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Who would have thought that Dia de Los Muertos could be so much fun! Check out page 20 for the full report on why everyone is smiling.

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Historian's Message

by Debra Frank

Alexis Kelner: December 14, 1938 – September 23, 2026


Alexis's wedding cake, 1959

The first time I interviewed Alexis, I wanted to talk about Harold Goodro. It was in January or February 2020 (before March when everything shut down) and I was in the very early stages of researching the WMC's history for the centennial book. Goodro was everywhere I looked and yet I hadn't found club members who had actually known him. Alexis had. He obliged me a bit, telling me that he and his wife Karla had spent their honeymoon in the Canadian Rockies with the club, including Harold. It was a camping trip, but on one occasion they treated themselves to a meal in a fancy hotel. Harold was asked to leave because he didn't have a dinner jacket. (I was surprised that everyone else in the group had such attire!) Alexis then pointed to a couple of old benches from the Lodge against his living room wall, winked, and said, "If these benches could talk, they'd tell some secrets about Harold." And that was the sum total of what I got out of Alexis about Harold. But I was missing the mark. The goldmine was in front of me.

On subsequent visits, I learned to let Alexis drive the conversation. His favorite topics included his late wife, his joint autobiography project with her, and politics—in that order. Alexis had a wall devoted to Karla in the part of his house where most builders would have put a kitchen. (The house has an unusual floor plan—the kitchen is upstairs with the bedrooms.) The wall featured a collection of photos, maps, and articles illustrating Karla's life. Prominently featured were her hometown—and the company that dominated it. Also, her family. The schools she taught in. Her LDS roots. Her students. Her cats. Such was Alexis's devotion to Karla, that I found myself mourning her as he did, despite never having met her.

Alexis's second favorite topic overlapped with his first. For many years, he and Karla explored their family histories, which Alexis was writing a book about. For his part of the story, he collected historical documents and artifacts about Hitler to contextualize his early life in a displaced persons camp in the shadow of one of Hitler's bunkers. He corresponded with European sources to piece together a more complete picture of his family's roots. (In recent visits, a 7-page letter, handwritten in Russian lay unread on his desk. Although Alexis had once spoken Russian, he wasn't able to decipher it. Club member Dmitry Pruss was going to do the honors, but Alexis had misplaced the letter when I went to retrieve it.)

Many have asked me about the status of Alexis's autobiography project. Every time I talked to him over the past several months, he said he had 1-2 pages left to write. I take that to mean that it was close to completion. But in what state, I couldn't say. The great news is that Gavin Noyes has agreed to finish the project—very generous of him. (Gavin is a former executive director of Save Our Canyons; he remained close to Alexis.) Note: Alexis never intended the project for publication. He viewed it as a gift to his family.

As to Alexis's third favorite topic, politics, I admired his resilience. I wondered how he could cope with seeing his enormous conservation achievements mercilessly attacked by politicians bent on annihilating public lands. But cope he did—with humor. He was always eager to share his *Mein Trumph* folder with me, in which he collected cartoons.

Alexis was one of my best research sources in the club for which I was grateful. So, I was happy to turn the tables and help him out when the opportunity arose. He was fascinated to know that when I searched for him on newspapers.com, I found about 600 results. Alas, the one article he most wanted to retrieve, an editorial he wrote as a teenager, was nowhere to be found. All I could find from that time period was an article about how he'd won a city-wide paper airplane competition. Later, more helpfully, I found a photo of the doctor who built Alexis's house in the early 1900s. (Interestingly, the same doctor comes up again in a close friend's historical novel-in-progress! That's why we say, "Small Lake City.")

On September 22, I called Alexis one last time. A Tribune reporter had asked if I knew the origins of the shack on Timpanogos' summit. (This was in the aftermath of the lightning death that occurred in the shack.) Alexis was one of four club members I called. I didn't think anything of it when he didn't answer—it often took a couple of tries. I later learned that he was hospitalized that day, and passed away shortly after midnight, attended by his son Eric, and close friends.

Rest in peace, Alexis, you lived your life well.

