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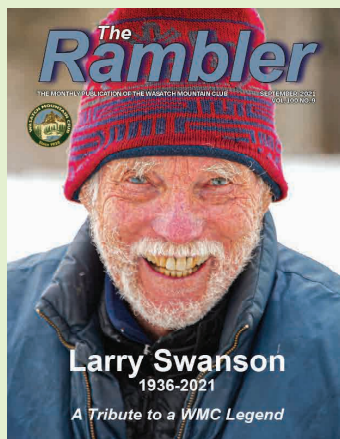
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Larry Swanson - a long-time, dedicated WMC club member passed away in June 2021. (see pages 6-33 for a tribute to Larry).

Photo courtesy of Jim Petrie



Lake Ibantik Backpack Trip (pg. 46)

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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WELCOME

New & Returning Members

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<i>Eugenia Paine</i>	<i>Cindy Rogers</i>	<i>Carina & David Huizenga</i>

If you're a new member, 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 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, just reach out and ask for help.

If a Move is in Your Future Sit Back & Relax.

Buying or selling a home can be complicated.

Let me take over all the stressful details.

When it's time to buy or sell, give me a call.

Knick Knickerbocker, GRI



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**Remember to call your WMC activity director
and volunteer to organize an activity.**

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RICHARDS**
AND ASSOCIATES

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President's Message

Aaah, rolling into autumn. There have been so many extremes this season, and fall just feels like a peaceful transition from a tumultuous summer to . . . well, it's hard to say what winter is going to bring us. So for now, let's celebrate!

First, we celebrate the life and many contributions of Larry Swanson, a long-time dedicated WMC member that we tragically lost in June 2021. This month's Rambler features Larry and includes many memories shared by club members and others. Thanks goes out to Alexis Kelner, Cheryl Soshnik, Phyllis Anderson, Mark Jones, and Steve Leitch for putting this special edition together.

In September, we celebrate being outdoors and sharing our experiences at the Storm Mountain Potluck party on September 18th. Come on out and enjoy a pre-party club activity, then join the group for some afternoon socializing.

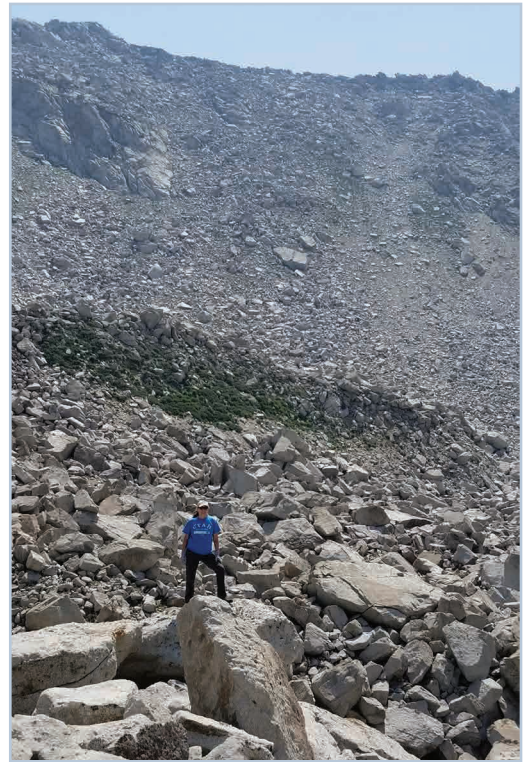
In October, we celebrate all there is to do on Antelope Island after most of the bugs are gone!! The annual Antelope Island multi-sport will be held the first weekend of October. Camp for a night or two, or come out just for the day. We have hiking, biking, and maaaaaybe paddling (last I heard, there was no water in the marina, so I'm not hopeful we'll pull that one off), followed by a social at one of the Bridger Bay Campground sites. Check out the calendar for details.

Also in October, we are excited to announce that Preservation Utah has selected the Wasatch Mountain Club to receive the prestigious Heritage Organization Award! The Heritage Organization award recognizes organizations involved in furthering the historic preservation movement in Utah. Organizations may be recognized for a variety of activities undertaken within the past five years, such as: educational programs, events to raise public awareness of preservation, advocacy, publications, planning, and the protection of historic buildings and sites from destruction. Preservation Utah is recognizing the Wasatch Mountain Club for the extensive efforts to collect, organize, document, and disseminate 100 years of written, oral, and photographic outdoor recreation history. This historical preservation was undertaken for the WMC Centennial in 2020. This is a great opportunity for me to once again express appreciation to the WMC Centennial Committee for their dedication leading up to, throughout, and following the great accomplishments of 2020. Our award is one of several awards that will be presented at the 2021 Heritage Awards and Gala event on Friday October 22, 2021, at the Natural History Museum. Tickets are available at <https://preservationutah.org/see-our-impact/heritage-awards>

And finally, the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet has been scheduled for Friday evening, November 5th and will be held at the indoor pavilion at Lone Peak Park. This invitation-only annual event is hosted by the WMC board as our way of saying thank you to all the volunteers who make this organization successful, and this venue offers flexibility for indoor and outdoor space. There is still time to qualify for an invitation to this special event! To qualify, a member needs to organize two in-town activities or one out-of-town activity between November 1, 2020, and October 31, 2021, that have been posted on the WMC activity calendar. Other volunteers also qualify and will be recommended for invitation by the relevant activity director or a board member.

Every day I celebrate living, working, and playing along the Wasatch!

Julie Kilgore
WMC President



Julie in the White Baldy boulder field

Larry Swanson 1936 - 2021

Lawrence (Larry) Carl
on June 15, 2021 while on a
in the Black Hills of South

Larry was born and grew
the University of Minnesota,
Engineering in 1959. He
in the aerospace industry,
Germany and Hungary. He
they both were working as
military.

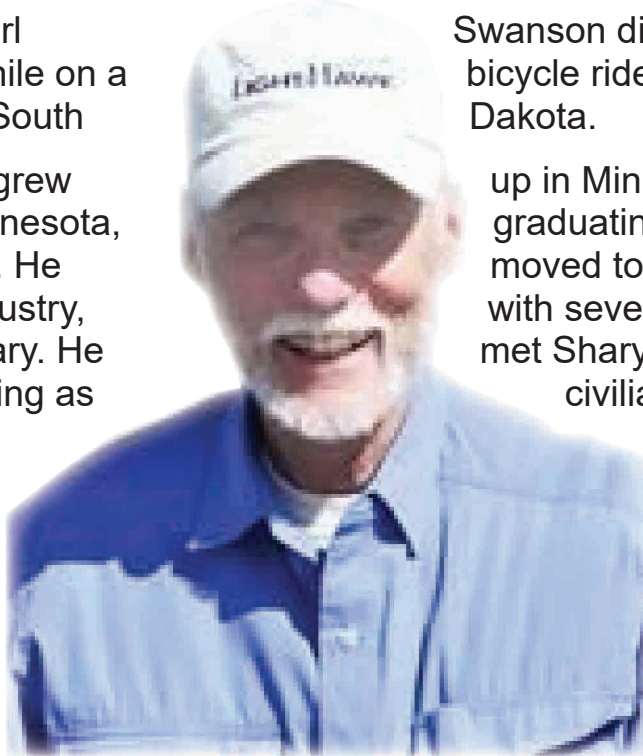
Larry lived an
He loved riding
earned trophies as
road motorcycle
four years. In Utah,
patrol member at
West ski resorts
He was a small-

for some 60 years. For Angel Flight West, 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.



Swanson died at the age of 84
bicycle ride with his wife, Sharyl,
Dakota.

up in Minnesota and attended
graduating in Mechanical
moved to Utah and worked
with several year-long stints in
met Sharyl in Germany while
civilians associated with the

adventurous life.
motorcycles and
the Minnesota off-
racing champion for
he served as a ski
Solitude and Park
for over 30 years.
plane owner and pilot

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. Guests are encouraged to use the entrance and parking on the north side of building. 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.



Larry Swanson - *He touched the hearts of many*

Larry Swanson, my uncle

Larry lead a lifetime of adventure and service. Some of my earliest memories of my uncle include Christmas where he would give me the most amazing gifts, almost always hand made and the product of many, many hours in his shop. To this day I am still using a beautiful desk that he made for me when I was in elementary school. Throughout my whole life it was common to have things show up on my doorstep. It could be tools needed for a project that I had mentioned to him or ant spray after he noticed some ants at my house, or an article about a topic that we had discussed. In talking with others this was a common theme. Larry showing up unannounced to help with something or provide expertise or equipment to help someone with a project or task. If you lived next to Larry it was difficult to shovel your walk before he did it for you. I have also heard many stories about the many projects that he lead or had a hand in on the Wasatch Mountain Club lodge over the decades. As a pilot he also volunteered his time and airplane for many projects from photographing mountain terrain for guidebooks to flying patients to receive needed treatment and medical care. These are just a few of many examples of what it was like to have Larry in your life.

Eric and Larry in Baja - 1972



and will be missed by all who knew him.

If you spent time with Larry you also have undoubtedly been involved in, or at least heard about big adventure. Growing up it was my impression that Larry and my dad could do absolutely anything. Jeep trips and backpacking trips in southern Utah, multiple month long jeep trips to remote areas of Baja, Mexico and sailing adventures in Mexico. No challenge was too great for them, from replacing an axle on a vehicle hundreds of miles from civilization, dealing with a capsized sailboat, or spending days to get a jeep unstuck. I thought this was a normal childhood.

Every Sunday was spent skiing as my dad and Larry were on the Ski patrol together. There are so many stories from those years of Larry's adventure and enthusiasm. He spearheaded a project where he and my dad cleared out a new run during the summertime. Operating under the it's better to ask for forgiveness than permission doctrine they created a run that bore their name even through resort ownership changes. Swany's Alley.

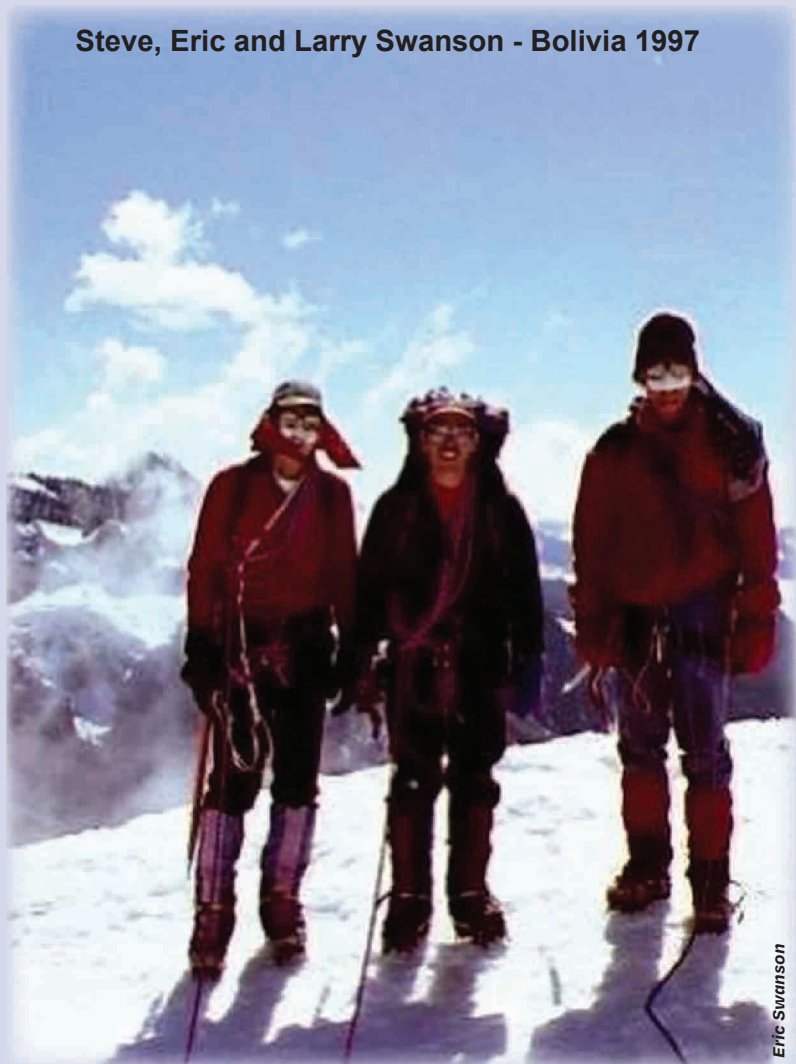
In climbing and mountaineering Larry's drive and strength were legendary. From first ascents in the Wasatch and big peaks in South America, carrying someone's pack for them when they were struggling, to routinely pulling a watermelon out of his pack on the last peak of the Beatout hike. His climbing adventures took him all over the world from Alaska to Tajikistan. Some of my most treasured experiences were to climb big mountains with Larry and my dad in places like Bolivia and Ecuador. Oh, and leading the one day winter ascent of King's Peak for the Wasatch Mountain Club for 48 years is a feat that will not likely ever be repeated.

The last communication I had with Larry was a week before he died when I messaged him that I couldn't believe he and my dad had done this really sporty thing I had done recently way back in the day. He replied to me "enthusiasm was the magic ingredient!" That really was Larry in a nutshell, no matter where you were or what you were doing, no matter how hard or scary things were, he was always so enthusiastic and motivating you couldn't help but do those hard things.

