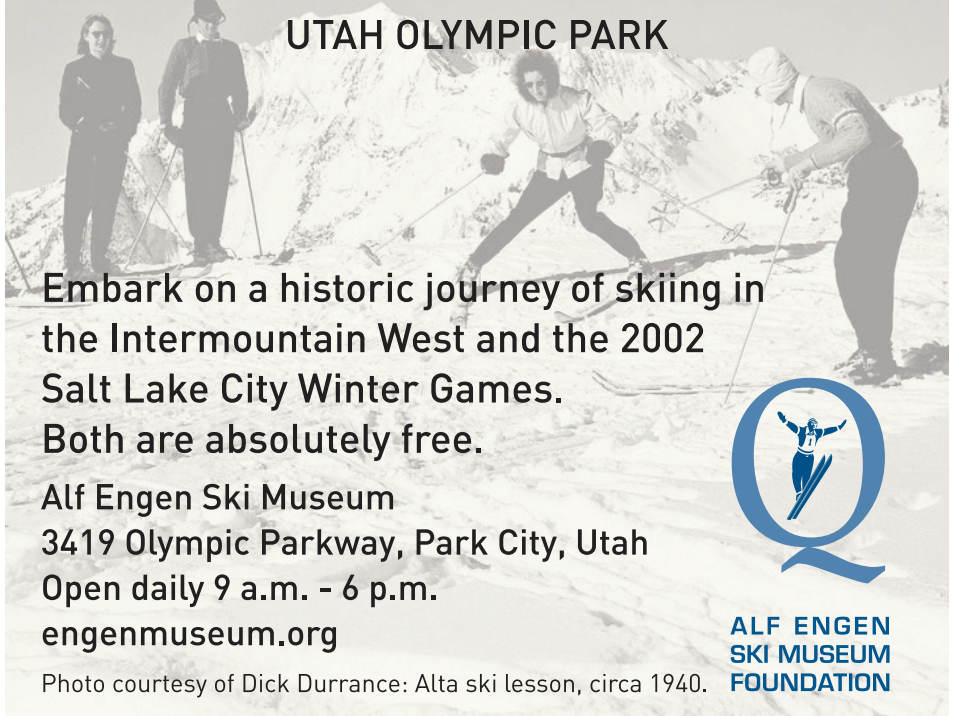
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Photo courtesy of Dick Durrance: Alta ski lesson, circa 1940.

Fall Membership Meeting/Picnic

September 13, 2020

Report by Cheryl Soshnik and Julie Kilgore



Everything was just about perfect for the September 13th WMC General Membership Meeting at the lodge. Knowing that safety and distancing were critical, we developed a reservation system for those planning to attend, capping the number of RSVPs to the County recommended 50 persons; and we broadcast the meeting by ZOOM for those who chose to attend virtually.

The weather was perfect for our outdoor meeting. The interior of the lodge was to show off the first installment of the new permanent display of Alexis Kelner photographs, the 10-panel WMC Centennial 100-year photo display, and the display panel for Dale Green's measuring wheel (complete with photo and write up). The lodge was set up for one-way traffic flow, and everything used was sanitized before, during, and after use.

About 45 people attended the main event, the highlight being the introduction and voting on the 19 new Life Members, including the 12 who were able to attend in person. At least one of our new Life Members watched the presentation and vote by ZOOM. Hands down, the best mask of the day, the one that took a lot of thought and customizing, was Tony Hellman!

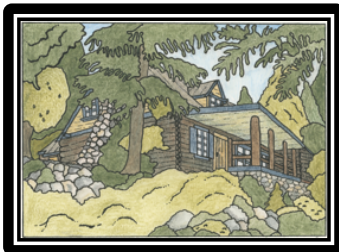
At the time of the membership meeting, the Centennial Endowment fund for a permanent scholarship at the University of Utah has passed \$20,000. During the membership meeting, the club raised another \$1,500, in large part due to a series of generous donations from Tony Hellman (Utah Homes

4 Us), Giulia Roselli, and Cassie Badowsky. Tony also announced that the WMC has donated over 70 pints of blood as part of our Red Cross Blood Donation Centennial Challenge. The next and final date to get the last 30 (and maybe more!) pints of blood is October 20. We were reminded that the blood donation comes with a free COVID-19 antibody test.

Afterwards, the group was able to picnic and grill in the back of the lodge, with tables set wide apart, but still allowing folks to visit with each other and between tables.

It was wonderful to see old friends, and make news one, all in person. Congratulations to the new Life Members, and I am hopeful that with careful planning, we will be able to have more in-person meetings while waiting for a safe and effective COVID vaccine.





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October 2020 Activity Calendar

We are cautiously opening up the calendar for club organizers and club members who are supportive of and committed to implementing the current Utah State Health Department guidelines. However, conditions, protocols, and individual health can change quickly. To facilitate flexibility, check the on-line calendar frequently at wasatchmountainclub.org/calendar. We're keeping the groups small, requiring registration, going to less crowded areas, keeping appropriate distances, and using face cover meeting on-coming traffic or when participants are closer than the recommended distance.

Oct 1 — Canoeing Green River From Split Mountain To Sand Wash - 6 Days

Oct 9 Meet: Registration Required

Thu — Fri Organizer: Zig Sondelski - 801-230-3623 - zig.sondelski@gmail.com

Level: Class I **Miles:** 100.0 **Vertical:** 145'

We are planning to canoe 100 miles of the Green River from Split Mountain to Sand Wash departing SLC Oct 1 for 7 days on the water. Will follow Covid 19 protocols. Now is your chance to find out what is around the bend at the usual put in or take out. If you are interested, contact me by email (zig.sondelski@gmail.com) or text/phone (801-230-3623) for more details. This is a seldom run stretch of river. It may not have the deep canyons or thrilling rapids, but it does offer the following (quoting some from rigtoflip): The intensity of canyons and rapids are replaced by a soothing calm. The number of boaters in this section is less than 100 per year, and there is a good reason for this - no one knows about it. Ask anyone at the Split Mountain boat ramp what is around the next bend and you will be answered with a shrug. For the boater who continues downstream, the trip is just beginning. An adventure into the unknown, where the river flows in peaceful solitude, lies ahead. A trip in the Uintah Basin is a trip into the history of water in the west, a view of the value and controversy of water as a resource, a view that is conveniently hidden and ignorable when rafting in protected areas or deep canyons. Whether floating past irrigated fields, distant oil derricks, rural homesteads, or miles of cottonwood galleries providing home or rest for hundreds of species of resident or migratory birds, the Uintah Basin continues to provide a consistent message that water is life. Boaters will have plenty of time to watch brilliant sunsets that seem to last as long as the day itself, unobstructed and illuminating low bluffs and rolling hills in soft palates of pink and orange. The river, smooth and untroubled, reflects this evening light, adds to the beauty and surrounds you with the desert glow. The Uintah Basin offers a chance for true adventure. A forgotten river home to mustangs, deer, uncountable birds, endangered fish, and the largest cottonwood galleries in the west lie just around the bend.