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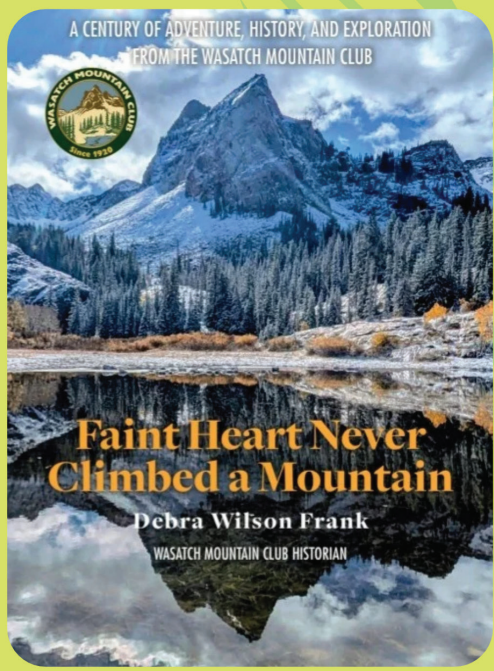

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Frank's work proves to be a labor of love in the best sense of the term. she documents the historical impact of the wmc in as thorough and thoughtful a manner as readers could imagine. it's also a beautifully illustrated work, with plenty of archival color and black-and-white photos taken over the course of a century, which effectively tell a story on their own while still complementing the text.



Some of the club members featured in the book at the Oldtimers' gathering at the lodge in July 2026

In Memoriam: Alexis Kelner
December 14, 1938 – September 23, 2026

Alexis Remembrance from Robin Berg

Alexis was a great friend of our father Gale Dick. They founded Save Our Canyons together so long ago. Alexis would come to New Years Eve parties at my folks house with his wonderful wife Carla. Alexis was seemingly scattered, and disheveled, but of course that was just his way…

Long ago he came and did portraits of myself and my brothers Tim and Steve, who was just an infant at the time.

He muttered, and clicked and helped us pose in the most simple way. The results were and still are some of the best portraits I've seen.

He somehow captured our individual personalities as they are today in those old portraits. As if he could see ahead somehow. Thank you Alexis for your loyalty to Save Our Canyons and to our family. Salt Lake is a far better, and far more interesting place having hosted you and your family all these years. Your contributions to the Wasatch will reverberate as you and my dad Gale Dick beat the drums of "preserving the Wasatch" from their resting places.

Memories of Alexis by Dave Hanscom

So many memories! And what a coincidence that Donn's "50 Years Ago" column in the November issue of The Rambler included the "Birth Announcement" of Wasatch Tours!!

As the Nov 1976 Rambler stated, the book was "long awaited". More so by me than the Utah backcountry skiing community, it turned out. As I said in my comments at Alexis' life celebration a couple months ago, he was one of the most frustrating people I've ever worked with. What I didn't have time to say was that he was also one of the most talented, funny, and caring people I ever met. My wife loved to tell the story of Alexis coming over to plan the book and wishing that she had a tape recorder under the kitchen table as she listened to our banter. Apparently we sounded like a couple of giggling little kids.

The frustrating part was that he was so involved in environmental issues (Save Our Canyons, Lone Peak Wilderness Area, etc, etc) that he had little time for the project that I was focused on finishing. What few people know was that he did a lot of the writing, all the photography (no surprise), map and figure preparation, page layout, and delivery of page negatives to the printer. In order to "encourage" him to do all that, I ended up spending countless evenings in his basement printing, folding, and prepping for mailing many of his SoC and LPW newsletters so he could/would work on the book.

And then there were the ski tours where Alexis would carry his monster camera and tripod. He'd send us about a half mile ahead to pose on what he called a "Kelner knoll" for one of his amazing photos with some snowy bowl and peak in the background. "Be patient." I would tell myself. "The Master is at work." And a master he certainly was, in so many ways.

Memories of Alexis by Brad Yates

I most likely first met Alexis during the summer of 1973 at the WMC lodge at Brighton. For about a ten-year period, my family would come down from Brigham city and spend open weekends at the lodge; Saturday would be a workday and Sunday a play day, though at 9 years old it was mainly play for me. Alexis was always a leading figure in the upkeep of the lodge in that era. He would show up in his WW2 vintage army ambulance loaded with tools and supplies for

a day's work. Alexis by this time had already become a living legend of the WMC through his mountaineering, spelunking, skiing, conservation and many other endeavors.

