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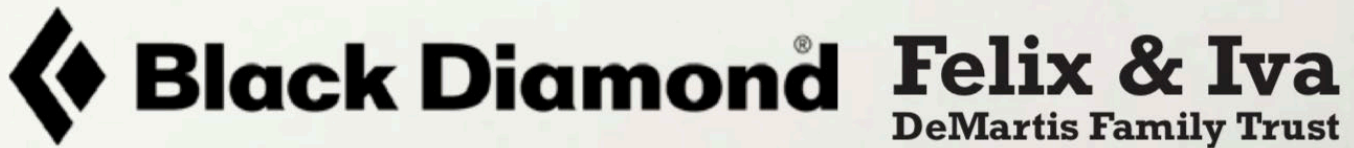
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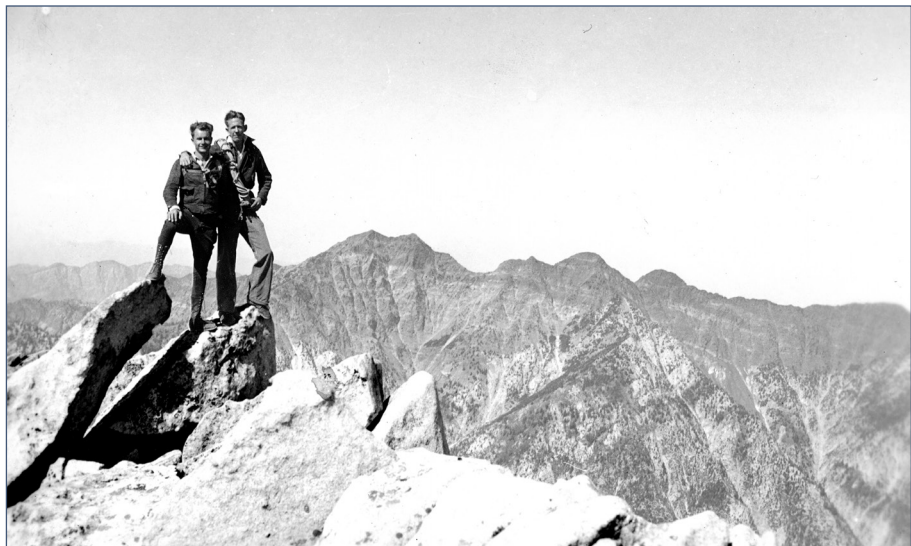
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Wasatch Mountain Club Climbing & Mountaineering History

David R. (Dave) Smith & T Q Stevenson

During this centennial anniversary of the club, many people's thoughts have recently turned to the club's involvement in rock climbing and mountaineering. From a look at the Ramblers and personal knowledge, we are pleased to provide the following summary of the first 50 years of the WMC in the hills around the world.

While by definition the climbing of mountains is "mountaineering", a useful distinction that has frequently been made in mountaineering literature is that "mountaineering" involves technical climbing on bigger or more significant mountains, rather than just hiking or scrambling. The distinction can be further refined based upon the use of the rope in technical climbing. In fact, this definition is used in Janet Christensen's article "Rock Climbing with the Wasatch Mountain Club" (Rambler Jan. 1947). She indicates that "a few of the members of the club formed a mountaineering section" and that the purpose of this group was "to learn and put into practice the essentials of true mountaineering". She further writes that "rock climbing is a new angle for the WMC" and goes on to discuss the use of the rope as well as "belays and pitons". So, while the club had been "mountaineering" from its inception (1920), mountaineering in the technical sense came later. The "mountaineering" in the early years – mostly into the 1930s –

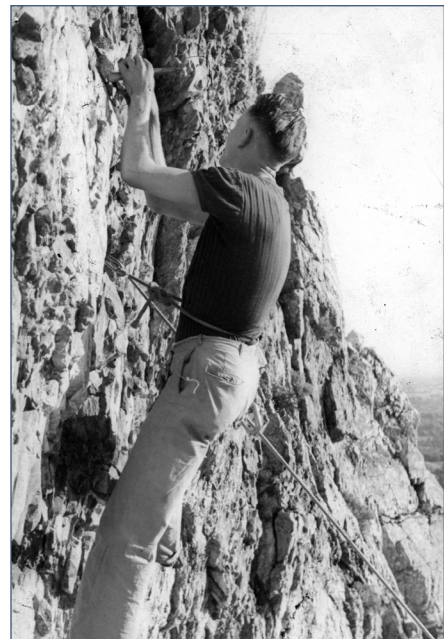


Bill and Pete on Thunder Mt, Sept 1936

was the vigorous and sometimes long hiking trips to Timpanogos, Mt. Nebo, and the local peaks in the Wasatch.

The WMC was doing some climbing as noted in a September 1939 article by Bill Kamp. Along with the "mountaineering section" of 1947, it should be noted that Pete's Rock (the outcrop that juts above the current Mount Olympus parking lot) was first used for teaching and practice climbing from shortly before 1942 and on Thursday evenings. It is noteworthy that the position of "Mountaineering Director" was first formally established in 1954. Formal classes in climbing were initiated in the 1960's, with Storm Mountain Picnic Area and the Little Cottonwood Canyon boulders coming later as alternatives to Pete's Rock.

Janet's article (Rambler Jan. 1947) indicates that the



O'Dell (Pete) Petersen on Pete's Rock

mountaineering section was under the lead of Fritz Thackwell "who knew something of the sport" and that "O'Dell Peterson had been in San Francisco watching the Sierra

Club perform and had a lot of new ideas". Finally, they also "gleaned some ideas watching Bert Jensen perform on the rocks". The impact of World War II resulted in the group's being "more or less disbanded" but some climbers continued to climb at Pete's Rock on Thursday nights. The article concludes with an invitation for interested club members to join in the Thursday night climbing.

An uncredited article (Rambler May 1970) dealing with the club's early history lists an ascent of the Grand Teton by "8 members in 1924". Other than the fact that they wore "hob-nailed boots", no further information is given. If this ascent did occur, it would be very noteworthy! According to Leigh N. Ortenberger's *Ascents of the Grand Teton 1898-1974*, the Grand had only been climbed four times before 1924 and there were an additional six ascents in 1924 (four of them guided by Paul Petzoldt). None of the parties Ortenberger lists for 1924 contained eight climbers. Further, the Rambler (Dec. 1924) does not make any mention of an ascent of the Grand. Thus, without further information, this ascent seems questionable. The article also states that "the use of ropes and pitons started only in 1931. That summer Burt Jensen came out from New Hampshire where such gear was already in use." However, as pointed out by Paul Horton, Bert would only have been 15 years old in 1931, so while he was clearly a source of climbing knowledge for the WMC in later years, it is unlikely that this was the case in 1931.

The Club's first technical climb write up was of an ascent of the Grand Teton in 1936. This climb is described (Rambler May 1940) by O'Dell Peterson. The climb



1936 WMC on the Grand



Pete Petersen on the North Face of Olympus, 1938

was organized by Homer Collins (club President), and Wally Watson (an NPS ranger) was the guide. Interestingly, Watson had not previously climbed the Grand, but had a detailed description of the route. In addition to Collins and Watson, climbers were June Whitehead, "Chick" Springer, O'Dell Peterson, and Ida Chittock. The rope was used between the Lower and Upper Saddle, though Peterson

thought that it was probably unnecessary, and again on the Summit Knob, where the slippery nature of the wet rock due to a short-lived storm, made it desirable.

The Rambler (July 1939) lists a scheduled climb of Mt. Moran (Tetons) to be led by Bert Jensen and O'Dell Peterson. Research in the Grand Teton archives by Paul Horton shows five climbs of Mt. Moran in 1939, but none of these involved any WMC members. So, for whatever reason, this scheduled climb did not occur.

An article entitled "Rock Climbing" (Rambler Aug. 1939) by Bill Kamp, describes the early rock climbing in the club. Kamp indicates that sources of instruction included Bert Jensen "an expert rock climber" and O'Dell Peterson "our own expert on rocks". Bert Jensen is better remembered locally as a skier than as a climber (he was director of the Alta Ski School in 1940-41), but he was also a founding member of The Dartmouth Mountain Club. He made several first ascents in the Tetons including both the SW Ridge and Jensen Ridge of

Symmetry Spire in 1938. Also of interest is the note (Rambler Jan. 1942) that he was hired to teach ski lessons to club members.

Even with the war in the early 1940s, rock climbing was becoming a more sought-after outdoor experience. Club members like Harold Goodro, Caine Alder, Bill Kamp, O'Dell Peterson, Orson Spencer, Stewart Gardner, Grant Jones, Wallace Wyman, Janet Christensen, Juanita Wright, Irene Guerts, Janet Roberts, Grace Peterson, Virginia Jensen, Grant Jones and Pinky Peterson were major players in the early climbing activities. They were most of the regulars at the Thursday night climbing at Pete's Rock.



Numbered routes on Pete's Rock. Paul Horton '68

It was reported in 1944 that O'Dell Peterson and Orson Spencer had climbed all the peaks in the Wasatch Range. With the war's end, activity increased and more was accomplished in terms of rock climbing routes done and how they were done. And through all these years there was the presence of C A (Pa) Parry, a very long-term member of the club.

Harold Goodro was undoubtedly the best known WMC climber during the 40s, 50s, and 60s. In addition to his very extensive local climbing and hiking, he led several week-long club trips to the Wind River Range. He and Jim Shane did the first ascent of a major variation on the north face of the Grand Teton in 1953. He did

numerous first ascents in the Wind Rivers (many of them on club trips he was leading). He also led (or was a rope leader) on many club ascents of the Grand. In 1959, he led a club trip to Canada.

As previously mentioned, the position of Mountaineering Director was established in 1954 with Tom Chamberlain being the first Director. He served for two years followed by Dennis Temple for another two years. Cal Giddings took over in 1958 for three years and he was succeeded by Dick Bell for another two years. Dick and Cal, along with Alexis Kelner, did two significant first ascents in the Lone Peak Cirque in 1958.



Winter ascent of Lone Peak- Photo by Alexis Kelner

These were an unnamed route and the Merciful Traverse route. TQ Stevenson took the reins in 1962 for four years. During his time the Hikers Climbing Course (HCC) and the Beginners Climbing Course (BCC) were instituted. Members became "Mountaineers" through fulfilling a set of requirements covering rock climbing and mountaineering subjects such as techniques, equipment and its

use, plus safety considerations and techniques. There was a "Mountaineer" patch band that could be affixed below the regular WMC patch to show his or her accomplishment. There were at least 22 members who qualified and some of those were designated as "Leaders." They had the experience and skills to safely lead climbing and mountaineering trips summer and winter in the Intermountain West.

While there had been considerable club interest in winter climbing in the early 60s, during the period from the mid-60s through 1970, winter climbs were not normally scheduled. While a number of club climbers



Paul Horton on Two Oceans Peak

were doing such climbs, these climbs generally were being done outside of regular club activities. But the members of the groups doing the climbs did first ascents of Mt Woodrow Wilson in the Wind River Range and Mt Owen, Mt Moran, and the North Face of the Grand in the Tetons. Ascent leaders included Alexis Kelner, TQ Stevenson, and George Lowe.

A factor in this lack of formal



Thunderbolt Ridge 1973 - photo courtesy of Paul Horton

club interest in winter climbs was probably also due to the number of active club climbers who were members of the weekend ski patrols at either Alta or Solitude. Harold Goodro was the long-time head of the weekend ski patrol at Alta. In addition to Harold, club climbers who were members of the Alta patrol included Dave Allen, Gary Larsen, Max Townsend, and Ron Weber. WMC climbers on the Solitude patrol included Larry and Steve Swanson. The Solitude weekend patrol moved, almost in mass, to Park West when Solitude closed for several years in the early 70s. As these members of the patrols were generally obligated to ski both days of each weekend during the ski season, for them there was more of a distinct separation between the climbing and ski seasons.



Thunderbolt Ridge Climb 1973



Thunderbolt Ridge Climb 1973

Several of the regularly scheduled spring and early summer hikes typically involved considerable travel on snow and required an ice axe and self-arrest ability for efficient and safe travel. These included the "Beat-out" and the north peak of Thunder Mountain (via Coalpit Gulch). As they did not normally require the use of a rope, they were not technical climbs. They were very popular with both strong club hikers and climbers however.

