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## Are you ready for some winter fun?

### 10 tips to get you ready

1. **Shape up.** Stay in shape and condition muscles prior to participating in winter activities.
2. **Don't go from 0 to 100.** Warm up with light exercises or stretches, and ease into the activity. Cold muscles, tendons and ligaments are more prone to injury.
3. **Protection is a must.** Always wear the appropriate protective gear for the activity, like helmets, goggles, wrist guards, and knee and elbow pads.
4. **Test your equipment.** Before going on the first run, make sure all equipment is in good working order.
5. **Learn how to fall.** Shoulder, elbow and wrist injuries can result from trying to brace a fall. Take a lesson or two from a trained instructor, who will provide direction on how to fall correctly.
6. **Know and follow safety rules.** For example, stay within the marked ski and snowboard trails, and learn how to get on and off the ski lift.
7. **Know your limits.** Choose slopes and maneuvers that match your skill level.
8. **Stop when you're tired.** Accidents are more likely to occur when you're fatigued.
9. **Layer up.** Clothes that become damp from sweat can lower your body temperature. Wear a breathable base layer, one or two insulating layers, and a water and windproof outer layer to ensure you stay warm and dry.
10. **Stay hydrated.** Drink water before, during and after the activity.

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Participants: Tim Mackay, Chris McPhie, Bret Mathew, Gustavo Carrillo, Sean Lofgren, Aymara Jimenez-Lofgren, Kevin Earl.

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## Random Acts of Kindness Just Got Easier!

By Ronna Cohen (aka Trash Queen)

Recent changes at the Mount Olympus trailhead include lots of parking, a restroom, and big trash cans.

What has not changed is the Trash Team's commitment to Mount O. The County asked WMC to continue to maintain the Club Can that is located on the actual trail, south of the restroom. The Trash Angels are continuing their schedule of three clean-up's a week of emptying the can and collecting trash around the parking area.

Random Acts of Kindness are still needed but got easier. The trash bag from the WMC receptacle can be deposited into any of the large cans near the rest room. Extra bags are always in the green cage. Be sure to use the bungee cord to hold the bag in the can. Of course, any County dumpster such as at the Golf Course, Olympic Hills Park at 4500 South or Big Cottonwood Park and Ride can also be used.

Many thanks to the Trash Angels and all those who lend a hand.





# President's Message: January 2021

By Julie Kilgore



Greetings 2021, and welcome to WMC's 2nd Century! As much as we cherished our centennial and enjoyed so many wonderful reflections of our past, it's exciting to look forward. One thing you will notice is our post-centennial logo that we are rolling out January 1, 2021. Our members let us know that they really love the classic Sundial image, so we will take that with us into our future.

Technology is a big part of our future, as we continue to make improvements to the club website (thank you Bret Matthews!) and mobile communications. Quarantines and social distancing have also accelerated a leap into technology, as we have shifted to virtual board meetings and committee meetings. We will take that remote connection another step by hosting a virtual Time Capsule dedication on January 9, and a virtual membership meeting on February 17. Check out the calendar for RSVP instructions.

COVID-19 has impacted all our lives. But in August 2020, the Outdoor Industry Association writes that "walking, running, and hiking were widely considered the safest activities in which to participate." The same could be said for snowshoeing, backcountry skiing, bicycling, and paddling. Fortunately for the WMC, we do all of these things, and we do it well. As we launch into 2021, the WMC remains committed to providing responsible outdoor recreation opportunities. However, while COVID rages on, we will continue recommending the guidelines that were outlined in the July 2020 Rambler, as updated on the following page.

Reflecting on and honoring the last 100 years of club history has been a special experience, but looking to the future is also exciting. Salt Lake City and the surrounding area have a unique urban/wilderness interface that is unmatched. The primary objective of our members is to explore and share the experience of the outdoors. Cold weather was coming on? Gear up, layer up, and follow friends on a snowshoe, backcountry ski, or foothills hike. Inversion is in? No problem. Change up the destination to an area above the inversion blanket where blue skies (or night stars) shine. Need some fresh ideas for some less-crowded places to go? Browse the club's online calendar or pull up some old Ramblers where you can find 100 years of club activities that have been posted.

It's a great time to be part of the WMC.

## **COVID-19 Guidelines for WMC Activities**

Groups no larger than 10, fewer if the activity warrants or the organizer prefers.

All activities are registration only, so the organizer can control the group size.

The day before or the day of the activity, the organizer will send an email to all participants that asks specific COVID-related symptom/exposure questions, and provides the WMC liability form (activity directors can provide these to the organizer). Some organizers have created very nice digital forms that work well too.

Participants must answer the COVID questions and agree to the WMC liability waiver, preferably with a reply email, or using the digital form.

Face coverings are required at meeting locations, trailheads, and anywhere distancing cannot be accomplished. Face covering is not required during the activity if distancing can be maintained. Keep coverings available for quick use when there is on-coming or passing traffic.

Organizers fill in the names of the participants on the WMC waiver and upload the form to the website as usual (for new organizers, pull up your activity on the club website and you will find easy instructions near the bottom of the page). This step is particularly important if contact tracing is needed.

### **Contact Tracing - Participant responsibilities:**

Let organizer know if participant experiences symptoms consistent with COVID-19 within 14 days of a WMC event.

### **Contact Tracing - Organizer responsibilities:**

Ask participants to contact the organizer if they experience symptoms consistent with COVID-19 within 14 calendar days after the event.

If contacted by a participant, send Organizer Communication to all participants from that event (see below), without disclosing the name of the individual.

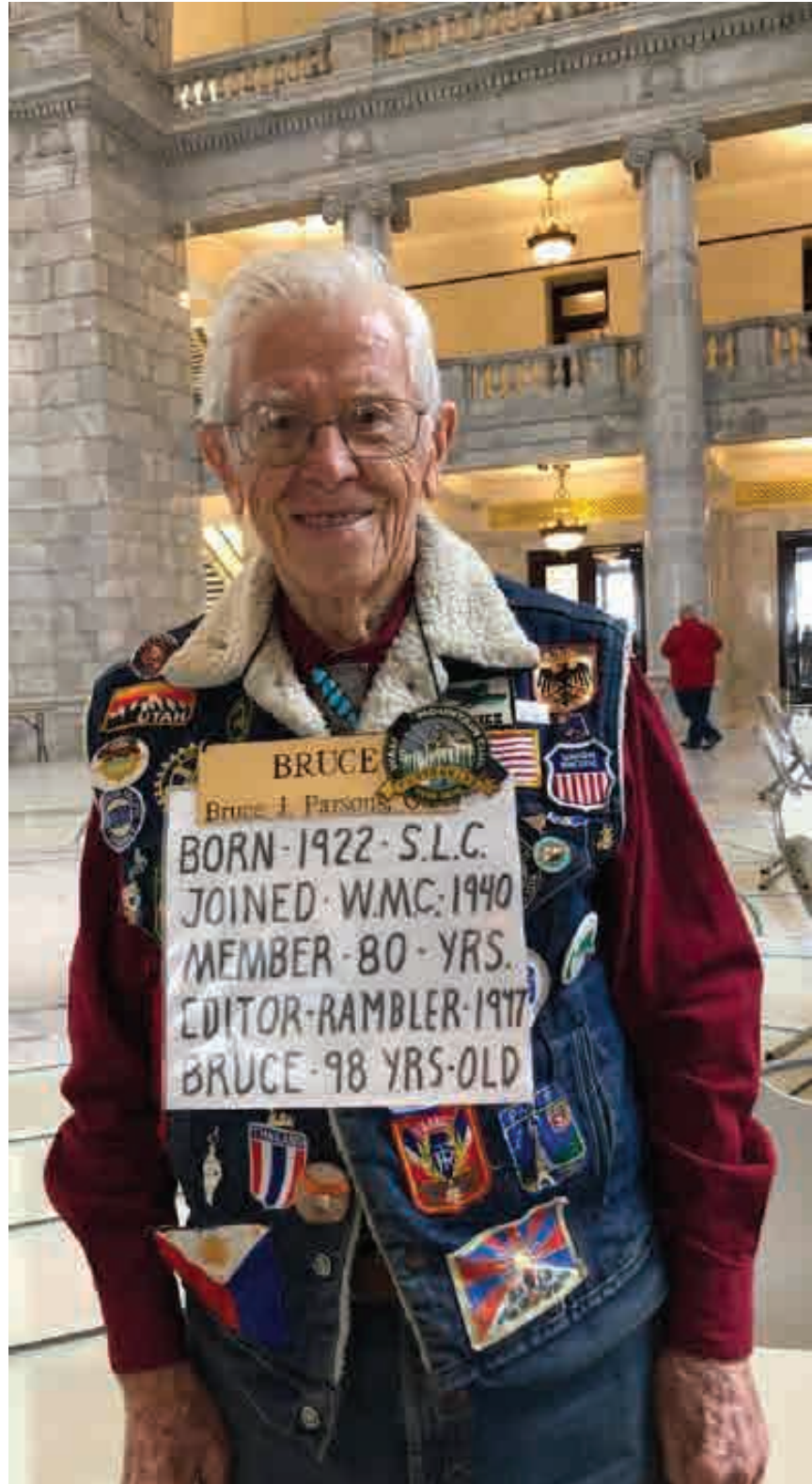
Organizer communication: "Please be advised that a participant from a WMC activity that you attended within the last 14 days is experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19. This does not mean that this participant has the illness. However, we recommend that you self-monitor for symptoms and follow CDC guidelines regarding potential community related exposure."