In his mid-thirties he was a powerfully built man. For those who know me, a similar build to mine. I recall him wrestling and lifting all kinds of heavy objects that abounded around the lodge. Alexis could talk on nearly any subject with an air of knowledge yet lacking any arrogance; he had many a story to tell. A journey to his and Karla's house was always an adventure. He would show me the various projects he was working on such as the WW2 Jeep and many others—some ongoing with others likely never completed. I was able to do a few ski tours and hikes with Alexis in my teens, though in that era I was no match for his abilities. Alexis and I would share a similar trajectory in the WMC with both of us doing activities well under the required age according to club rules.

Upon my return from a hiatus from the WMC in the mid-1980s through the early-1990s, Alexis was still as active as ever fighting to protect his beloved Wasatch, working on the Lodge, publishing books and articles on skiing and conservation. In the early nineties, I too would dedicate much of my time working to protect Utah's remaining wild places. I was given the Alexis Kelner Conservation award in 1999—presented by Alexis himself; what an honor.

Memories of Alexis by Ron Perla

Alexis was one of the kindest and most generous friends one could have. He was always there to help when needed. He provided me with his competence and experience as a scientific illustrator, applying his skills to my early journal and USFS publications, including my doctoral thesis. Because of our friendship, he did all of this at almost no cost to me.

In 1972, the USFS transferred me to Fort Collins with the primary assignment of writing an avalanche handbook which would significantly enlarge and update the existing ones. It had to be strongly based on figures and photos. Very soon it became clear that the scientific illustrator at the USFS Fort Collins Station lacked required snow and avalanche knowledge as well as the skills to construct multi-layer figures. We also needed more photos from Alta and the Wasatch. Alexis stepped in to do the illustrating and take the missing photos. I'm sure his friends, renowned chemists Dennis Caldwell, the late Cal Giddings, and many others, would agree that Alexis was the right person at the right time because of his knowledge and training in chemistry.

In 1961, when I first came to SLC, I remember Alexis and his mother speaking Russian. During one of our USFS Alta avalanche field courses on rescue, we used Alexis's Russian language skill. The rescue group was assembled at the base of Alta waiting for the notification of an avalanche accident. Alexis then arrived to provide the notification, but he would speak only in Russian. Eventually, he led the way to the "simulated" burial.

So much more to remember ...

Remembrance of Alexis Kelner from Russell Patterson

In 1953, a Deseret News editorial said the entrance to Neffs should be dynamited shut. In 1956, when Alixis was a teenager, he helped map Neff's Cave and it was determined that this cave was the deepest in the USA. Being the deepest cave gave a reason for gating it rather than dynamiting this amazing cave.

In 2002, the Salt Lake Grotto of the National Spelunking society held its 50th anniversary in Goshute Cave and Alexis was invited. He dressed for the occasion. When he removed his coveralls, we found he was wearing a Tuxedo.

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

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Activity Reports

Climbing - Try Hard Tuesday - Sep. 22, 2026

Organized and report by Steph Stamm

This year, an offshoot of Trad Tuesday made its debut: Try Hard Tuesday, for those days when the climbing is only half the adventure.

For our inaugural outing, four intrepid souls set off for Lisa Falls West, bushwhacking through a full-strength gumby filter of stubborn scrub oak, a rocky creek, fallen trees, and scratchy branches. With no discernible trail in sight, we forged ahead on faith alone, eventually emerging to find some stellar sport climbing waiting for us.

Mark, Tizzy, Tom, and Steph took turns leading the 5.9s and 5.10s on beautifully featured face climbing over orange-hued quartz monzonite. The climbing delivered, and the views across the valley were the cherry on top. As we descended, the setting sun treated us to a spectacular alpenglow show, making the bushwhack back to civilization feel almost worth it.

For our second outing, rain clouds had us questioning whether BCC quartzite would be in the mood to hold trad gear. But on the trusted word of Frank Nederhand, we threw caution (and perhaps a little good judgment) to the wind and tackled the steep, loose, thoroughly unpleasant approach to Penitentiary Wall.