Larry you will be missed dearly,

- Eric Swanson

Steve, Eric and Larry Swanson - Bolivia 1997



Eric Swanson

Larry Swanson - *He touched the hearts of many*

Remembering Larry Swanson

I can't quite recall when I first met Larry Swanson; it was probably during the late 1960s or early 1970s. I had organized an "unusual" post-season ski tour from Alta to Lake Blanche. Our ascent route went up the south ridge of Mt. Superior to its summit, then followed the traditional ski descent into Big Cottonwood canyon. Due to the lateness of the season, it turned out to be the perfect route. Larry was one of the tour's participants. He demonstrated excellent skiing form as we descended from the summit into the canyon.

As I learned over the next fifty years excellence was one of Larry Swanson's endearing qualities. He also loved all things mechanical. He owned an antique Triumph motorcycle that he maintained in a pristine condition. Every now and then

he would ride it to our home for a visit. He had restored a 1952 Willys jeep that he had used to explore the Canyonlands area before its National Park designation. Larry and Sharyl loved to dress up for the annual Independence Day parade at Brighton; their festively decorated red jeep was always a hit.

During the 1960s and '70s I used a '48 jeep in exploring the Uranium mining roads in the San Rafael area. My wife Karla and I also owned a tracked snow cat that we used on the salt and mud flats of the Great Salt Lake. On several occasions Larry "consulted" on some of our common mechanical difficulties.

Larry also enjoyed the Wasatch Mountain Club. He participated on many summer hikes. His specialty was carrying a water melon to the summit for everyone to share.

Larry's dedication to the Mountain Club extended to volunteer work on its continuously deteriorating Lodge. When I became Lodge Director in the early 1980s one of my objectives was the rewiring of its antiquated electrical system. Larry was eager to help. We had hired a commercial electrical contractor to help with the rewiring. After three days working on the Lodge the contractor felt sufficiently comfortable with our techniques that he left us to finish the job. Larry and I brought up our sleeping bags and spent the next seven days rewiring. Conduit bending now extended his growing list of proficiencies.

Fire safety was my other priority. I had invited the County's fire safety director to visit the lodge and give me a detailed report of inadequacies. He confided that it was almost unheard of to

Larry descends the north side of Mt. Superior during a late-spring Lake Blanche ski tour.



Alexis Kelner

and will be missed by all who knew him.

have a canyon property owner make such a request. The club hired an architect to design the escape; Larry and I, working with several volunteers helped erect it per the architect's instructions.

Larry Swanson's dedication to the Lodge went far beyond electrical work. He became very proficient at replacing rotting logs in the walls of the kitchen annex. He participated in the construction of the new front porch. Later on he, along with several volunteers, removed all the cement chinking in the building's exterior walls. He then spent weeks filling log cracks in preparation for a new coat of paint. The construction of a new water system required many, many months of work---mostly by Bob Myers, Larry, and several volunteers. Last year Larry helped build and install a new Forest Service informational sign describing the history of the club and the lodge's designation as a national historical site.



Alexis Kellner

The Mountain Club's "Department of Waterworks." Larry, left, Bob Myers, and several volunteer workers spent many months assembling the club's plumbing system. It now has flush toilets and hot running water.

During the 1960s and '70s Alta served as one of the Forest Service's avalanche study centers. Ron Perla, a very skilled WMC mountaineer, skier, and rock climber, had joined the Forest Service in 1966 as a snow ranger. He published several technical papers dealing with avalanches while studying for an advanced degree in meteorology. The Forest Service directed him to update its very outdated Avalanche Handbook. Dr. Perla's request to hire me as co-author was rejected (they desired an "all Forest Service" publication), but offered me a contract to photograph and illustrate the project. One of my tasks was to photograph Alta's avalanche endangered lodges. That, I determined, was best done from an aircraft.

I contracted a pilot/plane to fly me around Alta. The craft had room for another passenger and I invited Larry Swanson to ride along. He enjoyed the flight and later told me that he owned a plane and would love to fly me for any future assignments.

My first flight with Larry up Little Cottonwood Canyon scared the hell out of me. Larry calmly explained that flying along the edge of a canyon was the safest way to ascend. He said that many pilots crash because they choose the middle of a drainage to fly in, so when they have to make a quick turn-around they crash into the canyon's wall. I never got white knuckles again when flying with Larry. He was similarly sensitive to his passenger's possibility of air sickness.



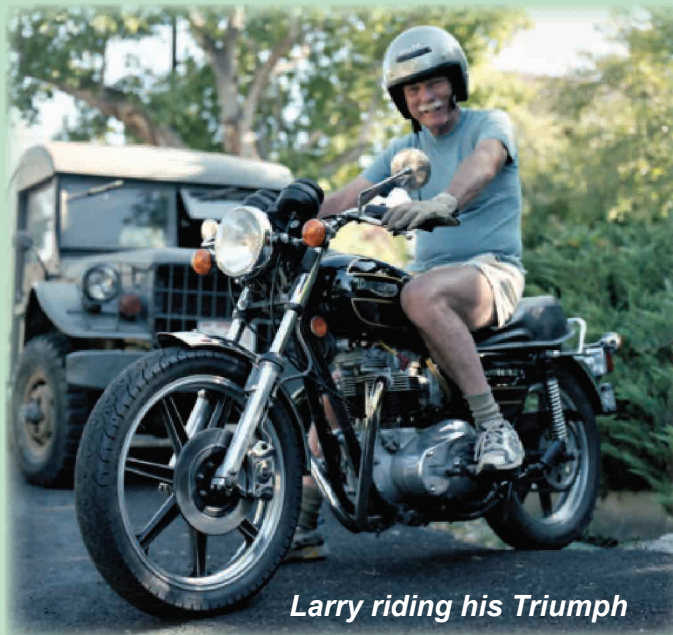
Larry Swanson - *He touched the hearts of many*

While I had to adapt to Larry's flying requirements he also had to adapt to my photographic needs. Pilots customarily sit in the left seat, the command pilot's seat. My photography required me to shoot from that side. He became quite proficient in the use of the right side controls. I also needed to be able to lean outside of the cockpit. Larry modified the window so it could be clipped against the wing while we were making a photo pass.

Wilderness discussions were in the forefront of the 1970s. Senator Frank Moss and Congressman Wayne Owens had both introduced legislation to designate the Lone Peak area as a Wilderness. We soon learned that our county commissioners were mostly ignorant of the nearby canyon and mountain environment. One of the commissioners confided that she had never visited any of the local canyons.

On more than one occasion Larry took several commissioners on sightseeing flights to familiarize them with the magnificent terrain we were anxious to preserve. Such flights resulted in the Commission's unanimous decision favoring creation of the Lone Peak Wilderness. Later on, when legislation was introduced to designate additional statewide areas for Wilderness Larry volunteered his flying skills to help with the lobbying. He became very active with Project Light Hawk, a group of similarly dedicated pilots who took environmental reporters on flights over areas being considered.

Larry Swanson's generosity with his time and plane extended beyond environmental issues. He became active with a group of pilots/aircraft owners in providing free flight services to hospital patients who lived in communities not easily accessible by conventional means. The group is known as "Angel Flight."



Larry riding his Triumph

Alexis Kelner

Larry and I shared interest in matters historical. With our wives and two friends we had planned a jeep drive along the lakeside railbed of the Transcontinental Railroad. Larry flew me along the tracks for a close examination of the route. Skimming fifty feet along the tracks was an experience of its own. We paid special attention to the many trestles still standing and several bridges over swampy waters. Fifty years later the route had become popular among today's off-road crowd.

The historical interest extended to Utah disasters: When the Great Salt Lake flooded in the 1980s its rising waters inundated the bird refuge, the third iteration of Saltair Resort, and many miles of the Interstate highway to Wendover. We photographed the inundated facilities mentioned and the Great Salt Lake pumps. We also photographed Alta avalanches—those that had hit lodges as well as slopes that endangered – and sometimes killed – unwary backcountry tourers.



and will be missed by all who knew him.

Larry Swanson's skillful flying was also instrumental during preparation of the four Kelner-Hanscom Wasarch Tours guidebooks. For every terrain photo that appears in each guide nearly fifty were taken. It took an immense amount of skill to get the photographic angles exactly right. No other pilot, I'm convinced, could have accomplished it.

Larry had spent most of his adult life employed in Utah's aerospace industry. During some of our work sessions on the Lodge, I asked him why he hadn't volunteered to serve on the Club's Board of Directors. He replied that he would "rather spend the time working than attending endless meetings."

- Alexis Kelner
WMC Historian

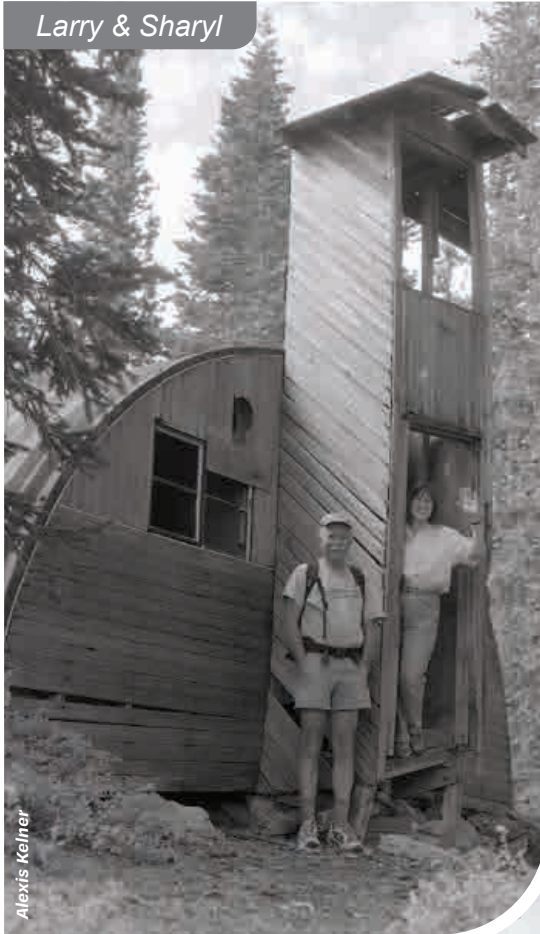


Larry's well polished, red 1952 Willys jeep as well as the appropriately costumed couple are frequent participants in Brighton's annual 4th of July parade.

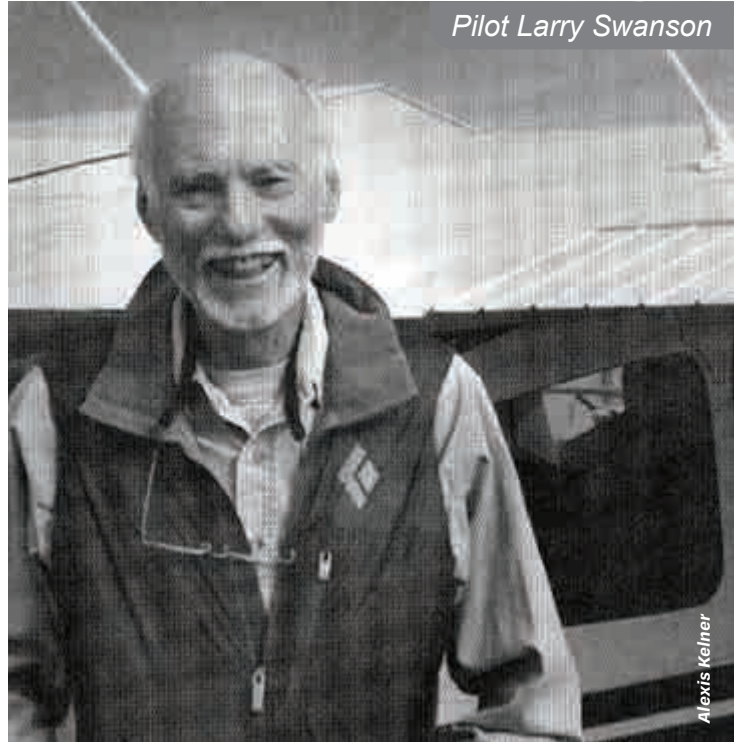
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Larry & Sharyl



Pilot Larry Swanson



Larry and his wife, Sharyl, cross a rickety railroad trestle during a jeep trip along the route of the Transcontinental Railroad

and will be missed by all who knew him.

A Man for All Seasons

So much has been said about Larry - his athletic prowess, his kindness and concern for others, his skill as a pilot, his determination, etc. I just want to share a couple of stories that popped into my head when I heard that his life on earth had come to an end when he was out riding a tandem bicycle with his sweetheart Sharyl.

Stories abound of Larry carrying watermelons to the top of mountains to share with others on WMC hikes that he led. We came to Utah in 1970, and I was fortunate to be on quite a few of those hikes over the next decade or so. One in particular stands out.

I believe we were doing the triple traverse, and after a strenuous climb to the top of Dromedary, Larry opened his pack. We anxiously awaited our usual fruity treat, but instead, he pulled out a gallon of cold iced tea! The refreshing sweet drink propelled us onward to Twin Peaks, where we gladly sat down for a well-deserved rest before starting our descent. Everyone was pretty thirsty and hungry by that point, so Larry got an even bigger cheer than usual when he opened up his pack and produced ... you guessed it ... a watermelon!

As many of you know, Larry was the pilot who flew Alexis and me around the Wasatch and western Uintas so Alexis could take the aerial photos that are the focus of Wasatch Tours. Alexis had to sit in the copilot seat so he could stick his camera out the window to shoot the pictures. Larry would tip the airplane just the right amount so Alexis could focus on the desired terrain below.

My job was to direct them to the places I was writing about so we'd have the pictures I needed. And my seat was in the rear of the plane, where every bank and turn and bump and wiggle were magnified. Larry's advice was for me to bring a "barf bag", just in case. I generally did okay, until the time we went out over our lunch break.