## Bruce Parsons - Lifetime Member Tribute

Bruce James Parsons, OD – A Tribute  
1922 ~ 2020

Bruce James Parsons recently passed away on November 27, at age 97. He was born on December 24, 1922 to Beatrice Rordame Parsons and Percy James Parsons. Bruce met Thelma Bagnell when they were both attending the University of Utah. They married in 1950 and raised four children; Cheryl Ann Marzec, Wendy Jean Parsons-Baker, Craig Bruce, and Vaughn James and made their home in Murray.

Bruce spent his entire career in the field of optometrics. His interest piqued when he worked for Dr. Hessel N. Rushmere OD. Hessel taught him to grind eyeglass lenses, manufacture glasses, and opened the world of optometry to him. This experience prompted him to attend the University of Utah and go on to the University of California at Berkeley where he earned his doctorate in optometry in 1949. He returned to Murray, opened Murray Vision Center, and maintained his practice until he retired. Bruce also served the Utah State Prison as their optometrist for many years. Bruce was always active. He was a charter member of the Murray Rotary Club and its first president. He was also a member of the Jaycees. Bruce and Thelma were active with the Wasatch Mountain Club.





## Bruce Parsons - Lifetime Member Tribute

A few fond memories of Bruce:

**Julie Kilgore:** *We were so fortunate to share many wonderful memories and celebrations with Dr. Parsons over the last couple of years leading up to and during the Wasatch Mountain Club centennial. Dr. Parsons served on the board many years ago, and had recently made a substantial and heartfelt contribution to WMC historic lodge. We are saddened by this loss, and so thankful that we had these recent opportunities to share some special time together.*

An excerpt from the April 2016 Rambler Interview:

### **INTERVIEW WITH DR. BRUCE J. PARSONS, 1947 RAMBLER EDITOR**

**Q: Tell a little about yourself?**

A: I was born and raised in Utah. I'm now 93 years old. I was an optometrist; now that I'm retired, I manage property.

**Q: How did you find out about the WMC?**

A: I was 21 or 22, I really don't know how I found out about it, but I was a hiker and I liked the mountains and someone must have told me there a Wasatch Mountain Club.

**Q: Name your most memorable trip participating with the WMC?**

A: [laughs first] The Hike from Hell is what we called it. The WMC had the Western Federation of Outdoor Clubs visiting in 1946 or 1947. We hiked from Brighton over the pass into Alta, then into Devil's Castle. Then we went back down into Alta, over the mountain again and back into Brighton. It took all day, and about killed the Californians that weren't used to being at 4000' or 5000'. I love people. I love being eyeball to eyeball – that means close association with people. They fill my life with joy and the Wasatch Mountain Club was one of the places I was able to get those associations.

**Q: Why do you think participation in the outdoors is important?**

A: Utah is a marvelous place; we have stuff here that nobody else has. We can go south into Moab and enjoy the wonderful scenery and get inside of those slot canyons. Or, within minutes from my house, there's Mt. Olympus, Timpanogos, etc. I love getting out in the mountains and always have; just being able to go out and enjoy our world and get away from all that junk going on around us in the world.

**Q: What was your experience like working as The Rambler Editor?**

A: My mother was always a writer, and in one of The Ramblers, I have her poetry next to a picture of The Great White Throne in Zion. I used her skill to augment the little skill I had! When I get an issue of The Rambler now days, I am so pleased to see that people are hiking, that they are boating, and that they are taking care of the Wasatch Mountain Club. It's come a long way baby!

Bruce was a wonderful man who meant so much to so many and will be missed dearly.

## WMC Heroes and Legends: Clarence 'Pa' Perry

By Mark Jones

Clarence R. Parry was born in 1892 in Birmingham, England, and emigrated to America as a young boy. He was a jeweler by trade and one of the early organizers of the WMC. "Pa" would have been 22 years old in 1914 when he first started hiking in the Wasatch Mountains, and 28 years old in 1920 when the WMC was formally organized. His early service to the Club included Chairman of the Committee on Advertising and Publicity and also the Trips and Outings Director for many years.

Clarence recalls some of his early hiking memories in the March 1982 Rambler at which time he would have been 90 years old. "As a young boy of 18, the talk around town was that the Wasatch Mountains were dangerous and a place to stay away from. That made me more curious about all the wild animals that were reported to be dangerous for hikers and the such. One day, I decided to take the Park City train and when it stopped at Lamb's Canyon, I got off and hiked up to Murdock Peak. I ate lunch, rested awhile, and walked around the top of the peak and found a neighbor doing the same thing. Neither of us knew the interest of each other in hiking and enjoying this mountain beauty. We talked all the way home as we hiked together and we made many trips as a pair of happy hikers. My partner in this adventure was Dr. Hopkins and you might say that this was the beginning of the Wasatch Mountain Club."

In the same article he also tells the following story. "This affiliation of men was strictly a men's hiking club, but it made us very suspicious with all of the ice cream and cake the men's sisters were so gracious to feed us. One day we planned a trip to Lake Blanche at 6:00 AM. The rules of the group were, no women on the trips. Even back then the women felt unfairly discriminated against and wanted to know why they couldn't go on the trips. So on this trip to Lake Blanche, they decided to meet us (behind our backs) at the appointed place at the old Salt Lake Theatre. We insisted they could not go, and when the J&M Truck arrived we began to load. The girls began to do the same. We insisted they could not go and began to carry them out of the truck. The girls would run around to the opposite side and climb back on. We kept putting them off, and they kept climbing back on. This collected a crowd including the police from the station that was across the street. This was a very funny scene and after everybody enjoyed

a good laugh, the men gave up the cause and the girls went on the trip. The age of this group was from 18 (being my age) to the early forties."

In the May, 1964 Rambler Dale Green relates a Pa Parry story about why Girls in the WMC wear bloomers. "When we first started we didn't even allow girls in the Club. There were only 13 of us and we didn't take in any new members for several years. However, some of the members had sisters who would occasionally come along on our hikes. Many other fellows would also tag along.



We decided since these people were going to be with us whether they were members or not, we should reorganize so they could join the Club. This was around 1920.

The girls almost always wore skirts on our outings

because bloomers, which is what we called girls' pants in those days even though they were worn on the outside, were looked on by the local ladies' church groups as decadent, undecent, immoral and unladylike. This was very upsetting to our girls. They enjoyed the out-of-doors but long skirts on the trails were impractical. No amount of verbal argument with the church ladies would change their minds. The situation was finally remedied when I invited some of the ladies from the Relief Society and Young Women's M.I.A. to accompany us on a hike. About five of them showed up. The hike was straight up a steep hill and we allowed our girls, all of whom were in skirts, to go ahead of everybody. The girls who knew what was going on, gave us boys a show unlike anything we had seen before and left our visitors aghast. One by one they dropped out until about five blocks later only one of the ladies was still with us. Exhausted and mortified by what she realized the boys were seeing, she turned to me and said, "Mr. Parry, you win." And, that is why the girls in the Wasatch Mountain Club wear bloomers."

Clarence also writes in the March 1982 article about how he got the nickname Pa. "You have all wanted to know how my nickname of Pa Parry started and has lasted all these years. At one of our outings at the lodge, we seemed to run out of things to do or say and so jokingly I said, "Why don't we play house." So everybody jumped up and took a big chair, draped it with a blanket, like a king's throne, and sat me there and, as if a ceremony, and knighted me "Pa" Parry."

