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Having a great time at the Volunteer / Organizer Appreciation Banquet!!  
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### ON OUR COVER:

WMC members having a wonderful Canyoneering experience on a recent outing!! Exploring Utah's canyons: the perfect way to meet new friends and enhance technical skills

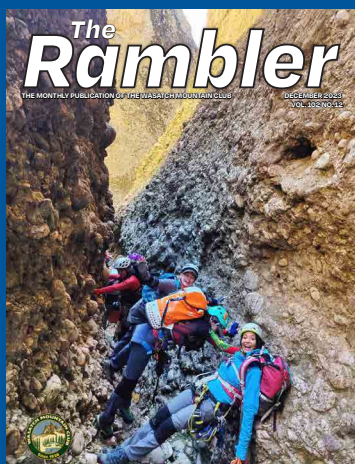


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The Wasatch Mountain Club is an outdoor recreation club for adults dedicated to fostering awareness of the scenic beauties of the Wasatch and encouraging preservation of our natural areas. Club activities include hiking, backcountry skiing, backpacking,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

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# WELCOME

*New & Returning Members*

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Melissa McClendon  
Joshua Beckett  
Camille Yu  
Cris Kapp  
Frank Wilburn  
Mark Stewart  
Rob Lyon  
Albert Cho  
Duane & Lyle Jardinico  
Claudia Bauleth  
Eric List**

**Deanna Larson  
Laura Boren  
Maria Lotina  
Ernest Hardin  
Elijah O'Brien  
Oliver Goldberg  
Michael & Jocelyn Kessler  
Gordon Swenson & Linda Wilburn  
Astrid & Christopher Caruso-Lynch  
Tracy & Scott Green  
Brian & Sheri Perkes**



# Trail Planning News

*by Will McCarvill, Trail Planning Coordinator*

Finally, we will complete our trails views outward from the Central Wasatch by looking to our west.

Trails Utah ([trailsutah.org](http://trailsutah.org)) is a trails advocacy, planning, funding and construction for sustainable outdoor recreation. They participated in many of the local trail projects. Although they do not have interactive trail maps the resource section is a wealth of local, regional, statewide and national information.

Lake Mountain Trails Association ([lakemountaintrails.org](http://lakemountaintrails.org)) is a relatively new organization which aims to serve the trail needs for Eagle Mountain, Sarasota Springs, Fairfield and Cove Fort Communities. Their web site is bereft of trails maps but there are many being planned. Instead of the Forest Service, the BLM manages public lands near these communities.

Trails in Rose, Yellow Fork and Butterfield Canyons are found at [slco.org/parks-recreation/parks-trails/southwest-canyons-trail-network](http://slco.org/parks-recreation/parks-trails/southwest-canyons-trail-network). This new region has been expanding recently.

Nearby, Herriman City is working up a trail network ([Herriman.org/trails](http://Herriman.org/trails)). Motorized vehicles are not permitted on any of Herriman City trails.

Tooele County has some interesting trail options for the west side of the Oquirrh (tooelecountytrails.com) reported in an earlier Rambler article as well as trail offerings out to the Stansbury Mountains. Since this was big time mining country many trailheads are located at old mining towns. How could you not love a county that has Aunt Libby's Dog Cemetery!

Lastly, the Jordan River Trail ([myjordanriver.org](http://myjordanriver.org)) bisects our valley running 45 miles north from Utah Lake to the Great Salt Lake. It runs through many municipalities who have jurisdiction over their segments. In contrast to our mountains and deserts, the trail runs along a riparian area with its own ecology of plants and animals. Go there if you want to see bullock orioles in the summer. By the way, the start of the Jordan River at the end of Utah Lake is called Inlet.





# *Organizer / Volunteer Appreciation Banquet*



*The 2023 Organizer / Volunteer Appreciation Banquet was a huge success!!*

We celebrated those club members who organized at least 2 activities or a multi-day trip, along with many volunteers (Board members, Mt. 'O' Trash Angels, etc..) during the past year.

Additionally, the following awards were presented:

- 1) **2023 Pa Parry Award - Sue Baker**
- 2) **WMC Alexis Kelner Conservation Award - Joanna Wheelton, Cottonwood Canyons Foundation (CCF), Executive Director**
- 3) **Alexis Kelner** - Alexis received a check from Brighton Ski Resort for his series of framed photograph enlargements that have been on display throughout the WMC centennial events. These special photographs will be on permanent display at the Wasatch Mountain Lodge

We enjoyed great company, food, and a wonderful raffle!

Many thanks to **Recreation Outlet, Kuhl, and other outdoor retail vendors** for the wonderful merchandise donations for the raffle!







Dennis Goreham presents Conservation Award to Joanna Wheelton



Julie Kilgore & Sue Baker (Pa Parry Award recipient)





# ***Many Thanks to all the Organizers & Volunteers!!***

Adrienne White  
Akiko Kamimura  
Al Berzinis  
Andrea Thatcher  
Andy Payne  
Angela Vincent  
Anthony Hellman  
Arnie Tran  
Audrey Wussow  
Bob Cady  
Brad Yates  
Brandon Derfler  
Brenda Leitch  
Bret Mathews  
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Cheryl Krusko  
Cheryl Soshnik  
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Christopher Koch  
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Dea Nelson  
Deanna Dibella  
Deb Frank  
Debbie Olsen  
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Dennis Goreham  
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Irene Yuen  
Isaac Munger  
Jim Kucera  
Jim McClave  
Jodene Arakelian  
Joel Winter  
John Veranth  
Julie Kilgore  
Kate Little  
Katherine Thom  
Kathleen Waller  
Kathy Burnham  
Kathy Jones  
Kay Tran  
Keith Markley  
Kerry Regan  
Kristen French  
Kurt Hiland  
L Beth Blattenberger  
Linda George  
Lisa Verzella  
Luke Johnson

Lynn McAdams  
Mac Brubaker  
Mara Green  
Mark Jones  
Mark Grosser  
Mark Maier  
Martha Veranth  
Martin McGregor  
Matthew DeLong  
Merilynn Kessi  
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Michael Budig  
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Paige Williams  
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Paula McFarland  
Ray Daurelle  
Randy Long  
Renae Olsen  
Robert Stuercke  
Robert Turner  
Ronna Cohen  
Russell Patterson  
Ryan Cragun  
Ryan Smith  
Shane Wallace  
Sharon Vinick  
Stanley Chiang

Stephanie Anderson  
Stephen Dennis  
Stephen Pace  
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Joanna Wheelton  
Mark Jones  
Alexis Kelner  
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Ellen Sherk  
Greg Libecchi  
Kim Doyle



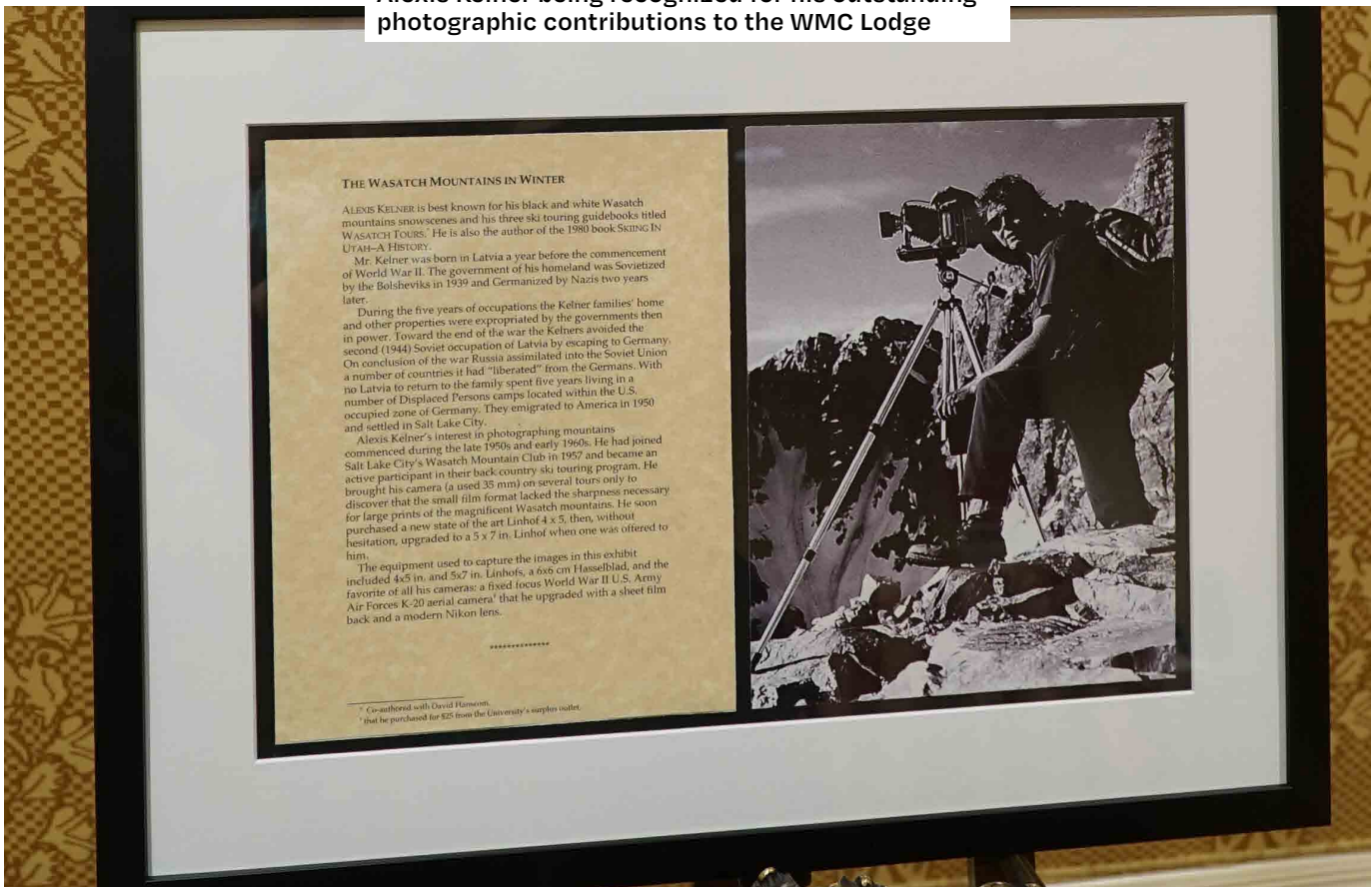








Alexis Kelner being recognized for his outstanding photographic contributions to the WMC Lodge









# 2024 WMC BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATE LIST

The next annual election of the Wasatch Mountain Club Board of Directors will occur at the membership meeting in February 2024. The WMC is a volunteer-run organization including the Board. The candidate list to the right includes the roles to be elected by WMC members at the upcoming membership meeting. Other board roles are appointed by Directors.