Oct 1 Neff's Canyon Evening Hike

Thu Meet: Registration Required

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

Level: NTD+

Route: Out & Back

Pace: Moderate

Email the organizer to RSVP. Small group and COVID protocols will apply. Dogs ok

Oct 2 Fri	Antelope Island Multi-Activity Event Meet: 3:00PM at Bridger Bay campground, Antelope Island State Park; Campsite BB10 Organizer: Julie Kilgore - 801-244-3323 - jk@wasatch-environmental.com Join us for the day, or reserve a campsite and stay a night or two. Come hike, paddle, or peddle on Antelope Island. After a great day of WMC activities, gather at and around Campsite BB09 and BB10 (WMC members have several of the west campsites reserved) at Bridge Bay Campground for some physically-distanced socializing. No potluck or sharing this year, so bring a cooler with your favorite picnic goodies. THERE IS A \$10 ENTRANCE FEE TO THE PARK. EACH PARTICIPANT/CAR IS INDEPENDENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENTRANCE FEE.
Oct 2 Fri	Road Bike: Mid Morning Short Exercise Ride Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Robert* Turner - 801-560-3378 - r46turner@gmail.com Level: MOD- Route: Loop This is a series of short morning rides to get some exercise without spending a lot of time doing it. The rides will be about 15 to 30 miles long. Some will be fairly flat; others will have elevation gains up to about 1400 feet. We will ride them at a fairly gentle pace, about 10-12 mph on average for the ones with a lot of elevation gain, and about 13-15 mph on average for the flatter ones. We will start around 9:00-10:00 AM, depending on morning temperatures. Registration is required. Group limit is 10. To participate, you'll need to be COVID-19 free, and will need to agree to the terms and conditions on the WMC liability release form. Email me if you would like to join us. I will send out the final details the evening before the ride.
Oct 3 Sat	Antelope Island - Saturday Morning Frary Peak Hike Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Julie Kilgore - 801-244-3323 - jk@wasatch-environmental.com Level: MOD Miles: 7.0 Vertical: 2050' Pace: Moderate Route: Out & Back We'll take the regular route to Frary Peak, then have the option for a little ridge line scramble on the way back down. Spend some time at the visitors center, or bring a cooler and join club members at the Bridger Bay Campground for an afternoon socially-distanced picnic. Participants can camp on the island Friday and/or Saturday night, or to meet at the trailhead. email the organizer to RSVP.
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Oct 3 Sat	Road Bike Later Afternoon Antelope Island Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Sharon Vinick - 801-865-4614 - outdoorsharon@yahoo.com Level: MOD- Miles: 15.0 Pace: Moderate Join the multi-sport weekend with a Triple Day! The plan is to first hike Frary Peak. Return to camp and a leisure road bike ride with smooth pavement and minimal cars. If ambitious join Daisy D for SUP on the water later in the evening. It will be a non-competitive mini-triathlon for those that chose to participate! Contact Julie K for camping spots information. The location, distance and elevation of bike ride will be determined by a group decision that day. Requests welcome. Public health COVID 19 safety procedures apply with limit 8 people. Please no e bikes
Oct 3 Sat	Day Hike - Flagstaff, North Flagstaff & Toledo Peak Via Alta Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Akiko Kamimura - kamimura@umich.edu Level: MOD+ Miles: 6.0 Vertical: 2000' Pace: Moderate We plan to bag Flagstaff Mt (10,530 ft), North Flagstaff Mt (10,561 ft), and Toledo Peak (10,530 ft) via Alta, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Class 2 scrambles and a very short class 3 section. I have hiked to Flagstaff Mt many times but not to the other peaks. Please bring microspikes (if there is snow) and 10 Es. The location may change depending on situations. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, October 2, 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.
Oct 4 Sun	Mountain Bike Antelope Island Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Sharon Vinick - 801-865-4614 - outdoorsharon@yahoo.com Level: MOD- Pace: Moderate Join the multi-sports weekend and support Centennial celebration. Options are to camp the night before or meet us the day This time of year has limited bugs but watch out for buffalo! Limited technical trails that are intermediate minus and flowy. Public health measures and COVID 19 safety procedures will apply. Limit to 8 people. Please no ebikes. Contact Julie K about camping arrangements and information.
Oct 4 Sun	Day Hike - Kelsey Peak & Beyond Via Butterfield Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Organizer: Akiko Kamimura - kamimura@umich.edu Level: MSD- Miles: 13.0 Vertical: 5000' Pace: Moderate We plan to bag Kelsey Peak (10,373 ft) and hopefully Rocky Peak (10,273 ft) via Butterfield, weather, conditions and situation permitting. I have hiked to Kelsey Peak (distance 8.8 miles RT and 4,000 ft elevation gain) - the route is entirely on the trail. From Kelsey Peak, we plan to continue on the ridgeline (approximately 460 ft drop and 360 ft up plus 3 bumps) to Rocky Peak (additional RT distance - 4 miles). Class 2 scrambles. Please bring microspikes (if there is snow) and 10 Es. The location may change depending on situations. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, October 2, 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.

Oct 4 Sun	Hike To Red & White Baldy Via Little Silver Glance Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Daisy DeMarco - 610-517-7867 - daisyannndemarco@gmail.com Level: MSD- Miles: 11.0 Vertical: 4300' Pace: Moderate Route: Out & Back Let's try this again! Got rained out at the saddle on 9/19 and looking to summit these two Baldies still! We will hike to Silver Lake in AF Canyon and then further up to Little Silver Glance where the crowds really thin out and the views open up. From Little Silver Glance we will take the route to the saddle and head to Red Baldy and White Baldy. Please note that the route and ridge beyond the saddle is exploratory for me. Expect Class 2 and Class 3 scrambles and a long day! Most current COVID-19 precautions will be taken. Email to register or for more details!
Oct 5 Mon	Mt. Van Cott Evening Hike Meet: 5:30PM (Registration Required) Organizer: Julie Kilgore - 801-244-3323 - jk@wasatch-environmental.com Level: NTD+ Miles: 3.0 Vertical: 1400' Pace: Moderate Route: Loop This is a lovely hike that the club doesn't do often enough! There are a few different route options to choose from. The days are getting cooler, and the daylight is getting shorter and it's time to prepare for winter hiking, so bring warm layers, a headlamp, and micro spikes or your favorite light traction devices in case of early snow.
Oct 5 Mon	Slow Paced Draper Evening Hike Meet: 5:45PM at Andy Ballard Arena (1600 Highland Drive, Draper, UT) Organizer: Tonya Karren - 801-493-9199 - tonya.karren@gmail.com Level: NTD Miles: 3.5 Vertical: 1400' Route: Out & Back Come join us for a relaxed pace evening hike in the Draper, Corner Canyon area. We will meet at the Andy Ballard Equestrian Center at 6:45 and hike or carpool (in masks) from there. We will allow up to 10 people and must not come if you have been exposed to anyone with COVID19, within the past two weeks, or have any symptoms. Please RSVP by email or text to Tonya, to reserve a spot.
Oct 6 Tue	Leisure Hike To Primrose Overlook Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Da Yang Wipfel - 801-635-6189 - dayang007@gmail.com Level: NTD+ Miles: 4.0 Vertical: 1000' Pace: Slow Route: Loop Primrose Overlook via Horse Flat Trail is a 4 mile heavily trafficked out and back loop trail located near Pleasant Grove, sits in Scenic Alpine loop drive, This is very slow paced hike, we Will have plenty of time to take photos, Hope the fall colors in its peak. Bring your National park pass or lucky senior pass. Otherwise may pay \$6. Organizers: Phyllis Anderson & Da Yang. We follow the COVID-19 Rules. Limited to 10

