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Historian's Message

by Debra Frank

Book Update: Last month I reported that the book was in the hands of the copy editor and should be to the book designer by September. I was mistaken. The copy editor expects to finish at the end of September. Worse, the designer needs two full months which means I won't have a ready-to-publish manuscript until December. Welcome to my world. Onward and upward, as our club founders were fond of saying ...

So, what have I been doing while the book sits with the copy editor? Immersing myself in the labyrinthine world of photo permissions! While writing the book, I was aware that I would need to secure permission to use the photos I selected, but I naively thought this would be a simple matter of contacting the publication or collection where I found the photo.

Wrong! This is a history. Many of the photos are old, though not so old that they're free from copyright protection—which lasts 95 years. Whoever took the photo is deceased. And if a news agency held the rights, they might be long gone too. Take for instance the glamorous air hostess, Gladys Witt. She chose her career over her two suitors, leaving her fiancé at the altar and her pilot boyfriend at the Kansas City airport. Her story leads off my Search and Rescue chapter because club members helped search for the wreckage of the 1936 plane crash which took her life. (It was a huge story at the time. Besides sacks of mail, a cache of jewels was on board.) Even with a thousand searchers, it took seven months to locate the plane. Even Amelia Earhart came to Salt Lake City to help search.

I found Gladys Witt's story compelling because the headlines proclaimed, "She said no, and died"—as if she deserved such an outcome. Such stories highlight the long span of our club and consequent changing mores. It's a tiny part of the chapter, but I wanted to use the photo which I'd found in the Chicago Tribune. Newspaper websites don't make it easy to find the contact person for photo permissions, but when I found the right guy, I received a kind response the next day. It was a UPI photo, he said, I should contact them. I went to UPI's website, where there was a handy form I could fill out requesting permission. But wait—first I should search their database to see if the photo still belonged to them. I did. And no, it didn't. Where to turn next?

I googled Gladys Witt image and found myself on ebay, looking at the picture I was seeking copyright info for. For \$19.95 I could buy the photo (though not the copyright). The photo's backside showed it was credited to Hale News Service. I googled them. They were acquired by UPI. All roads led to UPI, and UPI was a dead-end.

I researched how to find copyright holders. I should contact her heirs. I found the name of her ex-husband, but they had no children. At this point, I gave up my search and moved on to the next photo!

The good news is that the vast majority of photos I



Gladys Witt.
She Said "No"—and Died.



selected for the book are from club members. It's the few dozen other photos that make for all the trouble.

While we're on the subject, here's a small world moment: I found a great photo of Aron Ralston's boulder on Flickr and reached out to the photographer, Sam Scholes, for permission to use it. Turns out, he's a club member! Check out his fabulous work at <https://www.samscholesphoto.com/>

In other news, you may have heard that Junior Bounous recently celebrated his 100th birthday. He's among several prominent Alta skiers featured in Alex Mager's wonderful film, We'll Still Be There. If you missed seeing the film at the Oldtimers gathering at the lodge, you can check it out here: <https://vimeo.com/1006070617>

Call for Nominating Committee Members

It's that time of year to form the Nominating Committee to nominate people for WMC Board positions. We are looking for five people to serve on the Nominating Committee. Two should be Board Members, two should be previous Board members, and one an at-large member of WMC. This is great short-term commitment. The work starts Oct/Nov and is done by the February Membership meeting. The role is to recruit candidates for Board positions, taking into account people interested in carrying over for another year.

Please contact Mark Maier, WMC President, at president@wasatchmountainclub.org if you are interested.

Thank You August Activity Organizers!

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

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Tali Brenner
Tony Calderone



In Memoriam - Charles "Charlie" Keller, 1928 - 2025

Charles Llewellyn Keller, age 96, of Salt Lake City, Utah, passed away on July 20, 2025.

He was born 27 October 1928 in Emaus, PA, to Charles A. and Helen V. (Brey) Keller. He served in the US Air Force from 1946 to 1949. Earned a BS in Aeronautical Engineering at Tulsa University in 1954 and an MS in Applied Mathematics at Adelphi University in 1956.

He worked as an engineer for Sperry Gyroscope Company in Long Island until transferring to the corporation's Salt Lake City operation in 1961. He retired from Unisys in 1989 after thirty-five years with that company and its many predecessors. He then attended the Violin Making School of America, receiving a Luthier's certificate, and spent a number of years building stringed instruments.

He had a life-long interest in history and spent many hours in historical research, producing many papers published in various historical and technical journals. His publications included a monograph, "U.S.S. Shenandoah," and a book, "Up Ship!." In his retirement he also researched and wrote the book "The Lady in the Ore Bucket," a history of settlement and industry in the Wasatch Mountains above the Salt Lake Valley, an endeavor that reflected his love for the mountains where he spent much of his free time. He was a long-time active member of the Wasatch Mountain Club.

He was an enthusiastic cellist who took part in chamber music sessions whenever they could be arranged. For many years he was a regular participant at chamber music workshops in Bozeman, MT; Seattle, WA; Ashland, OR; and Estes Park, CO.

He married Joan J. Feiertag in 1950. Later divorced. Married Allene Hahn in 1979. He and Allene shared many treks through mountains around the world and travels throughout the US and numerous Central American countries.

Survivors include his wife Allene; son Michael (Mary) Keller, Bolivar, MO; son Eric (Tonya) Keller; and several grandchildren. Honoring his wishes, there will be no services.

Remembrance by Knick Knickerbocker:

I was fortunate enough to go on numerous Charles Keller "Faint Trail" hikes in the Wasatch Mountains over the years. Those were always informative & enjoyable. Not only learning the history of the faint trails, but also the mines connected to them. Charles, often accompanied by his wife Allene, would also bring his red 3-ring binder along to show the group where an old bunkhouse or other mine buildings once stood on a flat spot along the trail.

What wonderful history he knew & researched to share with us on the hikes he lead. Charles will be missed, but the memories linger. Thank you Charles.



WELCOME

New & Returning Members

Adrian Serrano
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Kaden Cullen

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Joergen Pilz**
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Roger Anderson
Ryan Cantor
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Thomas Werner
Wendy Paffel

Activity Reports

A Trail Run is the Solution

Organized and report by Frank Bouchard

Do you find yourself finishing work on Wednesdays in a midweek slump? A Wednesday trail run is your solution! Come out with us and pump some much-needed endorphins into your system on the next hump day and feel the stress melt away. We run six miles at a conversational pace and we welcome all fitness levels, even complete beginners. Sometimes we get dinner at a local spot afterwards. We meet at 6:30 and pick a different trailhead each month, so check the club calendar to see where we're going to be next!