The 2024 Nominating Committee members are Petra Brittner, Vince DeSimone, and Barb Gardner. Each year, this committee oversees the annual election of the WMC Board of Directors. Serving on the WMC Board of Directors is a worthwhile and rewarding undertaking.

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

***New candidates and vacant positions are highlighted.***

## Executive Officers

Julie Kilgore	President
Steven Gadd	Secretary
Merilyn Kessi	Co-Treasurer
Elisa Schvaneveldt	Co-Treasurer
Tillman Seeborn	Co-Treasurer

## Administration

Bret Mathews	Information Technology Officer
<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Membership Co-Director</b>
Heidi DeMartis	Membership Co-Director
Dea Nelson	Public Relations Director
<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Publications Director</b>

## Biking

Craig Williams	Biking Co-Director (Mtn. Bike)
Cecil Goodrick	Biking Co-Director

## Boating

Luke Johnson	Boating Co-Director
Kay Tran	Boating Co-Director

## Climbing/Mountaineering

Mark Maier	Climbing / Mountaineering Director
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## Conservation

Dennis Goreham	Conservation Director
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## Hiking

Andy Payne	Hiking Co-Director
Paula McFarland	Hiking Co-Director

## Social

Debbie Olson	Social Co-Director
Nina Shah	Social Co-Director

## Winter Sports

<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Winter Sports Director</b>
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## Trustees

<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Trustee 2024-2029</b>
Will McCarvill	Trustee 2021-2025
Michael Budig	Trustee 2023-2028
John Veranth	Trustee Emeritus
Zig Sondelski	Trustee 2022-2026





# ***WMC Board Nominations Needed***

Nominations are now open for club members in good standing to fill a position on the March 2024 to Feb 2025 year. This is a great opportunity to participate in club leadership and give back to the organization. Many of our current board members are returning for the 2024-2025 year.

The Nominations Committee of Barbara Gardner, Petra Brittner and Vince Desimone are still seeking Director candidates for Publications (RAMBLER), Winter Sports, Trustee, and Membership-Co-director.

The job descriptions for these positions are in the following link. <https://www.wasatchmountainclub.org/bylaws>

**For the Rambler publication**, the current Publication Director/Rambler editor currently uses Adobe Indesign<sup>®</sup> software. However, other software programs (i.e. Microsoft Word<sup>®</sup>, etc.) can be used to design and publish the Rambler. Some knowledge of graphics design and/or newsletter publication is helpful.

**For the Winter Sports Director . . .** The Winter Sports Director is responsible for the overall management of the winter sports program. A skiing and a snowshoeing coordinator may be appointed to assist the director and activity organizers by approving trips and promoting volunteers to organize a winter sport activity. The winter sports program will also promote conservation of our winter wilderness.

**For Membership Co-Director . . .** we are looking for someone who will attend the monthly board meetings and action items proposed at board meetings pertaining to membership. If there is a wish to participate in further membership duties, that can happen!





# Winter Sports Director's Message

*by Steve Duncan, Winter Sports Director*

The Utah Avalanche Center is a valuable resource for the safety of WMC members and thousands of others who enjoy winter backcountry recreation throughout our state. They provide not only daily avalanche forecasts filled with valuable information but have a variety of educational opportunities available through their website: **<https://utahavalanchecenter.org>**.

The Wasatch Mountain Club will be matching donations to the UAC up to \$50 per person and \$1,000 total for the 23/24 season. Just email me a copy of your donation receipt and I'll get it submitted for matching dollars.

## Wasatch Back Snowshoe with Vince

Vince is invites you to snowshoe this winter!!

Meet at 10 am at various locations on Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> and every Tuesday the rest of winter when Vince will again be organizing snowshoe outings to many Wasatch Back locations. We go where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect friendly conversation: you will feel welcome. For meeting location and last-minute details, join the WMC snowshoe e-mail list or check the WMC Calendar. Vince prefers cyberspace for questions and info. E-mail [vincedesimone@yahoo.com](mailto:vincedesimone@yahoo.com) or text: 435 645 9344.





## MEMBER *highlight*

### ***Sue Baker*** - Beloved WMC member & 2023 Pa Parry Award Recipient

*"I have met many wonderful people in the club to laugh and joke with as we socialize on activities"...Sue*

Sue Baker discovered the existence of the Wasatch Mountain Club due to the Monday night hikes in the proximate vicinity of Draper's Corner Canyon, an area geographically adjacent to her residence. The initial enticement stemmed from her personal fondness for Corner Canyon and a burgeoning desire to engage in collective hiking experiences.

Guided by the proficient leadership of Julie Kilgore, whose enthusiasm and knowledge made her want to be more than just a participant in the hikes organized by the club, but an activity coordinator. Sue swiftly transitioned from a solitary hiker to an active member within the confines of the WMC. Approximately eight years ago, a chronological milestone unfurled, corresponding with the point in time when Sue found herself bereft of familial responsibilities, as her children commenced their independent journeys. This newly acquired surplus of leisure time opened avenues for indulging in activities that aligned with her personal preferences.

Her engagement within the WMC transcended mere participation, culminating in the facilitation and coordination of the Monday night hikes—a progression indicative of her love for the club and her constant dedication to help others to embrace the same philosophy. This passion of hers was not confined to the boundaries of hiking; Sue's explorations branched out into various other recreational endeavors, encompassing snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, trail maintenance, and the invigorating pursuit of mountain biking.

Beyond the sheer spectrum of outdoor activities, Sue's involvement in the club provided an avenue for social interaction and the cultivation of interpersonal relationships. A sense of camaraderie multiplied among the members, nurturing an environment where shared laughter and amicable exchanges became integral to the communal experiences.

Her steadfast commitment to the WMC manifested notably in her role as the Membership Director as of May 2016, a responsibility she conscientiously undertook and diligently fulfilled for an appreciable span of five years. The tenure as the Membership Director symbolized not merely a titular position, but an active contribution to the cohesion and vitality of the club's collective spirit.

In sum, Sue's narrative, though ostensibly unremarkable, embodies a substantive transformation—one woven intricately with the fabric of the outdoors and human connections. She mentioned during this interview that: "I have met many wonderful people in the club to laugh and joke with as we socialize on activities" As a testament to her steadfast dedication and substantial contribution, the PA Perry Award was awarded to her this year, celebrating her pivotal role within the Outdoor Club.

- Dea Nelson, WMC Public Relations Director



# WMC Endowment / Scholarship Fund

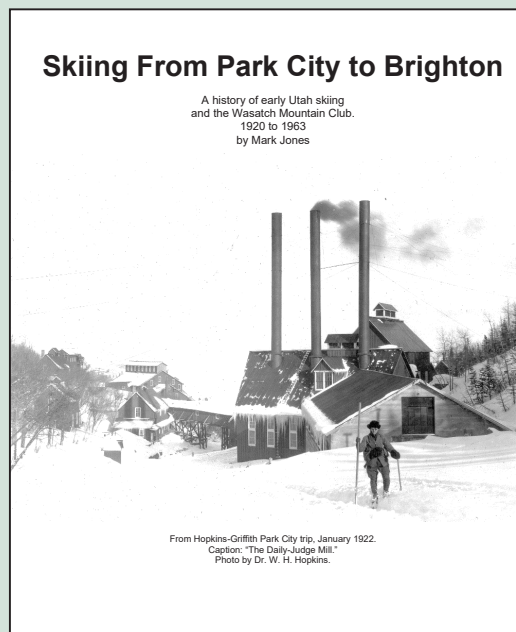
## ***The current endowment balance is approaching \$50,000!***

Thank you! Tony Hellman and another anonymous donor are donating \$1,000 and have challenged club members to give or match the donation. Every donation is greatly appreciated whether it is \$25, \$50, \$100, or more. The President of the WMC, Julie Kilgore, has requested we find a way to top \$50,000.

***How you can help:*** Go to the WMC website and click on the blue "Education Endowment" and click on the link to "Donate to the WMC Centennial Scholarship" to make your tax-deductible donation. Bring your donation receipt to the February membership meeting and select your donation gift or gifts!

The U of U awarded two more WMC scholarships in 2023. Let's continue our support of the next generation of outdoor recreation enthusiasts and future stewards. Our canyons depend on it!

## ***WMC's newest book is now available!!***



***Cost: \$20 and proceeds will go to the U of U WMC Education Endowment Fund***

Contact Mark Jones at: [hikermrj@aol.com](mailto:hikermrj@aol.com) or  
Julie Kilgore at: [president@wasatchmountainclub.org](mailto:president@wasatchmountainclub.org)

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# Congratulations!

