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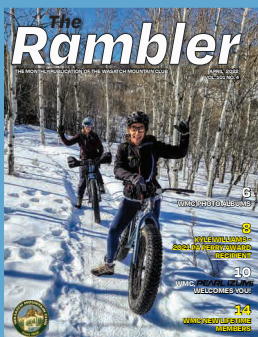
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ON OUR COVER:

On Sun, February 13th, Kathleen Waller organized a Fat Tire Bike ride on the Wiley E. Canyon trail (4-mile loop). Linda George and Kathleen Butt are enjoying the beautiful pines, aspens, and sunshine on the trail. Riding the loop counter-clockwise meant enjoying a downhill section with a dozen flowing switchbacks.

Photo courtesy of Kathleen Waller



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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President's Message

Aaaaah, Spring! The time change, longer daylight, and warmer weather 😊. April is a unique time of year when we can choose from a variety of activities from skiing and snowshoeing in higher elevations, to hiking and biking in the valley. All options are available on the WMC April activity calendar.

If you are new to the club, or have been a member for a while but have not had a chance yet to engage much in club activities, come out for the **April 30th Newcomer Spring Multi Sport and Social** at Hidden Valley Park in Draper. Choose from a morning bike ride, rock climb, or hike. Then join some of the WMC directors, coordinators, and other organizers at Noon at the Hidden Valley Park pavilion for a picnic, sharing of club information and resources, and answering any questions about the WMC and WMC activities. Details are on the WMC calendar.

If you are interested in organizing an activity or few, consider jumping on to the **April 12th On-Line Organizer Tutorial and Planning Session**. Activity directors, coordinators, and seasoned organizers will be on hand to go over the WMC website resources, where to find forms, share destination ideas, post some activities, maybe partner up co-organizers, go over how to submit sign-up sheets, a trip report, and/or any other topics of interest.

Remember that when organizing or participating in an activity, the WMC is a club of like-minded individuals sharing an outdoor experience. Organizers are volunteers, as are participants. Activity organizers should describe the activity, level of difficulty, pace, and other factors that will inform participants of what to expect. Sometimes these activities can be exploratory, which is fine as long as that is part of the description. For participants, it's important to read the posted description, understand the WMC ratings system, familiarize oneself with the destination or route, or reach out to the organizer with questions. WMC organizers are not "guides." We are all out here to share, and we are all ultimately responsible for ourselves.

Another great spring event will be the Big Birthday Bash! The Wasatch Mountain Club turned 100 in 2020, and as an organization, we accomplished a lot in celebration of our Centennial. Check out page 7 of the December 2020 Rambler under the "About Us" tab on the WMC website to see all the amazing things the Centennial Committee, club members, and our sponsors accomplished in honor of that special year. But there were two Centennial objectives that got sidelined due to COVID-19: the 100 Activity Challenge and the Big Birthday Bash. Both are back on in 2022!

- The 100 Activity Challenge was re-launched on January 1, 2022, and several of our members are well on their way to earning that jacket. I suspect we'll be handing a few of those out at the August Membership Meeting (see the January 2022 Rambler for qualifying details)
- The Big Birthday Bash will be May 13th, and you can now purchase your tickets on-line. Go to the wasatchmountainclub.org website, click on the "Centennial" tab, and find the link to the Centennial +2 Birthday Bash that will be held at the Natural History Museum. We're going to have a grand party, and we want ALL of our members, friends, family, sponsors, club awardees, and members of the community to join in this grand celebration.

Come celebrate with us on May 13th!

- Julie Kilgore



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Hayden Oliver & Rachel Smith



Wasatch Mountain Club Photo Albums

A Brief History

Photo Albums and photos at the University of Utah J. Willard Marriott Library.

Wasatch Mountain Club Special Collection, under collection number MS 0283, P0004.

by Mark Jones

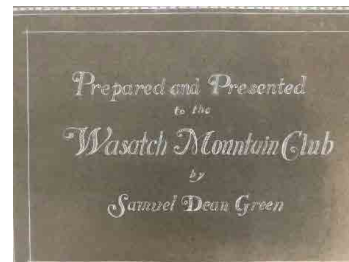
The Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) was formally organized on May 13, 1920, in Salt Lake City, by 13 original founding members. This was a time in history when photography was in its infancy and very few individuals carried around cameras. The WMC was very fortunate to have several professional photographers in its membership in the 1920s. These were hardy people who could carry a heavy box camera and tripod to the highest peaks to record the Club history. The WMC's first president and founding father Leon P. Stoney was one such professional photographer who helped record the Club's early history through photography.



Sammy Dean Green Photo Album 1929 Box 2 folder 1

There are probably more photos in the albums by William H. Hopkins than by anyone else. Other photographers as listed in WMC Book 6, page 34, include Ed Pearson, Will Allen, and George Brandt. Also, Dr. Pfouts from Payson went on many

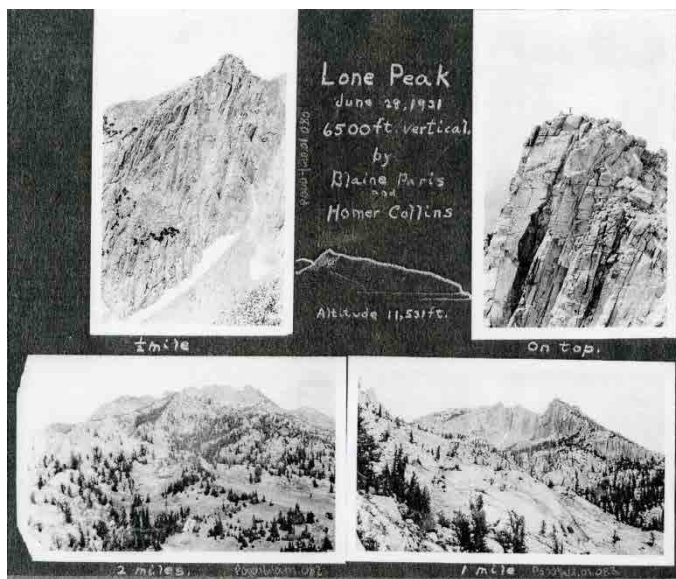
Club trips and took fantastic photos. Some great photos were taken by Dr. Pfouts and W. H. Hopkins on their Club trips from Park City to Brighton before ski lifts, and before the road to Brighton was plowed in winter. Sammy Dean Green also took many Club photos which he put into albums. Homer A. Collins put one album together in his name, and took many of the photos in that album. Finally, many other WMC members recorded many trips with their point and shoot cameras.



Sammy Dean Green Photo Album 1929 Box 2 folder 1

Photos taken by Wasatch Mountain Club members were later assembled into photo albums during the later 1920s and early 1930s. The WMC built a lodge in Brighton, Utah in 1929 so they could better enjoy the outdoors and have a place to socialize. Many of the WMC photo albums were then placed in the lodge for the enjoyment of Club members. One of the albums was placed in the lodge in 1939 as stated in the July Rambler: "The Club's photograph album made its premier appearance at the Spring opening of the Lodge. It's beautifully done, thanks to John Christensen, and will be of great interest in years to come: but--its value depends on your assistance by letting Johnny make copies of your best club pictures for inclusion in it".





Homer Collins Photo Album Box 10 Folder 1 page 19

The albums were numbered by book and page, such as Book 1, Page 15, so if a member wanted a copy of any photos they could then put in an order for that image. We often find duplicate copies of images because a member got copies and then put them in their personal album. WMC Historian Alexis Kelner retrieved some of the photo albums from the lodge and kept them until they could be donated to the U. of U. Library. These photo albums were donated to the Wasatch Mountain Club Special Collection at the J. Willard Marriott Library at the University of Utah in 2019.



P0004n12_01_page 016 P0004n12_01_024 top photo.
WMC skiers enter Brighton from Park City 1922.
Photos by W. H. Hopkins
WMC PA Book VI (6) page 16. U. of U. Box 12.

Prior to this latest donation to the library, there were 1,162 images in the WMC Special Collection, Photograph Collection of which approximately 600 were on the library web page. The WMC Photograph Collection at the library is assigned the call number P0004. The photos are numbered and then stored in boxes, with the early collection consisting of five boxes. Individual photos not in albums are then put into folders inside the boxes. To access a photo, one could use the call number for the collection; P0004, then the box number 01 or P0004n01, then the folder number, 02 or P0004n01_02, and lastly the photo number such as #149, or P0004n01_02_149.

The latest donations to the library consist mostly of images from 1920 through 1939, and start with Box 6, containing folders 1 through 19. Box 7 contains miscellaneous photos on album pages but not assembled as a photo album. Boxes 8 through 15 contain 8 WMC photo albums with 1,803 images. Box 16 contains 295 individual images in 9 folders. Box 17 contains a photo album by Sammy Dean Green. Once the images are received by the library, they are scanned, and then identified as to date, location, people and activity. The images are then sent to the Metadata Department of the library where the identification is put with the photo, and then put on the University webpage. Now that this process is complete, these photos are available to everyone by going to <https://lib.utah.edu/>. Click on "digital items", Search "Wasatch Mountain Club", Or "P0004".

At present there are now 2,891 photos in the digital photo archive, an increase of 2,291 photos with 520 still at Metadata. The plan is to also scan the remaining 562 photos that were previously donated and located in boxes 1 through 5.

If you have any problems finding the photos or have any questions or need any help, please contact Mark Jones at (801) 410-4163 or at hikermrj@aol.com.

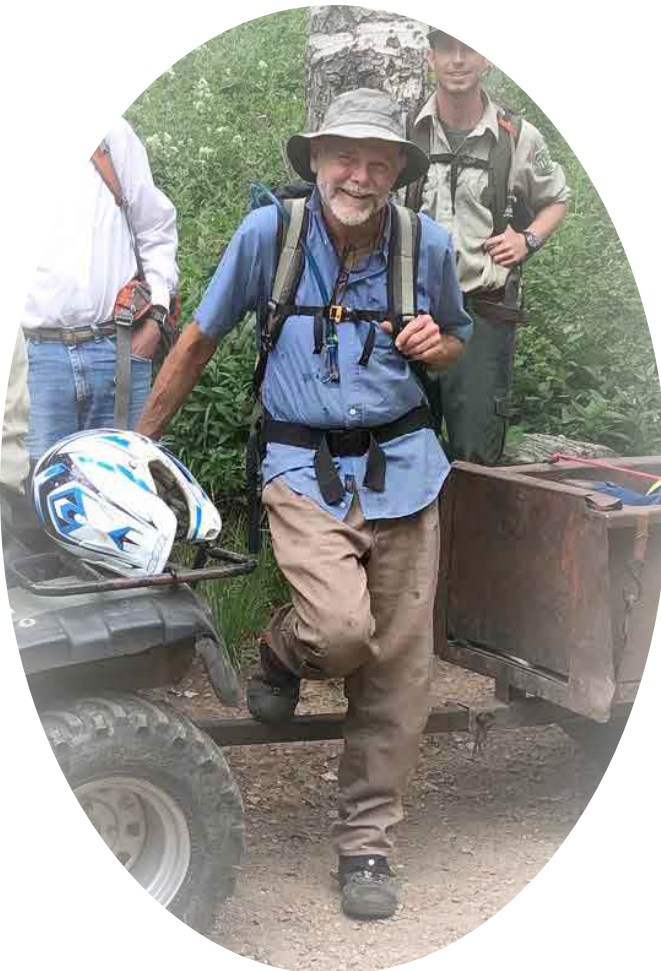


Kyle Williams, 2021 Pa Perry Award Recipient

Clarence (Pa) Parry was one of the early members of the Wasatch Mountain Club and a jeweler by trade. In 1954 Pa initiated an award to be given to a member who had given exceptional service to the Club. In some years, no award has been given, while in others more than one was given pending deserving candidates. It reflects individual club members who have provided outstanding service to the spirit of our Club.

Kyle's membership date is currently lost in time. I remember hair ball club adventures with Kyle going back to the early 90's. Kyle served as Mountaineer director and having survived that went on to serve as Membership director. Ever the glutton for punishment, he was Rambler editor and was Conservation co-director with Will McCarvill. He also served as vice-president. He currently is our trail maintenance coordinator.

On a personal note, Kyle was always there to help with trail maintenance, highway pick up and Forest Service and BLM service activities or whatever needed to be done. He livened activities with his cheerful attitude and serenaded us with his songs around many a desert BLM service trip campfire.



50 Years Ago in The Rambler

Transcribed by Donn Seeley

club activities for april 1972 [...]

Apr. 8 GARNER CAVE, near Ogden – This is a small cave, involving crawling, climbing, squeezing, grunting, swearing, etc. It is also a lot of fun, especially for beginners and other masochists. A hard hat and head lamp are available for rent in case you don't like holding a flashlight in your teeth. Transportation charge - \$.75 if you ride in someone else's car. Meet northeast corner of Simpson Ave. and 13th East at 9:00 a.m. Register with the leader: Dale Green [...]

Apr. 15-16 SPRING TRIP SOUTH – This trip, which had to be canceled last year due to bad weather, will take us into the heart of Red Rock Country and to the solitude of its canyons. Provided we find the road passable for the bus, we will go into the northwest corner of Canyonlands, the area close to the Maze. We will go into Horse Canyon, where there are many beautiful and unmarred Indian petroglyphs. Camping will be about a mile from the bus at the bottom of the canyon. Everybody (including families) is welcome. In case the road is impassable for the bus, we plan to drive to some other equally beautiful area. Bus fare is a mere \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Register by Wednesday, April 12 or preferably earlier. Leader: Pat King [...]

AVALANCHE! by Dave Hanscom

February 27 was an extraordinary day for the nine hardy tourers who decided to attempt a Lake Blanche tour. The snow had been poor for a couple of weeks, but two feet had fallen on Thursday and Saturday. A check with the Forest Service on Sunday morning brought a "Be careful!"