I had a 1:30 meeting that day, and we spent more time filming than planned, so we had to hurry back to the airport. Just for fun, Larry decided to sprint down Bell's Canyon. Unfortunately for me, he was in a playful mood and decided to slalom back and forth across the canyon as we descended. You can imagine what happened next, but let me just say that I made it to the meeting physically, but not mentally.

There are too many more memories to include here of WMC lodge work days, King's Peak ski tours, downhill skiing outings, and social gatherings. Those were good times, and Larry's smile, sense of humor, and sage advice will be terribly missed!

- Dave Hanscom

Larry Swanson - *He touched the hearts of many*

I was not on this trip but heard about it from the people involved, and it got my attention. In the mid 1960s, Larry was on a WMC trip in the Canadian Rockies, climbing several high peaks at the Columbia Icefields in Jasper National Park. They summited Snowdome, one of the high points of the icefields and Rockies, in a whiteout. With no warning, Larry and Scotty Imber were directly hit by lightning. They were knocked out and slid down a snow slope, skidding to a stop on a lucky flat section with no injuries from the fall. I heard several members had some superficial burns and melted zippers. Ever had a melted zipper? They made it out on their own power. Larry had total amnesia for several days. Trouble was he had flown his Cessna to Canada and left it tied down at an airstrip in a nearby town! Trip members were trying to figure out what to do with the airplane if he didn't regain memory, but he did. He made a full recovery, flew home and continued being his old self.

- Bill Conrod

My remembrances of Larry are:

1. Positive -- bright, smiling, and friendly with a great amount of common sense
2. Accomplished -- good suggestions, good service to all, knowledgeable about many things
3. Neighborly -- sharing anything, watchful, and supportive
4. Energetic -- good health, strong, went the extra mile for people and friends

His countless hours of flying to support Alexis plus other needful cases and his beautiful persona are embedded deeply in my mind. He cannot be forgotten. He was just a really great friend, supporter, and a fine contributor to everyone's having a great time in the outdoors he loved so very much. He was a staunch supporter of the Wasatch Mountain Club as well.

- T Q Stevenson

Larry unfailingly helped FRIENDS of Great Salt Lake every year. As one of the prizes for our annual fundraiser, he would offer an airplane flight over Great Salt Lake. It's not cheap to fly a small plane for a couple of hours. But it's an extraordinary experience for the lucky winners. Larry was ready, willing and able to do it for a good cause. What a pilot! What a friend! What a guy!

In saline and sadness,

Lynn de Freitas

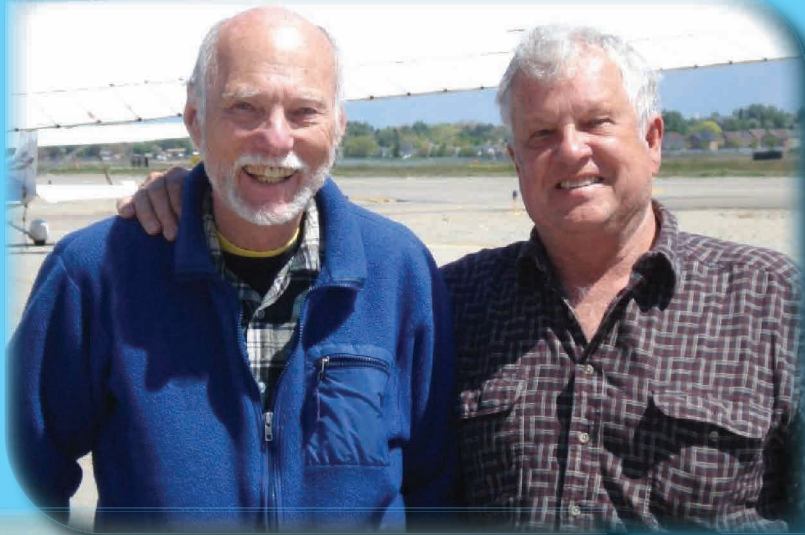
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and will be missed by all who knew him.

I didn't know Larry well, but I've sure known him for a long time. My best most recent memory was winning a flight over the Wasatch with him in 2014 at a Save Our Canyons silent auction. Marilyn, Millie Fletcher, and I lucked out with a perfect morning, still lots of snow on the peaks and stable air allowing us to fly almost anywhere.

- Joel Bown

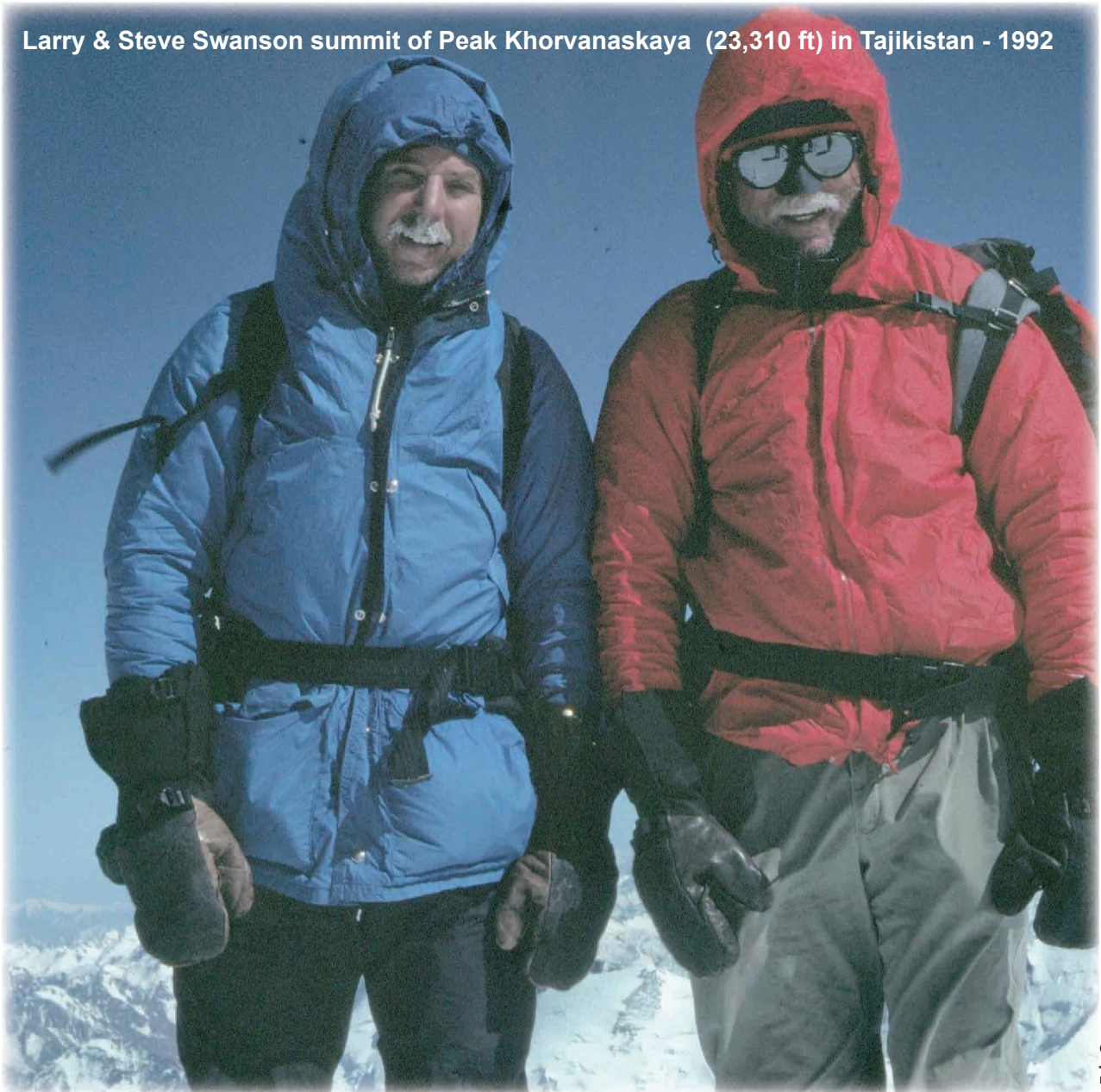


Larry Swanson - *He touched the hearts of many*

Meeting Larry: We had just done a steep, hot, off-trail bushwhack up into Hanging Canyon in Grand Teton National Park. It was July 4 weekend of 1975 and I was on my first mountaineering high camp with the Wasatch Mountain Club. As I sat exhausted next to my pack this big guy came up offering a slice of watermelon balanced on a cutting board. Larry was a legend for his strength, skill, and generosity.

- John Veranth

Larry & Steve Swanson summit of Peak Khorvanaskaya (23,310 ft) in Tajikistan - 1992



Eric Swanson

and will be missed by all who knew him.

Larry Swanson: A Few Memories

I first met Larry (and his brother Steve) shortly after I got involved on an active basis with the WMC in 1968. As a young would-be climber, I was very impressed by the experience and knowledge of the established climbers in the club who were so willing to share their knowledge with me. For some reason, I don't believe that I ever shared a rope on a climb with either Larry or Steve. However, they did provide me with several mountain experiences that I will always remember and treasure!

Among these were winter ski tour/ascents of Lone Peak. Larry and Steve had worked out the logistics of a winter approach to Lone Peak by going up the "Movie Road" via Corner Canyon. I was fortunate to share this tour/climb with them on two occasions—in 1978 and 1987. Their knowledge and expertise were the key to successful ascents on both of these climbs. While I had made winter ascents of most of the Wasatch Peaks, this expertise enabled me to fully enjoy Lone Peak on those memorable days.

Larry and Steve (along with several companions from the WMC) were successful in making a one-day winter ascent of King's Peak in the early 70s by ski touring up Henry's Fork. They realized that the relatively gentle terrain of the Uintas (as compared to the more alpine Wasatch) made the use of lighter weight Nordic skis and boots the ideal choice for this tour. Over several years, they had worked out the best route and they often made trips to Henry's Fork (enlisting other WMC skiers to help) before the actual planned day to break trail in order to facilitate faster skiing on the earlier part of the route. Their leadership enabled numerous ski tourers to experience the wonder of the winter Uintas and many of them to summit the highest peak in Utah. They organized and led this tour for 48 years (the last time this past spring).

As with Lone Peak, I was privileged to share this tour with them twice—in 1987 and 1993. That both of these trips were successful was due to Larry and Steve's experience and skill level. They generously shared this with many tourers for some 48 years.

Thank you Larry (and Steve) for giving me these fine mountain experiences!

- Dave Smith

When I was a fairly new member of the Mountain Club in the early 70's, I went on a "beat out" hike and Larry was the leader. It was a hike that required a car shuttle from somewhere up Little Cottonwood Canyon to where the hike ended at the bottom of Bells Canyon. I don't remember a lot of details about the hike or even who I was with, but I do remember that we got down very late. As I recall, it was almost dark. Larry was there waiting patiently for us to get down so he could give us a ride back up to our car parked somewhere up the canyon. I was so impressed that he would do that, that I never forgot who he was and what he did. It made a big impression on me at the time about the Wasatch Mountain Club too.

- Marilyn Bickley

Larry Swanson - *He touched the hearts of many*

In Memoriam: Larry Swanson

Upon reflection I can think of no better way to commemorate the life of someone who gave so much pleasure and encouragement to others than to recount two weeks many years ago when Larry and I were participants in a WMC trip to Canada.

There are some relationships where one is quite happy to be, in corporate parlance, under the tutelage of a General Partner, who always has a splendid solution to any challenges that may arise. Since we were slated to be a team in the Mountain Division commanded by TQ Stevenson, the first order of business was transportation: Your car or mine? The answer was immediately supplied: To remind a phrase: Why ride when you can fly?

Awaiting at one of the local airports was a private plane ready to whisk us off to the fantastic world of the Canadian Rockies with Larry at the controls. I can still hear his voice reverentially intoning the name of the aircraft engine manufacturer: Luscombe. In a few days we had assembled all our climbing equipment and peripherals and headed out to the airport.

As a child of the times, I certainly had my share of commercial flight experiences. I took glimpses of the Wasatch to be commonplace as the jet plane followed its flight pattern down to the valley, but what was in store for me came as a complete revelation. Just during the take-off procedure, I realized that even for those with training and experience one was nowhere unless he could decipher the non-random noise over the radio from the Air Controllers.

I experienced a curious seemingly on- sided conversation. From their end came static, hissing and grinding to which Larry calmly responded in what came across in the cabin as perfectly intelligible English. I did not have to ask myself does he know what he's doing; he clearly did. So, for the next two weeks I knew I was in good hands.

After marvelling at the views of the Wasatch from 12,000 rather than 35,000 feet we flew north toward Jackson Hole to view an even more awesome panorama. Those of us who have reached the summit of the Grand from Jenny Lake, over which Teewinot towers, remember the surrealistic effect of looking down on this mountain some thousand feet below. From our floating platform in the sky, we had the same perspective of the Grand itself and all that lay below it.

After passing through the plains north of the Tetons we re-entered mountain territory and approached our destination, a small landing field outside Banff. Larry had carefully planned our itinerary so that we would arrive in daylight, there being no facilities whatsoever other than this small, level rock free clearing.

For the next few days our activities were well integrated with the other WMC participants. The highlight was the scaling of Mt. Lefroy that overlooks Lake Louise.



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Since this took place in a dense fog, I can only assume that we did reach the summit, because every direction led downward and the map indicated no shoulders on our ridge.

It was now evident that the group had been divided into Experts and Novices. The former were given their daily climbing targets by the alpine field marshal, TQ Stevenson (Larry once referred to him as “Orders” Stevenson). The latter were subjected to a rigid course in glacier travel and other sundry matters. Fortunately, due to my partnership with Larry I was accorded status in the former group.