Spring on the BST at the bottom of Dry Creek Canyon. Kerry, Eric, Jimmy, Caroline, Reid, Lee, Chase, and Oliver



Spring on the BST near Terraces. Bryan, Reid, Oliver, Kerry, Lee, Caroline, Nick, and Chase



Summer on Bowman Fork trail. Reid, Kerry, Caroline, and Lee



August at Dog Lake. Jessie, Bihan, Caroline, Reid, Oliver, Matt, Kerry, and Eric

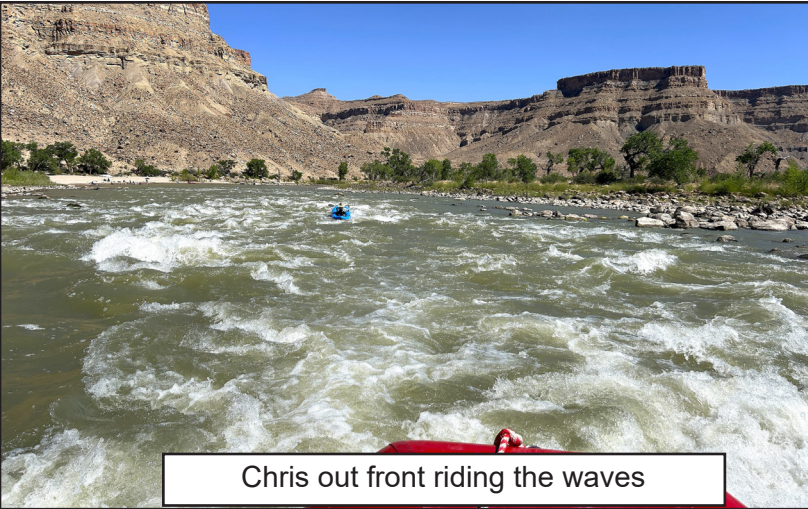


Floating the Green River Daily - Jul. 4-6, 2025

Organized and report by Mike Rush

Over the fourth of July, Chris B, Luke, Mike, and Madison braved the brutal heat of the Utah summer to have a few days and runs floating the Green River Daily. Mike and Madison were coached on good oar rafting techniques the first day, and Mike and Madison each took their turn at the helm. Luke, patiently guiding and supporting, was out in the kayaks with Chris B. It was hot! Luckily, we camped at the Green River State Park and the grass there

kept us cool. Plus, a good burger from Rays always caps a good Green River trip!



Chris out front riding the waves



Madison and Mike on the raft, Luke in his hardshell, and Chris in the IK



Luke and Mike resolving world peace



Luke showing off his dance moves

Climbing in the City of Rocks - Aug. 7-10, 2025

Organized and report by Stephanie Stamm

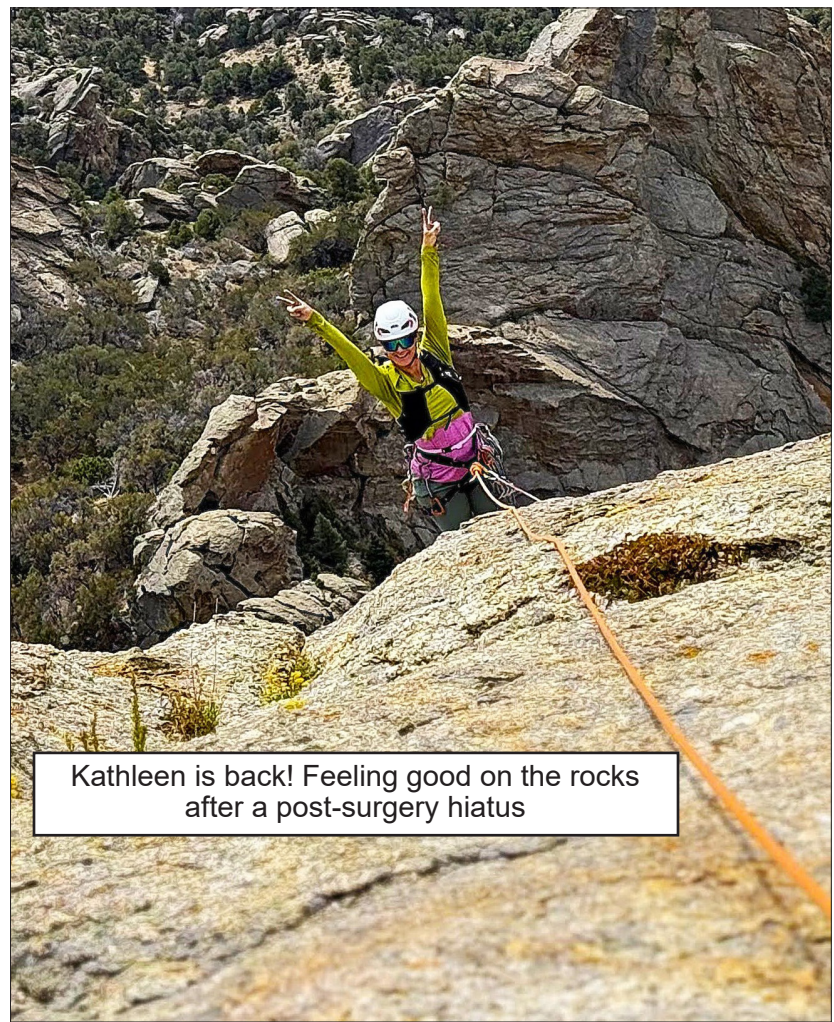
Many folks would question the wisdom of an early August trip to the City of Rocks as Salt Lake was still seeing 100 degree temperatures. Thankfully, the weather gods took pity on us (fourteen avid WMC climbers) and delivered surprisingly cooler temps, dry skies, and climbing conditions so good it almost felt suspicious. The fire ban, however, meant no campfires - and since many of us had left our warmer layers at home, evenings ended early despite Paul G heroically hauling in what seemed like a cord of cherry wood (and then hauling it all back out again). The climbing gods were equally generous, blessing us with astoundingly empty crags.

On Friday, a crew headed to Castle Rocks to sample the main attraction: *Big Time*, a multi-pitch sport route with so many bolts and anchors that you can choose your own adventure on how to pitch out the climb. Afterward, we refueled at Rock City with pizza and beer as we scoured *Mountain Project* for our next send. We then capped off the day at *Elephant Rock*, ticking off ultra-classics like *Wheat Thin*, *Rye Crisp*, and *Strawberry Fields*. Meanwhile, another group made for *Flaming Rock* on Thursday, where *Rain Dance* and *Tribal Boundaries* went down in style.

Saturday saw a split mission. One team ventured to the far-flung *Steinfell's Dome* to take on *Sinocranium*, while others tore it up at *Decadent Wall* on *Carol's Crack* and *Adolescent Homo* before wandering to *Bloody Fingers Corridor*. There, we



Zach running up fun Mystery Achievement, 5.7 sport, with a sendy belay from Chase



Kathleen is back! Feeling good on the rocks after a post-surgery hiatus

staged a siege on *Bloody Fingers* with Nathan putting in the opening effort, Steph finishing it off, and Lawrence casually flashing the whole thing like it was a warm-up.

Back at camp for the potluck, Chuck and Michael saved the fire-free night by breaking out their camper oven to reheat pre-cooked ribs. So many ribs, in fact, that the dogs got their share too. The potluck turned into a feast of pork, delicious sides, and copious adult beverages. A meteor shower was promised that night, but with a big full moon overhead, most of us saw more moonlight than meteors.

On Sunday, we made one last push. Some headed back to Steinfeld's for another round with *Sinocranium*, while others ran up *Cruel Shoes* on *Stripe Rock*. It was the perfect capstone on a weekend of great sends in the City.

In the end, we had just the right mix of folks, stoke, and ability levels. Everyone got a chance to push themselves, cheer each other on, and walk away a little stronger.



At the top of Sinocranium, Neil helping Cyndee rig her first ever top belay from anchors, after leading her first multi-pitch climb



Colleen, Ellyn, Quinn and Matt triumphant at the top of Sinocranium, a 6 pitch sport route, 5.8



Nathan and Steph teaming up for a successful siege on Bloody Fingers, 5.10a trad



Incredible sunsets from the Twin Sisters group site

Climbing Main Teton Peak - Aug. 15-17, 2025

Organized and report by Nathan Chaffee

Participants: Nathan C, Stephanie Stamm, Frank Bouchard, Bryan Mason, Kerry Regan, Eric List, Alonso Gonzales

It's a quarter-past two in the afternoon. A frigid gust of wind pushes up the Valhalla Couloir, then pauses, just long enough for snowflakes to rest upon the off-white granite. A darkening cloud to the West lets out its first audible warning of static discharge. What was a cathedral of rock just minutes ago passes in and out of obscurity as the opaqueness of precipitation takes hold. Amidst this ritualistic rousing of the afternoon mountain air, eight adventurers stow their ropes and begin the long hike down to the valley below. Celebration is due them, though the act of summiting the Grand Teton in a day is still barely halfway complete.