## *Joel Winter*



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

Sue Baker	Kurt Hiland	Jim Kucera	Robert Turner
Frank Bouchard	Akiko Kamimura	Bret Mathews	Kathleen Waller
Mac Brubaker	Tonya Karren	Paula McFarland	Irene Yuen
Steve Duncan	Julie Kilgore	Christine Pilgram	Joel Winter

**Great news, there are still 84 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](mailto:rambler@wasatchmountainclub.org)

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THANK-YOU GIFT	DONATION	X NO.	=	SUBTTL
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Embroidered Cent. Patch <i>Ltd. Stock</i>	\$5	X	=	
Cent. Drink Coasters (2) <i>Ltd. Stock</i>	\$5	X	=	
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Gray - __S __M __L __XL	\$30	X	=	
Cent. Journal Notebook	\$20	X	=	
Cent. Baseball Cap, White	\$20	X	=	
Cent. Visor <i>Ltd. Stock</i>	\$20	X	=	
<del>Hiking the Wasatch, AUTOGRAPHED</del>	<del>\$30</del>	<del>X</del>	<del>=</del>	<i>Out</i>
Ski History of Utah AUTOGRAPHED	\$30	X	=	
<b>NEW</b> <i>Utah's Forgotten Ski Area - Altus, UT</i> AUTOGRAPHED	\$20	X	=	
Donation (NO GIFT NEEDED)	PLEASE SPECIFY	=		
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Wasatch Hiking Trails Map	\$14	X	=	
Buff® Neck Gaiter	\$15	X	=	
Glacier Gloves PAIR	\$20	X	=	
Donation (NO GIFT NEEDED)	PLEASE SPECIFY	=		
<b>SHIPPING/HANDLING (if delivery is needed)</b>			=	\$10.00
<b>DONATION GRAND TOTAL:</b>				
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# Trip Reports

## Murdoch Peak Hike, September 25<sup>th</sup>

**Organized and report by Dave Andrenyak / Photo by Kelly Sierra**

Murdock Peak is a mountain top at the east end of Millcreek Canyon. It is on the ridge between Millcreek Canyon and the Canyons section of the Park City Ski area. Our group was Irene Yuen, Luis and Kelly Sierra, and Dave Andrenyak (organizer). We started our hike at the Little Water trailhead. We hiked a short distance on the Little Water trail to the junction with the Old Red Pine Road trail. From there, we continued east on the Old Red Pine Road and Great Western trails to the east end of Millcreek Canyon. From there, we then hiked on the unmaintained but established path to the Millcreek/Park City Ridgeline and the Murdock Peak summit. Irene and I retraced that same route back to the Little Water trailhead. Luis and Kelly hiked down on Park City trails to their home in Park City. The weather was great with sunshine and blue skies. Many aspen trees at the high elevation had gold colored leaves. The views of the the Millcreek canyon area and the Central Wasatch were wonderful. From the Murdock Peak summit looking south, we could see Sugarloaf Peak, Mount Baldy, American Fork Twin Peaks, the Mount Superior area, Broad Forks Twin Peak. Looking east, we could see the distant Uinta range. It was an outstanding autumn Wasatch experience. Thank you participants for the congenial fellowship.



In Millcreek Canyon on our way to Murdock Peak. Front to back: Irene, Luis, Kelly, and Dave.





# Rock Climb - The Schoolroom, October 7<sup>th</sup>



## Organized, report, and photos by Frank Bouchard

The Schoolroom in Ogden looked like a great crag for our diverse group of climbers with its easily accessible sport routes ranging from 5.7 to 5.12. But sometimes in climbing there are extra challenges that the ratings don't take into account. Like the swarm of angry wasps that surrounded us on every route. They would strategically land on each hand hold, make direct eye contact with the climber, and silently dare him to make a move. We got a few good climbs in before finally conceding to the flying insect defense force and retreating from their wall.





## Beartrap Fork Hike, October 8<sup>th</sup>



### Organized, report, and photo by Dave Andrenyak

Beartrap Fork is a side drainage on the north side of Big Cottonwood Canyon between Mill D North Fork and Willow Heights. Our hike began at the Watershed gate that is about a mile up canyon from the Spruces Campground. We hiked on the Beartrap Fork trail to the junction with the Wasatch Crest at the top of Beartrap Fork. Then, we traveled southwest a short distance to the top of a ridge that presented great views of Desolation Lake and the Big Cottonwood area. Looking south at the Big Cottonwood Canyon / Little Cottonwood Canyon Ridgeline, the higher elevation slopes had some snow cover. Many aspen trees had leaves with peak gold autumn color. The weather was good with sunshine and blue skies. For our return to the Watershed gate, we retraced our travel on the Beartrap Fork trail. The hike participants were Michi Barton, Batir Mehinovic, Sally Aerts, Sven Slovak, and Dave Andrenyak. Thank you participants for taking part in this pleasant Wasatch autumn experience.



# ***RING OF FIRE - SOLAR ECLIPSE***

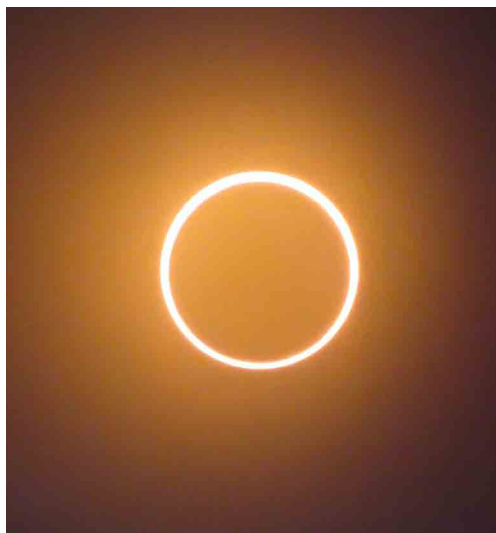
## **Car Camp, Hike, and Ring of Fire Eclipse, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Organized, report, and photos by Julie Kilgore**

When I saw that the Annular Eclipse center line was going across the House Range and Notch Peak, I knew that's where I wanted my group to be. 23 Wasatch Mountain Club members, friends, and family joined us for this once-in-my-lifetime event, and we several made new friends too, particular those with huge telescope who generously shared glimpses of the rings of Saturn and the colors and moons of Jupiter.

But the big event was Saturday morning. The 2023 Annular Eclipse was very different than the 2017 Total Eclipse. If you didn't have the eclipse-safety glasses, one might not even know an eclipse was happening. Check out these side-by-side photos: Blue sky, sun, and clouds without the glasses, full annular eclipse with them. My camera didn't know quite what to do, so I got a rather cool halo effect around my eclipse photos.

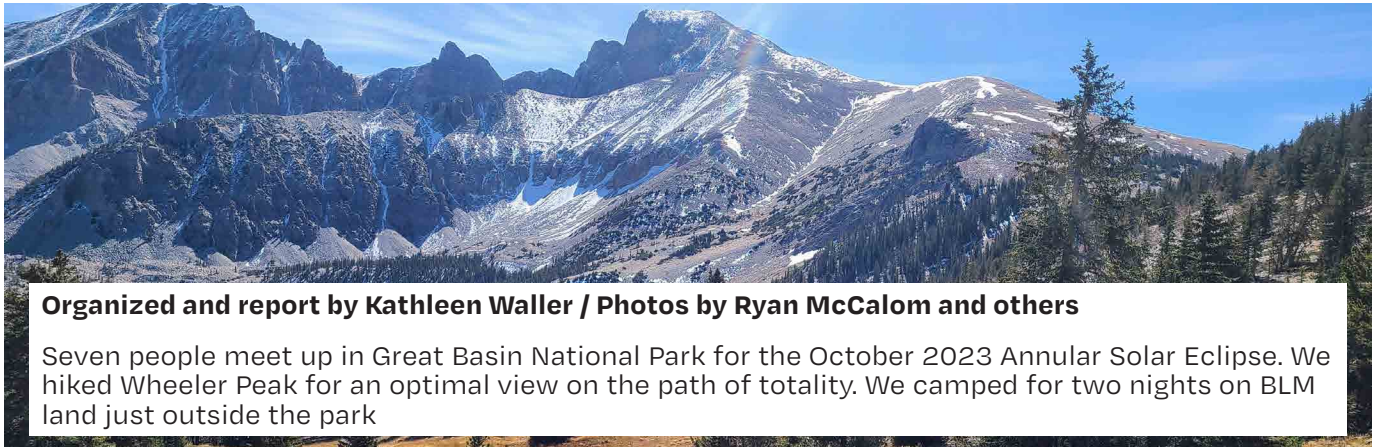
We learned in 2017 that getting to the eclipse viewing location was no problem. It was LEAVING. So our game plan was to stick around, explore, hike, bike, and/or hunt for trilobites. Fantastic group, exciting eclipse, and lots of fun in the House Range 😊!