Oct 8 —	2020 Moab Canyoneering Rendezvous
Oct 11	Meet: Registration Required
Thu — Sun	Organizer: Shane Wallace - 801-400-6372 - shaneswallace@gmail.com Details can be found here: https://www.meetup.com/Wasatch-Mountain-Club/events/270491195/?isFirstPublish=true
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Oct 8	Rock Climb Moab
Thu	Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Parker Winkel - 330-941-0502 - paw123321@gmail.com Level: NTD This is a day of cragging designed for people coming down for the Canyoneering Rendezvous occurring that weekend but anyone is welcome to join. We will meet at 11:00am on Thursday, most likely Ice Cream Parlor. Wall Street is also a possibility depending on the group. Registration required via email so I can send details as they become available. All ability levels welcome. Please let me know if you can lead sport, trad or lead belay when you register. Helmets required. Group size may be limited or smaller groups formed, masks and social distancing may be required depending on current COVID threat level.
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Oct 8	Ferguson Canyon Evening Hike
Thu	Meet: 5:30PM (Registration Required) Organizer: Julie Kilgore - 801-244-3323 - jk@wasatch-environmental.com Level: NTD+ Miles: 3.0 Vertical: 1500' Pace: Fast Route: Out & Back The days are getting cooler, and the daylight is getting shorter. Come out for a jaunt up Ferguson Canyon to the Overlook. There are a few steep sections on the route that will definitely warm up the group. It's time to prepare for winter hiking, so bring warm layers, a headlamp, and micro spikes or your favorite light traction devices in case of early snow.
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Oct 10	Day Hike - Provo East Peak & Freedom Peak
Sat	Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Organizer: Akiko Kamimura - kamimura@umich.edu Level: MSD Miles: 6.0 Vertical: 4000s' Pace: Moderate Route: Out & Back We plan to bag Provo East Peak (11,044 ft) and Freedom Peak (10,801 ft), weather, conditions and situation permitting. Provo East Peak is the least often climbed Wasatch 11000 footer. We will take the longest but easiest (class 2 scrambles) to Provo East Peak and continue on the short class 3 ridge to Freedom Peak that offers remarkable 360 degree views of neighboring mountains and beyond. Depending on where we will start, there may be additional distance (3 miles RT) and elevation gain (1,400 ft). 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 October 9 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. Co-organized with Barb Gardner.

Oct 10 Sat	Hike Lookout Peak Meet: 5:30PM (Registration Required) Organizer: Julie Kilgore - 801-244-3323 - jk@wasatch-environmental.com Level: MOD+ Miles: 8.0 Vertical: 3000' Pace: Moderate Route: Out & Back Let's try this hike again, only this time without We'll come in from the East Canyon side rather than fight the parking in Emigration Canyon. RSVP with organizer, and COVID protocols will apply.
Oct 11 Sun	Day Hike - North Peak Fall Color Hike Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Organizer: Akiko Kamimura - kamimura@umich.edu Level: MOD+ Miles: 8.5 Vertical: 3300' Pace: Moderate We plan to bag North Peak (11,174 ft), weather, conditions and situation permitting. North Peak is the peak on the way to Mt Nebo and is usually done by the combination with Mt Nebo. But we will do only North Peak to take time to enjoy fall colors (hopefully) and views in short daylight. Please bring microspikes (if there is snow) and 10 Es. The location may change depending on situations. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, October 9, 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.
Oct 12 Mon	Slow Pace Draper Evening Hike Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Organizer: John Kiedaisch - 630-803-2452 - johnrk@hotmail.com Level: NTD Pace: Slow We will depart promptly at 6pm. Come out and explore the south end of the Salt Lake valley. The Draper hikes are geared toward newcomers or those who just want a more relaxed pace, and would be suitable for kids about 12 or older accompanied by a responsible adult.
Oct 13 Tue	Parrish Creek Trail Evening Hike Meet: 6:00PM (Registration Required) Organizer: Julie Kilgore - 801-244-3323 - jk@wasatch-environmental.com Level: NTD Pace: Slow We will depart promptly at 6pm. Come out and explore the south end of the Salt Lake valley. The Draper hikes are geared toward newcomers or those who just want a more relaxed pace, and would be suitable for kids about 12 or older accompanied by a responsible adult.
Oct 14 Wed	WMC Board Meeting Meet: 7:00PM, WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103 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.

Oct 15 Thu	Evening Hike In Upper Millcreek Meet: 5:30PM (Registration Required) Organizer: Julie Kilgore - 801-244-3323 - jk@wasatch-environmental.com Level: NTD Pace: Moderate <p>Let's get a last hike in upper Millcreek before they close the gate. Plan A would be a loop hike to Dog Lake up one way and back another. Plan B will be a hike that starts where ever we find parking. Bring warm layers, a headlamp, and micro spikes or your favorite light traction devices in case of early snow.</p>
Oct 17 Sat	Day Hike - Devil's Eye & Dharma Peak Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Organizer: Akiko Kamimura - kamimura@umich.edu Level: MSD- Miles: 9.0 Vertical: 4200' Pace: Moderate <p>We plan to bag Devil's Eye (8,500 ft) and Dharma Peak (9,237 ft - also known as Willow Canyon Peak) in Alpine, weather, conditions and situation permitting. While many of us probably have seen those peaks, few people have climbed the peaks. We will take the route which is longer but easier than other routes. Mostly class 2 scrambles and potentially short class 3 sections. Some steep parts. There is a cool arch which we hope to see. Please bring microspikes (if there is snow) and 10 Es. The location may change depending on situations. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, October 16, 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. Co-organized with Matt Luntz.</p>
Oct 18 Sun	Day Hike - James Peak & Cobabe Peak Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Organizer: Akiko Kamimura - kamimura@umich.edu Level: MOD Miles: 6.0 Vertical: 1500' Pace: Moderate <p>We plan to bag Cobabe Peak (9,004 ft) and James Peak (9,422 ft) above Powder Mt Ski Resort, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The peaks offer great views all around. There are some other peaks (bumps) nearby that we can make if the group is interested. Please bring microspikes (if there is snow) and 10 Es. The route is entirely on the trail/road. Exploratory. The location may change depending on situations. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on October 16 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.</p>
Oct 19 Mon	Slow Pace Draper Evening Hike Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Organizer: John Kiedaisch - 630-803-2452 - johnrk@hotmail.com Level: NTD Pace: Slow <p>We will depart promptly at 6pm. Come out and explore the south end of the Salt Lake valley. The Draper hikes are geared toward newcomers or those who just want a more relaxed pace, and would be suitable for kids about 12 or older accompanied by a responsible adult.</p>