Some would say the climb started at half-past three that morning, when the team departed the Lupine Meadows Trailhead under cover of darkness. This would, however, deny the stories which brought these travelers together that day. For some, the Grand Teton was as much a starting point as it was a destination: A botched attempt many years ago, but one which kicked off an outsized life of grit and adventure, now brought full-circle. A few others needed only a suggestion - an impetus to challenge oneself in the vertical environment. And for another it meant coming home, in a manner of speaking, to both honor and reclaim a pursuit which had called them to the mountain several times before.

Individual motivations would converge to a collective goal, pulling the team together in advance of the big day. Several shakeouts at spots like Reservoir Ridge and Mt. Superior would afford familiarity and time to practice techniques such as kiwi coils, simul-climbing, terrain protection, and rope transitions. More than textbook skills and rope tricks, however, the team was challenged to analyze terrain and interpret a route, to consider hazards and risk, to feel out the subtle calculus of mountain sense, and to find appreciation in their own strengths as well as the strengths of their teammates. In this way, the team would come to learn from, trust in, and look out for one another - a foundational skill set for the mountain environment.

Summit day rapidly approached, with a mid-week shift in the weather forecast turning a hopeful Saturday bid into an obligatory Friday affair. Arriving Thursday night and promptly turning in, the cozy accommodations of the AAC Climbers'



The hour long wait to get onto the Belly Roll.





Bryan gazing upon the middle Teton in the morning alpenglow

Ranch offered a silver lining to the all too short evening. Three a. m. came early, and with a relaxed yet intentional pace, the team left Lupine Meadows and hiked by moonlight into Garnet Canyon. The Middle Teton loomed high above the end of the canyon: A silent sentinel reflecting the glimmers of pre-dawn light, contrasting itself against a starry backdrop. Pressing onward, the effects of elevation began to show as the team passed the Petzold Caves (9800'), which served as a reminder to reassess and spread carried weight - a matter of equity measured not in pounds but in heartbeats per minute. A slow and steady slog carried the team through the Moraines to the Lower Saddle Headwall (11,400') and the first "climbing" of the day, where a fixed rope aided ascent up a steep and exposed rock ramp.

Six members rendezvoused at the Lower Saddle to refuel and check in with the other two members gunning for the Exum Ridge, Bryan and Eric, who were crossing Wall Street. A final look at the weather lent optimism into the early afternoon, and the six committed to ascending the Owen-Spalding (OS) route. Picking their way through broken ledges and dead-end trails between the Lower and Upper Saddles, the more experienced members lent insight to route finding - quite literally threading the "Eye of the Needle," a natural tunnel in the mountain, and spotting holds in challenging or consequential sections such as the "Belly-Roll Almost," a brief but exposed traverse where hand and foot holds are less than obvious. The Middle Teton, which towered above the team just a few hours ago, now faded away beneath them as the climb gained the Upper Saddle (13,200'). Meanwhile, the Exum team was pacing the larger group in parallel, now well into their own climb and checking in from the top of the Wind Tunnel.

Unfortunately, the OS teams would wait almost an hour to begin the most technical stage of their climb, due to a backup of climbers entering the Belly Roll. Stuck in the icy cold wind and shade, getting colder by the minute, Nathan jumped on an opportunity to pass a large party that had ended their first pitch early. Steph led a second rope team in parallel, and together they belayed Frank and Kerry thru the Belly Roll and The Crawl - two features where, if you dared look underfoot, you'd see the ground receding to an expanse thousands of feet below you. The





Nathan earning style points on the Crawl



Kerry & Frank demonstrating the "Crawl" maneuver

Crawl gives way to a secluded vantage point, seemingly perched at the edge of the world, leading into the next pitch up the Double Chimneys and to the Catwalk. From there, one long simul-climb across the Catwalk and one last pitch up Sargent's Chimney put the teams in comfortable scrambling terrain - which Steph and Kerry eagerly led all the way to the



Eric enjoying the view near the summit with Middle Teton far below



All eight of us triumphant as we summited together!!



After 17.5 hours car-to-car, we made it back!

top (13,775').

Minutes prior, Bryan and Eric had completed the Exum Ridge in style, donning climbing shoes only for the infamous Friction Pitch - which, in their own words, "felt like cheating." David and Alonso weren't far behind on the OS and thus all eight members, four rope teams in total, celebrated a successful summit together. A gaggle of pictures, a gratuitous calorie dump, and several calls home to surprised loved ones ensued before the team began their descent. A short downclimb led to an icy rappel in Sargents Chimney, then a free-hanging rappel back to the Upper Saddle. Watchful eyes had noted the darkening skies to the West, and no sooner had the team started coiling ropes that the mountain air showed signs of life. A short blast of mid-August snow, alongside an increasing cadence of thunder, motivated the long trek down. Luckily for the group, the weather would culminate in a few passing bands of rain before settling into overcast skies, and





Steph pitching to Frank for a rousing game of Dizzy Bat

the team gracefully retraced their steps down to the Lower Saddle, back into Garnet Canyon, and 17.5 hours later arrived back at Lupine Meadows.

While the mission was accomplished, the weekend hadn't even truly started. After a brief trip back to the cabins the group split to head into town for a late dinner, and on the way there challenged each other to share the "weirdest cool song you know." Eric would sweep the judges' panel with a rock 'n roll fusion of Mongolian throat singing by a band called The HU - which instantly became the soundtrack for the trip. The next day, the group split up again for a "recovery" outing, where several hikers circumnavigated Jenny Lake

while the trail runners added on String Lake. Rested, refreshed, and with a bit more energy - the team held their celebratory dinner at Pinky G's and capped off the night back at the cabins with a round of whiskey and a game of "Dizzy Bat".

On the final day, some of the team elected for an early climb up Baxter's Pinnacle, which would turn into an extended mini-epic when late morning storms pushed the hopeful climbers into an unplanned rappel off the side of the mountain. This ordeal was made somewhat better only after Alonso cooked quesadillas for the wet and cold climbers in the String Lake parking lot!

Others on the team managed to stay mostly dry - one borrowing a bike from the Climber's Ranch to explore the park's roads and trails in the morning, and another two driving North to check out the waterfalls and geyser pools of Southern Yellowstone. The team closed out the trip back at the Climbers' Ranch that afternoon, sharing one last round of hugs and congratulations - having tackled what was for much of the team their "biggest day in the mountains" (yet!)