# ***RING OF FIRE* - SOLAR ECLIPSE**

## **Camp & Hike: Wheeler Peak / View Eclipse, October 12-15<sup>th</sup>**



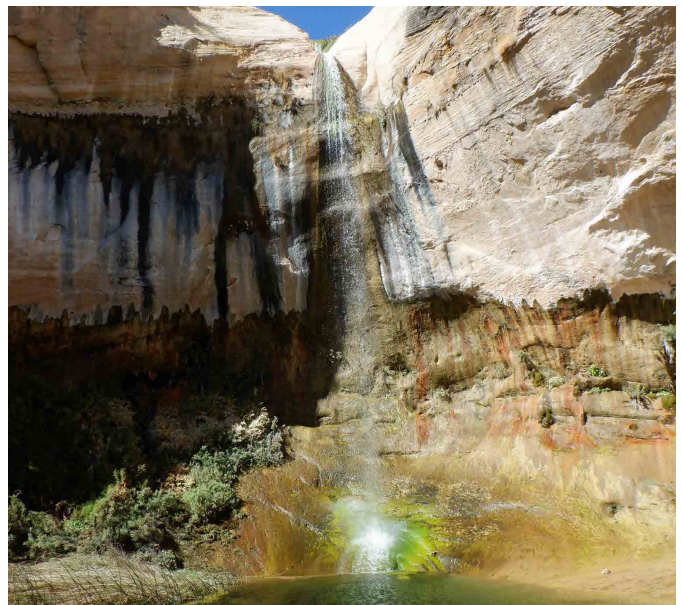
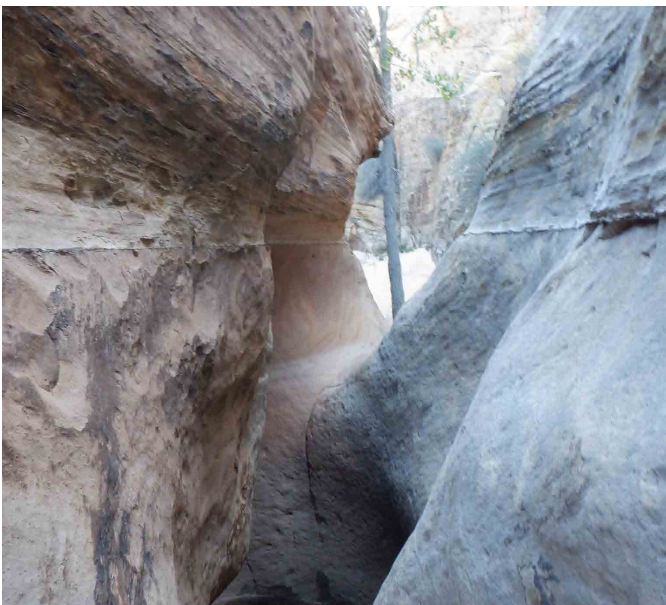


# ***RING OF FIRE - SOLAR ECLIPSE***

## ***Eclipse Viewing Part, October 14<sup>th</sup>***

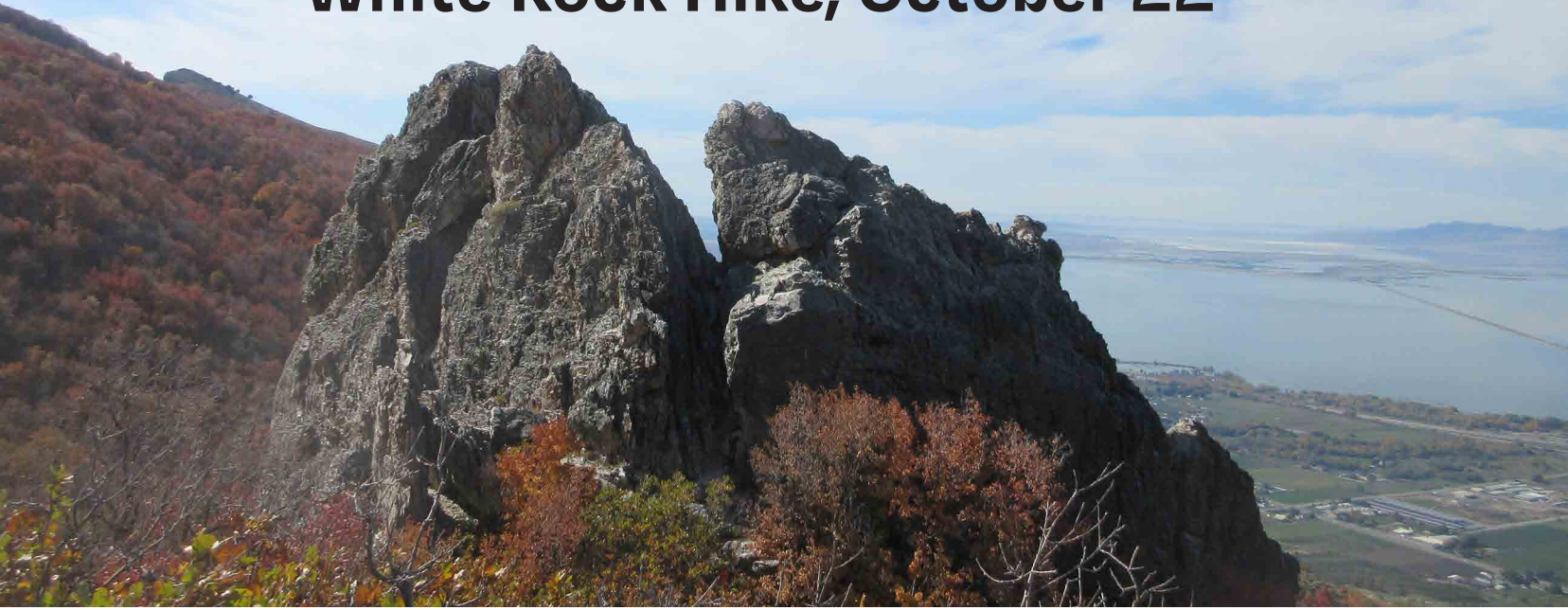
**Organized by John & Martha Veranth / Report & Photos by Steve Duncan**

Eight of us joined John and Marthe Veranth at their home in Boulder to view the ring of fire eclipse, socialize and do some local hikes. Boulder was right on the eclipse path and despite a forecast of partly cloudy, we had perfectly clear skies for the event. There was a great view from their deck and we all enjoyed watching and trying to get some nice pictures. We went for a nice hike to Upper Calf Creek Falls after and John also showed us some other views nearby. We gathered that evening for happy hour followed by a nice pot luck dinner. Most of the group left early the following day but John, Amalia and myself set out for another hike that involved a keeper pothole that had stopped John in the past. The pothole looked really cold and technical so we found a way to climb around it and John was able to check that one off his list.



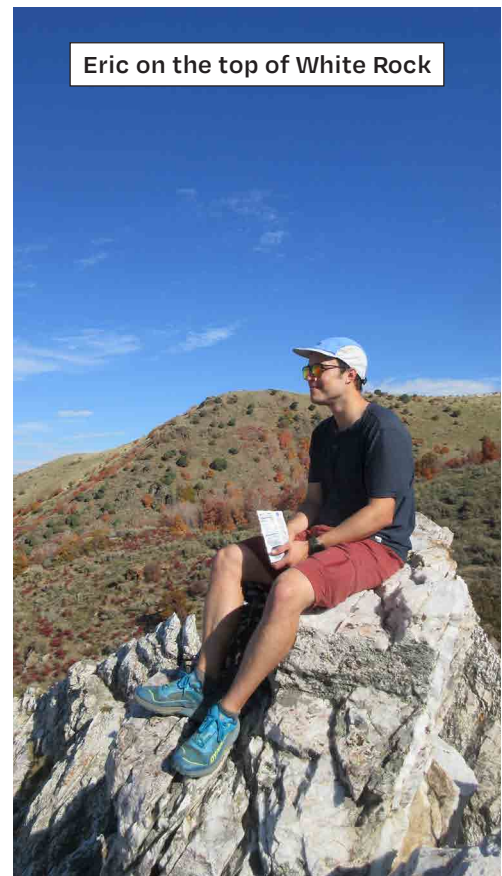


# White Rock Hike, October 22<sup>nd</sup>



## Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

We hiked to White Rock (6,140 ft) in Willard. There is a trail to the bottom of White Rock. But the trail was faint at some places. Fall colors were very beautiful. From the bottom of White Rock, climbing to the top involved easy class 3. We had perfect weather and wonderful views at the top and spent one hour there. We hiked back on the same way. We did not see any other hikers. Two participants out of seven were new to the club. We had a great time together.



Eric on the top of White Rock





# Leisurely Hike Near Spruce Campground, October 21<sup>st</sup>

Organized and by Martin  
McGregor

Photos by Knick Knickerbocker

Nine of us went up the Canyon of Big Cottonwood to enjoy the scenery, particularly the larch trees in Spruces Campground. This hike was tried twice before with two failures; on the first try the trees were still green, the second try was rained out, this time it was success on all counts. This area is especially nice in the fall after the camping has slowed down and the fall colors develop.





