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ON OUR COVER:

Lake Blanche on a beautiful summer day (Sundial in the background). Group (L to R): Deb Frank, Mary Settle, Kate Little, Russ Patterson, Carol Masheter, Bob Stuercke, Julie Kilgore, Ed Hemphill, Yi Qu. Photo courtesy of Yi Qu

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

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If you're a new member . . . depending on your age and background . . . you might have a few questions:

1. How do I get involved in activities?
2. What kinds of activities can be organized?
3. What is the average age of WMC members?
4. How many people participate in the activities?
5. How aggressive are the various activity groups?

The answers . . . ask away! Ask someone in the club! Send an email to rambler@wasatchmountainclub.org or call someone from the governing board (inside front cover). The average age is . . . honestly, we don't know. Why don't we know? 1. We haven't yet started tracking that information. 2. It doesn't matter. There are older folks who can out-hike/-bike/-paddle any younger person. There are also younger people who like to do lighter activities. Sometimes many people show up for activities; sometimes only a couple. This is a nice thing.

The WMC activities allow for flexibility; if you can show up, do - - if you can't, don't. As for how vigorous and aggressive the various activities and groups are (hikers, bikers, etc.), contact the director or coordinator. Please don't feel like you can't organize an activity if you don't know your way around. There are so many people who can help you, and you can even decide on a destination at the time of meeting! You might have one or two awkward activities, but just get together with people who share the same interests with you, and you'll be on your way to tons of fun and excitement - - things you never thought were possible!

President's Message



Welcome to Summer! No doubt this will go down as the hottest summer on record. It is quite unprecedented to see triple digits in June, it's not cooling down in July, and August it generally the "hot" month so we can't expect temps to cool down anytime soon.

Ah, but thank goodness we have the mountains and the rivers 😊. Welcome to all newcomers and welcome back to all renewing and returning members! WMC membership is healthy, topping 1,200 outdoor enthusiasts. The WMC calendar is full of a variety of activities, and watch the on-line calendar for last-minute postings. Thank you to all our volunteer organizers. You truly are the backbone of this organization!

We hope to see club members, new and not-so-new, come get out of the heat and join us for the annual New-comer/Old-timer Party and Fall Membership Meeting that will be held at the Lodge on Saturday August 28 from 3 to 6ish. The club will provide brats and burgers. Bring a dish to share if you would like. We'll FINALLY present our 2020 Pa Parry and Alexis Kelner awards, and we'll have a special presentation by Tom Smith, a wildlife research biologist and BYU professor who has done extensive research on bears behavior and human/bear interactions. The 100-year photo panels will be on display, and there will be space indoors and out on the patio, so everyone can find just the right spot! Watch the online calendar for more details.

Speaking of the Lodge, a "Lodge Preservation Project" is underway for this nearly 100-year-old historic landmark. The lodge was built by the WMC in 1929, and a major need for the lodge to last another 100 years include strengthening the foundation, reinforcing the walls, and replacing the roof. To get this project off the ground, the Lodge Foundation has recently been selected as a recipient for a \$50,000 challenge grant, awarded by the AHE/CI. Yes, each dollar that the Lodge can raise between now and December 1, 2021, will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000! Phase I of the preservation project includes the engineering plans, permitting, construction bidding, and soliciting funds for Phase 2. Any funds remaining for Phase I will carry over to Phase 2, which will include the actual construction. For more details, or to make your donation, reach out to the Lodge president Renae Olsen or vice president Jolene Arakelian at Wasatch Mtn Lodge <wmcf123@gmail.com> for more details.

As many of you may have already heard, we lost two WMC life members recently. Larry Swanson and Jaelene Myrup. Jaelene was an artist and regularly organized Artist hikes. Larry has been a WMC icon and, among so many other things, he is perhaps best known to many club members as the organizer of the Kings Peak Ski tours for almost 50 years! His dear friend Alexis Kelner has invited club members to share their favorite memory of Larry which can be included in a compilation that will be presented in the September Rambler. You'll see more detail on this on Page 6 of this month's Rambler.

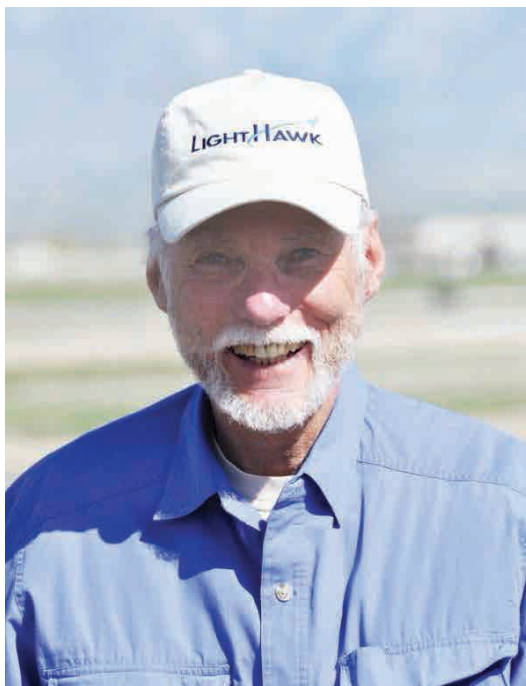
Be safe out there, and I'll see you on the mountain!

Julie Kilgore

President

Lawrence C. Swanson

November 28, 1936 - June 15, 2021



Lawrence (Larry) Carl Swanson died at the age of 84 on June 15, 2021 while on a bicycle ride with his wife, Sharyl, in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Larry was born and grew up in Minnesota and attended the University of Minnesota, graduating in Mechanical Engineering in 1959. He moved to Utah and worked in the aerospace industry, with several year-long stints in Germany and Hungary. He met Sharyl in Germany while they both were working as civilians associated with the military.

Larry lived an adventurous life. He loved riding motorcycles and earned trophies as the Minnesota off-road motorcycle racing champion for four years. In Utah, he served as a ski patrol member at Solitude and Park West ski resorts for over 30 years. He was a small-plane owner and pilot for some 60 years. For Angel Flight, he flew 51 volunteer missions to and from Salt Lake hospitals and Southern Utah and Arizona and, reportedly, he was "the first to step up." He also flew 52 flights for LightHawk, a conservation flying nonprofit.

He sailed, kayaked, explored Southern Utah and Baja, and avidly cross-country skied through the last snowfall of each season. He accomplished many rock and ice climbs in the Wasatch, Wind River, and Teton Mountains, as well as Mt. Rainier in Washington and peaks in Alaska, Canada, Peru, Ecuador, and Bolivia. Larry reached the summit of a high peak in the Pamir Mountains of Tajikistan. With a group of friends, Larry and Sharyl trekked across the high Arctic's islands of Ellesmere (1989) and Axel Heiberg (1995).

In the US and abroad, Larry and Sharyl put over 19,000 miles on their "take-apart" tandem bicycle. On thirteen overseas trips, they pedaled throughout Europe, Ireland, and the South Island of New Zealand.

Larry was known for his enthusiasm which led him to many adventures and always seemed

to carry him through. He often hauled a watermelon in his pack on local hikes for everyone to enjoy on the mountaintop. For 49 years, he established, organized, and led a one-day, round-trip ski tour up Kings Peak, the highest peak in Utah.

Larry was a reader and, after teaching himself to read German, especially enjoyed adventure books in that language. His generosity was manifested in many ways, such as clearing the neighbors' drives after a snowfall and circling the block with his snow blower to clear the sidewalks. He assisted in various repairs for friends and regularly filled their birdfeeders. Working on the Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge kept him busy over the years. Larry had a very positive influence on his many friends and on the world in general. He touched the hearts of so many and will be missed by all who knew him.

Larry is survived by his wife, Sharyl, his brothers, Don and Steve Swanson, nephew Eric Swanson, cousins Betty Maxe Larson, Harlan Hanson, and other family in Minnesota and Utah, as well as Sharyl's family in Utah and Washington State.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 18th, from 5-7pm, at the Starks Funeral Parlor, 3651 South 900 East, Salt Lake City, UT. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.starksfuneral.com. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to Angel Flight West, LightHawk, or a conservation organization of choice.

A SPECIAL REQUEST

By Cheryl Soshnik, Alexis Kelner, and Phyllis Anderson

Larry Swanson was an individual of diverse interests. Many of his activities centered around the Wasatch Mountain Club and its lodge at Brighton. Few members today are aware that Larry was hit—yes, hit—by lightning during a club mountaineering trip in Canada. And he was leading a favorite hike along Wildcat Ridge near Mt. Olympus when one of the participants was severely injured by a vicious rattlesnake strike.

As a tribute to Larry, we are assembling a special insert for the September *Rambler*. To that end, we are requesting that friends of Larry write your own stories for inclusion in the insert. Pictures are welcome. No reminiscence is too small. Your submissions should be sent to Phyllis Anderson at [**paisnow@comcast.net**](mailto:paisnow@comcast.net) **no later than August 12**. If you have questions, you can reach Phyllis at (801) 733-4806. Thank you in advance for your participation in this project.

50 Years Ago in the Rambler

Transcribed by Donn Seeley

club activities for august 1971 [...]

- Aug. 7-8 KINGS PEAK, Elevation 13,500, Rating 24 - Once again it is time to climb
Sat-Sun. Utah's highest peak. Again, as before, we will divide into two separate
 groups for the assault. As usual, one group will backpack on Saturday
 into the area around Dollar Lake or possibly one of the little lakes below
 Gunsight Pass and then climb the peak and return on Sunday (which will
 make Sunday a very hard day). A second group will complete the whole hike
 on Saturday carrying only daypacks. Both activities will depend strongly
 on weather conditions. Total distance covered will be about 32 miles with
 a change in elevation between 5,000 or 6,000 feet depending on the route
 taken. You have to be in excellent physical condition for both activities and
 you will need the leader's consent to go. Register no later than Wednesday
 Aug. 4 with leader, Chuck Mays. [...]
- Aug. 13-? MOUNTAINEERING HIGH CAMP - SAWTOOTH MOUNTAINS - Weekend of
Fri-? August 14th, stay as long as you wish. We will camp at the Redfish Lake
 transfer camp. Those who bring boats can paddle across Redfish Lake and
 save themselves the 2-3 hour approach hike. Hiking, fishing and climbing
 are available. Peaks close at hand are: Mt. Heyburn, Great Mogul, Grand
 Aiguille, Chockstone, etc. Register with Paul Horton [...]

THE BEATEN BEAT-OUT HIKE [June 27, 1971]
by Harold Goodro

For several days the phone kept ringing. When 16 hikers had signed up (the same number as last year), the leader smiled with satisfaction. But that was only Wednesday and everyone knows that hikers never really get around to signing up until Saturday evening. The phone kept ringing. Soon 36 willing and able souls had registered and the leader's smile turned a little green. What does one do with so many tigers on a beat-out hike? Still, there was hope that the weather forecast might scare most of them out. When the leader arrived at the meeting place Sunday morning, it looked like Grand Central parking lot. Fred had started to take down names, a hopeless task, as more and more cars arrived. The weather looked typical for this year, with heavy low clouds and just a touch of mid-winter in the air. Fred escorted several other cars around to the coming out place and promptly got lost.

After 15 minutes, the leader sent most of the hikers, 25 or 30, up the canyon to get started, then went to find the lost drivers, but no luck. Could they have done the smart thing and gone home to bed? Heading up the canyon to catch the others, the leader wondered.