We next set off for Rogers Pass and Mt. Sir Donald. As I was gearing up to write this Memorial, I availed myself of a service that was unheard of in the 1960’s, the Internet, where I learned that, appropriately enough, this was named after the financier who coordinated the funds needed to complete the Canadian North Pacific Railroad, Donald Smith. Getting slightly ahead of myself, one of the most remarkable features of the foggy climb was the eerie sound of the train whistles down in the valley, which could have reminded us of the mountain’s namesake.

The official portrait of this peak looks very much like the Matterhorn, and I certainly would never have undertaken such a climb without the good auspices of my partner. As I recall, Larry led the more difficult pitches and left the more tractable ones to me, which was a great confidence builder. Sadly, the summit was completely enshrouded in fog and we were faced with finding our way down the other side to a snow field at the bottom of which was the safe haven that Ron Perla terms the “Depressing Woods”.

Fortunately, the entire snow field was in sunlight with one final challenge, a crevasse separating the rock on which we were perched from the snow. Once Larry made the jump look easy, I did my best to follow suit and our second adventure was completed.

Before our administrative leader could draw up the next day’s itinerary, we decided to play hooky and returned to the air field where the plane was parked. Now we flew north toward the region of Mt. Robson. Here was where I was treated to an impressive display of Larry’s alpine flying experience, avoiding the pitfalls of updrafts and downdrafts. On the way we got a clear look from the air at Mt. Lefroy and the Columbia Glacier. Although our circumnavigation of Mt. Robson disclosed a peak with no easy ascent routes, we never saw the summit. One of the nicest features of flying in the wilds is that there is no squawking from the Air Controllers.

Now it was time to embark on the grand finale of the trip, which was open to both Experts and Novices: a sojourn on the Columbia Ice Fields. Technically there were no noteworthy challenges; it afforded one and all a splendid opportunity to view the Canadian Rockies panorama in all its glory. Having been badly sunburned on a Caribbean training cruise to the point where WWII veterans winced at the site of my scabs, I felt that I was hardly in need of further instruction in such matters. Then I noticed some elaborate cosmetic preparations being undertaken by Larry; rather than inquiring, despite the cloudy weather, I imitated.



Larry Swanson - *He touched the hearts of many*

By the time we left the tourist snowcats behind and proceeded up the crevassed snow field, everything had cleared into a beautiful sunny day and remained so for 24 hours.

There was one slight detour before reaching the base camp, an overlook named Mt. Kitchner. Its namesake was a methodical military planner, more of an Eisenhower than a Patton, with two claims to fame: First, he is credited with having restored the Empire's hegemony in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan after the disgraceful and tragic death of General Gordon, fifteen years earlier. Second, in the course of bringing the Boer War in South Africa to a successful conclusion by denying the Afrikaner insurgents their flesh and blood infrastructure he inadvertently without malice aforethought provided the phrase and construct of the world's first "Concentration Camp". This may explain why the Canadians could only dedicate half a mountain to his memory.

When we reached our campsite, fully surrounded by snow at this point, an astounding revelation was disclosed: except for the two of us, despite their use of conventional sun lotion, the entire party had been scorched by the unrelenting glacier sun reflection, and they were in no condition for climbing the next day. One veteran even had blisters inside his mouth. --- Once you have confidence in someone, don't fail to follow their example. --- Before we could enjoy the fruits of our glacier precautions with a comfortable sleep, I was treated to the best wilderness dinner of my life. Larry had somehow acquired specially preserved lamb chops that could just as well have been served at the Nomination Dinner; and when it came to peripherals such as vegetables and potatoes nothing was lacking, including a splendid fresh fruit dessert.

The "Blue Out", as the Canadians call it, was still with us the next morning, and Larry's enthusiasm launched us into a dead run toward Mt. Columbia. Having noticed how hard the morning snow was, his derring-do side surfaced, and he broached the subject of a sunrise landing of our plane on this very spot in a few days; as it happened fate had other plans for us. The view from the summit was everything I had anticipated and more: snow capped mountains in every direction with absolutely no trace of civilization, roads, houses, farms --- nothing.

We returned to base camp and inquired after the health of our companions, being discreet enough to suppress the most ebullient descriptions of our climb. By the time we returned to the highway the clouds were already forming, presaging a few days of unsettled weather. This came almost as a relief to Larry and me, for surely the honor of the WMC had been upheld. A day of rest could not be denied two weary alpine warriors. I don't know how he managed it, but TQ convinced us that it would be sacrilege to squander our last day in the Rockies by lounging on our laurels.

So on a gloomy morning we readied our summit packs and headed toward Mt. Athabasca, which guards one flank of the Ice Fields. If ever there were an anticlimax in the offing, this sure had all the ingredients.



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Again, this is not a technical climb and we made good time up to the summit. After our short rest the murky view offered no incentive for contemplation and we readied ourselves for the descent. The next moment I found myself on the ground as though I had been suddenly thrown by an invisible sumo wrestler; there was the smell of electrical discharge and two seconds later a hollow roar through the air.

Evidently, we had been hit by a secondary lightening discharge (were it a direct hit, I wouldn't be writing this story today). Before I could communicate with Larry we were buffeted with another discharge of lesser intensity. As it turned out, doubtless because he was a head taller than I am, he took the brunt of the jolt which triggered temporary amnesia. He later related that he was in a state of bewilderment over what had happened and might come next. His most noteworthy impression was seeing the look of abject horror on my face, whereupon he made a valiant effort to pull himself together after feeling the might of Vulcan's Hammer.

We were not out of danger, and it was of paramount importance to leave the summit ridge without delay. Here is where I desperately needed the guiding hand of my more experienced partner. Somehow, I must have drawn upon his inner strength and pulled him along with the rope that joined us together to a lower point out of the line of fire. The amnesia was hindering this descent and we mutually worked out a method to deal with it. I would ask him questions about his life to which, in keeping with the Barrister's Creed, I knew the answers. He liked this and encouraged it, for instead of distracting him from the physical process at hand this facilitated matters. When we finally got down out of harm's way, his memory was slowly returning to the point where he could again take charge of things.

So ended this memorable mountain vacation with a few postscripts. As I recall, in the cluttered basement of our Stockholm suburban home there is a Kodachrome slide of the lightening burn on top of Larry's head. Someone, probably TQ, provided one of the Canadian mountain organizations with the particulars of our adventure. This was written up in their summary of climbing accidents for the year, wherein we were absolved of any irresponsible behavior. There had been no sound of distant thunder, and after all if the protocol for climbing in the Canadian Rockies stipulated cloudless sunny weather, there would be precious little of it.

On our fateful Athabasca climb Larry correctly answered all the questions put to him except one: "What is the name of your girlfriend?" A few months later they drifted apart, paving the way for what was destined to be the ultimate adventure and the best years of his life.

- Dennis Caldwell

Larry Swanson - *He touched the hearts of many*

Larry Swanson Reminiscence

Larry was such a memorable part of my two efforts (so far) to ski to King's Peak and back (as a participant on the yearly trip he organized for nearly 50 years). Larry's thoughtful encouragement and insights pre-trip were very helpful, and having Larry, Sharyl, and Steve to greet us on our return to the cars with hot chocolate and cookies was a wonderful way to end the trip. Learning more about Larry's many outdoor pursuits makes me stand even more in awe of all the things he did and was. Larry, you will really be missed. Thanks so much for all you did to support and help fellow travelers in your many years.

Paul Barringer

Sanford, North Carolina
(WMC Member)

Larry always seemed to be smiling and happy and excited about life, as well as looking several decades younger than his actual age. He was so optimistic and cheerful, enjoying whatever he was experiencing. It felt good just to be around him. He was so knowledgeable about so much, including a wealth of information on car and mechanical matters which I benefited from and greatly appreciated. I'm sure I never knew the real extent of his wide-ranging knowledge. He was always willing to help out and share his wisdom and knowledge. His passing is a huge loss to the WMC, to which he contributed so much, and of course to all of us who knew him.

- Linda DeSimone

Larry - summit of Condoriri, Bolivia, 1997



Eric Swanson

and will be missed by all who knew him.

Do you remember when you first met the amazing and generous Larry Swanson? Here is my story:

It was the early-1980s. It would be 10 years before I would become a member of the WMC. But, as manager of the Park City Ambulance, I re-certified the Park West volunteer ski patrollers every fall in their First Aid and CPR. That was our first meeting, watching him pump RecussiAnnie's chest.

My friend Maggie was a volunteer patroller there as well, and soon after, she had a party at her house. At the party, I was telling Larry about my 1952 Chevy panel-wagon--how my tail lights had gone out, and I had crawled under the car and "fixed" them myself--but now the tail lights would ONLY go on when I touched the brake pedal. Larry told me I had done something wrong...duh!

Well, the VERY NEXT MORNING, there is a knock on my door. It's Larry. He's standing there with donuts in one hand, tools in the other...and he wanted to take a peek at my wiring job. He correctly fixed the lights in just a few minutes; then every now and again, he'd just show up to do some more 'work' on the panel wagon for me. He even bought new mirror hubcaps for it one day, just because he thought it would make it look prettier (and take the eye away from all the rust holes in the fenders LOL).

Eventually, years later, when the drive train failed and the vehicle was no longer usable for me, Larry asked if I would like to 'donate' it to a friend of his at Unisys who would fix it up for real and make it new again. So I did. I never saw that panel truck again, but Larry would give me updates on the restoration and eventually told me it was done and lived again in all its shining glory....and I am pretty sure Larry was helping his friend with the restoration.

He was still "fixing" other people's cars to the very end...working on Alexis Kelner's jeep is a multi-year project. He wasn't done...who's going to continue the Larry legacy of giving just by intuitively knowing you need help?

- Cheryl Soshnik

.....the time he magically pulled a spare tip out of his pack when I broke a Bonna 2000 wood ski while returning from Kings Peak on what to my understanding was the first time it was done in a day by the Wasatch Club. Things would have been really bad without that spare tip.

- Steve Walker

Larry Swanson - *He touched the hearts of many*

Like all of you who knew Larry Swanson, I was shocked and saddened at his passing this summer. I'd come to know Larry because he figures prominently in the Wasatch Mountain Club centennial history I'm writing. In Larry's honor, here's an excerpt from the Kings Peak Ski Tour chapter. (I plan to complete the book this calendar year and have it in members' hands shortly thereafter.) ~Deb Frank

Kings Peak Ski Tour

The Kings Peak Tour, or KPT, a one-day winter summit of Utah's highest peak, has been hosted by Larry and Steve Swanson each March, usually on the last Saturday. For 48 years—nearly half the life of the Wasatch Mountain Club itself, the Swanson brothers have shepherded club members, a dozen or more at a time, safely up the mountain, so they can experience its stunning scenery and the pleasures of skiing in a remote, pristine setting.

As I learned about Larry and Steve, I felt the echo of an earlier pair of brothers, Leon and Claude Stoney, the WMC founders, whose fervent hope was to introduce more people to the beauty and joys of outdoor recreation.

1971-1972

Larry Swanson, his brother, Steve, and Dave Smith, (one of two Dave Smiths from the WMC, distinguished as "Chemical" Dave because he worked in the Chemistry Department at the U of Utah) have been skiing since 4 AM the previous day, when they'd begun their ascent of 13,528-foot Kings Peak, Utah's tallest mountain.

It's dark. It's bitterly cold. And after more than 21 hours of exertion, the men are bone tired. They'd summited Kings Peak handily—eleven or twelve hours ago—and have made it all the way back down again, a minimum of 33 miles roundtrip, but they are still slogging through the snow. Why? Because they can't find their car. Larry shivers in his parka, wriggles his fingers as much as he can in his gloves—and worries that he can no longer feel his toes. When Dave announces, *We can't just ski all night on roads in the Uintas looking for the car!* Larry thinks, *But that's exactly what we're doing!*

Dave would like to stop and build a fire to at least warm up a little, but on the snow, it's out of the question. All they can do is keep moving in the direction they'd come from the morning before, working their way through unplowed snow, along featureless roads that look anonymous in the dark of night, hoping to eventually find the car.

Maybe it wasn't the most auspicious beginning for a WMC annual event that has now run for nearly five decades, outlasting (as far as I know) all others. But in fact, it was very much in the tradition of the club: get out there and try something new, learn from mistakes, and keep moving, as the club slogan goes, *onward and upward*. It's a spirit Larry and Steve epitomize.

Larry, born in 1936, and Steve, in 1938, grew up north of Minneapolis on a property that abutted the Mississippi River. As boys they rowed wooden boats to an island across from their home, where they hiked and swam. A love for outdoor activities and an exploratory



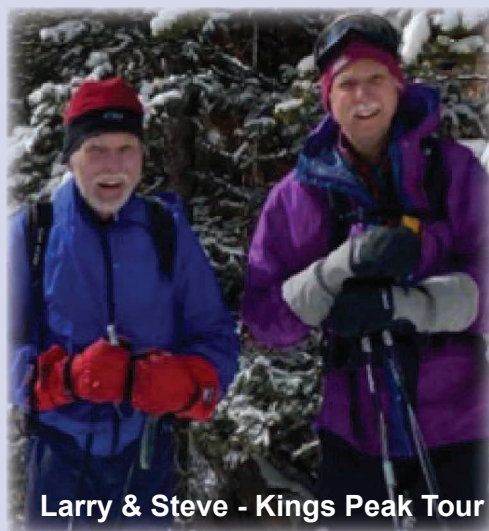
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spirit was steeped in both at an early age.