Cheerfully, we climbed to Cardiff Pass in the blazing morning sun. Lunch was postponed to Cardiac Ridge, as we were making excellent time. The traverse around Cardiff proceeded uneventfully, though it certainly looked formidable.

With typical WMC caution, the last section before Cardiac was taken high under the rocks with good spacing between skiers. Suddenly, with Dave Hanscom, Ron Weber, Charlie Lesley and Dixon Smith safely across and overlooking Lake Blanche, Gale Dick exclaimed that the snow below him was moving. We looked in time to see a three foot fracture line shoot along about 75 yards of our track, releasing a huge cloud of powder snow which slid a quarter of a mile down the bowl. Fortunately, none of us went with it, but Wayne Slagle and Marge Yerbury found themselves standing on the extension of the fracture, with John Bradly and Dwight Nichols farther behind.

With much trepidation, Marge and Wayne inched forward. Then it happened. The other half of the bowl began to slide. Wayne was right in the middle and Marge was on the edge. They both did all the right things; they got rid of skis and poles, pointed their heads up the hill, and swam furiously. When everything came to rest, Wayne had gone all the way down but had one arm out waving at us, and Marge was halfway down but up out of the rubble. Both lost all of their equipment.

We left Charlie on top and scrambled down to dig Wayne out. He was intact physically, and pretty soon mentally, too. Gradually we regrouped and had a lunch punctuated by exclamations and long silences.

The trip down Cardiff was quite a sight. Wayne and Gale flailed along, each on one of Gale's skis, and Marge hung on for dear life on the back of someone else's skis. But that didn't last long, as our situation had been observed from Alta, and a helicopter came to the rescue. Marge and Wayne appreciated the ride back to Alta, and for perhaps the first time, we didn't resent the presence of the noisy beast.



Wasatch Mountain Club, **PEARL iZUMi®** Welcomes You!

By Craig Williams, Mountain Bike Director



The PEARL iZUMi factory store, located at Outlets Park City (they have been part of the community there for 20 years!), is a mountain and road bike shoe and apparel store with product offerings serving the entry level rider, the more advanced sport enthusiast and all the way to the hardcore expert cyclist in both men's and women's gear. Their offerings range from standard function to stylish fashion forward.

Local Utah legend Gregg Bromka (he has helped to pioneer mountain biking in Utah having authored 10 books on Utah mountain biking trails) is the Park City Pearl Izumi store manager and is offering The WMC members a 15% discount, just for showing up any time to shop during regular store hours (10am-7pm Monday thru Saturday and 11am to 6pm Sunday). Proof of membership is needed either thru your current membership card or just log into the website to prove your membership, then shop till you drop!!

But it gets better you mountain bikers and roadies! Coordinate thru me to start and finish a ride

from the store and post event, there is an additional discount (TBD) greater than the standard 15% being offered. If your ride finishes after the store closes at 7:00pm, Gregg B. will have grabbed some chow and will come back for a closed store shopping spree opportunity! Keep an eye out for a WMC-bike post and I will get these on the WMC calendar for a

road ride I will lead from the store Thursday May 19th and a mountain bike ride from the store on Tuesday June 14th. Not to leave the hikers out, on those same dates (and times TBD and ONLY on those dates) I mention above, hike the nearby Park City trails, then come back and join us bikers for a shopping/feeding frenzy. Hiking organizers,



Chelsea and Gregg (Store Manager)





coordinate with me after I post those dates and times on the WMC Calendar and join us that day/evening and take advantage of the Pearl Izumi offer! Pearl Izumi is offering these 'extra discount events' once per month.

But Gregg Bromka and Pearl Izumi does not stop there with their generosity to the WMC. They will donate (2) very unique Park City motif cycling jerseys (photo right) for the Silent Auction at the Centennial Celebration Friday night May 13th. Let's welcome Pearl Izumi into our WMC family with open arms and a big THANKS! Their discount info will be added to the WMC discount page on the website.



Wasatch Hiking Trails, The Story Behind the Map

by Dan Smith

My professional background is in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and an avid outdoor adventure. My adventure activities include hiking, biking, skiing, mountaineering/climbing and the occasional paddle sport.

After many years exploring the Wasatch Mountains utilizing the various guide books and the original WMC sponsored map, Hiking the Wasatch produced in 1994, I saw the need for a newer map with updated trail information and an expanded coverage beyond the heavily used Tri-canyon area.

So, beginning in the Spring of 2002 I began compiling geographic information datasets for the base layer background and hiking the trails. During the hikes I would carry a professional mapping grade GPS unit to collect the best detailed information. Later years I would carry a Garmin GPS unit when I determined the accuracy of the consumer grade units produced reliable accuracy for the scale of the map.



Typically, I would hike 3-6 days a week depending on my work schedule. Usually on the weekdays I would get off work in the late afternoon and hiking till dusk. Weekends were much the same, when I did not have other commitments, I would be off exploring and mapping additional trails. Sometimes while out on a hike I would come across a trail that was not documented in a guide book or on an existing. That usually resulted a planned hike of 5-6 hours turning into a 10–12-hour journey as I explored the newly found trail. Some of these “new” trails were user created trails or some of the old historic trails and routes from the old mining and timber harvest days. Charles Keller has documented some of the history of these trails in his Faint Trails of the Wasatch articles.

Along the way of working on mapping the trails of the Wasatch Mountains I also spend some time revising the WMC Hike Trail Ratings table that Dale Green produced in the early 1990’s. That new updated information can be found on the WMC website.

After approximately two years of collecting trail data, I published the first version of the map in the early summer of 2004. Since then, the map has been re-published approximately every three years. I have continued to update the map with each publication and have included new or updated trail information as new trails are being built or re-routed and additional trails discovered. The map includes approximately 1,500 miles of trail from Bountiful Peak south to Timpanogos Peak. It’s a bit hard to believe that there is that many trail miles in our precious Wasatch Mountains.

So, this is where I get to say, Go Take A Hike.

See you on the trails,

- Dan

Dan has provided several of his maps that will be available for Endowment donations at the May 13th WMC Birthday Bash



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We are grateful for your generosity in 2021 towards achieving our \$25,000 goal!

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Update on WMC Life* Members

By Cheryl Soshnik

In the last year, we lost some of our dear Life* Members. Our losses included Larry Swanson, Rick Thompson, Yenta Kaufman, and Jaelene Val Myrup. Together, these wonderful people had contributed hundreds of years of service and leadership to the club. However, at our February 16 virtual General Membership meeting we awarded three more members into our elite club.



Allan Gavere joined the club in 1980. Allan writes about his WMC membership: "The Club has meant a lot to me over many decades. Going back a way, I have served as the coordinator of Canoeing for a number of years, assisted the Boating director, also led numerous boating trips, skiing trips and a few hikes. I have come up to the lodge to join in with Bob and others on a number of occasions. I have helped with the boating equipment, storage shed, and raft repairs. Many trip scheduling and trip planning

meetings. Ellie Ienatsch and I have attended and participated in many conservation meetings of various governmental and environmental agencies to speak and participate for the Wasatch Mountains and outdoor recreation in general."





Chris Venizuelos has been a member of the club since 1988, and served as the Rambler Mailing Coordinator for 14 years, 2000-2013. Chris writes “Over the 30 plus years that I have been a member of the WMC, I have met many wonderful people and made new friendships. It has also enabled me see and experience many new places in nature and the great outdoors.”



Gretchen Siegler joined the club in 1994. She served on the board as Conservation Director, and then became a Trustee. She is still very involved in conservation and has both organized and participated in numerous WMC activities, including most recently her introduction to the Death Valley Winter Escape.

Congratulations to our three newest Life* Member stars, now eighty strong! If you have been a member of the Club for 25 years and have been a board director or have provided service to the club in the form of coordinator, trail building, lodge maintenance, or have organized a ton of trips over the years, you may qualify for Life* membership. Contact Cheryl at: wmc.respond@gmail.com for more information.





Be part of the 2022 Activity Challenge!
Grab that centennial journal, notebook,
or calendar, and track your WMC activity
participation. The first 100 club members to
participate in 100 posted club activities will
receive a WMC “Activity Challenge” jacket.

Here are a few rules:

- Starting January 1, 2022, start recording any activity you participate in that is posted on the WMC calendar.
- Any activity that is posted on the calendar will count. That includes club socials, membership meetings, singalongs, board meetings, boating permit parties, trainings, etc. If it's posted on the calendar (which means the activity is an approved WMC activity), it counts. No fair backdating an activity, or only give an hour notice! Stay within the spirit please.
- For multi-day activities, each day the activity is posted on the club calendar can be counted as a separate activity. You'll be doing something fun and different every day, right? If the travel day is included in the post, that counts too. It's an important “activity” of sharing resources, planning, and camaraderie.
- Take your time. All 100 activities do NOT have to be completed by the end of this year.
- Activities prior to 2022 do not count, EXCEPT the activities that enthusiastic clubbers recorded from January 1, 2020, through March 22, 2020, when the original Centennial Activity Challenge was launched.
- Once you record 100 activities (or 100 days of activities, if you participate in multi-day events), submit your documentation to the board. You will be highlighted in the Rambler, and you will get your prize at the next membership meeting.

The more club activities you participate in, the sooner you reach the goal. If you don't see an activity that suits you, jump in an organize or co-organize!

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Activity Calendar

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Apr 2 Sat	<p>Pre-season Bike Maintenance Clinic And Ride <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at 2410 West California Avenue <i>Organizer:</i> Robert Turner and Cecil Goodrick 801-560-3378 r46turner@gmail.com, bikingdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org Spring is just around the corner, or maybe here already! Join current and former biking directors for this pre-season bike maintenance clinic, followed by a road bike along the Jordan River Parkway to check out the new Three Rivers Confluence Park where Red Butte, Emigration, and Parleys spill into the Jordan River.</p>
Apr 2 Sat	<p>Snowshoe (or Hike) - Location Tba – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe (or hike if there is not enough snow) in BCC/LCC, Provo, Tooele, Park City, the Uintas, American Fork or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. Whether avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) is required, not required or optional will be determined based on the location, conditions and weather. Most likely, we will pick the location where avalanche safety gear is optional or not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear if someone wants to practice/use. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, April 1, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p>
Apr 3 Sun	<p>Snowshoe Or Hike - Lone Pine Ridge Near Spanish Fork – mod+ – 10.0 mi – 3,100' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe (or hike if there is not enough snow) to Lone Pine Ridge (8,198 ft) near Spanish Fork, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. The last part to the summit is off trail. This peak is near Salem Peak where we recently snowshoed and want to go to the area again. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) is not required. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, April 1, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p>
Apr 3 Sun	<p>Stansbury Island Day Hike – mod – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Utah Travel Council Lot - 110 E 300 N <i>Organizer:</i> Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com We'll do something fun on Stansbury Island, depending on the conditions. You can count on steep off-trail hiking, and fun scrambling on quartzite slabs.</p>
Apr 4 Mon	<p>Shoulder Season Evening Hike - West Grandeur Lower Ridge Loop – mod- – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Grandeur Peak Trailhead (2910 S Wasatch Blvd, SLC, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Start up the north ridge and return down the main ridge. Tonight's hike is a STEEP HIKE so the rating has been bumped to a MOD-. Prompt 6 pm departure. Dogs OK.</p>
Apr 6 Wed	<p>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.</p>
Apr 7 Thu	<p>Evening Road Bike: Salt Lake Valley – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Location and ride details disseminated via the WMC bike email list <i>Organizer:</i> Robert* Turner 801-560-3378 r46turner@gmail.com Let's have a series of Thursday evening Road Bike Rides somewhere in the Salt Lake Valley, most likely the Jordan River Parkway Trail. These will be short, easy rides, typically 10 to 20 miles without a lot of elevation gain. The pace will be slow to moderate. Join the bike email list because we'll use that to disseminate the ride info each week. The email will provide the meeting location and will describe the ride, difficulty level, distance, etc. so you will have the info you need to decide if you want to join us.</p>