Can anyone who has accomplished the usual crossing of the White Pine raging river ever forget the exquisite joy of reaching the other side? The minus-10 degree water swirling around the legs turned blue, the rocks on the bottom caressing the numb feet like broken beer bottles, the knowledge that a misstep or a slip could mean hilarious jibes from the audience as the hiker died a hideous near-death, the smug looks on the faces of those who make it seem easy.

As the group of 25 or 30 (or was it 40?) headed up Red Pine Canyon, the clouds lowered, snow banks appeared on the trail lower than usual, but spirits kept high. The

lost drivers had caught up and someone suggested a head count, but by now, the group covered a half-mile of trail. As we passed the lakes, still covered with ice except for a few spots, one realized that June 27th meant nothing up here. The weather got worse and the peaks could no longer be seen. Near the top of the final bowl, the main group met the faster hikers who had turned back. A lengthy pessimistic meeting was held by the majority as cold feet shuffled in the snow, extra parkas appeared from the dim recesses of summit packs, weird bits of food were wolfed down, and by a "popular" vote, the lions and tigers turned into rabbits and pussy cats and headed down canyon, thereby saving the leader's face (he was going to suggest it anyhow!). In the meantime, it seems two tigers had not turned back (Hal Gribble and LeRoy Kuehl) so lions Milt Hollander and Steve Adamson disappeared into the clouds to try to catch them. Short but fun glissades on the way down helped salvage some enjoyment, boosting morale for the crossing of White Pine stream. This time most members merely waded across, boots and all, quickly as possible. A few die-hards, once again suffered the barefoot, pants-rolled-up routine, while others enjoyed watching their agonies.

Except for the 4 who made it all the way, marching proudly out of Bell's Canyon that evening, the rest of us had been defeated, never again to be able to look other hikers in the eye without shame and remorse, but we will always claim, "It was the unseasonable weather!"

Besides the 4 "HEROES" the following were on the hike: Fran Flowers; Neff Walker; Mark Wagner; Dick Bell; Dixon Smith; Marge Yerbury; Oscar Robison; Phil Nelson; Harry Stiles; Dave Lindsay; Lyman Lewis; Karen Carlston; Renny Jackson; John Riley; Pat King; Mary Jo Sweeney; Joe Linton; Lauren Williams; Barbara Hunter; Fred & Eveline Bruenger; Kermit Earle; Richard Yates; Bob Jacoby; Don Webb; leader-Harold Goodro and a probable 4 or 5 more that were never caught up to, and might still be up there!

Jaelene Val Myrup

February 16, 1943 - June 16, 2021



Jaelene Val Myrup, 78, passed away on June 16, 2021, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Born on February 16, 1943, in Salt Lake City to Jerome Lars and Elizabeth K. Brunisholz Myrup, Jaelene was a gifted artist whose watercolors and woodblock prints brightened the lives of family and friends. She graduated from the University of Utah with a degree in German and went on to teach art at Churchill Junior High School for many years. A lover of all things German, her correspondence with distant cousins in Bavaria and Switzerland bound her American family to their Germanic roots. A longtime member of the Wasatch Mountain Club, Jaelene enjoyed hiking and sketching a diverse assortment of canyons that wind in and out of the Salt Lake Valley. She led the artist hike series for many years. Survived by her brothers Edwin J. (Diane) Myrup of Murray, and John L. Myrup of Lewiston, Utah; her nieces and nephews Erik L. (Cheryl) Myrup of Lexington, KY; Gregg D. (Mindi) Myrup of Williamsburg, VA; Kristin M. (Jason) Covili of South Salt Lake; Emily M. (Steven) Morrison of Memphis, TN; Mathew J. Myrup of Salt Lake City; 14 great nieces and nephews; and family friend Jeff Sandstrom.

Hiking & Trail Maintenance Message

Hello WMC Friends,

The WMC is excited to announce a new email address that you can send your trail concerns to! While out hiking and recreating in the Wasatch, if you see items from the list below, please email:

trailreport@wasatchmountainclub.org a short description of what you saw, the trail you were on, and GPS coordinates and photos if possible. These reports will be compiled and forwarded to the appropriate person at the Forest Service who will take action to fix them. Possible items to report:

- Down trees obstructing the trail
- Water spots along trails that don't disappear over time
- Overgrown trails
- Awful slumping (side hill falling off)
- Graffiti
- Illegal homes and structures, trash, and personal items (please do not approach these structures or confront people living in them.)
- Illegal campfires and campsites (Camps and campfire rings are supposed to be 1/2 mile from a road, 200 feet from a trail, and 200 feet from water. We are currently in Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, which means no campfires in a rock campfire ring. At this time fires are only allowed in the metal rings provided by the Forest Service, which are also surrounded by cement - all to reduce the spread of escaped sparks, embers, etc.)

Thank you for your help, and we hope you have many happy and safe adventures this summer!

Hiking & Trail Maintenance

Desolation Trail Work - WMC Helps Out!!

On June 16th, Daisy DeMarco had organized a day hike to Circle Awl, Raymond, and Gobblers. As it turned out, the Utah Conservation Corps / USFS / Trails Utah needed some help to carry water and tools to the Circle Awl Ridge (base camp) to support their trail maintenance/work on the Desolation trail. With only a few days notice, several WMC members agreed to help out and carried the 6 gallon (50 lbs) water jugs and tools to the ridge. A special thanks to WMC members: Daisy DeMarco, Chris Koch, Nolan Adams, Tim Edgar, Mark Gardner, Dan Caviglia, Greg Clark, and Steve Leitch for volunteering. It was a great to see the teamwork between Utah Conservation Corps, (USFS – Meghan), Trails Utah (Sarah Bennett, John Knoblock), and WMC!

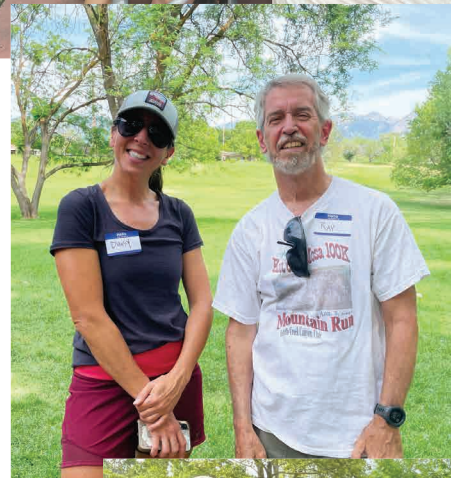


Annual Hiking Meeting - June 22nd

Every year, the hiking program holds a meeting to start the season. Last March, we had a live Zoom hiking meeting and covered the essentials, but there was no social aspect. On June 22, we were able to add that follow-up piece; around 50 hikers gathered at Sugarhouse Park to enjoy a picnic and finally catch up in person. We are super grateful to the people who participated, especially to those generous people who supplemented our sandwich, side salad and beverage offerings by contributing: a fabulous veggie platter, dips, watermelon galore, chips and cookies. We even had enough food for the latecomers--Yay!

Thanks again!

Daisy and Liz



Transportation in the Wasatch Update

by Dennis Goreham, WMC Conservation Director

After three years of study and numerous phases of the Environmental Impact Statement process including stake holder meetings, open houses, public comments and informal input, UDOT has released their Draft EIS and Preferred Alternatives report for Transportation in Little Cottonwood Canyon and Wasatch Boulevard.

UDOT's goal is to reduce traffic in LCC by 30% by 2050. They have determined that an Enhanced Bus Service with a Peak-period Shoulder Lane and a Gondola from a La-Caille base station are their two preferred alternatives. Either alternative is estimated to cost about half a billion dollars.

These two preferred alternatives provide significant benefit to the resorts and limited benefits to dispersed recreation users. In fact, it will be an adverse effect since UDOT does not provide for bus stops in the proposed larger parking lots and will limit roadside parking. No matter which of these alternatives UDOT chooses, they do plan on some trailhead improvements. There will be some benefits like restrooms but also a net loss of parking in the canyon for hikers, climbers, and other dispersed recreation uses.

From the start, this transportation study was flawed because there was no intent for transit to any recreation areas in LCC except the two resorts.

Over the entire EIS process the Wasatch Mountain Club has advocated for the Enhance Bus Alternative with no additional road construction. Although this alternative met all of UDOT's criteria, it lost out to

the two preferred alternatives. Of the two preferred alternatives, the Enhanced Bus Service with a Peak-period Shoulder Lane seems to have the least negative impacts.

There will be additional paved surface area from adding a bus lane, but there are plans to mitigate for water quality issues; while nothing can be done to mitigate for the visual quality degradation caused by the gondola.

The shoulder lanes would be used by bikers and pedestrians from mid-April through late November. The presence of this shoulder lane would not allow roadside parking anywhere in the canyon however.

The best part about the Enhanced Bus Service with a Peak-period Shoulder Lane is that it is scalable. UDOT indicates that with this alternative there is potential for phased implementation. Meaning they could initially start with enhanced buses, with mobility hubs in the valley, and only construct the additional lanes if needed in the future.

There are significant negative issues with the Gondola alternative. UDOT says that "The landscape would appear to be severely altered, and the gondola infrastructure would dominate the visual setting". There will be 20 towers in Little Cottonwood Canyon ranging from 130 to 230 feet tall. Imagine buildings you know of that are 10 to 20 stories tall. Now imagine 20 large metal lattice style towers this height running up Little Cottonwood Canyon. Even more obtrusive when you add in cables,

gondola cars, and lights at night.

And, unlike buses, they have no ability to ever stop at trailheads, or anywhere, else except the two resorts.

There are other elements of this Draft EIS that cause concern that we will address in our comments due by August 9. Below is a link to the documents and a place to provide your comments to UDOT. UDOT will study comments and release their Record of Decision early next year. Feel free to email your thoughts to me also. conservationdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org

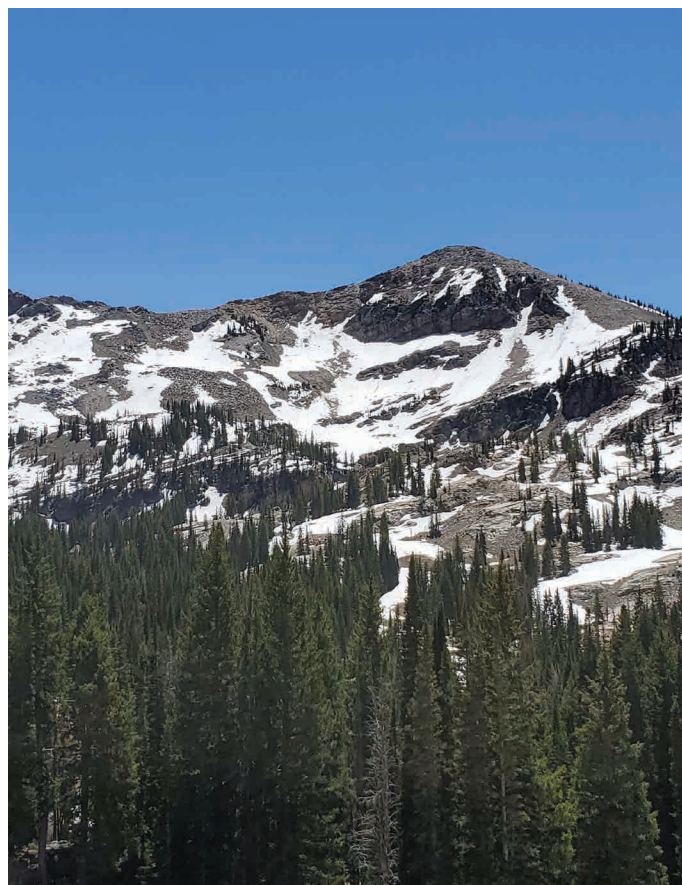
[Draft EIS - Little Cottonwood EIS \(utah.gov\)](#)

Also released in June was the "Pillars for Transportation Solutions in the Wasatch" by the Central Wasatch Commission. This is a very common-sense approach with broad principles consistent with the intent of the Mountain Accord.