Alonso helping the Baxter's Pinnacle team refuel after a very long, wet and cold day



Boating Green River A & B - Aug. 15-17, 2025

Organized and report by Mike Rush

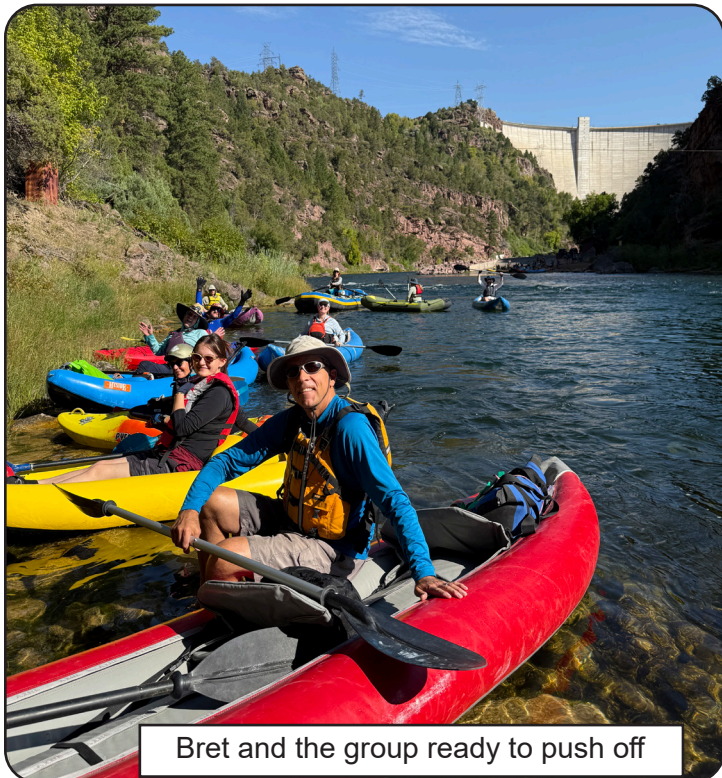
Participants: Mike, Madison, Chris B., Chris P., Bret M, Irene, Jake, Lili, Greg C, Dante, Holley, Bridget, Alice

On Friday, August 15th, a group of Wasatch Mountain Club members met at Dripping Springs Campsite #1 to kick off a weekend paddling trip on the Green River below Flaming Gorge Reservoir. Despite an initial downpour which caused a bit of confusion during setup, the weather eventually cleared, and everyone was able to settle in and enjoy the evening.

On Saturday, August 16th, the group launched from the base of the Flaming Gorge Dam and paddled through Sections A and B of the Green River. The weather was mild and pleasant,



Bridget and her raft



Bret and the group ready to push off



Perfect weather for a perfect float



with temperatures in the mid-70s-ideal conditions for a summer float. The group included a mix of inflatable kayaks (IKs), hardshell kayaks, packrafts, and one oar rig. Using Western Rivers Flyfisher for the shuttle, the logistics went smoothly and efficiently. That evening we communed and enjoyed each other's company. We learned about the science of pit latrines and why the one at the Green River Dam boat launch smelled so bad.

The paddlers worked together to stay ahead of some dark storm clouds that loomed behind them, The group remained dry, no one swam and all handled the Class II+ rapids confidently. After completing Section B, we said goodbye to Holley and Greg. On Sunday, August 17th, the rest of the group (now joined by Alice) returned to float Section A again using a self-shuttle. Once more, the run went off without incident, and everyone enjoyed a strong finish to a great weekend. Thanks to everyone who joined in for making it a safe and fun adventure!



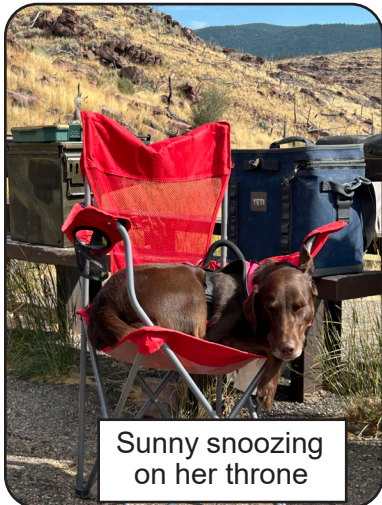
Jake



Chris P



Madison



Sunny snoozing on her throne



Deep in thought



Chris B and Greg C



The Green River - a Utah Gem



Hiking Mt Superior and Monte Cristo - Aug. 17, 2025

Organized and report by Akiko Kamimura

Eight hikers enjoyed hiking to Mt Superior and Monte Cristo via Alta. The group had three new club members who recently moved to Utah. Also, five participants had not done this hike before. The group did a great job of staying together without extra effort/ waiting because everyone had a similar pace and was fine with scrambling. We had nice weather and a good pace. We made both summits within 3 hours including a break at Mt Superior. It was a wonderful morning hike.



Sven, Bob & Mary descending



Eve & Matt close to the top of Mt Superior



Thomas and Kendrick on the ridge



Monte Cristo - Matt, Mary, Sven (back)
Thomas (front), Eve, Akiko, Bob & Kendrick



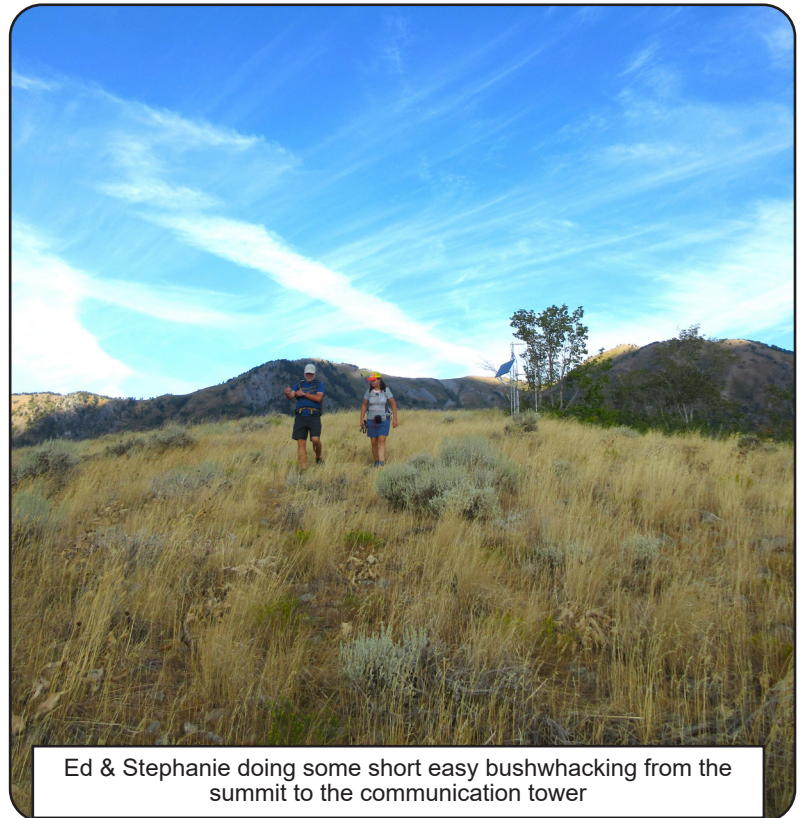
Hiking Murrays Hill - Aug. 23, 2025

Organized and report by Akiko Kamimura

We started hiking from the Box Elder Peak TH, also known as Rattlesnake TH, in Wellsville. We took on FR 7037, except the last part to the summit of Murrays Hill (6,009 ft). Although it's a low elevation hike, the views from the trail were very beautiful. After we made the summit, we continued to the Communication Tower. On the way back, we explored Narrow Canyon Trail. It was a relatively short hike, but was very enjoyable. Participants: Stephanie Anderson, Ed Hemphill & Akiko Kamimura.



Stephanie with the communication tower in back



Ed & Stephanie doing some short easy bushwhacking from the summit to the communication tower



Stephanie & Ed on the way to the summit



Akiko, Stephanie, & Ed at the summit



Hiking Thane Peak - Aug. 24, 2025

Organized and report by Frank Bouchard

We summited Thayne Peak! The three of us faced some light rain on the ascent, but we pushed on. The last 500 feet to the official summit was a bit of a challenge, requiring some bushwhacking and scrambling. Despite the obstacles, we made it to the top. Participants: Frank Bouchard, Aditi Vashist, and Don Tillman.