Tom led Tax Evasion (5.7) and we set up a top rope on Climb and Punishment (5.9), which everyone took for a quick lap. Meanwhile, Frank and Phil headed south for the two-pitch Fresh Fish, apparently undeterred by the weather or the approach.

The rain, naturally, didn't stay away for long. The crew on the north side of the ridge hurried to pack up and retreat to the BBQ awaiting them at the final Trad Tuesday of the season. The Fresh Fish team eventually returned, wet and bedraggled but in exceptionally high spirits. Their reward? Burgers, hot dogs, and an assortment of tasty morsels - a pretty respectable consolation prize for a soggy day on the rock.

Try Hard Tuesdays will return next summer, with more climbing, questionable approaches, and adventures that may or may not involve bushwhacking. Keep an eye on the calendar, and come prepared to earn your turns!



Tom, Tizzy, Mark and Steph beaming at the success of the inaugural Try Hard Tuesday



Tizzy sending the toughest climb of the evening, Top It Off (5.10b)



Mark, Steph & Tizzy schlep up the arduous yet scenic approac



Steph belays Dan as he eyes up hanging a top rope on Climb and Punishment (5.9 trad).

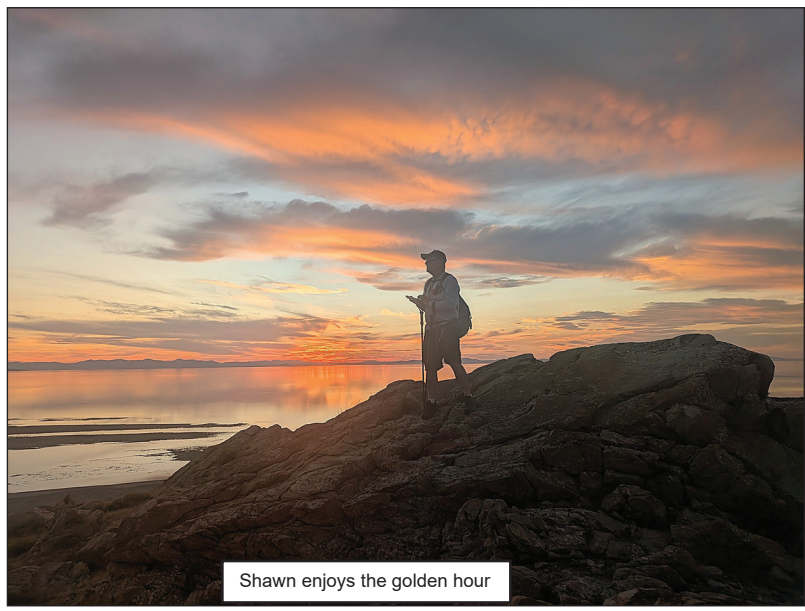
Multi-sport - Antelope Island - Oct. 2, 2026

Organized and report by Frank Bouchard

Friday: Our weekend kicked off Friday evening. Julie assembled a crew for an off-trail trek, navigating from the campsite up into the island's rugged, rocky hills. Afterward, everyone gathered around the campfire to unwind before calling it a night.



Off-trail scrambling up the hill above Bridger Bay



Shawn enjoys the golden hour

Saturday: I led a group of ten hikers up to the island's highest summit, Frary Peak, taking in expansive views of the Great Salt Lake throughout the day. Kerry guided a group of six runners on a 14-mile loop across the island. A few took time to check out the updated features and movie at the newly renovated visitor center. The day concluded back at the Bridger Bay campsite with a really fun lively group dinner and social. Once it got dark, Shawn set up an outdoor projector for a movie.

Sunday: The final crew woke up Sunday morning, ate breakfast and made their way home. This campout is a great annual tradition that has been going for seventeen years. I highly recommend making it out next year!



A quick breather on the ascent to Frary Peak



Summit crew at the high point of Antelope Island



Post-hike feast and campfire social to cap off a big Saturday



Matt, Jake, and Kiki enjoying Saturday's group run

Hike - Co. Peaks, Gold Hill, Grizzly & more - Oct. 14-17, 2026

Organized and report by Akiko Kamimura

Erik Nielson and Akiko enjoyed hiking in the winter conditions in Colorado.