It is a more comprehensive approach for transportation in the Wasatch than UDOT's LCC EIS limited process. It recommends year-round transit service to destinations in the canyons including dispersed recreation, a visitor use strategy to control over-use, and several other important principles.

The document is available at the web site below:

[Central Wasatch Commission Issues Pillars for Transportation Solutions in the Central Wasatch Mountains – Central Wasatch Commission \(utah.gov\)](#)



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100 MORE YEARS!

In 1929, when winter access to the top of Big Cottonwood Canyon required a train trip to Park City, followed by a hike over Scott's Pass, and getting there in summer consisted of a several hours drive over a single-track dirt road, construction of the **Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge** began. Early members of the club used the lodge for overnight stays, classes, and social events.

In 1980 the building was added to the
National Register of Historic Places.

In 2010, the club, recognizing the need for major restoration, formed the **Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation**, and gave them the task of preserving this historic building. The building, now known as the **Wasatch Mountain Lodge**, is approaching its

100th Birthday.

The WMCF in consultation with the SHPO and the USFS, is planning restoration work that will preserve the original nature of the building while ensuring its use for generations to come.

We need your help.

The *AHE/CI Trust* has offered the WMCF a **Challenge Match**. All donations given towards **Phase 1** of the restoration of the Wasatch Mountain Lodge from now until December 1, 2021, will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000.

Your donation will be doubled in strength.

Please help us to reach our goal by giving generously to

100 MORE YEARS!

at: wasatchmountainlodge.org

WMC at the Outside Adventure Expo June 24-27th

by Da Yang Wipfel



Wasatch Mountain Club had a great opportunity to be one of the exhibitors at Outside Adventure Expo at Utah State Fair Park! I was very excited and cut my Glacier trip short to come back and prepare the WMC Exhibition booth. I worried there would be no volunteer to help, especially on the heavy work set-up day. Luckily, I got an email from Bret Mathews. He probably didn't know what he signed up for as he worked 4 full days with me from moving tables, setting up posters/tents/coolers, making the best lemonade and making extra trips to load/unload heavy items, etc. The 4 busy, fun days at Expo, Thanks Bret! We introduced our club to over 200



Da Yang at the booth

people, got free conference room usage offer for our club and a lot of happy smiles from the ice cold lemonade on a hot summer day! We had a lot of fun chatting with people and talking about all the club adventures. At the same time, it gave me the chance to know one of our extraordinary club members, Bret Mathews. He has his heart for our club, and has done so many jobs for our club for so many years! And now, he just helped me for 4 very hot summer days. Also, thanks to Christine Pilgram who helped set-up the booth. Thanks to Julie Kilgore and Robert Wipfel for helping us take down the booth and move/pack all the heavy stuff. It was a great WMC team effort to have this successful Expo!



Christine and Bret in the booth



Bret making the lemonade

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Activity Calendar

Akiko Kaminura

WMC members should stay informed on current COVID guidelines. Those who are not feeling well, have shortness of breath, or have a fever should not participate in WMC activities. During a club activity the use of facemasks or carpooling is up to each individual, unless otherwise specified by the organizer. Organizers can opt for a group size they are comfortable with, except for the group size limit of 10 in wilderness areas.

Aug 2 Mon	Very Relaxed Pace Draper Evening Hike - Lupine Trail Loop – ntd- – Loop – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Meet in the parking area on the east side of the intersection where 1300 east ends at Highland Drive <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com The Lupine trail is a wonderful little loop hike. Optional apps and drink at a nearby restaurant following the hike.
Aug 3 Tue – Aug 9 Mon	Bike Touring -- Salt Lake City To West Yellowstone – ext – 350.0 mi – 9000' ascent – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Angela Vincent 801-792-5515 avince182@yahoo.com Self-supported bike tour (no SAG) from Salt Lake City to West Yellowstone. Approximately 350 miles of riding with overnights at campgrounds along the way. Registration required NLT May 24, 2021. Contact organizer for full details.
Aug 3 Tue	Day Hike To B25 Bomber On Mt. Timpanogos – mod- – 10.0 mi Out & Back – 3500' ascent – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Russell* Patterson 801-973-6427 patterson.russell@comcast.net Timpooneke trail. This WWII-era bomber crashed into the peak on a snowy night in 1955. Timp. is the most scenic and popular hike in the Wasatch. We will likely meet at REI in Sandy at about 7 AM.
Aug 3 Tue	Mountain Bike Park City – mod+ – 15.0 mi Loop – 1800' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Park City Mountain Resort <i>Organizer:</i> Craig Williams 801-598-9291 craig@midgley-huber.com The weekly Tuesday night Mountain Bike ride will meet at varying trailheads riding trails per the organizers discretion. We always offer rides for all skill levels, so come on out. If you are ill, or have symptoms consistent with 'The Rona', please do not come out. If you are not vaccinated, please do not come out. An email with the ride description and the meeting place will be sent out to the wmc-bike list on Monday evening. To receive the email, you must be a member and on the wmc-bike list. To get on the wmc-bike list, Log In, go to Member Menu, click on 'email list subscribe/unsubscribe', then click on 'bike'. See You Tuesday ! Let's Roll !!
Aug 4 Wed	Wmc Board Meeting <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at See agenda for Zoom meeting info or WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103 <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 president@wasatchmountainclub.org Monthly Board Meeting. Members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to bring topics to the Board's attention should email the President 7 days prior to the meeting.
Aug 4 Wed	Day Hike: Greens Basin – ntd – 3.0 mi Out & Back – 1100' ascent <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6526 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Cindy Wolfe wolfehiker58@yahoo.com Join Cindy for a friendly day hike. Email to let her know you're coming.

Aug 7	Relaxed Pace Hogum Divide Hike – msd- <i>Meet:</i> 8:00 am at Please register to ensure that we do not exceed wilderness limits
Sat	<i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com It's time to go play in the boulders! Hogum Divide is the rocky ridge line that soars behind Maybird Lakes. It's nothing but really big boulders once we leave the lakes, and a steep ascent to gain the ridge. This could be an out and back or a ridge line lollipop, depending on the make up of the group and how the new body parts are doing.
Aug 9	Mountaineering - Mt Adams In Wa – msd – 12.0 mi – 6700' ascent <i>Meet:</i> Registration required
Mon	<i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu Mount Adams (12,276 ft) is the second highest mountain in Washington State. The knowledge of and experience in using crampons and ice axe is required. This is not technical mountaineering - no mountaineering gear beyond crampons and ice axe required. We plan to do the hike/mountaineering as a day hike. The estimated hike/mountaineering time would be 10-13 hours, depending on conditions and pace. We may organize a crampons and ice axe practice (not a class) in spring if there is a need. Please email to register and please give a brief description of relevant mountaineering skills and experience. WMC members only. Note: The organizer and some others will be there earlier to make Mt Rainier (the highest mountain in Washington State) located near Mt Adams (with a guide). Others may come only for Mt Adams.
Aug 9	Very Relaxed Pace Draper Evening Hike - New Upper Telegraph Trail – ntd- – Out & Back – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Meet at the Telegraph Trail trailhead at the end of Deer Ridge Drive
Mon	<i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com We found this new trail by accident a few weeks ago. It's not finished yet, and we're not sure where it's going to tie into the regular telegraph Trail, but it's a nice flat route that is wonderfully shaded most of the way. Optional apps and drink at a nearby restaurant following the hike.
Aug 10	Mountain Bike Park City – mod+ – 15.0 mi Loop – 1800' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Park City Mountain Resort
Tue	<i>Organizer:</i> Craig Williams 801-598-9291 craig@midgley-huber.com The weekly Tuesday night Mountain Bike ride will meet at varying trailheads riding trails per the organizers discretion. We offer a ride for all skill levels, so come on out. If you don't feel well or have any symptom of 'The Rona', please do not come out. If you are not vaccinated, please do not come out. An email with the ride description and meeting location will be sent out on Monday evening via the wmc-bike list. To get on the wmc-bike list, you must be a member. Log in, go to Member Menu, click on 'email list subscribe/unsubscribe, then click on 'bike'. See you Tuesday. Let's Roll !!
Aug 12	Cedar Breaks National Monument Car Camp – mod <i>Meet:</i> Registration required
Thu	<i>Organizer:</i> Aaron* Jones 801-467-3532 ajonesmvp@msn.com
–	Get ready for a double barreled adventure. During the days we will do hikes in the National Monument and the surrounding Dixie National Forest. At night we will be treated to the Perseids meteor shower. This should be especially good since this year there will be no moon to steal the show. Limit 10
Aug 15	
Sun	
Aug 13	White Water Rafting, Snake River Through Alpine – class III+ – 20.0 mi <i>Meet:</i> Registration required
Fri	<i>Organizer:</i> Kelly Beumer 801-230-7967 kellybeumer@gmail.com
–	This trip is currently full, but you are welcome to join the wait list. This is a fun late season trip!
Aug 15	We will stay at the East Table Campground Friday Night, Aug 13, through Sunday Aug 15. This run is about 2 hours, so can be done a couple times a day. Its great for paddle boats or oar rigs and for intermediate IKs. We will plan on arriving early Friday to secure campsites, and running the river Friday afternoon and Saturday. Participation is limited to 15 due to snake river rules, and will be self support. This trip is open to children.
Sun	

Aug 15	Day Hike - East Lofty Peak & Lakes In The Uintas – mod+ – 6.0 mi – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
Sun	We plan to bag East Lofty Peak (10,975 ft), weather, conditions and situation permitting. We will also hike to nearby lakes. Distance and elevation gain will depend on how many lakes we want to stop by. But it won't be a long hike. Not steep. There is a trail all the way. But the trail for the last part to East Lofty Peak may not be clear. Exploratory. Please bring 10 Es. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Aug 13, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.
Aug 15	Red White, Red White Day Hike – msd – Loop – 4200' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Brad* Yates 801-592-5814 bnyslc@earthlink.net
Sun	Red Pine to White Baldy, Red Baldy out White Pine. Extensive class 3 scrambling moderate exposure. Great loop hike but you need strong stamina and the ability to scramble for multiple hours.
Aug 16	Very Relaxed Pace Draper Evening Hike - Ghost Falls From Peak View – ntd- – Loop – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Meet in the parking area on the east side of the intersection where 1300 east ends at Highland Drive, or meet the group at the Peak View Trailhead at the end of South Canyon Pointe Road. <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com
Mon	This hike will start at the higher trailhead and work our way down towards Ghost Falls. Optional apps and drink at a nearby restaurant following the hike.
Aug 17	Mountain Bike Park City – mod+ – 15.0 mi Loop – 1800' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Park City Mountain Resort <i>Organizer:</i> Craig Williams 801-598-9291 craig@midgley-huber.com
Tue	The weekly Tuesday night Mountain Bike ride will meet at varying trailheads riding trails per the organizers' discretion. We offer rides for all skill levels, so come on out. If you feel ill, or have any symptoms of the 'Rona', please do not come out. If you are not vaccinated, please do not come out. An email with the ride description and meeting place will be sent out via 'wmc-bike' on Monday evening. To get on the 'wmc-bike' email list, you must be a Member. Go to Member Menu, click on 'email list subscribe/unsubscribe', then click on 'bike'. See you Tuesday ! Let's Roll !!
Aug 19	Grand Teton National Park Car Camp – ntd+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> John* Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com
Thu	Group site at the Colter Bay Campground on Jackson Lake. Maximum is 20 people but only 5 vehicles so tent camping and carpooling will be needed. We will organize two or more NTD to MOD+ hikes each day depending on participant interests. Group pot luck dinners Friday and Saturday nights. Required \$50 per person deposit to register.
Aug 22	Day Hike - Dromedary East Peak (& Maybe Blanch Peak) Via Lake Blanch – msd- – 10.0 mi – 4800' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
Sat	We plan to bag Dromedary East Peak (10,910 ft), weather, conditions and situation permitting. Dromedary East Peak is a small bump between Blanch Peak and Dromedary Peak but is on the list of the Wasatch 10k peaks. Depending on the route we will take, we may also bag Blanch Peak (11,033 ft) and/or Peak 10910. Class 2-3 scrambles. Exploratory. Please bring 10 Es. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Aug 20, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.
Aug 22	Day Hike - Miller Hill Via American Fork – mod+ – 7.0 mi – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
Sun	We plan to hike to Miller Hill (10,264 ft) via American Fork, conditions and situation permitting. Miller Hill is one of the Wasatch 10k peaks. There is a trail all the way. Exploratory. Please bring 10 Es. Expect an early start and a long day. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on August 13 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 10. COVID-19 protocols will apply.