A significant winter ascent (done on a club trip) was the first one-day (valley to valley) ascent of Teewinot in 1971. Successful

climbers were Dennis & Karin Caldwell and Joel Bown. This rapid ascent inspired a number of one-day winter ascents (Middle & South Teton in 1973 and the Grand Teton in 1974). Club climbers involved in these climbs included Don Black, Dave George, George Lowe and Dave Smith.

By the early 70s, climbing was experiencing a significant growth in popularity. In response to the crowding which could occur on mass assaults, particularly of the Grand, the concept of "high camps" (group camps in a common area and then splitting into smaller parties to do various routes) became the norm for holiday weekend trips. The Cirque of the Towers in the Wind River Range was a popular destination, particularly for Labor Day trips.

Mountaineering Directors during this period included Dave Allen (May 66-1968) and Max Townsend and Dave Smith for two years each. A noteworthy accomplishment during Dave Allen's tenure was expressed by Paul Horton: "As a service to both WMC and non-club climbers, Dave published climbing guides to some of the local areas in various Rambler issues". After serving as the only climbing guides available for nearly ten years, they became an important source for Dave Smith's guide *Wasatch Granite* which was published in 1977.

In summation, the Wasatch Mountain Club's first 50 years of climbing activity included:

a. The change of the meaning of "mountaineering" from good and strenuous hikes to rock climbing and need and use of technical equipment to ascend routes or mountains.

b. The beginning of more formal instruction programs for safety and greater ability to enjoy the mountains.

c. An increased focus on winter and snow and ice climbing, the

pioneering of new routes on Little Cottonwood Canyon (and other areas) granite.

d. The imposition of the "Wilderness Limit of 12" rule due to the increasing interest in climbing among the public and the demands this popularity placed on both the climbing environment and club climbers.

The following (Pg. 15) is an accounting of the number of climbing and mountaineering activities during the first 50 years of the Club's history. It is culled from our treasure trove of the Ramblers and personal knowledge. It includes the original "mountaineering" activities and continues to count them through the years.

Author Notes



Dave Smith on Moonlight Buttress ZNP, 1970s

Dave Smith started climbing with the WMC in 1966 (when he was 15). His early exposure created a long-term interest and involvement in climbing. He served as Mountaineering Director for the club from 1971-2. Involvement as an active climber in Little Cottonwood Canyon and an interest in local climbing history resulted in his writing *Wasatch Granite—A Rock Climbing Guide*, which was published in 1977. He spent his working life in the mountain sports industry,

primarily with Timberline Sports (SLC), Holubar Mountaineering (Denver) and REI (SLC). In addition to a number of new rock routes, his winter ascents include: first ascent of the Exum Ridge on the Grand Teton in 1972, first one-day (valley to valley) ascent of South Teton in 1973, and the first one-day ascent of the Grand Teton in 1974. Trying to prove that he is not as old as he is, he did a one-day (valley to valley) winter ascent of Middle Teton in 1996. While he no longer climbs, he still frequently hikes and skis.



Author Photo - TQ

T Q Stevenson began his climbing career in 1955 under the tutelage of Cal Giddings and others supporting the Ute Alpine Club at the University of Utah. He joined the WMC in 1962 and was immediately appointed Mountaineering Director which he held for four years before becoming Vice President for two years and then filling in as President for three months. His climbing spanned some 30 years with three winter first ascents, a first night ascent of Shiprock, many trips to the Canadian Rockies and the Interior Ranges of British Columbia, and lots of teaching.

Thanks to Phyllis Anderson for editing and formatting and to Paul Horton for suggestions and additional historical research. Paul and Phyllis were fellow students in the 1966 climbing class and have been friends ever since!

Climbs and Attempts: First 50 Years

By WMC members in both WMC and independently organized climbs.

UTAH			WYOMING & USA			CANADA		
<u>Wasatch Front & Kings Peak</u>			<u>Teton Range</u>			<u>Bannff & Yoho NP</u>		
579	Pete's Rock *		10	South, Middle, N P		5	LeFroy & Victoria	
41	Mt Olympus		27	Grand Teton		4	Mt Temple, Valley of 10	
52	Mt Timpanogos		12	Mt Owen		2	Pres & V President	
11	Mt Nebo		4	Teewinot		1	Balfour	
11	Kings Peak		11	Mt Moran		2	Other	
			10	Other				
<u>Big Cottonwood Can</u>			<u>Wind River Range</u>			<u>Columbia Ice Field</u>		
91	Storm Mtn Picnic *		14	Gannett		6	Athabaska	
3	Mill D Slabs		20	Fremont & Hellien		1	Mt Columbia	
1	Stairs Gulch		2	Woodrow Wilson		1	Snow Dome	
15	Storm Mountain		4	Sphinx		1	Alberta	
6	Other		7	Warren/Doublet		3	Other	
			8	Cirque of Towers				
<u>BCC - LCC Ridge</u>			<u>Other USA Sites</u>			<u>Selkirk Range</u>		
11	Superior		17	Sawtooth Range		3	Sir Donald	
11	Sundial		6	Shiprock		1	Terminal	
4	Dromedary		2	Yosemite		1	Lookout PK	
27	Twin Peaks		11	North Cascades		0	Other	
0	Other		4	Colorado				
<u>Little Cottonwod Can</u>			17	Other		<u>Percell Range</u>		
14	Gate Buttress					1	Bugaboo Spire	
4	Church Buttress					1	Houser Towers	
4	Coffin Buttress					1	Pigeon	
11	The Bells					0	Snow Patch Spire	
101	Boulders & Other *					0	Other	
<u>LCC - Utah Co Ridge</u>			<u>OTHER AREAS</u>			<u>Jasper Area</u>		
6	Devil's Castle		3	South America		2	Edidith Cavell	
22	Pfeifferhorn		2	Central America		1	Mt Robson	
7	Thunder Mtn		18	Europe		1	Other	
24	Lone Peak		0	Asia				
8	Other		0	Other				
<p>* The tallies for these sites were done on an approximate estimation basis. The following table shows the approximations. The months of March through October were used as the most likely times of use and the number of weeks in each is shown. Generally, there are 6 additional weeks in this 8 month time frame, but they are discounted because of several conditions -- weather, other functions, holidays, etc. There were some reductions during the WW II time as well.</p>								
	Months	Possible No of Weeks	Pete's Rock	Storm Mountain Picnic	Little Cottonwood Boulders			
	March	1	1					
	April	3	3					
	May	4	2	1	1			
	June	4	1	2	1			
	July	4	1	1	2			
	August	4	1	1	2			
	September	4	1	2	1			
	October	4	2	1	1			
	Other months							

So Much to be Grateful For: Thank you from your Climbing Co-Director

By Kathleen Waller, Climbing Co-Director



Kathleen and Cora with Mount Nebo in the background.

It's been almost a decade since I discovered the Wasatch Mountain Club and more than a few years that I have served as climbing co-director currently with my good friend Neil Schmidt. I serve because I am assisted well by former climbing directors Paul Gettings and Steve Duncan.

I serve because the WMC has served me. And there is so much that I am grateful for.

Since joining the WMC I have made many many new friends. I love that my friends are diverse in age and experience. I love that my friends challenge me and also give me a chance to pass on knowledge I've gained. The WMC has helped me improve my physical health while recovering from a nasty back injury. The WMC has helped me improve my emotional health by getting outside with good people. And the WMC has been an amazing opportunity to participate in activities that would otherwise be difficult to break into.

My first outdoor rock climbing activity with the WMC was in the Storm Mountain area in Big Cottonwood Canyon. I had climbed in the gym and had done one outdoor climb with a local guide company. Don and Angela Vincent were extremely kind and accepting of me. They put up a top rope and Angela smiled at me as she invited me to climb and provided me with helpful feedback. I will always remember how welcomed I felt and how safe I felt under the watchful eye of experienced climbers. Since that day, my climbing world has grown exponentially.

Soon after learning how to climb in the outdoors, Rick Thompson took me on my first canyoneering trip. I was totally new and Rick was not only accepting but was excited to give me instruction during an adventurous experience. I have descended multiple canyons in the North Wash area and Zion with Rick. Accompanied by Shane Wallace, I have also explored canyons in Escalante.



Emma, Kathleen, and Giulia at the Dutch-Oven Cook-Off

Weekly organized climbs gave me the opportunity to get out often. And weekend climbs introduced me to places that I have never been. Matt Allen was the first to invite me on a weekend trip to Maple Canyon. The conglomerate climbing is unique with routes for beginners to extreme. I became hooked (contracted conglomeritis). Maple Canyon is now at least an annual trip for me and I have climbed all but one of the area's multiple-pitch climbs including Tachycardia more times than I can count. Frank Nederhand has invited me to Lone Peak Cirque twice. My first climb in the cirque (Question Mark Wall) was so amazing, I topped out in tears with Frank bear hugging me. Will McCarvill introduced me to City of Rocks, another place I now visit annually. City of Rocks was a great place for me to start learning trad on the trustful (grippy) granite. Paul Francis invited me to ice climb in Provo Canyon. My first ice climb was on top rope with bolted anchors into rock and I admit, the thought of leading on ice still gives me chills.

During the winter of 2014, Frank Nederhand invited me on a mountaineering trip in the Cordillera Blancas of Peru for June 2015. Somehow, he thought I was strong and capable and did not seem to mind that I had zero mountaineering experience. He also let me invite a handsome man that I had just met at a local climbing gym, Greg. I also met Lubos Pavel at about this time and began the adventure of learning mountaineering in the local Wasatch range. Lubos took me up the south ridge of Mount Superior in full winter conditions. He set a challenging pace but continually looked back, smiled at me, and used encouraging words. Lubos took me on the Triple Traverse in full winter conditions and taught me how to move through deep posthole snow. And Lubos inspired me to workout hard and push through when conditions are tough. I did go to Peru with Frank and Greg and a few more friends. We summited three beautiful peaks and Greg and I fell in love. With my first mountaineering trip under my belt, I am anxious to

do more. I have since summited the Grand Teton via the Upper Exum Route in snowy conditions with the route knowledge of Paul Francis. And I look forward to climbing Mount Rainier (a peak I viewed often from my childhood home in Washington state).

The WMC has also been an opportunity for me to learn the skills and areas for backcountry skiing. I have enjoyed tours with Will McCarvill and Brad Yates. Both do an amazing job of not only showing people great areas but also of helping skiers hone their avalanche awareness and rescue skills.

I appreciate the new places I have explored. I know my way around much more of my local wilderness. And I appreciate the safe and savvy practices continually emphasized with the WMC. I enjoyed the free avalanche beacon practice with the Utah Avalanche Center organized by Sharon Vinick. I have enjoyed the many canyoneering, climbing, and skiing clinics offered by many WMC members.



Greg and Kathleen on the Triple Traverse in the Cottonwood Canyons.

And I am grateful for the many social events. I plan to attend the WMC annual Halloween Parties as long as they continue. I brought Greg's young girls the last couple of years and they loved the food, the dancing, the costume contest, and meeting other kids. I have enjoyed the Pink Flamingo parties (a fun opportunity to dress in a crazy amount of pink). It was an honor to get to meet Mike Libeck (2013 National Geographic Adventurer of the Year) at a Wasatch Mount Lodge fundraiser. And the competition at the annual Dutch-Oven Cook-Off fundraiser is always a treat. Greg's older daughter Emma spends months practicing recipes in preparation and hopes of improving her second place finish.

I have so much to be grateful for, and serving as climbing co-director is one way I pay it back. To the Wasatch Mountain Club, thank you.

WMC – Climbing & Mountaineering: A History of Giving Back

By Neil Schmidt, Climbing Co-Director



Neil Schmidt

WMC Members who love the mountains and backcountry have, throughout the long history of the club, volunteered to share their love of the outdoors with others. In the short time I have been a member, I have benefited from numerous clinics and skills events and continue to enjoy sharing these resources with new members.

If you want to learn to climb, the 101 Rock Climbing clinic is a great place to get you on the wall and build your confidence on top rope. The 201 Learn to Lead clinic will put you at the front end of the rope leading sport routes and finding new challenges. To build on your lead skills, the Anchors Clinic will train you to safely set up and clean two bolt anchor systems common to the Wasatch and crags around North America.

If you are interested in getting off the sport routes, the Intro to Trad Gear and Aid Climbing Experience outings will introduce you to placing your own gear on the wall and building anchors to climb traditional routes. We often follow up these clinics with multi pitch Saturdays to give new and old trad climbers the opportunity to build their skills as followers, and test new skills on lead with advanced partners.