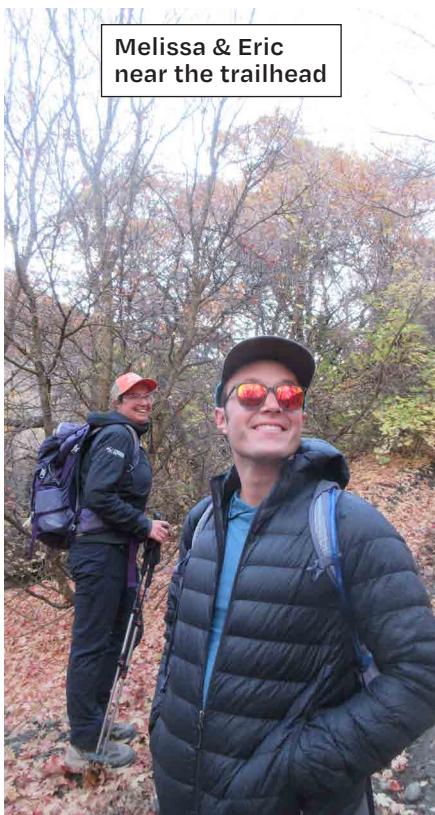
# Grizzly Peak Hike, October 28<sup>th</sup>



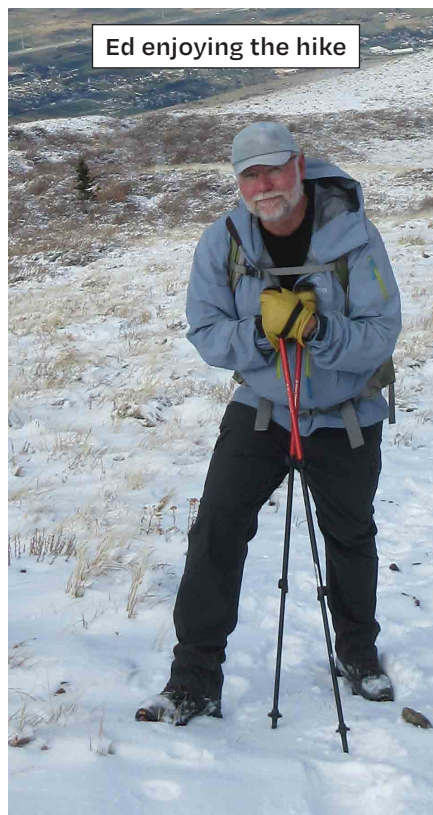
Summit photo. From left – Akiko, Alessandro, Jim, Melissa, Don, Eric & Ed

## Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

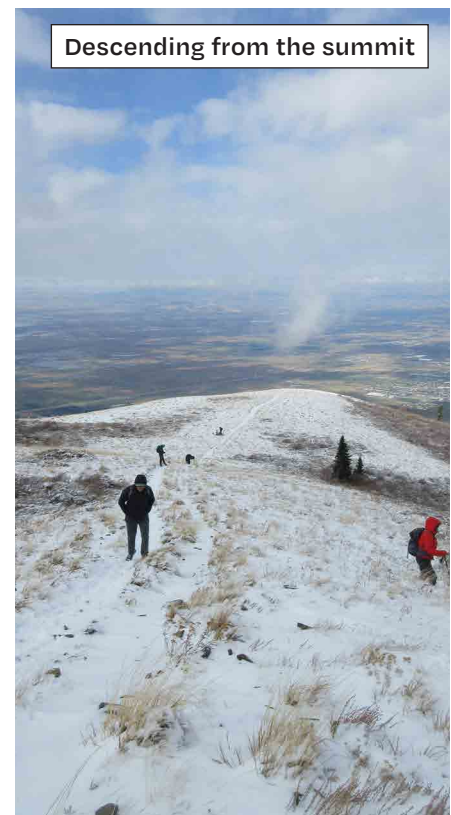
We hiked to a rarely climbed mountain, Grizzly Peak (8,727 ft), from the mouth of Perry Canyon. The trail was very clear until it became close to the summit. There was snow above 8,000 ft. But traction device/snowshoes were not necessary. The route involves 14 miles RT distance with 4,200 ft gain. But due to a number of switchbacks, it was a pretty easy trail. Fall colors, and the views of Great Salt Lake and surrounding mountains were very beautiful. Clouds came and go. It was chilly when the sky was covered with cloud. Then, sun came. At the summit, we had a long lunch break in snow flurry. We saw deer during descending. It was the first club hike for Melissa. Two other hikers recently joined the club. We had great conversations during the hike.



Melissa & Eric near the trailhead



Ed enjoying the hike



Descending from the summit





## Burch Hollow Hike, October 28<sup>th</sup>

### Organized, report, and photos by Julie Kilgore

It was a beautiful day for a WMC shoulder season hike. Plan A was MOD hike from Elbow Fork to Mt. Aire, the last weekend before they close the upper Millcreek gate. But the gate was already closed.

Recalculating . . . MOD hike to the top of Burch Hollow

A nice mix of snow, ice, mud, and a tiny bit of dry dirt depending on sun or shade. Truly an exhilarating day!





# Multi-pitch Training for Mountaineering, October 15<sup>th</sup>

**Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura**

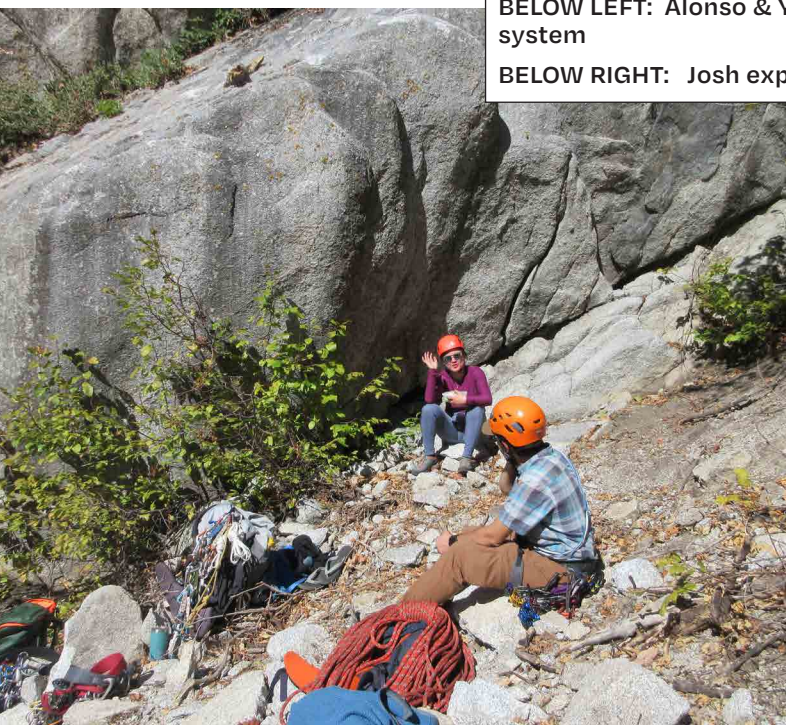
Twelve climbers participated in the multi-pitch climbing training taught by the instructors, Josh and Nate, from the School for International Expedition Training (SIET). We spent quite a bit of time to review various anchoring systems and practiced them. Then, we learned the mechanisms of raising and lowering a climber. It was a great day. Lots of practice.



LEFT: Josh teaching anchoring systems



RIGHT: Anchoring systems practice. Lise, Alessandro & David



BELOW LEFT: Alonso & Yanli discussing anchoring system



BELOW RIGHT: Josh explaining how to raise a climber





## Multi-pitch Climbing Skills Review, November 4<sup>th</sup>

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

Four of us – Paul, Lise, Alessandro, and Akiko, who attended the training on Oct 15, met at Rock Canyon to review the skills which we learned. The SIET instructor suggested practice on a very easy route. It was indeed a great idea. We already did not remember some of the skills which we learned several weeks ago. After we reviewed the skills several hours, we went to the different climbing location in the canyon and enjoyed sport climbing.



Lise and Alessandro at the bottom of sport climbing route



Paul leading



Group photo. From left – Paul, Lise, Akiko & Alessandro.

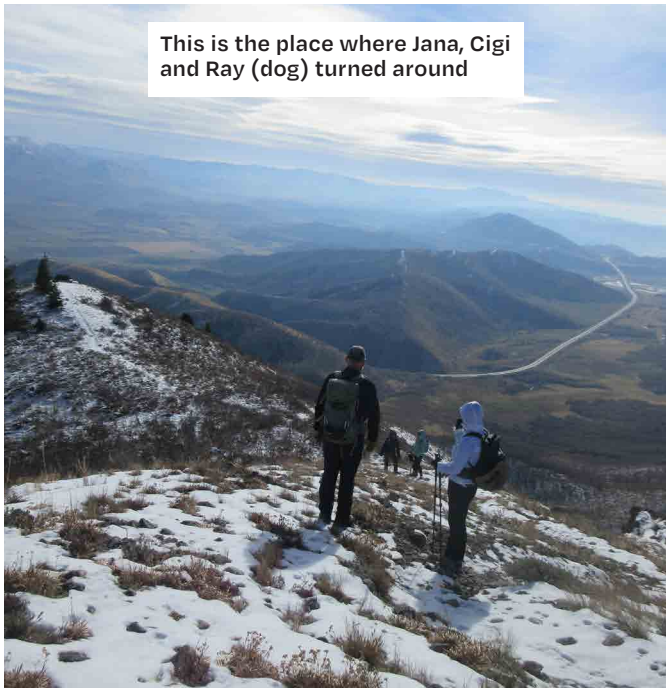




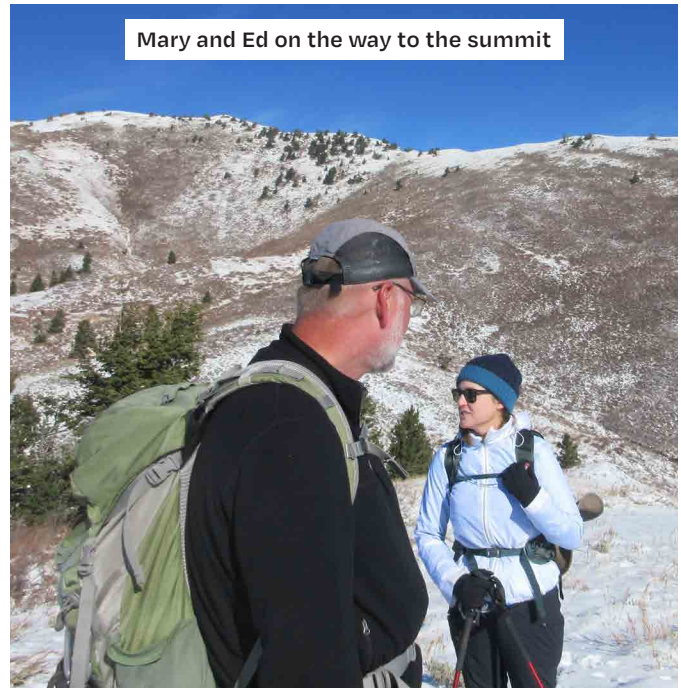
# Mitton Peak Hike, November 11<sup>th</sup>

## Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

Mitton Peak (8,657 ft) is located in the Wellsville Wilderness. We started from Box Elder Peak TH (aka. Rattlesnake TH). The trail to the ridge (Trail# 037 in Rattlesnake Canyon) was in the good shape. The trail had only patchy snow at low elevations but became snow covered above 7,000 ft. But we did not need to use any tractions. It was windy and cloudy. Until it became sunny, it was a little chilly. The ridgeline hike was very beautiful. The summit had a big cairn. After we enjoyed the views of Logan, Ogden, Great Salt Lake and beyond and had lunch at the summit, we went back on the same way. It was the first club hike for Mary. The hike involved 8 miles RT distance with 3,580 ft gain.