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Apr 7 Thu	<p>Alpine Ski Tour Grizzly Gulch – 3.0 mi – 1,200' ascent Meet: 5:00 pm at Alta upper parking lot near entrance to gate Organizer: Mike Ondeck 503-475-3753 michaelondeck@gmail.com</p> <p>After work Alta ski. Meet in upper Alta parking lot at grizzly gulch gate or parking lot at 445 pm ski by 5pm. Total time 1.5 hrs. Planning on meeting one day a week for the rest of the season. Twin lakes pass then decide on patsy marley or Black bees. Plenty of options. Intermediate skiers or better Avy 1 cert (nice to have) . Bring shovel, probe, beacon. At, Tele or split board, 10 essentials, including headlamp (emergency only), chair and après ski refreshments. Pace will be moderate and I will keep the group together per guiding protocol. Experienced leader with 15 years teaching bc students. Email me to sign up or if you have any ?s. I will cap the group at 6. Covid protocols be followed for social distancing. Leader has been vaccinated and booster.</p>
Apr 8 Fri – Apr 10 Sun	<p>Yellowstone Hike-paced Bike Ride – ntd – 40.0 mi Out & Back – Slow pace Meet: Registration required Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>Join this annual pre-season road bike trek into Yellowstone the weekend before the park is open to cars. The park service is preparing for the season so the roads will be plowed, but being flexible is key. Plan A is a SLOW MEANDERING bike ride from West Yellowstone to Gibbon Falls, intentionally taking about 4 hours for the 40-mile round trip. Plan B will be dictated by whatever Mother Nature is dishing out that morning. Come prepared for every combination of sun/snow/rain/wind/hot/cold. Base camp is the Kilgore Kompound in Island Park. Because of the limited space, RSVP priority will be given to WMC members.</p>
Apr 9 Sat	<p>Red Butte Ridge Loop Day Hike – ntd+ – 3.5 mi Loop – 1,600' ascent – Moderate pace Meet: 9:00 am at Colorow Rd near Wakara Way in University Research Park, just south of the Natural History Museum Organizer: Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com</p> <p>We'll hike up the Georges Hollow trail east to the saddle, then come back west along the ridge toward the Living Room. The faint trail on the ridge has some steep, loose sections and a little scrambling, plus a magnificent view of the city. Well-behaved dogs and their well-behaved owners are welcome.</p>
Apr 10 Sun	<p>Hike (or Snowshoe) - Dutch Point (& Maybe Ennis Peak), Draper – mod+ – 9.0 mi – 3,000' ascent – Moderate pace Meet: Registration required Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to snowshoe (or hike if there is not enough snow) to Dutch Point (8,343 ft) in Draper, weather, conditions and situation permitting. If the group is interested, we may also bag Ennis Peak (9,322 ft). Depending on conditions, the location may change. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) is not required or optional (will be determined when it gets closer). Please email before Friday, 6 pm, April 8, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p>
Apr 10 Sun	<p>Silver Island Range Day Hike – mod+ – 8.0 mi Loop – 3,000' ascent – Moderate pace Meet: Registration required Organizer: Brad* Yates 801-592-5814 bnyslc@earthlink.net</p> <p>The silver Island Range are the mountains to the north of the Bonneville Speedway as one approaches Wendover. They feature rugged peaks with outstanding views. What peak we climb will depend on current conditions and my mood. Expect minor bushwhacking and up to Class three scrambling, the entire route will be off trail.</p>
Apr 11 Mon	<p>Hike North Ridge Of Bell Canyon – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace Meet: 5:45 pm at Bell Canyon's Granite Trailhead, 9800 South, just east of Wasatch Boulevard Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>Following the ridge between Little Cottonwood Canyon and the lower Bells reservoir, there is a great overlook after about one hour of steep elevation gain. With the city lights in view, the return makes a nice sunset and city-light night hike. This is a very steep hike, and there are several sections with difficult footing. Bring flash lights and appropriate layers. This is a watershed, so no dogs tonight. Plan on a 6:00 p.m. departure and about an 8:30 return.</p>
Apr 12 Tue	<p>Social - Virtual Book Club Meet: 5:30 pm at ZOOM Organizer: 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 April book is Under the Sky We Make: How to Be Human in a Warming World, by Kimberly Nicholas. The meeting will be on April 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>
Apr 12 Tue	<p>On-line Organizers Tutorial And Planning Session For April/May Activities Meet: 6:30 pm at Check the on-line calendar for the Zoom link Organizer: Activity Directors and Coordinators 801-244-3323 info@wasatchmountainclub.org</p> <p>Join your activity director, coordinators and seasoned organizers for this on-line activity planning session for April/ May calendar postings. We'll go over the WMC website resources, where to find forms, share destination ideas, post some activities, maybe partner up co-organizers, how to submit sign-up sheets, a trip report, and/or any other topics of interest.</p>



Apr 14 Thu	<p>Evening Road Bike: Salt Lake Valley – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Location and ride details disseminated via the WMC bike email list <i>Organizer:</i> Robert* Turner 801-560-3378 r46turner@gmail.com</p> <p>Let's have a series of Thursday evening Road Bike Rides somewhere in the Salt Lake Valley, most likely the Jordan River Parkway Trail. These will be short, easy rides, typically 10 to 20 miles without a lot of elevation gain. The pace will be slow to moderate. Join the bike email list because we'll use that to disseminate the ride info each week. The email will provide the meeting location and will describe the ride, difficulty level, distance, etc. so you will have the info you need to decide if you want to join us.</p>
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Apr 15 Fri – Apr 18 Mon	<p>Escalante State Park Car Camp – ntd+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> John or Martha Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com</p> <p>Easter weekend base camp at Escalante Petrified Forest State Park using the group site. We will be following appropriate COVID safety protocols. Day hikes from nearby trailheads will be coordinated each day with destination and difficulty depending on participant interests. Sunday morning sunrise hike for those interested. Secular, but seder-themed group pot-luck dinner Saturday night, other meals on your own. This is a very civilized site with toilets and showers and only two miles into town. We have the campsite from Friday night through Sunday night. \$20 per person deposit required to register. Limit is 25 participants / 14 vehicles.</p>
Apr 16 Sat	<p>Snowshoe (or Hike) - Location Tba – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to snowshoe (or hike if there is not enough snow) in BCC/LCC, Provo, Tooele, Park City, the Uintas, American Fork or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. Whether avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) is required, not required or optional will be determined based on the location, conditions and weather. Most likely, we will pick the location where avalanche safety gear is optional or not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear if someone wants to practice/use. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, April 15, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p>
Apr 16 Sat	<p>Mt Olympus To The Stream Day Hike – mod- – 3.4 mi Out & Back – 1,551' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Mount Olympus Trailhead (5432 Wasatch Blvd, Holladay, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com</p> <p>Limit: 9. Well-behaved dogs and their well-behaved owners are welcome.</p>
Apr 17 Sun	<p>Hike - Thorpe Hills Hp & 3 Bumps Near Eagle Mt – mod+ – 8.0 mi – 2,800' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to hike to Thorpe Hills HP (6190 ft) and 3 bumps - Peaks 6160, 6033 & 5813 - near Eagle Mountain, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring 10 Es and microspikes. It is unlikely we will need snowshoes unless there are huge snowstorms right before the day. The route involves off-trail and some steep sections. Exploratory. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, April 15, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p>
Apr 17 Sun	<p>Hike The Jacob's Ladder Re-route And Beyond – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 8:30 am at Peak View Trailhead <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>The WMC and club members donated funds to support the re-route of Jacob's Ladder, so let's go check it out! We'll hike as far as conditions are fun for hiking/micro-spiking. Plan on total hiking time of 6 hours or so. Vehicle access has been closed off from the Sandy/Draper side, to meet at the Peak View Trailhead that is accessed from Suncrest Drive.</p>
Apr 18 Mon	<p>Evening Hike - Cherry Canyon To One-hour-rock – ntd+ – 2.0 mi Out & Back – 1,300' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Orson Smith Trail Head, 12601 South 2000 East (Highland Drive) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 Jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>It's the perfect time of year for this short STEEP hike up the approach to Cherry Canyon, a route that is no fun in the evening once the weather starts heating up. There are different "One-Hour" rocks to choose from, depending on pace. Prompt 6 pm departure.</p>

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Apr 21 Thu	<p>Evening Road Bike: Salt Lake Valley – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Location and ride details disseminated via the WMC bike email list <i>Organizer:</i> Robert* Turner 801-560-3378 r46turner@gmail.com</p> <p>Let's have a series of Thursday evening Road Bike Rides somewhere in the Salt Lake Valley, most likely the Jordan River Parkway Trail. These will be short, easy rides, typically 10 to 20 miles without a lot of elevation gain. The pace will be slow to moderate. Join the bike email list because we'll use that to disseminate the ride info each week. The email will provide the meeting location and will describe the ride, difficulty level, distance, etc. so you will have the info you need to decide if you want to join us.</p>
Apr 23 Sat	<p>Mountaineering Snow Skills Practice – ntd+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Mark Maier 703-408-6912 maiermw@gmail.com</p> <p>We will meet and practice basic mountaineering snow skills. In the morning we will cover movement with and without crampons, ice axe self-arrest, snow anchoring, and roped movement. After lunch we will review crevasse rescue for 3+ person teams. The emphasis will be on group practice of core skills at a beginner through intermediate+ level. The organizer will demonstrate all skills and a step-by-step approach to learning them, but there will be limited opportunities for one-on-one coaching, most practice will be in student groups. All attendees must have boots, ice axe, harness, helmet, crampons, and some carabiners. A limited number of ice axes will be available from the club. Date is subject to change based on conditions and availability of the area. Request registration with a brief summary of your experience in snow climbing.</p>
Apr 23 Sat – Apr 24 Sun	<p>Protect Wilderness Areas In The San Rafael Swell <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Will McCarvill 801-694-6958 will@commercialchemistries.com</p> <p>The mammoth Sids Mountain Wilderness in the San Rafael was cut into 3 chunks during the designation process. I would like to get the southern portions surveyed on the ground to verify motor vehicle trespass. Through armchair surveys of boundaries using Google Earth, I have identified problem areas. I have loaded this into GAIGPS for navigation and photo documentation into iPhones and iPads. Ok this sounds complicated, but it really works and is really easy to use in the field. A 4X4 will follow the boundary route and photos taken with the iPads will document the problem sites. You will see amazing landscapes. We will camp where significant boundary roads come together. I have one problem, folks who have helped me with this project in the past are already signing up. Right now, I need one more 4X4 and can take two more navigator/crew members. As usual, I plan on a workday Saturday and a play day Sunday. I am being really greedy on how much we can get done.</p>
Apr 23 Sat – Apr 24 Sun	<p>Behind-the-rocks (Moab) Car Camp – msd – Shuttle – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com</p> <p>There is an amazing hike that goes from the Hidden Canyon Trailhead in Moab to Pritchett Canyon, passing through some of the best parts of the Behind-the-Rocks WSA. It's an all-day, mostly off-trail expedition through towering sandstone fins and deep gorges, with a bonus of great petroglyphs. There will be class-3 scrambling and probably some route-finding, since it's been 10 years since Donn's last visit. We'll do the long hike on Saturday and find a nice shorter hike for Sunday morning.</p>
Apr 23 Sat	<p>Day Hike Hughes Canyon / Bst – ntd – 5.0 mi Out & Back – 1,000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 8:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6526 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> David Rabiger 801-971-5836 derabiger@gmail.com</p> <p>Hike Hughes Canyon / Bonneville Shoreline Trail to Mt Olympus Trail. It may be possible to complete the loop back to Hughes Canyon via Wasatch Blvd with a shuttle depending on number of people and vehicles. Be prepared for COVID masks if carpooling.</p>
Apr 24 Sun	<p>Hike - Spanish Fork Peak (via South Route) – msd- – 7.5 mi – 5,200' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to hike to Spanish Fork Peak (10,192 ft), weather, conditions and situation permitting. We will take the south route, not the popular Maple Canyon route. Please bring 10 Es and microspikes. We will figure out if we need to carry snowshoes when it gets closer. There is a trail all the way to the peak. But since the south route is not used very much, the trail may not be clear at some places. The trail is steep. We plan to bag Peak 9764 on the way. Co-organized with Matt Luntz. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, April 22, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p>
Apr 24 Sun	<p>Hike- Wire Mountain – mod – 4.0 mi – 2,200' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at The Bonneville Shoreline trail trailhead on Sunnyside Drive that is just east of This is the Place State Park and across the street from the Hogle Zoo parking lot. <i>Organizer:</i> David Andrenyak 801-907-1325 andrenyakda@aim.com</p> <p>Wire Mountain is a high point that is between Red Butte Canyon and Emigration Canyon. Spring is a great season to hike this prominent landmark that is east of the University of Utah Research Park. I plan for the hike to go up the unmaintained but well defined trail that travels up the south slope and south ridge. The hike will offer great views of the Central Wasatch and the foothills east of the University of Utah. It is possible that some early spring wildflowers will be in bloom. If conditions permit, we may descend on the Georges Hollow trail for a loop hike. The hike distance is for an out and back hike on the South ridge trail. If we do the South Ridge/Georges Hollow loop, the hike distance would be about 5.5 miles. The hike has steep sections. Please send to me an email if you plan to attend.</p>



Apr 28 Thu	<p>Evening Road Bike: Salt Lake Valley – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Location and ride details disseminated via the WMC bike email list <i>Organizer:</i> Robert* Turner 801-560-3378 r46turner@gmail.com</p> <p>Let's have a series of Thursday evening Road Bike Rides somewhere in the Salt Lake Valley, most likely the Jordan River Parkway Trail. These will be short, easy rides, typically 10 to 20 miles without a lot of elevation gain. The pace will be slow to moderate. Join the bike email list because we'll use that to disseminate the ride info each week. The email will provide the meeting location and will describe the ride, difficulty level, distance, etc. so you will have the info you need to decide if you want to join us.</p>
Apr 30 Sat	<p>Rock Climb Before Newcomer's Social – ntd <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Mark Maier 703-408-6912 maiermw@gmail.com</p> <p>Meet in the morning for an easy rock climbing session before the Newcomer's social. Location and time will be compatible with attending Newcomers Social. Newcomer's welcome, but you will need your own personal climbing gear (helmet, harness, shoes, belay device). WMC will have ropes and anchors. Registration required so we know how many are coming and at what experience levels. When registering please briefly describe your level of experience (are you an experienced belayer?).</p>
Apr 30 Sat	<p>New Member Spring Multi-sport And Social <i>Meet:</i> 12:00 pm at Hidden Valley Park Pavilion at 2860 Wasatch Boulevard in Sandy. The Social will start at noon. Watch for individual activity postings for optional pre-social activity start times. <i>Organizer:</i> Tonya Karren or Petra Brittner 801-493-9199 socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org</p> <p>Are you new, newish, or renewed to the WMC and want more information about how to engage? Join some current and former WMC board members, coordinators, and activity organizers to sample a WMC activity, followed by a picnic at Noon, sharing of club information and resources, and answer questions. We'll have soup and sandwiches on hand. Bring your own meal or a dish to share if you would like.</p>
Apr 30 Sat – May 1 Sun	<p>Protect Wilderness Areas In The San Rafael Swell <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Will McCarvill 801-694-6958 will@commercialchemistries.com</p> <p>After the field wilderness boundary surveys and documentation of vehicle trespass, I write a report to the Price BLM office with suggested remediation like barriers, signs and camouflage. I send all my Google Earth files so we can each see the problem areas. We work up a plan and it becomes a service trip. We will be remediating the Little Ocean Draw wilderness area. It is located a bit north of Goblin Valley and was never a wilderness study area before being designated wilderness. We will dry camp and work on Saturday and play on Sunday. I need 5-8 folks who want to enjoy a weekend in the San Rafael Swell.</p>
Apr 30 Sat	<p>Hike - South Mountains In Tooele – mod+ – 11.0 mi – 3,000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to hike to South Mt West (6,597 ft), South Mt East (6,541 ft) and Peak 6493 in the Tooele Valley, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring 10 Es and microspikes. It is unlikely we will need snowshoes unless there are huge snowstorms right before the day. South Mt West is a benchmark and is one of the Utah prominent peaks. The route is a mix of on and off trail. Exploratory. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, April 29, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p>
Apr 30 Sat	<p>Boat Shed Opening Work Party <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Boat Shed - 4340 S 300 W <i>Organizer:</i> Bret Mathews and Donnie Benson 801-831-5940, 801-809-1854 bretmaverick999@yahoo.com, dmbenson13@gmail.com</p> <p>Come help us get the boating gear ready for a new season. We don't have a lot to do but will be deflating & rolling all of the boats up, restocking the kitchens, and whatever else that needs to be done. We hope to have a gear swap this spring, watch here for more details.</p>
Apr 30 Sat	<p>Mountain Bike Hidden Valley Trail And Bst Newcomer Multisport And Social – ntd – 10.0 mi Out & Back – 200' ascent – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:45 am at Hidden Valley Park Pavilion 2860 Wasatch Blvd Sandy, Utah 84092 <i>Organizer:</i> Heidi deMartis 801-608-7966 heidijodemartis@gmail.com</p> <p>Calling all Newcomer and Beginner Mountain Bikers (and all Mountain Bikers in general)! Let's meet at Hidden Valley Park Pavilion (2860 Wasatch Blvd Sandy, Utah 84092) at 9:45am Saturday April 30th and join the "WMC Newcomers Multisport and Social". Let's be ready to ride at 10:00am. Bring Water, Helmet, Gel Packets, Spare Tube, Packable Pump and/or CO2 Cartridges, Tire levers and your 'let's have some fun' attitudes and smiles! We will ride the 'Hidden Valley Trail' up to 'Big Willow' trail up to 'The BST' (The Bonneville Shoreline Trail). It will be an 'Out and Back' at a pace enjoyed by all. Expect to be out about 2 hours. More advanced Mountain Bikers can ride at their faster pace and more aggressive route as they see fit. We will return to the Hidden Valley Park Pavilion and join the other Newcomers and WMC Veterans for a post ride afternoon Social.</p>
Apr 30 Sat	<p>Hike - Rocky Mouth Falls To Bst Before Newcomer's Social – ntd – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1,000' ascent – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Paula McFarland 801-657-2818 pmcfarland82@msn.com</p> <p>Enjoy a leisurely hike past Rocky Mouth Falls and up to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. We'll walk for a while on the BST and plan to turn around at the 3-mile point. We can adjust hike length depending on the group.</p>