Safe climbing techniques are encouraged and practiced among our community; helmets, proper technique and communication are stressed during our outings. We've now added social distancing, masks, and hand sanitizer to our climbing practices to address COVID issues. However, things can go

wrong on the wall, and the annual High Angle Self Rescue series is a terrific introduction to skills that can help you and your partner in the event of an accident and/or injury. This class is valuable to climbers, mountaineers, and backcountry enthusiasts.

Not a climber, our canyoneering friends are happy to teach the basics of how to safely descend canyons. The anchoring and rappelling techniques are great skills to learn.

These clinics are available, at no charge, to members, and non-members when space is available. We do typically ask for a \$15 donation for the clinics, with proceeds going to the Climbing/Canyoneering fund to buy new club ropes, anchor kits, and canyoneering gear for future outings.

Thank you to all the volunteers who graciously share their knowledge and enthusiasm for high angle pursuits. If you participate at all in our community, you easily recognize several of our members who always show up to volunteer and share. Take the time to thank them when you can, and we look forward to seeing you on the wall.



April 2018 Climbing Clinic. Photo Courtesy of Kathleen Waller



Due to this unique summer of 2020, we have not been able to hold several of our scheduled celebrations this summer. Let's hope that the weather and safety conditions line up for us on Sunday, September 13 for our rescheduled General Membership Meeting! This will be an outdoors event, with all participants required to wear facial coverings and practice physical distancing. We will have hand sanitizer and disposable masks if you forget to bring your own. Bring your own picnic, including all the food, plates and cutlery that you need. We WILL have hot coals in the back, if you bring food to grill.

Inside the lodge we will have the WMC Centennial Photo Display, but dress for outdoors weather as the Membership Meeting and Picnic will be outdoors. In case of rain (or snow), or if COVID-19 infection rates increase again, be aware that we may have to cancel this event at the last minute.

The Schedule of Events:

9 AM (Optional) HIKE - Three hour moderate paced hike from the Lodge to Sunset Peak

10 AM (Optional) HIKE - Two hour slower paced hike from the Lodge towards Lakes Catherine or Martha

11 AM – Social hour with social distancing outdoors at the Lodge. This is your opportunity to view photo display inside the Lodge and to study the list of proposed Life Members

12 NOON – General Membership Meeting. Agenda will include Centennial Events Update and then the membership vote to accept the proposed new Life Members. This will also be the kickoff of the month-long WMC Foundation fundraiser. The conclusion of the membership meeting will be a MASK CONTEST! Be creative, make or wear your funniest or most unique facial covering. There will be a special prize for the best masks!

1 PM – Picnic! Each family or group should distance from the others. We will have tables set up on the porch and outside. You can also bring your own blankets to picnic among the trees. As mentioned, we'll have coals ready for you, but bring your own barbecue utensils and condiments.

For more information, questions or concerns, please contact Cheryl Soshnik at csoshnik@gmail.com (435) 649.9008

Please RSVP at wmc.respond@gmail.com

The History of Canyoneering in the Wasatch Mountain Club

By Zig Sondelski (with lots of input)

Canyoneering is a recent enough activity in the WMC that most of our pioneers are still around - and still canyoneering. Canyoneering activities were first listed in the March 2006 Rambler, with Rick Thompson as our first Coordinator, but unofficial trips existed well before then. Rick bought his first canyoneering specific rope and harness in 1978, and soon WMC members were joining him in his explorations. When Rich Carlson founded the American Canyoneering Association in 1999, Rick became a charter member. Rick has likely attended more canyoneering classes and descended more canyons than most of us put together.



Rick Thompson, first Canyoneering Coordinator, in Imlay by GC

While the first known use of the term "canyoneering" was by a member of John Wesley Powell's expedition in 1869, it referred to boating in canyons. The present sport of canyoneering was

developed in the US by hikers, climbers, and paddlers in the 1940s, with the first recorded Utah descents in the 1960s (see The Black Book at Zion's visitor Center). Earlier descents likely exist in all but the more technical canyons by local inhabitants, probably in moccasins. Then came manila and now synthetic ropes, wetsuits, mechanical devices, bolts, and even portable hammer drills. The sport has grown such that some enthusiasts are now making a career of leading and training.

Early sources for beta (information) were scarce for most canyons as the internet didn't exist yet. Canyons with no information were explored by those with skills and gear to make first descents. They recorded beta and shared it within the canyoneering community. The beta typically included information such as approach route, hazards, rappel heights, water conditions, time to complete, and distances. Hiking books by Michael Kelsey and canyoneering books by Steve Allen were early sources. Later, websites by Shane Burrows at Climb-Utah.com and Tom Jones at canyoneeringusa.com appeared. These were supplemented with topographic maps and information from the broader canyoneering community.

The Wasatch Mountain Club's canyoneering program grew through Rick's efforts as the coordinator for 12 years, and his involvement has continued to the present time. He introduced

newcomers to the activity in droves. Other key participants working with Rick were Greg Cornelius (also an ACA Canyon Leader), Bret Matthews, Kevin Earl, and Zig Sondelski.



Bret and Kevin in Zion 2010 Englestead Brent, Kevin

Shane Wallace took over for Rick in 2018 and is only our second WMC Canyoneering Coordinator. He has a list of credentials from the ACA and Canyoneering Guides International, and the experience to go with it. Shane has introduced some combination backpacking/ canyoneering expeditions and arranged for the canyoneering movie, "First Descent" to be screened at REI. Shane has also scheduled the third annual WMC Canyoneering Rendezvous (with a crepe potluck) for October in Moab, if Covid-19 permits it.

Members interested in trying out canyoneering typically attended Rick's rappelling sessions in Big Cottonwood

Canyon at Dogwood picnic area. For those without the necessary gear, Rick brought bags full of helmets, harnesses and descenders. He'd collected these from Black Diamond yard sales.

While the early canyoneering trips started out in the San Rafael Swell, Rick eventually settled further south in the North Wash area, located south of Hanksville at the Sandthrax campsite, named after the nearby slot canyon. It is a 250-mile drive from Salt Lake



Rappel Class near Dogwood 2014 by ZS

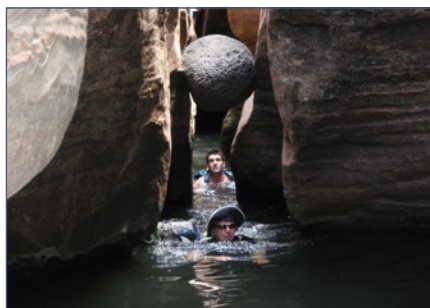
City after work on Friday, but it seemed like a farther drive back after a full day of canyoneering on Sunday. Once the long drive south was done, then the off-road drive began next morning, followed by a hike to the top of the canyon, descending the canyon and ending with a hike back to the car.

Santhrax campsite has car camping sites for several groups and a 2-hole outhouse at Hog Springs, 5 miles away. In the morning, a driver usually shouted out that a car was getting ready to leave for Hog Springs and people piled into the vehicle with the heater blasting to relieve the morning chill. The summer bugs (and heat) got so bad that canyoneering trips here were only scheduled in the spring and fall. The hot summer is best suited for wet canyons like the Subway in Zion National Park, where the water never gets warm, but you can warm up once out of the water.



Rick provides instruction in Northwash

The typical beginner trip for Canyoneering 101 consisted of slot canyons in the Leprechaun Area, starting with Right Leprechaun on Saturday, followed by the shorter Lucky Charms,



Swimming in the Subway

and then Right and Left Blarney on Sunday. Saturday dinner was a group affair with Rick providing the kitchen along with the main ingredients for spaghetti, jambalaya, orange chicken and other gourmet dinners. Everyone else brought all the trimmings.

If you did well enough on the 101 trip, you might get to go on the 201 trip, which could go to the Poison Springs Area northeast of camp, and consisted of Arscenic, Slideanide, and Constrychnine canyons. Or the trip might be to the Hog Springs Area west of camp, with Boss Hawg, Hog 2,

Razorback, and Miss Piggy. Some members with more experience chose to arrive a day earlier and enjoy another canyon like Morocco or Hogwarts.

Initial gear purchases are a harness, descender with a locking carabiner, and finally a real canyoneering helmet to replace the bicycle helmet. The descender has blossomed from the figure 8 and ATC into a dazzling array of animal, alien, and geometric shapes and sizes with bright



North Wash 201

anodized aluminum colors. After this comes an endless cornucopia of other devices to hang from your harness or stuff into your pack. Much of it you hope that you won't have to use and hope to remember how to use if you do need it. A wet suit is soon on the list so you can start enjoying wet canyons where the water never gets warm.

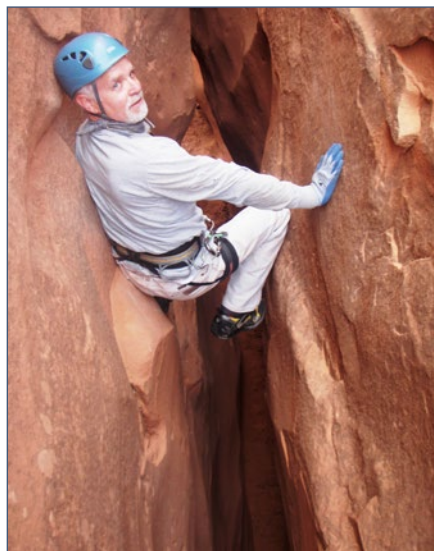
Clothing always gets discussed, as the sandstone walls can destroy a set of clothes before you make it out. Duct tape is an essential repair on elbows and knees, butts and hips. The go-to source of cheap, rugged, disposable clothing is the Desert Industries store. The next stop is the Black Diamond yard sale, where lots of climbing gear gets repurposed. Another consumable

item is packs, as they are scraped, dropped and dragged along. Ropes are a high-priced item and not in abundance, so are often provided by Rick.

Rick's philosophy can be summarized in a few words (with a bit of an explanation)



Very Cold Water



Zig in North Wash 2010 Monkey Business

Think: Don't just follow the previous person's moves but learn how to pick a route yourself. Discover what your limits and abilities are.

Observe: When approaching a drop, don't just look for an anchor. See if it can be hiked or down climbed. An anchor doesn't mean that you have to rappel.

Check and Double Check: Everyone's safety including your

own depends on a few pieces of equipment, and properly using it, and confirming that it is safe.

Test/Backup: Anything that you aren't 110% sure about, especially anchors, test and backup.

Help: Spotting to assist a move or direct a fall. It takes a team to get through a canyon.

Prepare: Proper skills and equipment are essential. The one person with all of the skills and equipment may be the one needing help.

Participate: Help with carrying the rope and stuffing the bag. Everyone gets to belay.



Using a meat anchor at Blarney in North Wash 2014 by KE

Learn: Rick stressed the importance of training and encouraged everyone. One source is Rich Carlson, who now runs Canyons and Crag in Cedar City.

The safest, and often only, way out of a canyon is to finish it. Once you drop in and pull the rope from your first descent, there is no turning around. Weather is a constant concern as canyons are part of a drainage that concentrates runoff into a flash flood. Other things to consider are rattle snakes, water, dead animals, hypothermia, potholes, mud, stuck ropes, broken vehicles, overnight bivouacs, core shot/cut ropes and getting the rope jammed, which leaves you hanging. A too-frequent danger is underestimating both the nature and degree of difficulty one might encounter. A serious injury or inability to complete a canyon descent can require Search and



Drop in to Hogwarts

Rescue (SAR). Wayne and Garfield County SAR have been involved in some incidents and have been very much appreciated. We remind anyone who enjoys the back country to purchase a USARS membership. <https://secure.utah.gov/rescue/index.html>

We are fortunate to live close to the densest concentration of slot canyons in the world, with over 1000 located south of Interstate 70. Some of the better known areas in the Colorado Plateau are Zion, North Wash, Robber's Roost, Escalante, San Rafael Swell and Cedar Mesa. Death Valley's slot canyons have also been explored in conjunction with the WMC's winter bike ride.

Close by are northern Arizona and mountain terrain like Ouray, CO, the Pacific NW and Hawaii. As the sport gains in popularity, crowds have forced limits, permits and restrictions in some areas like Zion, Capitol

Reef and Arches. This has been accompanied by a dramatic increase in accidents, rescues and deaths, reflecting the relative ease of getting into a canyon versus the difficulty in getting out. As equipment and techniques have evolved, so has the approach to canyoneering. Instead of clever



The Hogs

route finding to avoid technical obstacles, canyoneers now seek out the biggest and baddest rappels and potholes.