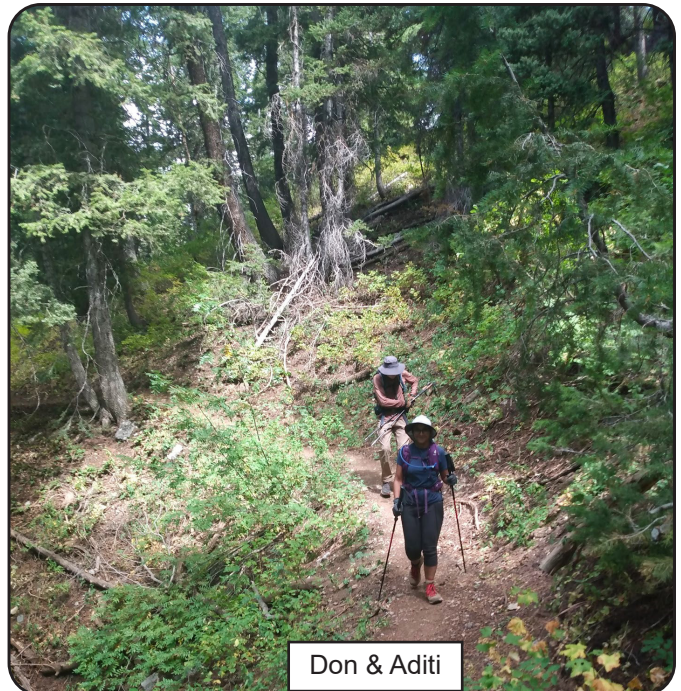
Don



Frank



Frank, Don & Aditi



Don & Aditi



Hiking Sunset Peak and Catherine's Pass - Aug. 30, 2025

Organized and report by Akiko Kamimura

We started early from Albion Basin to beat the crowd and heat in Alta. We hiked to Peak 10517 which is located near the tip of the Supreme Chair Lift via the Albion Campground. From Peak 10517, we went to Sunset Peak and enjoyed the views. Then, we hiked to Catherine's Pass and made a loop to go back to Catherine's Pass. Wild flowers were still blooming. Fortunately, it was not very hot. We really enjoyed nice late summer weather. Participants: Akiko Kamimura, Ed Hemphill, Stephanie Anderson, Mark Tuttle, and Eve Kovacs.



Summit photo at Sunset Peak. From left – Mark, Ed, Stephanie, Akiko & Eve



Summit photo at Peak 10517. From left – Ed, Akiko, Eve, Mark & Stephanie



Eve and Mark descending From Sunset Peak



Eve on the summit of Peak 10517

Hiking Black Bess Mountain - Sep. 5, 2025

Organized and report by Mac Brubaker

None of us had been on this entire route, although several of us had been on part of it. The vistas, both back over Alta and Snowbird and down over the Park City resorts were expansive. It was interesting to see and read about the automated remote controlled avalanche explosive systems, and to see the Summit County Search and Rescue Cache. We encountered a few sprinkles from the sky while watching magnificent cloud formations. Participants: Joel Winter, Hong DOUNG, Jim Kucerra, Mary Ditto, and Mac Brubaker. (This hike was one more step towards Mac's goal of hopefully bagging all the ridges that surround Big Cottonwood Canyon).



Summit photo. From left – Jim, Mac, Joel and Mary



At the Search & Rescue cache. From left – Joel, Jim, Mac, and Hong



There is no easy way to the top, but the reward is awesome! Hong and Jim

Hiking Little Hobble Creek/Balsam Knob - Sep. 6, 2025

Organized and report by Akiko Kamimura

We met in the small town of Wallsburg near Deer Creek Reservoir and drove on FR 121 until we found a good parking spot. We walked on FR 121 to the junction and went on FR 619. We took the trail to the summit of Little Hobble Creek Knoll (7,862 ft). We went back to FR 619 and continue to our next destination, Balsam Knoll (8,549 ft). The last part to Balsam Knoll was short but steep off-trail. We went back to the parking the same way. Pierce and Matthew picked lots of berries on the way back. Besides one ATV, two trucks and some people on horses, we didn't see any other people. It was very quiet. We had some light rain showers, but overall we liked the weather – not hot and nice wind. We heard beavers but did not see them. It was the first club activity for Holly and Matthew and the second club activity for Kendrick. We had a great time together. Participants: Akiko, Kendrick Lovell, Holly Baker, Matthew Lipton, & Pierce Alexander.



Pierce, Kendrick & Holly trying to avoid a muddy spot



Pierce & Kendrick near Balsam Knoll

Summit photo at Little Hobble Creek Knoll. From left – Akiko, Pierce, Kendrick, Matthew & Holly



Summit photo at Balsam Knoll. From left – Akiko, Pierce, Kendrick, & Matthew



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.

Oct 1 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. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.
Oct 1 Wed	Day Hike - Gobbler's Knob From Butler Fork – mod – 8.3 mi Out & Back – 3170' ascent – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6520 Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Kurt Hiland 503-679-5053 kurthikes@msn.com Steady climb to the 360 degree views of the knob. Hopefully the fall colors will be on display. If good weather, a casual pace and summit lollygagging. The group will stay together.
Oct 1 Wed	Trail Running - Arcadia Trailhead – mod – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1600' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Arcadia Heights Trailhead (2077 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerrylregan@gmail.com The weather is cooling off, so we are back to one of the crew's favorite foothills trailhead! This will be a no drop run, no runner is left behind. All levels of fitness are welcome. Bring a headlamp. It's a great run for anyone who is looking for running partners or is new to trail running. Let me know if you want to join this run or others in the future. Message me if you want to arrange carpool.
Oct 2 Thu	Sunset Hike To Salt Lake Overlook And Optional Post Hike Campfire Social <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Thayne Canyon Trailhead (6250 Mill Creek Canyon Rd, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Aditi Vashist, Julie Kilgore 610-864-5951, 801-244-3323 aditi@eccles.utah.edu, jk@wasatch-environmental.com Meet at the Thayne's/Deso trailhead and we will hike to the Salt Lake overlook for a great sunset. After the hike, we can grab one of the picnic tables and fire pit at trailhead for a post hike social. Bring a snack to share if you would like. Bring your 10Es, especially a working headlamp. Dogs OK
Oct 3 Fri	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. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.
Oct 3 Fri – Oct 5 Sun	Antelope Island Multi-Sport Activity Weekend <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 Join us for the day, or reserve a campsite and stay a night or two. Come hike, climb, paddle, and/or peddle on Antelope Island. See the WMC calendar for the variety of activities to choose from. Each activity posted on the calendar counts as a separate activity towards the Activity Challenge jacket! After a great day of WMC activities, gather at and around Campsite BB10 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.
Oct 3 Fri	Relaxed Pace Antelope Island Evening Hike – ntd – 4.0 mi Loop – 300' ascent – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Meet at Bridger Bay Campsites BB10. https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/utah/lake-side-trail-loop <i>Organizer:</i> Show-n-Go Info@wasatchmountainclub.org To kick off our Antelope Island Multi-Sport Extravaganza, strap on those hiking boots (or maybe just some comfy sneakers) for a chill stroll along the Lakeside Trail. It's got lake views, the fresh smell of adventure, and maybe just a few of those tiny buzzing pals.
Oct 4 Sat	Day Hike - Sessions Peak & Peak 9112 Via Bountiful – msd – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We will hike to Sessions Peak (9251 ft) and Peak 9112 from the Bountiful side. I have hiked to Sessions Peak from the Big Mt Pass side and would like to take a different route - Holbrook Creek Trail or Kenny Creek Trail. I have hiked those trails before. In either route, there is a trail all the way. Distance will depend on which route we will take. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Oct 4 Friday, 6 pm, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info.
Oct 4 Sat	Antelope Island - Saturday Morning Frary Peak Hike – mod – 7.0 mi Out & Back – 2050' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:30 am at Frary Peak Trailhead, East side of Antelope Island <i>Organizer:</i> Frank Bouchard 352-246-5304 fabouchard@gmail.com We'll take the regular route to Frary Peak, then have the option for a little ridge line scramble on the way back down. Spend some time at Garr Ranch, join an afternoon bike ride, and/or bring a cooler and join club members at the Bridger Bay Campground for an afternoon. Participants can camp on the island or coordinate with friends and drive out Saturday morning. Meeting time at the trailhead moved to 9:30, to allow non-campers time to get to the island.
Oct 4 Sat	Casual Antelope Island Evening Road Bike – ntd – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:00 pm at Antelope Island Bridge Bay Campsite BB10 <i>Organizer:</i> TBD Info@wasatchmountainclub.org Meet at Bridger Bay Campsite BB10 for a post-social casual road bike tour along the paved roads of Antelope Island. e-bikes ok.
Oct 4 Sat	Antelope Island Multi-Activity Social <i>Meet:</i> 3:00 pm at Bridger Bay campground, Antelope Island State Park; Campsite BB10 <i>Organizer:</i> WMC Info@wasatchmountainclub.org Join us for the day, or reserve a campsite and stay a night or two. Come hike, climb, 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 and burgers on the grill and bring a dish, snack, or treat to share. THERE IS A \$10 ENTRANCE FEE TO THE PARK. EACH PARTICIPANT/CAR IS INDEPENDENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENTRANCE FEE.