Apr 30 Sat	<p>Hike - Sawmill Trail To Little Willow Before The Newcomer's Social - mod - 8.0 mi Out & Back - 2,000' ascent - Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Paula McFarland 801-657-2818 pmcfarland82@msn.com</p> <p>We'll hike the Sawmill Trail to the Little Willow Creek crossing or possibly to the saddle depending on the group. Hike co-organized with Daisy DeMarco.</p>
May 1 Sun	<p>Mountaineering Workshop - mod+</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>This workshop will provide some very focused skill development for Mt Rainier or similar mountains. We will have an instructor, who has done Mt Rainier 5 times, from the U's Department of Recreation and Tourism. He will give a version of the "summit briefing" that provides a step-by-step through the actual summit day. 8:30am-2pm. Location TBA. The list of required and preferred gear will be posted later. Participants must have basic knowledge and skills of mountaineering (e.g., how to use crampons and ice axe). Instruction donation - \$20/person. Limit 15 participants. Registration is required. Priority will be given to WMC members. Max 15. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Note (12/23/21): The date may change to April 24 depending on weather and conditions.</p>
May 1 Sun	<p>Cedar Mountains High Point Loop Day Hike - msd- - 9.0 mi Loop - 2,800' ascent - Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 8:00 am at Utah Travel Council Lot - 110 E 300 N</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com</p> <p>The Cedar Mountains are a craggy little range on the east side of the Salt Flats south of I-80. We'll do an all-day hike on the west side of the range, starting south of the high point, crossing the narrow ridge at the high point, then descending north of the peak to Quincy Spring. There are fine views of the Dugway dune field and the steep west side of Deseret Peak, and if we're lucky, we may get a glimpse of some of the Cedars' wild horse herd. This hike is almost completely off trail, with steep slopes, a little scrambling and some brush.</p>
May 1 Sun	<p>Rafting Gear Swap</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at 406 East Vine Street (4930 South), Murray, UT (use the Map Link below)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Donnie Benson and Bret Mathews 801-808-1854 and 801-831-5940 dmbenson13@gmail.com, bretmav-erick999@yahoo.com</p> <p>Bring your rafting, canoeing, and kayaking gear that you would like to sell at 9am. The gear swap is from 10am - 2pm. Selling and buying is open to the public. This is a free event hosted by the WMC Boaters. There is no fee to sell gear but donations to the WMC are always welcome. No gear may be left unattended, and the WMC is not responsible for your gear. A Google Map link to Murray Park Pavilion #4 is below. Text Donnie or Bret for questions.</p>
May 3 Tue	<p>Rock Climb - High-angle Self-rescue 1 - nt-</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Ledgemere Picnic Area; park across the road to walk in for free. We plan to be on the small top-ropable cliff directly across from the main entrance.</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com</p> <p>This is the first part of the annual high-angle self-rescue workshops. Each of the 4 parts covers a different aspect of self-rescue by a team on steep terrain, using only the gear they should be carrying. These techniques are useful for rock and ice climbing, crevasse rescue, canyoneering, and boating. Part 1 covers escaping the belay. Each workshop will consist of a brief introduction to self-rescue, the topic of the day, a demonstration for the group, and then the group will break up into small teams to practice the skills. Helmets required, but rock climbing shoes are not recommended. Bring all typically-carried rescue gear, in addition to a harness and standard climbing gear. The workshop will take place regardless of weather, so dress appropriately for the day.</p>
May 4 Wed	<p>Wmc Board Meeting</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at See agenda for Zoom meeting info or WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 president@wasatchmountainclub.org</p> <p>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.</p>
May 10 Tue	<p>Rock Climb - High-angle Self-rescue 2</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Dogwood Picnic Area; park along Big Cottonwood Canyon Road to save the parking fee. We will be at the first climbs to the east of the picnic ground.</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com</p> <p>This is the second part of the annual high-angle self-rescue workshops. Each of the 4 parts covers a different aspect of self-rescue by a team on steep terrain, using only the gear they should be carrying. These techniques are useful for rock and ice climbing, crevasse rescue, canyoneering, and boating. Part 2 covers ascending a fixed line. Each workshop will consist of a brief introduction to self-rescue, the topic of the day, a demonstration for the group, and then the group will break up into small teams to practice the skills. Helmets required, but rock climbing shoes are not recommended. Bring all typically-carried rescue gear, in addition to a harness and standard climbing gear. The workshop will take place regardless of weather, so dress appropriately for the day.</p>
May 10 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 May book is A (Very) Short History of Life on Earth: 4.6 Billion Years in 12 Pithy Chapters by Henry Gee. The meeting will be on April 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>



May 10 Tue	<p>Spring Day Hike - Stewart Fall – mod- – 3.8 mi Out & Back – 900' ascent – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Aspen Grove Trailhead from Prove Canyon Or Along Alpine Loop Road <i>Organizer:</i> Da Yang Wipfel 801-635-6189 dayang007@gmail.com</p> <p>Stewart Falls is one of the most scenic and photogenic waterfalls near Sundance Resort by Alpine Loop. It falls in two tiers and is over 200 feet tall. It is a moderate hike through a beautiful forest on the east side of Mt Timpanogos. We will take a relaxing pace and have plenty of time to enjoy the waterfall, Bringing 10 E's; Still require 6 ft apart when we gather or hike. NO Smoking & NO Pets. Bringing your National Park Pass or Parking at Aspen Grove requires an entry fee of \$6 for a three-day pass, which is paid at a tollbooth on the Alpine Scenic Loop. Please check on-line Calendar the day before hike, just in case there is any changes.</p>
May 13 Fri	<p>Wmc Centennial+2 Birthday Bash <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Centennial Birthday Bash Committee 801-463-9842 info@wasatchmountainclub.org</p> <p>World-wide circumstances shut down the grand plans for our Centennial Birthday Bash in 2020. We have our fingers crossed that we can pull it off this year. Party plans are in the works at the Natural History Museum for the evening Friday May 13th, so mark your calendars for this special belated celebration! Watch the calendar for more details and RSVP instructions as the plans unfold.</p>
May 15 Sun	<p>Hike "the Pig" (pfeifferhorn Including Glissade]. – msd – 10.0 mi Out & Back – 3,800' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Brad* Yates 801-592-5814 bnyslc@earthlink.net</p> <p>The Annual Classic is back for another year, Climb the Pfeifferhorn via Red Pine. Followed by some fun glissading back to Red Pine Lake. the pace will be dialed back a bit to Mod+. Ice ax and self-arrest skills required, typically crampons are not needed but not a bad idea to carry.</p>
May 17 Tue	<p>Rock Climb - High-angle Self-rescue 3 <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Beach Ball climbing wall. Park as for Ledgemere, and then head up canyon past the picnic grounds. We will be on top of the cliff, so head up the walk-off on the way to the climbs. <i>Organizer:</i> Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com</p> <p>This is the third part of the annual high-angle self-rescue workshops. Each of the 4 parts covers a different aspect of self-rescue by a team on steep terrain, using only the gear they should be carrying. These techniques are useful for rock and ice climbing, crevasse rescue, canyoneering, and boating. Part 3 covers anchors and raising systems. Each workshop will consist of a brief introduction to self-rescue, the topic of the day, a demonstration for the group, and then the group will break up into small teams to practice the skills. Helmets required, but rock climbing shoes are not recommended. Bring all typically-carried rescue gear, in addition to a harness and standard climbing gear. The workshop will take place regardless of weather, so dress appropriately for the day.</p>
May 20 Fri – May 22 Sun	<p>Beginning White Water Boating – class II+ – 8.0 mi <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Kelly Beumer kellybeumer@gmail.com</p> <p>Swasey's Beach BOATING Class-II III Besides being a fun river trip this trip introduces you to WMC Boating trips. On a commercial boating trip, the Guides do everything for you (inflate the boats, make the meals, guide you down the river, ...) but on Club trips there are no paid guides. Hence everybody on the trip contributes to completing the tasks that need to be done. Club members will share with you what they know about running rivers. This should include how to "read the river", throw a throw bag, right a flipped raft, paddle a paddle boat/paddle a duckie (inflatable kayak)/row an oar rig, what it's like to swim a rapid, and other safety skills. Non-river skills you will learn about are what personal gear works well on river trips, how to make group meals using the WMC Boating's kitchen, what gear the club owns (and is available for cheap private rentals when it's not being used on a club trip). This trip is done on the Green River Daily. That's the stretch of the Green River that's just North of the town of Green River. It's also the last part of a Deso-Grey Canyon river trip. We will be camping in Green River at the State park For information, contact kellybeumer@gmail.com or Dianne, pdbudig@gmail.com</p>
May 24 Tue	<p>Rock Climb - High-angle Self-rescue 4 <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Dogwood Climbing Wall. Park on the BCC Road to save the parking fee, and we will be starting from the top of the climbing walls, so take the walk-off on the way to the climbs. <i>Organizer:</i> Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com</p> <p>This is the fourth and final part of the annual high-angle self-rescue workshops. Each of the 4 parts covers a different aspect of self-rescue by a team on steep terrain, using only the gear they should be carrying. These techniques are useful for rock and ice climbing, crevasse rescue, canyoneering, and boating. Part 4 covers tandem rappels. Each workshop will consist of a brief introduction to self-rescue, the topic of the day, a demonstration for the group, and then the group will break up into small teams to practice the skills. Helmets required, but rock climbing shoes are not recommended. Bring all typically-carried rescue gear, in addition to a harness and standard climbing gear. The workshop will take place regardless of weather, so dress appropriately for the day.</p>
May 28 Sat – May 30 Mon	<p>Paria-hackberry Car Camp – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com</p> <p>Postponed from 2020 -- we'll give it another shot! This exploratory car camp will visit red rock peaks and canyons along the Cottonwood Creek Road and/or the Deer Springs Road, in the country between Bryce Canyon and Escalante. Part of this area was chopped out of the Grand Staircase – Escalante National Monument by the Trump administration, but it was restored by the Biden administration. The hikes will be off-trail with potential for wading and scrambling. Limit: 11.</p>