Aug 22	Hike Mount Raymond Via Bowman Fork – msd- – Out & Back – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 8:15 am at Skyline High School - 3251 E Upland Dr (3760 S) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com It's a longer approached to Mt. Raymond from the Millcreek side, but the views and the flowers should be amazing! We'll take a relaxed pace and enjoy the day.
Aug 22	Day Hike- Uintas (mod) – mod – 8.0 mi Shuttle – 2100' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 7:30 am at Skyline High School - 3251 E Upland Dr (3760 S) <i>Organizer:</i> Chris Venizelos 801-554-3697 cvenize@xmission.com Join Chris Venizelos and Tom Mitko (801-386-3474) as we do 8 mi on the Weber River Pack Trail. Part of the group will start at Holiday Park, up Weber Canyon. The other group will start at Pass Lake, by the Mirror Lake Highway. We will exchange car keys along the way. After the hike we will eat at Oakley. Plan on being back in Salt Lake about 5:30pm. We can also meet hikers in Park City or Kamas.
Aug 23	Very Relaxed Pace Draper Evening Hike - Hoof N Boot – ntd- – Out & Back – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Meet in the parking area on the east side of the intersection where 1300 east ends at Highland Drive <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Depending on the heat, we'll start from Coyote Hollow and go up, or start and Peak View and go down. Optional apps and drink at a nearby restaurant following the hike.
Aug 24	Mountain Bike Park City – mod+ – 15.0 mi Loop – 1800' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Park City Mountain Resort <i>Organizer:</i> Craig Williams 801-598-9291 craig@midgley-huber.com The Tuesday night Mountain Bike ride will meet at varying trailheads riding trails per the organizers' discretion. We offer rides for every skill level, so come on out. If you don't feel well or have symptoms of 'the Rona', please do not come out. If you have not been vaccinated, please do not come out. An email with the ride description and meeting place will be sent out Monday evening via 'wmc-bike'. To get that email, you must be a Member. Go to Member Menu, click on 'email list subscribe/unsubscribe' then click on 'bike'. See you Tuesday! Let's Roll !!
Aug 28	Newcomer/oldtimer Party And Fall Membership Meeting At The Lodge <i>Meet:</i> 3:00 pm at WMCF Lodge - 8465 S Mary Lake Lane, Brighton, UT <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Enjoy a morning activity, then join fellow club members at the lodge for our annual Newcomer/Older party and fall membership meeting. Watch next month's Rambler for more details!
Aug 28	Day Hike - Spread Eagle Peak Via Naturalist Basin In The Uintas – msd- – 19.0 mi – 2765' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to bag Spread Eagle Peak (12,540 ft) via Naturalist Basin in the Uintas, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Those who prefer a shorter hike may turn around at Jordan Lake (6.5 miles, 765 ft gain). From Jordan Lake to the peak, the distance is 2.8 miles with 2000 ft elevation gain. I have hiked to Shaler Peak (above Jordan Lake) but not to the peak. There is a trail to Shaler Lake. Then, there is a game trail until the very last part to the peak. The last part will involve class 2+ scrambles. Exploratory. Please bring 10 Es. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Aug 27, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.
Aug 28	Pre Lodge Party Brighton Ridge Hike – mod+ – Loop – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Butler Elementary - 7080 S 2700 E, Cottonwood Heights, UT <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Let's bag a few peaks before the Lodge party/membership meeting. Will start out by the lodge, head over to twin Lakes, go up the boulders and cables of fantasy Ridge, down to the pass, then up and over Patsy Marley to wolverine. There we will check the time and decide whether to come back by way of Tuscarora/Catherine's pass and the lakes, or head over to Millicent and down the boulders back to Twin Lakes pass.

Aug 30	Very Relaxed Pace Draper Evening Hike - Traverse Ridge – ntd- – Out & Back – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Meet at the Telegraph Trail trailhead at the end of Deer Ridge Drive <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com The group will meander up and down the various humps and bumps of Traverse Ridge, making our way out and back from the big Triangle. Optional apps and drink at a nearby restaurant following the hike.
Aug 31	Mountain Bike Park City – mod+ – 15.0 mi Loop – 1800' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Park City Mountain Resort <i>Organizer:</i> Craig Williams 801-598-9291 craig@midgley-huber.com The weekly Tuesday night Mountain Bike ride will meet at varying trailheads riding trails per the organizers' discretion. We offer rides for all skill levels, so come on out. If you are ill or have symptoms of 'The Rona', please do not come out. If you are not vaccinated, please do not come out. An email with the ride details and the meeting place will go out on 'wmc-bike' on Monday evening. To get on the 'wmc-bike' list, you must be a WMC member. Go to Member Menu, click on 'email list subscribe/ unsubscribe' then click on 'bike'. See you Tuesday ! Let's Roll !!
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Sep 11	Hiking Trail Maintenance To Be Determined – ntd – 2.0 mi Out & Back – 500' ascent – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at TBD <i>Organizer:</i> Kyle Williams 435-258-8297 1959.kyle@gmail.com Save the date! We will work with the Cottonwood canyons foundation to build or repair trails in the wasatch
Sep 14	Social - Virtual Book Club <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at ZOOM <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu Sierra Club Huron Valley Group Book Club in Michigan, which focuses on environmental issues, welcomes participants from Utah. Participants do not need to be members of Sierra Club. The format will be hybrid most likely - some participants will meet in-person in Ann Arbor, Mi while others will be on ZOOM. The September book is Land: How the Hunger for Ownership Shaped the Modern World by Simon Winchester. The meeting will be on September 14 Tuesday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm MST. If you would like to participate, please contact Akiko for the ZOOM access information.
Sep 18	Storm Mountain Potluck <i>Meet:</i> 2:00 pm at We will meet at Storm Mountain group site G1. Paid parking is available inside the gates, but you can park for free along the main road and nearby parking areas. <i>Organizer:</i> Tonya Karren 801-493-9199 tonya.karren@gmail.com Reserve the date for our Storm Mountain Potluck social. There will be multiple activities happening in Big Cottonwood Canyon before the social in the day camp group area. More details to follow.
Sep 18	Hike - Ibapah Peak – msd – 12.0 mi – 5200' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to bag Ibapah Peak (12,087 ft) in the Deep Creek Mountain Range, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Ibapah Peak is the highest peak in Juab County and is on the list of the 5000 ft Prominence County High Points. Easy class 3 scrambles. It's a long hike. It takes approximately 4 hours to drive to the TH from SLC. Participants will 1) camp out at the TH, 2) do a day trip, or 3) stay overnight in Wendover. Exploratory. Please bring 10 Es. Please email before Thursday, 3 pm, Sep 16, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.
Sep 19	Flat Water-green River Through The Uinta Basin (grub) – flat water – 103.0 mi – 100' ascent <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Bob Cady 801-274-0250 rcady@xmission.com
Sep 28	I did this last year and liked it so much I decided to do it again. Put in at Split Mountain, take out at Sand Wash. Self supported, but I have reserved a campsite for the first night and know of a good shuttle company. Pretty scenery, abundant wildlife, and plenty of sandbars to camp on at low water.
Tue	Not a wilderness trip; cell phone coverage for most of the time and machinery often audible in the distance.

Sep 19 Sun	Hike - Volcano Peak In Wendover – mod+ – 2.0 mi – 1000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to bag Volcano Peak (6011 ft) in Wendover, weather, conditions and situation permitting. This is a short hike but looks very interesting. Class 2-3 scrambles. Exploratory. Please bring 10 Es. Please email before Thursday, 3 pm, Sep 16, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.
Sep 24 Fri – Sep 30 Thu	Yellowstone Backpack – mod- – 40.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Michael* Budig 801-403-7677 mlbudig@gmail.com – This will be a 5-6 day backpack, probably around 40 miles- with destination and itinerary to be defined later and subject to change depending on weather. Please email or text for more information or to sign up. No phone calls, please.
Sep 25 Sat – Sep 26 Sun	Protect Wilderness Areas In The San Rafael Swell <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Will McCarvill 801-694-6958 will@commercialchemistries.com – We will remediate vehicle intrusions into a TBD wilderness area in the San Rafael Swell. I'm not sure which one we will work on yet. The work day with BLM personnel will be Saturday followed by a fun day on Sunday. Expect driving down Friday to a dry camp site and bring your own food and water. Sun Work gloves, boots and sun protection are important. The work involves driving wilderness signs and installing post and cable barriers. Typically evenings are cool in late September with warm sunny days.
Oct 7 Thu – Oct 10 Sun	2021 Moab Canyoneering Rendezvous <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at https://www.meetup.com/Wasatch-Mountain-Club/events/277515669/?isFirstPublish=true <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com Follow this link: https://www.meetup.com/Wasatch-Mountain-Club/events/277515669/?isFirstPublish=true
Oct 8 Fri – Oct 11 Mon	Ruby Horsethief Kayaking/canoe Trip – class II – 25.0 mi <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Gretchen Siegler 801-661-5635 gsiegler@westminstercollege.edu – Class II, 25 mile self supported trip on mellow moving water (one rapid) in pretty canyons. Camp Friday night with shuttle/put-in early Saturday morning. Float and camp with short hikes for two more nights, taking out mid-Monday morning with time to return to Salt Lake. Contact will be made to those who register near end of July. Numbers limited based on camping spots. Trip cancelled due to rain or wind.
Oct 12 Tue	Social - Virtual Book Club <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at ZOOM <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu Sierra Club Huron Valley Group Book Club in Michigan, which focuses on environmental issues, welcomes participants from Utah. Participants do not need to be members of Sierra Club. The format will be hybrid most likely - some participants will meet in-person in Ann Arbor, Mi while others will be on ZOOM. The October book is The secret wisdom of nature: Trees, animals and the extraordinary balance of all living things by Peter Wohlleben. The meeting will be on October 12 Tuesday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm MST. If you would like to participate, please contact Akiko for the ZOOM access information.

Oct 16 Bruneau Dunes Alpine Ski Tour And Car Camp. Bruneau Dunes State Park Idaho. – mod – 10000' ascent – Moderate pace
Sat *Meet:* 8:00 am at Bruneau Dunes State Park
– *Organizer:* Brad* Yates 801-592-5814 bnyslc@earthlink.net
Oct 17 After a 14 year hiatus what was once an annual tradition in the nineties and early 2000's makes it return. Believe it or not the skiing can be quit good with slopes over 400 vertical feet and sustained low 30 degree angle with no avalanches hazard! Drive up Friday evening, ski all day Saturday half day Sunday. Saturday evening potluck and a star gazing at the observatory. The outing is loosely organized, ski at your own pace and for as long as you like.