Pa Parry is probably best known for his name sake the "Pa Parry" award. In March of 1954 he established what was known at the time as the Parry Trophies. There were two trophies, one for mountaineering and one for service to the Club. From the April, 1954 Rambler we read "The Parry Trophies consist of two trophies to be presented each year by Clarence R. Parry. One, as mentioned in the March Rambler, is a "Mountaineering Award" to be given to a member each year for outstanding mountaineering activity. The second is an "Activity Award" to be given in recognition of service to the Club. The latter coveted award is very worthwhile in that it gives recognition for work done in behalf of the Club. There is an old saying, "You get out of a thing just what you put into it," so there should be an incentive for greater service and thus more enjoyment from the Club." Two Mountaineering awards were given the first year, one to Harold Goddro and the other to Jim Shane while the Activity award was presented to Janet Roberts.

1982 March Rambler FROM THE PRESIDENT by Mike Treshow: "Our nomination banquet was an even greater than usual success this year. First

of all, the "Pa" Parry award for service was given to "Pa" Parry himself in appreciation of his role in founding the Club 60 years ago, and contributions made ever since, including establishing the award in 1954. Appropriately, he also celebrates his 90th birthday this year. (Some of his early WMC experiences are recalled elsewhere in this RAMBLER)." Clarence Pa Parry died February 6, 1983 at the age 90.





## LCC Parcel Purchased - Time to Celebrate and Preserve

By Dennis Goreham

The Wasatch Mountain Club, along with many other organizations and individuals, assisted Utah Open Lands in its successful acquisition of a parcel of land at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon. See the photo of the 11/23 celebration of the Cottonwood Heights BST Preserve with WMC President, Julie Kilgore, on far right.

Statement (LCC EIS). One of the transportation alternatives they are considering would place the LaCaille rail platform on this very parcel.

As stated on the Utah Open Lands website: "Utah Open Lands has never experienced the need to defend an



This was a wonderful opportunity to help preserve part of the gateway to Little Cottonwood Canyon and provide another access point to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail.

The Wasatch Mountain Club contributed \$15,000 toward the \$3,000,000 purchase price. Because of a matching Challenge Grant, our funds resulted in \$30,000 towards the purchase. Thanks to all WMC members because a portion of annual membership dues go into our Conservation Fund which supports acquisitions like this.

As the Utah Open lands acquisition was being finalized, it was already threatened with development. On 11/20/20, the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) released their Draft Alternatives Addendum for the Little Cottonwood Canyon Environmental Impact

open space a mere 48 hours after its preservation, but no matter when a threat arises, Utah Open Lands always stands ready to steward and defend the precious open spaces under our trust. The recent UDOT transportation alternative that was released on November 20th for Little Cottonwood Canyon, proposing a diesel cog train on our newly acquired preservation, is the poster child of poor planning on the part of the agency."

On 11/25/20, the city of Cottonwood Heights released a statement addressing the issue. They said the 26 acres of property purchased the previous week through a cooperative public-private undertaking headed by Utah Open Lands was threatened by the UDOT plan. This land purchase was pursued to preserve open space and included contributions from multiple private donors and public entities including



Cottonwood Heights, Salt Lake County, the State of Utah, Draper and Sandy.

“Cottonwood Heights city officials were not consulted or contacted by UDOT representatives regarding the transit scenarios prior to UDOT’s release of the proposed alternatives. City officials were also not aware that UDOT was even contemplating facility designs incorporating the property into the alternatives.”

They stated “a very robust conservation easement

agreement in favor of Utah Open Lands has been recorded against title to the property which will perpetually preserve the property for open space purposes as detailed in that agreement.”

Degradation of this open space must not be allowed to happen. Utah Open Lands, as well as the Wasatch Mountain Club, encourages our members to let UDOT know their opposition to any transportation alternative that would adversely affect this important open space.

## Bonneville Shoreline Trail - Cottonwood Heights Project



# A Desperate Cry in the Wild

By Tony Hellman

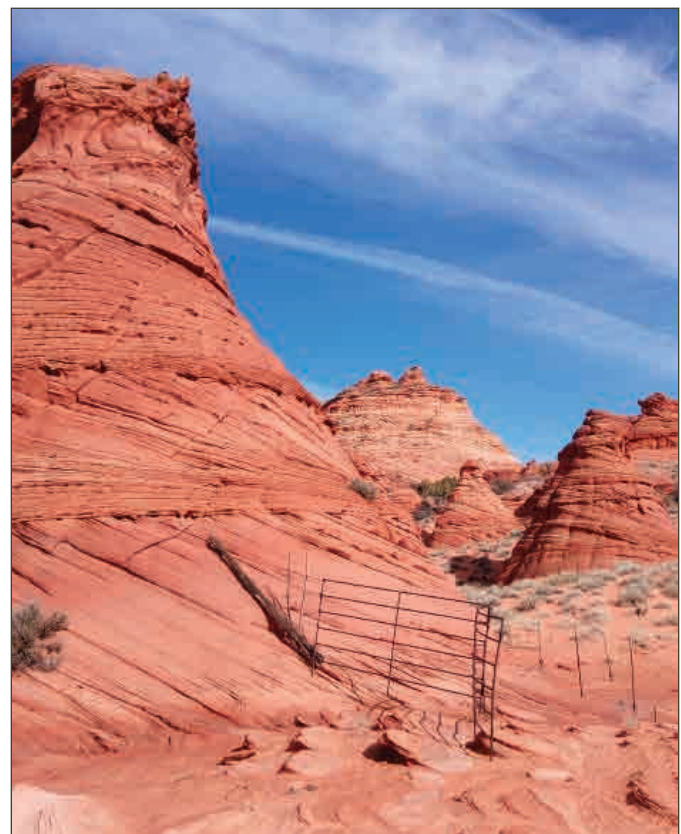
An almost quiet, desperate cry of "I'm slipping" pierced my ears. My sweetheart's feet had slipped out from under her. Giulia was lying on her side on a 50-degree angled wave of "smooth sandstone which eventually flattens out 30 feet below her. Giulia was hanging on to two tilted layers of sandstone with pleading eyes asking me for help and quick action. Time slowed down as Fear race into my veins when I envisioned an uncontrolled tumble on "soft sandstone for my partner. Her cry prompted me to hurriedly empty my pack for a rope. I had intentionally brought one on the trip only to realize it was not in the pack. I took it out to save weight because this was going to just be an easy hike. Time then stood still as I wondered what to do next. There wasn't much time.

On Thanksgiving Weekend 2020, Giulia and I decided to go to Kanab Utah and try for the elusive WAVE Lottery. On Friday morning, we thought our plan was working as we found a parking place in front of the convention center. When we got to the back of the center, we saw another 100 other cars and a steady stream of "group leaders" streaming into the lottery and another 100 people waited outside. Because it was the Holiday Weekend, the drawing was for three days. We scored the last lottery pick for Coyote Buttes South out of

30 drawn. The WAVE would have to wait ...

On the drive down our luck was in overdrive. Eight majestic condors were soaring above their Vermillion Cliffs nesting site. If these condors could avoid extinction, maybe Giulia could also. Time and luck seemed to be running out.

We had walked up this Sandstone wave 50 minutes ago and it seemed easy. Trying to go down it was 10 times harder.



Entrance to Coyote Buttes South

Her cry of "I'm slipping" jolted me into action and then I remembered to "HAVE a Cigarette" according to a WMC Red Cross training. "HAVE a Cigarette" means to assess the situation so as not to make it worse. I realized if I wasn't careful Giulia could pull me off the same ledge and I could be tumbling headfirst. Time raced slowly until I saw a six-inch tilted ridge which could act as a butt anchor. I shouted to Giulia to hold on as I got in

place. I extended my hand. There was a 1-foot gap between her and my hands. I yelled at her to let go of one hand and grab my hand. With great courage, she let go and lunged for my hand. We locked wrists and with her careful help, she was sitting beside me. We looked at the way down and didn't like it at all. I retrieved a banana and some water out to help calm us down. We searched 40 minutes for a safe way down but didn't find any...

We had 3 possible options: 1) go where Giulia just slipped 2) go 6 feet to one side which was steeper



*One of Three Majestic Sandstone Buttes - they are big!*

for 5 feet but had a bush that could stop a fall at 15 feet 3) try to downclimb a crack chimney was showed one good foothold and then a 10-foot unknown. At least the chimney had 2 bushes at the bottom to help stop a fall.

