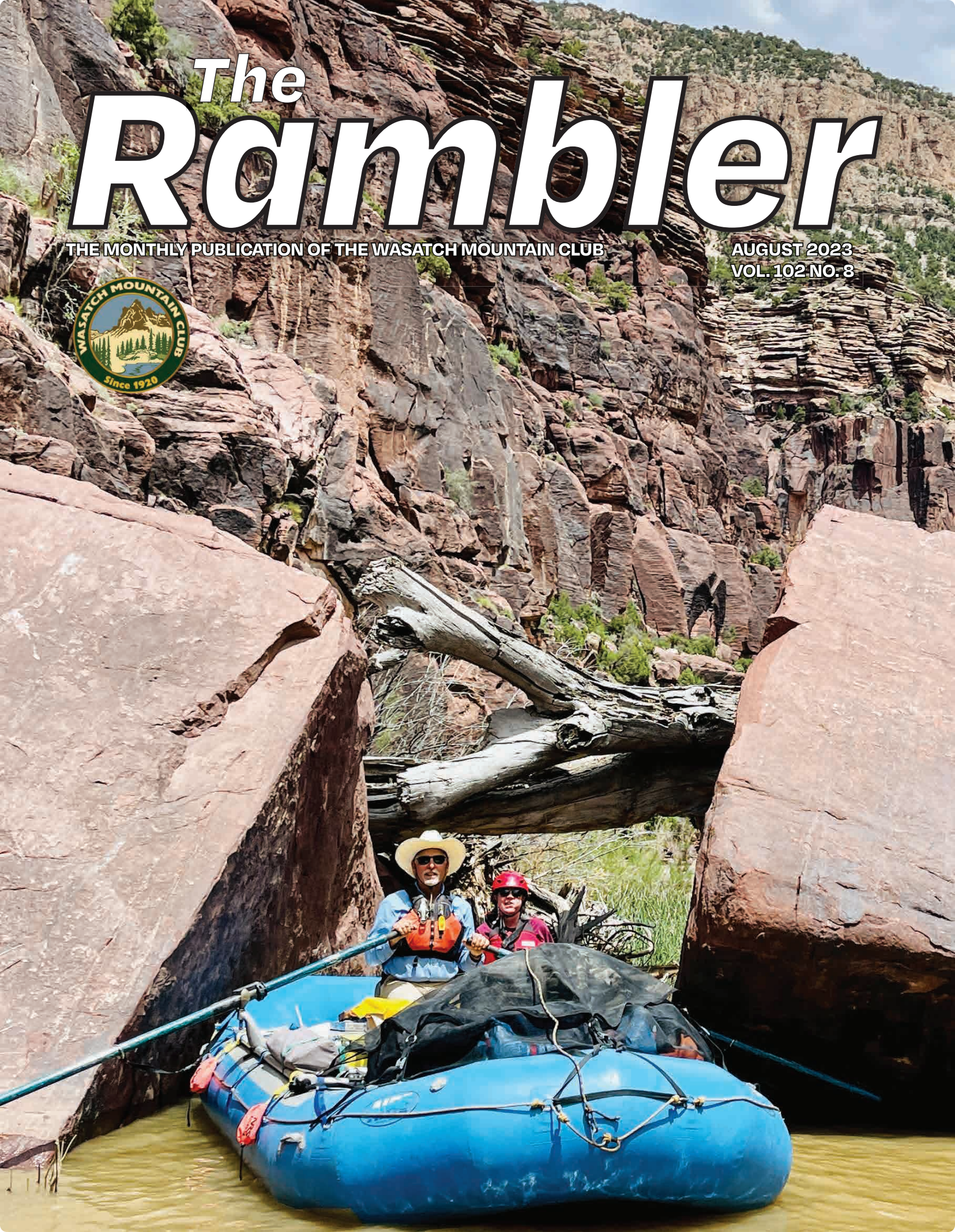


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Editor's note: The Wheeler Peak Ski Tour has been reprinted to correct errors in the original report published in the July 2023 Rambler



WMC goes indoor rock climbing!

ON OUR COVER:

Neal Olsen organized a wonderful 'Gates of Lodore' rafting adventure enjoyed by many! See full trip report on pages 20-22

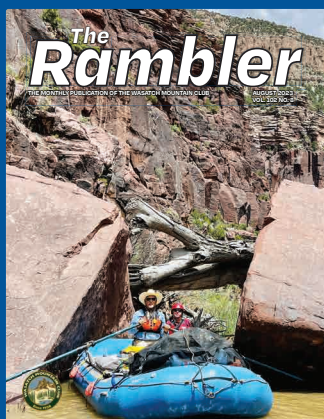


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President's Message

Summer is in full swing, and so is the Wasatch Mountain Club! It's exciting to see the wide variety of activities on the club calendar, and we continue to hold steady with 1,200+ members. As an all-volunteer organization, it's pretty incredible what the club accomplishes. Conservation activities, blood drives, trail maintenance, trailhead cleanup and graffiti cover, member-to-member trainings and skill development, community partnership, and a permanent endowed scholarship fund established at the U of U.

Our core, of course, is a robust calendar that offers everything from a relaxed outing to something that's going to hurt a bit the next day. There's something for everyone, and an opportunity for any member to post an activity they want to share with others. That's what the club does. We share, we learn, we explore.

It is a delight for me every time I go out on a mountain, a river, a trail, or a bike ride with clubbers. This has been an especially fun year for me to participate in WMC relaxed pace outings with my family. Someone asked the other day why I organize as often as I do. The answer is quite simple. If I post it, I have to go! I seem to come up with a dozen reasons to stay at the office a few more hours, or hang around the house a while longer. But if I'm organizing a club activity, I must go. Thank goodness, because my body, my mind, and my soul always feel better.

So if you haven't been out yet this year, or as much as you'd like, don't let this summer slip away!

- Julie Kilgore, WMC President

SAVE THESE DATES!

- Monday August 21st: WMC Red Cross Blood Drive
- Saturday August 26th: Storm Mountain Potluck Party
- Sunday September 10th: Fall Party and Membership Meeting at the Lodge
- October 6-8th: Antelope Island Multi-Sport Weekend
- Saturday November 4th: Volunteer Appreciation Banquet



WELCOME

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Monica Torres

David Kupperman

Michael Powers

Ben Borsh

Scott Hamelstrom

Scott Russell

Jason Carpenter

Richard Samartino

Dru Lawton

Ellie Mango & Alex Mendelson

Steven Martin & Amber Bailey

Ezra & Erica Nuttall

Peter & Pam Landes

Public Relations Director Message

Dear Outdoor Lovers,

Adventure Awaits! Summer is here, and the great outdoors beckon with their endless beauty and thrilling possibilities. As the Public Relations Department of Wasatch Mountain Club, we wanted to take a moment to reach out to our esteemed Club members and express our sincere appreciation for your unwavering enthusiasm and dedication to exploring the natural wonders that surround us.

Your passion for outdoor activities, be it hiking, camping, rock climbing, canyoneering, boating or any other thrilling pursuit, truly inspires us. It is this love for adventure that motivates us to provide you with exceptional experiences and support. We are committed to promoting a sense of community, environmental awareness, and a deep connection to nature through different activities.

In our continuous effort to enhance your Club membership, we want to emphasize to reach out to us for any question you might have about how the Club operates. Here's a sneak peek at what you can expect from the Club activities:

- Discover in-depth activities penned by seasoned explorers, outdoor enthusiasts, and industry expert presentations, and this wealth of knowledge will help you make the most of your outdoor pursuits.
- Inspiring Stories: Get inspired by the remarkable tales of fellow Club members who have embarked on incredible journeys and conquered new frontiers. Their experiences will ignite your wanderlust and kindle a fire within you to embark on your next great adventure.
- Community Connections: Connect with like-minded individuals through our interactive activities and social events. Share your stories, exchange tips, and forge lasting friendships with fellow Outdoor Club members who share your passion for the outdoors.

We sincerely hope that the Wasatch Mountain Club inspires you to explore new horizons and foster a strong sense of camaraderie within our Club's community.

Thank you once again for being an integral part of the Wasatch Mountain Club. Together, let's embrace the beauty of nature, challenge our limits, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Wishing you endless trails, clear skies, and unforgettable adventures!

Questions? We are here to answer those. email them to:

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Warm regards,

Dea A. Nelson
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Hiking Co-director's Message

August will be a stellar hiking month! Along with the many fun hikes, bike rides, climbing and other outdoor activities on the calendar, we want to highlight a few special hikes in store this month. Be sure to check the calendar for more details on these events.

On Saturday, August 19th, we've organized a Park City "hike and buy" event with Pearl Izumi. This will be a fun outing and a great time to upgrade your hiking wardrobe with a special 30% discount on Pearl Izumi merchandise.



The Storm Mountain Potluck will be held on August 26th and we are organizing a pre-social "Hike with a Ranger" hike with Matt Hales from the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest. Matt will provide some history and inform us about the local plants and wildlife as we hike and enjoy the beauty of our local mountains. Afterwards, we will head over to the Storm Mountain picnic area to enjoy delicious food and socialize with our fellow WMC members.

We have also organized a combination NTD hike and organizer training on August 3rd. We will take a leisurely hike to Donut Falls and answer any questions you might have about being a hike organizer.

We encourage members to continually check the on-line calendar, as new hikes are appearing all the time. If you rely solely upon the printed Rambler, you could miss many opportunities!

When organizing or participating in hikes and other outdoor activities during hot weather, please be aware of the increased risk for heat-induced injuries. Following are a few hot weather hiking tips:

- Choose hiking trails at higher elevation where temperatures are a bit cooler. Also, look for trails with shade or near water.
- Get an early start or go later in the evening. Temperatures usually peak between noon and 3:00 p.m., so try to avoid these hours if possible.
- Carry plenty of water and stay hydrated. Add some salty snacks to prevent over-hydration and to keep your electrolytes in balance.
- Remember your 10E's. Wear a hat, sunglasses, and light colored, loose-fitting clothing. Avoid cotton clothing.
- Protect your skin from the sun's burning rays. Stay covered up and apply sunscreen to any exposed skin.
- Check in with each other and learn to recognize the signs of heat exhaustion:
 - Headache
 - Dizziness
 - Muscle cramps
 - Nausea
 - Heavy sweating
 - Rapid pulse
 - Faintness
 - Fatigue
 - Disorientation or confusion

If you, or anyone in your group, experiences any of the above symptoms, immediately seek shade, rest, hydrate and cool down as much as possible. The hiker should be brought down as soon as possible.

Following these tips will help to keep everyone safe and ensure a fun day for all.

Finally, if you have visited our local canyons recently, you've witnessed how much the canyon trailheads are being overwhelmed with traffic. Carpooling helps reduce traffic and parking issues. We encourage organizers to designate meeting places outside the canyon and consolidate their groups before heading to the trailheads. The Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride is filling up early, even on weekdays, so we recommend that you consider alternative carpool meeting locations such as the 6520 S Wasatch Blvd Park and Ride and other locations around the area.

As always, if you have any hiking questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact either of us.

See you on the trails!

- **Paula & Andy**



THE MOUNTAIN CLUB'S OLDEST MEMBER JUST GOT OLDER!!!

Ann McDonald turned 102 on June 2nd. Some former and current club members helped her celebrate with a Happy Hour in Ann's beautiful yard in Holladay. Ann still lives in her lovely home on Big Cottonwood Creek and keeps very busy playing Bridge, going out to lunch with friends, and (according to her daughter) ordering her yard men around.

Ann joined the club in 1963 and she jumped right into club activities. Her first hike was to Mt. Raymond with Dale Green leading. She did river running, sailing, hiking, cross-country skiing, caving, and climbing. A highlight was a trip organized by Bob Wright to Havasu Canyon for Thanksgiving 1966. From April 1967 to July 1968 Ann was on the board as Entertainment Director. In July 1967 at a Thursday night beer gathering, members were planning a trip to climb The Grand Teton. Someone asked if she wanted to go and she said, "Why not?" No one seemed too concerned about the fact that she was not a climber! As documented in her humorous article in the September 1967 Rambler, she adopted the name Tension Annie, as Dale Green and the entire group of climbers helped get Ann to the summit. She was 46 at the time.

As a single mother, Ann had worked at a number of different jobs, but as her children were now nearly grown, she decided to pursue her dream of working in the counseling field. For the next 10 years, she worked and went to school to earn her bachelor's and master's degrees, and in 1978 at age 56, she received her Ph.D. in counseling psychology. She subsequently worked as the mental health director for the Hopi Tribe in Arizona.

Ann's adventures did not stop here, but it would require a book to document her many trips and activities -- well into her 90's. Through it all, Ann remained an active club member. So HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ANN!!! May you have any more.

- Phyllis Anderson



L. to R.: Bob Weatherbee, Marilyn Keir, Klancy de Nevers, Leslie and Andy White (Ann's daughter and husband), Andy Schoenberg, Ann, Mieke Schoenberg, Charlie Keller, Alene Keller, and Veda Barrie Weatherbee



Trail Planning News

Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation is updating the countywide Region Trails Master Plan. The project involves collecting data from all municipalities within Salt Lake County as well as transportation agencies and the U.S. Forest Service. Updating the plan will allow gaps within the trail networks to be identified so a strategy and implementation plan can be created to complete connections throughout the county. You can participate in upcoming informal open houses to weigh in.