So why do canyoneers do this? Answers include experiencing the spectacular beauty of carved rock, the challenge of overcoming obstacles, the teamwork and cooperation required in problem



Ouray 2016 Bear Waterfall by ZS

solving, being in a playset of an Escher print, learning new skills, finding limits, experiencing the solitude and remoteness, working every muscle in your body and combining many different activities and skills. The WMC is deeply grateful to Rick, and to all the supporting and participating members who make canyoneering possible and safe.



Group Canyoneering at North Wash 2014 by KE

My Love of Canyoneering

By Shane Wallace

I have only been a member of the Wasatch Mountain Club for about 3 years. Prior to my position with the club, I served in leadership in the American Canyoneering Association (ACA). The one thing that really amazes me is the unconditional dedication and unwavering service of each member of the board volunteers. There are so many activities and events that the club is involved with month to month, and all of those are carefully planned and reviewed on a monthly basis. These board members deserve a

huge thank you for the hours they donate on our behalf. Especially our President, Julie Kilgore. The WMC is like one of her children. I have personally seen her weep during the difficult times and challenges that the Covid-19 virus has presented during the centennial year celebration the club is experiencing this year. She is most definitely the right person for the job. Under her leadership the club has emerged stronger and more unified as it moves forward.

Canyoneering has been my passion for 8 years. I am the type that when I do something, I'm all in, 100%. I became obsessed with the skills and techniques and sought to get as much information about canyoneering as quickly as possible. I also experience great joy in teaching and sharing the experience of exploring a canyon with all of it's beauty and challenge with others. There is a special bond that is developed between a group of people that spends a weekend together, experiencing nature, while trusting each other, quite literally, with our lives. And at the end of that weekend we have formed a bond as friends that is unique.

When serving as a Scoutmaster, my exploring for new places to see led me to Neon Canyon with its magnificent Golden Cathedral and the introduction of the technical exploration of canyons. I fell in love with this sport on that first trip. Eight years later, I've been through that canyon 12 times now alone. I'm also certified as a Canyoneering Guide with the American Canyoneering Association and Canyon Guides International. I've taught 100s how to canyoneer and I have really developed a love for teaching



Slot Canyon Moves



Shane Wallace, Current Canyoneering Coordinator



Cherry Canyon in Virgin River Gorge

and the excitement I experience when a person descends a canyon for the first time.

Looking back I'm proud of the work I've done in the last 3 years but I'm even more proud and thankful for the support the club has for canyoneering. Opportunities to learn canyoneering skills and techniques have varied from ½ day workshops to 2-day courses. Canyoneering trips that were as close as Little Cottonwood Canyon all the way to the southern end of Utah, Paris, ID and Death Valley, CA. Some trips were a day and others up to 5 days long that involved backpacking into a base camp on day one, running canyons the next 3 days, and leaving on day 5.

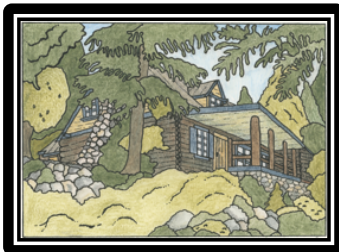
I think the greatest accomplishment for the club's canyoneering group is the Moab Canyoneering Rendezvous held for the last 2 years, and this year as well. Details for this year's "rondy" can be found on the WMC Calendar, October 8th. We share a large group site where groups are organized each day for canyons. Then we return and share our stories of the day. This year the Sweet and Savory Swedish Pancake Potluck will make its return and is held on the last night. We have also had raffles for gear and clothing. Thanks to our sponsors Cotopaxi, Kuhl, On Rope Canyoneering, IME, REI and Sticks and Stones for your past donations to this event.



Shane provides instruction during a 2019 two-day training

Also there have been canyoneering events planned and scheduled that only require my approval. I strongly encourage those that want to do more canyoneering to plan canyoneering trips with the club. Anyone, with any experience level, can organize a canyoneering trip and I'm willing to help as needed to make it happen. Contact me for more information related to that.

I look forward to continuing my service as the Canyoneering Coordinator. I hope to make canyoneering as safe as possible, for as many as possible. I also look forward to many more trips and hearing the comments of thrill, enjoyment and excitement from members that experience canyons in the backcountry. Canyons aren't explored by many but they have some of the most beautiful views, features and unique challenges that can be had. I'm always looking forward to my next canyon!



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50 Years Ago in the Rambler

Transcribed by Donn Seeley, WMC trustee

CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 1970

Sept. 5-7 **PARUNUWEAP — POWELL CENTENNIAL HIKE**

Between September 10th & 12th, 1870, Major Powell and a small party coming up from Kanab entered what is now the east fork of the Virgin River and began to explore the canyon. The Indian name of the canyon is Paru'uweap or Roaring Water Canyon. In places it is similar to the Zion Narrows but with a more interesting river. You can read a vivid description of Powell's journey in his book "The Exploration of the Colorado River and its Canyons".

If you haven't seen this canyon with its beautifully colored narrow walls and its abundance of tumbling springs of cold, clear water and a virgin vegetation, you have not seen Zion National Park. A small group went down this canyon a year ago and Kathy Kellet gave a colorful account of that trip in the October 1969 Rambler. Total distance to hike is about 25 miles.

This is the trip of the year! Don't miss it. We will take the bus to avoid a long shuttle. No Zion Narrows hike is presently being planned. (Bus fare is still only \$13.00.) Register early with Fred Bruenger [...] before September 2nd.

Sept. 5 **HONEYCOMB CLIFFS — Rating 3**

Sat. Your glorious leader was conned into leading this hike without ever having been on it before. She advises any participants for this easy outing to anticipate getting lost. Bring tents, water putrefication [sic] tablets, and a 6 months' supply of pemmican! Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9 a.m. Leader: June Viavant [...]

Sept. 13 **DROMEDARY FROM BROAD'S FORK — Elevation 11,107 — Rating 10.5**

Sun. This is a long hike requiring some endurance. Its summit provides a view of nearby Twin Peaks, Jensen Peak, the Pfeifferhorn and many others. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 7 a.m. Leader: Bruce Christenson [...].

LETTERS

Dear WMC:

Major Powell did NOT traverse Parunuweap Canyon (10-11 Sep) in 1870! The massive and solid evidence to prove this contention is now being presented to the WMC Board of Directors. While this matter is being counseled, members should realize the possibility exists that the Labor Day Weekend, 1970, Parunuweap Canyon trip may not be a centennial commemorative event.

[Clyde Gillette was one of the co-founders of the Utah chapter of the Sierra Club. He had a hand in installing a memorial plaque in 1972 documenting Powell's descent of Parunuweap as happening on September 30, 1872. Powell's book "The Exploration of the Colorado River and its Canyons" gives the September 10-11 dates, but apparently Powell took a number of incidents from later expeditions and inserted them into the 1870 timeline to make them fit better in the book (!). The Park Service closed Parunuweap Canyon to the public from the park boundary near the plaque on downstream, in 1992. Ed.]

Clyde F. Gillette
Member WMC

2020 WMC Centennial



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

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

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

Purchase centennial merchandise from our Online Centennial Store: <https://donelle-benson.square.site/home>

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>

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

2020 Centennial Key Dates

Events may be rescheduled

	WMC Official Centennial Anniversary Event	rescheduled to 2021
Jul 17-19	Life Member Celebration & Multi-Sport Weekend	Postponed, TBD
Sep 13	Member Meeting, Life Member Approvals, & Historic Photo Reveal	Wasatch Mountain Lodge
Sep 26	National Public Lands Day, Centennial Project TBD	
Oct 31	Halloween Party - Carrying on the tradition	Wasatch Mountain Lodge
Dec 5	Centennial Holiday Party Closing Event	Alf Engen Ski Museum

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Become a Life Member in 2020

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

Requirements to Become a Life Member

- 25 years of continuous dues paying membership
- Service on the Board of Directors OR accumulated service of 100 hours in organization and/or leadership of WMC activities/functions
- Submission of a written application to the WMC Board describing your service, qualification & the importance of the WMC in your life. Approval of your application by the Board.
- Approval of your application by vote at a general membership meeting (September 13, 2020)

Life Member Privileges

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Life Member Liaison Contact

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*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

WMC Heroes and Legends: John W. Gottman

By Brad Yates

My parents joined the Wasatch Mountain Club in the early seventies when I was eight years old. At both home and the lodge, where we attended many functions, I would hear the stories and occasionally meet some of the legends of the club. The name John Gottman was one that stood out strongly to me in the WMC lore of that era.

With Paul Horton's permission (another WMC legend), I have borrowed his words, written for a memorial article from the March 1980 Rambler, along with some editing to add additional information taken from John's book, "Wasatch Quartzite", and a few other sources.

John was born on September 6, 1941 in Evansville, Indiana. He graduated from Purdue University and subsequently took a job with Sperry Univac. He first came to Salt Lake City in 1972 on a temporary work assignment for them. Although all his life had been spent in the Midwest, John was greatly attracted to the western mountains and was able to get a permanent transfer in 1974. He quickly became a fixture in local outdoor activities, particularly those revolving around the WMC.

From the very beginning, a modest hike up Reynolds Peak, John's enthusiasm was remarkable. Filled with compulsive energy, he partook of climbing, hiking, skiing, canoeing, whitewater rafting and partying. According to Paul, John felt an indebtedness to the WMC for providing him with new horizons, for he certainly gave of his services freely. He was a regular trip leader and host, and served on various committees. He was the Mountaineering Director in 1975 and 1976 and he initiated and solidified a new high level of interest and involvement in club climbing activities. John was given the Pa Parry service award in 1977.

Long distance running was increasingly important to John, but his greatest love was climbing. Although ice and mixed alpine were his forte, Paul states the climb John was the most proud of was one he discovered and climbed, along with Paul's brother, on the huge rock face of the Great White Throne in Zion National Park. Locally the North Face of Mount Olympus particularly fascinated John, and he would return



*South Ridge of Mt. Superior Climb. John Gottman, 4/29/1979.
Photo: Gottman Collection*



Thanksgiving trip to Jackson Hole. John Gottman on top of Two Ocean Peak, near Togwotee Pass. 11/28/1976. Photo: Paul Horton

there over and over again to repeat various routes. I recall hearing from my dad that John and Audrey Stevens did the first winter climb of the North Face. Always an adventurous climber, he pioneered new routes in Little Cottonwood Canyon and in the Wind River Mountains in Wyoming. John was ever willing to share his skills and knowledge, and he helped instruct the beginners climbing course and initiated and directed the ice climbing course.

John was a unique man. It was not just the outlandish socks and hats that he wore, nor was it his outrageous social capers that made him stand out. Much more remarkable was his intensity and drive and enthusiasm. His excitement and humor were contagious. All were on display at the Hacienda for those who joined the climbers for Thursday night beer drinking during the winter. He could be outspoken and direct to a fault and yet quietly, sort of on the sly, he was a man of extreme sensitivity and generosity. Those who knew John well knew a man of complexity and depth.

John Gottman was killed in a fall on January 29, 1980 while climbing Mount Cook in New Zealand. He and his partner, Jared Isreals, fell from near the summit down the Linda Face, coming to rest on the Linda Glacier in an area known as the Gun Barrel. A helicopter search determined that the area was too hazardous, being under overhanging ice cliffs, to attempt a recovery of the bodies. Though he never made it back to his beloved Wasatch, behind the WMC lodge on a plaque on the climbing rock are John's words, taken from his book.



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WMC News: LCC Parcel Purchase

By Dennis Goreham, WCM Conservation Director

Bonneville Shoreline Trail - Cottonwood Heights Project



In our centennial year, the Wasatch Mountain Club is happy to be able to participate in a historic opportunity. Utah Open Lands is leading an effort to purchase a parcel of land at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon. The following information and map from them describe the effort.

Twenty-six acres of land that includes a valuable link in the Bonneville Shoreline Trail will be developed if Utah Open Lands is unsuccessful in raising the funds to secure the key foothill property. The land, currently subject to a development agreement with the City of Cottonwood Heights, rises from Wasatch Boulevard providing a stunning view on the entry corridor to Little Cottonwood Canyon.

The land, currently subject to a development agreement, has been secured through an option agreement that provides Utah Open Lands a few months to secure funds for the \$3 million purchase price. The City of Cottonwood Heights has contributed \$1,000,000 and has accomplished a critical benchmark in the project. Utah Open Lands needed to raise half of the purchase price and with the pledge from the City of Cottonwood Heights as well as the funding from the State of Utah's LeRay McAllister Fund, the organization can meet the deadlines and continue to work toward the remaining funding.