In college, Larry joined the University of Minnesota's ski club, taking annual trips to Aspen during spring break—which Steve came along on. When Larry graduated with an engineering degree in 1959, he was thrilled to be offered a job in Salt Lake City. He made the move, and was soon skiing in his free time, finding Utah's powder a delight, even if he felt a little clumsy at first. Learning opportunities had been limited in Minnesota where skiing was hard to get to and expensive.

Besides skiing, there was climbing. In about 1961, a friend from work, Dick Bell, invited Larry to the WMC's Thursday evening climbing sessions. Larry plunged in, joining a club trip to the Tetons after just one lesson—where he climbed the Exum route to the Grand, a route that typically requires a good deal more training than a single lesson.

Steve too, moved to Utah after graduating college, also with a degree in engineering, and began skiing and climbing just as enthusiastically as Larry had. In 1965, he did a first winter ascent of Mt. Owen, the second highest peak in the Teton Range, along with club member Tom Stevenson, and climbing cousins George and Mike Lowe, nephew and son, respectively, of Ralph Lowe. And in 1967, he did an ascent of the north face of the Grand Teton.



Larry & Steve - Kings Peak Tour

Now, early in the Swanson brothers' second decade in Utah, they'd decided to tackle a one-day winter ascent of the state's tallest peak, located 80 miles east of Salt Lake City. The idea had occurred to them a year earlier when they'd packed camping gear and spent two days skiing to the top—which was the way most people summited Kings at the time. It had got them thinking, what if they started before dawn and traveled light?

Non-Utahns might wonder what the big deal is—compared to the 58 peaks that rise over 14,000 feet in neighboring Colorado, Kings may sound almost puny, but there's a difference. Kings is in the Uintas, a range known for being remote, which runs east-west 150 miles, mostly across northeastern Utah. You can't simply drive up to the base of Kings and dash up the trail. Depending on the route, a summer summit might be as short as 22 miles, or as long as 26 miles, while a winter summit ranges from 25 to 32 miles since it's often necessary to ski unplowed roads from the winter parking to the trailhead, a 3.5-mile distance.

When the Swansons and Smith had driven in two nights earlier to camp, they'd taken a lumber road as far as they could, until the snow made it undrivable, and then pitched their tents. At 4 AM, they'd risen, stowed their overnight gear in their car, and strapped on their skis and packs. Having arrived in the dark and set out before dawn toward the mountain, they weren't sure exactly where they were starting from, but they'd had to begin by going downhill, descending some steep wooded sections to reach Henry's Fork trailhead—the trail most commonly used to get to Kings Peak.



Larry Swanson - *He touched the hearts of many*

The ascent went well despite the hard work of breaking trail—and their equipment, which Larry described as, “a real conglomeration of junk,” primitive even for 1972. Steve’s skis were light duty, skinny and wooden, and he wore low-cut soft boots which he described as being like running shoes, while Larry saw them as more like slippers. Larry’s boots were heavy-duty double touring boots, while his skis (borrowed) were heavy and wooden with homemade bindings.

For the first eight miles or so, the men took turns breaking trail through the deep snow along a forested stretch over a creek bed. At Elkhorn Crossing the route became steeper on the way up to Henry’s Fork basin, a wide-open valley where King’s Peak, a distant pale triangle came into view. It was flanked by South Kings Peak on its left and the long, jagged, line of Gunsight Pass on its right.

By late morning they arrived at Gunsight Pass, the final milestone before the peak. There, they’d taken off their skis since the last few miles to the summit were steep and rocky and most of the snow had been blown off. Steve had to change out of his slipper-boots and into the mountain boots he’d carried all that way—which was miserably cold for a couple minutes but better than mangling his feet on the rocks. With their load lightened (they would pick up the skis on the way down) they made their way up through the rocks until finally there was nothing more to climb—they’d arrived at Kings summit, distinctive for its stacks of flat brown rocks and its glorious view of the Uintas’ snow-capped mountains and its valleys and lakes below.

They’d made good time, it was still early afternoon, but soon after retrieving their skis and Steve’s change back into the soft boots, gray clouds moved in, the temperature dipped, and heavy snow began to fall. As they made their way down, they found that their morning track was lost under the fresh covering of snow, so they’d had to pick out a route following a drainage gully. This was much slower than following a track—especially after the sun set and their headlamps burned out. (Headlamps had a short battery life in those days.) Since they couldn’t find their morning track back up through the dense trees, they’d had to come out Henry’s Fork trailhead, which made it tricky to find their car.

For hours they searched, keeping to an easterly direction, until at last, they made out a shadowy hump ahead—it was the car—heaped with more snow, but thankfully it started right up. They were safe and soon they would be warm—though they still had a three-hour drive back to Salt Lake City.

Steve and Larry Swanson could little have suspected that their first one-day ascent up Kings would lead to dozens more during which they would guide hundreds of hardy skiers to the summit of Kings, or some point along the way depending on the condition and ambitions of the skier—and weather and snow conditions.

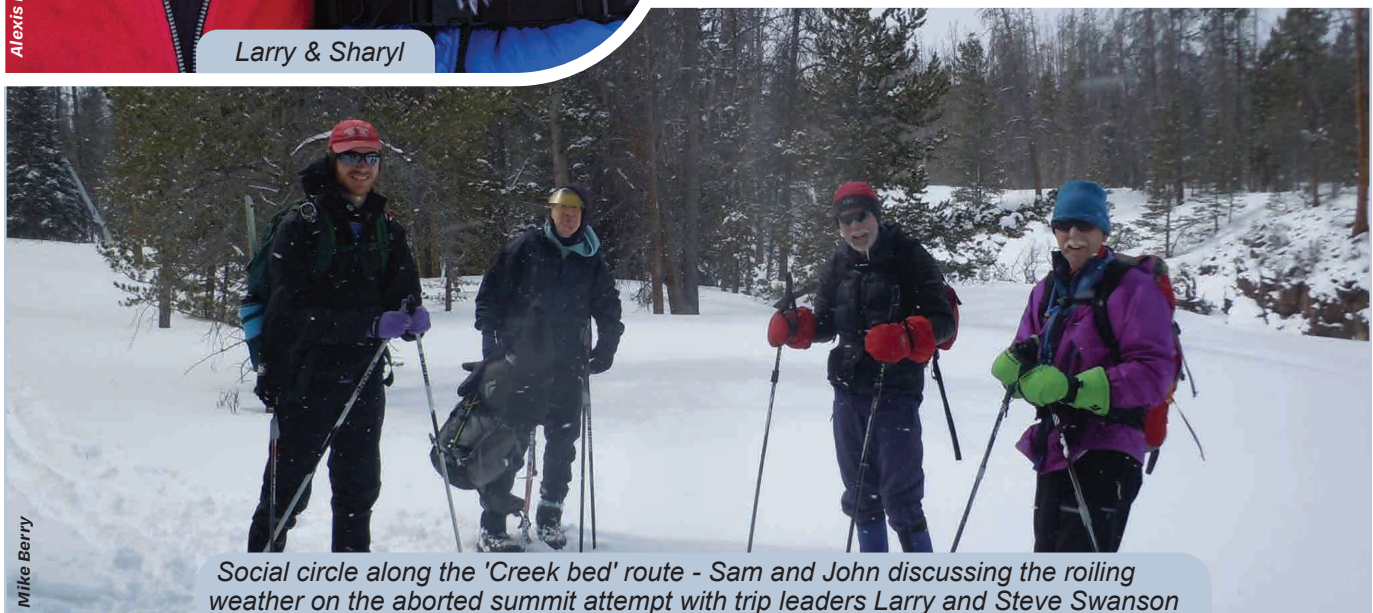
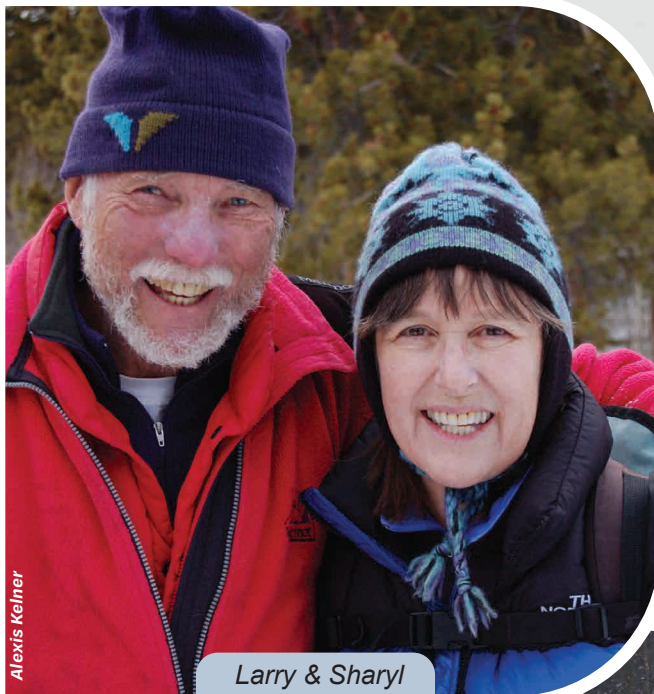
Perhaps in memory of that miserable first night searching for their car, Larry Swanson always kept the light on in his van, and hot cocoa on the stove to greet returning skiers, who joined him and his wife, Sharyl, for snacks and conversation—and warmth.

- Deb Frank

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Larry Swanson - *He touched the hearts of many*

MEMORIES OF LARRY SWANSON

With the recent passing of Larry Swanson, the Wasatch Mountain Club has lost a very active and involved person who helped the Club immensely. Larry led many kinds of outings, trips and adventures. He skied the resorts and the backcountry including multiple day tours and had many mountaineering adventures abroad.

I first met Larry many years ago on a hike which started from what was then the Wasatch Mountain Club's lodge in Brighton, where a post-hike Club party was planned for later in the day. Larry shared leadership with Alexis Kelner on this outing. We headed out of Brighton, going over Twin Lakes Pass, on our way to Mt. Superior. Both Larry and Alexis beat me to the summit that day. After we all had reached the summit, Larry pulled a watermelon out of his pack much to our amazement and amusement. After enjoying the watermelon, we hiked back to Brighton for the Club party at the lodge. Unfortunately, we were the last hiking group to return to the lodge and most of the food was gone.

Sometime after my hike up Mt. Superior with Larry, I volunteered at my first work party at the lodge. The project involved the tear out and complete remodeling of the lodge's kitchen. This would have been about 1978. Both Larry and Alexis were also working on this project, affording me my second opportunity to work with them. The three of us, along with others, were at the lodge every weekend working on this project until the first part of the winter. We tore out the existing flooring in the kitchen, excavated and jacked up the walls, poured a new footing and foundation under the logs. You get to know people while working on a project like this. Larry, Alexis, and I had some good discussions regarding this project and I gained great respect for both Larry and Alexis.

One winter, I joined Larry and Larry's brother, Steve, on their yearly ski tour to the summit of King's Peak via the north slope of the Uinta Mountains. Alexis Kelner also came along on the trip. We were all in Larry's Volkswagen travel van as we headed off for the late afternoon drive to the north slope of the Uintah's. Our drive took us through Evanston, Wyo., where we had dinner, and then continued towards the East Fork of King's Peak, where we camped for the night. The ski tour the next day went smoothly due to Larry's and Steve's excellent guiding. Everyone on the trip made it to the summit that year. For me, this was the first of three times that I accompanied Larry and Steve on their annual ski tour to King's Peak. During Larry's lifetime, he made over 40 attempts to ski to King's Peak. He always used the wider touring skis compared to the slim lighter-weight Nordic touring skis that most of us used.

One of the significant hikes that Larry led is known as one of the hardest hikes along the Wasatch front. It's called the Wildcat Ridge. The hike starts at the Mt. Olympus trailhead parking lot, goes up Mt. Olympus, then follows the ridgeline between Big Cottonwood canyon and Millcreek canyon, goes over Mt. Raymond, down to Baker Pass and then heads downhill to the Millcreek Canyon road. One of the years that I did this hike with Larry, we were joined by John Sloan, among others. I am not sure whether John had done this hike before, but I knew he was a fast hiker because I had done other hikes and ski tours with him. We were on the ridge and John was right in front of me when he reached over a rock and was bitten by a rattlesnake.

As John quickly started experiencing some extreme symptoms from the snake bite, we all scrambled to help him. It is important to note that this accident occurred before we had cell phones. Larry



and will be missed by all who knew him.

decided to take off running cross country towards Olympus Cove, where a homeowner let him use their phone. Thanks to Larry's fast descent, a helicopter soon found us and airlifted John off the mountain. As a result, John survived.

Another service activity that Larry and his brother, Steve, did annually was gathering firewood for the lodge fireplace. This activity was labor intensive and involved driving a large rental truck out into the forest, where Larry and Steve had already cut up fallen timber. Volunteers would then load and transport the wood back to the lodge. The wood would be split at the lodge and carried down into the basement storage area. An exhausting but necessary project.

In the last thirty-five years, Larry and I worked together to find solutions for all the problems that came along at the lodge. He was the best partner anyone could want on lodge projects. We, along with many other volunteers, shoveled snow off of the lodge roof, painted the entire exterior of the lodge, refinished both floors in the lodge, made structural improvements, refinished the walls, the floors, columns and ceilings of the main floor and the upstairs areas in the lodge as well as dealing with the never-ending water supply problems that seemed to come up every year at the lodge.



Larry and Robert constructing The Lodge Interpretive Sign

In 2019, Larry and I, working with a sign designer, created the content and the design for the Interpretive Sign, which sits in the front yard of the lodge. After the design was approved by the Forest Service, Larry and I and others constructed the sign.