Monday, August 5 7-830PM
Dimple Dell Recreation Center, 10670 S. 1000E. Sandy


Tuesday August 6 630-8PM
Northwest Recreation Center, 1255 W. Clark Ave, Salt Lake City


Tuesday August 20 630-8PM
Gene Fullmer Recreation Center, 8015 S. 2200 W. West Jordan


Thursday August 22 630-8PM
JL Sorenson Recreation Center, 5350 W. Herriman Main Street, Harriman


These opportunities to contribute only come around every 20 years or so. For more information go to recreation.slco.org/planning.

- **Will McCarvill**




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Frank Bouchard



for completing 100 activities and being the most recent member to receive a jacket!

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Frank Bouchard	Akiko Kamimura	Jim Kucera	Christine Pilgram
Mac Brubaker	Tonya Karren	Bret Mathews	Irene Yuen
Steve Duncan			

Great news, there are still 87 jackets available! 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!





WMC Scholarship Celebrate the Legacy by Giving



The WMC SCHOLARSHIP supports undergraduate students in the University of Utah's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism who have an interest in community-based, muscle-powered outdoor recreation studies. Scholarship recipients are eligible for a one-year complimentary membership to the Wasatch Mountain Club, which includes a subscription to the Rambler, the monthly WMC publication.

How to support the Scholarship Fund:

- **Donate to the Scholarship / Education Endowment Fund:**
Create a lasting legacy at the University of Utah. There are limited quantities of Centennial Thank-You gifts still available if you want to contribute to the Education Endowment. Use this form to receive Thank-You gifts, or donate on-line. Those who want to make a donation to the endowment generating the scholarship should click on the "Education Endowment" link on the WMC website.
- **Advertise in the Rambler:** If you or someone you know would like to reach our 1,000+ members plus hundreds of readers, email: rambler@wasatchmountainclub.org

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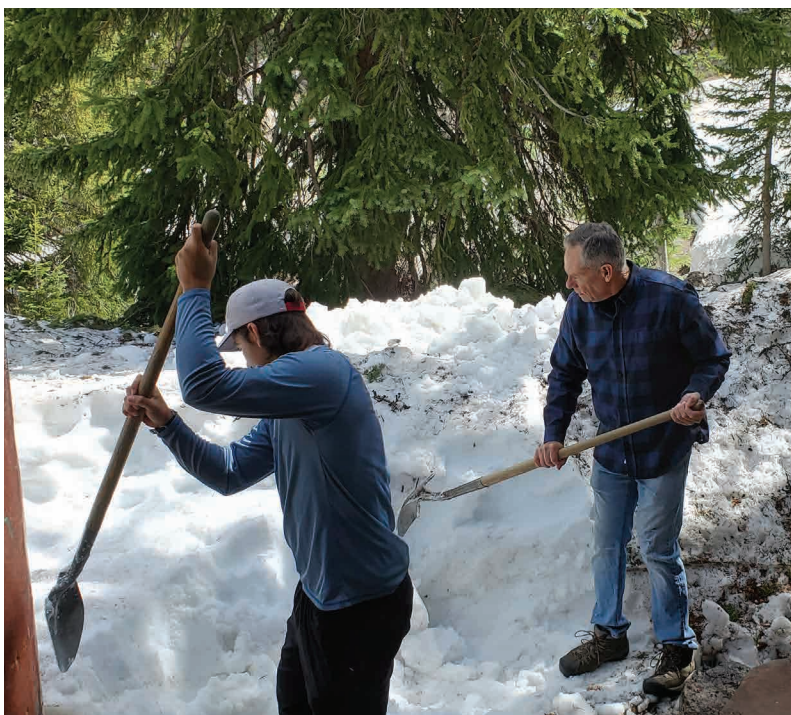
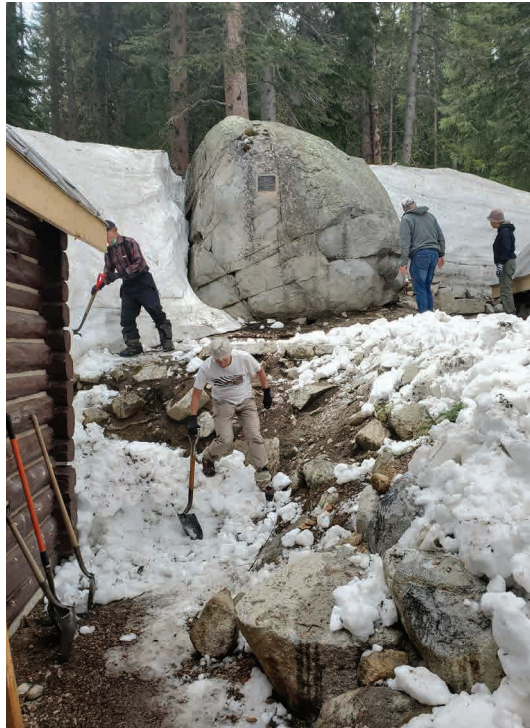
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WMC Lodge Volunteer Day, June 18th

Many Thanks to the volunteers who helped get the WMC Lodge ready for the summer season! The volunteers were treated to a wonderful lunch and everyone had a great time!

- Jodene Arakelian & Renae Olsen

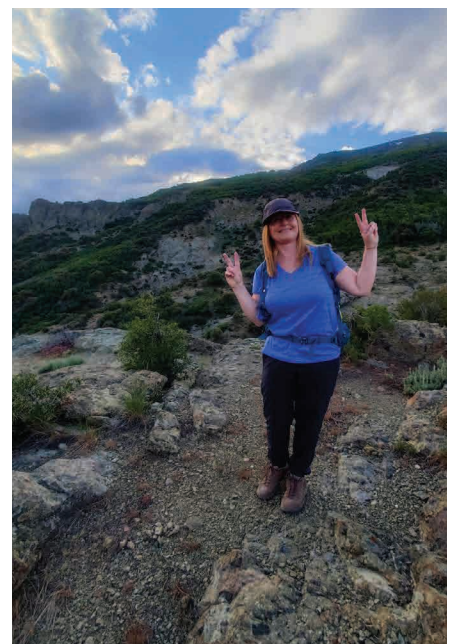


Trip Reports

Peak View Trailhead To Alpine Overlook - June 13th

Organized by Paige Williams / Report and photos by Julie Kilgore

Great WMC group for a relaxed pace Draper evening hike full of wildflowers, interesting cloud formations, and dynamic rays of light over the valley. Lone Peak stayed in view the entire hike. The storm clouds hovered over us most of the evening, keeping temps nice and cool, then opened up and showered us with a pleasant rain just as we arrived back at the trailhead.



Muddy Creek River Trip, May 21-25th

Organized by Zig Sondelski

Report by Mark Grosser

Photos by Zig Sondelski and Mark Grosser

On the morning of May 20th Mark Grosser and Zig Sondelski headed down to the southern San Rafael Swell with our inflatable kayaks to run the approximately 50 mile stretch of Muddy Creek from I-70 to Wild Horse Road. We went out with all the information we could find (much of this stretch is seldom run) and got more adrenaline, mud, and silt than we anticipated, but the Muddy's outstanding scenery and remoteness were well worth the effort.

We planned to launch at I-70 as it seemed to be the northern-most start point for paddlers and was easy to get to. River access is via a faint turn-out on the eastbound side of the freeway just past the Muddy Creek bridge, which is a half mile east of the Miller Canyon Road (County Road 912) junction. We chose our takeout point—where the Wild Horse Road crosses Muddy Creek—because it's downstream of the San Rafael Reef whose dramatic topography and geology we wanted to include in our trip. The more common stop-point on the Muddy is Hidden Splendor Mine, which affords a shorter shuttle but is upstream of the Reef.

Shuttle Notes: After scoping-out the put-in area on I-70 we shuttled a car to our take-out, which took 6 hours with stops for gas. Our shuttle route was I-70 east to SR-24 south past Hanksville, then Factory Butte Road—an improved dirt road—north for 11 miles, and finally Wild Horse Road (County Road 1013) for three miles to where it crosses the Muddy. Wild Horse Road was rough in a few spots but navigable by a light SUV or Subaru Outback driven with care. Wild Horse Road can also be taken south from Goblin Valley State Park to the Muddy, but that way is very rough and requires high clearance and 4-wheel-drive.

Arriving back in early evening to our put-in just downstream of the I-70 bridge, we rigged our kayaks, ate a quick dinner, and camped streamside for the night. The rushing water masked some of the traffic sounds from the nearby interstate but didn't stop passing trucks from interrupting our dreams a few times.

River Flows: The river was flowing at approximately 200 CFS at the start of our trip judging from the gauge near Emery, and we estimate the flow ranged from 170 to 250 CFS during our five days on the water.

Day 1: We launched the next morning, May 21st, into four miles of fast, sometimes-challenging class II and III rapids featuring rocks, holes, walls, sharp curves, and tippy hydraulics. After this initial stretch of rapids, the stream became narrow and channelized with three-to-six-foot overgrown banks for the next seven miles. In several places through here we encountered brush and branches out over the water that, with the narrow channel, were an obstacle to get by, and we had quite a bit of brush scraping. At roughly 6, 7, and 9 miles in we encountered trees that had fallen all the way across the river. The fast water, high banks, and river-bends give little time to react, but at our river level—roughly 200 CFS—we were able to just get under the first two trees on the far left by



Finagling the boats around Tree #3

laying back flat. The third tree was closer to water level and tougher to get by; we had to wriggle our way through the branches on the far right.

There were few take-out or camping options in this channelized section, but just past mile 10 of our trip, a quarter mile above Lone Tree Crossing, a small side stream (apparently unnamed) came in on the right giving us a convenient place to stop for the night. We pulled our boats a short way up the muddy side-channel and pitched camp just in time for a good rainstorm and a bit of hail too. Hiking the hills behind camp as the sun returned afforded panoramic views of the southwestern



Swell, an area of sweeping valleys draped between solemn buttes of the multicolored sandstone of the Entrada, Curtis, Summerville, Morrison, and Salt Wash formations.

Days 2 & 3: A few miles below Lone Tree Crossing the river became less channelized, shady cottonwoods began to adorn the meanders, and the deeper Glen Canyon strata—Navajo, Kayenta, Wingate and Chinle formations—leapt skyward forming a spectacular canyon of painted cliffs, domes, and buttes. The stream became calmer through here with many fun and trouble-free class I and II rapids. Reports of “possible fences” across the stream proved unfounded; the way was clear of impediments human or otherwise. For two days we marveled



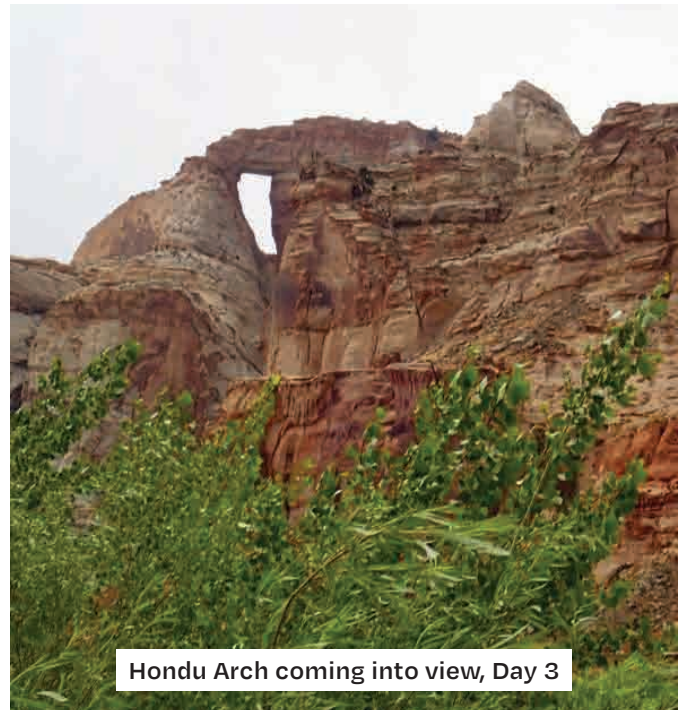
Drifting into the awakening canyon, morning of Day 3

Tomsich Butte (mile 32). A short side-hike up Poor Canyon was one of several highlights. We both felt it would be worthwhile to revisit this area either by kayak or on foot—but if doing so by kayak, we would launch at Lone Tree Crossing rather than I-70 to bypass the obstacles in those first 10 miles.