This is the place where Jana, Cigi and Ray (dog) turned around



Mary and Ed on the way to the summit



Summit photo. From left – Ed, Mary, Dan & Akiko





## Lake Blanche Day Hike, November 1<sup>st</sup>

### Organized by Jim Kucera

It was a chilly day to start but nice otherwise and we only encountered maybe a half dozen others on the Lake Blanche trail today. We were glad we brought our microspikes!





# Thank You!

## October 2023 Activity Organizers

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

**Akiko Kamimura**

**Alfred Kessi**

**Beth Blattenberger**

**Brad Yates**

**Bret Mathews**

**Bruce Jensen**

**Da Yang Wipfel**

**David Andrenyak**

**Debbie Olsen**

**Donn Seeley**

**Donnie Benson**

**Frank Bouchard**

**Jim Kucera**

**John & Martha Veranth**

**John Kiedaisch**

**Julie Kilgore**

**Katherine Thom**

**Kathleen Waller**

**Kathy Jones**

**Kurt Hiland**

**Martin McGregor**

**Nina Shah**

**Paige Williams**

**Paul Gettings**

**Russell Patterson**

**Shane Wallace**

**Stanley Chiang**

**Stephanie Anderson**

**Steve Duncan**

**Sue Baker**

## Volunteer Raffle (2023-24)

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](mailto:info@wasatchmountainclub.org)**.





## ***In Memoriam: Joe & Connee Gates***

The Wasatch Mountain Club played an integral part in the lives of life members Constance (Clemens) Gates (1931-2020) and Joe Gates (1935-2022).

Joe Gates and Connee Clemens first met on an eventful five-day Wasatch Mountain Club rafting trip on the San Juan River in May 1962. As Joe told the story at Connee's memorial service, "on the last day of the trip we went into the Colorado river, which was running high and fast. As we approached Glen Canyon Dam, Connee's boat hit a whirlpool and flipped her out." The July 1962 issue of the Rambler describes this event as "a little frightful," pointing out that Connee was the only one in her ten-person raft wearing a life jacket.



Fortunately, Connee's boatmates were able to pull her to safety. Joe recalled that he and Connee ended up sitting next to each other at a post-trip dinner in Kanab, and the rest was history. They were congratulated on their May 1964 wedding in the Rambler.

Newlyweds Joe and Connee then headed to Cairo, Egypt, where Joe worked for two years as a technical advisor in groundwater hydrology for the U.S. Agency for International Development in Cairo, Egypt. After returning to the States, Joe completed a Ph.D at the University of Arizona, then worked as a hydrologist for the U.S. Geological Survey in El Paso, Texas.

In 1977, Joe and Connee moved back to Salt Lake City with their two daughters and continued to hike and ski whenever possible.

After his retirement, Joe taught classes on the canyons' geology and continued, with Connee at his side, to lead hiking and rock hunting trips for friends and family. Joe and Connee stayed in touch with a number of lifelong WMC friends that included Ted and Lois Arnow and Dick and Anita Feltis.

After Connee's memorial service, Joe took his daughters and grandchildren to the Wasatch Mountain Club lodge to share a spot that had meant so much to them both.







Connee Hiking (above right)





# 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.**

Dec 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                      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>
Dec 2 Sat	<p>Snowshoe (Ski/Hike) - Location TBA – mod+  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu                      We plan to snowshoe in BCC/LCC, Provo, Farmington, American Fork, the West Uintas or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer to the date. Please bring 10 Essentials, microspikes, and snowshoes. In addition, bring poles and gaiters if there is sufficient snow for snowshoeing. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe &amp; shovel) is recommended but not required. If this changes, I will update the information. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. Depending on a location, we can have skiers too. Skiers must carry avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Dec 1, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Dec 3 Sun	<p>Snowshoe (Ski/Hike) - Location TBA – mod+  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu                      We plan to snowshoe in BCC/LCC, Provo, Farmington, American Fork, the West Uintas or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer to the date. Please bring 10 Essentials, microspikes, and snowshoes. In addition, bring poles and gaiters if there is sufficient snow for snowshoeing. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe &amp; shovel) is recommended but not required. If this changes, I will update the information. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. Depending on a location, we can have skiers too. Skiers must carry avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Dec 1, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Dec 3 Sun	<p>Foothills Day Hike To Spring Canyon Overlook – mod+ – Loop – Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Meet for carpool  <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com                      There are several ridge options above Foothill Drive that lead to a nice overlook into a secluded canyon. We'll make route decisions as we go so we'll set a pace that keeps the group together. Come prepared for steep winter hiking conditions (layers and micro spikes).</p>
Dec 4 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>
Dec 4 Mon	<p>Foothills Flashlight Winter Workout Hike - Jack's Mountain – mod- – Out &amp; Back – Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Jacks Peak Trailhead (1830 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT)  <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com                      It's dark, it's steep, and the route is not always obvious, so we'll keep the group together. If there is snow on the foothills, micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. If inversion is in, we'll move the hike into Millcreek to get above it. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs accustomed to cold weather are ok. Prompt 5:45 pm departure.</p>





Dec 6 Wed	<p>WMC Board Meeting</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at See agenda for Zoom meeting info, or WMC Office (1390 S 1100 E, Salt Lake City, UT)</p> <p><i>Carpool:</i> 5:40 pm at Pre meeting appetizers at Fiddler's Elbow (1059 E 2100 S, Salt Lake City, UT)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 president@wasatchmountainclub.org</p> <p>Monthly Board Meeting. Members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to bring topics to the Board's attention should email the President 7 days prior to the meeting.</p>
Dec 6 Wed	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT)</p> <p><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>
Dec 8 Fri	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT)</p> <p><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>
Dec 9 Sat	<p>Snowshoe (Ski/Hike) - Location TBA – mod+</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to snowshoe in BCC/LCC, Provo, Farmington, American Fork, the West Uintas or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer to the date. Please bring 10 Essentials, microspikes, and snowshoes. In addition, bring poles and gaiters if there is sufficient snow for snowshoeing. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe &amp; shovel) is recommended but not required. If this changes, I will update the information. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. Depending on a location, we can have skiers too. Skiers must carry avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Dec 8, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Dec 10 Sun	<p>Snowshoe &amp; Avalanche Safety Workshop – mod+</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We will snowshoe to a place where there is sufficient snow and then practice with avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel). Please bring snowshoes, micro-spikes, and 10Es. Please bring avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel) if you have. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. If you have extra avalanche safety gear or lack avalanche safety gear, please indicate it when you register. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, December 8, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. WMC members only. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 10.</p>
Dec 11 Mon	<p>Little Cottonwood Creek Flashlight Hike – ntd – 3.0 mi Out &amp; Back – 400' ascent – Slow pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Little Cottonwood Canyon P&amp;R (4385 Little Cottonwood Cyn Rd, Sandy, UT)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Alfred Kessi 443-324-7669 akessi@aquafin.net</p> <p>Meet at 6 pm at the 4385 Little Cottonwood Canyon Rd. Park &amp; Ride. Bring a headlamp and micro spikes. We will hike along the Little Cottonwood Creek, weather permitting. Alternatively the Alpenbock Loop Trailhead. Please RSVP, mobile 443-324-7669.</p>
Dec 11 Mon	<p>WMC Blood Drive, Red Cross 1:00 - 7:00 PM Dec 11, 2023 - Monday</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 1:30 pm at American Red Cross, Cottonwood Room (6616 S 900 E, Murray, UT)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Anthony Hellman 801-809-6133 utahhomes4us@gmail.com</p> <p>Besides your WMC Membership renewal gift to yourself ... the swankiest gift of the season is your blood donation. The WMC Centennial BloodDrive 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 700 pints by end of 2023.</p>
Dec 12 Tue	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT)</p> <p><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>
Dec 12 Tue	<p>Social - Virtual Book Club</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at ZOOM</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>Sierra Club Huron Valley Group Book Club in Michigan, which focuses on environmental issues, welcomes participants from Utah. Participants do not need to be members of Sierra Club. The format will be hybrid most likely - some participants will meet in-person in Ann Arbor, Mi while others will be on ZOOM. The December book is Finding Elevation: Fear and Courage on the World's Most Dangerous Mountain by Lisa Thompson. The meeting will be on December 12 Tuesday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm MST. If you would like to participate, please contact Akiko for the ZOOM access information.</p>