Larry did so many things for the Club. He was a person that did everything, skied both resort and backcountry, climbed mountains and had multiple adventures during his lifetime, including working with me.

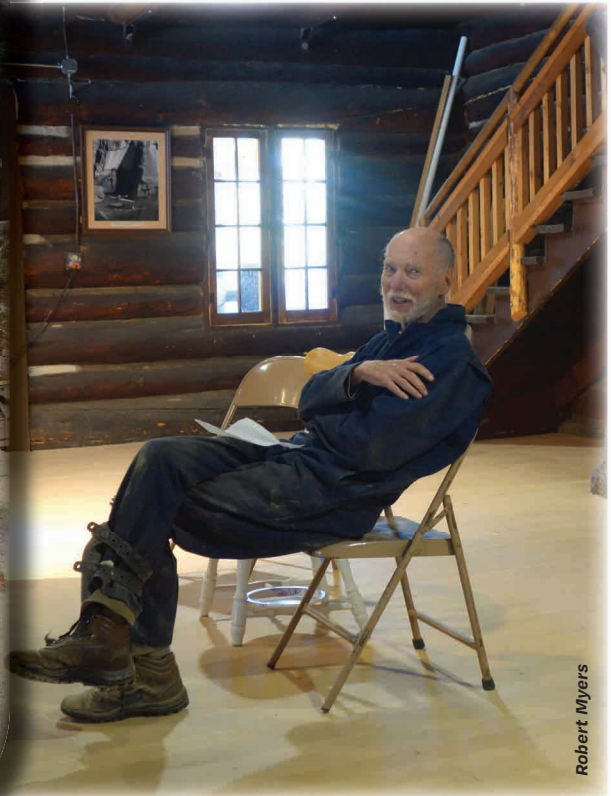
Thank you, Larry, for being my friend,

- Robert Myers

Larry Swanson - *He touched the hearts of many*



Bob Myers, left, Larry, and an unidentified worker take a break while assembling the Club's elegant "historical site" designation marker.



Larry taking a break from floor sanding

Larry led a life of adventure and selfless action. I'll never forget this story I heard 60 years ago shortly after he arrived in SLC as an inexperienced mountaineer. It was Labor Day weekend, 1961. Larry and three other climbers (two ropes of two) were on a possible second ascent of a difficult combination on the N side of the Grand Teton (N face to third ledge, to N ridge, to summit.) At the third ledge, the leader of Larry's rope was uncomfortable with the increasing exposure and difficulty. He could not continue. Despite inexperience, Larry arose to the occasion. He assumed the leadership role and saved the day.

Larry was a crystal clear, dependable correspondent. Over many years he kept me up-to-date on Wasatch events and issues.

The world is a lonelier place.

- Ron Perla

and will be missed by all who knew him.

Below is the email with picture that Larry sent to me from the Brighton 4th of July parade, 2017.

Another example of Larry being involved in community support. I recall one winter back when I was Lodge Director that Larry and I spent many hours digging up and thawing the pipe that delivered the Lodge water from the Brighton Girls Camp. This is an example of Larry always being willing to volunteer at the Lodge for anything that needed done.

He was a very talented and hard worker. Bob Myers can better describe Larry's involvement in many, many projects.

Larry was a private pilot in his own plane frequently taking Alexis and others on flights to take photos for causes the WMC supported. Larry and Sharyl would fly needed supplies to Southern Utah native Indians.

The Uncle Sam is Larry, The Statue of Liberty is Sharyl, and the intrepid fifer is my brother



Don with companion Anita. Of course the old Jeep is Larry's baby. Lots of enthusiastic folks at this event each year.

- Vince DeSimone

50 Years Ago in *The Rambler*

Transcribed by Donn Seeley

club activities for sept 1971 [...]

- Sept. 16- CATARACT CANYON - Advanced River Trip - To qualify for Cataract you must have
19 Thurs- done at least one other "advanced" river trip with the Mountain Club. This year
Sun. we plan to make Spanish Bottom in one long day, thus leaving two full days to
savor the rapids and explore the side canyons. Trip fee not set as of yet but will be
roughly comparable (that is, a tad more) to that for Desolation Canyon, this year
(\$25). Register with leader Dick Snyder by 8:00 p.m. on Thursday the 9th ([...]).
Work party at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday the 14th.
- Sept 18 MOUNT SUPERIOR AND MONTE CRISTO - Elevation 11,132 - Rating 7 (from Alta).
Sat. The coolness of early fall should be just right for this Club favorite. Although the
physical effort in reaching Superior may not be very great, there is a good deal of
exposure involved which makes this hike difficult for all those who suffer from
bathophobia. Both routes are being planned, the return over Cardiff Pass to Alta or
the longer return via Lake Blanche. If there is enough interest, an approach via Lake
Blanche can be made (thus eliminating a long shuttle). No youngsters, no non-
members, please. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Time 7:00 a.m.
Leader: Lyman Lewis [...]

MT. OLYMPUS NORTH AND SOUTH [July 18, 1971] by LeRoy Kuehl

We seem, on the average, to have about twice the participation on Club hikes as 5 years ago, and Mt. Olympus was no exception. No fewer than 21 members and guests turned out to clamber up the steep north side of Salt Lake City's own "Mountain of the Gods". Except for one individual who turned back very early, all who started completed the circuit.

More often than not, Club hikes - particularly those with many participants - end up with people scattered from the top to the bottom of the mountain. This we tried to avoid by forming, at the start of the trip, a "fast" group and a "slow" group, with separate leaders. It soon became apparent that there were slow hikers in the "fast" group and vice versa; in short order we were, in traditional Mountain Club fashion, distributed more or less randomly over the side of the mountain.

Between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. everyone arrived at, and departed from, the South Peak. Most got there by scrambling; others, led by Harold Goodro, took a climbing route. Some went over the North Peak, others did not. The view of the valley from the peak was unusually clear, a fringe benefit of the strike at Kennecott. The day was hot and those of us who were not in too great a hurry spent a pleasant half hour at the stream which crosses the bottom section of the South Trail before walking the last mile to the cars.

Participating members: Gary Adams, Fred Bruenger, Karen Carlston, Harold Goodro, Hal Gribble, Davy Hanscom, Pat King, LeRoy Kuehl, Lyman Lewis, Michael Maack, John Riley, Dixon Smith, Mary Jo Sweeney, John Wagner, Richard Wagner, Lauren Williams, and Marge Yerbury. Guests were: Jim Bever, Tom Grover, Mike Hearn and Tanya Thomas.

[Bathophobia (corrected from "bathypophobia" in the original) is a fear of depths, as opposed to acrophobia, a fear of heights. There still isn't a real trail up the north peak of Olympus; the south peak trail was much steeper in 1971, before many of the switchbacks were installed. - Donn]

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Activity Calendar



WMC members should stay informed on current COVID guidelines. Those who are not feeling well, whether COVID symptoms or other illness, should not participate in WMC activities. During a club activity the use of face-masks 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

Sep 2	Mount Timpanogos Day Hike – msd – 14.5 mi Out & Back – 4300' ascent – Moderate pace
Thu	<i>Meet:</i> 7:45 am at Timpooneke Trail Head <i>Carpool:</i> 7:00 am at Bluffdale Park-N-Ride Take I-15 South to exit 288 Bluffdale. Turn right the parking lot is on the West side of the freeway along the frontage road. I drive a White CRV. Leaving promptly at 7 <i>Organizer:</i> Paul Kikuchi 801-577-8490 pkikuchi@outlook.com Weather and conditions permitting. This is one of my favorite hikes. The views are incredible and there maybe a possibility for seeing goats. Mount Timpanogos is the second highest summit of the Wasatch Mountains at 11,749 feet. This is a long and strenuous hike. Be prepared for an 8-10 hour day. Bring your 10e's. \$6.00 entrance fee unless you have a pass. Dogs welcome. Meeting at the Bluffdale Park-N-Ride if you are comfortable with car pooling or if you want to drive together to the trail head. Registration required.
Sep 4	North Wind River Range Car Camp – msd- – 12.0 mi Loop – 3500' ascent – Moderate pace
Sat	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com
Sep 6	We'll do day hikes from the Glacier Trailhead near Dubois, Wyoming, to places like Ross Lake and Bomber Falls. You can expect long exploratory hikes with some off-trail sections in wilderness. Grizzly bears have been seen in this section of the Winds; we'll take appropriate precautions.
Mon	
Sep 4	Day Hike - East Lofty Peak & Lakes In The Uintas – mod+ – 6.0 mi – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace
Sat	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu 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, Sep 3, 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 5	Day Hike - Mahogany Ridge – msd- – 13.0 mi – 3500' ascent – Moderate pace
Sun	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Mahogany Ridge (10210 ft) near Payson, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Mahogany Ridge is one of the Wasatch 10k peaks but is rarely climbed. Exploratory. Please bring 10 Es. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on Sept 3 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 6	Relaxed Pace Hike From Hidden Valley Park To The Suspension Bridge – ntd – 4.0 mi Loop – 400' ascent – Moderate pace
Mon	<i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Hidden Valley Park parking lot. <i>Organizer:</i> Alfred Kessi 443-324-7669 akessi@aquafin.net The evening temperature should be more pleasant and the view over the valley gorgeous.

Sep 6	Day Hike- Deseret Peak – mod+ – 9.5 mi Out & Back – 3600' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Chris Venizelos 801-554-3697 cvenize@xmission.com This is an incredible hike to an 11,031 peak in the Stansbury Mountains. Limit 9. Dogs are welcome. Plan to be back in Salt Lake about 6:00 pm. Registration required. Please contact organizer by Sunday, September 5 for time and place.
Sep 7 Tue	Mountain Bike Park City – mod+ – 15.0 mi Loop – 1800' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 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 join us. If you are not vaccinated, please do not join us. An email with the specific meeting time, location and ride description will be sent to the wmc-bike list. To get on the wmc-bike list you must first be a WMC member. Then on the WMC website, go to the Member Menu, click on 'email list subscribe', then click on 'bike'. In the fall, we usually begin to start our rides earlier in the evening since we are losing daylight. See you Tuesday.....Let's Roll !!
Sep 7 Tue	Evening Hike - Old Red Pine Trail – NTD+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Lower Big Water Trailhead This is the end of the road up Millcreek Canyon. <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com A hike up the old red pine trail with a prompt departure at 5:45pm from the trailhead at the top of Millcreek canyon. This is approximately 1 hour up and then turn back hike from the trailhead. Be prepared with a headlamp and for a steep hike. Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you. If you are new to evening hikes or have not hiked with me previously please contact me for more details. Thank you.
Sep 8 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.
Sep 11 Sat	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 11 Sat	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 5,000 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 9, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.
Sep 11 Sat	Hiking Trail Maintenance To Be Determined – NTD – 2.0 mi Out & Back – 500' ascent – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 8:00 am at Big Cottonwood Canyon Overflow Park & Ride (3653 Fort Union Blvd) <i>Organizer:</i> Kyle Williams 435-258-8297 1959.kyle@gmail.com We all love trails! Bushwacking is tough and shreds your new \$300 Gore-Tex coat, so join us for some much needed trail building and maintenance. Long pants and closed toe shoes are required to participate. Everyone will be responsible to bring your own work Gloves, safety glasses, closed-toe shoes, food, and water for the day. Work will include walking a few miles to the area, carrying heavy tools, then swinging those tools all the live long day to build a trail. We will be following standard Covid protocols. We will meet at 8:00AM, to meet the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation team at the trailhead by 8:30 AM. signup for the WMC Hiking emails group for last minute updates. Meet at BCC overflow parking (across from Alpha Coffee), (https://goo.gl/maps/2vec1vwXEb5c4YMu5).

Sep 12	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
Sun	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 9, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.
Sep 13	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
Mon	The Lupine trail is a wonderful little loop hike. Optional apps and drink at a nearby restaurant following the hike.
Sep 14	Social - Virtual Book Club <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at ZOOM <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
Tue	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 14	Mountain Bike Park City – mod+ – 15.0 mi Loop – 1800' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 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 and join us. If you are ill or have symptoms of 'The Rona', please do not join us. If you are not vaccinated, please do not join us. An email with the specific meeting time, location and ride description will be sent to the wmc-bike list. To get on the wmc-bike list you must first be a WMC member. Then on the WMC website, go to the Member Menu, click on 'email list subscribe', then click on 'bike'. In the fall we begin to start our rides a little earlier in the evening since we do not have as much daylight. See you Tuesday...Let's Roll !!!!
Sep 16	Evening Hike - Cecret Lake – NTD+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Alta, Albion Base Trailhead in Little Cottonwood Canyon. New parking lot near the Albion Grill and store. <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com
Thu	A hike from Alta Albion Base Trailhead with a prompt departure at 5:45pm from the trailhead in Little Cottonwood Canyon. This is a 1 hour up and then turn back hike from the trailhead. Be prepared for earlier sunset and a steep hike. Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you. If you are new to evening hikes or have not hiked with me previously please contact me for more details. Thank you.
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
Sat	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 - Freedom Peak & South Cascade Mt In Provo – MSD – 10.0 mi Loop – 4500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
Sat	We plan to bag two rarely climbed Wasatch 10k peaks - Freedom Peak (10,801 ft) and South Cascade Mt (10,760 ft) in Provo, weather, conditions and situation permitting. We will take the Upper Pole Couloir route to get to South Cascade Mt. This part is short (approximately 1 mile) but very steep off-trail. Once we get to the ridge, there is a trail. But to bag South Cascade Mt, we will need to take off-trail approximately 100 ft. From South Cascade Mt, we will follow the trail for 3.5 miles. The last part to Freedom Peak (0.4 miles) involves class 3 scrambles. Then we will go down the Dry Fork Trail 4.5 miles). Exploratory. Please bring 10 Es. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Sep 17, 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.