Floating into a “Perfect Desert Canyon” on Day 2

at this roughly 20-mile stretch of desert-stream perfection from Lone Tree Crossing (mile 10.5) to



Hindu Arch coming into view, Day 3

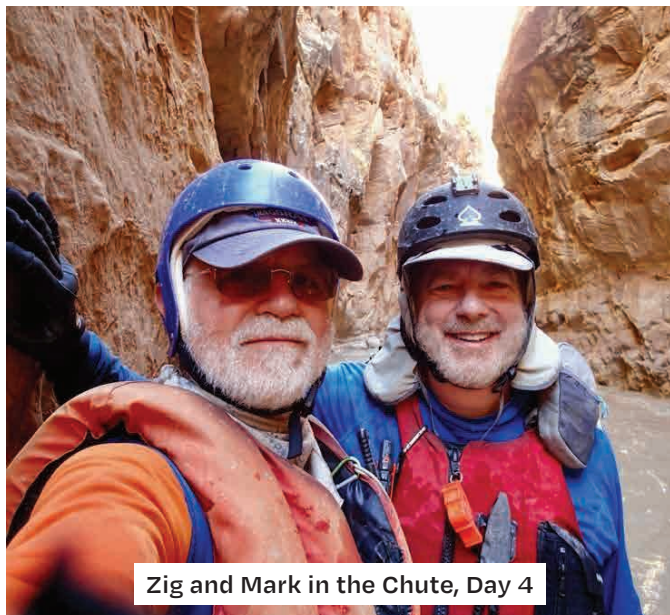
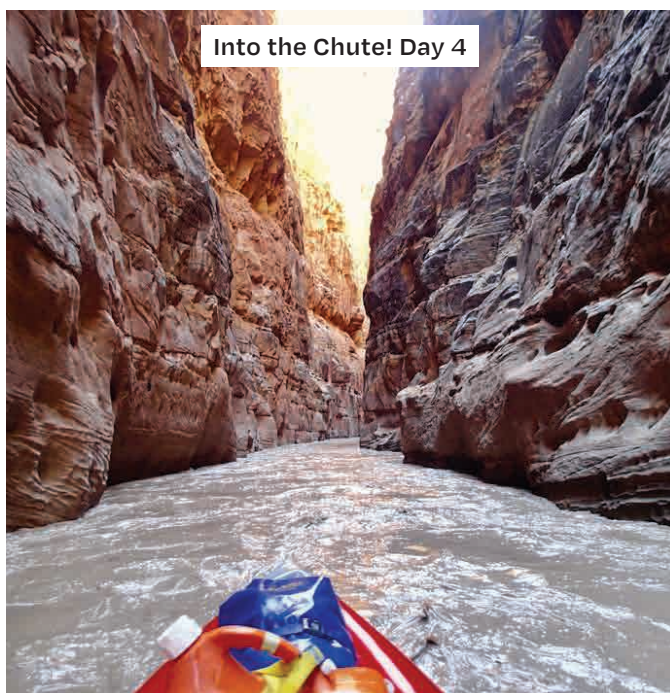
As we approached Tomsich Butte late on day three, the canyon gave way to a small valley, Hindu Arch appeared high above us, and we passed the launch point for the popular (when there is water) daytrip through the “Chute” of Muddy Creek.

Continuing below Tomsich Butte, the river again picked up speed with class II and II+ rapids. We



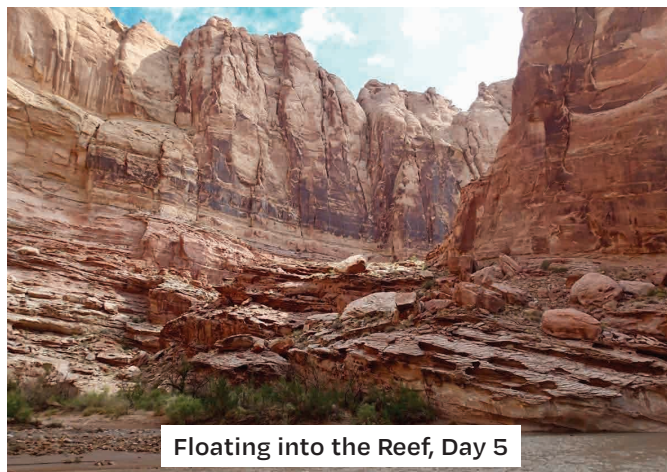
stopped two miles further down, at mile 33.5 of our trip, for our third camp.

Day 4: We awoke to find the Muddy looking higher, faster, and darker—her warm tan hues now a churning deep mocha. Evidently the evening rains we'd been experiencing had caused a side-canyon somewhere upstream to flash. Back on the now-pushier water, we came quickly to a series of class II and III rapids that sped through rocks, pillowed on hairpin bends, and raced down splashy flumes. We floated in and out of one stretch of narrows and then into the breathtaking and somewhat-eerie "Chute" of the Muddy—a four-mile narrows of wall-to-wall water under cliffs hundreds of feet high.



We stopped to camp three miles below the Chute, at mile 44.5 of our trip and two miles above "Hidden Splendor," the usual take-out for a daytrip through the Chute. Lounging on a small beach in the shade of a Cottonwood, we shared a Porter, a flask of Drambuie, and explored some problems in philosophy, psychology, and physics, each opinion being subjected to rigorous cross-examination. To our surprise, over 50 kayakers sped by us on the day-run, seizing the ephemeral high-water, some looking in strong form and others a bit battered and eager to be done, and all caked in mud to varying degrees. Most greeted us with whoops and waves—and laughs as we queried them about beer.

Day 5: Our last day found us descending through yet another breathtaking canyon as the somewhat wider and less urgent stream cut through the San Rafael Reef. All the ancient formations that had risen around us the last 35 miles now plunged down dramatically to river level—Chinle, Wingate, Kayenta, and finally Navajo.




While passing through the Reef we encountered an interesting place where the entire river submerged beneath an undercut rock on river left. Fortunately, a wide beach on the right afforded a safe way around, and there was room to "spelunk" the lower end of the undercut.

Soon after that the finally-restful stream broke gently into the open desert and the saw-tooth eastern edge of the San Rafael Reef came into full relief behind us. A few miles of wide shallow meanders brought us at noon to the Wild Horse Road crossing and our waiting car. By about 1:30 PM we had finished derigging and packed our gear for the drive back to the put-in and our separate drives north and home that evening.

Our trip nears its end as the Muddy lazily meanders below the Reef...on its way to the Dirty Devil and other adventures.



Wheeler Peak Ski Tour, April 7-9th



Kathleen and Greg (inset)
descending the line

Organized and report by Kathleen Waller / Photos by John Badila and Kathleen Waller

Friday, April 7th, Kathleen, Greg Baldacci, and John Badila carpooled in a small RV to Great Basin National Park. The Great Basin of North America covers most of Nevada, much of Utah and California, and partially other states. The Great Basin is bound on the west by the Sierra Mountains and on the east by the Wasatch Mountains. The term “basin” sounds like a bowl of earth with little features but surprises abound with ripples of mountain ranges like the Snake Range, home to the beautiful Wheeler Peak. Following route 6, the drive took our group through the town of Delta and across the west desert passing Sevier Lake.

Listening to John Denver on CD three times over, we arrived late at night in the small town of Baker, Nevada. We quickly canvassed the town for an alternative campsite in case our plan to camp in Great Basin National Park did not work out. A quiet gas station on the south end of town has a large lot and appears to allow for vehicle camping. We noted this area and began the short drive from the town of Baker toward the National Park. At 10pm, we could see red lights at the park amphitheater and wondered if a late-night ranger-led astronomy talk was taking place. We continued up the road and pulled into Lehman Creek Campground. There was a lot of snow. Some sites were only partially plowed and a few were not plowed at all. We noted only one other vehicle and pulled into the first fully plowed spot, paid for the site with \$20 cash in a fee envelope, made a quick dinner of pesto pasta with vegan sausage, and tucked in for the night.

Saturday, April 8th, we slept late and enjoyed a casual breakfast of cast-iron cooked eggs and vegetables wrapped in tortillas, a treat of Greg's cooking skills. The Lehman Cave's visitor center opens at 8am and we knew we needed to check in with the park rangers and tell them our plan. The visitor center is lively with groups preparing for the guided tours of Lehman Cave. A park ranger had us fill out a lengthy form giving a lot of detail of our plan and each participant. The ranger also shared with us a registry showing one other group was currently attempting Wheeler Peak and may still be in the area. According to the registry, the total number of groups heading into the backcountry of Great Basin National Park in winter conditions was surprisingly low. Conditions above Wheeler Peak Campground's Snotel station were unknown and we would be on our own for avalanche forecasting.

During winter conditions, Wheeler Peak Scenic Drive is plowed only to Upper Lehman Creek Campground adding 4 miles of trails that must be navigated to reach Wheeler Peak Campground. A large area is plowed at the end of the road for vehicles to park and turn around. We left the RV here and began our tour of Great Basin National Park.

The route to Wheeler Peak Campground follows the Lehman Creek Trail (4 miles one way, 2,480 feet



gain). The trail was well marked with ribbons and a wooden bridge helps with navigation over the flowing Lehman Creek. Snowshoers had packed down the first half mile after which a narrow trail winds through pines and gradually gains elevation. A little after 2 miles, the trail opens to an area called Meadow View and our first visual of Wheeler Peak. The weather was warm, calm, and cloudless giving us spectacular views. We took a few minutes to rest at Meadow View, snacked and hydrated, and took plenty of photos. At about 3 miles, we began to see signs of Wheeler Peak Campground, roofs of outhouses poking out of the snow and snow mounds indicating buried picnic tables. Kathleen took quick advantage of the epic snow year and enjoyed a one turn ski lap off the roof of one partially buried outhouse. Greg scouted another outhouse for a slightly exposed door and found the outhouses to be locked for the winter.

We skinned to the far west end of the campground, careful to stay within the backcountry camping boundary told to us by the rangers. A large flat area and a partially buried info sign indicated a summer parking lot and sensible place to camp. Again, the weather was very calm but the area has plenty of tree cover if one needed to seek refuge from wind. We stomped on our skis to pack down the snow, deployed our tents, and made dinner. Kathleen and Greg shared one 4-season tent and John had one 4-season tent. I must interject, Good-To-Go makes very tasty dehydrated meals with vegetarian and vegan options and internationally inspired spice blends. We enjoyed our meals in the relatively warm afternoon while being serenaded by the enjoyably large number and variety of birds.

The benefit of doing this tour in two days rather than one, is the time allowed for exploring the ancient bristlecone pines. Bristlecone pines are among the longest-lived life forms on Earth and are known to live for more than 4,000 years. After an early dinner, Greg led us from camp toward an area in the national park with a short bristlecone pine interpretive trail. Navigation in the winter was challenging with no indication of a trail we knew to be well marked in the summer. Greg's intuition (and small Garmin GPS device) was good and we found the pines. The trees are not exceptionally tall leaving much of them under snow and all interpretive signs completely buried. The experience was very different from summer but still awe inspiring to be among the ancients.

Sunday, April 9th, was another lazy start and we woke to a symphony of birds. We could see our objective from camp and knew we wanted to descend warm cream rather than early morning crust. The route from camp did not follow the summer trail. Rather we skinned straight to and then along the south edge of Stella Lake. From Stella Lake we could see a large cornice on the ridge connecting Wheeler Peak and Bald Mountain. Sections of the cornice the size of vehicles had broken off and tumbled to Stella Lake. Avoiding this ridge (the summer trail) also meant avoiding a rocky wind-blown path and possible blustery



John just below Wheeler Peak



Greg and Kathleen beginning their ski journey from Upper Lehman Creek Campground





Greg and Kathleen enjoying the view of Wheeler Peak and Doso Doyabi from Meadow View

conditions. We chose to skin our line bottom up, given us an opportunity to access snow/avalanche conditions as we ascended. The line we chose is well shown on a map obtained from skimo.co and would drop continuously all the way back to camp. The line is wide and allows for possible sideways escape incase of an avalanche. Skimo.co shows a second line off Wheeler Peak dropping into moraine and the Bristlecone Grove. This line looked less optimal knowing it was an initially steep descent but then a relatively flat runout from the moraine to our camp.

After passing Stella Lake, we mounted our ski crampons. The ski crampons gave John the ability to head straight up while Greg and Kathleen chose a more leisurely switchbacking line. Side hilling is also easier as I noticed my muscles are more relaxed and I am not firing my balancing muscles to grip precisely with my edges. We stopped halfway up the line and dug a snow pit. The snow was deep and dense. We did not shovel to the ground due to the extreme density of the snow at the bottom of our pit. No significant weak layers were noted. A column test required multiple hits from the upper arm to get the column to release and only released the surface layer of our column. As we neared the ridge, snow cover became sparse and we shouldered our skis. From the ridge, patches of snow had us switching between hiking and skinning. Evidence of wind abounds with rocks snow-loaded sideways and the summer trail partially exposed. Views from the ridge are outstanding. A valley of windmills lay to the west and ripples of mountain ranges continue as far as the eye can see. We ascended the ridge and stopped a few minutes shy of the peak. The last push looked precarious for walking on and too rocky to ski. The top of the summer trail wraps slightly around the east side of the peak with awkward snow-loading and all other aspects were covered in rocks that would easily shift underfoot. From camp, we logged 4 miles of ascent with 3,087 feet of elevation gain. We paused here to celebrate and give John ample time to express his professional photography skills.

We picked our way down patches of snow with a combination of skiing and booting along the ridge. Snow was a mix of wind-blown crust and sections of cream. We were all glad to have made the decision to bring a relatively large ski able to handle the variable conditions. John dropped off the ridge first, skied halfway down the line, then stopped to set up for some epic ski photography. Greg dropped second and skied past John in large sweeping turns with jets of cream roostering off his tails. Kathleen dropped last, also ripping large fast turns over challenging patches of sastrugi and enjoyable patches of cream. We gathered at Stella Lake with huge grins and remarked how lucky we were to hit it on a bluebird day with no wind.

Breaking down camp was quick as we knew we wanted to make the ranger station before 4pm to report our success. Fast skiing with large packs down the narrow Lehman Creek Trail was the most leg demanding thing we did during the entire trip. Speed dumps were few and far between and occasional branches whipping our faces. We skied the 4 miles to our RV in under 30 minutes and quickly stored our gear for the short drive to the Lehman Cave's visitor center. At 3pm, we reported our success to the rangers. They were eager to hear our story and happy for any backcountry conditions we could report. The rangers told us, no other group had reported on conditions above Wheeler Peak Campground and no other group had reported making summit this winter season. Faint ski tracks in the area hint others were in the backcountry area but not all report to the rangers. We lounged in the parking lot for a few minutes enjoying beers and the warmth of a beautiful spring day.

The drive home was relaxing as we passed around a massage gun, braked for ice cream, and stopped at Sevier Lake to appreciate the amount of water in a usually dry lake bed. This season brought record precipitation filling watering holes for migrating birds and creating long ski lines in the beautiful Great Basin.

Here's to an epic season where everything is skiable.