Oct 14: Road trip to Colorado.



Summit photo at Gold Hill

Oct 15: Gold Hill & Peak 6 - Our original plan was bagging 12k peaks from Loveland Pass TH. However, due to the driving conditions, we changed the destination to Gold Hill (10,325 ft) and Peak 6 (12,597 ft) near Breckenridge Ski Resort. The snow was just patchy, but above11k we encountered true winter conditions. The snow was deep at some sections. After we made Peak 6, we went down to the ski resort and walked on the bike trail which is parallel to Hwy 6 to go back to the Gold Hill TH. It was a long day. We hiked more than 11 hours for 20 miles.


Once we were above 11k, it was in the winter conditions


Summit photo at Peak 6

Oct 16: Grizzly Peak & more - Starting from the Loveland Pass TH, we bagged East Loveland Pass Peak (12,915 ft), Cupid (13,125 ft), and Grizzly Peak (13,434 ft). Although the distance is less than 6 miles RT, the route was not easy with snow and six steep up and down sections. But the snow made the route more interesting and fun. We had great success and a great time.


Erik at East Loveland Pass Peak


The last section to the summit of Grizzly Peak

Oct 17: Road trip back to SLC.



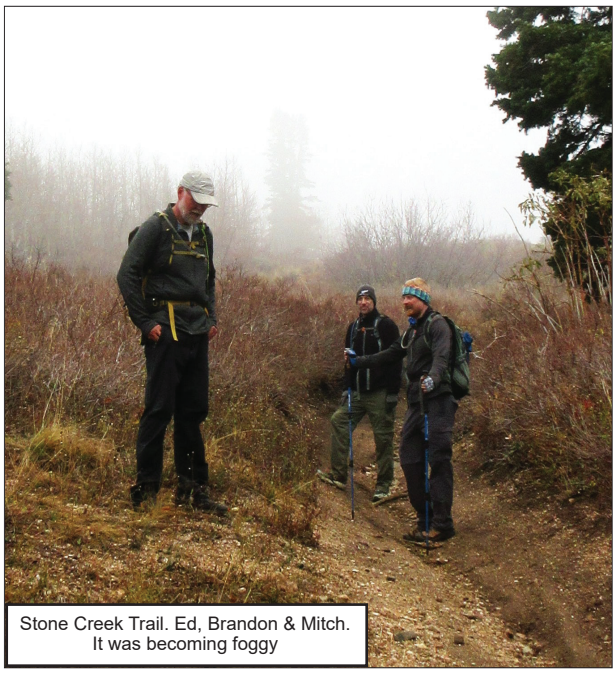
Summit photo at Cupid


Summit photo at Grizzly Peak

Hike - Jeep Benchmark (Bountiful) - Oct 24, 2026

Organized and report by Akiko Kamimura

We followed Stone Creek Trail to bag Jeep Benchmark (8653 ft) in Bountiful. The weather was fine at the beginning but became foggy. When we were at the summit, the visibility was very low and it was very windy and cold. In the dense fog it was difficult to figure out the direction. We decided to go down the Ward Canyon Rd and discovered the trail which was mostly parallel to the road. When we were descending from the summit, the sky suddenly became clear. We could see where to go and beautiful sceneries. On the way back, we encountered a section on Old Ward Canyon Rd trail that was totally washed out. We went up and down on the steep slope to continue to the TH. It was short but an adventure. It was a fun 10 mile, 6 hour hike with 3880' gain.