Tony picked the chimney because he could "probably" try it and if undoable climb back up. The chimney worked and after the 1st foothold, Tony was able to wedge himself into the crack and downclimb the overhanging crack and exited with

a 4 foot-controlled fall I. Giulia came down next and with Tony spotting her. We were both safe.

Things we learned: 1) the rope or your 10 Es will do you no good if you leave them in the truck. 2)



*Rugged and jagged sandstone*

It is easy to get overconfident with 2 people. 3) There sometimes is NOT an easier way down just because you think there should be. 4) Our helmets were of little help ... because they were in the jeep next to the rope.

I spoke with 2 WMC group leaders about this "close call". One of them relayed how twice on easy canyons a member of the group got helicoptered out with broken backs. They also had an emergency beacon ... but it was left in the car.

Please be safe out there as a leisurely stroll in the canyons or just going to the store can turn serious. COVID19 is out there. And so are stupid errors. Happy and Safe Holidays!



# 50 Years Ago in the Rambler

Transcribed by Donn Seeley, WMC trustee

## CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY 1971

January 23 AMERICAN FORK TWINS – MAJOR EVANS GULCH Advanced (3,5)

Sat A climb of about 2000 feet puts one on top of American Fork Twins, one of the most centrally located peaks on the Wasatch. The terrain is rugged in all directions and the tour is a bit challenging. From the summit the party will descend the south slopes to Major Evans Gulch and then into American Fork Canyon. In view of car-spotting logistics, registration is mandatory. If this task has not been accomplished the night before, meeting time will be around 7:30 a.m. at the mouth of Little Cottonwood. Leader: Charlie Lesley [...]

January 31 ALTA – LAKE BLANCHE Advanced (3,5)

Sun This is it D-day for all the adventuresome powder hogs the club's most popular alpine tour. The highlights are in succession: Cardiff Pass, East Ridge of Superior, Cardiac (Superior North) Ridge, West Face of Monte Cristo, East Slopes of Sundial, Lake Blanche, after which one gets to try his luck on the trail down to Big Cottonwood Canyon. Although there is no telling what conditions will be like on this particular day, the successful completion of this tour last month with stable snow conditions is quite encouraging. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 7:00 a.m. Leader: Dave Smith [...] Registration is required.

GAD VALLEY Dec. 6 by Tom Dickman

Sunday morning in the city turned out to be pretty murky, but Alta's atmosphere was a different story. The people who showed up for the tour at the bottom of Neversweat found a blue sky that is hardly ever seen in the valley nowadays, no wind, and a temperature just right for skiing. [...]

After making it up Baldy and down another slightly less steep ridge, the party started to wend its way up one more mountain. In doing so, we got to sample what surely must be one of the most strikingly beautiful views in the Wasatch, or anyplace, for that matter. American Fork Canyon, Timpanogos, and mountains almost to the Uintahs were laid out in one huge panorama. Above this was that same sky, penetratingly blue, cloudless, and totally still.

Lost in this scene we almost didn't hear the "chop-chop bzzwang, chop-chop bzzwang" until the monster producing the noise landed on the mountain we were climbing. Once there, it disgorged a number of all-too-human skiers who promptly roared down the hill. This was repeated 3 or 4 times while we made a few hundred yards' progress. Everyone came up with a different scheme to sabotage the contraption. "Tie it down with nets." "Ice up its runners." "Hold it down, drag out the pilot, take off his shoes, and make him walk back." "He would at least have a fighting chance that way."

From then on it was all downhill, through fresh Alta powder. I could try to describe what that was like, but there is simply no way to communicate it with words. It is something which has to be experienced to be known.

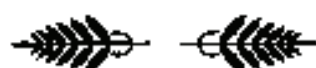
At the bottom we crossed the stream (no easy thing in ski boots!) and were on our way home. Some left rather sadly though, knowing that this might be their last chance to ski Gad before the hum of ski lifts and the crunch of snow packers from Snowbird drown out the chattering and chirping of the squirrels and birds.

Powder freaks and wilderness buffs on the trip were: George Swanson, Del and Carol Wiens, Kingsley Walton, Oscar Robison, Dick Voight, Bob and Sharmy Wright, June and Steve Viavant, Jack Keuffel, Franz Rosenberger, Diana Schoenberg, Charlie, Emily, and Mark Hall, Bill Marden, Steve Daurelle, Gale and Ann Dick, Al Wickham, Sherm and Tom Dickman.



# **NEW YEAR, NEW HOPES**

**In 2021,  
we are looking forward to:  
new opportunities,  
the chance to renew old friendships,  
a new website,  
progress on lodge upgrades,  
a new logo,  
building relationships with  
the Brighton community,  
parties & fundraisers,  
opportunities to make new friends.**



**In memory of Dr. Bruce Parsons, a generous benefactor of the Wasatch Mountain Lodge, a donation has been made to the Utah Food Bank per his family's request. Thank you, Dr. Parsons.**

**WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB FOUNDATION**

**EJT.201**

**A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with the mission to maintain and preserve the historic WMC Lodge.**

## 2021 WMC BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATE LIST

The next annual election of the Wasatch Mountain Club Board of Directors will occur at the membership meeting on February 6, 2021, 6:30 pm via Zoom call. The WMC is a volunteer-run organization including the Board. The candidate list below includes the roles to be elected by WMC members at the upcoming membership meeting. Other board roles are appointed by Directors.

The 2021 Nominating Committee members are Petra Brittner, Carrie Clark, and Steve Leitch. Each year, this committee oversees the annual election of the WMC Board of Directors. Serving on the WMC Board of Directors is a worthwhile and rewarding undertaking.

The WMC is most grateful to its current and former Board of Directors and encourages its members to consider filling a position. If interested in serving on the Board, please contact the Nominating Committee by email at [info@wasatchmountainclub.org](mailto:info@wasatchmountainclub.org) or by leaving a phone message at **801-463-9842**. Your information will be promptly forwarded to the Committee.

*New candidates are highlighted.*

### Executive Officers

Julie Kilgore	President
Deidre Flynn	Co-Secretary
<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Co-Secretary</b>
Merilyn Kessi	Co-Treasurer
Tillman Seebohm	Co-Treasurer

### Administration

Bret Mathews	Information Technology Officer
Sue Baker	Membership Director
Da Yang Wipfel	Public Relations Director
<b>Steve Leitch</b>	<b>Publications Director (Rambler)</b>

### Biking

Mike Roundy	Biking Co-Director
Cecil Goodrick	Biking Co-Director

### Boating

Kelly Beumer	Boating Co-Director
<b>Tanner Morrill</b>	<b>Boating Co-Director</b>

### Climbing/Mountaineering

Neil Schmidt	Climb/Mountaineering Director
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### Conservation

Dennis Goreham	Conservation Director
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### Hiking

Daisy DeMarco	Hiking Director
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### Social

Tonya Karren	Co-Social Director
<b>Petra Brittner</b>	<b>Co-Social Director</b>

### Winter Sports

Steve Duncan	Winter Sports Director
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### Trustees

Brad Yates	Trustee 2020-2024
Dave Rumbellow	Trustee 2018-2022
Michael Budig	Trustee 2019-2023
<b>Will McCarvill</b>	<b>Trustee 2021-2025</b>
<b>John Veranth</b>	<b>Trustee Emeritus</b>

# WMC 25-Year Time Capsule

By Zig Sondelski

The WMC Centennial TC (Time Capsule) is only 1/3 full. It is 17 gallons in size so there is room for more stuff. I am happy to consider any items you would like to donate for future members to peruse and marvel over. They can be from outdoor activities or from everyday life, like a flip phone, plastic water bottle or hand warmer. Well used and worn objects have the most character. The TC will be opened every 25 years, repacked and forwarded on for another 25 years.

A tentative date of Jan 9 has been selected for sealing the TC, so please get any items and especially your letters to the future WMC to me ASAP. More details about the Jan 9 sealing celebration to follow so watch for it in emails and on the calendar.

More important than any items we include are the letters that we are asking you to write to the future WMC. While looking at old photos of WMC activities, there is often the question: Who are they and what were they like? What was the



*The Time Capsule, cleaned and painted (before signs & decals are added) with a combination lock.*

WMC like? We are what make the WMC what it is, not an office or lodge or publication or web site.

Help them to really know what the WMC was at the Centennial. Nothing is too long or too short to write.