Gates of Lodore, May 27th - June 1st



Organizer: Neal Olsen
Permit Holder: Dave Rabiger
Report and Photo: Irene Yuen and Bret Mathews

Participants: Neal and Renae Olsen, Dave and Susan Rabiger, Marlene Kay, Bret Mathews, Irene Yuen, Luke Johnson, Don Urrizaga, Gene Dennis, Gloria Watson

Eleven WMC river runners traveled in three vehicles from SLC to the Colorado Lodore Ranger Station put-in with one truck packing a raft and another towing a 16' trailer loaded with four rafts, food, gear, and camping equipment. Neal Olsen coordinated the group into four teams with duties of cooking, kitchen help, groover management, and one team being off duty. Temperatures were comfortable with daytime highs in the 70s and nighttime lows in the 40's. Afternoon thunderstorms and wind gusts only kicked up in our last camp. We were bothered by annoying swarming mosquitoes at times but feasted on scrumptious meals throughout the trip. Every evening we gathered near the kitchen on a sandy beach for spirited conversations and laughter making lasting memories.

Our journey navigated along approximately 43 miles of the Green River out of Browns Park Colorado through various sections of calm waters and thrilling Grand Canyon sized whitewater rapids. We floated amongst soaring red rock cliffs and deep green trees. We enjoyed the striking scenery rafting through colorful Lodore Canyon walls which towered above. We saw flowering cactus, beavers, fish, bighorn sheep, mule deer, eagles, geese, and flying blue birds. We hiked spectacular side canyon trails to waterfalls.

Our captains completed the trip and docked the rafts with flying colors. The final stretch from our Island Park campsite to the Split Mountain take-out took about 2½ hours. We hired shuttles allowing us to retrieve our vehicles from the parking lot, load up, and head back to SLC.

Huge shoutout to our organizer, Neal Olsen. We appreciate his mild-mannered leadership, the wealth of experiences and skills in planning this epic Gates of Lodore river trip. Thank you so much Neal!!! We appreciate you.

The Itinerary:

May 27---Day 1: travel to Lodore Ranger station Put-In, set up camp, dinner, leisurely hike the Gates of Lodore Trail, and check out the Wade and Curtis Cabin.



May 28---Day 2: Break down camp, rig and load rafts, float three miles to Wade and Curtis Camp, and relax on a nice beach the rest of the day.

May 29---Day 3: Most exciting day. The first whitewater rapid started off with a bang at the class II+ Winnie's Rapid, which we didn't discuss during our safety talk. Due to the low water levels making the rapid more technical the lead raft flipped showing it can happen to the best of skilled boatmen. Because of the unanticipated event everyone else went through Winnie with high alertness. As the remaining rafts exited the rapid the group quickly assisted the swimmers to get out of the frigid cold water; mitigate the risk of hypothermia; transported them to the sunny side of the canyon to warmth. It took some time and all the manpower to upright the fully loaded raft from the muddy beach.

After everyone was ready, the running order was reformed and we continued onward. We paddled through several smaller waves and faced some of Lodore's most exciting rapids: Upper and Lower Disaster Falls (Class III+), Harp Falls, Triplets Falls, and Hells Half Mile (Class IV). Due to low water flow from Flaming Gorge (Lodore Canyon was roughly 855 CFS) we confronted technical challenges through lots of boulders and rock gardens that provide plenty of big thrills on this day. Two rafts hung up on Upper Disaster, one stuck on Lower Disaster, one stuck on Hells Half Mile. The boat captains used ropes, throw bags, bumping, jumping, and rocking to get the boats off the rocks. After an exhausting day, we were awarded with one of the best shady camps at Rippling Brook. There was a short, nice hike along a small creek through a side canyon to a spring-fed waterfall.

May 30---Day 4: Shortly after leaving camp we arrived at the Yampa River Confluence near Echo Park, then crossed the Colorado/Utah state line in Whirlpool Canyon (which had a great unnamed rapid with Grand Canyon sized waves), and finally arrived at Jones Hole 1 camp after less than 3 hours on the river. There was great fishing, hiking the beautiful Jones Hole Creek trail to Ely Creek and the famous "Butt Dam" falls.

May 31---Day 5: Island Park campground. Not much good to say about this limited shade, cheatgrass filled, mosquitoes infested Island Park camp. But the site is convenient for the takeout the next day, and partially cloudy skies that dropped out a few drops of rain kept the temperature very comfortable.

June 1---Day 6: Last Day on the river to take-out. As our rafts entered the Split Mountain section of the Green, we witnessed a geological wonder. The warped red rock cliffs and walls have been uplifted while the river cuts down thru them displaying the full power of Mother Nature! The Split Mountain section was going fast and high at approximately 17,000-20,000 CFS. With intense anticipation, we stopped at Rainbow Park to prepare for the final run of the upcoming 4 major class III rapids. There were plenty of high-water thrills and excitement as we went through the gigantic waves in Moonshine, S.O.B., Schoolboy, and Inglesby. Our captains completed the trip with flying colors and docked the rafts at 11:30am. The final run took about 2½ hours after leaving the last camp. It was a great river trip and enjoyed by all





What a great river trip— Split Mountain boat ramp take-out



Irene, Neal, and Renae washing dishes on the last day at Island Park camp



Bret at Ely Creek below the Butt Dam



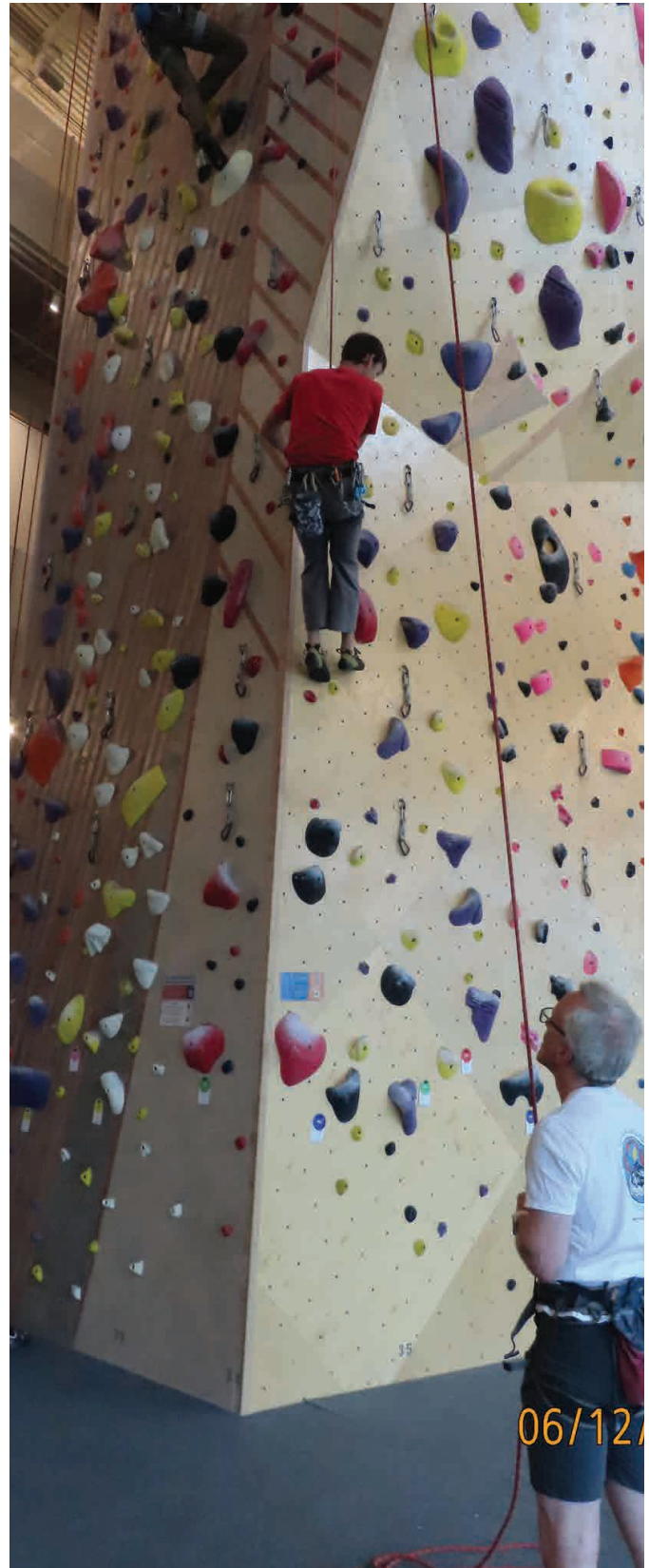
Don, Marlene, Susan, and Luke enjoying the calm sanction on Whirlpool Canyon



Indoor Evening Rock Climbing - the Front June 12th

Organized by Frank Bouchard / Report and photos by Julie Kilgore

WMC Monday evening indoor climbing organized by Frank Bouchard has been a great refresher for a non-climber like me! Joined tonight by WMC Mountaineering Director Mark Maier and others, some very experienced and some newcomers as well. Thanks Frank for continuing to post these. It's been great fun and I think I'm getting better!



Lehi to Timp Cave Bike Ride, May 24th



Left to right: Jim Turner, Steve Duncan, Robert Turner, Matt Davidson. Photo taken by a helpful bystander :-)

Pearl Izumi / Park City Rides, June 6th & June 10th

Organized by Craig Williams & Robert Turner

Report by Steve Leitch

Photos by Craig Williams, Gregg Bromka (Pearl Izumi - photo right), and Brenda Leitch

The 2nd annual Pearl Izumi discount rides were held on June 6th (Mountain Bike) and June 10th (Road Bike), respectively. Unfortunately the mountain bike ride was canceled due to inclement weather but the gang had a great time shopping for new gear at the Pearl Izumi Store.

There were two road bike rides on June 10th. A shorter (20 mile) 'Tour de Park City' and longer 45 mile ride. Unfortunately Craig came down with the flu and was unable to ride. So, Robert Turner took the lead on the shorter route and it was a great ride - Thanks Robert! We all enjoyed the post-ride goodies and 30% off discount at the store. Thanks again to Gregg Bromka (Pearl Izumi - Local Legend and Mountain Bike Book Author) for hosting the WMC bikers and for the generous 30% discount!! We are already looking forward to next year's ride.

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Clayton Peak Hike, June 7th

Organized by Jim Kucera / Report and photos by Jim Kucera

Andy, Stanley, and I hiked to the summit of Clayton Peak - almost all on snow! A lovely day. We saw many kinds of non-human mammals: moose, mule deer, pika, red squirrel, Uinta ground squirrel, golden-mantled ground squirrel, chipmunk, marmot, vole.



Donut Falls Hike, June 17th

Organized by Paige Williams / Report and photos by Julie Kilgore

It was a beautiful day for a WMC relaxed pace family hike. The goal plan was Donut Falls, but it was a mob scene. So we hang out with the wildlife instead 😊. It was a record 6-moose day! Four on the hike, then two more spotted when we drove down the canyon. So fun to share the mountains with my niece, my daughter, and my 3-month old grandson.

A true "family" hike with my niece, my daughter, and my grandson 😊. Mama came prepared for all things needed to keep baby happy



Great WMC group came out for a relaxed pace wonder through the woods



Empire Pass to Tri-Canyon Peak, June 10th

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

Dana, Kathleen, Cora (Kathleen's dog), Greg, Lulu (Greg's dog) and Akiko started hiking from Empire Pass in Park City. After we stopped by the Church of Dirt, our first destination was Sawtooth Benchmark (9,138 ft). There were still patchy snow fields. But we could manage the snow without any snow gear. Then, we hiked to Anchor Benchmark (9,574 ft). When we got to Jupiter Hill (9,998 ft), we saw a couple of other hikers and several paragliders. Our last peak was Try-Canyon Peak (aka. Guardsman Peak) (10,026 ft). It was a quiet relaxing hike. But once we were down to Guardsman Pass, we encountered a big crowd as Guardsman Pass Rd became open a couple days ago. We walked on the road to go back to Empire Pass. It was the first club activity for Dana. We had brief rain showers. Otherwise, it was a beautiful day.



Group photo at Sawtooth Benchmark.
From left – Dana, Kathleen, Greg & Akiko



Kathleen & Cora
near Jupiter Hill



Snowfield near Sawtooth
Benchmark. Greg, Kathleen & Dana



Thank You!

June 2023 Activity Organizers

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

Akiko Kamimura	Jim Kucera	Mark Maier
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Brad Yates	Julie Kilgore	Paul Gettings
Chris Venizelos	Katherine Thom	Paula McFarland
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Irene Yuen	Mac Brubaker	

Volunteer Raffle (2022-23)

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 banquet will include a raffle. Everyone who qualifies for an invitation to the Banquet will get a raffle ticket. Throughout the year, we'll collect a variety of fun and interesting prizes.



Let's show our volunteers & 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**.