Jun 19 Sun – Jun 21 Tue	<p>Maple Grove: Camp, Hike, Fish, And Rock Climb <i>Meet:</i> 2:00 pm at REGISTRATION VIA EMAIL IS REQUIRED. Directions: From Scipio, Utah, take U.S. 50 south. Turn west at Maple Grove Campground sign/Forest Road 101 at milepost 146. Travel 4 miles to the campground. <i>Organizer:</i> Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com</p> <p>Maple Grove Campground sits in Fishlake National Forest in central Utah (about 2hrs south from SLC). The campground sits beneath towering red cliffs and offers scenic views of the valley below. Thick stands of maple, cottonwood, box elder, oak and pine provide plentiful shade. The 3.2-mile Rock Canyon Trail begins in the campground and leads to the top of the Pahvant Range. Campers enjoy fishing for rainbow trout in Ivie Creek running through the campsite. Group site B can accommodate up to 13 vehicles (RVs up to 30ft) and 56 people. Check in and check out are 2pm. No hookups. Pets and kids allowed. Participants can expect to financially support the cost of the reserved group site (total is \$70 per night and reserved for 2 nights).</p>
Jun 27 Mon	<p>Multi-activity Event: Wmc Blood Drive, Red Cross 2-8 Pm June 27, 2022 <i>Meet:</i> 2:00 pm at Address: 6616 S. 900 E., Salt Lake City, UT, 84121 Room Name: Cottonwood Rooms <i>Organizer:</i> Anthony Hellman 801-809-6133 utahhomes4us@gmail.com</p> <p>The WMC Centennial Blood Drive efforts continue the tradition of the WMC core values of contributing to the community by "Giving the gift of Life". We are at 325 pints and hope to reach 500 by the Centennial celebration.</p> 
Jul 5 Tue – Jul 9 Sat	<p>Mountaineering - Mt Rainier – ext <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to do a 2-day climb to Mt Rainier (14,411 ft), the highest mountain in Washington State, via the Disappointment Cleaver (DC) route. While the climb will take only 2 days, the trip schedule will be from July 5th (arrival) to July 9th or 10th (departure) so we will be able to adjust the climbing dates based on the weather and conditions. Climb Day 1: from Paradise TH to Camp Muir (4.5 miles, 4,500 ft gain). Stay at Camp Muir. Climb Day 2: From Camp Muir to the summit (9 miles RT, 4,500 ft gain/loss) & from Camp Muir to Paradise TH. The DC route is not considered technical. But participants must: 1) have stamina to hike 6 hours with a heavy pack on Day 1 and 13 hours on Day 2; 2) not have a history of altitude sickness - ideally have done a 14er(s) without having altitude sickness; 3) be willing to buy/rent necessary individual gear if necessary - we already have most of the group gear; and 4) have at least basic mountaineering skills (e.g. how to use crampons, ice axe etc.) and be willing to participate in workshops/practice if they have not learned skills for glacier travel and crevasse rescue - there will be mountaineering workshops as well as practice sessions. For more details, please contact the organizer (please include your current fitness level and mountaineering experience). Limit 8. WMC members only. Co-organized with David Baumann.</p>
Jul 21 Thu – Jul 22 Fri	<p>Day Hikes - Co 14ers In The Sawatch Range – msd – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to make class 2 CO 14ers in the Sawatch Range. The planned schedule is: July 20 W Road Trip. July 21 Thu Belford (14,197 ft) - Oxford (14,153 ft) combined (9.8 RT, 5,967 ft gain). July 22 F Columbia (14,075 ft), Huron (14,003 ft) or Princeton (14,197 ft). July 23 Sat Road trip. The schedule may change depending on weather and conditions. Due to a high possibility of afternoon thunderstorm in CO, we will start a hike very early. The hikes will be exploratory. WMC members only. For more details, please contact the organizer.</p>
Jul 23 Sat – Jul 25 Mon	<p>Hike - Car Camp & San Luis Peak (14,014 Ft) In Co – msd- – 12.0 mi – 3,554' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to summit San Luis Peak (14,014 ft) in Colorado. While the distance is relatively long (12 miles), the peak is one of the easiest CO 14ers (class 1). The hardest part may be getting to the TH (the road is very remote.) Due to a high possibility of afternoon thunderstorm in CO, we will start a hike very early. The planned schedule is: July 23 Sat Road trip. July 24 Sun (Pioneer Day) Hike. July 25 M (holiday for some people) Road trip. We will camp at the TH. No fee for camping. The schedule may change depending on weather and conditions. This hike will be exploratory. WMC members only. For more details, please contact the organizer.</p>
Aug 2 Tue – Aug 5 Fri	<p>White Water Rafting-gates Of Lodore – class III+ – 45.0 mi – 555' ascent <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Bob Cady 801-274-0250 rcady@xmission.com</p> <p>I finally was able to get a Gates of Lodore permit (Green River through Dinosaur National Monument) launching this summer. Anyone interested in coming?</p>
Aug 22 Mon	<p>Multi-activity Event: Wmc Blood Drive, Red Cross 2-8 Pm, Aug 28, 2022 <i>Meet:</i> 2:00 pm at Address: 6616 S. 900 E., Salt Lake City, UT, 84121 Room Name: Cottonwood Rooms <i>Organizer:</i> Anthony Hellman 801-809-6133 utahhomes4us@gmail.com</p> <p>The WMC Centennial Blood Drive efforts continue the tradition of the WMC core values of contributing to the community by "Giving the gift of Life". We are at 325 pints and hope to reach 500 by the Centennial celebration.</p> 



Aug 23 Tue – Sep 11 Sun	<p>Hiking Meeting/social "central South America's Golden Three Expedition" – mod+ – 10.0 mi Out & Back – 10,000' ascent – Slow pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 8:00 am at Lima, Peru</p> <p><i>Carpool:</i> 8:00 am at Lima, Peru</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Frank Nederhand 678-488-3228 franka.nederhand@gmail.com</p> <p>Looking for Volunteers to join an Expedition to South Central America's iconic three golden destinations: Peru's Machi Pichu, Lake Titicaca and Bolivia's Salar de Uyuni in preparation to climbing two to three Volcanos near to or over 6,000 meters (19,685 ft) in Bolivia. This expedition is front loaded so that non-mountain climbers can participate in the beginning but not required to continue to the mountain climbs at the end. To make this expedition feasible there is a minimum and maximum number of participants needed (4 to 8 slots with two taken one by me and one by a climbing partner friend leaving 2 to 6). Because of the logistics and costs involved a financial commitment to our south American Guide (a personal friend who has not had substantial work in over two years) in a partial-refundable sum of 500USD is required by 3-31-2022 to reserve a spot on the expedition team. First Come First served. The total cost for each participant depends on the total number participating especially on the front end (Cusco, Peru is expensive to visit), currently the front end plus one volcano (Licancabur) is 3,000USD with an additional amount to be determined if combined with the Sajama climb added at the back end, an 8-person minimum. The climbing only portion will be in the order of 2000USD with a four-person minimum (we meet in La Paz, Bolivia in this case). Full payment for the expedition will be required by the end of June 2022 with no refund after July 15, 2022. Peru - Bolivia Climbing Expedition List of volcanos to be climbed Volcano Name Summit Elevation gain during climb Alpine Difficulty rating (1) Uturuncu, Bolivia (if time permits) 6,020 m 800 m PD- (2) Licancabur, Bolivia 5,960 m 1600 m F (3) Sajama, Bolivia 6542m 1,942 m (two days) AD-. I recommend flying from Atlanta, Georgia to Lima Peru, currently flights are reasonable during the expedition start/end dates, but this can change at any time.</p>
Aug 24 Wed – Aug 28 Sun	<p>Ouray Canyoneering – ext</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at Amphitheater Campground, Ouray CO</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Gustavo Carrillo 518-928-3396 gustavo@carrillogonzalez.com</p> <p>Ouray is an outdoor mining town including a great destination for wet canyons. We are planning for three days of canyons, with a total of 16 people, 2 people per tent site (2 small tents/site). The site is at the Amphitheater campground. Each person is responsible for their own food although it is 5 minutes from town where there are many tourist restaurants to choose from. You will be on the waiting list until your experience is verified and the fee is paid. The fee is \$65 to be deposited at Venmo account @gustavocarrillo. There are no refunds. To sign up go to the "Wasatch Mountain Club" meetup group (link to be added here shortly) and please contact the organizer to confirm your experience on Class C (high flow of cold water) Canyons. You are required to bring your own technical gear, wetsuit, drybags, ropes, webbing, etc. The Meetup event will list items that you must acknowledge and agree to participate.</p>

Thank You!

February 2022 Trip Organizers

We appreciate you for your leadership, energy, and time for organizing amazing activities for our members

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Teri Jenkins

Steve Duncan



Organizer's Raffle

Each year the club holds an appreciation banquet to show our support and appreciation for our organizers and other volunteers. To qualify for the banquet, a member must organizer at least two activities or one multi-day activity. This year, the appreciation banquet will also include an Activity Organizers Raffle. Throughout the year, we'll collect a variety of fun and interesting prizes. Activity Organizers will get a raffle entry for every activity they organize (or each day of a multi-day activity), up to a maximum of 10 entries. The more you organize, the more chances you get to win a prize!



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Let's show our organizers how much we appreciate them. If you have an idea or prize donation you'd like to share, send an email to: info@wasatchmountainclub.org.

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ps: there are at least 9 Tigers in photo: easier to see when zoomed in. Have fun.



Boating Directors' Message

Hey Boaters! Here is our calendar of rafting and small boat trips as it currently exists. Thanks to all the folks who are organizing these trips! We could still use more help. If you would like to organize a local trip on the Jordan, contact Eileen to coordinate. Weber River trips are fun and easy to organize. What ideas do you have? If you need help, ideas or resources, contact Kelly or Dianne.

The 2022 Boating calendar as of March 4, 2022:

TRIP DATE(S)	TRIP LOCATION	CLASS RAPIDS	ORGANIZER	ORGANIZER CONTACT	NOTES
Mar 31 - April 6	San Juan River, Mexican Hat to Clay Hills	II-III	Steve Pace	stephencpace@alum.mit.edu	tentative until Mar 15
April 30	Boat Shed Opening	N/A	Bret and Donnie	bretmaverick999@yahoo.com , dmbenson13@gmail.com	see calendar for map
May 20-22	Beginner Trip, Green River	II	Kelly Beumer	kellybeumer@gmail.com	
Throughout Summer	Jordan River floats, various sections	flat-II	Eileen Gidley	eileengidley@gmail.com	can you organize an float?
TBD	Little Snake	I/II	Zig Zondelski	zig.sondelski@gmail.com	
TBD	Upper Yampa	I/II	Zig Zondelski	zig.sondelski@gmail.com	
TBD	Missouri River Canoe	I/II	Zig Zondelski	zig.sondelski@gmail.com	
July?	Ogden River	kayak IV	Chris R	801-776-1031	timing based on water
August 2-5	Green River, Ladore	III-IV	Bob Cady	rcady@xmission.com	
Sept 23-26	Split Mountain, Green River	II-III	Jen Heineman	jheineman28@yahoo.com	day floats



WMC Centennial Blood Drive Achieves 400 Pints Donated!!



by Tony Hellman, WMC Blood Drive Coordinator

***WOW, Wow!, Wow!!,
Wow!!!, and WOW
times 400 hundred***

- The WMC Centennial Blood drive has reached 400 pints of Blood according to the Red Cross. What started as a goal to reach 100 pints to help the Wasatch Mountain Club celebrate its Centennial has turned into a phenomenal success.

As our mountains, canyons, flora and fauna sustain us, please consider giving blood. I asked another blood donor why they give, this mom said,

"there's something special about donating not knowing who you will help, but giving the gift of life to someone in need ...there is no greater gift.

Unfortunately, the need is almost as great as ever due to less corporate blood drives and complications from the Covid-19 epidemic.

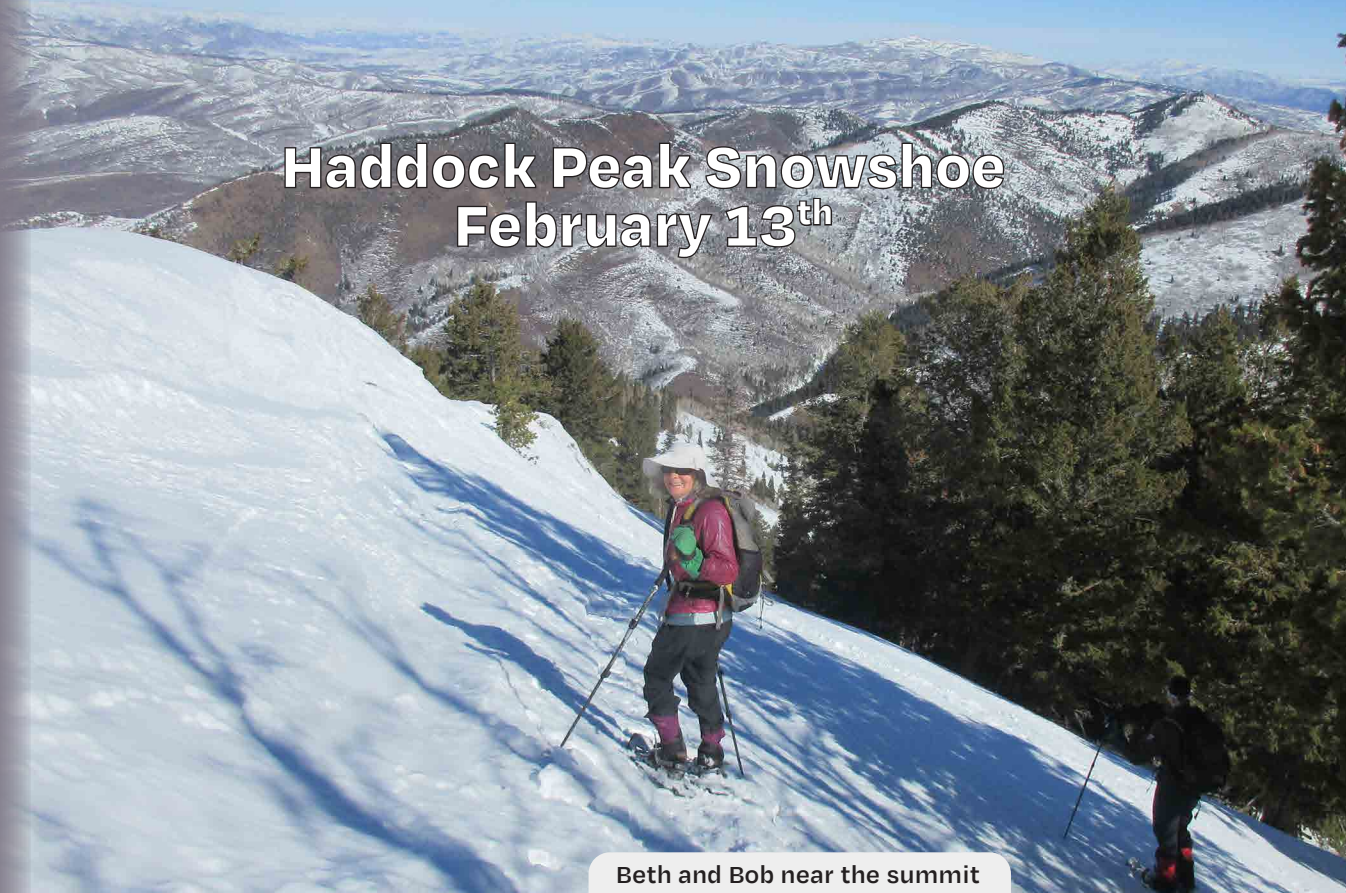
To increase donations, the Red Cross is giving a free omicron test with each donation. This is an estimated \$100 value. Ever wonder if you had Covid and were asymptomatic. Here's your chance to know. Sign up today!