UOL now has until the end of September to secure the remaining \$1,500,000. They have several other contributors so far including Salt Lake County, Central Wasatch Commission, and others. UOL has a \$250,000 pending grant request that looks positive. If they get that, they are still about \$350,000 short of the goal. They need \$50,000 of that by September 10th to receive a \$200,000 matching grant. Individual contributions can be made through the Utah Opens Lands web page.

The Wasatch Mountain Club Board of Directors has agreed to contribute \$15,000 towards that goal. Because of the matching Challenge Grant, our funds will result in \$30,000 towards the purchase of the land. This is a wonderful opportunity to help preserve part of the gateway to Little Cottonwood Canyon and provide another access point to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail.

Thanks to all WMC members because a portion of your annual membership dues go into our Conservation Fund which pays for activities like this.

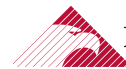


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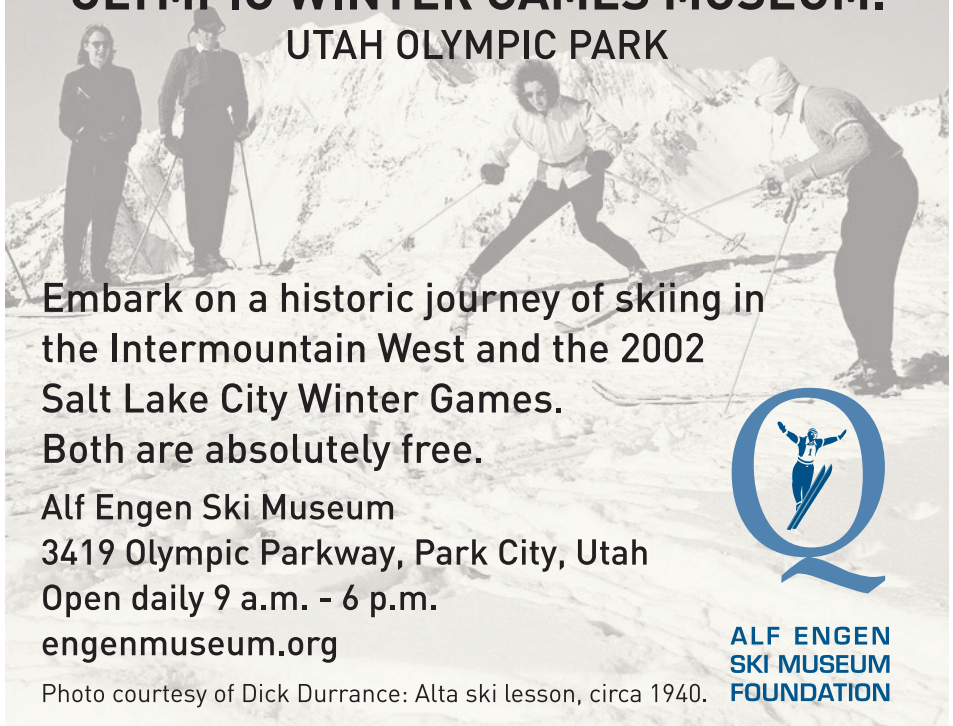
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September 2020 Activity Calendar

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.

Aug 31 — **Kayak/Canoe - Jackson Lake/Grand Teton Nat. Park - 6 Days**
Sep 5 **Meet:** Registration Required
Mon — Sat **Organizer:** Kathy Jones - 801-518-4227 - cooperdog1@comcast.net

Level: Flat Water **Miles:** 10.0

Loop trip in the southern end of Jackson Lake. Stunning scenery and great camping. Begins and ends at Colter Bay, with camping at Hermitage Point, South Landing, Bear Paw Bay, and Elk Island. Paddling distances are short, but afternoon wind and waves are possible, so morning paddling is best. Afternoon time for hiking and relaxing. One open water crossing. Suitable for touring kayaks and canoes. This is bear country, and we have seen them on previous trips. All camps have bear boxes. This is a self support trip. Participants must provide their own boat, camping and cooking gear, and food. Lake water can be easily filtered. Early September is usually a great time to go. Not too hot, kids are back in school, and we'll be there the week before Labor Day, so motorboat traffic may be lighter. Drive up Monday 8/31 and camp at Colter Bay. Launch Tuesday 9/1. Paddle out Saturday 9/5 and head home. Total trip size is 6 people and the trip roster is currently full. This trip is pending the COVID-19 status and Grand Teton National Park guidelines in August.

Aug 31 — **Cancelled: Rafting Late Season Low Water Main Salmon - 10 Days**
Sep 9 **Meet:** Registration Required
Mon — Wed **Organizer:** Steven Susswein - 801-694-9217 - steve_susswein@hotmail.com

Level: Class III+ **Miles:** 90.0

This is a joint trip with the outdoor group from grand junction colorado. Join us on a late season low water main salmon trip. Dates include a travel day on either end. Space for passengers will depend on the number of raft captains who sign up. Logistic details TBD based on COVID status.

Sep 3 **Virtual WMC Centennial Committee Planning Session**
Thu **Meet:** 7:00PM, Email president@wasatchmountainclub.org for Zoom information
Organizer: Julie Kilgore - 801-244-3323 - jk@wasatch-environmental.com

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

Sep 3 Thu	Slow Paced Evening Hike Millcreek Canyon Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Tonya Karren - 801-493-9199 - tonya.karren@gmail.com Level: NTD Miles: 3.5 Pace: Slow Route: Out & Back <p>Come hike Salt Lake overlook in Millcreek Canyon from Desolation Trailhead with us. We are limiting the group size to 10 people and requiring registration. Please bring a mask to wear when needed and practice social distancing. Also bring your headlamp, just in case you need it on the way back down the trail.</p>
Sep 5 Sat	Hike To South Thunder Via Lake Hardy Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Daisy DeMarco - 610-517-7867 - daisyannndemarco@gmail.com Level: MSD Miles: 11.5 Vertical: 5900' Pace: Moderate Route: Out & Back <p>Please join me on a beautiful hike to South Thunder via Lake Hardy! If interested in doing this as an overnight, let me know and we can coordinate the details. Expect some Class 2 scrambling and route finding as this is an exploratory route for me. Happy Trails!</p>
Sep 5 Sat	Day Hike - Tokewanna Peak In The High Uintas Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Akiko Kamimura - kamimura@umich.edu Level: MSD Miles: 19.0 Vertical: 4600' Pace: Moderate Route: Out & Back <p>We plan to bag Tokewanna Peak (13,165 ft) in the High Uintas via East Fork Blacks Fork TH, weather, conditions and situation permitting. We will be on the trail except the last part to the peak. The last part involves class 2 scrambles. Please bring 10 Es. Exploratory. The location may change depending on situations. Please email before Friday, 10 am on September 4 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. Note: It would take approximately 2.5 hours from SLC to the TH. Some participants may camp out at the TH. The campground at the TH does not require reservations/fee. Please contact the organizer for more info.</p>
Sep 6 Sun	Day Hike - Bald Mt In The High Uintas Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Akiko Kamimura - kamimura@umich.edu Level: MOD+ Miles: 8.0 Vertical: 2500' Pace: Moderate Route: Out & Back <p>We plan to bag Bald Mt (11,766 ft) in the High Uintas via East Fork Blacks Fork TH, weather, conditions and situation permitting. There are 7-10 Bald Mts in Utah. But this is one of the Bald Mts in the High Uintas. We will be on the trail except the last very short part to the peak. Please bring 10 Es. Exploratory. The location may change depending on situations. Please email before Friday, 10 am on September 4 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. Note: It would take approximately 2.5 hours from SLC to the TH. Some participants may camp out at the TH. The campground at the TH does not require reservations/fee. Please contact the organizer for more info.</p>

Sep 8 Tue	Evening Hike - Guardsman Pass Area Meet: 5:30PM (Registration Required) Organizer: Julie Kilgore - 801-244-3323 - jk@wasatch-environmental.com Level: NTD+ Route: Out & Back Pace: Moderate We'll pick up the pace a bit and see if we can make a loop out of it. Email the organizer to RSVP and get meeting details. The pace will be adjusted to keep the group together. Maximum of 10 participants. COVID-19 protocols will apply.
Sep 9 Wed	WMC Board Meeting Meet: 7:00PM, WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103 Organizer: Julie Kilgore - 801-244-3323 - jk@wasatch-environmental.com 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.
Sep 10 — Sep 17 Thu — Thu	Yellowstone Backpack - 8 Days Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Michael* Budig - mlbudig@gmail.com Level: MOD- Miles: 38.0 Vertical: 2000' Pace: Moderate Route: Loop Join Michael and Dianne Budig as we tour more of the Yellowstone backpack, an annual tradition for nearly 40 years. Destination and exact dates to be better defined as details about Yellowstone's Covid 19 restrictions become more available. Limited to eight participants. Please contact Michael by email to sign up or request more details.
Sep 10 Thu	Relaxed Pace Evening Hike In LCC Area Meet: 6:00PM (Registration Required) Organizer: John Kiedaisch - johnkdsh@gmail.com Level: NTD Route: Out & Back Pace: Moderate We'll find a nice hike near the top of LCC. Email the organizer to RSVP and get meeting details. The pace will be adjusted to keep the group together. Maximum of 10 participants. COVID-19 protocols will apply.
Sep 12 Sat	Hike: Cascade Mountain Via Dry Fork Canyon And South Ridge Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Kathleen Waller, Akiko Kamimura - 801-859-6689 - kathwaller79@gmail.com Level: EXT Cascade Mountain is that gnarly looking ridge/peak on the south side of Provo Canyon and is much less crowded than Timpanogos. 10,908 feet elevation, 13.0 miles round trip, and 5,398 feet gain. Expect a very early morning start. Anticipate scrambling, exposure, and a moderate pace. This will be both Akiko and Kathleen's first time hiking Cascade Mountain. Drive time from SLC will be about 1 hour to trailhead. As suggested by public health authorities, be prepared for social distancing, symptom questions, and use of hand sanitizer and face coverings (buffs work well while recreating). This activity is posted as hiking but there is the possibility of some snow (micro spikes and trekking poles recommended).

Sep 12 Sat	Hiking Trail Maintenance Desolation Trail Sponsored By Save Our Canyons And USFS Meet: 8:00AM, Coordinate with SOC Organizer: Kyle Williams - 435-258-8297 - 1959.kyle@gmail.com Level: NTD Route: Out & Back Please help maintain the trails you love! For more information and to register please go to https://saveourcanyons.org/the-latest/event-calendar/wilderness-stewardship-project-3
Sep 13 Sun	General Membership Meeting/Outdoor Picnic And Mask Contest At The Lodge Meet: 11:00AM, Please RSVP at wmc.respond@gmail.com Organizer: Cheryl Soshnik - 435-649-9008 - csoshnik@gmail.com Let's hope that the weather and safety conditions line up for us for our rescheduled General Membership Meeting! This will be an outdoors event, with all participants required to wear facial coverings and practice physical distancing. We will have hand sanitizer and disposable masks if you forget to bring your own. Bring your own picnic, including all the food, plates and cutlery that you need. We WILL have hot coals in the back, if you bring food to grill. Inside the lodge we will have the WMC Centennial 100-Photo Display, but dress for outdoors weather as the Membership Meeting and Picnic will be outdoors. In case of rain (or snow), or if COVID-19 infection rates increase again, we may have to cancel this event at the last minute. Social hour with social distancing outdoors will begin at 11 a.m. at the Lodge. This is your opportunity to view photo display inside the Lodge and to study the list of proposed Life Members. At noon, the General Membership Meeting will begin. Agenda will include Centennial Events Update and then the membership vote to accept the proposed new Life Members. This will also be the kickoff of the month-long WMC Foundation fundraiser. The conclusion of the membership meeting will be a MASK CONTEST! Be creative, make or wear your funniest or most unique facial covering. There will be a special prize for the best masks! Then we'll break for the picnic. Each family or group should distance from the others. We will have tables set up on the porch and outside. You can also bring your own blankets to picnic among the trees. As mentioned, we'll have coals ready for you, but bring your own barbecue utensils and condiments. If we have to cancel this activity this is the place to check!
Sep 13 Sun	Pre-Membership Meeting Hike To Sunset Peak Meet: 8:30AM, WMC Lodge Organizer: TBD - Info@wasatchmountainclub.org Level: MOD Pace: Moderate This will be a three-hour moderate paced hike from the Lodge to Sunset Peak, returning in time to join the outdoor activities at the Lodge.
Sep 13 Sun	Relaxed Pige Pre-Membership Meeting Hike Towards Lakes Catherine or Martha Meet: 8:30AM, WMC Lodge Organizer: TBD - Info@wasatchmountainclub.org Level: NTD Pace: Slow This will be a two-hour slower paced hike from the Lodge towards Lakes Catherine or Martha, returning in time to join the outdoor activities at the Lodge.