Activity Calendar

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

Aug 1 Tue	<p>Mountain Bike Park City – mod – 15.0 mi Loop – 1,500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Park City Mountain Resort parking lot (Google Map link will appear here) <i>Organizer:</i> Craig Williams 801-598-9291 123golobos@gmail.com</p> <p>The weekly Tuesday night Mountain Bike ride will meet at varying trailheads, riding trails per the organizers' discretion. We offer rides for all skill levels so come on out and ride with us. An email with the specific meeting time, location and ride description will be sent to the WMC-bike list on Monday the day before the ride. To get on the WMC-bike list you must be a WMC member, then: Go to 'Member Menu', click on 'email list subscribe', then click on 'bike'. See you Tuesday !! Let's Roll !!</p>
Aug 1 Tue	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 8 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Aug 1 Tue	<p>Relaxed Pace Evening Hike To Gloria Falls – ntd+ – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Little Cottonwood Canyon P&R (4385 Little Cottonwood Cyn Rd, Sandy, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Paige Williams 760-981-5454 paigehw3@gmail.com</p> <p>We'll set a pace that will keep the group together as we make our way to this nice waterfall that has recently gained attention. The footing is a bit tricky once we leave the trail, so this one is rated an NTD+</p>
Aug 2 Wed – Aug 6 Sun	<p>Ouray Canyoneering Event <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at Ouray - Amphitheater Campground <i>Organizer:</i> Gustavo Carrillo 518-928-3396 gustavo@carrillogonzalez.com</p> <p>**Ouray** The meetup signup link is: https://www.meetup.com/wasatch-mountain-club/events/292969076/?utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=share-btn_savedevents_share_modal&utm_source=link is the perfect base camp, it is a tourist mining town. There are different creeks converging into the Uncompahgre River that runs through the town; this makes it a great destination for class C canyons. We are planning for a multi-day canyoneering trip. We have reserved 9 sites at the Amphitheater campground. The recommendation is for a minimum of 2 people per tent site. We can get more people per campsite if you coordinate with other attendees. There is no BLM nearby, and it is only one vehicle per site. Each person is responsible for their own food although it is 5 minutes from town where there are many tourist restaurants to choose from. This is not an event for beginners. After signing up, you will be on the waiting list until you contact Gustavo to confirm your experience in Class C Canyons and your fee is paid. The event is open until it does not let you be on the waitlist. Please activate messaging in your Meetup profile so you can be moved to the going list. The fee is \$76, which includes the four nights at the campsites. Please transfer funds to the Venmo account @gustavocarrillo (+1 518 928 3396). There are no refunds. You are required to bring your own technical gear, wetsuit, drybags, ropes, webbing, etc. * By signing up for and/or attending this Meetup event, you acknowledge, understand, accept, and agree that: Canyoneering and other outdoor activities can be dangerous and can cause serious bodily injury and possibly death; The organizers of this meetup and current and former members cannot be held responsible or liable in any way for the actions of any participant - including you - at any event; You release and forever discharge the organizers jointly and severally from any actions, causes of actions, claims, damage, loss including death or injury which may be sustained from participating in this Meetup event. - An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. By participating in this event, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19. - All attendees are participating in this event at their own risk and are solely responsible for any damage to their property and/or any injury or loss in whatever form to themselves or their guests. - By signing up for and/or attending this Meetup event, you affirm that you understand this disclaimer & release and that you knowingly and voluntarily agree not to bring any type of claim including a lawsuit or other action arising out of or related to this Meetup event against the organizers of this Meetup group.</p>
Aug 2 Wed	<p>Day Hike On Mt. Timpanogos – mod+ – 10.0 mi Out & Back – 3,500' ascent – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Russell* Patterson 801-973-6427 patterson.russell@comcast.net</p> <p>Hike to the B25 bomber wreck site on Mt. Timpanogos via the Timpooneke trail. This WWII-era bomber crashed into the peak on a snowy night in 1955. Mountaineers from the WMC were the first people to reach the crash site. (See Apr.1955 Rambler and Page 16-17 of Sep. 2012 Rambler).</p>



Aug 3 Thu	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 8 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Aug 3 Thu	<p>Day Hike - Ntd Hike To Donut Falls And Informal Organizer Training <i>Meet:</i> 8:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6520 Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT) <i>Carpool:</i> 8:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6520 S Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Paula McFarland 801-657-2818 pmcfarland82@msn.com We'll take a leisurely hike to Donut Falls, while informally discussing how to organize an activity and answering any questions you have about being an organizer. This will be an easy hike out to the falls and back. We'll meet at 8:30 a.m. at the 6200 S Wasatch Blvd Park and Ride and carpool from there.</p>
Aug 5 Sat	<p>Hike - Tooele Peak & Sadie Peak – mod+ – 9.0 mi – 4,300' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Tooele Peak (9601 ft) and Sadie Peak (9,747 ft) via Settlement Canyon in Tooele, weather, conditions and situation permitting. There is a trail all the way to the peaks. I have hiked in the area but not to those peaks. Exploratory. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Friday, 12pm, August 4, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Aug 5 Sat	<p>Day Hike On Either The Road Or Trail Depending On The Weather – ntd+ – 2.0 mi Out & Back – 300' ascent – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6520 Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Martin McGregor 801-255-0090 mdmcgregor@q.com Mill F East Fork (Big Cottonwood)</p>
Aug 5 Sat	<p>Hike Wolverine Cirque – mod+ – Loop – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 8:15 am at Butler Elementary (7080 S 2700 E, Cottonwood Heights, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com We'll go up the boulders of Millicent, take the ridge to Wolverine, cross over Patsy Marley, down to Twin Lakes Pass, then stroll back along Twin Lakes. Meet about 8:15 for a prompt 8:30 carpool departure. Plan on about 6 hours of hiking.</p>
Aug 6 Sun	<p>Hike - Whiskey Island Peak In The Uintas – msd- – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Whiskey Island Peak (11,340 ft) in the Uintas, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The standard route to the peak is very long. So we will explore a route from the east. The first part of the route has a trail. But it will be off-trail to the peak. I have hiked in the area but not to the peak. It's not long or steep, probably approximately 6 miles RT with 2,000 ft gain. But due to route finding and class 2 scrambling, I rate this hike as MSD-. Exploratory. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Friday, 12pm, August 4, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Aug 6 Sun	<p>Hike - Clayton Peak, – mod – 5.8 mi Out & Back – 1,900' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 7:45 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6520 Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> David Andrenyak 801-907-1325 andrenyakda@aim.com Clayton Peak is a mountaintop in the Brighton area. We will hike on the Brighton Lakes and Clayton Peak trails to Snake Creek Pass. Then, we travel a short distance on a Brighton Service road and continue up the established path to the Clayton Peak summit. There are some steep rocky sections. Throughout the hike, there should be great views of the Central Wasatch range. Hopefully, the skies will not be too smokey. The listed hike distance is for round trip. The listed hike pace is moderate, but I will be slow going down. If planning to attend, please send me an email so that I will look out for you.</p>
Aug 7 Mon	<p>Evening Indoor Rock Climbing - The Front – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at The Front Climbing Club (4140 S Main St, Millcreek, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Frank Bouchard 352-246-5304 fabouchard@gmail.com We're going to be climbing at the Front's South Main location at 6:30. If you don't know me, look for my orange/black UDOT hat and come introduce yourself. We can get you paired up with a climbing buddy and on some routes. I might have buddy passes (free admission) available, just ask. All levels are welcome. Let me know if you are coming.</p>
Aug 8 Tue	<p>Mountain Bike Park City – mod – 15.0 mi Loop – 1,500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Park City Mountain Resort parking lot (Google Map link will appear here) <i>Organizer:</i> Craig Williams 801-598-9291 123golobos@gmail.com The weekly Tuesday night Mountain Bike ride will meet at varying trailheads, riding trails per the organizers' discretion. We offer rides for all skill levels so come on out and ride with us. An email with the specific meeting time, location and ride description will be sent to the wmc-bike list on Monday the day before the ride. To get on the wmc-bike list you must be a WMC member, then: Go to 'Member Menu', click on 'email list subscribe', then click on 'bike'. See you Tuesday !! Let's Roll !!</p>



Aug 8 Tue	Relaxed Pace Evening Hike From Elbow Fork Towards Lamb's Canyon – ntd – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Olympus Cove Park & Ride (3880 Wasatch Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Paige Williams 760-981-5454 paigehw3@gmail.com We'll set a pace that will keep the group together and see how far we can get in one hour.
Aug 8 Tue – Aug 11 Fri	Bryce Canyon Hike And Free Symphony Concert – ntd+ – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Phyllis* Anderson, Bruce Christenson paisnow@comcast.net, b.c.com@hotmail.com We will drive down on Tues. Aug 8 and camp at Red Canyon Campground. All sites are on a first come, first served basis and there is no group site for overnight camping. Sites are \$21 per night and \$9 for an extra car. Depending on arrival times, we may plan a dinner or evening hike. On Wed. Aug. 9 and Thurs Aug. 10, we will hike the Golden Wall trail in Red Canyon one day and in Bryce Canyon the other. Alternate hikes could be organized. On Thurs. night we will go to the free Symphony Concert in the park. We will drive home on Fri., Aug. 11. We have a very limited number of extra tickets, so registration is required.
Aug 9 Wed	Day Hike - Desolation Lake And Dog Lake Loop Via Wasatch Crest Trail – mod – 9.7 mi Loop – 2,365' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Upper Big Water trailhead parking lot at the end of the Millcreek Canyon road. <i>Carpool:</i> 8:30 am at Skyline High School frontage road (3713 Virginia Way, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Paula McFarland 801-657-2818 pmcfarland82@msn.com We'll get out of the city heat and enjoy some nice views and possibly some wildlife. We'll start at the top of Millcreek Canyon at the Old Red Pine Road trailhead. At around 2.5 miles, we'll hit the Wasatch Crest Trail junction. We'll follow that trail for about 1.5 - 2.0 miles until we reach the Desolation Lake trail. We'll then follow the Deso trail down to Desolation Lake where we'll pick up the Big Water trail over to Dog Lake and back down to the trailhead. Bring your 10E's and plenty of water.
Aug 10 Thu	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 8 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.
Aug 11 Fri	Flat Water - Learn To Play Aqua Cross On A Standup Paddle Board Or Kayak <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Deanna Dibella 801-541-4959 deannad630@gmail.com We will bring stand up paddle boards and kayaks to a local reservoir and play a fun game called AquaCross. Each person gets what looks like a lacrosse stick, there is one soft ball and two teams. You can stand on your board or sit on your kayak and we throw the ball to teammates and try to score. There is a floating goal. The game is lots of fun. You will fall off your board. You will laugh a lot. You must have your own SUP board or kayak. We will provide game supplies. Bring lunch, drinks and sunscreen.
Aug 11 Fri – Aug 13 Sun	Car Camp Perseids Meteor Shower Hike Up White Mountain. – msd- – 15.0 mi Out & Back – 3,500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Park and Ride near best buy on 2100 s. And 300 west. <i>Carpool:</i> 6:00 am at 2100 S TRAX Park & Ride (261 W 2100 S Expy, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Joel Winter 385-495-2864 hebrewhammer168453@gmail.com We will camp at ancient bristlecone pine forest in California. The Grandview campground sits at 8500 feet. The next day we will hike from the locked gate to the summit (about 8 miles each way). Even though the hike is on a four wheel drive road, I'm posting it as msd because of the elevation (14,252). We will camp the second night there too. There is a road leading to death valley and I thought it might be fun to do the two extremes in 24 hours for the drive back. It is about 8 hour drive and camping is on a fcfs basis. We will hike on Saturday and drive back Sunday.
Aug 12 Sat	Hike - Mendon Peak & More, Logan – msd- – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Mendon Peak (8,766 ft), three Hawkwatch Peaks - North (8,401 ft), Middle (8,462 ft) & Main (8,585 ft) via Deep Canyon TH near Logan, weather, conditions and situation permitting. I have hiked in the area but not to those peaks. For Mendon Peak - 6 miles RT with 5,400 ft gain (short but steep). Other three peaks are small bumps on the ridgeline (add 3 miles RT for the 3 bumps). Exploratory. Please bring 10 essentials. Those who will do Bull Mt on the next day may camp at the TH for Bull Mt after this hike. Please email before Friday, 12pm, August 11, 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.
Aug 12 Sat – Aug 14 Mon	Mountaineering: Teewinot - Grand Teton National Park – 6.0 mi – 6,000' ascent <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com Plan is to stay two nights at the AAC climber's ranch (Saturday and Sunday). Sunday's plan is to ascend and descend Teewinot in one day. Participants will bring alpine axes and crampons which may or may not be necessary. Participants will wear a helmet to protect from risks including rock fall. Participants will bring a harness in case of difficult terrain or need for quick descent. Organizer will bring a rope and a small trad rack. Please RSVP via email if you are interested. If I have not climbed with you, please tell me about your alpine climbing experience. I will also bring my kayaks or small raft and hope to get a quick float down the gentle section of the Snake just below Jackson Lake dam on Monday. This activity is limited to 6 people and is FULL.