Stone Creek Trail. Ed, Brandon & Mitch. It was becoming foggy



Benchmark



Summit photo at Jeep Benchmark. From left – Akiko, Mitch, Ed & Brandon. The trees around the summit had ice on them



When we were going down from Jeep Benchmark, the sky suddenly became clear



Old Ward Canyon Rd had washout – it was not possible to continue on the road. We went off-trail to avoid the section. It became adventure. Ed and Mitch

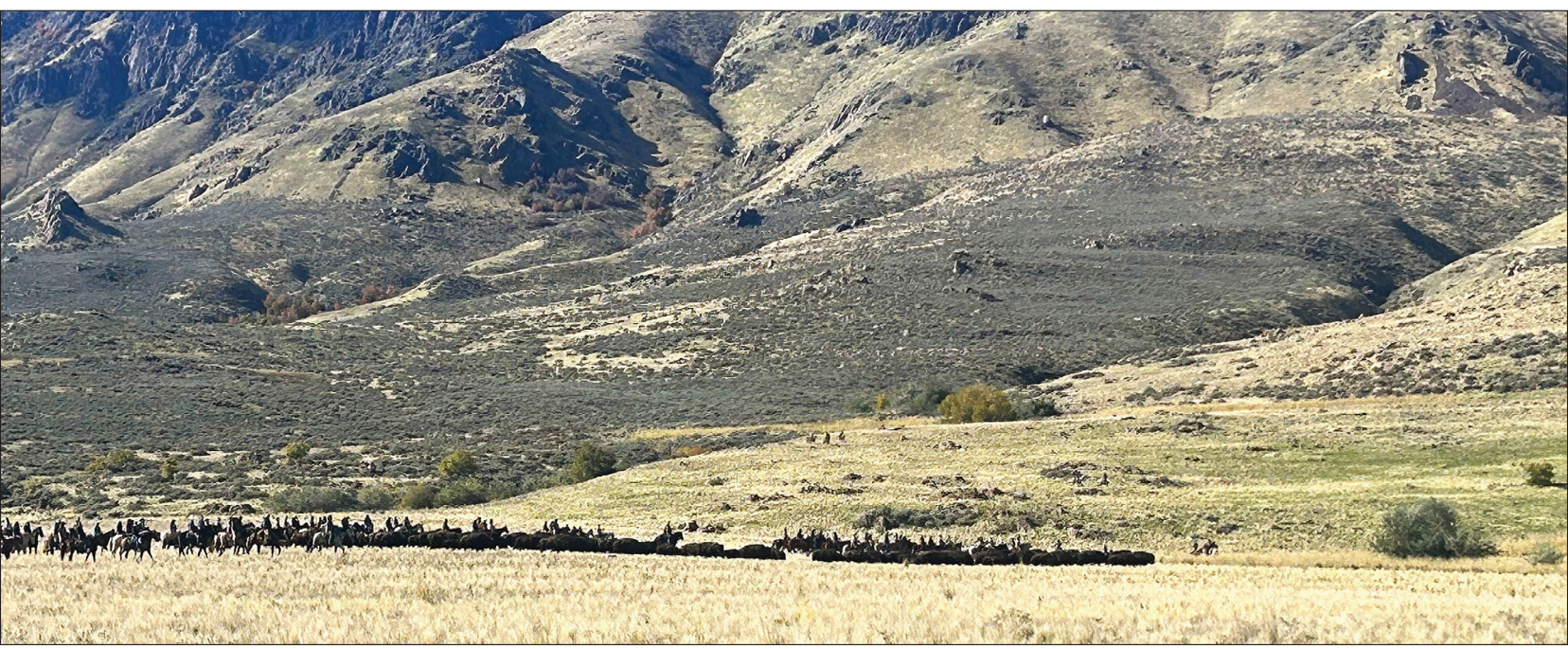
Bike - Antelope Island Buffalo Roundup, Oct. 24, 2026

Organized and report by Jack Cook. Photos by Jack Cook and Da Yang

Nearly 800 wild bison. Hundreds of horseback riders. One of the last true Western spectacles left, and it happens right in our backyard. Every Fall, riders sweep Antelope Island and drive one of the nation's oldest public bison herds north into the corrals. These are wild animals, so they keep their own schedule. I am going to get their early, and see if I can spot the bison before the riders find them. My strategy is to stake out a spot at the White Rock Bay viewing area to catch the final thundering push into the corrals. The riders start at 9 a.m. from Fielding Garr Ranch. The herd usually reaches the corrals between noon and 3 p.m.