The club has three drives scheduled and hopefully will hit the goal of 500 pints. The next drives are March 28th, April 18th, and June 27th. Links for sign up are on the WMC calendar. Please note the sponsor code has changed to: "wmc2022" and depending on room assignments, the drive may be at the back NW corner entrance or front entrance depending on staffing.

If you'd like to publicize the blood drives to other friends, colleagues or businesses, please free forward the weblinks or contact Tony for more information on how we can coordinate while helping others.



Haddock Peak Snowshoe February 13th



Beth and Bob near the summit

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

The standard route to Haddock Peak (9,037 ft) starts from the Millcreek side. But we bagged the peak from the Lambs Canyon side. It was a wonderful winter route. From the Lambs Canyon winter parking, we walked Lambs Canyon Rd 1.5 miles and then took the Great Western Trail. After less than one mile, we put on snowshoes and took off-trail (the NNW ridge to the NNE ridge). The NNW ridge was very steep but was in the beautiful forest. Once we reached the NNE ridge, the views became more open and the elevation gain was gradual. But the last several hundred yards to the summit was very steep and a little sketchy. Luckily, the snow conditions were excellent. So we had good traction. The summit had very small space.

While the views from the summit were great, we did not want to take a long break so we would go down the sketchy part before the snow would become soft. We were very careful to go down the sketchy part. Then we enjoyed downhill snowshoeing on the powder snow. This snowshoe took 6 hours in total including breaks (distance - 7.5 miles, elevation gain - 4,697 ft).



On the summit (LtoR): Beth, Bob, Akiko, and Deb



West Uintas Snowshoe, February 20th

Organized by Dave Andrenyak
Article and Photo by Dave Andrenyak

The Wasatch National Forest land that is east of Kamas provides excellent opportunities for winter outdoor recreation. Our snowshoe activity was a loop hike that originated at the Shingle Creek campground (about 9 miles east of Kamas) and involved the Beaver Creek, Taylor Fork, and Plantation trails. We traveled through beautiful forested areas that featured aspen, fir, and pine trees. There were open areas that permitted great views of the Western Uinta Mountains. From the highpoint of the hike at elevation around 8,780 feet, there was a great view of the snow-covered Wasatch Range as we looked west. Mount Timpanogos was easily recognized. On our drive on the Mirror Lake Highway to the trailhead, there was a beautiful bald eagle perched on a fence post about 2 miles from Kamas. Despite the scarcity of snow since early January 2022, there was good snow cover throughout the hike. There were clear skies with comfortable winter temperatures. The hike participants were Al Berzinis, Connie Mondrow, Michelle Finnegan, Michi Bracken, Peter Hartley and Dave Andrenyak (organizer). Thank you participants for your excellent company.



Group near the Taylor Fork/ Plantation trails junction. L to R: Michi Bracken, Connie Mondrow, Al Berzinis, Peter Hartley, and Michelle Finnegan.



Ecker Hill & Peak 7112 Hike, February 26th



Peak photo at Ecker Hill (LtoR): Deb, Bob, Sandra, Al, Mary, Jean, and Akiko.

Organized, report & photos by
Akiko Kamimura

The temperature at start was only -2 °F. At least, the weather was fine – sunny and no/light wind. Within 10 minutes after we started from the Ecker Hill Park & Ride, we felt very warm. We followed the trail to Ecker Hill, which has a US flag and a bench at the summit. From Ecker Hill, we went to the TH for Peak 7696. The TH had two contradictory signs, however – a public trail sign and a private property sign. We decided not to take the trail, went to Peak 7112, and snowshoed back to Ecker Hill. We had a long lunch break at Ecker Hill. Due to the recent snowstorms, there was the decent amount of snow for snowshoeing. It was a great short (4 hours in total including breaks) outing. We really enjoyed snowshoeing together in such nice weather.



Lunch at Ecker Hill



Joshua Tree National Park, January 16-19th

Organized by Dennis Goreham
Report & Photos by Cassie Badowsky

Our Joshua Tree National Park Trip was delightful! A big thanks to Dennis Goreham, who organized the trip and has been there a number of times. Dennis really knows the Park, and shared his love and knowledge of the Park with us. And I'm also glad he invited his fun friends along: Kent, Dik and Kris, who added energy and levity to everything we did.

Joshua Tree National Park is amazing! -- what a beautiful, unique and delightful place it is! Of course, there are the Joshua Trees themselves --hundreds if not thousands of them in the northwestern part of the park- what a wonderful sight. These trees grow primarily in the Mojave Desert, one of the 2 deserts in JTNP. They are not actually trees, but the largest member of the yucca family; they are called the "trees of the desert." They grow very slowly -- only 2-3 inches per year, so it may take them 50 years. to reach maturity; but they can live up to 500 years.!

The name Joshua comes from the prophet Joshua in the Bible. It is believed that Mormon pioneers heading west in the 1850's saw the uplifted branches of the Joshua tree, and this reminded them of Joshua stretching his hands in prayer towards heaven.

The oldest rocks in Joshua Tree National Park (JTNP) are about 1.7 billion-years old! They are present today in the form of gneiss. Fast forward in geologic time to: "Around 280 million years ago, Earth's continents came together again and formed another supercontinent called Pangaea. When Pangaea broke up about 210 million years ago, North America drifted west and collided with a vast tectonic plate called the Pacific Plate, which underlies much of the present-day Pacific Ocean. The collision pushed the Joshua Tree region up above water." (Quote from "Joshua Tree, A Complete Guide," by James Kaiser}. The land under Twentynine Palms was formed during the Triassic period!

The San Andreas Fault lies just west of Joshua Tree National Park; many of the minor faults coming off the San Andreas Fault affect JTNP today. Earthquakes, climate change, wind & water erosion also continue to affect JTNP today.

All this ancient geology has created some very unusual and beautiful rock formations throughout JTNP --formations that I have not seen anywhere else in the world! The hike we did through Hidden Valley is a spectacular hike; in just 1.1 miles, we saw rock formations from many of the different geologic periods.

We hiked Quail Peak, the highest peak in JTNP; 14.8 miles roundtrip with an 1,800' elevation gain. And we hiked Ryan Mountain, which gave us a panoramic view over much of the Park. And you cannot miss the Cholla Cactus Garden! -- a huge expanse of nothing but Cholla cactus in all shapes and forms -- magnificent!

And of course, all this rock upheaval has produced some of the best climbing and bouldering anywhere -- there are 5,000 different climbing routes in JTNP! Dennis has done some of them, and he can attest that it is great climbing.

We finished off our trip with a classic American breakfast at John's Place- a fine end to a great trip. Can't wait to go back. Do yourself a favor, and go there!

Trip Participants: Dennis Goreham, Kent Tschanz, Dik Drake, Kris Hintze, and Cassie Badowsky.

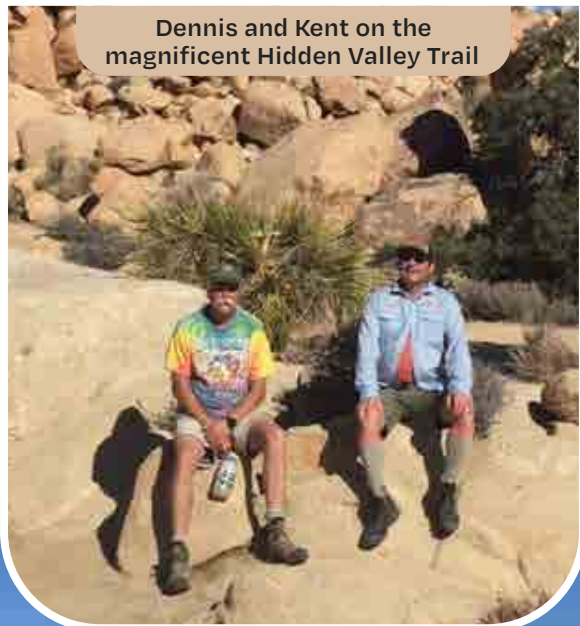




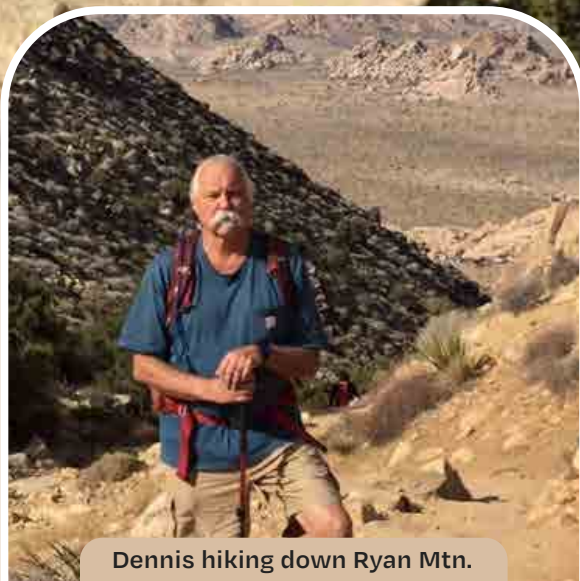
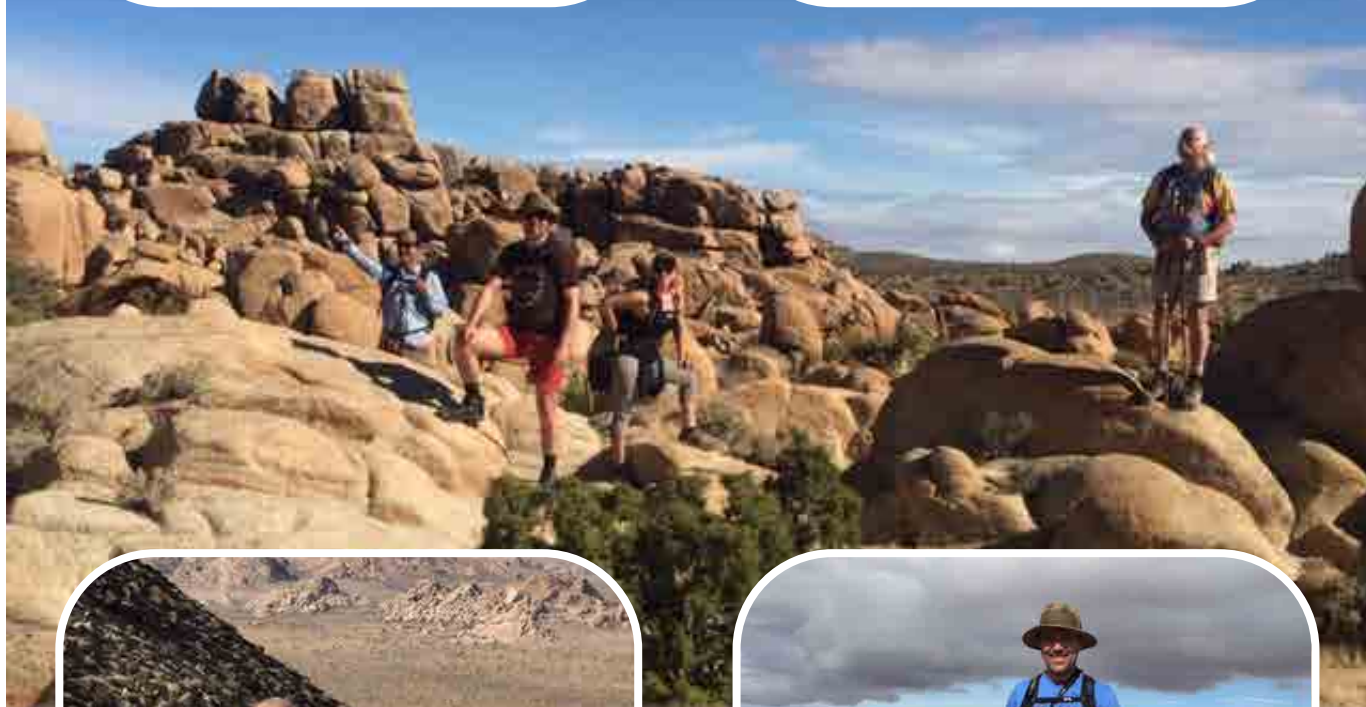
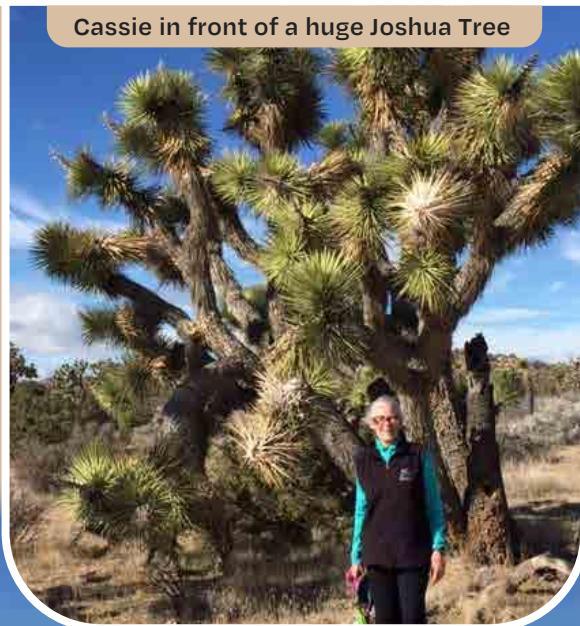
INSET: Quail Mountain hike (LtoR): Dik Drake, Kent Tschanz, Kris Hintze, Dennis Goreham, Cassie Badowsky
BACKGROUND: Kent on the Jumbo Rocks Trail.