Oct 4 Sat	Hike/Scramble Wildcat Ridge Traverse – ext – 15.0 mi Shuttle – 8800’ ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Jose Pacheco 314-910-8731 jpachecowashu30@gmail.com https://stavistlost.com/hikes/trail/mt-olympus-triangle-peak-mt-raymond-traverse-wildcat-ridge/ This will hit six peaks, has some knife edge scrambling. Class 3/4 exposed scrambling. Helmet, appropriate scrambling shoes and 10 essentials required. Participants should email organizer prior scrambling experience. Email some longer and higher elevation gain trips have done this summer season including estimated time to complete if available.
Oct 4 Sat	Rock Climb - Antelope Cirque <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Frary Peak Trailhead, Antelope Island (east side). <i>Carpool:</i> 8:00 am at 2100 S TRAX Park & Ride (261 W 2100 S Expy, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com There is a report on Mountain Project of a multi-pitch route on Antelope Island, with a note that there could be other lines available. So, let’s go find the wall. Helmets required, and this will be exploratory alpine-like trad climbing. Approach shoes suggested, and helmets required.
Oct 5 Sun	Day Hike - North Cascade Mt. (& Maybe Cascade Mt), Provo – msd – 8.3 mi – 5811’ ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to North Cascade Peak (10,877 ft) in Provo, weather, conditions and situation permitting. I have hiked in the area via the standard route to Cascade Mt but not to this peak. We will try the east route which is much shorter than the standard route but steep. We will be on the trail first and then navigate the off-trail routelf the group is interested, we can go to Cascade Mt too. Exploratory. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Oct 3, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.
Oct 5 Sun	Day Hike, Rocky Mouth Canyon Peak Via Bells Canyon, Down The Sawmill Trail – msd – 12.0 mi Shuttle – 5000’ ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Brad* Yates 801-592-5814 bnyslc@gmail.com A rugged hike to the remote and seldom climbed Rocky Mouth Canyon Peak. Up Bells Canyon, Down Big and Little Willow Canyons via the Sawmill Trail. about 1/3rd off trail with a bit of bushwacking, scree and scrambling. This should be a great fall foliage hike.
Oct 5 Sun	Trail Running At Antelope Island – mod+ – 16.0 mi Loop – 2000’ ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com It’s just about Island season again! Join us for a trail run through a classic trail running route on Antelope Island! The route is relatively runnable and features some of the quieter parts of the island. I will be joining up with the Antelope Island Multi Sport Social going on all weekend for camping and socializing. Please message me if you are interested in joining and let me know if you want to camp. There is still space.
Oct 7 Tue	Mountain Bike Park City – mod – 15.0 mi Loop – 1500’ ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Park City Mountain Resort parking lot <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 email list you must be a WMC member, then: Go to ‘MEMBER’, click on ‘Email List Subscribe’, and then add yourself to the ‘Bike’ email list. See you Tuesday !! Let’s Roll !!
Oct 7 Tue	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. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.
Oct 8 Wed	WMC Board Meeting <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at See agenda for Zoom meeting info, or attend in person at the WMC Office (1390 S 1100 E, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Carpool:</i> 5:40 pm at Pre meeting appetizers at Fiddler’s (1059 E 2100 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> WMC Board president@wasatchmountainclub.org Monthly Board Meeting. Members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to bring topics to the Board’s attention should email the President 7 days prior to the meeting.
Oct 8 Wed – Oct 12 Sun	Canyoneering 7th Annual Rendezvous <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com Details to come
Oct 8 Wed – Oct 13 Mon	Moab Area Rock Climbing <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Nathan C nac787.home@gmail.com Moab and the surrounding area features a wide range of desert sandstone climbing, from easy first leads at Wall Street to famous desert towers such as Castleton and Ancient Art. Join us for an unstructured extended weekend of fun for aspiring and experienced climbers alike. Agenda: This is a choose your own adventure trip in which we will rally at camp to swap stories of the day’s outings. The organizer’s agenda is open to participants and includes (roughly) 1-2 days of cragging at places like Ice Cream Parlor, Wall Street, and/or Long Canyon. Other days we’ll pick from a menagerie of peculiar but accessible desert formations such as Elephant Butte, The Pickle, Looking Glass Rock, and/or Wilson Arch. Numerous other climbs abound so feel free to research the area and put forth anything that looks intriguing. Save some energy for a potluck on Saturday night. Camping: The Hunter Canyon Group Site is reserved for the listed days and accommodates up to 15 people. This site is on Kane Springs Road, adjacent to Ice Cream Parlor crag, and offers town access along the South side of the Colorado River. Tent sites appear to be limited so car camping is encouraged for those who can support it. Registration: Please register via. email to be added to trip planning resources. Trip planning docs will have space to connect on any specific goals, route/area preferences, and partners if needed. WMC members only. Update: Due to an email issue in the original posting, please re-register if you previously did so and did not receive a response!
Oct 8 Wed	Trail Running - Arcadia Trailhead – mod – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1600’ ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Arcadia Heights Trailhead (2077 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com The weather is cooling off, so we are back to one of the crew’s favorite foothills trailhead! This will be a no drop run, no runner is left behind. All levels of fitness are welcome. Bring a headlamp. It’s a great run for anyone who is looking for running partners or is new to trail running. Let me know if you want to join this run or others in the future. Message me if you want to arrange carpool.