Jack's Report - The day got off to a rough start. I went to bed at 7 p.m. instead of making my flag. When I got up, I could not find my binoculars, and I got out the door slightly late. Then I hit a traffic jam of cars heading for the herd, which cost me even more time. At 8:40, Adam texted me a picture of his car and said he was posted. I thought it was a funny thing to send, until I parked and realized how useful it was. I had taken my folding bike, yellow high-vis sweater, and helmet in the back. I pulled them out and started riding. Since I knew what Adam's car looked like, I found him quickly, said hello, and told him I'd text when I found the buffalo. Riding on, I noticed a group of cars parked away from the rest and heard people saying, "They're over there." I pulled over and started talking with them. They had a spotting scope and told me there were two buffalo in the field, one grazing and the other lying down.



I cannot see a buffalo to save my life. I'm from Alaska. When we go moose hunting, I can spot a moose in the brush from the back seat going 40 mph down a dirt road. But a buffalo moving across an open field, when I know roughly where to look and people are pointing right at it? I couldn't see either of them. I messaged Da, who was way up the road. My folding bike was faster than walking, but she was still too far to go get. So I stayed put. I had two buffalo in front of me, and I figured the riders would round them up. I put on my Fishbone beanie, and I am standing there looking for these buffalo. This cop pulls up, and asks me if I know where Rayburn campground is. I thought about saying "Oh yeah, it's up there", but I thought twice, and said "I'm not sure". I felt the anger off her, but she goes "OK.Thanks". I don't think I looked that authoritative, but I guess I had that look.

I waited about an hour and still couldn't see those buffalo. Then someone said, "There's the riders!" and pointed. They looked like a little blob of ants coming over the hill. Someone said the buffalo were with



them, and I still couldn't see them. I lost the riders, found them again, and finally spotted a small group of buffalo out in front. From that distance they looked like long worms. They were a fair distance away, but I could hear the horses whinny and the riders calling out. I figured the buffalo I'd spotted were ahead of the horses, so I rode down the road until the horses were about /2 mile behind me and started looking. I had no idea buffalo could climb. I found them on a small ridgeline about half a mile ahead of the riders, with one or two horses trailing behind. I stopped at a chokepoint to photograph the main group of cowboys as they came through. One rode right up near the cars. He wore a purple high viz vest that said "Group Leader," and he stopped there to give orders to the riders. That's when I finally saw that the cowboys had buffalo inside their group. Those must have been the calves and juveniles, and the group I'd been chasing was probably the bulls.

Once the herd reached the road, police escorted the riders and no cars could get past, but since I was on bicycle I could get in front of the cop car. It felt like I was part of the roundup! Since the group leader zigzagged back and forth on his horse, and I rode straight, I matched the round up pace. It was so cool!

If you go next year, bring a bike. You'll see more than anyone in a car, and you can hear what people are saying. Carpool in. You can park outside the park and bring up to six people in one car for a single $15 fee. With a group, one or two people can ride bikes to scout for the buffalo and riders while the car drops everyone else off wherever they want to go. Send a photo of your car. Cell reception is spotty on parts of the island, so if you're meeting someone, take a picture of your car and text it to them. Don't follow the crowd. The buffalo are spread across the island, so you don't need to trail the line of cars or park where everyone else does. Bring a camp chair or blanket, layers, sunscreen, binoculars, snacks, and patience. Heads up: vehicle access on the east side road will be limited, so plan to carpool and arrive early. And if you'd rather not hunt for buffalo alone, you come with the WMC next year.



Da's Report - I drove around and stayed on high ground, thinking I'd have a good view with my very long zoom, a Nikon with 3000 mm of reach. I waited for hours until the cowboys and bison finally came, only to realize they were too far away to photograph! I rushed down into the crowd and found a spot to set up my camera, but boy, the kids climbing on the fence were shaking it like crazy.

Running - Naturalist Basin, Oct. 24, 2026

Organized and report by Joslin Heyward

Joslin Heyward, Reid Gardner, Jimmy S, and Katie F ventured on a 15+ mile hike/run in the Uinta Mountains on October 24, starting at the Highline Trail-Hayden Pass Trailhead and circling around the Naturalist Basin. Turns out much of the trail is too rocky to run, but we moved along at a steady clip and had plenty of breath even above 10k feet to practice our exaggerated French accents as Sebastian the crab. We decided a better name for "LeConte Lake" is "Croissant Lake", and so it is. Other gorgeous lakes we visited included: Blue, Faxon, Shaler, and Jordan. Naturalist Basin is always a treat, but on a day with new snow, crystalline blue skies, and no one else around except for some happy brook trout, that's something to write in the Rambler about!