To help you get started, here are some suggestions on what to write (think of it as an autobiography):

## LETTER TO FUTURE WMC MEMBERS

*Your name*

*Where are you from*

*Where you got your education*

*What is your degree*

*What is your profession*

*When and why did you come to Utah*

*Talk about your life journey*

*When did you join the WMC*

*How did you find the WMC*

*What activities do you enjoy in the WMC*

*What are some of your memorable activities in the WMC and elsewhere*

*How have you contributed to the WMC*

*What have you been able to do in 2020 even with Covid 19*

*What have you done with the WMC centennial*

*What are your feelings about the environment, politics, conservation, etc*

*How do you occupy your time (hobbies)*

*Anything else in the world you want to write about*

Any items and letters can be dropped off at Julie's office (Wasatch Environmental, 2410 California Ave) or you can contact me (Zig Sondelski) to get them (801-230-3623. Letters can be emailed to me at [zig.sondelski@gmail.com](mailto:zig.sondelski@gmail.com)

# January 2021 Activity Calendar

The WMC offers COVID conscious opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. Participants of all in-person events should bring and wear face coverings, expect social distancing, and changes to our usual practices. To support contact tracing and hands-free signing of the WMC Liability Waiver, online registration is required for all in person WMC events.

**Jan 2** Snowshoe - Location Tba Depending on Snow/conditions - mod - Moderate pace  
Meet: Registration required

**Sat** Organizer: Aiko Kamimura [kamimura@umich.edu](mailto:kamimura@umich.edu)

We plan to snowshoe somewhere in BCC, LCC, the Uintas/ Heber, Provo, Park City or somewhere weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring snowshoes, microspikes, and 10 Es. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) not required (If this changes, I will post a note). But if you want to practice using avalanche safety gear, please feel free to bring it. If you want to try avalanche safety gear, I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing anywhere, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on January 1 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.

**Jan 3** Snowshoe - Location Tba Depending on Snow/conditions - mod - Moderate pace  
Meet: Registration required

**Sun** Organizer: Aiko Kamimura [kamimura@umich.edu](mailto:kamimura@umich.edu)

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**Jan 5** Winter Night Hike - Porter Fork - rst+ - Out & Back - Moderate pace

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

**Tue** Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 [jik@wasatch-environmental.com](mailto:jik@wasatch-environmental.com)

Bring micro spikes or other studded footwear, headlamp, and dress in layers. Prompt 6pm departure.

**Jan 6** WMC Board Meeting

Meet: 7:00 pm at See minutes for Zoom meeting info or WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103

**Wed** Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 [president@wasatchmountainclub.org](mailto: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.

**Jan 6** Wednesday Morning Snowshoe - mod - Moderate pace

Meet: Registration required

**Wed** Organizer: Aiko Kamimura [kamimura@umich.edu](mailto:kamimura@umich.edu)

We plan to snowshoe somewhere in BCC, LCC, or a place that is not far from SLC, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Not a long activity. Please bring snowshoes, microspikes, and 10 Es. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) is not required (If this changes, I will post a note). But if you want to practice using avalanche safety gear, please feel free to bring it. If you want to try avalanche safety gear, I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing anywhere, we will hike. Please email before Tuesday, 6 pm on January 5 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info including the location of snowshoeing. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.



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- Jan 9 Snowshoe - Location Tba Depending on Snow/conditions – mod – Moderate pace  
 Meet: Registration required
- Sat Organizer: Aiko Kamimura [kamimura@umich.edu](mailto:kamimura@umich.edu)  
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- Jan 10 Snowshoe - Location Tba Depending on Snow/conditions – mod – Moderate pace  
 Meet: Registration required
- Sun Organizer: Aiko Kamimura [kamimura@umich.edu](mailto:kamimura@umich.edu)  
 We plan to snowshoe somewhere in BCC, LCC, the Uintas/ Heber, Provo, Park City or somewhere weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring snowshoes, microspikes, and 10 Es. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) not required (If this changes, I will post a note). But if you want to practice using avalanche safety gear, please feel free to bring it. If you want to try avalanche safety gear, I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing anywhere, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on January 8 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.
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- Jan 10 Exploratory Foothills Hike or Snowshoe – mod – Moderate pace  
 Meet: 9:00 am at email organizer to register
- Sun Organizer: Julie Klgore 801-244-3323 [jkl@wasatch-environmental.com](mailto:jkl@wasatch-environmental.com)  
 Let's check out the parcels at the base of Little Cottonwood Canyon that the WMC donated to for Open Space. If inversion is in, we'll find a different destination up canyon. Limit of 10 and COVID protocols in place at the time of the hike will be followed.
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- Jan 12 Social - Online Book Club  
 Meet: 5:30 pm at online
- Tue Organizer: Aiko Kamimura [kamimura@umich.edu](mailto:kamimura@umich.edu)  
 The Sierra Club Huron Valley Group Book Club in Michigan, which focuses on environmental issues, welcomes participants from Utah while they have meetings online during the pandemic. Participants do not need to be members of Sierra Club. The January book is Troubled Water: What's Wrong with What We Drink by Seth M. Siegel. If you would like to participate, please contact Aiko for the access information.
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- Jan 12 Winter Night Hike - Pipeline to Birch Hollow – nsst+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace  
 Meet: 5:45 pm at Text, call, or email organizer to register
- Tue Organizer: Julie Klgore 801-244-3323 [jkl@wasatch-environmental.com](mailto:jkl@wasatch-environmental.com)  
 Bring micro spikes or other studded footwear, headlamp, and dress in layers. Prompt 6pm departure.
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- Jan 13 Wednesday Morning Snowshoe – mod – Moderate pace  
 Meet: Registration required
- Wed Organizer: Aiko Kamimura [kamimura@umich.edu](mailto:kamimura@umich.edu)  
 We plan to snowshoe somewhere in BCC, LCC, or a place that is not far from SLC, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Not a long activity. Please bring snowshoes, microspikes, and 10 Es. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) is not required (If this changes, I will post a note). But if you want to practice using avalanche safety gear, please feel free to bring it. If you want to try avalanche safety gear, I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing anywhere, we will hike. Please email before Tuesday, 6 pm on January 12 for the meeting place and time. Registration is

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required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info including the location of snowshoeing. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.

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Jan Boating Permit Application Party—optional Zoom Meeting

14 Meet: 6:30 pm at <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73179785051?pwd=cjdMcXNVOGp0N1BaZlNqL0t2Vld5UT09>

Thu Organizer: Tanner Morrill 801-809-0170 [tannemorrill@gmail.com](mailto:tannemorrill@gmail.com)

This is an optional meeting for those who need guidance on applying for river permits. We'll also be sending out emails with instructions and information about our favorite rivers and the suggested calendar dates to apply for. The links to online application can be found here: <https://wasatchmountainclub.org/river-rafting-permits> Need help? Join us on zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73179785051?pwd=cjdMcXNVOGp0N1BaZlNqL0t2Vld5UT09> Use "WMC" as password if required.

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Jan Snowshoe - Ogden/Provo/Tooele Area - mod - Moderate pace

16 Meet: Registration required

Sat Organizer: Akiko Kamimura [kamimura@umich.edu](mailto:kamimura@umich.edu)

We plan to snowshoe somewhere in the Ogden/Provo/Tooele area, conditions and situation permitting.

Please bring snowshoes, microspikes, and 10 Es. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer.

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Jan Snowshoe - west Uintas/Heber/midway Area - mod - Moderate pace

17 Meet: Registration required

Sun Organizer: Akiko Kamimura [kamimura@umich.edu](mailto:kamimura@umich.edu)

We plan to snowshoe somewhere in the Uintas/Heber/Midway area, conditions and situation permitting.

Please bring snowshoes, microspikes, and 10 Es. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer.

Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) not required (If this changes, I will post a note). But if you want to practice using avalanche safety gear, please feel free to bring it. If you want to try avalanche safety gear, I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing anywhere, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on January 15 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.

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Jan Multi-activity Event - 2021 Covid Blood Drive

18 Meet: 2:00 pm at American Red Cross Cottonwood Room. 6616 South 900 East (South of R.C. Willey in Mon Murray), park in West Lot

Organizer: Anthony Hellman 801-809-6133 [utahhomes4us@gmail.com](mailto:utahhomes4us@gmail.com)

WMC Centennial Blood was a "Bloody Success" so the WMC is sponsoring an ongoing 2021 Covid Blood drive. The first one will be on Martin Luther King Day as a Day of Service. FREE Covid 19 antibody testing with every Donation. Your gift of life is priceless. Encourage friends, family, or start a company drive. The RED CROSS says Thank You All for Being Fabulous Partners, Our Wish Is We Continue this Relationship & Keep "Paying It Forward" Impacting the Patients and Children in our Community!! Please use this LINK to Schedule Your Appointment between 2 and 8 pm.