Aug 13 Sun	<p>Day Hike(dog Hike) Jordan Lake In Uintas – mod – 12.0 mi Out & Back – 1,500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 7:30 am at Skyline High School frontage road (3713 Virginia Way, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Chris* Venizelos 801-554-3697 cvenize@xmission.com</p> <p>Join Chris on his annual Uintas hike. This scenic hike is to Jordan Lake in Naturalist Basin. Dogs are welcome! Please register since this is in a Wilderness area. WMC members will have priority. We can also meet hikers in Park City or Kamas. After the hike, we will get a bite to eat in Kamas or Oakley. Plan on being back in Salt Lake about 7:00pm. Note - allow a little extra time to get to the Meeting Place below as 39th South under I-215 is closed due to construction; the good news is the Google Map link in the Meeting Place will correctly route you around it.</p>
Aug 13 Sun	<p>Hike - Bull Mt, Box Elder Cohp (& Optional Car Camp) – mod+ – 11.0 mi – 3,587' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to hike to Bull Mountain (9,934 ft) - the Box Elder County High Point and the highest peak in the Raft River Mountain Range, weather, conditions and situation permitting. We may continue to a nearby peak - Dunn Benchmark (9,925 ft). The distance and elevation gain below is for Bull Mt only. Class 2 scrambles. Please bring 10 essentials. Exploratory. Some participants may camp out at the TH - FF-based free campground that has toilets but does not have any other amenities - because it's a long drive, approximately 2.5 hours one way from SLC. The last part to the TH may require a high clearance vehicle. Please email before Friday, 12pm, August 11, 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.</p>
Aug 14 Mon	<p>Evening Indoor Rock Climbing - The Front – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at The Front Climbing Club (4140 S Main St, Millcreek, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Frank Bouchard 352-246-5304 fabouchard@gmail.com</p> <p>We're going to be climbing at the Front's South Main location at 6:30. If you don't know me, look for my orange/black UDOT hat and come introduce yourself. We can get you paired up with a climbing buddy and on some routes. I might have buddy passes (free admission) available, just ask. All levels are welcome. Let me know if you are coming.</p>
Aug 15 Tue	<p>Mountain Bike Park City – mod – 15.0 mi Loop – 1,500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Park City Mountain Resort parking lot (Google Map link will appear here) <i>Organizer:</i> Craig Williams 801-598-9291 123golobos@gmail.com</p> <p>The weekly Tuesday night Mountain Bike ride will meet at varying trailheads, riding trails per the organizers' discretion. We offer rides for all skill levels so come on out and ride with us. An email with the specific meeting time, location and ride description will be sent to the wmc-bike list on Monday the day before the ride. To get on the wmc-bike list you must be a WMC member, then: Go to 'Member Menu', click on 'email list subscribe', then click on 'bike'. See you Tuesday !! Let's Roll !!</p>
Aug 15 Tue	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 8 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Aug 15 Tue	<p>Evening Hike To Donut Falls – ntd – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Meet by the restrooms at the crossing light at the entrance to Cardiff Fork <i>Organizer:</i> Paige Williams 760-981-5454 paigehw3@gmail.com</p> <p>This is a nice short evening hike, and hopefully a lot less crowded than when we tried to do it on a weekend! There's a little bit of a down climb, and a hand line has been set up for assistance if needed.</p>
Aug 17 Thu	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 8 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Aug 17 Thu	<p>Evening Hike - Blood Lake – ntd+ – Loop – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Big Cottonwood Canyon P&R (3865 Big Cottonwood Cyn Rd, Cottonwood Heights, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>Prompt 5:45 departure for carpooling from the far west end of the Big Cottonwood Canyon Park n Ride, or meet a bit later at the new parking area on the Summit County side of Guardsman Pass.</p>
Aug 18 Fri – Aug 28 Mon	<p>Yellowstone Car Camp – ntd+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Michael* Budig 801-403-7677 mlbudig@gmail.com</p> <p>There has been a change in the reservation system for car camping in Yellowstone which allowed us to reserve sites up to a year in advance. So, this trip was listed in October of 2022 to encourage people to get campsites in order to join the trip. By now, I am sure there will be no reservations available unless you can snag a cancellation. You need to reserve your own campsite to come on this activity. Reservations for these campgrounds must be made through Xanterra. So, for 2023, I went ahead and reserved campsites at Grant Village for August 18-21, Canyon Village for Aug 21- 25 and Madison for Aug 25-28. Let me know if you are interested in joining- but you will need to reserve your own campsite. When I made my reservations, my campsite numbers were not revealed. If you have questions, please email or text me.</p>



Aug 18 Fri – Aug 20 Sun	<p>White Water Beginner Trip – class III – 8.0 mi <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Luke Johnson 801-755-7575 huckleberry78360@gmail.com *****This trip has been postponed. Stay tuned for updates***** 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, cook your meals) 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-Gray Canyon. That's the stretch of the Green River that's just North of the town of Green River. It's the last part of a Desolation river trip. We will be camping in Green River at the State park at a group site. For information, contact Luke Johnson: huckleberry78360@gmail.com or Kay Tran: ktranvt@comcast.net.</p>
Aug 19 Sat	<p>Day Hike - Hike Park City And Pearl Izumi Buy Event – ntd – 4.0 mi Loop – 500' ascent – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Meet in front of the Pearl Izumi store (they don't open until 10:00 a.m.), 6699 North Landmark Drive, K-150, Park City, in “The Outlets Park City”. Bring your credit card or cash for post-hike shopping ;-))!! <i>Organizer:</i> Paula McFarland 801-657-2818 pmcfarland82@msn.com Let's get out and enjoy a leisurely hike this morning and save some of our energy for shopping afterwards. We'll meet in front of the Pearl Izumi store and head out from there, walking to the Overland trailhead and onto the RTS trail. Since this trail system is exploratory for the organizer, we'll pick and choose trails to make a nice loop depending on the group. Once we end up back at the Pearl Izumi store, WMC members will be rewarded with a 30% merchandise discount, rather than the standard 15%. While Pearl Izumi specializes in biking, there are a lot of crossover items with hiking such as inclement weather clothing, so this will be a great opportunity to update some of your hiking gear. Registration isn't required, but please send me an email to let me know you're coming. I hope to see you there!</p>
Aug 20 Sun	<p>Hike - Mt Superior & Monte Cristo Via Alta – msd- – 6.0 mi – 3,255' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to bag Mt Superior (11,040 ft) and Monte Cristo (11,132 ft) via Alta, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Class 2-3 scrambles. Please bring 10 Es. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, August 18, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Aug 21 Mon	<p>Wmc Blood Drive, Red Cross 1:00 – 7:00 Pm August 21, 2023 - Monday <i>Meet:</i> 1:00 pm at American Red Cross, Cottonwood Room (6616 S 900 E, Murray, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Anthony Hellman 801-809-6133 utahhomes4us@gmail.com 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”. The critical need drives us “Onward and Upward” to reach 1000 pints by end of 2023.</p>
Aug 21 Mon	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Aug 21 Mon	<p>Evening Indoor Rock Climbing - The Front – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at The Front Climbing Club (4140 S Main St, Millcreek, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Frank Bouchard 352-246-5304 fabouchard@gmail.com We're going to be climbing at the Front's South Main location at 6:30. If you don't know me, look for my orange/black UDOT hat and come introduce yourself. We can get you paired up with a climbing buddy and on some routes. I might have buddy passes (free admission) available, just ask. All levels are welcome. Let me know if you are coming.</p>
Aug 22 Tue	<p>Mountain Bike Park City – mod – 15.0 mi Loop – 1,500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Park City Mountain Resort parking lot (Google Map link will appear here) <i>Organizer:</i> Craig Williams 801-598-9291 123golobos@gmail.com The weekly Tuesday night Mountain Bike ride will meet at varying trailheads, riding trails per the organizers' discretion. We offer rides for all skill levels so come on out and ride with us. An email with the specific meeting time, location and ride description will be sent to the wmc-bike list on Monday the day before the ride. To get on the wmc-bike list you must be a WMC member, then: Go to 'Member Menu', click on 'email list subscribe', then click on 'bike'. See you Tuesday !! Let's Roll !!</p>
Aug 22 Tue	<p>Relaxed Pace Evening Hike In Upper Millcreek – ntd – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Olympus Cove Park & Ride (3880 Wasatch Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Paige Williams 760-981-5454 paigehw3@gmail.com Hopefully we can start our hike from the upper parking lot, but parking will dictate which hike we do. Let's meet at the UTA park-and-ride to minimize the number of vehicles we take up the canyon.</p>



Aug 23 Wed	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Aug 24 Thu	<p>Brighton Lakes Evening Workout Hike – mod- – Loop – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at 6200 South Park & Ride (6520 Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Silver Lake to Twin Lakes to Solitude Lake back to Silver Lake. Prompt 5:45 departure from the BCC P&R.</p>
Aug 25 Fri	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Aug 26 Sat	<p>Hike – Currant Creek Peak, Heber City – mod+ – 8.4 mi – 2,616' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Currant Creek Peak (10,554 ft) in Heber City, weather, conditions and situation permitting. There is a trail all the way to the peaks. I have hiked in the area but not to the peak. Exploratory. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Friday, 12pm, August 25, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Aug 26 Sat	<p>Social – Storm Mountain Potluck <i>Meet:</i> 1:00 pm at Storm Mountain Day Use Area is just 3 miles up Big Cottonwood Canyon. We will meet at Storm Mountain group site G1. Paid parking is available inside the gates, but you can park for free along the main road and nearby parking areas. <i>Organizer:</i> Debbie Olson, Nina Shah socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org Come join us in Big Cottonwood Canyon at Storm Mountain picnic area for a Potluck Social to start at 1pm. Meet members and share your passions for the outdoors. Hamburgers will be provided, hot off the grill. Also bring a dish to share with the group. There will be multiple sport activities prior to the social/potluck posted on the calendar. **Please RSVP so we can get a rough head count** Hope to see you there!</p>
Aug 26 Sat	<p>Pre-social Hike To The Old Mule Hollow Mines – mod – 3.0 mi Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:30 am at Hike will begin at the mouth of Mule Hollow. Pass Storm Mountain, cross the bridge, then immediately pull into the dirt parking area on the left. <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com It's been years and years since I've been up Mule Hollow. This is a short but steep hike, gaining over 1,000-feet per mile. We'll explore the area to see how high up we can go and what remnants we can find. Following the hike, we'll hop on over to the Storm Mountain picnic area to join the social.</p>
Aug 26 Sat	<p>Day Hike – Pre-social Hike With A Ranger – ntd – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 1,000' ascent – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Paula McFarland 801-657-2818 pmcfarland82@msn.com Matt Hales from the U.S. Forest Service will lead our pre-social hike today. As we hike along, Matt will educate us with general history, plant names, and wildlife information. This promises to be a memorable interpretive hike for those interested in learning more about our Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest. Mileage and vertical gain are estimates. Details will be provided to registered members closer to the day of the hike.</p>
Aug 26 Sat	<p>Pre-storm Mountain Social Mountain Bike Ride – mod+ – 15.0 mi Loop – 1,500' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:45 am at Let's meet at the parking lot at Solitude Mountain ski area in front of the Moonbeam Lodge at 9:45am and be ready to ride by 10 am. <i>Organizer:</i> Craig* Williams 801-598-9291 123golobos@gmail.com Hey Mountain Bikers ! Let's meet at the parking lot at Solitude Mountain in Big Cottonwood Canyon in front of The Moonbeam Lodge there at the base at 9:45am and be ready to ride by 10:00 am. We will ride the Solitude MTB Trails for a couple of hours, then head back down the canyon to Storm Mountain Picnic area where the WMC is holding a Potluck Social at 1pm. See the separate WMC Calendar post for more details on the Social. Stay tuned for a wmc-bike email prior to this ride date for more details. We will try to have rides for all skill levels, but stay tuned for the wmc-bike email.</p>
Aug 27 Sun	<p>Pink Flamingo Party <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Dick and Cindy Smith's home (9479 Granite Trail Ln, Sandy, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Kay Tran and Luke Johnson ktranvt@comcast.net, huckleberry78360@gmail.com Join us for Boating's annual Pink Flamingo Party. Wear pink and remember that outrageous costumes are encouraged. Potluck, BYOB, plates, utensils, cups, and a chair.</p>

More activities will likely be added to the on-line calendar. Check wasatchmountainclub.org/calendar for updates, and join the activity email list for short notice postings.



Aug 27 Sun	<p>Hike - Gold Ridge, Farmington - mod+ - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to hike to Gold Ridge (8396 ft) in Farmington, weather, conditions and situation permitting. There is a trail all the way to the peaks. I have hiked in the area but not to the peak. There are several possible routes to get to the peak. The specific route will be determined when it gets closer. The distance and elevation gain will depend on which route we will take. But expect 8-10 miles RT with 1,500-2,000 ft gain. Exploratory. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Friday, 12pm, August 25, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Aug 28 Mon	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek - ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Aug 28 Mon	<p>Evening Indoor Rock Climbing - The Front - ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at The Front Climbing Club (4140 S Main St, Millcreek, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Frank Bouchard 352-246-5304 fabouchard@gmail.com</p> <p>We're going to be climbing at the Front's South Main location at 6:30. If you don't know me, look for my orange/black UDOT hat and come introduce yourself. We can get you paired up with a climbing buddy and on some routes. I might have buddy passes (free admission) available, just ask. All levels are welcome. Let me know if you are coming.</p>
Aug 29 Tue	<p>Mountain Bike Park City - mod - 15.0 mi Loop - 1,500' ascent - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Park City Mountain Resort parking lot (Google Map link will appear here) <i>Organizer:</i> Craig Williams 801-598-9291 123golobos@gmail.com</p> <p>The weekly Tuesday night Mountain Bike ride will meet at varying trailheads, riding trails per the organizers' discretion. We offer rides for all skill levels so come on out and ride with us. An email with the specific meeting time, location and ride description will be sent to the wmc-bike list on Monday the day before the ride. To get on the wmc-bike list you must be a WMC member, then: Go to 'Member Menu', click on 'email list subscribe', then click on 'bike'. See you Tuesday !! Let's Roll !!</p>
Aug 29 Tue	<p>Relaxed Pace Alta Area Evening Hike - ntd - Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Little Cottonwood Canyon P&R (4385 Little Cottonwood Cyn Rd, Sandy, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Paige Williams 760-981-5454 paigehw3@gmail.com</p> <p>Maybe towards Catherine's Pass.</p>
Aug 30 Wed	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek - ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Aug 31 Thu	<p>Evening Hike To (or Towards) Scott's Peak. - mod- - Out & Back - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at 6200 South Park & Ride (6520 Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>Hike above the Mickey Mouse mine dump and see if we can make the peak. 5:45 departure from the BCC P&R.</p>
Sep 1 Fri	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek - ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me.</p>
Sep 1 Fri - Sep 4 Mon	<p>Boulder Open House Car Camp - mod <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> John & Martha Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com</p> <p>John and Martha are inviting WMC members to car camp at their place in Boulder and do bird watching, day hikes, or canyoneering in the local area over Labor Day weekend. Soft limit of 12. Contact organizer for logistics email.</p>
Sep 2 Sat	<p>Hike - Lamotte Peak, High Uintas (& Optional Car Camp) - msd- - 12.3 mi - 4,259' ascent - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to hike to LaMotte Peak (12,720 ft) in the High Uintas, weather, conditions and situation permitting. We will take the most popular route with some very steep sections. Class 2 scrambles. Please bring 10 essentials. Exploratory. Some participants may camp out near the TH because it's a long drive, approximately 2 hours one way from SLC. I reserved a nearby campsite for Friday night and Saturday night (Sunday night will be FF based). Those who will camp will share the cost for the campsite. If there are eight people who want to camp, \$3.25 per person/ night plus \$5 per car per night. The individual share will be different if there are fewer than eight people who want to camp. Please email before Thursday, 6 pm, August 31, 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.</p>