Oct 20 Tue	Elbow Fork To Lamb's Overlook Evening Hike Meet: 5:30PM (Registration Required) Organizer: Julie Kilgore - 801-244-3323 - jk@wasatch-environmental.com Level: NTD Pace: Moderate <p>Let's get this one above the gate one more time before it's closed for the season. It will be dark when we return, but that won't be a bother. Bring warm layers, a headlamp, and micro spikes or your favorite light traction devices in case of early snow.</p>
Oct 22 Thu	Evening Hike - Cherry Canyon To One Hour Rock Meet: 5:30PM (Registration Required) Organizer: Julie Kilgore - 801-244-3323 - jk@wasatch-environmental.com Level: NTD Pace: Moderate <p>This is a steep hike that has various One-Hour Rock destinations depending on the pace of the group. Bring warm layers, a headlamp, and micro spikes or your favorite light traction devices in case of early snow.</p>
Oct 24 Sat	Hike To The Top Of Houndstooth Meet: 8:00AM at Butler Elementary - 7080 S 2700 E, Cottonwood Heights, UT Organizer: Julie Kilgore - 801-244-3323 - jk@wasatch-environmental.com Level: MSD- Miles: 5.5 Vertical: 3000' Pace: Moderate Route: Out & Back <p>Houndstooth is a very unique outcrop east of Bengal Boulevard that from certain angles looks like a big molar. This is a VERY STEEP hike and there is a little scramble at the end, but no serious exposure. Vegetation is dense on several sections, so long pants and long sleeves are recommended. COVID protocols in place at the time of the hike will be followed. We'll meet at the elementary school to avoid the crowds in the regular park and ride areas.</p>
Oct 25 Sun	Day Hike - Regulator Johnson Peak & Mineral-cardiff Peak Via Mineral Fork Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Organizer: Akiko Kamimura - kamimura@umich.edu Level: MOD+ Miles: 11.0 Vertical: 3600' Pace: Moderate Route: Out & Back <p>We plan to bag two rarely climbed peaks, Regulator Johnson Horn (10,820 ft) and Mineral-Cardiff Peak (10,634 ft) via Mineral Fork, BCC, weather, conditions and situation permitting. There is a trail until the end of Mineral Fork. Expect some scrambles beyond the end of the trail. Fall colors are very beautiful in the area late in October. 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 October 23 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.</p>

Oct 27 Tue	Foothills Evening Hike Meet: 6:00PM (Registration Required) Organizer: Julie Kilgore - 801-244-3323 - jk@wasatch-environmental.com Level: NTD Route: Out & Back Pace: Moderate We'll pick one of the routes above Wasatch Boulevard. All these routes are steep, so we'll adjust the pace to keep the group together. Email the organizer to RSVP. Small group and COVID protocols will apply. Dogs ok
Oct 28 — Nov 1 Wed — Sun	Gold Butte National Monument Car Camp, Day Hikes Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Dennis Goreham - 801-550-5169 - dgoreham@gmail.com Level: MSD Miles: 11.0 Vertical: 4100' Pace: Moderate Route: Out & Back Plan a few days to explore southern Nevada's Gold Butte National Monument. We will hike the Monument's high point, Virgin Peak (11 miles, 4100 feet elevation gain (MSD)), Shark Tooth Peak (MOD), probably one other peak and still have time to see other interesting features including Little Finland, petroglyphs, and Devils Throat. This is a remote area. We will be camping in an undeveloped area so bring everything you need including plenty of water. Plan for COVID19 precautions. Register with Dennis to get logistic details. Limit 8. Co-organized with Jim Kucera.
Oct 29 Thu	Bst Evening Hike To The Brett Smith Memorial Meet: 6:00PM (Registration Required) Organizer: Julie Kilgore - 801-244-3323 - jk@wasatch-environmental.com Level: NTD Route: Out & Back Pace: Moderate Let's end this month's evening hikes with a visit to the plaque that was installed this spring. Bring layers and headlamps, and possible foot traction depending on weather. Email the organizer to RSVP. Small group and COVID protocols will apply. Dogs ok
Oct 31 Sat	Centennial Halloween Masquerade Party Meet: 6:00PM at WMCF Lodge - 8465 S Mary Lake Lane, Brighton, UT Organizer: Tonya Karren - tonya.karren@gmail.com The Halloween Party was to be the 4th and final Centennial event sponsored by the WMC Lodge, but indoor events might still be problematic. The board will make a decision about this event in early October.
Oct 31 Sat	Day Hike - Willard Fin Peak Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Organizer: Akiko Kamimura - kamimura@umich.edu Level: MOD Miles: 6.6 Vertical: 2000' Pace: Moderate Route: Out & Back 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 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 6 — Nov 8 Fri — Sun	Virgin River Gorge Canyoneering — 3 Days Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Kevin Earl - 801-568-3791 - kbe44@hotmail.com Level: MOD Details can be found here: https://www.meetup.com/Wasatch-Mountain-Club/events/273358327/
Nov 8 Sun	Angel Leading Ledge Walk- Via Ferrata In The Zion Area, Canyoneering Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Kevin Earl - 801-568-3791 - kbe44@hotmail.com Level: MOD Details can be found here: https://www.meetup.com/Wasatch-Mountain-Club/events/273358421/
Nov 10 Tue	Social - Online Book Club Meet: 5:30PM, Online 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 11 Wed	WMC Board Meeting Meet: 7:00PM at WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103 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 14 Sat	Trip Organizer And Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Meet: Registration Required 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.

The Wasatch Mountain Club October Blood Drive!

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

The WMC and RED CROSS says THANK YOU for the amazing support of the WMC Centennial Blood Drive. On August 20th, we had 43 People Registered. Many groups of 3000 don't even do ½ of that! according to the Red Cross. This was a Great Turn Out!

The WMC collected 42 Donations x 3 lives per pint = 126 Patients who may "Save the Planet" because of the gift of life.

Best of all, We had 15 "First Time Donors" which could become LIFETIME Donors! Many of our members are gallon donors and every volunteer helps the club celebrate its' Centennial.

The next blood drive occurs around Halloween so please Mark the DATE: Oct 20th. 2:30 - 8 pm. Location: Red Cross Center (back room), 6616 S. 900 E., Salt Lake City, UT 84121 DRACULA will be there and the blood-curdling screams will be sure death if the WMC doesn't meet the CENTENNIAL Goal of 100 pints.

Prizes for best costume and FREE Covid 19 antibody testing with every Donation. This is a \$100 value to you and your gift of life is priceless.

The RED CROSS says Thank You All For Being Fabulous Partners, Our Wish Is We Continue this Relationship & Keep "Paying It Forward" Impacting the Patients and Children in our Community!!