Sep 13

Sun

Hike To Mt. Raymond

Meet: Registration Required

Organizer: Daisy DeMarco - 610-517-7867 - daisyanddemarco@gmail.com

Level: MOD+ **Miles:** 7.0 **Vertical:** 3100' **Pace:** Moderate **Route:** Loop

Please join me on one of my favorite summits up Big Cottonwood Canyon. We will most likely make a loop out of this and descend the Mill B North route. We will need to shuttle a car in order for that to work. I plan to have people back in time for lunch at the Lodge and the Membership Meeting. Most current COVID-19 precautions will be taken. Please email me to register and for additional hike details. Happy Trails!

Sep 15

Tue

Evening Hike - Mill B North

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 up the pace a bit and see how far we can get up Mill B North in an hour or so. Email the organizer to RSVP and get meeting details. The pace will be adjusted to keep the group together. Maximum of 10 participants. COVID-19 protocols will apply.

Sep 17

Thu

Relaxed Pace Evening Hike In Upper Millcreek

Meet: 6:00PM (Registration Required)

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

Level: NTD **Route:** Out & Back **Pace:** Moderate

We'll find a nice hike near the top of Millcreek. Email the organizer to RSVP and get meeting details. The pace will be adjusted to keep the group together. Maximum of 10 participants. COVID-19 protocols will apply.

Sep 19

Sat

Day Hike - Mt Cardwell & Murdock Mt (West Slope) In The Uintas

Meet: Registration Required

Organizer: Akiko Kamimura - kamimura@umich.edu

Level: MOD+ **Miles:** 8.0 **Vertical:** 2500' **Pace:** Moderate

We plan to bag Mt Cardwell (10,743 ft) and Murdock Mt West Slope (10,840 ft) in the Uintas, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Murdock Mt West Slope is the Wasatch County High Point. Class 2 scrambles. Please bring 10 Es. I have hiked to a neighboring peak, Murdock Mt, before but not to Mt Cardwell and Murdock West Slope. The location may change depending on situations. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, September 18, 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. RESCHEDULED FROM AUGUST 8.

Sep 19 Sat	Hike To White Baldy Via Little Silver Glance Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Daisy DeMarco - 610-517-7867 - daisyannndemarco@gmail.com Level: MOD+ Miles: 11.0 Vertical: 4300' Pace: Moderate Route: Out & Back I am so excited about this hike! This is such a stunning alpine lake with incredible views of White Baldy, Timp, and Box Elder. 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 an exploratory route to White Baldy, and depending on the conditions and how the group is feeling maybe over to Red Baldy too. Most current COVID-19 precautions will be taken. Email to register or for more details!
Sep 20 Sun	Day Hike - Big Horn Via Alpine Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Akiko Kamimura - kamimura@umich.edu Level: MSD Miles: 10.6 Vertical: 5421' Pace: Moderate Route: Out & Back We plan to bag Big Horn (10,877 ft) via Alpine, weather, conditions and situation permitting. 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, September 18, 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.
Sep 20 Sun	Hike To Mt. Nebo & North Peak Meet: Registration Required Organizer: Daisy DeMarco - 610-517-7867 - daisyannndemarco@gmail.com Level: MOD+ Miles: 10.0 Vertical: 3600' Pace: Moderate Route: Out & Back Please join me on my FINAL Wasatch Elevener for the summer! Saved the biggest for last. We will summit both Mt. Nebo and North Peak. Expect a full day, early start time, 10ish miles, 3,600ish feet in elevation gain, AND a summit sign! Maybe even some beginning fall colors! Most current COVID-19 precautions will be taken. Email to register or for more details. Happy trails!
Sep 22 Tue	Evening Ridgeline Hike Above Emigration Meet: 6:00PM (Registration Required) Organizer: Julie Kilgore - 801-244-3323 - jk@wasatch-environmental.com Level: NTD Route: Out & Back Pace: Moderate From the parking lot at top of Emigration Canyon, most folks go one way. We'll go the other. Email the organizer to RSVP. Small group and COVID protocols will apply.
Sep 24 Thu	Slow Paced Evening Hike Bells Canyon Meet: 6:00PM (Registration Required) Organizer: Tonya Karren - 801-493-9199 - tonya.karren@gmail.com Level: NTD Miles: 3.5 Pace: Slow Route: Out & Back Come join us for a hike to the lower lake and beyond to the bridge. We will go further, if the group wants to and time allows for it. Registration required and the group size will be limited to 10 people. Please bring a mask for when needed and practice social distancing.

Sep 26

Sat

National Public Lands Day Service Hike, Trailwork In Your Bones

Meet: Registration Required

Organizer: Alex Arakelian - 801-995-5526 - kyojimujo@yahoo.com

Level: NTD **Miles:** 2.0 **Vertical:** 200'

Join the nationwide volunteer event and take part in building the trails we all enjoy. Each year Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) members participate in National Public Lands Day with local volunteers from partnering organizations such as the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation (CCF), the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST) Committee and the U.S. National Forest Service. Watch the calendar for more details

Sep 27

Sun

Day Hike - Elk Point Via Aspen Grove Trail

Meet: Registration Required

Organizer: Akiko Kamimura - kamimura@umich.edu

Level: MSD- **Miles:** 10.0 **Vertical:** 4000' **Pace:** Moderate **Route:** Out & Back

We plan to bag Elk Point (10,791 ft), weather, conditions and situation permitting. We will take Aspen Grove Trail to Hidden Lake. From Hidden Lake to the peak, there is no trail (class 2 scrambles and bushwhacking). Please bring microspikes (if there is snow) and 10 Es. Exploratory. The location may change depending on situations. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, September 25, 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.



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CRAZY CLIMBERS

By Bill Kamp
11 April 1989
Pete & Pinky's 50th

In those early days of climbing it was more a matter of being in shape and picking the right route to the top rather than using the equipment they are using now, it also helped a lot not to be afraid of heights. Although most peaks in the wasatch can be climbed without the use of pitons, carabiners, ropes, etc., there are many difficult routes to be found that require some real rock-climbing skills. Pete used to delight in climbing them the hard way, as straight up as possible. Here is where he excelled, finding small outcrops of rocks for hand and foot holds. His system was to keep moving both hands and feet before they had a chance to slip while at the same time picking out new handholds above. On one crazy climb to the north peak of Mt. Olympus he introduced me to his "belay" climbing. Whenever we hit a real difficult "pitch" Pete would climb as high as he could and secure a good hold for his hands and feet, he would then tell me to grab his feet, then his belt and climb up and over him to reach for a hand hold, when I felt secure he would do the same thing with me. Crazy, alright! All this was done with nothing but thin air below us. On that one particular day we climbed Mt. Olympus the old fashioned way, "we earned it".

Since those early days the climbing technique has changed considerably. With the use of pitons, carabiners, better ropes, climbers are climbing in areas never before explored. Here again Pete was one of the first to introduce this new technique to the club. The original spot for practice climbing still exists. If you ever drive along Wasatch Blvd. south of 4500 So. you'll be able to see "Pete's Rock" on the east side of the street with all 13 original routes marked. This training has enabled club members to climb better and safer - but they don't have any more fun than Pete and I had on those "crazy climbs" of way back.

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!

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WMC Centennial Scholarship Fund

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

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

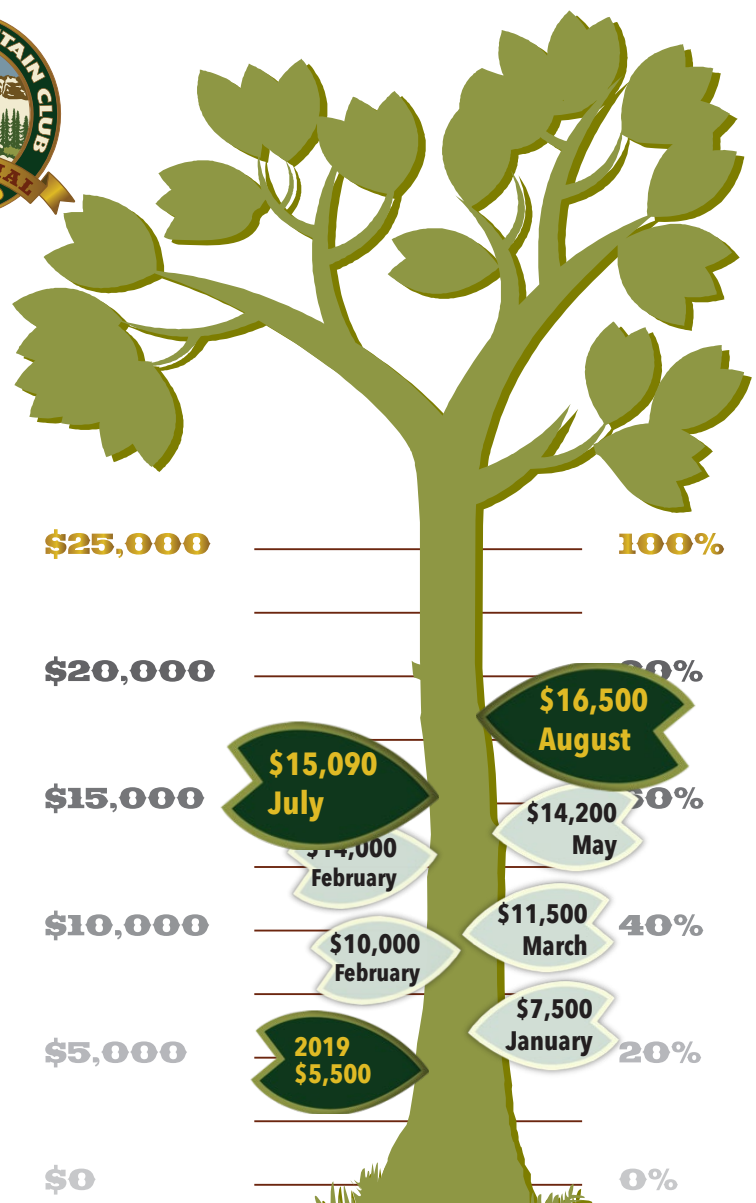
\$25,000 is required to establish the endowment, but our goal is to establish a \$50,000 endowment that can continue to be funded year after year. The U of U distributes ~3% endowment fund balances annually, depending on investment returns.

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

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

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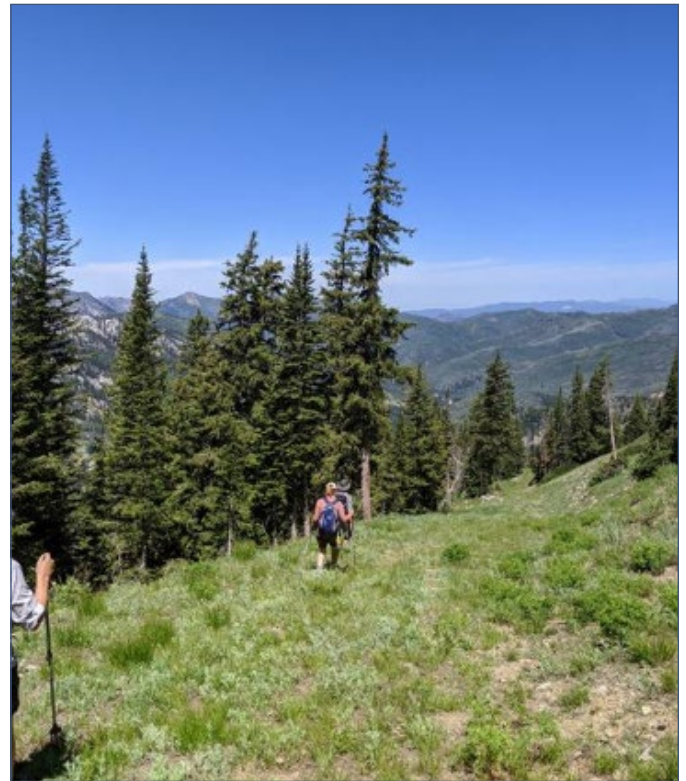
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Wasatch Mountain Club Endowment Fund Goal



Trip Report: Clayton Peak

July 11, 2020

Report: Karen Bertolini

Steve Duncan, Julie Kilgore, Karen Bertolini, Terri Ruesch, Sharon Vinick, and joined briefly by Russell Patterson

Things heating up in the Valley? Head to the mountains!