Sep 3 Sun	<p>Hike - In-bounds Peak And/or Deadman Mt, High Uintas (& Optional Car Camp) – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to hike to In-Bounds Peak (10,959 ft) and/or Deadman Mt (10,747 ft) in the High Uintas, weather, conditions and situation permitting. If we do both peaks, the distance will be 14.8 miles RT with 1,639 ft gain. Class 2 scrambles. Please bring 10 essentials. Exploratory. Some participants may camp out near the TH because it's a long drive, approximately 2 hours one way from SLC. I reserved a nearby campsite for Friday night and Saturday night (Sunday night will be FF based). Those who will camp will share the cost for the campsite. If there are eight people who want to camp, \$3.25 per person/ night plus \$5 per car per night. The individual share will be different if there are fewer than eight people who want to camp. Please email before Thursday, 6 pm, August 31, 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.</p>
Sep 5 Tue	<p>Mountain Bike Park City – mod – 15.0 mi Loop – 1,500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Park City Mountain Resort parking lot (Google Map link will appear here) <i>Organizer:</i> Craig Williams 801-598-9291 123golobos@gmail.com</p> <p>The weekly Tuesday night Mountain Bike ride will meet at varying trailheads, riding trails per the organizers' discretion. We offer rides for all skill levels so come on out and ride with us. An email with the specific meeting time, location and ride description will be sent to the wmc-bike list on Monday the day before the ride. To get on the wmc-bike list you must be a WMC member, then: Go to 'Member Menu', click on 'email list subscribe', then click on 'bike'. See you Tuesday !! Let's Roll !!</p>
Sep 8 Fri – Sep 10 Sun	<p>Hike & Car Camp - Borah Peak, Id – ext – 7.0 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 Borah Peak (12,662 ft), which is the highest mountain in Idaho, weather, conditions and situation permitting. We will take the most popular route, the Chicken-Out Ridge route. All participants must have experience in class 3 scrambling (e.g. Sundial, Devil's Castle). Participants must be able to do class 3 scrambling without significant assistance from other hikers at moderate pace (not slow pace). Depending on pace and conditions, the hike may take 8-12 hours. That said, participants must have excellent stamina. Please bring 10 Es. Helmets required. Without snow, the route does not require climbing gear. Exploratory. 4.5 hour drive from SLC to the TH. We plan to camp out Friday and Saturday nights. But some participants may want to camp one of the nights, or do a day trip. Registration is required. Participants not known to the organizer will need to provide evidence of having relevant experience. Please email before Thursday, 6 pm, September 7, for the meeting place and time. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Sep 10 Sun	<p>Newcomer/old-timer Party, Presentations, And Membership Meeting <i>Meet:</i> 3:00 pm at Wasatch Mountain Lodge (8465 S Mary Lake Lane, Brighton, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> WMC Board-and-Coordiators Info@wasatchmountainclub.org</p> <p>Enjoy a morning activity in the Brighton area, then join fellow club members at the lodge for our annual Older timer/ newcomer party and fall membership meeting. Brats and burgers on us. Bring your own meal or a dish to share if you would like. We'll cover basic club business, the 100-year photo panels and other special club materials will be on display, and we will have club merch on hand for donations to the WMC scholarship endowment. Submit your documentation of 100 calendared WMC activities within the eligibility time frame to info@wasatchmountainclub.org, and more WMC Activity Jackets will be handed out!</p>
Sep 10 Sun	<p>Day Hike Brighton Ridge Run – msd – 10.0 mi Loop – 4,000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Alpine Rose Lodge Patio at Brighton <i>Organizer:</i> Brad* Yates 801-592-5814 bnyslc@earthlink.net</p> <p>Clayton to Millicent, Prior to the Old timers New comers and Membership Meeting we will do this club classic. This is about 50-50 trail and trail less with minor scrambling and boulder hoping, pace will be Mod +. The plan is to finish just before the party, otherwise we will have to help set up! If you plan on sticking around for the other activities it is a pot luck.</p>
Sep 11 Mon – Sep 19 Tue	<p>White Water Rafting The Main Salmon, Id – class IV – 90.0 mi <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 am at Boat Shed - 4340 S 300 W (4340 Commerce Dr, Murray, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Lynn McAdams 801-232-8060 lynnmcadams@me.com</p> <p>This will be an 8 day trip with some big rapids. I have floated this trip 10+ times and know the river well. The river is beautiful and challenging. We will put in at Corn Creek or Cashe Bar and takeout at Spring Bar. We will need to stay in a motel on the way home as it is a longer distance than going there.</p>
Sep 12 Tue	<p>Mountain Bike Park City – mod – 15.0 mi Loop – 1,500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Park City Mountain Resort parking lot (Google Map link will appear here) <i>Organizer:</i> Craig Williams 801-598-9291 123golobos@gmail.com</p> <p>The weekly Tuesday night Mountain Bike ride will meet at varying trailheads, riding trails per the organizers' discretion. We offer rides for all skill levels so come on out and ride with us. An email with the specific meeting time, location and ride description will be sent to the wmc-bike list on Monday the day before the ride. To get on the wmc-bike list you must be a WMC member, then: Go to 'Member Menu', click on 'email list subscribe', then click on 'bike'. See you Tuesday !! Let's Roll !!</p>



Sep 14 Thu – Sep 19 Tue	<p>Yellowstone Backpack – mod – 41.0 mi Shuttle – 2,900' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Michael* Budig 801-403-7677 mlbudig@gmail.com</p> <p>This will be a moderate 5-day backpack, starting in Lamar Valley and following the Lamar River for about 17 miles before turning off for Frost Lake. We will then head up to the pass near the lake and then follow the drainage south along the North Fork of the Shoshone River to the exit trailhead at Pahaska Tepee. We will have to shuttle vehicles. So we will leave for Yellowstone in the morning of September 14 and camp that night at canyon Village allowing an early morning start to our hike on September 15. We will finish the 41 mile backpack on September 19 and get home either on September 19 or on September 20.</p>
Sep 15 Fri – Sep 17 Sun	<p>Sphinx Mountain, Montana, Car Camp And Hike – msd – 13.0 mi Out & Back – 4,500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Dennis Goreham 801-550-5169 dgoreham@gmail.com</p> <p>Let's go do the Sphinx (10,876 feet) and probably add in the Helmet. These peaks are near Ennis, Montana, about 360 miles from SLC. The Sphinx is about 12 miles round trip and about 4,000 feet elevation gain. To add on the Helmet only adds about another mile and 500 more feet of gain. This is a very steep hike with a bunch of scrambling. This is also Grizzly bear country so be prepared. Plan to drive up on Friday, hike on Saturday, head home on Sunday. We'll meet at the undeveloped Bear Creek campground (outhouse only). Must register with me at my email - no texts please. More details will be distributed later to registrants. Limit of 8. Contact Dennis if you have any questions.</p>
Sep 17 Sun	<p>Hike - Thorpe Hills Hp & 3 Bumps (& Maybe More) 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 - and maybe more near Eagle Mountain, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring 10 Es. The route involves off-trail and some steep sections. Exploratory. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, September 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.</p>
Sep 19 Tue	<p>Mountain Bike Park City – mod – 15.0 mi Loop – 1,500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Park City Mountain Resort parking lot (Google Map link will appear here) <i>Organizer:</i> Craig Williams 801-598-9291 123golobos@gmail.com</p> <p>The weekly Tuesday night Mountain Bike ride will meet at varying trailheads, riding trails per the organizers' discretion. We offer rides for all skill levels so come on out and ride with us. An email with the specific meeting time, location and ride description will be sent to the wmc-bike list on Monday the day before the ride. To get on the wmc-bike list you must be a WMC member, then: Go to 'Member Menu', click on 'email list subscribe', then click on 'bike'. See you Tuesday !! Let's Roll !!</p>
Sep 24 Sun – Oct 3 Tue	<p>Flat Water-green River Thru Uinta Basin – flat water – 103.0 mi – 165' ascent <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Bob Cady 801-274-0250 rcady@xmission.com</p> <p>I did the GRUB a few years ago, and decided to do it again. Eight days on the river (plus one day on each end for travel); camping on sand bars, watching migratory birds fly overhead, occasional elk herds crossing the river, and cottonwoods changing color. The river goes through open country until the last two days when it enters Desolation Canyon.</p>
Sep 26 Tue	<p>Mountain Bike Park City – mod – 15.0 mi Loop – 1,500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:15 pm at Park City Mountain Resort parking lot (Google Map link will appear here) <i>Organizer:</i> Craig Williams 801-598-9291 123golobos@gmail.com</p> <p>The weekly Tuesday night Mountain Bike ride will meet at varying trailheads, riding trails per the organizers' discretion. We offer rides for all skill levels so come on out and ride with us. An email with the specific meeting time, location and ride description will be sent to the wmc-bike list on Monday the day before the ride. To get on the wmc-bike list you must be a WMC member, then: Go to 'Member Menu', click on 'email list subscribe', then click on 'bike'. See you Tuesday !! Let's Roll !!</p>
Sep 30 Sat – Oct 4 Wed	<p>Canyonlands Maze District Car Camp – mod+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> John* Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com</p> <p>My spring Maze trip was cancelled due to impassable roads so I will try again. We have vehicle site reservations at The Neck, Maze Overlook, and Golden Stairs. Plenty of hiking opportunities.</p>
Oct 6 Fri – Oct 8 Sun	<p>Hike & Car Camp - Mt Elliot & More – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to summit Mt Elliot (7,142 ft), the high point of the Book Cliffs region, near Price and Green River as well as some other peaks in the area. A Mt Elliot hike will be 16 miles RT with 2,842 ft gain with an SUV/ car. With Kathleen's UTV and maybe high clearance trucks, it can be shorter. We will explore some other peaks in the area. We will camp at the end of the road (no fee, no reservation required). The planned schedule is: Oct 6 Fri Road trip; Oct 7 Sat Mt Elliot (& more peaks such as Elliot Mesa if we have time); and Oct 8 Sun Short hike & Road trip. The plan may change depending on weather and conditions. This hike will be exploratory. Registration required. Partial participation is fine. WMC members only.</p>