Dennis and Kent on the magnificent Hidden Valley Trail



Cassie in front of a huge Joshua Tree



Dennis hiking down Ryan Mtn.



Dik on the summit of Quail Peak

CENTER: Our group on the Maze Window Loop Trail (LtoR): Kent, Dik, Kris, and Dennis.



Bonanza Flat Snowshoe, March 1st



Church of Dirt

Organized by Ellen Sherk
Trip Report & Photos by Ellen Sherk

Three of us snowshoed into the interior of Bonanza Flat from the Park City side on March 1st. Vince and Jim have the gift of exploration, and are always able to look at the landscape and know we can go up "here" and come down "there." I've learned a lot from them over the years. Our lunch spot and final destination are a secret, but maybe you can tell where we were by our picture. But we're not telling. On the first day of March, we were able to find fresh snow... maybe a little heavy at times, but fresh snow none-the-less. On our way back, we stopped at the Church of Dirt at Empire Pass and admired all the signs for the upcoming weddings. Couples write their name down in a planner and leave a rock or piece of wood claiming a date and time for their special day.



Group (LtoR): Vince Desimone, Jim Kucera, Ellen Sherk



Dude Benchmark Hike - February 11th

Report by Beth Blattenberger, trip organizer

Since I announced this trip only a few days in advance, I was delighted to have Russell Patterson and Hong Duong show up at the City Creek gate to join me on Friday morning. We took the trail up dry south-facing slopes, gaining about 1,500 feet, to the vicinity of the radio towers, then headed east along the ridge. On the ridge there was partial snow cover, but snow on the trail had been compacted by previous hikers (although not enough to be icy) so neither spikes nor snowshoes were needed.

It was a sunny and mostly wind-free day and a great day to be out. We followed the ridge with gentle ups and downs for a couple of miles before gaining another 1,000 feet in the final approach to Dude Benchmark. There are virtually no trees along this ridge and we had great views the entire way, including views to the north towards Bountiful as well as views of the Great Salt Puddle, which was so obviously low with many bare areas. There were abundant elk droppings along the trail, even on the summit, but no elk sightings.

Russell had said at the beginning that he intended to turn around after reaching the first high point on the ridge, but I encouraged him to continue for as long as he felt comfortable. About $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way to our destination, he announced that because he had not had breakfast, he needed to be fortified, and pulled out a bag of mini-marshmallows that were past their expiration date. Apparently they did the trick, and we all made the summit, which is really a high point on the ridge, albeit a distinct high point with good views in all directions. We relaxed and took time for lunch.

On the way back we took the Pipeline Trail down to the road, making a partial loop with a somewhat shorter route. Hong had walked $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from her home to join us and refused offers of a ride home, so she did an extra 3 miles.

Summary: 12 miles (15 for Hong), 3,000 feet vertical (counting ups and downs), 8 hours including breaks.



On the summit (LtoR): Beth, Hong, Russell



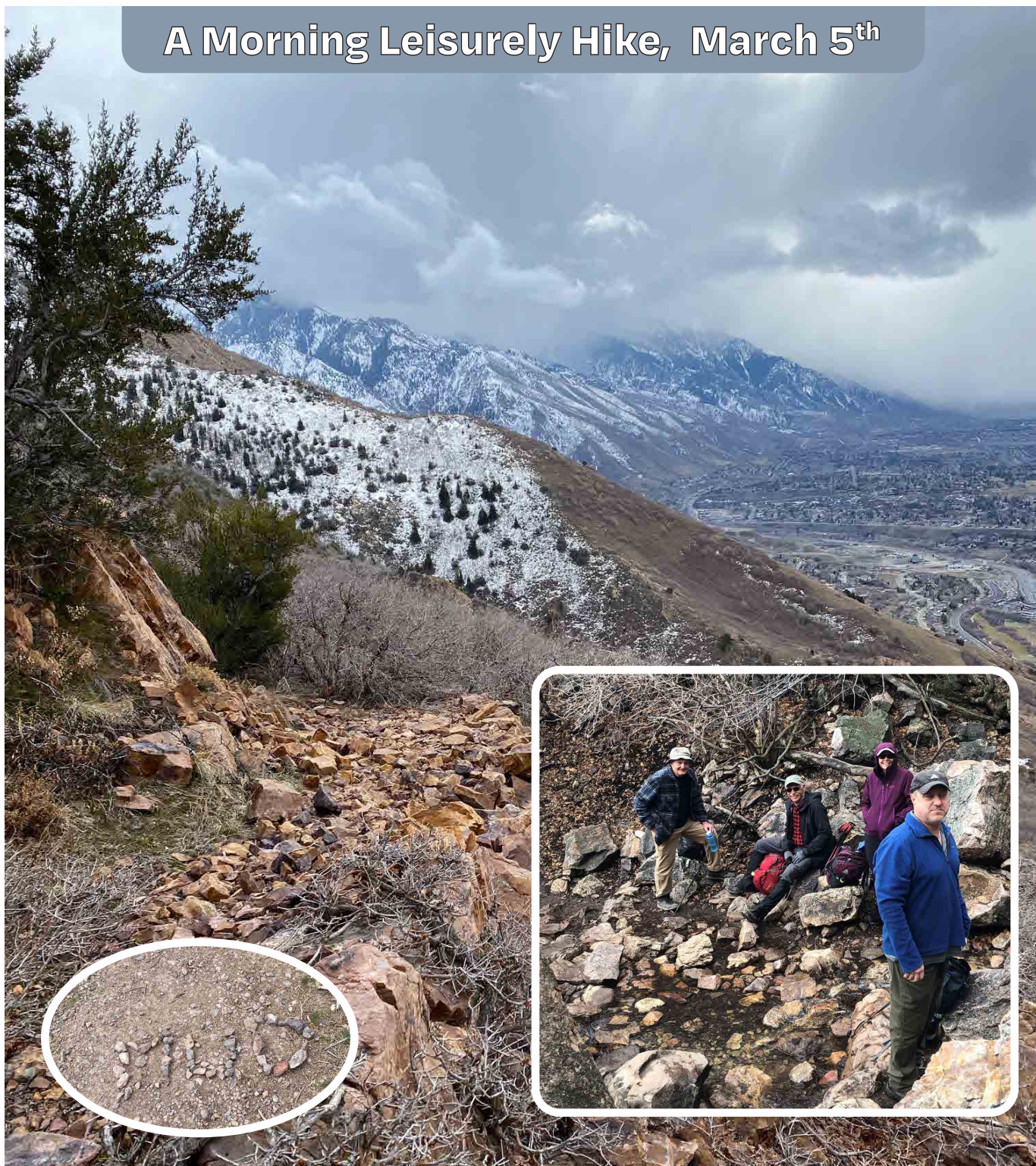
Russell (Front) and Hong on the ridge trail



Hong on the summit



A Morning Leisurely Hike, March 5th



Organized by Bruce Christenson
Report & Photos by Sue Baker

The weather reports predicted rain and/or snow for the weekend. A few of us decided to try for a gap in the weather and go for a hike up Mt Olympus to the first stream or beyond. Our guide talked about the old CCC camp on the west side of Mt. Olympus so we added some exploratory to investigate the camp. We all made it to the first stream before the rain or snow arrived. One of our friendly clubbers left a note about heavy mud on the north loop of the trail, so we opted for the drier route.

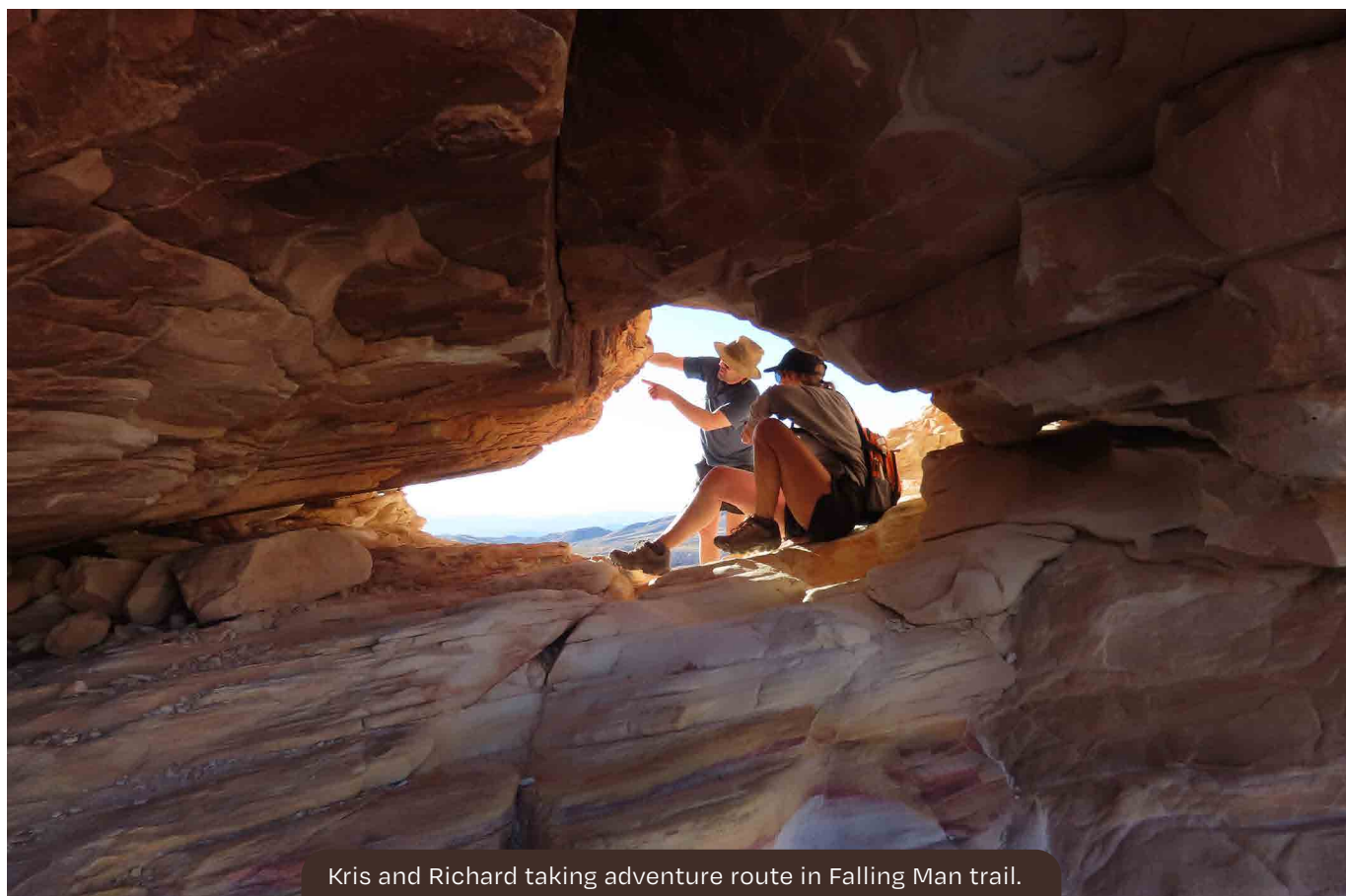


Gold Butte National Monument, February 18-21st

Organized by Dennis Goreham
Report & Photos by Jim Kucera

This was the 4th annual Club trip to the Monument – an excellent destination for the winter months. The Monument is south of Mesquite, Nevada – its east border is the Arizona state line, Lake Mead National Recreation Area forms the south and west border. The north end of the Monument is mostly typical Mohave desert lowlands – various spiny desert plants including cacti, various types of yucca including Joshua trees, agave and creosote bush. It is a very arid and rocky place – rocky ridges, sand dunes, desert pavement. It has one dominant mountain range: the Virgin Mountains. Dennis and I arrived on Wednesday (16th) to get an appropriate group campsite – we occupied a prime site at Whitney Pocket (a large sandstone outcrop with Civilian Conservation Corps stonework from the 1920's). Participants trickled in over the following days. As predicted for this President's Day weekend, all available campsites were eventually filled with large RV's, house trailers, ORV haulers, etc. As far as camping goes, it was about as full as we have seen it!

As we returned from a morning hike the next day (Thursday), we were joined by Richard, Kris and Yi. We enjoyed the first of a series of pleasant evenings around a nice campfire. The next day (Friday), the five of us hiked a loop to nearby Doodlebug Arch ("doodlebug" being another term for antlion – an insect that preys on desert ants). Returning from this hike, we found that Matt and Julie had found our campsite. Our first afternoon hike was to the highpoint of nearby Bitter Ridge, followed by a short hike to some rock art sites in the vicinity. We visited the '21 Goats' panels (distinguished by a long series of petroglyphs of desert bighorn sheep), and the nearby 'Falling Man' petroglyph. This particular petroglyph comes as close to any as being an icon for the Monument – it is a very artistically done rendition under a precipice. We speculated that it represents an execution or human sacrifice.



Kris and Richard taking adventure route in Falling Man trail.



The next day (Saturday) was our big hike: Virgin Peak – highpoint of the Virgin mountain range (and the Monument, 8,071'). We took the standard way starting at Whitney Corral: following a gravel wash up to a point where we chose to ascend the long ridge to the summit. This route traversed an old burn area, and as the ridgeline route narrowed – pinyon, juniper, mountain mahogany forest. We found patches of old snow in sheltered areas! The hike took most of the day (roughly 11 miles with 4100' elevation gain). We arrived in camp to find our last two participants had joined us: Alex and Deb, just in time for the happy hour! It was obvious at that particular time that we had more occupied campsites around us that we have ever seen before (we were the only tenters).