Boating Co-Directors Message

Happy Summer, Boaters!

I hope you are getting out and getting as wet as you like. There are still several multi-day trips on the calendar, if you are still wanting to get out.

Also, we would love to see a few more short ones organized! Paddles on the reservoir, weber river runs (either early or late in the day—to miss all the tubers and their beers) maybe a

trip to the Payettes in Idaho, or a second trip to alpine canyon (the current trip listed has a healthy waiting list) or the Green river below Flaming Gorge dam. All these trips are fun, easy and available for some time yet.

We have had a couple changes in the boating organizational group. We have had to say thank you and goodbye to Tanner Morrill, as he heads east to Tennessee to explore new country. Thank you, Tanner, for your hard work on our behalf and good luck in future endeavors!

Dianne Budig has agreed to step up and serve as co-director. Be sure to welcome her when you see her! Thanks, Dianne!

Happy Boating,
Your co-Directors, Kelly and Dianne



Blood Drive - A Big Thank You!!

submitted by Tony Hellman, WMC Blood Drive Coordinator

American Red Cross Blood Drive Results: Sending a BIG Fabulous Thank YOU!!"
Just sharing your results from June 28, 2021:

You had 8 "First Timers", we always hope they will become "Lifetime" donors!

36 People signed up, 32 people signed in(Some had to leave due to a glitch in the beginning) 29 units were donated x 3 (whole blood, platelets & plasma come from each pint shared) =

87 Patients can be impacted anytime 4 days after your blood drive!

Just a few notes from the past :

You have empowered "64" First Time Donors!!

You have given 229 donations, with the potential to have impacted 687 Patients since 2020! Thank You To Everyone! Best Gift Ever Keep Up The Great Work & Stay Safe This Summer!!

See You All Aug. 23!!

*Sheri Van Bibber / Account Manager
American Red Cross*

On August 23rd & 25th from 1-7 pm, please consider signing up and supporting the WMC Blood Drive Efforts. The Red Cross is depending on groups to help fill the void of fewer companies sponsoring blood drive at work due to COVID. Bring a friend!

On the light side of blood:

Two blood cells met and fell in love...But alas, it was all in vein.

What does the happy blood type say to the sad blood type? B positive

To schedule your appointment or for more information, please log on to www.redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor code: "WMC 2021"

Contact - Tony: Utahhomes4us@gmail.com for more info.

If you have any questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood, please call:
1-866-236-3276

Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC)

Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgment of Risk, and Release from Liability

Activity: _____ Organizer: _____ Date: _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

****ATTENTION** IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER OF THE WMC, PLEASE NOTIFY THE TRIP ORGANIZER!**

Member of WMC? (Y/N)	Signature	Print Name Legible	Phone	Check Out
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Traverse Ridge / Telegraph Trail Hike, June 14th

Organized Julie Kilgore

Report & Photos by Steve Leitch

The car thermometer read 103°F; so the group decided for a shadier hike and headed down the Telegraph trail for a nice evening stroll. We had some great views of the valley below and Utah Lake. Julie pointed out a Sego Lily (state flower) and explained that it was a food source back in the pioneer days. We enjoyed great conversation and took a few breaks to cool down a bit. While quite warm, it was a very nice hike to start off the week.

Hikers: Julie Kilgore, Julie Porter, Magdalena Vogel, Linda Vogel, Lydia Vogel, Alfred & Merilynn Kessi, John Gorton, Brenda & Steve Leitch



Mt Aire Hike, May 31st

Organized by Dave Andrenyak

Article / Photo by Dave Andrenyak

During mid-summer, the Mount Aire hike usually starts at the Elbow Fork trailhead in Millcreek Canyon. Since the Millcreek Canyon road was closed above the Maple Cove gate, we started the hike at the Burch Hollow trailhead. We hiked east on the Pipeline trail to the Elbow Fork trailhead. We then traveled on the established and steep at places Mount Aire trail to the saddle and summit. The weather was clear with comfortable temperatures. The aspen trees were growing new leaves and the tall fir trees in the Elbow Fork area were impressive. Many wildflowers were in bloom. The most impressive displays were the arrow leaf balsamroots, larkspurs, penstemons that were growing on the open slopes from the saddle to the summit. The balls head waterleaf flowers along the Pipeline trail were also beautiful. The views of the Millcreek Canyon were wonderful with the north faces of Mount Raymond and Gobblers Knob still having some snow cover. It was a meaningful place for reflection on Memorial Day. The hike participants were, Dianne Budig, Mike Budig, Liz Copeland, Paul Kikuchi, Casey Leavitt, Connie Mondrow, Laurie Sprenger, and Dave Andrenyak. Thank you participants for contributing goodwill to the experience.



At the Mount Aire summit (L to R): Mike, Liz, Casey, Laurie, Paul, and Dianne



Organized by Russell Anderson
Report/Photos By Beth Blattenberger & Ron Bauer

Our party of 10 spent 4 days exploring the remote and scenic, Dark Canyon Wilderness in southern Utah. Russell, Dawn, Ron, Leli, Thomas, Lonnie, Shawn & Beth met and camped on Thursday evening at Hite Campground near the upper end of Lake Powell. Julia and Tony joined the group early the next morning. Our group then drove 14 miles down a dirt road to the Sundance Trailhead after a highway pull-out stop to take photos at the White Canyon scenic overlook.

At the trailhead we found two young women who had just returned to their car to discover a flat tire. Some of us stayed to help, while others started down the trail mid-morning. The trail begins by following a rough 4WD road along the canyon rim, then branches off with little initial elevation loss. The group reunited at a rest stop before arriving at a breath-taking view and equally breath-taking drop off into Dark Canyon. From here the cairned route/trail plunges 1,300 vertical feet down many, steep, boulder-strewn, hard-to-follow switch-backs. The hot day took its toll on the group. Upon arrival at the small stream that flows down Dark Canyon, we took a long rest, waiting for a bit of shade and cooler temperatures before continuing two miles upstream to make a camp for two nights. Our first camp was on both sides of the

stream. We fell asleep to the sounds of frogs and crickets with stars overhead. We saw just one oth-



er party camped in the canyon that night, and met no other campers in the next days.

On Saturday eight of us day hiked five miles upstream past the intersection of Young's canyon. Be it rock benches, sandy trails, or the water-worn rock of the stream bed, there were multiple ways to hike up the creek, and the route finding was interesting. Young's waterfall and rock art were underwhelming, but we found deep pools along the way to soak or jump in and cool off. The pool jumps were a source of much fun. We returned to camp, had a great dinner, and played cribbage before turning in for the night.

On Sunday we moved camp back to the point

Group Photo



where we had first reached the stream. Shawn and Beth then day hiked 3 ½ miles to the confluence with the Colorado River and back. Near the confluence they encountered two substantial beaver dams, silt beds left by the once-higher Lake Powell, tamarisk, cheat grass "mead-

ows", and quite a few other invasives. Sometimes the water disappeared under the silt and sand of the streambed. Some rafters were hiking upstream to a pool. Others from our group hiked varying distances downstream and swam in deep pools in the gorge. Group members agreed that we would spend more time in pools and less time hiking if visiting this area in the future. A short afternoon thunderstorm finished out the day as we hiked back to camp.

Monday morning some of us started hiking as early as 4 am to avoid the heat, while others slept in until 5:30. We were all back to the cars before 10 am and grateful for some morning clouds that gave us protection from the sun. Our final gathering point was at the popular Stan's Burger Shack in Hanksville for burgers and shakes. All in all, it was a great trip with good camaraderie and adventure.



Beth & Leli at the pool



Thomas in the canyon

Pitt & Page Hill Hike, June 12th

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

Pitt & Page Hill (10,206 ft) is located north of Spring Canyon in the Uintas. The name of the peak is from Orson Page and Sett Pitt who logged out the area before 1915. We started from the Duchesne Tunnel Western Portal parking lot. We Took FR041 and then FR920. The first part of FR041 is drivable by any passenger cars. Near the junction of FR041 and FR920, there was a beautiful meadow – Lambert Meadow. FR920 goes to very close to the peak. But the last 20 yards were off-trail. It was a little difficult to figure out the high point because the peak has flattop. There are trees around the peak. The peak offers wonderful views of the east side of the mountain. We checked the names of the peaks that we saw. Lambert Meadow looked even nicer from the peak. From the peak, we took FR170 and made a loop.

There are creeks near the trail (FR) where Ray (Jana's dog) enjoyed swimming. It was a hot day in the valley with excessive heat warning. But it was not very hot during the hike. This hike took 6 hours and 25 minutes in total (distance – 13.7 miles, elevation gain – 2414 ft.).

Cigi and Jana (w/ Ray the dog) taking a selfie near the peak



Lambert Meadow, Haystack Mtn in the background

Hiking Trail Maintenance , June 26th



Trail work team (L to R): Izzy (Forest Service), Matt H. (Forest Service), Matt M. (Forest Service), James M. (Forest Service, seated), Will McCarvill, Kyle Williams, Thomas G. (Forest Service)

Organized by Kyle Williams

Article and Photos by Dave Andrenyak

The Forest Service is constructing a reroute of the Mill D North trail between the Y junction and Dog Lake. Instead of travel up the steep and erosion prone gully, the reroute traverses the slope west of the gully at a more sustainable grade. On Saturday June 26, 2021, Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) volunteers helped the Forest Service trail crew with the construction of two bridges on the reroute. These bridges will allow passage over an intermittent streambed. Our task was to collect rocks (angular shape with a size between a softball and a football) for filling gabion baskets. These baskets are sturdy cages made with thick galvanized steel mesh. When filled with rocks, the gabion baskets will provide foundational support for the trail bridges. Unfortunately, there was not an abundant supply of rocks near the bridge sites. About 0.75 miles down the Mill D North trail, there was a plentiful supply of rocks. For our task, two WMC volunteers and two Forest Service crew collected rocks and loaded the rocks into a small trailer hitched to an ATV. A Forest Service crew person drove the ATV/trailer up the Mill D North trail to the junction with the reroute section. There, three WMC volunteers and three Forest Service crew unloaded the rocks from the trailer and transported the rocks to the bridge sites. This process was completed about 4 times. The crew at the bridge site also collected rocks that were nearby. The task was an example of how teamwork involving two different organizations can complete tiresome work that is critical for the reroute of a popular trail. In addition, we got in a good day of hiking that featured beautiful wildflowers. The WMC participants were Kyle Williams, Will McCarvill, Chris Koch, Scott Flagg, and Dave Andrenyak. Forest service trail crew people working the activity were Matt Hales (foreperson), James Martinez, Thomas G., Matt M., and Izzy. Thanks to the Forest Service for rerouting the Dog Lake trail section and for coordinating the volunteer project. Thank you WMC participants for your hard work.