On Saturday, July 11 a small group of us met at Brighton to embark on a great hike to Clayton Peak. While the trail started out a bit busy, we followed the COVID-19 guidelines and strictly practiced social distancing and the use of our face coverings.

As expected, we lost the crowds at the Lake Mary split as we turned left and followed the Clayton Peak Trail with just our group.

We enjoyed blue skies, wildflowers, and perfect temps as we trekked long on the trail before hitting the steeper section with a little bit of

scrambling. Once at the top we enjoyed beautiful views and some lunch on the peak before heading back down.

Instead of an out and back, thankfully Steve suggested we head down one of the ski runs which kept us from any other hikers until we returned back to the parking lot.

Trip Report: Day Hike to Tuscarora & Wolverine

July 15, 2020

Organizer, Trip Report & Photos: Daisy DeMarco

The summer weekday day hikes have been a success with a steady group of regular hikers socially distancing on the trails! On this trip, we encountered five moose, two eagles, and a couple trying to complete the WURL (Wasatch Ultimate Ridge Linkup - a roughly 32 mile trail run that connects most of the major peaks in the Wasatch). We met them as they were approaching Tuscarora and helped them orient themselves, and gave them some water as they were nearly out and still had quite a ways to go. Wildflowers were abundant on this hike and we enjoyed the sweeping views from Wolverine as we ate our lunches. I am sure going to miss my weekday day hiking buddies, but I am so grateful for connecting with this great group of people every summer. Thanks for the hikes and the memories!



New to Hiking with the WMC?

What if I've never hiked with the club before?

The Wasatch Mountain Club's basic hike rating system (NTD for "Not Too Difficult", MOD for "MODerate", and MSD for "MoSt Difficult") is based on terrain features encountered, such as elevation gain, overall mileage, steepness, and special factors such as bushwhacking, scrambling, and exposure. For an explanation of the rating system and a list of standard WMC hikes, see the hike ratings system.

If you've never hiked with the Wasatch Mountain Club, we recommend that you try an NTD hike. If you like to hike at a very leisurely pace, try an NTD hike that is also rated as a RELAXED-PACE hike. If you like to hike more quickly and over longer distances, try one of the Club's MOD hikes.

If you have done a good deal of hiking in the Wasatch Mountains, but have not hiked with the WMC before, take a look at the hike ratings system. Look at hikes with which you are familiar and compare their ratings with your own assessment of their difficulty.

After hiking with the club once or twice, you'll know how to match the Club's hike ratings to your own preferences.

Do I need to be a WMC member to go on a hike?

You do not need to be a member to join us for a few activities. If you find you are having fun, please consider joining our organization.



Kathleen on the way to the saddle.

Trip Report: Spanish Fork Peak

July 18, 2020

Organized, report & photos by Kathleen Waller & Akiko Kamimura

Spanish Fork Peak (10,192 ft) is located near Mapleton and is ranked #41 on the Utah Prominence Peak list. We started from Maple Canyon at 6 am via trail #006 and then #007. It was very pleasant early in the morning – perfect temperature for uphill. The first part of the trail was shaded. Once we reached the more open area, we could see surrounding mountains. We had a break at Maple Canyon Lake. The lake had a very low water level. But it was enough for Cora (Kathleen's dog) to play in the water. After the break, we continued to the saddle. From the saddle, we went up to the peak via the short but steep route. We arrived at the summit at 10 am, had early lunch, and enjoyed beautiful views. For descending, we took a longer route, which goes on the south side of the ridge. We took a break at the lake again and went back to the trailhead (TH). It was a great idea to start early because it became very hot. It was a beautiful day. Nice weather. Wild flowers were blooming. We had a great time together. The hike took seven hours in total including breaks (distance – 10.7 miles, cumulative elevation gain – 5,269 ft).



Peak photo. From left – Ken, Stanley, Tim, Akiko, Kathleen and Cora (Kathleen's dog)



Descending from the saddle – Kathleen, Cora (dog), Tim and Ken.

Trip Report: Mt Tuscarora, Mt Wolverine & Mt Millicent

July 19, 2020

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

We had several participants who had recently joined the club. We enjoyed chatting with each other and took breaks frequently. We started a hike from Brighton Resort. Our first destination was Catherine's Pass. Then, we continued to Mt Tuscarora and Mt Wolverine. After we had a lunch break at Mt Wolverine, we hiked to Mt Millicent. We saw Brad's group doing a much longer hike at Mt Millicent. Going down from Mt Millicent involved class 3 scrambles. It was the first time for Thom to hike on boulders. He did very well. Several others also took time to be careful on the big rocks. The rest of us had a nice long break while waiting. Wild flowers were blooming. It was a wonderful day.



Group photos at Mt Wolverine. From left – Paul, Tyler, Akiko, Ed, Thom, Tim and Dave.



Tyler and Ed on the way to Mt Millicent.



Thom and Tim on the way to Mt Wolverine.



Ed and Thom on the way to Mt Wolverine.

Trip Report: Mount Olympus Cleanup

July 23, 2020

Report: Ronna Cohen

Not all trip reports start with a trail, a river, or a rock face. Some trips start with huge garbage bags and heavy gloves. On Thursday evening July 23, a group of hardy Trash Angels and one Trash Devil met at the Mount Olympus Trailhead to do a major sweep of the west side of Bengal. With the construction, this has become a party place. Trash seems to be just tossed out of car windows.

With harnesses, ropes and belay devices (not really, but the hillside is quite steep), for almost two hours the team vacuumed the hillside of trash and rubbish.

A sincere thanks is hardly adequate for Pat making the suggestion for a clean-up, Kristen coming prepared for the pricklers with mountaineering gaiters and Matt's pristine truck that was loaded with bags. Daisy and friend Quinn, Nancy, Jeff, Michele, Bruce, Steve and Cassie were relentless as to the quantity and quality of trash collected. Thanks to Stan as an official photographer.



Daisy and friend Quinn



Matt



Michele, Jeff and Nancy



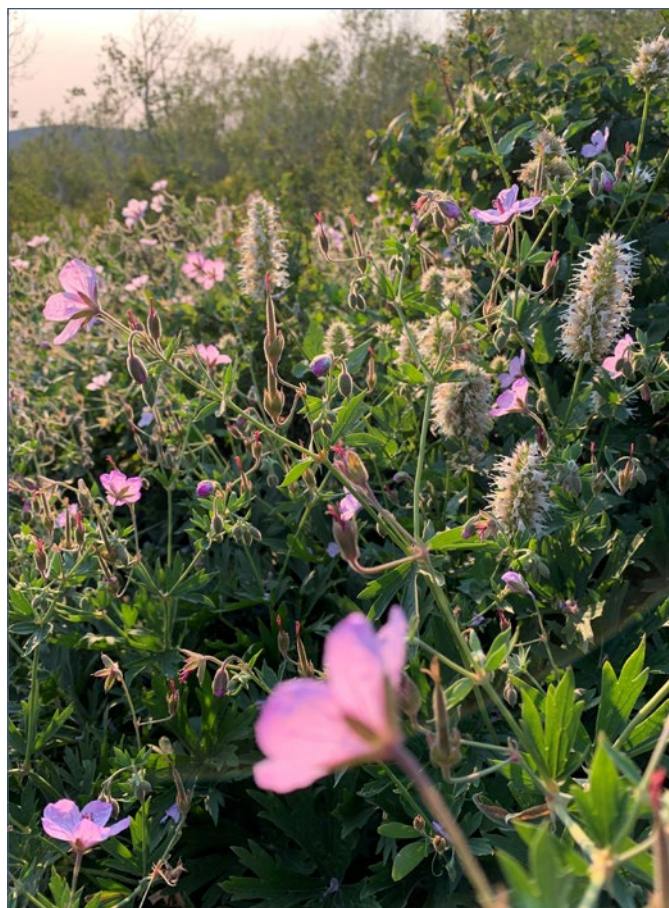
Steve

Trip Report: Evening Hikes

Report & Photos: Julie Kilgore

July has been a great month to reconnect with WMC friends and meet new ones! In July, we have enjoyed relaxed pace hikes along the recently constructed trail to Donut Falls, to the bridge of Broads Fork, and lopping around the various upper Millcreek trails. Other evenings, we've picked up the pace and enjoyed the wildflower show and greenery of Lambs Canyon and the new switchbacks of the lower Red Pine trail. It has also been a real treat to join Robin Dale for her Wednesday evening "Mindfulness and Laughter" hikes, something we could all use a little more of in the strange times. Robin even showed me a route I'd never been on before!

We're keeping the groups small and finding that other trail users are generally courteous and making efforts to recreate responsibly. Although trailheads can be crowded, people quickly disperse once they are on the trails. I'm grateful every day that we have these hiking opportunities at our doorstep, and that we have each other to share them.



Flowers of Lambs



Broads Fork



Donut Falls

Trip Report: Big Horn Peak via Schoolhouse Springs

July 25, 2020

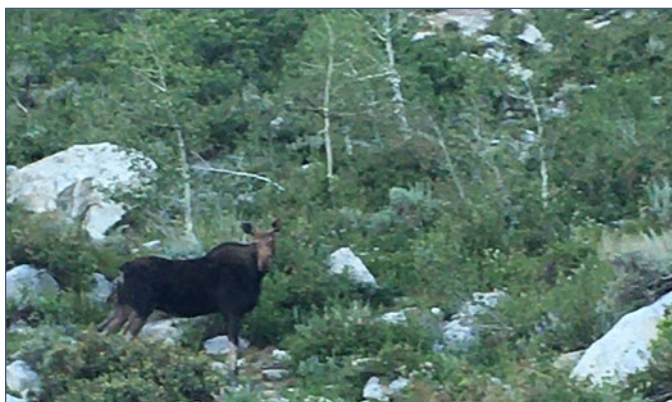
Organizer: Kathleen Waller

Photos: Cigi Owens

Trip Report: Daisy DeMarco

I don't know what more we could have asked for on this trip! Two moose, tons of elevation, possible sasquatch hair (!) on the trail, blue skies, great company, and the summit of Big Horn all to ourselves. The early morning 4:30 AM start was something I wasn't very happy about, but it actually turned out to be great! We avoided the brutal heat of the sun-exposed Alpine route and enjoyed cool morning temperatures all the way up. After a short break on Big Horn, the rest of the group attempted

to summit Lone Peak via the ridge between the two peaks. After concerns about getting into some potential Class 5 sections and realizing the summit of both would make it a much longer day than everyone originally anticipated, the group returned to Big Horn to pick me up and have some lunch. On our way back down we all decided that we wanted to try Lone Peak from Schoolhouse Springs again, but take a different approach that is a friendlier Class 3 for those of us still getting used to the feeling of exposure. Until next time! To be continued...ascending because it was still dark. We were back to the TH at 2:30 pm.