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Jan Snowshoe - Location Tba Depending on Snow/conditions - mod - Moderate pace

23 Meet: Registration required

Sat Organizer: Akiko Kamimura [kamimura@umich.edu](mailto:kamimura@umich.edu)

We plan to snowshoe somewhere in BCC, LCC, the Uintas/ Heber, Provo, Park City or somewhere weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring snowshoes, microspikes, and 10 Es. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) not required (If this

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Jan Snowshoe - Location Tba Depending on Snow/conditions - mod - Moderate pace

24 Meet: Registration required

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Jan Winter Night Hike - White Fir Pass - rtd+ - Out & Back - Moderate pace

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

Tue Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 [jik@wasatch-environmental.com](mailto:jik@wasatch-environmental.com)

Bring micro spikes or other studded footwear, headlamp, and dress in layers. Prompt 6pm departure.

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30 Meet: Registration required

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Jan Snowshoe - Location Tba Depending on Snow/conditions - mod - Moderate pace

31 Meet: Registration required

Sun Organizer: Aiko Kamimura [kamimura@umich.edu](mailto:kamimura@umich.edu)

We plan to snowshoe somewhere in BCC, LCC, the Uintas/ Heber, Provo, Park City or somewhere weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring snowshoes, microspikes, and 10 Es. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) not required (If this changes, I will post a note). But if you want to practice using avalanche safety gear, please feel free to bring it. If you want to try avalanche safety gear, I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing anywhere, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on January 29 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.

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Feb Social - Online Book Club

9 Meet: 5:30 pm at Online

Tue Organizer: Aiko Kamimura [kamimura@umich.edu](mailto:kamimura@umich.edu)

The Sierra Club Huron Valley Group Book Club in Michigan, which focuses on environmental issues, welcomes participants from Utah while they have meetings online during the pandemic. Participants do not need to be members of Sierra Club. The February book is Reading the Rocks: The Autobiography of the Earth by Marcia Bjornerud. If you would like to participate, please contact Aiko for the access information.

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- Feb WMC Board Meeting  
 10 Meet: 7:00 pm at See minutes for Zoom meeting info or WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103
- Wed Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 [president@wasatchmountainclub.org](mailto: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.
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- Feb Virtual Membership Meeting, New Member Orientation, Election, And Presentation  
 17 Meet: 6:00 pm at A Zoom invitation email will be sent to all who register.
- Wed Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 [jul@wasatch-environmental.com](mailto:jul@wasatch-environmental.com)  
 If you can Zoom, you can join us for our annual February Membership Meeting/Social. Load up with your favorite snacks and beverage, and settle in for a virtual membership gathering. Details to follow
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- Mar Backpack Cedar Mesa – mod+ – 18.0 mi Shuttle – 1000' ascent – Moderate pace  
 26 Meet: Registration required
- Fri Organizer: Tanner Morrill 801-809-0170 [tannemorrill@gmail.com](mailto:tannemorrill@gmail.com)  
 – Grand Gulch is filled with archeological sites and beautiful sandstone. This area was slated to be part of the
- Mar Bears Ears national monument until it was scaled back. We'll be scrambling down Todie Canyon and out  
 28 Bullet Canyon. Members should be comfortable with some rock scrambling in Todie Canyon and possibly in
- Sun Bullet Canyon. Water should be available to filter. We'll drive down the evening of the 25th. We could grab a hotel in Blanding if folks want.
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- May Kayaking Twin Falls Idaho – class I  
 14 Meet: Registration required
- Fri Organizer: Tanner Morrill 801-809-0170 [tannemorrill@gmail.com](mailto:tannemorrill@gmail.com)  
 – Exploratory trip: Come enjoy Shoshone Falls (taller than Niagara) and beautiful Snake River scenery! Details
- May to come. About a 4-hour drive. Lodging? TBD. Participants must be able to handle the lower Provo river from  
 16 Deer Creek Dam to Vivian park (class I) to qualify for this trip. Leave early on the 14th (Friday), return
- Sun Sunday night (the 16th). Trip subject to rafting opportunities, may be postponed if important river rafting opportunities are available weekend.



## Winter Sports Message



Greetings winter enthusiasts! We're hopeful that we can have a somewhat normal winter sports season given the circumstances. The backcountry crowds will likely be higher this season so organizers may want to think about less popular destinations, days and start times. There are a number of useful links on the club website under ski or snowshoe tabs and there are some good avalanche safety videos on the Know Before You Go website (<https://kbyg.org/>). Feel free to contact either of us if you have suggestions, questions or concerns for the upcoming season. Bring on the snow!

Steve Duncan, Winter Sports Director

Lisa Verzella, Skiing Coordinator

## Boating

### Join us for our 2nd Annual Virtual Permit Party

January 6-20--Optional Zoom Gathering Jan 14

Join us for our second Covid-Safe  
Permit Party! Watch for Emails with  
further instructions and a contest!

Further Details Coming Soon

# Celebrate the legacy *by Giving*

We are grateful for your generosity in 2020 towards achieving our \$25,000 goal!

There are limited quantities of Centennial Thank-You gifts still available if you want to contribute to the Education Endowment. Get yours today!

- **Donate to WMC Centennial Education Endowment Fund:** Create a lasting legacy at the University of Utah. Details on our website. Use this form to receive Thank-You gifts, or donate online.
- **Advertise In The Rambler:** If you or someone you know has a business that would like to reach our 1,000 members plus hundreds of other readers, e-mail [Rambler@WasatchMountainClub.org](mailto:Rambler@WasatchMountainClub.org)

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# WMC Centennial Scholarship Fund

In 2020, the Wasatch Mountain Club made a lasting legacy in commemoration of the centennial year. Past WMC President John Veranth has worked closely with the University of Utah to establish an endowed scholarship fund at the University of Utah to support students in the Parks, Recreation and Tourism department pursuing degrees focused in environmental health and community outdoor recreation.

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

Thanks to your generous support, the \$25,000 required to establish the endowment was achieved! Our ultimate goal is to establish a \$50,000 endowment that can continue to be funded year after year. The U of U distributes ~3% endowment fund balances annually, depending on investment returns.

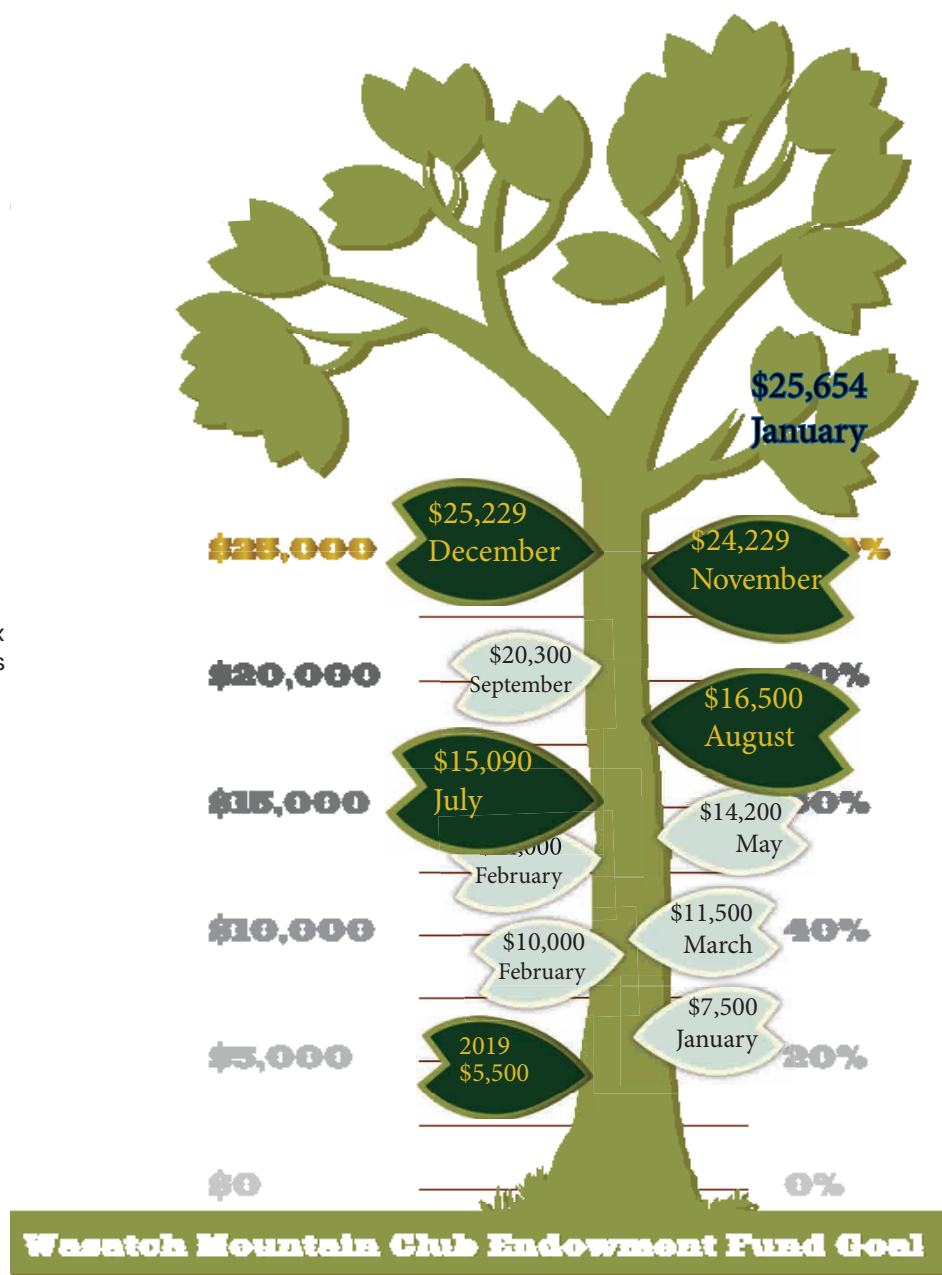
Donations made through the WMC will not be tax deductible (we are a non-profit membership organization, but not a 501(c)(3)). Donations made directly to the U of U will be tax deductible and you will be credited as a donor to the U of U.