Sep 18	Relaxed Pace Loop Hike - Porter Fork To Thaynes - mod+ - 12.0 mi Loop - 3,000' ascent <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com
Sat	Exploring Porter Fork has been a joy! We'll take Porter Fork to the ridge, then pick up the Desolation Trail to connect with Thaynes Canyon. It's a lot of distance, but nothing technical. We'll need to do a very short shuttle. Plan on a nice long day in the mountains at a slow to moderate pace. Email organizer to register. Priority given for WMC members. Maximum of 10 participants.
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
Sun -	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. Not a wilderness trip; cell phone coverage for most of the time and machinery often audible in the distance.
Sep 19	Day Hike - Black Bess Peak Via Brighton - mod+ - 7.0 mi - 2,000' ascent - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
Sun	We plan to hike to Black Bess Peak (10,479 ft) via Brighton, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Black Bess Peak is a small peak between Twin Lakes and Honeycomb Cliffs. There is a short off-trail section to the peak. We may also stop by Honeycomb Cliffs. Exploratory. Please bring 10 Es. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on Sept 17 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	Hike To Gobblers Knob - A New Way! - MSD- - 2.2 mi Loop - 3086' ascent - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Steve Glaser 801-635-4017 sglaserconsulting@yahoo.com
Sun	We'll go up to Gobblers by a route that is probably new to you. We'll start up Alexander Basin, cut over on Bowman Fork, but after only a couple of hundred yards we'll start ascending the ridge. The ridge gives much better views of Millcreek Canyon, and with any luck, fall leaves. We'll return by Alexander Basin. Not a lot of bushwhacking, but this route is steeper than the Alexander Basin trail. Wilderness, so register if you want to come.
Sep 20	Very Relaxed Pace Draper Evening Hike - East 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 Canyon Pointe Road. <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com
Mon	The group will follow the Hoof n Boot trail to the east. Optional apps and drink at a nearby restaurant following the hike.
Sep 21	Mountain Bike Park City - mod+ - 15.0 mi Loop - 1800' ascent - Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 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 per the organizers' discretion. We offer rides for all skill levels, so come on out and join us. If you are ill or have symptoms of 'The Rona', please do not join us. If you are not vaccinated, please do not join us. An email with the specific meeting time, location and ride description will be sent to the wmc-bike list. To get on that list you must first be a WMC member. Then on the WMC website, go to the Member Menu, click on 'email list subscribe', then click on 'bike'. In the fall we begin to start our rides a little earlier in the evening since we have less daylight and it starts to get chilly. See you Tuesday...Let's Roll !!!
Sep 21	Evening Hike - Beartrap - NTD+ - Out & Back - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Intersection of Big Cottonwood Canyon and Rivers End Rd 40.638156, -111.621657 <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com
Tue	A hike up Beartrap with a prompt departure at 5:45pm from the meeting location in Big Cottonwood Canyon. This is a 1 hour up and then turn back hike from the trailhead. Be prepared for earlier sunset and a very steep hike. Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you. If you are new to evening hikes or have not hiked with me previously please contact me for more details. Thank you.

Sep 24	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
Fri – Sep 30	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.
Thu	
Sep 25	Protect Wilderness Areas In The San Rafael Swell <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Will McCarvill 801-694-6958 will@commercialchemistries.com
Sat – Sep 26	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. 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.
Sun	
Sep 25	Hike - Lone Peak North Peak – MSD – 9.0 mi – 5400' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
Sat	We plan to bag Lone Peak North Peak (10,561 ft) via Rocky Mouth Canyon, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Lone Peak North Peak is one of the Wasatch 10k peaks but is rarely climbed. We will be on the maintained trail (Sawmill Trail) until we get to the split between Rocky Mouth Canyon Peak and Lone Peak North Peak. The short section to go up to the false peak (0.2 miles) will involve class 2 or 3 scrambles. The true summit is close to the false summit (300 ft) and may involve some easy rock climbing. Making the true summit is optional. Those who want to aim at the true summit should bring a helmet and a harness in case. Mark will bring a rope and other climbing gear in case. Exploratory. Please bring 10 Es. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Sep 24, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply. Co-organized with Mark Maier.
Sep 25	Social: Utah Symphony <i>Meet:</i> 3:15 pm at TRAX station <i>Organizer:</i> Liz Cordova liz1466@live.com
Sat	Let's catch the 5:30 performance and refreshments before. Stravinsky and Rachmaninoff. Tickets will be at least \$26 - \$40. Check it out at utahsymphony.org and let me know. TRAX is a good option.
Sep 27	Relaxed Pace Evening Hike To Bell Canyon Spillway – NTD – 3.0 mi Out & Back – 800' ascent – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Bell Canyon Granite Trailhead <i>Organizer:</i> Alfred Kessi 443-324-7669 akessi@aquafin.net
Mon	Park at Little Cottonwood Rd. on GK Gilbert Geologic View Park side if the Bell Canyon Granite Trailhead lot is full. Meet at this trailhead. Prompt 5:45 pm departure.
Sep 28	Mountain Bike Park City – mod+ – 15.0 mi Out & Back – 1800' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:15 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 and join us. If you are ill or have any symptoms of 'The Rona', please do not join us. If you are not vaccinated, please do not join us. An email with the specific meeting time, location and ride description will be sent to the wmc-bike list. To get on the wmc-bike list you must first be a member. Then on the WMC website, click on 'email list subscribe' then click on 'bike'. In the late fall we start our rides earlier in the evening because it's get dark earlier and it gets chilly. See you Tuesday. Let's Roll !
Sep 28	Evening Hike - Big Cottonwood Canyon Dog Lake – NTD+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at North Fork Trailhead which is the parking lot near the signal light at the turn to Donut Falls. <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com
Tue	A hike to dog lake with a prompt departure at 5:45pm from the trailhead in Big Cottonwood Canyon. This is a 1 hour up and then turn back hike from the trailhead. Be prepared for earlier sunset and a steep hike. Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you. If you are new to evening hikes or have not hiked with me previously please contact me for more details. Thank you.

Oct 1	Antelope Island Multi-activity Event <i>Meet:</i> 5:00 pm at See calendar for the various activities. If camping, arrive at the island any time. <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com
Fri –	Join us for the day, or reserve a campsite and stay a night or two. Come hike, paddle (??), or peddle on Antelope Island. After a great day of WMC activities, gather at and around Campsite BB07 at Bridge Bay Campground for some Saturday afternoon socializing. There are currently fire restrictions, so we might not be roasting anything on the campfire. Best to bring your favorite picnic goodies. THERE IS A \$10 ENTRANCE FEE TO THE PARK. EACH PARTICIPANT/CAR IS INDEPENDENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENTRANCE FEE.
Oct 3	
Sun	
Oct 1	Relaxed Pace Evening Hike – NTD – 4.8 mi Loop – 328' ascent – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at We will meet at the trailhead parking area at the west end of the Bridger Bay Campground. <i>Organizer:</i> Tonya Karren 801-493-9199 tonya.karren@gmail.com
Fri	Join our relaxed pace hike on the Lakeside trail at Antelope Island. It's a great view of the lake. Good idea to bring a headlamp, in case we need it and maybe plan to also bring a head net, in case the bugs are bugging us. The visitors center sells them inexpensively. The bug problem should be mild this time of year, but with the crazy weather this year, better to be prepared.
Oct 2	Mountain Bike/road Bike On Antelope Island – NTD+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Cecil Goodrick 865-201-8339 tnbikerboy@gmail.com
Sat –	Join us on Antelope Island for our Multi-Sport Weekend. At this time the dates are tentative. More information to follow.
Oct 3	
Sun	
Oct 2	Antelope Island - Saturday Morning Frary Peak Hike – mod – 7.0 mi Out & Back – 2050' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 8:30 am at Frary Peak Trailhead, East side of Antelope Island <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 Jk@wasatch-environmental.com
Sat	We'll take the regular route to Frary Peak, then have the option for a little ridge line scramble on the way back down. Spend some time at the Visitors center, join an afternoon bike ride, and/or bring a cooler and join club members at the Bridger Bay Campground for an afternoon. Participants can camp on the island or coordinate with friends and drive out Saturday morning.
Oct 2	Antelope Island Multi-activity Social <i>Meet:</i> 3:00 pm at Bridger Bay campground, Antelope Island State Park; Campsite BB07 <i>Organizer:</i> Petra Brittner 512-525-9285 socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org
Sat	Join us for the day, or reserve a campsite and stay a night or two. Come hike, paddle (??), or peddle on Antelope Island. After a great day of WMC activities, gather at and around Campsite BB07 at Bridge Bay Campground for some socializing. There are currently fire restrictions, so we might not be roasting anything on the campfire. Best to bring your favorite picnic goodies. THERE IS A \$10 ENTRANCE FEE TO THE PARK. EACH PARTICIPANT/CAR IS INDEPENDENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENTRANCE FEE.
Oct 2	Evening Paddling At Antelope Island? – flat water – 1.0 mi <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Antelope Island Marina <i>Organizer:</i> TBD 801-244-3323 Jk@wasatch-environmental.com
Sat	To round out a multi-triathlon, we'll give it a go for an evening paddle on Antelope Island, though we might need to walk out bit to find water. Make sure to have a PFD, headlamp, and warm clothes!
Oct 5	Fall Foliage Day Hike To Primrose Over Look – mod – 4.5 mi Loop – 1000' ascent – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Summit Trail head at Alpine Loop (National Park Pass/Golden Age pass or \$6 for parking) <i>Organizer:</i> Da Yang Wipfel 801-635-6189 dayang007@gmail.com
Tue	Primrose Overlook nested in Timpanogos Wildness access by Alpine Loop. Bring your Ten-Es and a camera. We will have lunch at Overlook. Covid regulation still applies (6ft & /mask at gathering) No-Pets RSVP Limit 8.
Oct 6	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
Wed	Monthly Board Meeting. Members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to bring topics to the Board's attention should email the President 7 days prior to the meeting.

Oct 7 Thu – Oct 10 Sun	<p>2021 Moab Canyoneering Rendezvous</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at https://www.meetup.com/Wasatch-Mountain-Club/events/277515669/?isFirstPublish=true</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com</p> <p>Follow this link: https://www.meetup.com/Wasatch-Mountain-Club/events/277515669/?isFirstPublish=true</p>
Oct 8 Fri – Oct 11 Mon	<p>Ruby Horsethief Kayaking/canoe Trip – class II – 25.0 mi</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Gretchen Siegler 801-661-5635 gsiegler@westminstercollege.edu</p> <p>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.</p>
Oct 12 Tue	<p>Day Hike - Grand Canyon South Rim To North Rim – MSD – 24.0 mi Shuttle – 6000' ascent – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We will hike from South Rim to North Rim in Grand Canyon. Trip schedule: Oct 11 Mon - Road trip. Oct 12 Tue - Hike from South Rim to North Rim. Oct 13 Wed - Road trip. Expected hike hours - 10-14 hours, depending on pace and conditions. For more details, please contact the organizer. WMC members only. Limit 10.</p>
Oct 12 Tue	<p>Social - Virtual Book Club</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at ZOOM</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>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.</p>
Oct 16 Sat – Oct 17 Sun	<p>Bruneau Dunes Alpine Ski Tour And Car Camp. Bruneau Dunes State Park Idaho. – mod – 10000' ascent – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 8:00 am at Bruneau Dunes State Park</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Brad* Yates 801-592-5814 bnyslc@earthlink.net</p> <p>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 quite 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.</p>
Oct 22 Fri	<p>Preservation Utah Heritage Awards Dinner</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Tickets are available at https://preservationutah.org/see-our-impact/heritage-awards</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>Preservation Utah has selected the Wasatch Mountain Club to receive the prestigious Heritage Organization Award! The Heritage Organization award recognizes organizations involved in furthering the historic preservation movement in Utah. Preservation Utah is recognizing the Wasatch Mountain Club for the extensive efforts to collect, organize, document, and disseminate 100 years of written, oral, and photographic outdoor recreation history. This award honors the historical preservation that was undertaken for the 2020 WMC Centennial in 2020.</p>
Oct 23 Sat	<p>Social: Ballet West</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 11:30 am at TRAX station</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Liz Cordova liz1466@live.com</p> <p>Let's catch the 2pm matinee and refreshments before. Check it out at balletwest.org-Dracula will provide thrills and chills. TRAX is a good option. Let me know. Boo!</p>



WMC wins Preservation Utah's Heritage Organization Award!

by Julie Kilgore

Heritage Organization Award - Celebrating the best in Utah Preservation

We are excited to announce that Preservation Utah has awarded the Wasatch Mountain Club the Historical Organization Award. The Historical Organization award recognizes organizations involved in furthering the historic preservation movement in Utah.

Organizations may be recognized for a variety of activities undertaken within the past five years, such as: educational programs, events to raise public awareness of preservation, advocacy, publications, planning, and the protection of historic buildings and sites from destruction.

Preservation Utah is recognizing the Wasatch Mountain Club for the extensive efforts to collect, organize, document, and disseminate 100 years of written, oral, and photographic outdoor recreation history. This historical preservation was undertaken for the WMC Centennial in 2020. ***This is a great opportunity for me to once again express appreciation to the WMC Centennial Committee for their dedication leading up to, throughout, and following the great accomplishments of 2020.***

Our award is one of several awards that will be presented at the 2021 Heritage Awards and Gala event on Friday October 22, 2021, at the Natural History Museum.