Lake Blanche/Sundial Backpack, June 18-19th



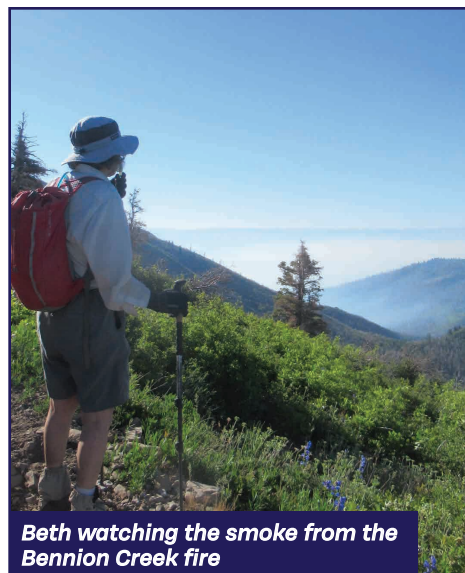
Organizer: Russell Patterson
Participants: Brandon Jenkins,
Jacob Barker, and Russell
Patterson

The trailhead to Lake Blanche is just before the S Curve in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Lake Blanche and Sundial are the lake and peak shown on the Wasatch Club patch. We started our hike about 5:30 PM, hiked 3 miles to Lake Blanche, and continued on to Lake Florence and Lillian where we camped. We saw cascades of water flowing from these lakes and saw the sunset. The rock around the lakes is polished smooth by glaciers and has parallel grooves, gouged out by rocks in the ice.

Loafer Mtn. & Santaquin Peak Hike, June 13th

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

Our original destination was the high point of Mahogany Ridge via Loafer Mt. However, we ended up doing Loafer Mt and Santaquin Peak. We started from Loafer Mt TH on Nebo Loop Rd. As we expected, Mud Hollow trail, which goes directly to Mahogany Ridge, was closed probably due to mud slides. We took Loafer Mt Trail to get to Loafer Mt. It was nicely shaded early in the morning. We saw smoke from the Bennion Creek wildfire on the way. Before we left Loafer Mt. Trail to go up on the southwest ridge of Loafer Mt, Jim was wondering if we should take the trail going east to make Mahogany Ridge. We should have taken the trail. But we thought we would be able to get to Mahogany Ridge from Loafer Mt and so we hiked up to the summit of Loafer Mt. It was the first time to be on the summit for Beth and Peter. It was very windy but not cold. It was actually a nice breeze on the hot day. After a long break at Loafer Mt, we were going to find the way to get to Mahogany Ridge. But it looked very sketchy. So we decided to go to Santaquin Peak instead. Beth and Peter had never been to Santaquin Peak anyway. The US flag which was at the summit of Santaquin Peak before had gone. There was only a flagpole. On the way down from Santaquin Peak, we saw several mountain goats. Trees were burned from wildfires. But vegetation looked back on the ground. There were some snow patches on the trail below Loafer Mt. We went off trail (short-cut) to go back to the TH. We saw a couple of elk. This hike took 7 hours and 15 minutes in total including breaks (distance – 10.2 miles, elevation gain – 4576 ft).

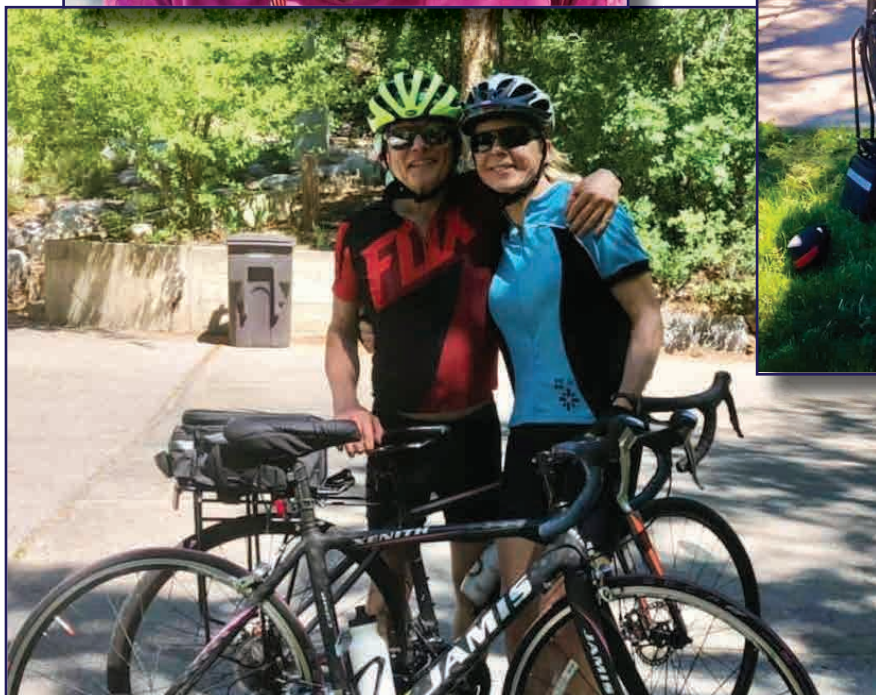
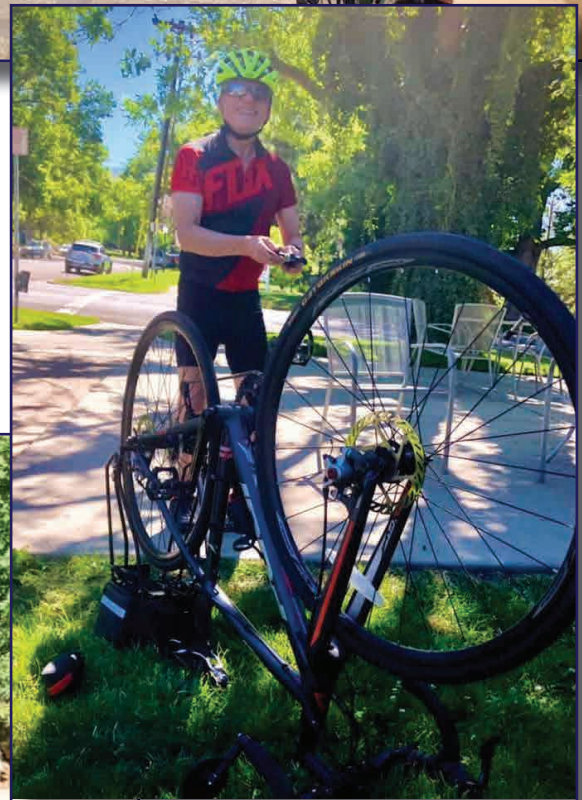


**Beth watching the smoke from the
Bennion Creek fire**

City Creek and Avenues Loop Bike Ride, June 29th

Organized by Steve Duncan
Report/Photos by Angie Vincent

Steve's nice 15 mile loop up City Creek and around The Avenues. The heat was brutal but thoughts of lunch at Cafe' on 1st kept us going. And, best part, Steve Duncan got the flat. I'm usually the flat queen. Thanks to Steve Duncan for organizing along with Paula McFarland, Teri Jenkins, and Angie Vincent.



Lake Blanche & Beyond Hike, July 5th

Organizer: Julie Kilgore

Participants: Deb Frank, Mary Settle, Kate Little, Russ Patterson, Carol Masheter, Bob Stuercke, Julie Kilgore, Ed Hemphill, Yi Qu

Trip Report: Deb Frank / Photos: Yi Qu

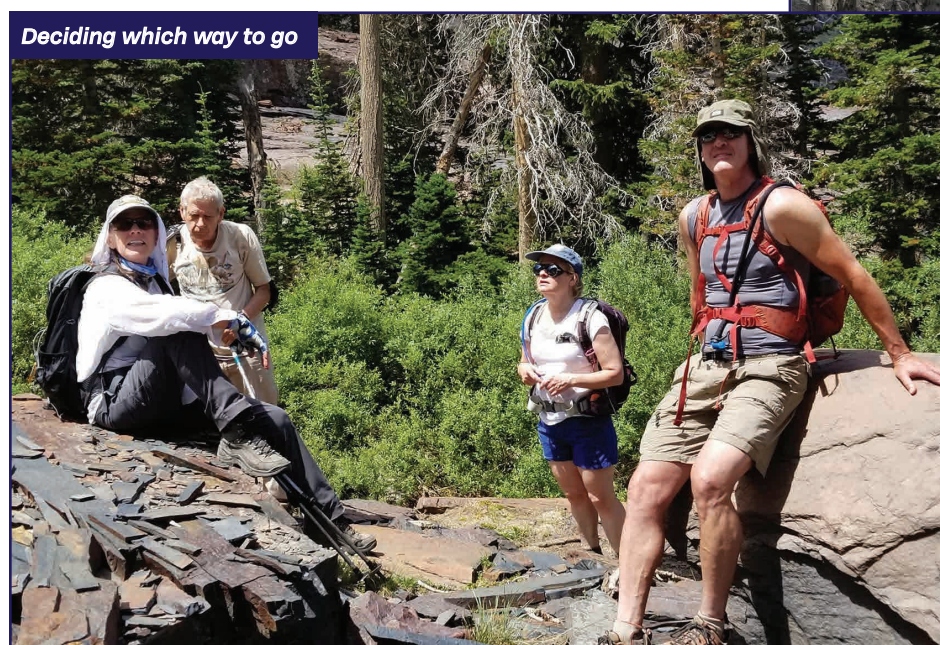
Nine of us spent our sunny (hot!) Monday holiday hiking up to Lake Blanche. We began our day with the happy surprise that we were able to park reasonably close to the S-curve—despite not starting at the crack of dawn.

We kept to a leisurely pace spending about two hours hiking up to the lake. As we were approaching Blanche, we were greeted by a ranger who had just ordered someone with a watercraft off the lake. That's a new one! We found a shady spot with flat rock seating near the lake where we enjoyed our lunch. After lunch, three hikers started back down, while six of us continued into the bowls above Blanche. Here, where the crowds didn't stray, we made our way across the meadows, through a small boulder field, and up the glacial-scarred slabs, selecting the most pleasant routes as we wandered through valleys between Sundial and the Cottonwood ridge.

We found a lovely place to stop on flat rocks, with a breeze, facing a meadow and Blanche Peak in one direction, Dromedary and Twin Peaks in another. It was so comfortable as we sat and chatted, we could have lingered a lot longer! Thanks to Julie's usual excellence in route-finding we found our way back to Lake Blanche and began our descent. On the way back we encountered one of those rubber boa snakes on the trail, and were warned about a rattlesnake—which we didn't see. It was a fun, relaxing day spent with great company.



In the slabs above Lake Blanche



Deciding which way to go



Yi and others enjoying the hike

Clayton Peak Hike, July 4th

Organized by Dave Andrenyak
Article and Photos by Dave Andrenyak

On Independence Day, it is important to celebrate freedom and the positive values of the U.S.A. The preservation of beautiful areas of nature is an important value of the United States. In that spirit, our Wasatch Mountain Club group had a great hike to the Clayton Peak summit on Sunday July 4, 2021. Clayton Peak is the most eastern mountain-top on the Brighton ridge line. For the hike up, we traveled on the maintained summer hiking trails to Snake Creek Pass. After a short segment on a service road, we trekked up the established steep route to the summit. For the descent, we hiked down the same route to the road and then hiked on ski trails and service roads to the Brighton base. Throughout the hike, there were great views of the Wasatch Range. The most notable wildflower blooms were of lupine, columbines, penstemons, wavy paintbrush, and single headed sunflowers. The hike participants were Kathleen Barney, Steve Duncan, Lin Feng, Paul Kikuchi, Julie Kilgore, Kate Little, Holly Pearson, Terri Ruesch, Sharon Vinick, Joel Winter, and Dave Andrenyak. Thank you participants for the excellent company during the hike.