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

**Donate to the WMC Centennial Scholarship at the University of Utah on-line!**

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

We are currently at \$25,654, climbing towards \$50,000 **thanks to your generous support!** If you would still like to contribute, you can do so at the link below and select your gift from page 38!





# Trip Report: Water Tower Draw - Evening Hike

October 1, 2020



View of Salt Lake City

By Julie Kilgore/Steve Leitch

Organized by: Julie Kilgore

Due to the fire in Neff's Canyon, decided to hike up into Water Tank Draw (just north of Millcreek Canyon)

It was a pleasant evening and the plan was to hike to to 1 hour rock and return. The highlight of the ascent was seeing a tarantula on the trail. Tarantulas are rarely seen since they spend most of their time underground. Utah is on the northern border of the tarantula's native range, but at times, these spiders can be found as far north as Cache County. In the fall, male tarantulas leave their underground burrows and migrate in search of female mates

It was a great evening hike made even better by seeing the Tarantula. You never know what cool adventure awaits on a WMC hike.



Steve, Brenda, and Julie at 1-hr rock



# Trip Report: View Benchmark, Peak & Steep Mountain

Novemeber 25, 2020

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

This activity was supposed to be the first Wednesday morning snowshoe for this winter. There was no much snow anywhere near SLC, however. We made View Benchmark (6,682 ft), Peak 6562, Steep Mountain (6,180 ft) and several bumps via snow-free trails. We started from Maple Hollow Trailhead Park in Draper. For all of us, it was the first time to hike in the area. Our first destination was View Benchmark. There is a triangulation structure at the summit of View Benchmark. So it was very easy to identify which peak is View Benchmark. While the elevation of View Benchmark is not high, it offers magnificent views of Mt Timpanogos, Lone Peak, Box Elder Peak, Utah Lake, Oquirrh Mts and more as the name "View" indicates. Our next destination was Peak 6562. To get to Peak 6562, we made one bump, dropped approximately 300 ft and went up to the peak. Our last destination was Steep Mountain. As the name "Steep" implies, there were steep down and up hills to get to Steep Mountain. To go back to the trailhead, we took a slightly different route and did a loop. It was sunny but very windy. Great way to spend Thanksgiving Eve. The hike took 3 hours and 30 minutes including breaks (distance – 6.79 miles, total elevation gain – 2,060 ft).



Dave on the way to Peak 6562. Lone Peak on the back.



Group photo at View Benchmark. From left – Mark, Dave, Brent, and Akiko



Mark, Brent and Dave on the way to Steep Mountain

# Trip Report: Very Relaxed Pace Night Hike to Draper Suspension Bridge

November 5, 2020



*City Lights at Night*

By Jamie Kilgore

Co-Organized Hike:

Jamie Kilgore and Julie Kilgore

Draper Suspension Bridge

Hiking at night is not something that I would have ever thought of doing.

But night hiking with my mom was great! So pretty and perfect temps.

One would think it would be really cold, but once the group started walking, a layer or two needed to come off.

But walking across the suspension bridge at night was a little creepy, the way the bridge moved and you couldn't see anything underneath. I wasn't sure whether to be scared or excited. But that's part of what made it fun.



*Hanging out on the suspension bridge*

# Trip Report: Snow Hike - Chilly Peak & Peak 8264

November 28, 2020

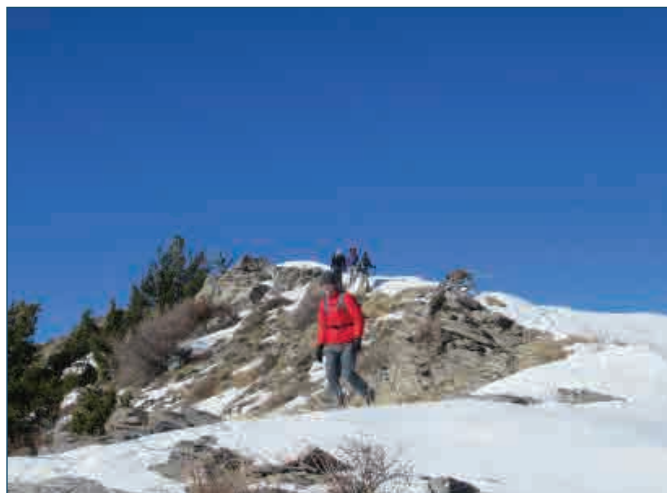
Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

We started from the North Ogden Divide Trailhead to bag Chilly Peak (8,620 ft) and Peak 8264 via North Skyline Trail. For all of us, it was the first time to make those peaks. The first 2.25 miles of the trail did not have snow. At the place where the trail was started being covered with snow, we went straight up to Peak 8264. The views from the ridgeline and Peak 8264 were very beautiful.



*Evan, Ryan, and Mark at the summit of Chilly Peak.*

From Peak 8264, we went down to the main trail and went up to the southeast ridge of Chilly Peak. There were some places with deep snow. But we could manage the parts without snowshoes. The final ascent to Chilly Peak was wonderful – going up while seeing Ben Lomond behind of Chilly Peak. The views from the summit of Chilly Peak were amazing. We even could see peaks in High Uintas. We also saw inversions in the valley and were happy that we were above the inversions. We took



*Evan, Ryan, Jim, and Ed descending from Chilly Peak*

the main trail to go back to the trailhead. This hike took 5 hours and 50 minutes in total including breaks (distance – 9.32 miles, total elevation gain – 3,256 ft).



*Ryan on the way to Peak 8264*





*Group photo at Peak 8264. From left – Ryan, Andy, Akiko, Ed, Mark, Jim and Evan.*

## Trip Report: Flux Peak

December 5, 2020

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

Flux Peak (8,003 ft) is the highest point in the northern Stansbury Mountains but is rarely climbed. It was the first time for all of us to hike to the peak. There are two routes to the peak. But we chose the Miner's Canyon's route due to the



*Evan, Andy, and Barb hiking on the large rolling meadow.*

easier access, though it is longer than the other route. We started the hike near Bonneville Seabase – the northwest of Grantsville. Because not all of

us drove a 4WD vehicle, we parked at the end of the main dirt road and walked to the mouth of the canyon. We hiked on the ATV road in the first 3.6 miles (to elevation 7,200 ft) and then climbed up on the steep off-trail. Once we were up to elevation 7,800 ft, we were in a large rolling meadow



*Barb, Andy, and Evan at one of the small bumps*

with a number of small bumps. After we were ups and downs for two miles, we finally made the peak. We enjoyed the stunning views of Great Salt Lake, the Stansbury Mountains and more. Evan saw some interesting fossils that looked like very old. Andy found a very deep mine that we could not see the bottom. There were no many snow patches. But Shasta (Barb's dog) was very happy when he was on the snow. The weather was wonderful. This hike took 6 hours and 40 minutes in total including breaks (distance – 11.8 miles, total elevation gain – 4,143 ft)





Group photo at Flux Peak. From L to R - Barb, Shasta (Barb's dog), Andy, Akiko, and Evan



Andy, Shasta (Barb's dog), Evan, and Barb descending

## Trip Report: Virgin River Gorge Canyoneering

November 7, 2020

Organized by Kevin Earl and Brent McCormick

Report by Aymara Jimenez-Lofgren and Leisa Root

Participants:

Cherry Canyon: Kevin Earl, Bret Mathews, Chris

McPhie, Kathryn Kair, Irene Yeun, Simon Diggins, Nate Chadwell, Sean Lofgren, Aymara Jimenez-Lofgren, Alicia Nelson, Tim Mackay, Jennifer Chan, and Gustavo Carrillo.