Oct 9 Thu	Hiking Trail Maintenance - Trail Volunteer Days – ntd+ – 1.0 mi Out & Back – 100’ ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Daisy DeMarco 610-517-7867 daisyannemarco@gmail.com Please join the WMC and CCF for our Trail Volunteer Days! We will be improving tread and reconstructing trails in the Wasatch National Forest. WMC Trails Volunteer Days are August 9, 14, 21 and September 6, 11, 18, and Oct 9. To sign up for Trail Volunteer Days, please use the link below and be sure to register with the WMC too. The link will guide you through the registration forms and then allow you to pick activity dates. Thank you for volunteering with WMC and CCF!
Oct 9 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 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. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.
Oct 10 Fri – Oct 12 Sun	Car Camp & Hikes - Mt. Belknap & Mt. Baldy (& More), Tushar Mts – msd- – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Mt Belknap (12,143 ft), Mt Baldy (12,084 ft) and maybe other peaks in the Tushar Mountains, weather, conditions and situation permitting. I have hiked in the Tushar Mountains but not to those peaks. Exploratory. Expect class 2+ scrambles. We will leave on Friday and come back on Sunday. The main hike to Belknap and Baldy will be on Saturday. We may do a short hike on Friday and/or Sunday. Approximately 3.5-4-hour drive from SLC. We plan to camp at a dispersed/primitive campsite. Please email before Thursday, noon, October 9, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info.
Oct 11 Sat	Hike - Red Baldy Via Silver Gance Lake – msd- – 8.0 mi Out & Back – 3900’ ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Kurt Hiland 503-679-5053 kurthikes@msn.com Ascend 11,171’ Red Baldy from American Fork Canyon. It'll be 2400’ up to Silver Gance Lake, then 1500’ off trail through mixed, steep class 2 terrain up to the scenic divide with Little Cottonwood Canyon. There is class 3 scrambling with exposure to tag the summit, which is optional. Otherwise the group will stay together.
Oct 11 Sat	Notch Peak Day Hike – mod+ – 8.0 mi Out & Back – 2765’ ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 am at Bluffdale Park & Ride (14598 Pony Express Rd, Draper, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com Join us for the Club's annual visit to Notch Peak. The views are insane, the narrow canyon is a blast and the bristlecone pines are a natural art form. It's a long day: we'll meet at 6:30 AM, drive out to the House Range west of Delta, and get back after dark. There is some easy scrambling, and the hike is off-trail (with occasional use trails).
Oct 12 Sun – Nov 4 Tue	Mountaineering- Baruntse Peak Nepal (7,129 Meters) 24 Days Oct '25 – mod+ – 30.0 mi – 18000’ ascent <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at SLC to Kathmandu <i>Organizer:</i> Jon Stones 801-599-1635 jstones74@gmail.com This isn't a WMC sponsored event. Just posting for anyone interested in joining my buddy and I on this epic 7k meter mountain in Nepal. We both live in Utah. If interested please reach out to me. Jon (801)599-1635 I have no affiliation with this guide service. [See online calendar for more details]
Oct 13 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. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.
Oct 13 Mon	Evening/Night Sunset Hike - Lower Ridge Of Bells – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Bell Canyon Granite Trailhead (3450 Little Cottonwood Rd, Sandy, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Let's see how we can get up the ridge between Little Cottonwood Canyon and Bells. The trail is STEEP with a little tricky footing in places. With the city lights in view, this should make a nice sunset and city-light night hike. Plan on a 5:45 p.m. departure and an 8:00 return. Meet in the upper parking lot that is accessed from Wasatch Boulevard.
Oct 15 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. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.
Oct 15 Wed	Trail Running - Arcadia Trailhead – mod – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1600’ ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Arcadia Heights Trailhead (2077 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com The weather is cooling off, so we are back to one of the crew's favorite foothills trailhead! This will be a no drop run, no runner is left behind. All levels of fitness are welcome. Bring a headlamp. It's a great run for anyone who is looking for running partners or is new to trail running. Let me know if you want to join this run or others in the future. Message me if you want to arrange carpool.
Oct 16 Thu – Oct 19 Sun	Colorado River Figure 8 Flat/White Water (Westwater+ruby Horsethief) – class I – 43.0 mi <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Bridget Murray bridgetmurray17@gmail.com A Very Scary (almost) Halloween River Trip! These two sections of the Colorado River pack a punch of mixed difficulty levels in beautiful canyons where we're sure to be treated with lovely fall colors. How it works: Seasoned boaters who want some adrenaline will run Westwater Canyon (Class III/IV, 18 miles), launching the morning of October 16 and taking out the morning of the 17th. Our shuttle vehicle at the put-in will become the return shuttle for the mellow and scenic Ruby-Horsethief run (Class I, 25 miles, limit 14 people), which begins near Loma, CO and ends at the Westwater ramp. We will launch on Ruby the afternoon of the 17th, floating a few miles to our first of two camps. Takeout will be on Sunday the 19th. You are welcome to do the whole trip or join for one section or the other. Who it's for: WW- boaters with experience on a comparable river with multiple Class III (or higher) read-and-run rapids in quick succession. WW passengers- at the discretion of your rower/captain. [See online calendar for more details]
Oct 16 Thu	Ferguson Canyon Evening/Night Hike And Optional Post Hike Social <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Ferguson Canyon Trailhead at 7721 Timberline Drive <i>Organizer:</i> Aditi Vashist, Julie Kilgore 610-864-5951, 801-244-3323 aditi@eccles.utah.edu, jk@wasatch-environmental.com Parking at the trailhead should not be a problem in the evening this time of year. Bring headlamps for the return. Dogs Ok. The group can reconvene at the Porcupine after the hike.



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Oct 18 Sat	<p>Day Hike - Peak 10656, West Uintas – msd- – Moderate pace Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Peak 10656 via Single Mill Trail in the West Uintas. I have hiked this trail on snow and want to try it to the end when there is no snow. The trail continues to near East Single Creek Lake. Depending on conditions, there may be creek crossing. From the end of the trail we will hike cross-country (class 2 scrambling) to the summit. The distance is relatively long (approximately 14 miles RT), but it's not steep (approximately 3,000 ft gain). Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Oct 4 Friday, 6 pm, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info.</p>
Oct 19 Sun	<p>Day Hike - Pole Ascent Via Baker Pass, BCC – mod+ – Moderate pace Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Baker Pass (9,320 ft) from the BCC side and continue to Pole Ascent (8,980 ft) which is on the Millcreek side. I have hiked there many times. Approximately 9 miles RT with 3,000 ft gain. There is a trail all the way. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Oct 17 Friday, 6 pm, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info.</p>
Oct 20 Mon	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd Meet: 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) Organizer: 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. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.</p>
Oct 20 Mon	<p>Church Fork Evening/Night Dog Friendly Hike – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace Meet: 5:45 pm at Church Fork Trailhead at the top of picnic area. There may be parking at the top of the paved road, or park on Mill Creek Road and walk up to the trailhead. Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com We should be able to make it to the rock ledge at the end of the switchbacks. Dogs OK. Bring a headlamp for the return.</p>
Oct 22 Wed	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd Meet: 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) Organizer: 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. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.</p>
Oct 22 Wed	<p>Trail Running - Arcadia Trailhead – mod – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1600' ascent – Fast pace Meet: 6:30 pm at Arcadia Heights Trailhead (2077 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) Organizer: Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com The weather is cooling off, so we are back to one of the crew's favorite foothills trailhead! This will be a no drop run, no runner is left behind. All levels of fitness are welcome. Bring a headlamp. It's a great run for anyone who is looking for running partners or is new to trail running. Let me know if you want to join this run or others in the future. Message me if you want to arrange carpool.</p>
Oct 23 Thu	<p>Broads Fork Evening/Night Hike And Optional Post Hike Social Meet: 5:45 pm at Big Cottonwood Canyon Overflow P&R (3653 Fort Union Blvd, Cottonwood Heights, UT) Organizer: Aditi Vashist, Julie Kilgore 610-864-5951, 801-244-3323 aditi@eccles.utah.edu, Jk@wasatch-environmental.com We hike the Broad Forks Trail up to the meadow. Made at the BCC overflow parking lot across the street from Alpha Coffee. Bring headlamps for the return. The group can reconvene at the Porcupine after the hike.</p>
Oct 24 Fri	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd Meet: 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) Organizer: 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. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.</p>
Oct 25 Sat	<p>Day Hike - Bald Knoll, Provo – mod+ – Moderate pace Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu There are at least six Bald Knolls in Utah. But this particular Bald Knoll is in Provo. I have hiked in the area many times but not to this peak. There are multiple routes to the peak. If we want to be on a trail most of the time, the next way to get there is via the Deer Creek side. If we do not mind doing more off-trail with shorter driving to the TH (unless you live in the Park City/Provo/Heber area), we will start from the Provo side. I will hike in the area from the Deer Creek side in September and decide which route we will take. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Oct 24 Friday, 6 pm, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info.</p>
Oct 26 Sun	<p>Day Hike/Snowshoe/Ski - Alta – mod+ – Moderate pace Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We will see if there is enough snow for snowshoeing/skiing. If not, we will hike. Please bring 10 essentials. Other required gear will be specified when it gets closer, depending on snow conditions. Please email before Oct 24 Friday, 6 pm, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info.</p>
Oct 27 Mon	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd Meet: 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) Organizer: 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. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.</p>
Oct 27 Mon	<p>Evening Dog Friendly Hike, Neff's Canyon – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace Meet: 5:45 pm at Neffs Canyon Trailhead (4326 White Way, Salt Lake City, UT) Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Meander up Neff's about one hour to a spot where the trees open up for a nice view of the city. Bring layers and a headlamp. Dogs ok</p>