If you have any questions or concerns or "nightmares", please call Tony Hellman, Blood Drive Coordinator at 801-809-6133. Get ready to BLEED!



Tom Hamann and Tony Hellman



Julie Kilgore rocking her PPE while donating!

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*

■ Donate to WMC Centennial Education Endowment Fund: Create a lasting legacy at the University of Utah. Details on our website. Use this form to receive Thank-You gifts, or donate online.

■ Donate to Centennial Events Offset celebration obligations by using this form to receive Thank-You gifts!

■ Advertise in The Rambler: If you or someone you know has a business that would like to reach our 1,000 members plus hundreds of other readers, e-mail Rambler@WasatchMountainClub.org

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Cent. Koozie w/ Biner	\$5	x	=	
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Cent. 2020 Calendar	\$10	x	=	
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<i>Hiking the Wasatch</i> AUTOGRAPHED	\$30	x	=	
<i>Ski History of Utah</i> AUTOGRAPHED	\$30	x	=	
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Sandal-toe Socks PAIR	\$5	x	=	
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Buff® Neck Gaiter (VARIOUS)	\$15	x	=	
Glacier Gloves PAIR	\$20	x	=	
Heater Headband	\$20	x	=	
"Turtle" Flip Mittens PAIR	\$25	x	=	
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DONATION GRAND TOTAL:				\$_____
MAIL FORM/CHECKS TO: WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB				\$_____

WMC Centennial Scholarship Fund

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

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

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

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

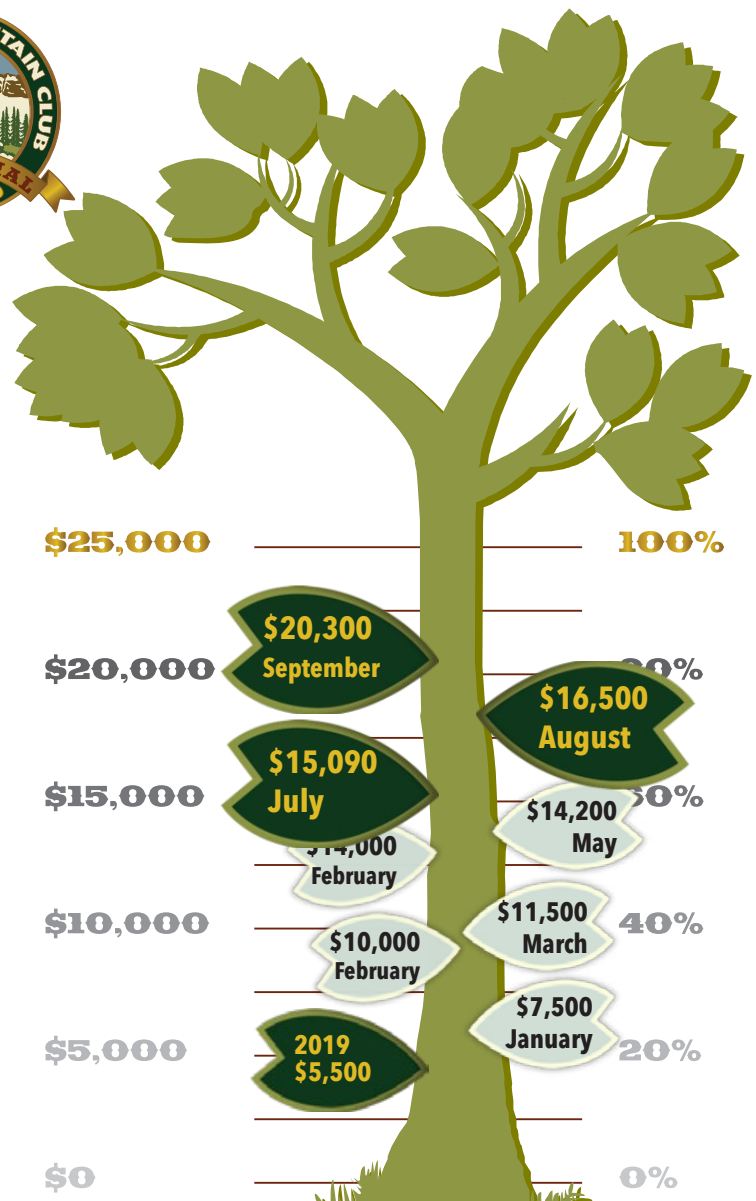
Fun centennial items are available in exchange for endowment donations (hats, shirts, journals, patches, coasters, mugs, koozies, etc.) Additionally, any sponsorship funds remaining over and above the cost of the Centennial events will be directed to the endowment.

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

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

***LESS THAN
\$5,000 TO GO!***

Make your donation, then
send an email to president@wasatchmountainclub.org
to select your gift from the list on
page 32!



Wasatch Mountain Club Endowment Fund Goal

50 Years Ago in the Rambler

Transcribed by Donn Seeley, WMC trustee

CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 1970

Oct. 18 LOGAN CAVE

Sun "Seven Hunters and a Cow" — time has come upon us again and we have to stay out of the woods and either go underground or emigrate into more quiet areas. Logan Cave will provide complete cover and you don't have to wear red either. The cave is interesting enough so that even those who have seen it before will find it worthwhile to repeat their excursion. Meet at the Valley Music Hall parking lot (north end). You must register with your spelunking oldtime leader, Earl Hansen. [...]

Oct. 24–25 KOLOB FINGERS AND LA VERKIN

Sat. Sun. Here is your chance to get away from the flying bullets on the last hunting weekend. The only gate to this section of the park will be locked. By courtesy of the Park Headquarters we will be able to go past the gate. This is one of the most beautiful and still remote areas of Zion. Its natural scenic attraction should be enhanced by the brightest fall colors you can dream of. It is a photographer's paradise. Activities can be geared to anybody's condition and taste. If you can manage at all, come out. Trip is dependent on at least 15 participants. If there is enough interest, we shall take the bus for a mere \$12! The bus has performed very well lately and can thus give you a rest before and after the trip. Register with Fred Bruenger [...] by Oct. 22nd.

KINGS PEAK IN ONE DAY... by Chuck Mays

This hike has a rating of 24. Blessed by the excellent weather which Fern Reid predicted for August 22, 1970, Fred and Eveline Bruenger and I made the 32 mile trip in 15 hours. Part of the way we were joined by Don Bendix, who turned back at Anderson Pass because of blisters.

Starting at Henry's Fork Campground at 6 a.m., we covered the first 12 miles to Gunsight Pass in 4 hours. From there up, the terrain and the altitude slowed our progress. Descending from Gunsight Pass we kept close to the base of the talus slopes to our right, and despite the loss of a few hundred feet elevation, I believe this route superior to either rock-climbing up westward from Gunsight, or up the scree gully directly north of Kings Peak. (Last year we had climbed both of these alternate routes.)