Julie and Paul on the route to the summit



Group at Brighton Lakes/Clayton Peak trail junction (L to R): Paul Kikuchi, Joel Winter, Lin Feng, Julie Kilgore, Sharon Vinick, Kathy Barney, Terri Reusch, Steve Duncan, Kate Little (front), and Holly Pearson

Salt River and Wyoming Ranges Car Camp / Hike, July 3-6th

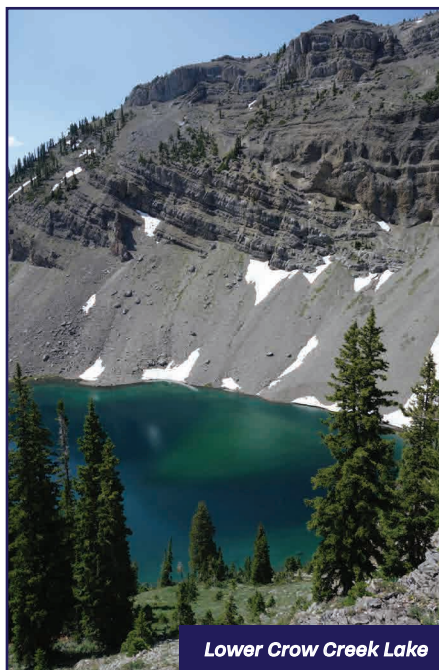
Organized by Donn Seeley
Report & Photos by Donn Seeley

I picked southwest Wyoming as a destination for the 4th because it's one of the few areas in the West that isn't at "extreme" or "exceptional" drought levels. I figured that we could avoid some fire risk and see some decent flowers.

It hadn't quite clicked on me when I posted the trip that getting to the trailheads involved driving some 41 miles on dirt. Happily, everyone was driving higher-clearance vehicles, and the road condition was reasonable, with some potholes and a few ruts and rocks. Michelle and I stopped at the sign for the "Triple Divide", at the headwaters of the Greys River (Snake River tributary) and LaBarge Creek (Green River tributary) and just a mile or so from the Smiths Fork River (Bear River tributary). The Greys River canyon is a very pretty drive, and we found a great campsite next to the river, within a mile of the Mount Fitzpatrick trailhead. As a bonus, everyone arrived before dark on Friday.

My goal on Saturday was to summit Mount Fitzpatrick, the high point of the Salt River Range. It's a long hike, so we got started at 7:30 AM. We ascended the north fork of Crow Creek through lovely meadows of flowers and cool patches of forest. The gently undulating trail lasted 4 miles to the foot of a massive banded cliff and a hanging valley. After that point, the real work started. The trail climbed steeply to find a gap in the cliff

bands on the north side of the valley, then contoured to reach the first of the two Crow Creek Lakes. We took a break and enjoyed the deep blue lake and the big crags that loom over it. Then we zigged to the north again and found a use trail that led up to the second lake and finally into the upper cirque.



Lower Crow Creek Lake



Paula at the upper Crow Creek Lake

We had lunch and debated whether we should tackle the steep 1300 feet of talus to the summit. It was already after noon, and the clouds were building up. The math wasn't working out for me. I figured that it was probably another 1 ½ to 2 hours to the top, given the tough route, and probably another hour down, putting us back in the

cirque at around 3 PM with 3 - 4 hours back to the trailhead. The monsoon clouds were already getting dark. I took some photos of the shockingly gorgeous crags and declared victory; we went back down.

The return hike got surprisingly toasty, and we were all tired and hot when we got back to camp. The canopy on Michelle's teardrop trailer was a magnet because of its shade, and it became the inevitable social center of the camp. We were also grateful to Michelle for showing us the gravel beach on the river that she had found the previous afternoon. We all got cheerfully wet and refreshed.



Beating a retreat from Mt. Fitzpatrick

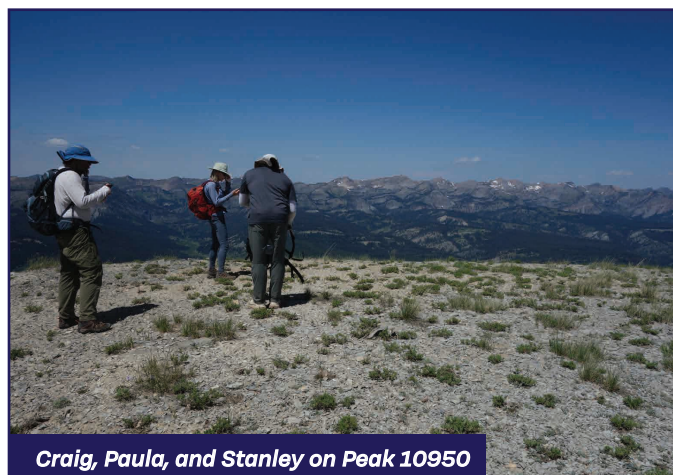
On Sunday we got a half-hour later start on Box Canyon Creek in the Wyoming Range. It's a spectacular canyon that mostly escaped the two wildfires in the Wyoming Range that each burned over 60,000 acres in 2012 and 2018. The creek had plenty of water and great flowers, while the canyon walls are cliffy and jagged with red and purple

Paula parallels the cascade in Box Canyon Creek



stripes. Paula led the way up the switchbacks to the appropriately-named Lunch Creek Meadows, where we took a break and admired the blue pond that is the source of Box Canyon Creek. We could see that pine beetles had mostly wiped out the whitebark pines on the ridges above us; too bad.

After lunch we strolled north along the Wyoming Range National Recreation Trail. We ascended to the top of a gentle ridge, from which we could see the rounded hump of Peak 10590 to the south-west. I checked the weather and decided that we could tackle the peak without worries. The slopes were soft and shaly with patches of snow,



Craig, Paula, and Stanley on Peak 10950

much friendlier than the steep talus we'd seen on Saturday. The view from the top was wonderful. We could look down to the south and see the big waterfall in the south fork of Box Canyon Creek. Also, to the south, we could see the blocky ramp of Coffin Peak, the second highest summit in the Wyoming Range. To the west we could see the



The view south toward Coffin Peak

long jagged wall of the Salt River Range, and we debated which bump was Mount Fitzpatrick. Way off to the north and east we could make out snow patches on the Tetons and the Wind Rivers. I was

Paula and Craig head down the switchbacks in Box Canyon Creek



impressed at how the fires had spared the west side of the Greys River valley — it was an impressive blanket of forest.

Back at camp, we couldn't resist another dip in the river. Late that evening we had light rain, and it sprinkled into the morning. We packed our wet gear and drove out, thankful that the 41 miles of dirt road wasn't too slick.

Many thanks to the rest of our great team: Stanley Chiang, Michelle Couderc, Craig Payne and Paula McFarland.

Angel Leading Ledgeswalk Via Ferrata & Canyoneering Multi-Day Event, June 10-13th

Organized by Kevin Earl & Brent McCormick
Report by Tonya Karren

Photos by Kira Brooks / Alan Mark / Aymara Jimenez-Lofgren / Sean Lofgren

Much thanks and praise go out to Kevin Earl and Brent McCormick for putting tons of hours into organizing and executing an amazing multi day ledgewalk Via Ferrata climb and canyoneering event with 72 of their closest friends! It was a huge success and immensely enjoyed by all!

The majority of people camped in an open meadow near the Kolob store, just outside of Zions Park and a few more pitched tents two miles away at a campground next to Kolob Reservoir. It is a beautiful alpine area and the lakeside view from the upper camp was simply good for the soul. I was lulled to sleep that first night by the peaceful sound of crickets and awoke to birds chirping and trilling at dawn. Sure beats my alarm clock at home. It was a beautiful start to an incredible day of adventure in the great outdoors, that Saturday morning.

Back at the main encampment that same night, I later heard people tell that even the loudest snorers were drowned out during the night by mooing cattle who roamed the hills and nearby meadows all night. Who knew cows could be so noisy and they definitely don't all lay down to sleep at once, I learned. I know, the city girl in me is showing.

Speaking of two who didn't get much sleep themselves, our fearless leaders didn't. Kevin and Brent and several of their friends arrived a day earlier than the rest, so they could run the refrigerator canyon on Friday morning and even though they got an early start for the trailhead, there was already a crowd of like-minded hikers gathered at the trailhead when they arrived. Congestion set them back, so much so, that they finished late into the night and didn't even get back to camp until about 1:30 in the morning. I bet their sleep deprived bodies were out as soon as their heads hit the pillow and suspect that they

didn't hear a single cow lowing, except for Shane, that is. He is a light sleeper and was so agitated by the cattle mooing all night that he almost went Rambo and took the beef to market early, if you know what I mean.

On Saturday morning small groups with permits set out for various canyons in backcountry Zions. I was fortunate to get in on the Northfork (Subway) Canyon hike with a few other canyoneers and two of my nieces came along as well. I led out, since I've done the route a few times before and know the way. This was a first time for most of our group and I was pumped to share this fun adventure with them. The whole top down route is 9.5 miles and well worth our time. There are lots of cool obstacles and swim throughs and beautiful scenery to be enjoyed.

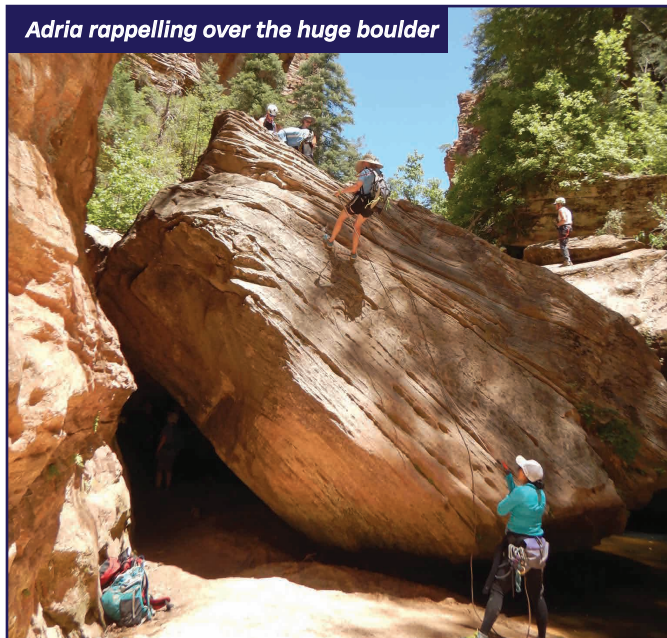
The sandy trail starts out amongst the green ponderosa pines and then winds its way down through the trees and out onto cascading white and red rock sandstone hillsides that dip and swirl their way down the mountainside and then rise back up again on the other side, to reveal even more gently rolling sandstone valleys to traverse below. We followed occasional cairns stacked along the trail and other recognizable landmarks until the trail abruptly ended at a steep drop off that led down into the slot, where we lowered ourselves over the cliffside into a deep cleft in the rock. We held onto chunky tree roots like handles or wherever we could get a solid handhold and carefully scrambled our way down the deep cut



over many fallen boulders, all the way down into the slot canyon far below, being careful not to dislodge a rockslide on our friends below. At the bottom, we waited by the first pool of murky water below a dry waterfall, for a few members of our group that ran Russell Gulch to drop down into the same slot, where both canyons converge. We didn't have long to wait before they joined up with our group. By all accounts, they had an awesome pre-game show to the Subway and descended four challenging rappels that dropped into swims below. They were already wearing wetsuits and ready to continue with the main event. We wound our way through the slot till we encountered massive boulders that lay strewn on the canyon floor and scrambled over them. That's where we encountered our first big obstacle in North Fork and discovered three different ways to defeat it. One way was to rappel down the face of the huge boulder blocking our path to the sandy beach below. The second was to grab onto a rope, shimmy through a dark rabbit hole into the cave below and once inside, lower oneself down onto the sandy bottomed cave and walk out onto the beach from there. It was impossible to see down into the dark cave because the sun above it was blinding, so my niece immediately ruled that option out. The third option was to climb up a large Boulder and duck and squeeze into a slit opening in the mountainside, climb down through

the tightly spaced rocky chute and lower oneself down into the deep water at the bottom and swim across to the beach on the other side. I've done all of the above and quickly ruled out the slitted hole this time, upon discovering a large owl roosting in there and it didn't feel safe or wise, to try to scurry around the sharp beaked bird. It made no attempt to move when we approached and just stared back at us with his big round eyes, as if daring us