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Dec 14 Thu	<p>Group Paced Winter Night Hike - West Grandeur BST Towards Pipeline Overlook – ntd+ – Out &amp; Back – Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Grandeur Peak (Face) Trailhead (2900 S Wasatch Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT)  <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com  Let's check out this new section of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. Winter layers, microspikes, and headlamps required. We'll set a pace that keeps the group together as we explore this new route. Prompt 5:45 pm departure.</p>
Dec 16 Sat	<p>Snowshoe (Ski/Hike) - Location TBA – mod+  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu  We plan to snowshoe in BCC/LCC, Provo, Farmington, American Fork, the West Uintas or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer to the date. Please bring 10 Essentials, microspikes, and snowshoes. In addition, bring poles and gaiters if there is sufficient snow for snowshoeing. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe &amp; shovel) is recommended but not required. If this changes, I will update the information. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. Depending on a location, we can have skiers too. Skiers must carry avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Dec 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>
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Dec 17 Sun	<p>Winter Day Hike - Organizer's Choice – mod+ – Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at TBD  <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com  Destination dependent on weather. Watch the online calendar for details</p>
Dec 18 Mon	<p>Foothills Flashlight Winter Workout Hike - Jack's Mountain – mod- – Out &amp; Back – Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Jacks Peak Trailhead (1830 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT)  <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com  It's dark, it's steep, and the route is not always obvious, so we'll keep the group together. If there is snow on the foothills, micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. If inversion is in, we'll move the hike into Millcreek to get above it. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs accustomed to cold weather are ok. Prompt 5:45 pm departure.</p>
Dec 19 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  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>
Dec 21 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 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>
Dec 21 Thu	<p>Winter Work Out Draper Night Hike - Cherry Canyon Trail To One Hour Rock – mod- – Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Bear Canyon Suspension Bridge Trailhead (12625 Highland Dr, Draper, UT)  <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com  This is a steep hike that has various One-Hour Rock destinations depending on the pace of the group. Bring warm layers, a headlamp, and micro spikes.</p>





Dec 21 Thu	<p>Solstice Nordic Ski Tour, Millcreek Canyon Road – ntd – 5.0 mi Out &amp; Back – 1000' ascent – Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Millcreek Canyon Winter Gate (7101 Mill Creek Canyon Rd, Salt Lake City, UT)  <i>Organizer:</i> Brad* Yates 801-592-5814 bnyslc@earthlink.net  We will ski up the road at least as far as the traditional decorated tree at about Mile 2.3. Various distances, pace and equipment all ok, around 7:30 we will gather at the tree, share a treat, hot beverage and perhaps sing a carol or two!</p>
Dec 23 Sat	<p>Snowshoe (Ski/Hike) - Location TBA – mod+  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu  We plan to snowshoe in BCC/LCC, Provo, Farmington, American Fork, the West Uintas or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer to the date. Please bring 10 Essentials, microspikes, and snowshoes. In addition, bring poles and gaiters if there is sufficient snow for snowshoeing. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe &amp; shovel) is recommended but not required. If this changes, I will update the information. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. Depending on a location, we can have skiers too. Skiers must carry avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Dec 22, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Dec 23 Sat	<p>Day Hike - Bair Canyon - Davis County – ntd+ – 3.0 mi Out &amp; Back – 1100' ascent – Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at 317 South 1800 East, Fruit Heights  <i>Organizer:</i> Steven Gadd 801-540-6622 swgadd10@gmail.com  Bair Canyon is the canyon slightly north of the radar towers above Kaysville. Let's plan to hike to the third stream crossing, which usually takes about one hour. Plan on two hours for the round trip. The canyon and hike will be in the shade and cold. Microspikes will be needed.</p>
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Dec 27 Wed – Jan 4 Thu	<p>Mountaineering - Pico De Orizaba &amp; Iztaccihuatl, Mexico – ext  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu  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 \$1,550 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>
Jan 8 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>
Jan 9 Tue	<p>Social - Virtual Book Club  <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at ZOOM  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu  Sierra Club Huron Valley Group Book Club in Michigan, which focuses on environmental issues, welcomes participants from Utah. Participants do not need to be members of Sierra Club. The format will be hybrid most likely - some participants will meet in-person in Ann Arbor, Mi while others will be on ZOOM. The January book is The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times by Jane Goodall. The meeting will be on January 9 Tuesday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm MST. If you would like to participate, please contact Akiko for the ZOOM access information.</p>





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Jan 13 Sat	Ice Climbing Training For Mountaineering <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We will have IFMGA certified instructors from the School for International Expedition Training (nonprofit organization) to practice ice climbing skills for mountaineering. This training would be beneficial for those who are interested in mountaineering that involves an ice climbing section, and/or high-altitude mountaineering. This is also a great refresher for experienced ice climbers and mountaineers. The training location will be selected when it gets closer. Registration is required. \$150 per person for a group of 5 climbers. No tax. WMC members only. Limit 5 per group (Depending on the availability of instructors, we may be able to have one to three groups). Registrants will receive more detailed info including gear list.
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Jan 29 Mon	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.
Jan 31 Wed	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.

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Feb 4 Sun – Feb 10 Sat	<p>Death Valley Winter Escape Car Camp - Bike - Hike  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Cheryl* Soshnik 435-649-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com</p> <p>Mark your calendars, and grab your tent/RV site/cabin early, as things fill up fast at Furnace Creek. Our annual week of camping, hiking and biking, Dutch oven cooking, and hanging out at the pool is once again happening in early February. We have already reserved as many tent-only camp sites in the mesquite trees as we could, and we encourage you to check out recreation.gov right away to reserve your own RV, tent site or motel. Details to follow, just let me know if you have reserved a site on your own and for which days, or to see if there are any available shared tent-only spaces available. We will be doing a couple of group dinners, at least one by Dutch oven, but most meals will be on your own or go over to the restaurant when the dinner bell tolls. Everyone is invited to the afternoon happy hour around the campfire, where plans are made for the next day's activities -- usually road biking and hiking. There will be a nominal per-person fee to be involved in any of our group activities, more on that to come. Contact me if you have any questions</p>
Feb 23 Fri – Feb 26 Mon	<p>Motel Car Camp: Yellowstone Wolves, Wildlife, &amp; Winter Activities – ntd  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Robert Turner, Julie Kilgore 801-560-3378, 801-244-3323 r46turner@gmail.com, jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>Join us for wildlife watching and general winter activities in the northeast corner of Yellowstone Park. Sightings of wolves, foxes, coyotes, bighorn sheep and eagles are common. We'll motel it in Gardiner, MT, where we have secured the entire bottom floor for group meals and socializing. We'll drive into the Park each day on the only road kept open in Yellowstone in the winter. Some will get going very early each morning (about 6:00am), while others can linger and mingle over breakfast. There are also lots of opportunities for cross country skiing and snowshoeing, so bring your skis or snowshoes if you want to enjoy some time trekking around in Yellowstone's spectacular winter wonderland. The drive to Gardiner in the winter is about 500 miles since we can't go through the Park to get there. Another option is to fly into Bozeman. e-mail Robert or Julie for more details, to register, and get instructions to reserve a room at the lodge.</p>
Mar 2 Sat – Mar 6 Wed	<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 2, climb on Sunday March 3, Monday March 4, or Tuesday March 5, fly back/road trip on Wednesday 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.</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 <a href="#">Hacienda Hotel in old town San Diego</a>. The <a href="#">Pure Baja Travels</a> 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. 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, <a href="#">Jose Sanchez</a>. 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>
Mar 14 Thu	<p>Potluck - 3.14 Pi Day Near Jordan River Downtown SLC  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Constance Modrow modrowsky@gmail.com</p> <p>Join us for savory and delicious pies. Challenge: recite Pi digits. Share tales of one or more of the 50 annual Kings Peak tours (on xx this year (function of weather and conditions)) and other adventures. BYOB, cup, and a pie to share. My oven is available and if you make the filling I'll make the crust. We love homemade! Diversity is fun, and bringing someone new is good too. RSVP required. My first pie party was in Fairbanks Alaska, put on by my roommate. We had deep dish vegetable pie, pie made in cast iron pans, or casseroles, fruit pies, Shepard and meat pies too.</p>