Above 12,000 feet, I felt the altitude. Every other step required a giant lungful of empty air. But no mountain sickness this time. I donated no blood before this trip. We snailed upward averaging less than an inch of altitude per pace, or so it seemed. At Anderson Pass we saw the dark storm clouds moving in, so we quickened our climb. The highest peak in Utah was ours at 1:30 p.m., 7 ½ hours after our departure from the campground. Kings Peak now contains a plaque giving the new official elevation of 13,528 feet.

Fred had advised me against bringing pure water, so I had brought a special kind of "impure" water, like TUM-water. It contains energy and fills one with spirit, especially at the oxygen-starved altitudes. So we opened a can of this special water and toasted the King, the peak that is. Leaving cement and water for John Riley's crew to secure the WMC's mailbox the next day, we left, and none too soon, for the first crash of thunder came within a half hour after our departure. Pausing for Irish tea at John Riley's base camp, we returned to the campground at 9 p.m. (If you know Irish coffee you know Irish tea.) It was a good hike, an exhausting hike and one that we shall remember and hopefully repeat.

[The "cow" reference is to Tom Lehrer's "Hunting Song", which contains the verse:

I always will remember

'Twas a year ago November

I went out to hunt some deer

On a mornin' bright and clear

I went and shot the maximum the game laws would allow

Two game wardens, seven hunters, and a cow

— Ed.]



Ed H Photo - Cassie, Julie, and Heidi

Trip Report: Porter Fork to Raymond (Sort Of)

August 2, 2020

Organized, report by Julie Kilgore

Participants: Cassie Badowsky, Heidi DeMartis, Ed Hemphill, and John Kiedaisch

How is it that after all these years, I have never been all the way up Porter Fork? And now, within a single month, I've been on that trail three times. What a delight I've been missing!

CC dog and I did a solo exploratory route up Bowman, over Raymond, and down Porter Fork just to check out the distance and make sure I knew the way. A week later, the WMC did it in reverse EXCEPT that it was a crazy hot day (another one of those over 100 days) and the wildflowers were just so amazing that the group collectively decided to follow the meandering Desolation Trail around the base of Raymond instead of going up and over the top of it (another stretch of trail I'd never been on). It was an excellent choice, as the wildflowers were at their peak and the route offered a lot of shade for such a warm day.

We're finding that not a lot of people hike the entire Porter Fork trail. We had the trail pretty much all to ourselves once we left the Porter Fork cabin area all the way up and around until we got to Baker Pass between Raymond and Gobblers Knob. We pounded out about 12 miles, so by the time we popped out at the Terraces picnic area, as beautiful as it all was, the group was quite ready to be done!



Ed Hemphill



John K photo - Ed, Cassie, Julie, and Heidi Beneath Gobblers Knob



Tim going down on the Anderson Pass shortcut route.



We hiked with Dave A's backpack group near Dollar Lake.



Group photo at Kings Peak. From left – Akiko, Tim and Dave L.

Trip Report: Kings Peak Day Hike

August 19, 2020

Organized, report & photos by Tim Edgar & Akiko Kamimura

Tim, Dave L and Akiko camped out at the Henry's Fork Trailhead (TH) to start hiking at 4 am on the next day to make Kings Peak (13,528 ft), the highest peak in Utah. While Tim had done a Kings Peak hike several times before, it was the first time for Dave L and Akiko to make the peak. It was very chilly early in the morning. We saw deer and moose on the way to Dollar Lake. We took 3 hours to get near to Dollar Lake (7.5 miles from the TH). We saw Dave A's backpack group, who camped out at Dollar Lake, and hiked with them for a moment. We felt we got to Gunsight Pass quickly as there was no much elevation gain by then. From Gunsight Pass, we took the standard

route in the beautiful basin to get to Anderson Pass. From Anderson Pass, we followed the north ridge to get to the peak. Tim got to the peak much earlier than Dave L and Akiko. When Dave L and Akiko were approaching the peak, rain started. We did not spend much time at the peak due to the weather. While descending on the ridge, the weather became better. We saw Dave A's group going up on the ridge. From Anderson Pass, we took the Anderson Pass shortcut route, which involves the steep slope with loose rocks. While we saved distance by taking the shortcut, we were unsure if we saved time. In any case, hiking in the meadow from the bottom of the shortcut to the trail was very beautiful. This hike took 14 hours in total including breaks (distance – 25 miles, total elevation gain – 5,138 ft).

Trip Report: Utah County Jordan River Paddle

August 20, 2020



The group prepares at the put-in.



Julie Kilgore, Tanner Morrill, and Bret Mathews



And we're off!



Karen and Nick Bertolini, and Tonya Karen

Organizer: Tanner Morrill
Trip Report: Julie Kilgore
Photos: Irene Yuen

The WMC has a new “small water-craft coordinator” this year (thank you Tanner!), and I’ve been excited all summer to get out on a paddle. After making many plans that went awry, I finally made it, joining Tanner and his team of small water crafters on a wonderful paddle in Lehi. This was an adventure of many firsts for me. Not only had I never been on this section of the Jordan River, there is a new dizzying array of freeway interchanges, under-construction interchanges, and brand new residential developments to maneuver through just to find the take-out and put-in (Google Maps has not caught up yet). But once on the river, all the urban turmoil slipped away.

We had quite a variety of paddle crafts. Every

paddler had a completely different vessel. There was the sit-on-top single kayak, a sit-in kayak, the couple of borrowed double kayak on wheels, two pack rafts, a mini pontoon, and a blow-up stand up paddle board. All did very well, as we quietly paddled our way a few miles downstream. My biggest fear was tipping over at the beginning and at the end. But with a little help from my friends, I remained dry from put-in to take-out.

Thank you Tanner and the paddling team. It was an awesome evening and I hope to join you more often.

Trip Report: Brighton Ridge Peaks Hike and Post-Hike Snack-and-Relax at the Lodge

August 22, 2020

Organized by Julie Kilgore

Photos by Eric Moles, Cigi Owens, Robert Myers,
eVette Raen

Trip Report by eVette Raen

On a warm summer Saturday, we set out on Julie's hiking plan to grab a handful of 10k+ peaks! Of course, after clearing all COVID pre-hike safety protocols and dropping off some goodies at the lodge for some post-hike relaxing and snacking. In the air, smoke lingered from the wildfires in neighboring states. Even high up in the canyon, the visibility was diminished due to the smoke.

On our hiking quest we ventured up the boulders to Millicent, through the wildflowers to Wolverine, across the ridge to Tuscarora, down to Catherine pass and back up to Sunset and Pioneer. At this point the group split in two. Julie, Marie, Robert, Eric and eVette headed down to the lodge to get coals going while others went on to complete a larger hiking loop. Robert led the first group skillfully through the hidden trails near the lodge. Daisy led the remainder of the group to tag a few more peaks including Clayton Peak. Her extra-miles crew included Marie, Cigi, Ed and Richie.

Robert showed the group around the lodge and we got the coals going and set up for the post-hike activity. After a few hours crew two arrived and we all enjoyed some safe snacking and relaxing distanced socialization.