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Nov 6 Thu – Nov 9 Sun	Rock Climb - Indian Creek <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Bryan Mason 208-589-3906 flymason13@gmail.com Indian Creek is a crack climbing mecca. If you haven't climbed crack before, this is your chance to learn. Grades start at 5.9 and there are limited routes at that level, so you should be used to climbing 5.9-5.10. Leaders will setup top-ropes so not everyone has to be a trad leader. We will get a couple big campsites at Superbowl campground.
Nov 8 Sat – Nov 9 Sun	Canyoneering In The Gorge <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com Cherry, Portal, 55
Nov 8 Sat	Trip Organizer And Volunteer Appreciation Dinner- November 8th 2025 <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Debbie Olson 801-372-6814 debbieaolson63@gmail.com trip organizer and volunteer appreciation dinner - November 2, 2024 Annual Trip Organizers and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. This is an invitation only event, 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, 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 pm, Dinner/Awards at 7:00 pm. Raffle prizes will be given away. You don't want to miss this event. Organizer:Debbie Olson, Gillian Roselli Email:socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org Date:Sat Nov 2 2024 Meeting Place:Location will be on your invitation Meeting Time:6:00 pm
Nov 20 Thu – Nov 23 Sun	Rock Climb - Red Rocks, Nv – mod <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Steph Stamm 973-945-3755 steph.m.stamm@gmail.com Come camp, climb and eat (birthday) cake in Red Rocks, Nevada! The area is best known for its soaring Aztec Sandstone cliffs with world-class moderate multi-pitch trad climbs, as well as sport routes and lots of fantastic bouldering . We'll be celebrating Paul's birthday and everyone is welcome. I reserved a group campsite for anyone wanting to camp, and well-socialized fur friends are welcome too (note that many of the long, classic routes are all-day affairs). There is space for tents and up to 8 vehicles, so let's do our best to carpool. If you plan to fly, we can arrange a shuttle. It's dry camping so there is no access to electric hookups or water - be sure to bring plenty of water and anything else you'll need in that regard. The cost of the campsite will depend on how many folks join, but we are probably looking at about \$15/person total. Once we are a few weeks out from the trip, I'll help coordinate carpooling. Please register via email.
Dec 13 Sat – Jan 18 Sun	Carretera Austral In Chile Tour And Camp – mod+ <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com Come for all or part of an adventurous, non-guided trip to southern Chile. We'll start in Puerto Montt and head south on the Carretera Austral, visiting famous and obscure sights along the way. There will be opportunities for sightseeing, hiking, rafting, kayaking and bicycling. We'll visit fjords, lakes and glaciers, and enjoy remote mountain scenery. You can join or leave the trip at the midpoint in the town of Coyhaique. Airfares are currently (July) running around \$1300 r/t from SLC to Santiago. We can split costs on lodging and car rental; I figure \$50 - \$100 per night on rooms and \$110/day on the 4WD car rental. Check out the Bradt guidebook "Chile: The Carretera Austral" by Sinclair and Menard for photos and route descriptions.
Dec 31 Wed – Jan 4 Sun	Alpine Ski Tour With VMT In Canada – 10.0 mi – 4000' ascent <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Lisa Verzella 801-554-4135 lisaverzella@gmail.com Come join me for a 5-day backcountry ski/ride package from Valhalla Mountain Touring in British Columbia, Canada from December 31, 2025 to January 4, 2026! Trip includes a snowcat trip to a private lodge with 3 full days of touring, fully guided and catered. As of now there are about 10 spots left but I'm sure they will fill quickly. The cost on the web is around \$2400 CAD, which is about \$1700 USD. https://vmt.ca/winter/the-skiing

More activities will likely be added to the online calendar. Check <https://wasatchmountainclub.org/calendar> for updates. And subscribe to one or more activity email lists for short notice postings. Go to <https://wasatchmountainclub.org/email-lists> to subscribe (you'll have to log in)



50 Years Ago in The Rambler

Transcribed by Donn Seeley

Club activities for October 1975 [...]

OCTOBER 10-13 Friday- Monday	ZION NARROWS. The leaders want to meet Friday evening to spot cars for a day hike of the Narrows. Call the leaders for details and meeting place. Leader: Bill Yates [...] John Sutton
OCTOBER 11-13 Saturday- Sunday	SALT CREEK BACKPACK. Salt Creek lies in the heart of the canyonlands and abounds with natural scenery as well as exciting Indian ruins. The number of people allowed on this trip will be limited. Call the leader for registration and details. Leader: Don Colman [...]
OCTOBER 18 Saturday	NOTCH PEAK. Elev. 9655. Rating 6.0. A good hike for avoiding deer hunters with a very spectacular view from the top of a 2700 ft. vertical cliff. Meet at DENNY'S Restaurant (45th So. and just west of the freeway) at 6:00 am. The leader lives in the Avenues and needs a ride. Leader: Carl Bauer [...]

Thunder Mountain August 16 by Bob Schlegel

Five of us began the 6000 foot ascent at 8:00 am, a time much too late for a start as we were to find out. Our route was directly up Sam Thomas Gulch with Bell's Towers on our right, and then along the ridge to the summit. Because of frequent down-climbing to bypass various notches in the ridge, and our early leisurely pace, we did not reach the summit until 3:00. As some not-too-pleasant-looking clouds were rolling across the valley, we began our descent down Coalpit over the boulder fields and meadows until the canyon began closing in. Then about dusk, we found ourselves bushwhacking through the thick vegetation. As frequenters of Coalpit will know, the canyon soon becomes a gorge with room only for the stream. David and I found ourselves learning how to rappel (?) by doing so down a waterfall (yours truly under the waterfall).

By the time we reached the third waterfall it was without a doubt very dark. Although the bottom was not visible, and David suffered a leg cramp en route, we passed our last major obstacle. After stumbling along the stream for an hour, and bushwhacking for another on a moonless night (even Frank didn't have a flashlight in his enormous pack) we made it across Little Cottonwood Creek a little after 10:00 pm.

The highlight of the trip was undoubtedly the spotting of a mountain goat on the ridge perhaps 500 yards from the summit of the north peak. We watched incredulously from 50 yards away as the animal skillfully and effortlessly maneuvered along the rocky ridge toward the summit. We had an unobstructed view for perhaps 10 minutes, and Lyman managed to snap a picture. I reported our sighting to Wildlife Resources and have received some interesting information. In 1967 six mountain goats (4 females, 2 males) captured in Washington were planted in the Wasatch. In the eight intervening years there have been only 6-8 reported sightings. The most recent had been last year by a skier in Coalpit. Searches from helicopters have never located any sign of the animals. Now that the last two sightings have been in the same area, a ground search will be conducted to determine the size of the population. Possibly more goats will be brought in to establish a good herd. We considered ourselves fortunate indeed to have spotted one.

Leader: Sam Allen. Party members: Frank West, Lyman Lewis, David Ainsworth and Bob Schlegel.



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