Oct 6 Fri – Oct 8 Sun	<p>Antelope Island Multi-activity Event <i>Meet:</i> 5:00 pm at See calendar for the various activities. If camping, arrive at the island any time. <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>Join us for the day, or reserve a campsite and stay a night or two. Come hike, paddle (??), or peddle on Antelope Island. See the WMC calendar for the variety of activities to choose from. After a great day of WMC activities, gather at and around Campsite BB10 and BB11 at Bridger Bay Campground for some Saturday afternoon socializing. THERE IS A \$10 ENTRANCE FEE TO THE PARK. EACH PARTICIPANT/CAR IS INDEPENDENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENTRANCE FEE.</p>
Oct 7 Sat	<p>Antelope Island Multi-activity Social <i>Meet:</i> 3:00 pm at Bridger Bay campground, Antelope Island State Park; Campsite BB10 <i>Organizer:</i> Debbie Olsen, Nina Shah socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org</p> <p>Join us for the day, or reserve a campsite and stay a night or two. Come hike, paddle (??), or peddle on Antelope Island. After a great day of WMC activities, gather at and around Campsite BB10 at Bridger Bay Campground for some socializing. We'll have hot dogs on the grill. Bring your favorite picnic goodies to share. THERE IS A \$10 ENTRANCE FEE TO THE PARK. EACH PARTICIPANT/CAR IS INDEPENDENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENTRANCE FEE.</p>
Nov 4 Sat	<p>Trip Organizer And Volunteer Appreciation Dinner <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Location will be on your invitation <i>Organizer:</i> Nina Shah, Debbie Olsen socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org</p> <p>Annual Trip Organizers and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Raffle. This invitation-only event is our way of saying thank you to all those who organized 2 activities or 1 multi-day activity, or volunteered in another capacity within the last 12 months. Most of the invitations will be going out via email in October, so if you think you qualify and you don't see that invite, check your spam, then follow up with your respective activity director. Social hour 6:00, dinner/awards at 7:00 pm. Raffle prizes for all in attendance. You don't want to miss this event.</p>
Dec 27 Wed – Jan 4 Thu	<p>Mountaineering - Pico De Orizaba & Iztaccihuatl, Mexico – ext <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>Pico De Orizaba, Mexico (18,491 ft) is the third highest peak in North America. We will also climb Iztaccihuatl (17159 ft), the third highest peak in Mexico. Due to the complexity of the trip logistics, we will have a local company that will help us the trip logistics and route finding. Participants must 1) have excellent physical condition with previous mountaineering experience (rope travel, glacier travel, the use of crampons, and ice axe arrest); 2) have no history of altitude sickness at 14k peaks (We will do a short acclimatization hike before Orizaba); and 3) be willing to buy/rent required individual gear if necessary. The estimated cost for the local company is \$1,300 that includes meals, lodging, local transportation, and guide services (does not include tax, tips, some fees). The additional cost will be for international flights, travel insurance, hotel in Mexico City (one night), etc. If interested, please contact the organizer with a description of your fitness level and your climbing resume and to receive more detailed information. WMC members only.</p>
Mar 2 Sat – Mar 5 Tue	<p>Mountaineering - Mt St Helens, WA – msd <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to do a day climb to Mt Saint Helens (8,333 ft), one of the Washington's volcanoes. We will have a snowshoe group and a ski group, though a snowshoe group may not need to use snowshoes. Trip schedule: fly out/road trip on Saturday March 3, climb on Sunday March 4 or Monday March 5, fly back/road trip on Tuesday March 6. This is non-technical mountaineering. But participants must: 1) have excellent stamina (especially if you are in a snowshoe group) for 12 miles RT with 5500 ft gain on snow in one day; 2) be willing to buy/rent/lend required individual gear if necessary; and 3) have at least basic mountaineering skills (e.g. how to use crampons, ice axe etc.). For more details, please contact the organizer (please include your current fitness level and snowshoe/ski/mountaineering experience). Limit 10. WMC members only. Note (3/8/23): The dates are tentative. But it will be approximately at that time.</p>
Mar 5 Tue – Mar 11 Mon	<p>San Ignacio Lagoon Camp And Whale Trip <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>I'm putting together another group to join me for one of my favorite adventures. I've done this trip several times with family, friends, and fellow WMC members. We just have to get to the Hacienda Hotel in old town San Diego. The Pure Baja Travels team takes full care of us from there. The San Ignacio World Heritage Biosphere Reserve is Latin America's largest wildlife sanctuary, and is located about half way down the Pacific side of the Baja Peninsula.</p> <p>San Ignacio Lagoon is one of only two undeveloped nursery and breeding grounds of the Pacific gray whale worldwide. I choose this particular time of year because the lagoon has 200 or so mama, baby, and juvenile whales that very interested in and interactive with we humans :-). This is NOT whale "watching", this is a whale experience! This is a very remote and rugged area. There are only about a half a dozen outfitter/camps at the edges of this lagoon, some more glampy than others. I always go to the same place with the same naturalist, Jose Sanchez. The Pure Baja Travels cost is about \$3,500/person and is all inclusive from the time we are picked up in San Diego until we are returned to San Diego. Let me know if you were interested and I will put you in direct contact with the owner to secure your spot. Give me a call or drop me an email if you have questions.</p>

More activities will likely be added to the on-line calendar. Check wasatchmountainclub.org/calendar for updates, and join the activity email list for short notice postings.





In Memoriam **Aaron Jones**

November 28, 1950 - June 12, 2023



Aaron passed peacefully on June 12, 2023, after a long battle with cancer.

He is survived by his brother Gerard, his niece Cynthia and his partner Maria.

He was an enthusiastic hiker and traveler. He loved the outdoors, and was active in the Wasatch Mountain Club and the Sierra Club, making frequent trips with new and old friends from both clubs. He was also a voracious learner, taking numerous courses at the U of U Department of Continuing Education.

We are thankful to the nurses and staff of Bristol Hospice and Highland Care Center for their efforts to make his last weeks tranquil and pain-free.

There is a nice video tribute to Aaron on the Starks Funeral website:

http://starksfuneral.com/obituary/3350-op0w0kcuhk?fbclid=IwAR1Oxr8Vu23NCF2lMP3zZbFVTI_9QfhwvyhbcnbMRaHVnPeM-sDP46rZsII

A few of Aaron's closet friends shared their fond memories of WMC adventures:

In Memory of Aaron Jones

My first camping trip with the WMC was Aaron's trip to Frisco Peak in 1986. I believe that Aaron gave me my second required signature on my WMC membership form. Aaron was fun to be around and he visited interesting places, particularly in the West Desert; I went on many trips with him in those days. Aaron introduced me to the Deep Creek Mountains, my favorite range in Utah. Aaron and I summited Indian Peak from the south, just the two of us. I remember that he would sometimes bring bottles of champagne for the group on camping trips.

Later I started doing my own trips and Aaron came on many of those trips. I was there when he broke his leg at the top of the Black Box of the San Rafael River, and I was grateful when he was there to help carry Jerry Hatch's litter to the rescue chopper on Notch Peak. He always had fantastic stories and I enjoyed hearing about his broad interests in life. I'll miss him and the Club will miss him.

- Donn Seeley

Tom has been on Aaron's car camps and enjoyed them so much, he took the family on duplicate trips. This past March Aaron invited us to share his camp at Death Valley with the club. I wasn't able to go, but our grandson went with Tom. Aaron really put in great effort to help Kai enjoy this experience. He's been a thoughtful friend!!!

- Edith Mitko



The California Series - A Memorial for Aaron Jones

Aaron Jones did a lot for the Wasatch Mountain Club but what I think that he was proudest of were the four car camps that he led in California between 2016 and 2022. They were among the last activities that he led for the club, and having been on all four of them I can testify to the adventure and the sheer wondrousness of all of them.

The first in September of 2016 was only briefly a visit to Pinnacles National Park, above the Salinas Valley near Soledad. The real destination, however, was Big Sur — and this had initially seemed a problem, since the Soberanes fire had closed all the hiking areas to the east of Highway 1, which meant that essentially the only places we had to hike were the beaches. As it turned out, that ended up being just fine, since the beaches were geologically spectacular areas set before the restless beauty of the Pacific. The two grandest were Point Lobos near Carmel, which was pleasantly uncrowded on our visit, and Montana de Oro State Park near Morro Bay where great surging troughs of sea water race between multi-hued natural jetties of rock; the sheer exotic strangeness and beauty of it was something I could never have imagined might exist.

We also did a single museum visit on the trip, Hearst Castle — which proved, as the saying goes, “nothing succeeds like excess.” The trip was also unusual in a grim sort of way — it was the only one of the California Series where Aaron was unblighted by cancer. On the way home we’d stopped at Iosepa where Aaron had told me that he’d hoped to continue hiking until he was ninety-five. (I’d laughed and said, “Good luck on that!”)

The next trip to Sequoia N.P. in September of 2017 would be different. By then the cancer (which had initially been misdiagnosed as a non-cancerous xanthous granuloma, and looked like a shrapnel wound on Aaron’s upper left arm) was causing Aaron a lot of pain. The longest hike that we did on the trip was to Emerald Lake via the Watchtower Trail; the views down into the fractured rock slabs of the Kaweah Valley, with the cracks filled with great rushes of surging water, were as magnificent an alpine vista as I can ever remember seeing. However the pleasure of the hike was vitiated by the realization that Aaron wasn’t going to be able to make it to the lake. (Happily Bob Grant stayed with Aaron at Heather Lake so that the rest of us could carry on.)

My other memory of the trip was of the insane tumult at the Kings Canyon River. There had been an incredible snowpack in the Sierra Nevada that year, and it seemed that the drought in California might be over. We had jokingly speculated about what class of rapids we were looking at, and decided that actually no kind of craft could ever survive in it for even a minute.

At the end of the car camp, we’d gone home on our separate ways, with Aaron and I driving through Yosemite, which I had never seen. Aaron, being in horrid pain, had demanded to know why I was constantly stopping to take pictures. “Because I’ll never see it again!” I’d angrily (and rather selfishly) replied. And yet on the next day, Aaron had felt good enough for us to spend several hours walking around that greatest of western ghost towns, Bodie, California.

The next of Aaron’s national parks was Redwoods, in May of 2018. And this was after Aaron had finally been able to get a correct diagnosis of the cancer (he’d gone to the Mayo Clinic). He’d also gotten some very serious treatments for it, which had included being completely bedridden for a month in St. Joseph’s Villa. However what came out of this was that by May he was in such fine shape that he had absolutely no trouble leading the car camp. Everywhere the group hiked, Aaron hiked with us. I have fine memories of our hiking down to Damnation Beach with its magnificent (and very unusual) arch. I also remember photographing a big herd of sea lions on a sand bar at the mouth of the Klamath River. And I remember the fog gracing the very tops of the giants in the Lady Bird Johnson grove.

However some of the best memories were of the Blue Ox Workshop in Eureka, with its historic tool collection, which was used to create everything from Victorian building details to a replica of Lincoln’s hearse. And afterwards, at Leslie Woods’ suggestion, walking through Eureka, that most Victorian of small California cities, in the rain...



For a moment it had seemed possible that Aaron might have beaten the beast and indeed might be hiking on towards his nineties.

However in 2019 Aaron's health was spotty; he was very strong in the spring, but he declined in the fall. He talked about going to the Channel Islands but I was pretty sure nothing would come of it. Indeed I was pretty sure that there would never be another Aaron Jones-led car camp in California.

But I was wrong. In the spring of 2022, Aaron announced that he wanted to go to Lassen N.P., and eventually I decided that I should go with him, since by summer of the previous year it was obvious that he would certainly need a driver and perhaps a co-leader.

Still, when we set off in late August, four other people had signed up and were slated to meet us at Lassen; and when we got there it was obvious that they were very serious hikers indeed. I decided that Aaron and I should hike alone on the first day, and actually Aaron had no trouble getting to Bumpass Hell or Cold Boiling Lake. However on the next day, Cassie Badowsky, Aaron, and I hiked down to Terrace Lake and Aaron took about an hour and a half to get back up to the car. (Cassie was the soul of patience — I was not.)

The next day being my 'Museum Day', Aaron, Robin Dale, and I went down to Redding (the Turtle Bay Museum) and Shasta Lake (the Boomtown Museum) and to the great Shasta Dam — which all worked out well.

However the next day, Thursday August 4th, was near catastrophic. Aaron and I started hiking around Lake Manzanita at the north end of the park, but when we were about halfway around the lake, Aaron could hike no more. Happily, we were rescued by two very professional and kind park rangers, and were soon back in camp. After that there was really nothing to do but to take Aaron home. The Lassen car camp was to be the last activity that Aaron ever led for the club, and Manzanita Lake the last hike Aaron ever went on with the club...

But you have to understand this: Aaron loved being with the club, and he loved leading activities for the club — and he never, until his health finally completely eroded away, gave up on doing what he loved best.

- Jerry Hatch

Long ago, on a WMC Grand Canyon trip, some of us were staying at the campground at Phantom Ranch. After carrying our forty-pound packs down the eleven-mile trail we just sat and let the sweat dry. Aaron showed up and said, "Who'd like a Margarita?". We were ready to kill for a Margarita. Aaron reached into his pack and took out Tequila, Mix, and ice. A good friend who I'll miss

- Mike Eisenberg





ABOVE LEFT: Aaron hiking in the East Humboldt Range (July 2006)

ABOVE RIGHT: Aaron (seated, center) at Cedar Breaks (August 2021)

BELOW LEFT: Cassie Badowski and Aaron at Lassen N.P. (2023)

BELOW RIGHT: Aaron and Russell Patterson about to cross on a log on the Gold Beach Redwoods Trip





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

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

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

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Mail completed application to:

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50 Years Ago in The Rambler

Transcribed by Donn Seeley

club activities for august 1973 [...]

AUGUST 19 MOUNT SUPERIOR HIKE – El. 11,132 Rating 7.0-11.0
Sunday

An attempt will be made to do this hike from both sides. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 6:30 a.m. Leader: Fran Flowers

AUGUST 31 – LABOR DAY WEEKEND – Cirque of the Towers Mountaineering High
SEPTEMBER 3 Camp. This Wind River trip is becoming a club annual, and it seems we annually get snowed out. But this year Milt guarantees good weather. If it is bad weather, he will cheerfully buy us some beer. Camp will be at not-so-Lonesome Lake in the heart of the spectacular cirque. Many excellent climbs are available. For information and registration call the leader, Milt Hokenson at Timberline Sports [...] between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD

The bus has been sold.

The trail guides are very popular. What's more it is good PR for the club.

AVALANCHE CANYON by Paul Horton

Avalanche Canyon is one of the nicest of Teton Canyons, filled with lakes and waterfalls, and rimmed by impressive peaks. Comparatively few people visit the area because of the long bushwhack required to get into it.

On June 30 we carefully ignored the guide book and spent hours doing the worst possible route up the canyon to our base camp at Lake Taminah. Later that night Ray joined us. He had taken the much longer but brush-free route from Cascade Canyon.

The next day by the time we had gotten up and eaten and admired the scenery, Guy Tombs had joined us, and it was well into the afternoon. Eventually, we got under way. Guy, Renny and Hal went up Mount Wister while Marty and I did Veiled Peak. The glissade back to camp gave plenty of time to see the sunset and watch Guy charge back down to the valley for work the next day.

July 2 brought perfect weather, clear and warm. Marty, Ray and I did Wister via a nice third class snow and rock route. Across the canyon from us Hal and Renny climbed the difficult and seldom done route on the south face of Nez Perce.

We packed up and left the following day, and managed to find a fairly easy way down. After moosewhacking through the swamp we were soon at the car, or should I say bar.

Participants: Ray Daurelle, Guy Tombs, Hal Gribble, Renny Jackson, Marty Snyder and Paul Horton.

[The sale of the bus marked the end of an era in the WMC... Avalanche Canyon still doesn't have an official trail in it. There is supposed to be a use trail now along Taggart Creek that isn't too hard to follow, but the Park Service isn't going to clear the deadfall. – Donn]



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