Thanks to Paul Kikuchi for providing burgers even though he was not able to join the hike. And Thanks to Robert for making access to the lodge simple.

Participants: Julie Kilgore, Daisy DeMarco, Cigi Owens, Eric Moles, Richard Schwartz, Robert Myers, Marie Dutson, Sharon Vinick, Ed Hemphill



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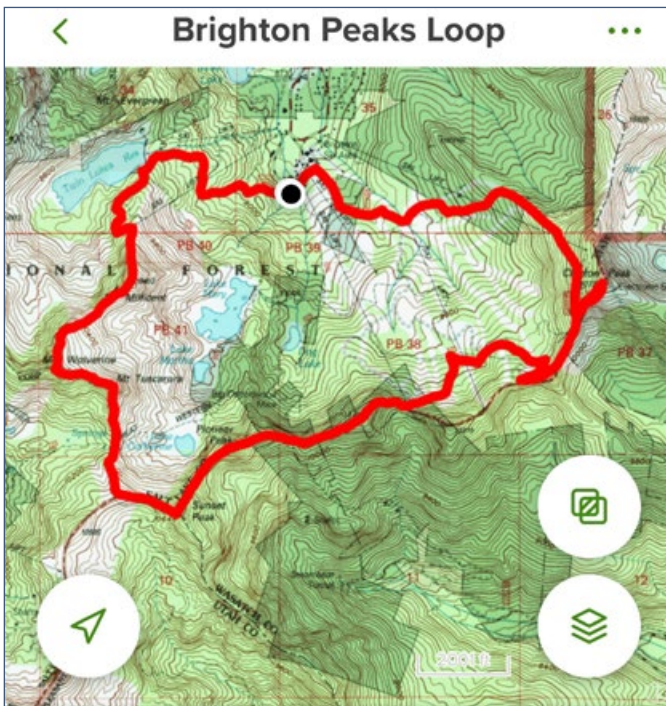
Marie Dutson Daisy DeMarco Sharon Vinick above Lake Mary CO



Julie Kilgore Daisy DeMarco Eric Moles Sharon Vinick Marie Dutson
Richie Schwartz descending Milli RM



Robert Myers Julie Kilgore Marie Dutson Sharon Vinick Cigi Owens Daisy DeMarco Eric Moles on top of Millicent eR



GPS Track Brighton Peaks Loop CO



Robert Myers Julie Kilgore preparing burgers at the Wasatch Mountain Lodge eR



Participants at the trail work project (L to R): Matt (FS), Brent (SOC), Bret Mathews (WMC), Robyn Heilbrun (WMC), and Caroline (SOC).

Trip Report: Trail Maintenance — Red Pine Lake Trail

August 22, 2020

Article and photos by Dave Andrenyak

Over the past few summer seasons, the United State Forest Service Salt Lake Ranger District Trail Crew has been working to reroute sections of the Red Pine Lake trail in Little Cottonwood Canyon. The old trail sections were on very steep slopes and were susceptible to erosion. The new rerouted sections are constructed over reasonable grades and are easier to hike on. On Saturday August 22, 2020. Volunteers from the Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) worked on this project. Our efforts were to rehabilitate the old trail sections. We loosen up the dirt on the old trail tread so that new plants and trees can grow back. We also covered the old trail sections with logs and tree branches so that hikers will not travel on these sections and the flow of water will be reduced. Matt Hales of the Forest



The old trail section following rehabilitation is on the left. The new rerouted trail section is on the right. The photo also shows that the old trail section is steeper than the new trail section.

Service directed the efforts. The Save Our Canyons (SOC) organization organized the outreach to solicit volunteers. The WMC volunteers were Robyn Heilbrun, Bret Mathews, and Dave Andrenyak. The SOC volunteers were Brent and Caroline. Thank you Matt and volunteers for helping to preserve the forest and a critical culinary watershed for the Salt Lake Valley.

Trip Report: Devil's Castle Hike

August 23, 2020

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

Devil's Castle (10,920 ft) is a rugged peak above Alta Ski Resort. While the co-organizers, Jim and Akiko, had hiked to the peak before, it was the first time for Dalton, Tim, Mark and Matt to make the peak. When we got to the saddle, east of Sugarloaf Peak, it became cloudy, windy and rainy. It was much better than too hot. Devil's Castle has two summits. The route to these two summits involve class 3 scrambles. We really enjoyed the scrambles. When we were down from the second summit, we saw a mountain goat. Dalton and Matt decided to bag Peak 10864, which is located east of Devil's Castle. The rest of us went back to the parking lot after we finished the second summit.



Group photo at the peak. From left – Jim, Dalton, Mark, Tim, Akiko and Matt.



On the way to the second peak. Dalton and Tim.



On the way to the first peak. Tim, Mark and Dalton.



Going down from the second peak.

Trip Report: Provo Peak Hike

August 22, 2020

Organized, report & photos by Kathleen Waller & Akiko Kamimura

To hike to Provo Peak (11,068 ft), the Provo Peak trailhead (TH) is the easiest place to start. But driving to the TH is challenging. Kathleen and Stanley did a great job to drive her/his truck to get the TH on the bumpy dirt road (one hour for 15 miles). From the TH, hiking to Provo Peak was straight forward – going up on the steep trail for 1.5 mile. After taking a long break and enjoying the views from the summit, we hiked down to the saddle between Provo Peak and Provo East Peak. That was our turnaround place. We went back to Provo Peak and took a break again. On the way back to the TH, we had nice conversations together. The hike itself was not long. But due to the long drive, it was a relatively long day. We had a great time in nice weather.



Group photo at the peak. From left – Kathleen, Tim, Dennis, Stanley and Jim.



Kathleen, Tim, Dennis, Stanley and Jim going up to Provo Peak



On the way to the second peak. Dalton and Tim.



Photo by Ed



PORTER - Keith, Julie, Yi, Paula, Sue, Bob, Cassie, Russell, Ed - photographer David Lewis



Raymond and Gobbler's Knob behind us and Mt. Aire to the north. We enjoyed great views all the way and passed a couple of beautiful meadows where the flowers had passed but were likely spectacular earlier in the year. Prior to reaching Thayne's, we headed down some fairly steep switchbacks and stopped for lunch in a nice shady spot before continuing on to our destination. From the point where we joined the Desolation trail, we only encountered a few other hikers the entire day until we reached the more heavily trafficked Thayne's Canyon trail.

An option to summit Thayne's peak was discussed at the junction, but the group decided to pass, and we headed down the canyon. Overall, we covered around 12 miles in approximately 6.5 hours.

Many thanks to Julie and Cassie for organizing this wonderful trip. It is definitely one to do again.

Trip Report: Co-organized Exploratory Loop Hike – Porter Fork to Thayne's Canyon Hike

August 29, 2020

Report by Paula McFarland

Imagine hiking in Millcreek Canyon on a Saturday in late August and not running into any other hikers. That was our experience for most of the day on this beautiful trail.