Trip Report: Mt Superior & Monte Cristo via Alta

August 2, 2020

Organizer, Report & Photos: Akiko Kamimura

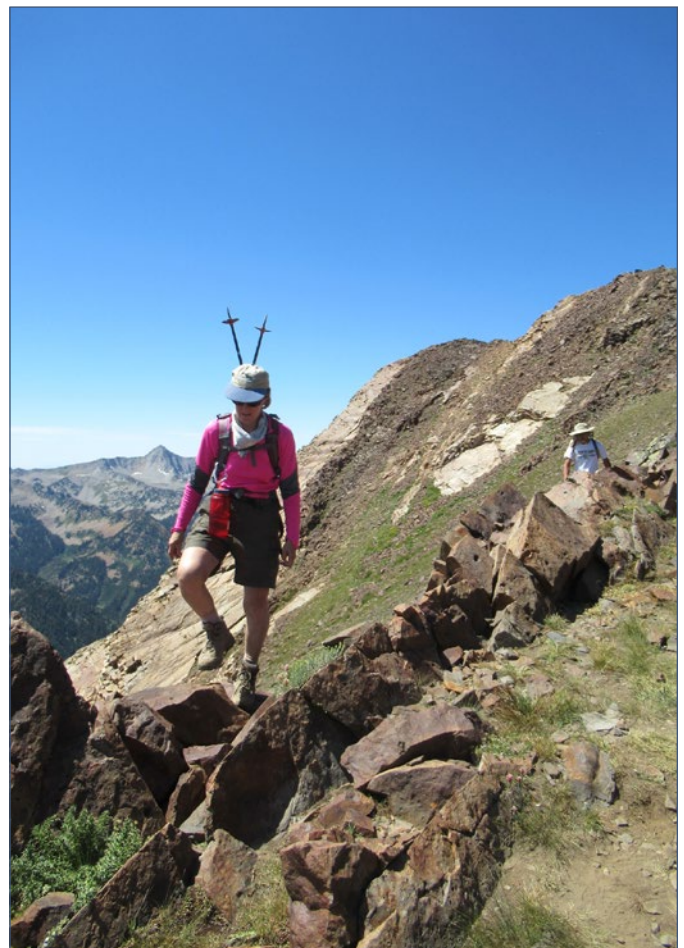
Mt Superior and Monte Cristo are popular destinations to hike. But there were several participants who hiked there for the first time. On the way to Cardiff Pass, we took a longer route to stop by mines. Then, we mostly took the trail but sometimes went on off-trail scrambles. We took a short break at Mt Superior and continued to Monte Cristo. Monte Cristo offered a wider range of views than Mt Superior did. We enjoyed talking about the peaks, which we saw from Monte Cristo. On the way back, Matt and Dalton stopped by Christmas Tree Peak. It was a beautiful day. Wild flowers were blooming. While it was very hot in the valley, over 100 degrees, it was cooler (but still hot) at the high elevations. This hike took 5 hours and 30 minutes including breaks (distance – 5.92 miles, cumulative elevation gain – 3,255 ft).



Matt, Steve and Dalton near Cardiff Pass.



Group photo at Mt Superior. Steve, Dalton, Matt, Mark, Paul, Sharon, Akiko and Ken.



Sharon and Paul descending

Trip Report: Colorado 14er hikes

July 21-26, 2020

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

July 21 Road trip to Fairplay

July 22 Mt Democrat, Mt Cameron, Mt Lincoln, Mt Bross & South Bross Peak

We made five 14ers (Note: Although the elevation of South Bross Peak is over 14,000 ft, it is not listed on the Colorado 14er list). When we got to the Kite Lake trailhead (TH) before 6 am, the main parking lot was already full. Fortunately, it was easy to find roadside parking. We did a clockwise loop to bag these peaks. Our first destination was Mt Democrat (14,148 ft). It was the first 14er for Heidi. The majority of hikers were aiming only at Mt Democrat. So there were lots of people at the summit. It was interesting to talk with hikers from all over the nation. After we took a long break at Mt Democrat, we hiked to the next peak, Mt Cameron (14,238 ft). The summit of Mt Cameron had a large flat area. The third peak, Mt Lincoln (14,286 ft), was very close to Mt Cameron. Mt Lincoln was our highest peak of the day and offered great views of a number of mountains. The way to the fourth peak, Mt Bross (14,172 ft), involved a beautiful ridgeline trail. The fifth peak, South Bross Peak (14,020 ft), was not far from Mt Bross. But right after Heidi, Jim, and Akiko got to South Bross Peak at noon, we heard thunder. We started descending quickly. Paul was still on the way to South Bross Peak but turned around. The weather became fine soon. We could take time to enjoy the beautiful hike. Wild flowers were blooming near the lake. The hike took 6 hours and 45 minutes in total including frequent breaks (distance – 8.35 miles, cumulative elevation gain – 3,805 ft).

July 23 Quandary Peak & Mt Sherman

Quandary Peak (14,265 ft) is a very popular 14er. There were many cars at the overflow parking lot below the Quandary Peak TH before 6 am. The first part of this hike was in a beautiful forest. The next part of the hike was on the rocky ridgeline that offered beautiful views all the way to the top. We had a long break at the summit. On the way back to the TH, we saw four mountain goats. The Quandary Peak hike took 5 hours and 30 minutes in total including breaks (distance – 6.75 miles, elevation gain – 3,450 ft). Because we were done the Quandary Peak hike by 11:30 am, we decided to bag one more 14er, Mt Sherman (14,036 ft), after we had lunch in Fairplay. Fourmile Creek TH is located only 12.5 miles from Fairplay. But it took one hour to drive to the TH on the dirt road. When we got to the TH, many people



Group photo at Mt Democrat that was Heidi's first 14er. From left – Jim, Paul, Heidi and Akiko

were finishing hiking and leaving. There were old mines near the TH. We heard thunder on the way to the saddle, waited for 30 minutes to carefully assess the weather, and decided to continue to the summit. After several small bumps, we were finally on the long summit ridge and made the summit. We took pictures at the summit and started descending quickly because the next storm was approaching. It was rainy during our descent. But when we were back to the TH, it became sunny. The Mt Sherman hike took 3 hours in total including the wait time and breaks (distance – 5.25 miles, elevation gain – 2,100 ft). We saw wildlife (e.g. moose, rabbits) and beaver dams on the way back to Fairplay.

July 24 Road trip to Ridgway from Fairplay

Very scenic drive. Jim and Akiko scouted Blue Lakes TH. The standard TH for Mt Sneffels Yankee Boy Basin TH. But we wanted to start from Blue Lakes TH for an easier drive and a much longer but scenic route.

July 25 Mt Sneffels

The last but not least peak of this trip was Mt Sneffels (14,150 ft). Our original plan was starting a hike at 5 am. Due to heavy rain, we changed the start time to 8 am, however. The mountain weather forecast said light rain all day but no risk of thunderstorms. When we got to the TH right after 8 am, there were many cars already. We also saw lots of campers near the TH and the lakes. On the way to Lower Blue Lake, we encountered a significant creek crossing. Jim did not want to cross the creek. The rest of us, Heidi, Paul and Akiko, crossed the creek and continued to Lower Blue Lake. To go to Middle Blue Lake, we had to walk in a river. The views from the trail from Middle Blue Lake to Upper Blue Lake was very beautiful and was like Scotland (according to Heidi). We did one more creek crossing between the two lakes. From Upper Blue Lake, we went up to Blue Lake Pass on the switchbacks. The short class 3 route to the peak



Paul near Upper Blue Lake on the way to Mt Sneffels



Heidi approaching the summit of Quandary Peak

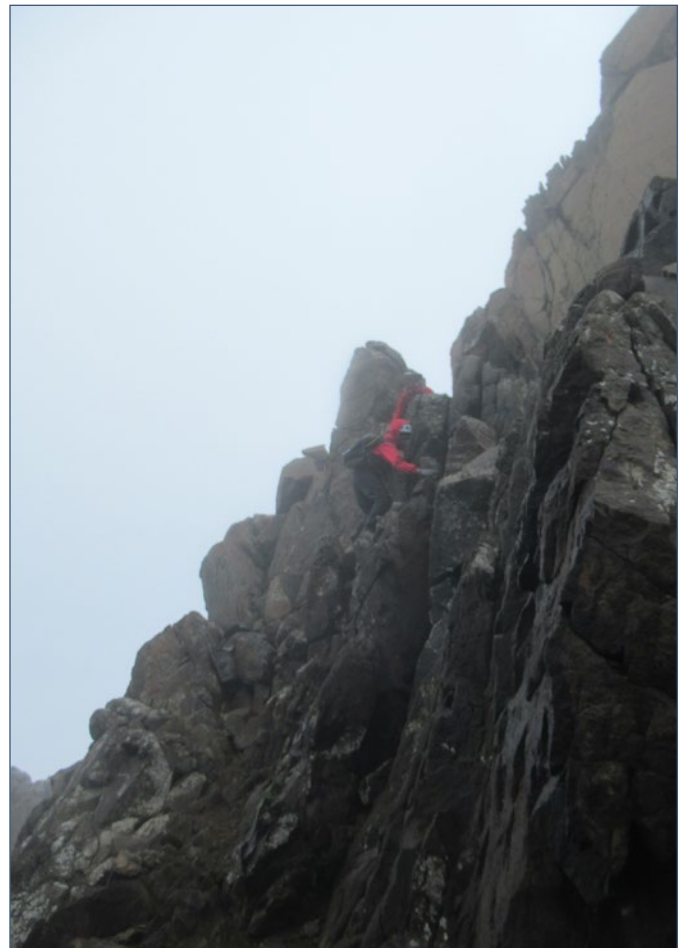
starts from the pass. But we did not think it was a good idea to take the class 3 route in the wet condition. We went down to Yankee Boy Basin side to take the class 2 route, which is one mile longer than the class 3 route. The views of the basin from the pass were stunning. The class 2 route started from the sign "Mt Sneffels 0.7." We felt the 0.7 mile was extremely lengthy because it was very steep. The last part to the peak involved several short class 3 sections. At 2:30 pm, we made the peak. There was no visibility at the top due to fog. But we were very happy and hugged the mailbox. The weather became better and even partly sunny during descending. While going down on the switchback from Blue Lake Pass, we saw Middle and Upper Blue Lakes together, which was incredibly gorgeous. This hike took 10 hours and 15 minutes in total including breaks (distance – 13.2 miles, total elevation gain – 6,597 ft).

July 26 Road trip to Salt Lake

Paul made a banner showing our accomplishment for each of us. We took pictures with the banner at the vacation home.



Group photo with the banner that Paul made at the vacation home where we stayed for the Mt Sneffels' hike.



Heidi going down from Mt Sneffels

Trip Report: North Timpanogos, Bomber Peak & Timp 11288

August 9, 2020

Organizer, Report & Photos: Matt Luntz & Akiko Kamimura

Our plan was to go up to North Timpanogos (11,383 ft) via the Northwest Ridge and make some other peak on the ridgeline. We started around the place between the beginning of the Northwest Ridge and Y-Couloir and bushwhacked to the Northwest Ridge (1.5 miles) – the first one mile was very steep and we maintained the same elevation to get to the Northwest Ridge. From there, North Timpanogos was less than one mile away. But this part took much time because of the steep slope with loose rocks. We took a very long break at North Timpanogos to enjoy remarkable views and nice weather. Then, we hiked on the ridgeline and bagged Bomber Peak (11,347 ft) and Timp 11288. The ridgeline was awesome. We took another very long break at Timp 11288. We saw 40+ people on the main Timp peak (through Dalton's camera zoom). We thought it would not be worth going to the main peak. Also, it was a good time to turn around. To avoid the steep slope with loose rocks, we started descending from the saddle between Bomber Peak and North Timpanogos. It worked well at the beginning. However, we had to deal with significant bushwhacking. In addition, the route brought us further south of the place where we started. Matt, who is a very fast hiker, went down ahead of the rest of us to get back to the starting point and pick us up by his car. The rest of us walked up on the road (we also lost too much elevation) while waiting for Matt. For Paul, Dalton and Cigi, it was the first time to make the three peaks. Akiko bagged Bomber Peak and Timp 11288 for the first time. Matt had done the northwest ridge route 5 times before and helped the route navigation. We saw 5+ mountain goats but did not see any other hikers. It was a great day. The hike took 10 hours in total including breaks (distance – 6.63 miles, total elevation gain – 4,426 ft, total elevation loss – 4,833 ft).



Going up on the Northwest Ridge. Matt, Dalton and Paul.



Cigi, Paul, Matt and Dalton at North Timpanogos.

Trip Report: Paris Ice Caves



Group photo at Bomber Peak. From left Akiko, Matt, Dalton, Cigi and Paul.



Wow! What a weekend full of learning and fun! Canyoneering at the Paris Ice Caves with camping on Forest Service Land right near the rappelling routes.

Shane Wallace and his team (Dana, Phil, and Tim) ran an intensive 2 day training with classroom learning and then practice, practice, practice. Their patience and knowledge created a learning environment that exponentially improved our skills and safety.

What did we learn? Well, for one I became so much more independent! Knot tying, setting different anchors, more efficient use of our rappelling devices, the MMO and lowering, proper communications and self rescue. That is just a list but throughout the weekend you hear about options and then you hear about "It depends" and the actual practice helps one realize the appropriate applications in different situations.

We were treated with such respect and patience. There were no "dumb questions" or never too many repetitions to get a system working successfully. I was so impressed with Shane and the depth of knowledge that he imparts. The generosity and patience shown by the team helped me to gain confidence and skills that will help me to be successful out in the canyons of UT. There are not sufficient words to express our gratitude for what this training has given us. And that's not to mention the stories, laughs and peach cobbler around the campfire each night.

Thank you to another wonder of the Wasatch Mountain Club!

Sincerely, Kay and Arnie Tran



On the way to Bomber Peak from North Timpanogos. Matt, Cigi and Paul.



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