Tickets are available at:

<https://preservationutah.org/see-our-impact/heritage-awards>



Corral, Buckley, and Horse Mtns. Hike, July 10th

Organized, report & photos by Mark Maier & Akiko Kamimura

We bagged three rarely climbed peaks in Provo – Corral Mountain (10,440 ft), Buckley Mountain (9,502 ft) and Horse Mountain (8,654 ft). For all of us, it was the first time to make those peaks. Those peaks are rarely climbed mainly because it is hard to get to the trailhead (TH) on the super bumpy Squaw Peak Rd. It took more than 1.5 hours to get to the TH for Buckley and Horse Mt only for 14 miles. There is a parking lot at the TH. But the sign was broken. Horse Mt is a small hill. We took only 10 minutes to get to Horse Mt. From Horse Mt to Buckley Mt, there supposed to be a game trail. But we were unable to find it and did bushwhacking to get to Buckley Mt. There was a mailbox at the summit. The views were gorgeous. The Buckley and Horse Mt hike took 3 hours in total including breaks (distance – 2.8 miles, elevation gain – 1,375 ft). After the first hike, we drove to another TH, approximately 1 mile north from the Buckley TH, to climb Corral Mt. While we had a GPS coordinate of the Corral Mt TH, it was very difficult to find it. Once we found the trail, it was easy to follow it. We saw 50+ elk from the saddle. We also found very interesting fossils on the way. We enjoyed the views of Provo Peak Massif. The Corral Mt hike took 4 hours in total including breaks (distance – 5 miles, elevation gain – 2,059 ft). From the Corral Mt TH, we drove to the Springville side because we thought it might save time. However, the conditions of Squaw Peak Rd were even worse. We ended up doing a very long drive again.

Wonderful views from the summit of Buckley Mt. Andy, Mark and Leisha.



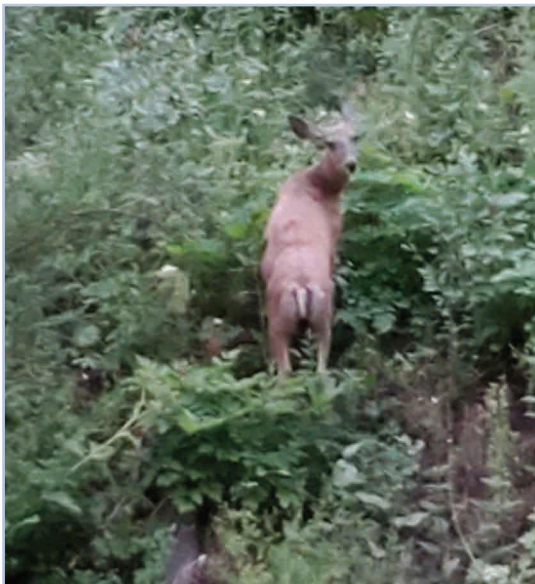
Andy – final ascent to Corral Mtn.

Lambs Canyon Evening Hike, July 23rd



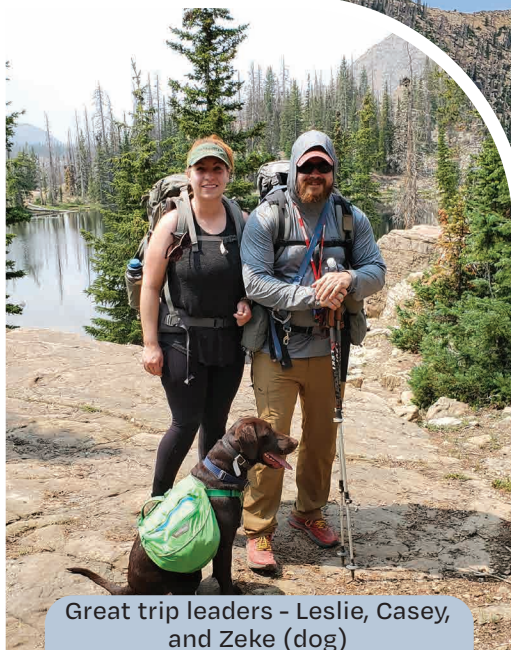
Organized by Julie Kilgore
Report & photos by Steve Leitch

Several ambitious hikers met at the Lambs Canyon exit and carpooled to the trailhead. While very warm, it was a nice evening for a hike. We welcomed two new WMC members (Kathleen and Cindy) on their first WMC hike. Several beautiful wildflowers were blooming along the trail. As we approached the Lambs Canyon pass, rain/thunderstorms were starting to build in the valley below. So, after a very brief respite at the pass, we headed back down as raindrops started to fall. The rain, while only lighter showers, was refreshing. We were treated to a deer along the trail (keeping a close eye on the group). We arrived back at the TH as the rain intensified and carpooled back to the parking lot. On the drive back down, we were very fortunate to see a mama moose and her calf on the side of the road. They sauntered down the road and then headed back into the hills. What a treat! It was a wonderful hike. (distance – 4.6 miles, elevation gain – 1,438 ft).



Julie and Vince hiking up the canyon

Lake Ibantik Backpack Trip , July 24-25th



Great trip leaders - Leslie, Casey, and Zeke (dog)



Organized by Casey Landru & Leslie Canfield
Report & photos by Steve Leitch

As follow-up to the June Backpacking training, Casey organized an overnight trip to Lake Ibantik. Participants included: Casey, Leslie, Zeke (Casey's dog), Tonya, Lizzy, Christine, Frank, Plymouth, Brenda, and Steve. A week before the trip, Casey held a gear shakedown which prepared everyone for the upcoming adventure. On Saturday morning, we carpooled to the Crystal Lake TH. As suspected, the TH parking lot was full so we had to park about a mile away in the overflow parking. Some extra mileage never hurt anyone...The hike to Lake Ibantik was very scenic and it was a beautiful day. We arrived at the Lake early afternoon and found campsites on the east side of the lake by a small stream. After setting up camp, a few of us decided to go for a short hike further down the trail. Frank decided to be a bit more adventurous and headed back to the Notch and points beyond..

We met back at camp early evening to enjoy dinner by the lake. Several games of Cribbage and Hearts were the evening's entertainment. Unfortunately, Zeke disturbed a yellow jacket nest in an old, rotten stump and suffered several stings. Casey also got stung while rescuing Zeke. Thankfully, both Casey and Zeke made a full recovery.

On Sunday morning, we packed-up camp and headed back up towards the Notch. Just beyond the Notch, the trail to Crystal Lake split off to the right. We decided to return via this trail. While it added another 0.5 miles, there were more beautiful lakes and mountain vistas.



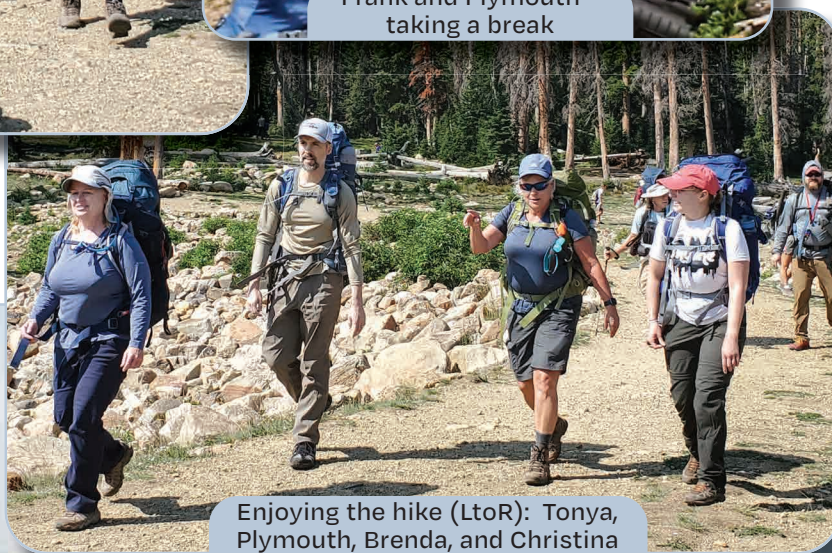
Upon reaching the Crystal Lake TH, a few of us hiked the extra mile to the cars and returned to the TH to pick-up the others. Casey had brought a cooler full of cold beverages and we all enjoyed a short-break before heading back to Salt Lake. We all agreed it was a great trip and we should do it again! Thanks again to Casey and Leslie for organizing the trip and to Frank for sharing his backpacking experience with us!



Leading the hike (LtoR):
Lizzy, Zeke, and Leslie



Frank and Plymouth -
taking a break



Enjoying the hike (LtoR): Tonya,
Plymouth, Brenda, and Christina



At the Notch (LtoR): Frank, Leslie, Christina, Plymouth, Tonya, Steve, Brenda, Lizzy, and Casey

Colorado 14er Multi-Day Hiking, July 20-25th

Organized, report & photos by Barb Gardner, Andy Bibby & Akiko Kamimura

There were 15 registrants for this trip. Some of the registrants participated in three hikes while others did one or two hikes. Also, there were several registrants who decided to do their own hikes.

July 21: Missouri Mt (Akiko's group) & Mt Belford (Barb's group)

Akiko's group (Mark, Heidi, Jim, Peter, Andy, Samir & Akiko) bagged Missouri Mt (14,073 ft) via Missouri Gulch TH. It was the first club hike for Andy. We saw beautiful sunrise on the way. Great views all around at the summit. But since it was very windy, we quickly descended from summit. We originally planned to go to Mt Belford and Mt Oxford as well. Due to the weather forecast of thunderstorms, we did not go to the other peaks, however. 8 hours including breaks (10.5 miles RT. 4,500 ft gain).

Barb's group (Barb, Monika, Sandra, Al, Dave, Shasta – Barb's dog, & Tele – Monika's dog) hiked to Mt Belford (14,197 ft) from the same trailhead and enjoyed a long break and views at the summit. 7.5 hours including breaks (8 miles RT. 4,500 ft gain).



Mt Belford summit - Dave, Barb, Monika



Mt. Harvard summit - a nice sign

Beautiful trail ridge between Redcloud & Sunshine Peak

July 22: Mt Harvard

Mark, Heidi, Jim, Peter and Akiko went to Mt Harvard (14,420 ft), the 3rd highest peak in CO, via North Cottonwood Creek TH. This hike was very scenic. Horn Fork Basin was spectacular. Mark, Heidi and Jim took the side detour to Bear Lake - one of the most beautiful lakes. We discussed whether we would go to a nearby 14er, Mt Columbia, but did not go due to a concern of a thunderstorm. It was a good decision. A thunderstorm started when we were back close to the TH. 10 hours including breaks and the side trip to the lake (14 miles RT. 4,600 ft gain).



Descending from Mt. Harvard.
Bear Lake on left

July 23: Road trip to Lake City & flat tire

Mark, Heidi, Jim and Akiko drove to Lake City from Buena Vista (approximately 3 hours). We went to Silver Creek TH (for Redcloud & Sunshine Peaks) by Heidi's car to scout the road conditions. We talked with a couple of people at the TH who were stuck overnight because of the road conditions. They saw Heidi's car made the TH and felt they would be able to leave the TH. On the way back from the TH, Heidi's car had a flat tire. Mark and Jim put on a spare tire. There was an additional trip to a tire shop afterwards. Andy also scouted the road by his truck. Ben arrived at the group accommodation (cabin) from Salt Lake in the evening.

July 24: Redcloud & Sunshine Peaks

Mark, Heidi, Jim, Ben, Andy and Akiko made Redcloud Peak (14,034 ft) and Sunshine Peak (14,001 ft). For Ben, it was the first club activity and the first 14er. We went to the TH by Ben's car and Andy's truck. Silver Creek Trail had a streambed at some places due to heavy rain during the night. We saw red cloud on Redcloud Peak. The peak itself is red. At the summit of Redcloud Peak, we saw our shadows in the middle of a spectrum ring. The views from the route between the two peaks were stunning. Clouds, which came and was gone frequently, created additional magnificence to the views. We took a long break at Sunshine Peak and went back to Redcloud Peak. Ben decided to run from Redcloud Peak to the TH to drive back to Salt Lake on the day. While the rest of us were surprised, it was a good decision. Right after we finished the hike. Heavy rain started. The drive out was an adventure as parts of the road was damaged from flood / debris flows. Ben passed the parts before the road was damaged. 7.5 hours including breaks (12.25 miles RT. 4,800 ft gain).



Sunshine Peak group photo

July 25: Road trip to Salt Lake

WMC Mountain Bikers - Having a Blast!!



Riders near Guardsman Pass

Shirley



Snowbasin Mtn. Bike & Blues Ride (Aug 1st) - at the Ogden Overlook
LtoR: Heidi, Sharon, Frank, Brian, and Dave



Greg Libecci

Riding Charlie's 9 K trail (FtoB):
Jennifer R. and Larry P.



Greg Libecci

Taking a breather on Charlie's 9 K trail with PC Ridgeline in foreground (FtoB): Colin, Tom, Nick, Ryan, Suzanne, Travis, Jennifer and Larry



Greg Libecci

Post-ride BBQ at Bonanza Flat (LtoR): Ryan, Larry, Nick, Vince, Heidi, Holly, Hardy, and Colin

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WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Please read carefully and completely fill out both sides of the page. Print legibly, *please*.

I am applying for membership as: _____ Single _____ Couple

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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) or request a printed copy from the Membership Director.

YOU NEED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION: To not have your address, phone, and/or email listed in the *Member Directory* – if you don't have computer access or need help contact the Membership Director, otherwise on the WMC website use the **MEMBERS > Privacy & Activity Preferences** webpage.

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WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)

Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgement of Risk and Release from Liability

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

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

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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.

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