Golf Canyon: Brent McCormick, Shane Wallace, Dana Fisher, Frank Ryburn, Wilmer Sandoval, Jennifer L. Stock, Leisa Root, Chris Root, Ying Lee, and Wan Horng.

In early November Kevin and Brent organized an outing to the Virgin River Gorge to do some exploratory canyons. As the group would already be near Southern Utah, they also organized the group to explore the newly opened Zion Via Ferrata. Many eager Club goers signed up to attend one or both events, however, the weather did not cooperate with the group and the Via Ferrata had to be cancelled due to expected snow.

That did not deter those of us still interested in exploring the canyons in this pristine area, and participants met in Mesquite Saturday morning to drive into the gorge and begin the exploration.

The Cherry Canyon group was led by Kevin Earl, Bret Mathews and Kathryn Kair. Though rain was forecasted for the day, we only encountered light rain and some hail which did not stay long enough



Cherry Canyon group crossing the Virgin River

to cause any issues in the canyon. Cherry canyon is beautifully located inside the gorge around mile marker 14, it features breathtaking views, little down-climbing and lots and lots of rappels. Once we crossed the Virgin River, which some commented was the first time they have seen it run clear this late in the season, we hiked up the side of the canyon to find the canyon entrance. The hike in was not long, but steep, and once the entrance to the canyon was found, the real fun began! Cherry canyon features 15 rappels, some trickier than others, with the longest rappel being



*Virgin River Gorge view*

99 feet. We moved swiftly through the canyon, so much so, that by the time we found ourselves back to our car we had enough daylight to do one more canyon!



*Beautiful View*

So, we traveled one more highway exit to find Ghost Rider Canyon. Ghost Rider Canyon is a small canyon, with a short hike in and hike out, and has four rappels. It was a fun way for the Cherry Canyon group to end our day on the Virgin River Gorge.

The Golf Canyon group was led by Brent McCormick, Shane Wallace and Dana Fisher. We parked on the roadside, crossed over a barbed wire fence (very carefully) headed down the embankment then crossed the river. We switched from our river shoes (or bare feet) into our hiking boots and set out up the riverbed. After about a mile of traversing river stones we turned right and headed up a steep hillside. Once at the top, we dropped a



*Brett McCormick on a Golf Canyon rappel*

short distance down to the starting point. The lead group got everything ready and verified the anchors before they dropped ropes. Golf canyon has 14 rappels up to 99 feet high.

The rappels were amazing, the expertise was unparalleled, and the scenery will not soon be forgotten. Several of the anchor points had to be redone so Brent and Wilmer's expertise and precision was greatly appreciated. As we repelled it was hard to focus on the repel and to take in the sites. The varieties in colors and types of stone were so beautiful. It was amazing that in such a rugged terrain that we have driven past for years we were introduced and got to experience the true beauty of this area.

At the end of the day, both groups bid farewell and made plans to come back next year and hopefully this time add in the Zion Via Ferrata.



# Trip Report: Lions Head Peak Peak & Y Mountains

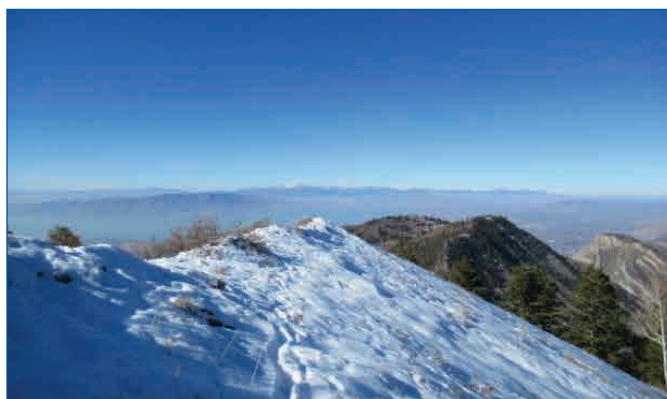
November 29, 2020

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

Jim and Akiko started from Y Trailhead in Provo. Until the junction to Y Mountains, the trail had only patchy snow. From the junction, Jim went to Y Mountains (West Y 8,528 ft and East Y 8,568 ft) on a snow free trail. It was the first time for Jim to bag Y Mountains and enjoyed the views from the peaks. Akiko continued the Slide Canyon trail to bag Lions Head Peak (9,001 ft). The trail was completely snow-covered but it was not necessary to use snowshoes or micro-spikes. From near the junction to Slate Canyon, I went up on the steep west ridge to the peak. It did not look like anyone went to the peak recently. There was no foot prints/ ski track near the peak. Snowshoes could be helpful for the last 100 yards. I was carrying snowshoes but managed the deep fresh snow around the summit without using snowshoes. The summit offered wonderful 360-degree views including Utah Lake, Y Mountains, Squaw Peak, Mt. Timpanogos, Cascade Mountain, Provo Peak, Mt. Nebo, Buckley Mountain, Maple Mountain and more. The Lions Head Peak hike took 4 hours and 45 minutes in total including a lunch break (distance – 8 miles, total elevation gain – 4,100 ft). Jim's Y Mountain hike was one-hour shorter (distance – 7 miles).



Akiko on Lion's Head Peak summit



The view of mostly snow-free Y Mountains from the summit of Lions Head Peak

## Trip Report: Houndstooth Hike

October 24, 2020

Trip Report by Kay Tran

We see it from our backyard; we see it from our bike rides. We're new here and had never hiked this piece of rock.

Four to six weeks in advance of the hike, we were on a bike ride with Mac Brubaker. He tells us of his hike planned with Julie Kilgore to climb Houndstooth. A good Covid hike, less used. So we got off of our bikes 1 to 2 times per week and started some training for this "steep" hike. Houndstooth is something like 3000' vertical ascent in approximately 3 miles. There were 8 to 10 of us hikers setting out with the threat of rain in the afternoon.

We scored parking at the Ferguson trailhead by starting early and we started up the hill. The con-



Descending from Houndstooth



dition of the trail and the welcome switchbacks made the hiking easier than it may have been. Thanks to Alex for the trail building and maintenance. The summit came quickly, as we were catching up with conversations reconnecting with friends and making new relationships. There were a couple sections near the top which required some shimmying and hefting up and over.



*Julie on the ascent*

At the summit we had our lunches. Julie was of course eating something local whereas many of us had peanut butter and jelly classic. We got the surrounding topography summary from the experienced and local ones. We made a video singing happy birthday to Mac Brubaker's daughter. Hey we wish you many more happy years! As the clouds threatened, we scurried on down and made it well in advance of any rain drops.

Poles made it easier for the descent; although they needed to be stowed for some of the uphill climb. Some of the gravel on the downhill was appropriate for a "glissade" technique like we used with snowshoes in the Adirondacks.

Our thanks to Mac and Julie for organizing and big thanks to Alex for the condition of the trail and switchbacks. We love looking up at Houndstooth



*Salt Lake Valley in full view all the way down the trail*

with a new familiarity and the feeling that "I've been there".

Participants: Kay and Arnie Tran, Alex Arakelian, Evette Raen, Mac Brubaker, David Caruth, Ryan Cuzme, Yi Qu, and Lara Cobi



*Evette Raen, Arnie Tran, Kay Tran, Ryan Cuzme, Mac Brubaker, David Carruth, Lara Cobin, Yi Qu, and Julie Kilgore*





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# WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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**PRIVACY INFORMATION:** The WMC defaults to listing your name, address, phone and email in a *Member Directory*. This information is only available to current members, and to access it they must either log in to the WMC website ([www.wasatchmountainclub.org](http://www.wasatchmountainclub.org)) or request a printed copy from the Membership Director.

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