Our first Sunday hike (of four shorter hikes) was Little Finland. This area is characterized by very weathered, unusual pockmarked rock formations, including some of great delicacy. Also pretty obvious here are more petroglyph panels on more-or-less horizontal (sky-facing) rock surfaces. After wandering around there for awhile, we proceeded to a nearby start to our next hike: the 'Kohta Circus' petroglyph panels, which we accessed from the Red Rock Spring route. These panels get their name from the many depictions of animals: many bighorn sheep of course, lizards, centipedes, desert tortoise, a deer or elk, flying formations of geese. Our 3rd hike of the day was a walk down the gorge of Mud Wash. We started near a spring to walk a shady slot canyon with vertical walls, some distance west into Lake Mead NRA. Our last activity of the day was a visit to a huge limestone sinkhole – the Devil's Throat (fenced off for safety). We arrived back at Whitney Pockets after this full day – and immediately started our campfire, initiating the happy hour.

Participants: Dennis, Matt Goreham, Jim Kucera, Julie Kilgore, Richard Drake, Kris Hintze, Yi Qu, Alex Rudd, Deb Rudd.



Snow Camp in the High Uintas

February 19-20th



Bob, Dave, Molly, and Sophie setting up a tent

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

One skier (David) and five snowshoers (Deb, Bob, Molly, Sophie, and Akiko) enjoyed snow camping in the High Uintas. The original schedule was Sat-Mon. But due to the snow forecast for Mon, we shorten the trip to Sat and Sun. We did not see anyone else during the snow trip. Some of the participants had never done any camping before. In any case, snow camping is different from summer camping. But all of us did very well and had a great time.

Day 1 (Feb 19 Sat)

We started from the Aspen Nature Trail TH. Our plan was setting up a campsite near the Limber Flag Yurt. From the TH to the yurt, there is a cross-country ski trail. But there was no track on the trail, which indicates nobody had skied/hiked there for a while. Fortunately, the trail was well marked. The yurt is just 3 miles away (one-way) with 813 ft elevation gain from the TH. But with a heavy pack, it took 3 hours to get the yurt. The yurt was reserved by someone for Fri-Mon. But they did not show up. We set up a campsite above the yurt. Molly, Sophie and Bob stomped the snow for tents. David cut dead trees for campfire. Deb and Akiko shoveled the snow to build a kitchen/dining area and a campfire pit. Then, we melted snow for water, set up a tent, cooked and ate dinner. Although it was not in a bear season, we put food in bear bags and hung them up in case. Gorgeous night. Lots of stars in the sky.

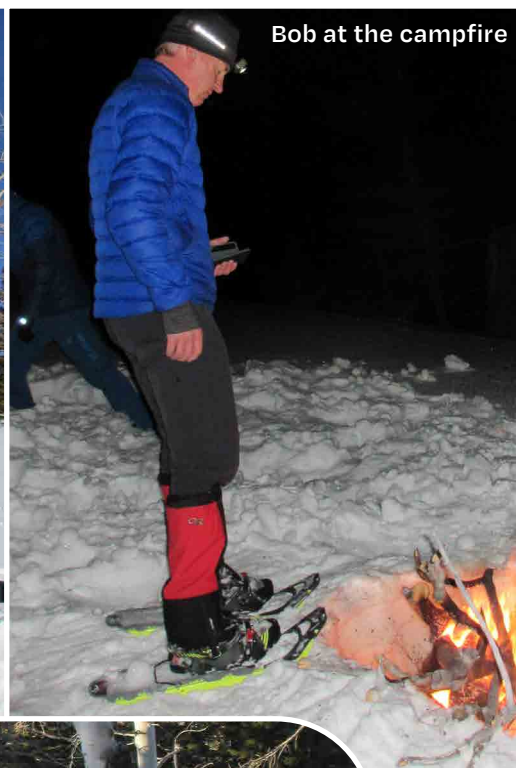
Day 2 (Feb 20 Sun)

We survived the cold night. Beautiful sunrise. After breakfast, David, Deb, Bob, and Akiko skied / snowshoed to Limber Flag (9,510 ft) while Molly and Sophie cleaned up the kitchen / dining area. The route to Limber Flag was very beautiful with stunning views. After the skiing / snowshoeing, we put a tent down, packed stuff, and went back to the TH.





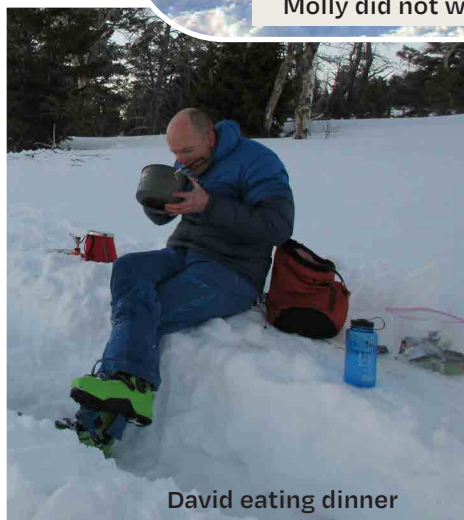
Cooking breakfast. Deb, Bob, Sophie, Molly, and David.



Bob at the campfire



Molly did not want to get out from a tent for a while in the morning



David eating dinner



Group photo (LtoR): Deb, Bob, Sophie, Molly, David, and Akiko

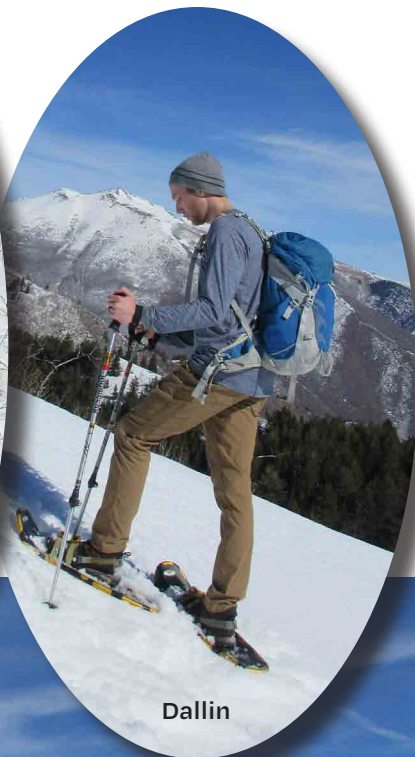
Salem Peak Snowshoe, February 12th

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

Since we had not had new snow for a while, we carried snowshoes to make Salem Peak (8,746 ft) just in case. Surprisingly, we used snowshoes most of the time. We started from a water tank and followed a mine road. We passed Dream Mine and went off-trail right before Old Spanish Mine. The off-trail part was very steep. But the good snow coverage made it easier to hike to the peak. While the peak is rarely climbed (we just saw one another person doing a dog walk near the TH), the summit has three geological survey markers – primary, No. 1 and No. 2 – but did not have a mailbox. The weather was very nice. We had a long lunch break at the summit. For descending, we took a short-cut which was even steeper. Glissading was fun on the steep slope. When we were back to the TH, we had an additional adventure – Dallin's truck was stuck in snow and mud at the parking. We spend 30 minutes to rescue his truck. It was the first club activity for Dallin and Lily. We had a great time together. The snowshoe took 7 hours in total including breaks (distance – 9 miles, elevation gain – 3,570 ft).



Lily



Dallin

At the summit (LtoR): Akiko, Lily, Dallin, Matt and Frank.

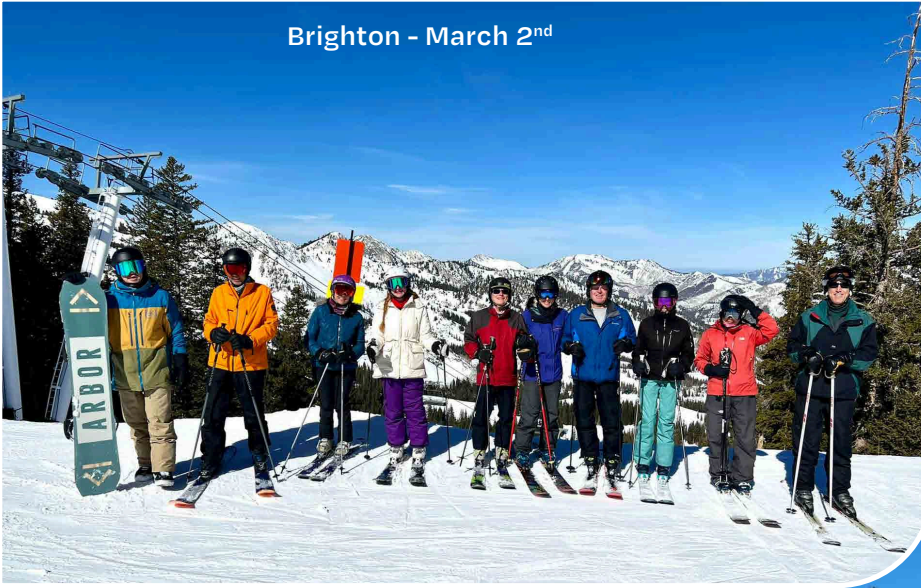


Lunch time at the summit.
(LtoR): Frank, Lily and Dallin.



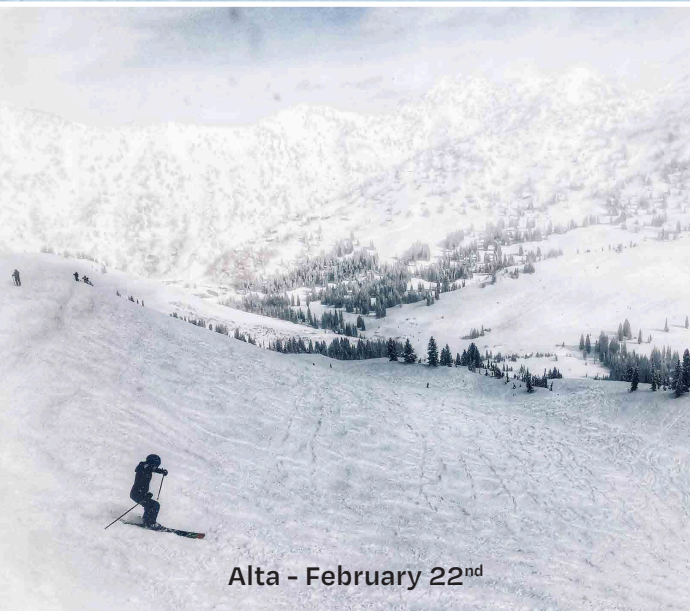
WMC - Resort Skiing

Brighton - March 2nd

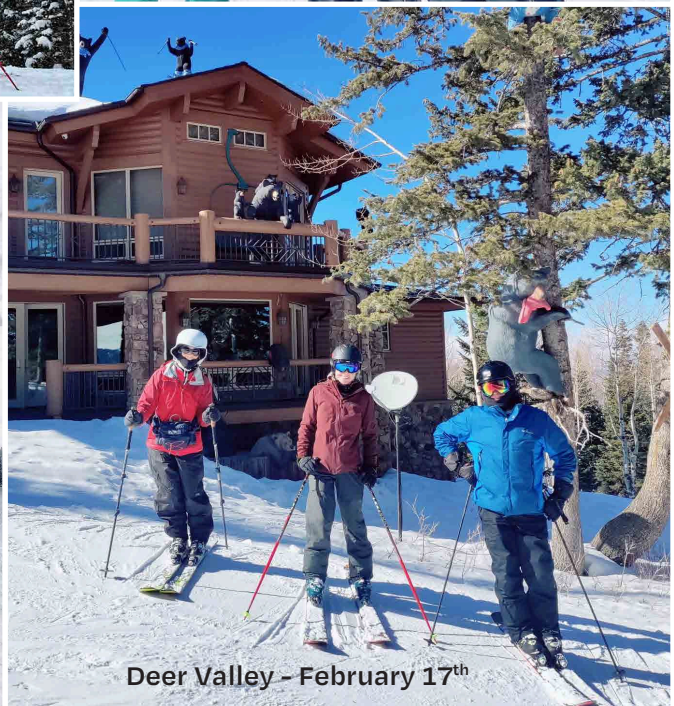


Steve Duncan and Paula McFarland organized several recent resort ski outings. A great time was had by all! Thanks to Steve, Paul, and Da Yang Wipfel for the photos.

Snowbird - March 8th



Alta - February 22nd



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Did You Know....

Did you know the Wasatch Mountain Club once had a mascot—and it was a bear? Yes, an actual, live bear. His name was Bill. Bill's story includes a cameo by Calvin Coolidge, so in recognition of President's Day, here is one of my favorite finds as I've researched the club's history:

In June 1924, the Union Pacific Railroad opened the Yellowstone Special, a direct route from Salt Lake City to the park. Its grand opening event attracted a "dense, cheering crowd," according to a front-page article in the June 19 Salt Lake Tribune. Speaking from Washington via telegraph, President Coolidge officially opened the new route. Instead of the traditional champagne, a bottle of Great Salt Lake water was crashed against the back of the train as it slowly chugged away from the station.



The Fire Chief, the Rotary Club, and Governor Mabey attended the festivities, but the Wasatch Mountain Club stole the show. Clarence Parry, Harriet Magdiel, and eight other members brought their mascot, "Bill the bear," to the podium. Upon his arrival on the platform, "Bill immediately rose to his full height and saluted the crowd with the earnest effort to sweep off all the hats within reach."

The Tribune further reported that club members were dressed in "full hiking regalia," and indeed, they are seen wearing boots and knee-length hiking pants in this photo with Bill. It's blurry, but if you squint you can see the bear's nose on the lapel of the woman to the right—who still has her hat! You can see his paws just above the emblem, "Yellowstone Special."

Passengers on the first Yellowstone Special were given medals bearing the words, "West Yellowstone Entrance, First in, 1924." WMC members were not among them, but in August of that year, fifty members boarded two Bingham buses and an Oldsmobile for a summer vacation in the park. The trip report they published in the 1924-1925 Rambler was so detailed that Yellowstone National Park historian Lee Whittlesby credits the WMC with documenting names throughout the park—documentation he'd spent decades searching for.

-Deb Frank

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