May 3 Fri – May 5 Sun	<p>Mountaineering - Mt. Waas Loop – msd  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to make the Mt Waas Loop that includes Mt Waas (12,331 ft), Pilot Mt (12,000 ft), Green Mt (12,163 ft), Castle Mt (12,044 ft), and La Sal Peak (12,001 ft). We may do Horse Mt (11,130 ft) and Mineral Mt (11,608 ft) as well. Mt Waas is a Grand County's high point. The loop involves 8.9 miles with 4,163 ft gain. If we add the other two peaks, we will have extra distance and elevation gain. Trip schedule: road trip (approximately 4 hours from SLC) &amp; hike to the TH on May 3 Friday; climb on May 4 Saturday; and hike back from the TH &amp; road trip on May 5 Sunday. We will camp at the TH. The schedule may be adjusted depending on the conditions. This is non-technical mountaineering. But participants must: 1) have excellent stamina; 2) be willing to buy/rent/lend required individual gear if necessary; 3) know how to use crampons &amp; ice axe; and 4) no history of altitude problems above 12,000 ft. Back-packing experience strongly desired. For more details, please contact the organizer (please include your current fitness level and mountaineering experience). Limit 8. WMC members only.</p>
May 24 Fri – Jun 9 Sun	<p>Mountaineering - Illimani &amp; Huayna Potosi, Bolivia – ext  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>Illimani (21,122 ft) is the second highest peak in Bolivia. We will also plan to climb Huayna Potosi (19,974 ft) and Pequeño Alpamayo (17,643 ft). In addition, we will trek at Lake Titicaca and Sun Island and hike to Pico Austria (17,480 ft) for acclimatization. Participants must 1) have excellent physical condition with previous mountaineering experience (rope travel, glacier travel, the use of crampons, and ice axe arrest) and have skills in crevasse rescue; 2) have no history of altitude sickness at 14k peaks; 3) be willing to buy/rent required individual gear if necessary; and 4) ice climbing experience (tip rope) or be willing to learn ice climbing before the trip. Mountaineering training sessions will be offered in winter-spring to prepare for this high altitude expedition, in collaboration with the School for International Expedition Training (nonprofit organization) and the U of U's Department of Park, Recreation and Tourism. Due to the complexity of the trip logistics and demanding alpine climbing, we will use a local company's package that has a fixed fee. The estimated cost for the local company is approximately \$2,210 including ground local transportation, meals in the mountains, certified guides (1:2 ratio), hut/camps in the mountains, camping gear, full base camp infrastructure and services, donkeys/porters, hotels in La Paz, tickets to museums, and entrance to mountains. The additional cost will be for international flights, compulsory travel insurance, personal expenses, personal equipment, and gratitude. Each participant will pay directly to the company. 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>
Jul 22 Mon – Jul 26 Fri	<p>Hike - CO 14ers &amp; Car Camp In The Sawatch Range – msd  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to make class 2 CO 14ers in the Sawatch Range. The planned schedule is: July 22 Monday Road Trip. July 23 Tue Mt Princeton (from the 2 WD TH 13.25 miles RT with 5,400 ft gain; from the 4WD TH 6.5 miles with 3,200 ft gain; class 2). July 24 W Hot Springs (Mt Princeton Hot Springs \$40 for a day pass). July 25 Thu Hike - Mt Antero (from the 2WD TH 15.5 miles RT with 5,200 ft gain; from the 4WD TH 7 miles RT with 2,400 ft gain; class 2). July 26 F Road trip/ to the next campground. We may hike to different peaks depending on weather and conditions. Due to a high possibility of afternoon thunderstorms in CO, we will start a hike very early. The hikes will be exploratory. We will stay at a developed campsite. Partial participation is fine. Limit 8. WMC members only. For more details, please contact the organizer. Note (10/25/2023): The campground reservations have not started for the dates. I will update details about cost ect after I make a reservation.</p>
Jul 26 Fri – Jul 28 Sun	<p>Hike - Mt. Of The Holy Cross (14,007 Ft) &amp; Car Camp In Co – msd – 12.0 mi – 5600' ascent  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to summit Mt of the Holy Cross (14,007 ft) in Colorado (class 2). The planned schedule is: July 28 F Road trip; July 29 Sat hike; and July 30 Sun Road trip. Due to a high possibility of afternoon thunderstorms in CO, we will start a hike very early. The plan may change depending on weather and conditions. This hike will be exploratory. We will stay at a developed campground. Limit 8. WMC members only. For more details, please contact the organizer. Note (10/25/2023): The campground reservations have not started for the dates. I will update details about cost ect after I make a reservation.</p>

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Aug 22 Thu – Sep 2 Mon	<p>Yellowstone Car Camp – ntd+  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Michael* Budig 801-403-7677 mlbudig@gmail.com  We will camp at the following campgrounds on the following dates: Grant Village: Aug 22-25, Bridge Bay: August 25-28, Canyon Village: August 28-31 and Madison Campground: August 31- September 2. We will be doing different hikes every day and getting together for food and drinks at night. You can join us for part or all of the trip, but you need to make your own campground reservations --- through Xanterra's Yellowstone website. You should make reservations ASAP if you want to come as the campground reservations will fill up as we get closer to the actual date. You can get a full refund of your deposit up to one month before the reservation date. Campsite numbers will not be revealed by Xanterra until the date of the reservation, but we should be able to get campsites in the same general vicinity. Please contact me by email.</p>
Aug 23 Fri – Aug 25 Sun	<p>Camp - Dinah-Soar Days -Vernal, Utah. – mod- – 7.7 mi Out &amp; Back – 620' ascent – Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> 1:00 pm at Vernal Utah. Camping on Reed Fleet State Park.  <i>Organizer:</i> Dea &amp; Phil Nelson formidable.ser@gmail.com  Our plan involves camping at Red Fleet State Park. On Friday evening, we'll head into Vernal to experience the vibrant display of Hot Air Balloons (NIGHT GLOW) along Main Street, they will have food vendors and live music. For the second day, post the spectacle of the Hot Air Balloon launch, we intend to hike towards Jones Hole, aiming to reach the banks of the Green River. In the afternoon, we'll catch the Car Show on Main Street. As the day winds down, we'll explore downtown Vernal. On the third day, we'll catch the third Air Balloon launch. Then, we'll return to our campsite, taking the opportunity to kayak on Red Fleet reservoir and explore the dinosaur tracks through a hike.</p>







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Attend a club activity listed in the Rambler or our website: **WasatchMountainClub.org**. If you like what you see or do, then join the club on-line or by mailing the application which can be downloaded from the website.

- THE RAMBLER, WMC's monthly publication has articles and scheduled activities.
- NOTIFICATIONS: Opt-in to receive email alerts.
- EXCLUSIVE EVENTS, TRIPS, and DISCOUNTS on rentals, retail offerings, and trainings.

- HISTORIC LODGE EVENTS at the Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge in Brighton. 5% of dues supports the WMC Lodge.
- 10% of MEMBER DUES support local conservation and trail maintenance.

**WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB**  
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# WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Do not use for renewals.)

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

I am applying for membership as: \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Couple

Name: Applicant 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Applicant 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant 1: Main phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant 2: Main phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## Membership dues:

- \$40.00 for single membership (Annual dues \$35.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee)
- \$55.00 for couple membership (Annual dues \$50.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee)
- \$25.00 for student membership (Annual dues \$20.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee)
- Student members must be full-time student.

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for application fee and first year's dues. Check or money order only. Please make checks payable to Wasatch Mountain Club.

How did you learn about the Wasatch Mountain Club: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\* Your birthdate is only used to verify you are at least 18 years old and membership age statistics.



# WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)

## Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgement of Risk and Release from Liability

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PHOTOS:** I understand that photos taken during a WMC activity may be used on WMC social media sites and in The Rambler.

**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.

Signature 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application to:

WMC Membership Director  
1390 South 1100 East #103  
Salt Lake City, UT 84105-2462

Leave blank for office use:

Check #	Amount Received	Date	By





# 50 Years Ago in The Rambler

Transcribed by Donn Seeley

Club activities for December 1973 [...]

DECEMBER 1      Honeycomb Tour – Intermediate (2,3). The climb from the top of Evergreen  
Saturday      Lift to the head of Honeycomb Fork is quite short, but the descent is quite  
challenging. The road into Silver Fork is narrow in spots, so skiers need to  
be able to handle deep snow to safely do this tour. For starting time and  
place, call Milt Hollander [...]

DECEMBER 8-9      LODGE OPEN – Featuring kayak races and some boating films. Everyone,  
including children, welcome. We are planning a community chili pot.  
Perhaps baby sitting duties could be spread out among parents so that  
everyone can get out sometime during the two days. Bring your own  
utensils, sleeping bags and fun-in-the-snow equipment – yes, we said  
KAYAKS, and the more conventional stuff. Call J or Alice Dewell for details  
[...]

DCBO on Cataract Canyon, OR Don't Get the Dishwater Dirty, by Jim Mason

[...] The next morning we were awakened early by a chorus of "knee-deep" which was sung by the not-so-harmonious duo of Mike and Dennis. Today was the "Biggy"! We set out onto the river using the paddles for the first time. The rapids were easy to start, terrific designing on Odin's part. We realized how heavily loaded both boats were, but it was compensated by the greater stability. I was in June's boat which usually followed Mike's boat; we let him play the guinea pig. Then we hit Mile-Long, which lives up to its name. We made a "slight" miscalculation: a rock appeared in front which we had to quickly avoid. But a huge rock was farther downstream. We almost lost the whole thing right there; instead, we miraculously slithered around it after coming in contact with it. That was quite unnerving. Mike's boat had avoided the mess completely. On to the Big Drops. We ran the first fine without scouting. Looked at the first part of BD Two. No problem there running that long stretch of nice water. Looked at the last part of BD Two. It was short but tricky. Through that fine. We looked long and hard at BD Three. That one really looked mean! The longer we looked, the worse it got. The right side was the only way down. On the left of the proposed route was an ugly, boat-ripper rock, on the right was a really mean hole. Such a fine line to cut. Off we went, Mike's boat in the lead. The current was pulling them toward the hole! We could see them power out of trouble – fantastic! We made corrections, but I thought that we were still heading into that HOOOLE! Suddenly June yelled that we had passed it; I guess she should know since she looked right down into it. Thanks, Odin! The last eight or so remaining rapids were terrific, nice and clean with big standing waves. Such rides! What ecstasy!

Then it all ended. The last rapids ended in that abomination known as Lake (I use that term loosely) Powell. It was very traumatic to see the death of a canyon after all those great rapids. Words can not describe the sorrow felt when we could see the tops of trees sticking out of the water. If the "lake" fills to its proposed level, it will come to the base of Big Drop Three. We have lost so much, why do we have to lose more? [...]

The last day was spent motoring across the "lake" to Hite. I dreaded the thought that if that dam had not been constructed we could still be floating through rapids. There were still some high points of the day. We celebrated Pat's 21st birthday with a bottle of champagne that he brought, and the left-over dessert from the night before. What a royal celebration! [...]

WHAT A FANTASTIC TRIP!!! Thanks go to \_\_\_\_ \_\_ \_\_, Hurry Up Bill Viavant for serving in that honorable position as trip leader.

The other river rats were captains June Viavant and Mike Omana, and paddlers Judy Ching, Don Fox, Martha MacKnight, Dennis Webb, Pat Milligan, Dave Parry, Marlene Austin, Clyde Zalut and Jim Mason.



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