Adria rappelling over the huge boulder



Group (L to R): Bailee, Linda(no helmet), Dana, Terrie, Frank, Caryl, Kase, Brent, Kevin in the water

to try. We all chose our routes and helped each other to accomplish it and hiked on to the next obstacle, which was the triple pools and our first mandatory swim. We eased one at a time, into the first deep cold pool, trying to keep our heads above water and doggie paddled to a standing spot in between it and the next shallower pool, then over a slippery rock to slip into the third, larger and warmer pool in the series. We swam across and managed to pull ourselves up the mossy bank onto solid ground on the other side of the pools. Some chose to stop midway before the third pool, duck below the water surface in an anti-chamber and swim through a hidden window in the rock wall, below the water surface and pop up like a cork on the other side. Then it was on to where the canyon walls narrow and a large choke stone blocked our way. I could spread my arms out, while standing on top of the stone and touch both sides of the canyon walls at the same time. Although one side of the choke stone was completely dry, the other side dropped

off into a deep pool of chilly water, enclosed in a more cavernous like rock structure. There is a slippery, partially submerged log below the stone, that many use to walk down, while holding onto a rope. When water is high here, a powerful whirlpool tends to form off to the side of the main channel, that can be a real danger to people, so beware. It sucks easier prizes like hiking poles below the surface, never to be seen again. Keyhole Falls is next in line and has a significant enough drop to require a short rappel into the pool below. It's shallower and warmer water.



Rappelling into Russell Gulch

A few minutes later we rounded a bend and came upon our longest rappel yet, excluding Russell Gulch. Our leaders rigged up the last rappel, that is probably close to 20 ft. long and we all took turns going over, in three different locations. The water-



Jessie in the Subway slot canyon

fall here is pretty and powerful and we had our last pools to swim through. This area below the falls has rounded, curving walls, like a Subway tunnel and that's where it earned the nickname that stuck. The river is especially beautiful here as it cascades in a series of shallow waterfalls. There's one more pretty waterfall above where the canyon widens out more and then we followed the trail as it meandered back and forth across the river for



Kevin and Jennifer in the Subway slot canyon

several miles, past dinosaur prints preserved in the canyon wall and beyond to where a couple of natural springs run down the hillside into the main Northfork. Then it feels like the canyon goes on forever before we finally see the black lava rock mountainside, high up above and then we found the steep trail out of the canyon.

I was sent ahead to try to get Brent back to camp in time to meet the speaker, we were moving so fast along the trail that I barely had time to glance up to navigate and started to worry that I would miss the indistinct path out, which is easily done. Man, Brent hikes at the speed of a gazelle and keeping up with him was a challenge. After all, we were racing time. I enjoyed it though, until we got to the last big obstacle. I don't think my niece Adria would say the same, because she struggled to keep up the fast pace and we were coaxing her along to keep going. I kept feeding her my mandarin oranges that stayed plump and juicy in my dry bag and checking on her state of mind. She just kept chugging along and honestly did really well for such a long trek. Then Kira, who appeared as if she could go on forever, needed to stop to moleskin a blister and a while later, Brent needed to stop briefly to refuel. That reminded me that he

was human too. I was doing just fine at that point, feeling good, but still enjoyed a few minutes to rest before jumping back into the race. I'm sure you noticed that the last stretch of the hike can feel like it goes on forever in its length and sameness. We just kept going, following the most passable trails and scrambling up and down boulders that were in our way and crossing the river over steppingstones each time the trail meandered back and forth across the water, until we finally approached the path leading up and out of the canyon and then I could no longer keep up that fast, steady pace up the steep hillside. I tried to eat my remaining snacks for a boost and discovered that swamp water leaked into those baggies that weren't sealed well enough, so I was completely out of fuel for the last push up the steep canyon. I kind of hit a wall then and just had to will myself to keep going and pull myself up, one more step at a time and then another step and another, until the steepness of the trail lessened and I felt energized again. It was a turtle's pace, to be sure, during that first steep stretch up and then ironically, it was Adria encouraging me along. But we did it! We made it to the top and across the finish line at the parking lot. Success! Then I drove Brent back to the trailhead so he could hurry back to camp with the girls and I went back to the exit point to pick up more hikers and that was that.

Back at camp, we had the privilege of listening to the famous outdoorsman, Tom Jones, share some of his stories and insights with us.

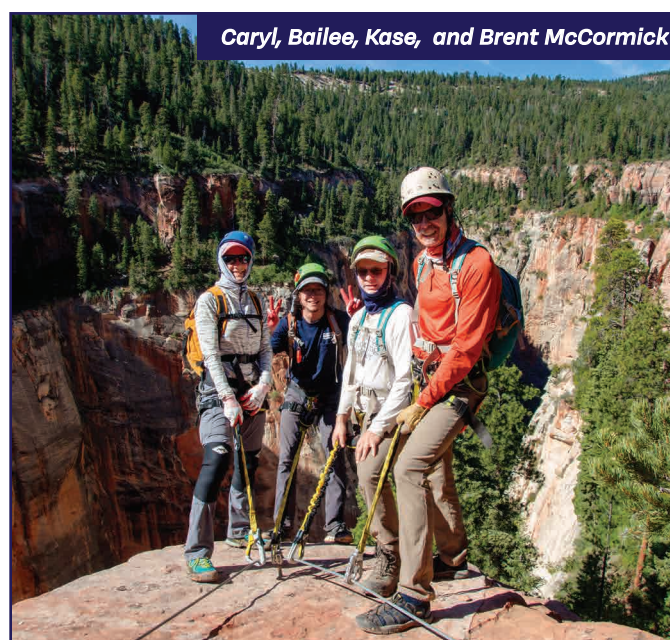
On Sunday morning, we carpooled in groups of ten from camp, a relatively short distance to the Via Ferrata Angels Leading Ledge-walk area. We were privileged to have the owner driving us to the starting point, so got the opportunity to learn all about the making of the new Ledge-



Aymara (bottom) & others on the rungs

walk. Once on-site and safety harnessed up, we did a short hike to where our metal ladder rungs had been embedded in the mountainside and formed a pathway to follow. After clipping in to the safety cables, one by one, we stepped over the edge of the cliff wall and began descending down the ladder rungs until we got to the ledge below.

The landscape in the area was majestic, with high, mostly sheer cliffs and a beautiful, breathtaking view of a very long waterfall. We followed along the cliffside Ledge-walk and then ascended back up a cliff wall to the top. For those brave enough, they hooked safety tethers to a cable and leaned way out over the sheer drop for pictures.



Caryl, Bailee, Kase, and Brent McCormick



Chris McPhie 'hanging out' on the cable

We had a fun group of people and the Ledge-walk was really fun! It was a wonderful experience and so fun to make a few new friends as well!

Bells Cleaver Hike, June 19th

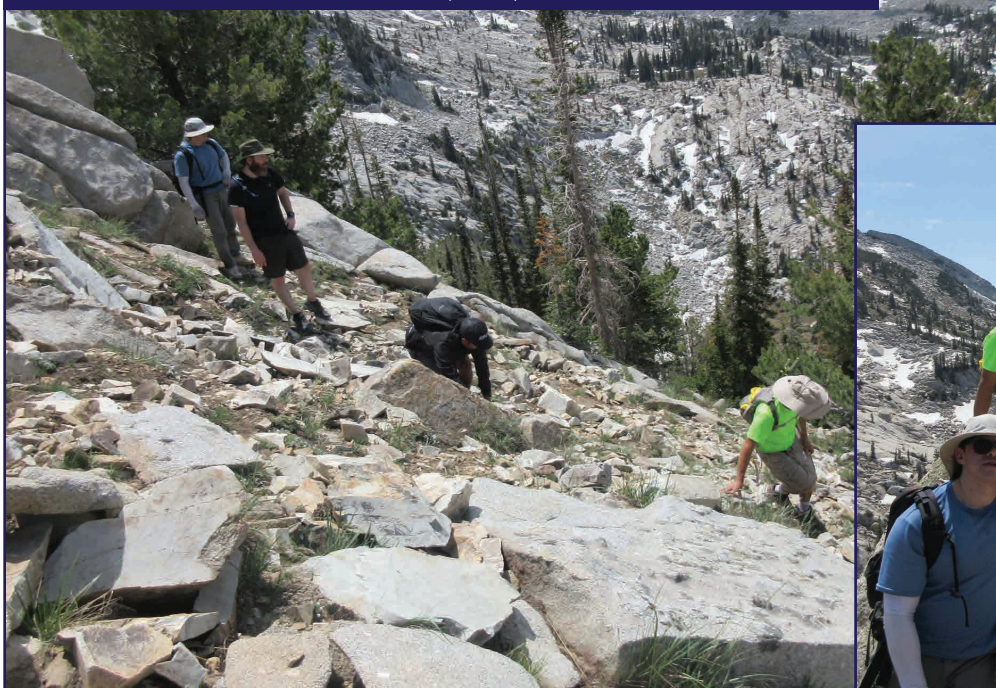
Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

The majority of people who have hiked at Bells Canyon probably have seen Bells Cleaver (10,488 ft) which is right above the Bells Canyon Upper Reservoir and is one of the Wasatch 10k peaks. But the peak is rarely climbed. We started from the Bells Canyon Granite TH to make Bells Cleaver. For Felix who move to Salt Lake a week ago, it was the first hike in Utah. The first 4.5 miles to the Upper Reservoir was on the trail. Felix and Paul had never seen the reservoir before and were very happy to see it. The water level of the reservoir was very high. There is no trail to Bells Cleaver from the reservoir. It was challenging to find a good route because of a number of cliff bands. We finally got to the ridge. The peak has a very long ridge line. The high point is located to near the east end of the ridge line. So we tried to follow the ridge to make the peak. The ridge line had sketchy sections, however. We had to go lower to avoid the sketchy places. After 2 hours (for only half mile from the reservoir), we finally made the peak. Going down from the peak was equally challenging – we encountered cliffy places. It was cloudy and not hot in the morning. But it became sunny and very hot while descending. It was a long hike (11 hours including breaks). But we were very glad we bagged the peak. Felix did very well given that he just came from the sea level. Distance – 10.6 miles. Elevation gain – 6,031 ft.

Paul climbing up the boulders towards the peak



Carefully descending as to not cliff-out (L to R): Stanley, Keith, Felix, and Paul



On the peak (L to R): Stanley, Paul, Akiko, and Felix

Legacy Bike Path - Road Bike & Social, July 7th



Organized by Chris Karcher
Report & Photos by Angie Vincent

Chris Karcher's road bike social...a beautiful ride on the Legacy Parkway Trail. An early start let us beat the heat, well almost. It's still quite warm no matter when you start. Legacy is wonderful for going fast and after zipping down to Center Street trailhead, we turned around and even got a tailwind heading back. Yippee. Then over to Chris and Dave's for an after ride social. Thanks Chris for organizing a wonderful day!



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Grizzly Gulch to Davenport Hill (photo courtesy of Angie Vincent)



Liberty Lake (Nevada) just below the first pass (photo courtesy of Craig Payne)

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