We started at 8:00 a.m. and shuttled up to the Porter Fork parking area after leaving a couple of vehicles at the Desolation trailhead. The Porter Fork trail starts at the gate down on the main road and we walked along the road for about 1.25 miles until reaching the dirt trail. The trail follows a steady uphill path to the upper canyon with a junction connecting to the Desolation trail. The trail was shaded much of the way and the light morning cloud cover helped to keep things cool.

After joining up with the Desolation trail, we traversed across Porter Fork with views of Mt.

Trip Report: Hike – Sunrise Peak, Dromedary Peak & Jepsens Folly

August 30, 2020

Organized, report & photos by Tom Hamann & Akiko Kamimura

We made three 11ers including Sunrise Peak (11,275 ft), Dromedary Peak (11,107 ft) and Jepsens Folly (11,085 ft). We started at 6:20 am from Broads Fork TH in Mill B South, Bog Cottonwood Canyon and went up to the saddle between Broads Fork Twin Peaks and Jepsens Folly. The section from the saddle to Jepsens Folly was the most difficult part of the hike. At first, we were dividing the group into two groups – Brad's group going on some class 4 sections and Tom's group staying on the class 3 route. But all of us went up on the Brad's route after all. It took less than 5 hours from the TH to Jepsens Folly. Scrambles from Jepsens Folly to Sunrise Peak were not so bad (compared to those to Jepsens Folly from the saddle). We got to Sunrise Peak from Jepsens Folly within 30 minutes. From Sunrise Peak, Dromedary Peak looked very close. But it took more than an hour to make Dromedary Peak from Sunrise Peak. The challenging part to Dromedary Peak from Sunrise Peak was loose rocks. We carefully distanced ourselves from each other. We

had lunch at Dromedary Peak, bushwhacked (with some boulders) to go down to Lake Blanche, and made a loop by hiking down on Lake Blanche Trail. It was a great day – nice weather. The group size was relatively large for the challenging hike – 10 hikers. But we were together as a group all the time and we had great teamwork. The co-organizers appreciated Brad's route suggestions. The hike took 10 hours 30 minutes in total including breaks (distance – 10.2 miles, total elevation gain – 6,081 ft)



Group photo at Dromedary Peak. Sunrise Peak on the back. From left – front row – Tom, Daisy, Akiko, Mark and Meg. Back row – Brad, Tim, Dalton, Matt and Richie.



Going up to Jepsens Folly. Matt, Daisy and Tom.



On the way to Dromedary Peak from Sunrise Peak. From front – Mark, Richie, Meg, Dalton, Matt, Daisy and Tom.



Robyn, Paul, Rod, and Cigi are Ready for winter conditions



Robyn, Julie, and Cigi at Blood Lake

Trip Report: Guardsman Pass Area Evening Hike

September 9, 2020

Organizer: Julie Kilgore

Trip Report by: Robyn Heilbrun

Participants: Julie Kilgore, Robyn Heilbrun, Cigi Owens, Paula McFarland, Rod Zimbelman

What a difference a day makes. There was a 60-degree swing in temperatures, as we instantly went from summer to winter. There was some doubt that the hike would be a go, with hurricane-force winds that morning and a layer of snow visible on the peaks. But the timing for our evening hike was perfect. Just as the fierce winds subsided, we headed up to Guardsman Pass and the Blood Lake Trail for an evening hike. We parked at the new Trailhead parking lot (which has convenient toilet facilities), put on our warm layers and started on the uncrowded, lightly snow-covered Blood Lake Trail. On the way to the lake, we climbed over and scooted under several fallen trees, and we saw only a few other hikers. (Perhaps the weather scared off the regular crowds?).

It's a short hike. In less than an hour we got to the lake which was especially beautiful in fall's first snow. Then, we followed the clear signage to make a loop back on a different, wider, and clearer trail. We made good time and still had daylight when we returned to the trailhead.

What a wonderful way to end the day.



Cigi and freshly snapped trees



Going over, Under, and Around more downfall



The long flat part after coming down from Tokewanna Peak and before going down to the trail. Stanley and Hsiu-Chi.

Trip Report: Tokewanna Peak & Bald Mountain in the High Uintas

September 5 & 6, 2020

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

September 4 – Car camp

All of us, Stanley, Jim, Logan, Matt, Annette, Hsiu-Chi and Akiko, camped out the East Fork Blacks Fork Campground. Stanley, Jim and Akiko got there earlier than others and discussed which route to take for Tokewanna Peak. Stanley also scouted the trailhead. We decided to take the longest route that looked easiest.

September 5 – Tokewanna Peak (13,165 ft)

Tokewanna Peak is the 12th highest peak in Utah. We started at 6 am from the Bear River-Smiths Fork Trail and hiked 1.8 miles (10,617 ft). Then we went off-trail, towards the south. After we reached 11,246 ft, we dropped 340 ft. There was one more drop before we started the final ascent. The final ascent was very steep – over 1,000 ft elevation gain in 0.7

mile but was technically not difficult – mix of class 2 and easy class 3 scrambles. The distance from the campground to the peak was 10.7 miles. We enjoyed the views from the summit and saw smoke from wildfires. We decided to take a shorter route and go down to the East Fork Blacks Fork trail. It was quite a bit bushwhacking on the steep slope to get to the trail. The trail was almost flat and it was very long. We encountered a number of easy creek crossings. We did not see any other hikers until we became very close to the TH. The hike took 13 hours and 15 minutes in total including breaks (distance – 19.2 miles, total elevation gain – 4,949 ft). Matt, Annette and Hsiu-Chi went home after today's hike. Stanley, Jim, Logan and Akiko stayed at the East Fork Blacks Fork Campground.

September 6 – Bald Mountain (11,776 ft)

The Bald Mountain that we bagged is seen by

many hikers going to famous Res Castle Lakes but is rarely climbed because there is no trail to the peak. We left the campground at 8 am but had to wait for a while at the bridge of the beginning of the trail because thousands of sheep were crossing the bridge. After 5-6 long switchbacks in the forest, we were on a beautiful path. From the bottom of the east ridge of Bald Mt, we saw scenic Bald Lake. We hiked on the gradual easy class 2 ridge to the summit. This peak is not very high (303rd highest in Utah) but does not have any higher peaks around. Hence, the peak offered remarkable 360-degree views of mountains in the Uintas. There was a geographical marker, on which the elevation was missing, at the summit. We went back the same way. There were only a few other people on the trail. This hike took 6 hours in total including the time to wait for sheep and breaks (distance – 10.6 miles, elevation gain – 3,104 ft). We went home after the Bald Mt hike. We had nice weather on both days.



Creek crossing to go back to the TH from Tokewanna Peak. Logan and Stanley.



Stanley and Hsiu-Chi going down from Tokewanna Peak.



Group photo at Tokewanna Peak. From left – Logan, Jim, Stanley, Matt, Annette and Akiko. Hsiu-Chi was still on the way to the peak and so not in this photo.



Logan and Jim approaching the bump near Bald Mt.



Group photo at Bald Mt. From left – Jim, Stanley, Logan and Akiko.

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 well-toned 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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WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)

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