Hike - Dog Lake, Oct. 28, 2026

Organized and report by Dave Andrenyak

One of the two Dog Lakes in the Central Wasatch is located in the Mill D North drainage of Big Cottonwood Canyon (BCC). This Dog Lake is just south of the Millcreek Canyon / BCC divide. There are several different ways to hike to Dog Lake. For our Wednesday October 28 day-hike, we started at the Butler Fork trailhead in Big Cottonwood Canyon. We hiked on the Butler Fork East BranchTrail (East Branch Trail) to the junction with the Desolation Trail. Next, we traveled east on the Desolation Trail about 0.25 miles to Dog Lake. We hiked around the lake and had a refreshment break on the small hill just west of the lake. The weather was partly sunny, chilly in the shade and warm in the sunshine. Most of the aspens and other trees were leafless at this late autumn time. There were a few stands of aspens with brilliant gold leaves. The leafless aspen were still interesting with their distinctive white bark. We also noted many impressive conifer trees. At two separate location on the East Branch trail, we encountered cow moose. Throughout the hike, there wer great views of the BCC mountain scenery. From several locations on the East Branch Trail, there were great views of the snow covered mountain tops in the Broads Fork Twin Peaks area. At our refreshment spot near Dog Lake, there was a fine view of Reynolds Peak. The excellent company and conversation of the hike participants enhanced the activity experience. Thank you Jim Kucera, Scott Bagci, and Scott Kurzban.



Social - Halloween Party - Oct 25, 2026

Organized and report by Giullia Roselli

I had been watching the weather forecast for this day at Brighton 3 weeks in advance. Every day I looked, it changed from sunny to cloudy, to snow and rain, and cloudy again, just rain and back and forth. I was worried it would snow too much and people would not want to walk the trail in the deep snow. Oh my! But noooooo..... the weather cooperated! Although we did have rain/snow mix for about an hour just before the party started. What a relief! What a party! It has been a long time since we had a Halloween Party at the Lodge. And I fondly think on our beloved Craig Anderson, who was the force behind this annual event. This is to *you* Craig! Our DJ, Shawn Whiting, put together a list of the most perfect songs for Halloween. Thank you Shawn! You were amazing, very professional and what sophisticated equipment you have! This party wouldn't have been a success if it weren't for the amazing help I got from the volunteers: Chase, Kaylee, Susie, Teri and Tony. Also, a high-five to all those who stayed to help take down the decorations after the party, We had lots of laughs and dancing and joking around all evening. We gave away 5 Target gifts certificates in 5 categories for the scariest, funniest, sexiest, cutest and most unusual costumes. Saving the best for last, a Dutch Oven was awarded to Debbie Olsen, our previous Social Director. Then it was back to dancing and laughing and having a fun time with everyone. Some people from Meetup joined us and that was good. I hope next year we will have double the number of people. I really hope this event becomes one to look for every year from now on. Spook you later!



Debbie Olsen (Minion), Mindy Wheeler (Rubie)



Rachelle Vanderplas (Weight Lifter)



Hardy Sherwood, Bob Stuerke, Steve Pritchett

Rod Collins (Prisoner), Greg Libecci (Beetlejuice)



Steve & Debbie Olsen (Minions), Greg Libecci (Beetlejuice), Shane Wallace (Musketeer), Dana Wallace (Rubie from Beetlejuice)



Lisa Vervella (Moroni Angel)



Do-the-Book Commentary by Deb Frank

In recent years, the club-organized Halloween party had been missing from the calendar. In asking around, I'd learned that it lost popularity after its key champion, Craig Anderson, passed away.


Craig Anderson

Could we bring it back? As the club's historian, I hoped so.

Traditionally held at the Lodge, the Halloween party had been one of the club's longest-running annual events. During the fifties and sixties, it featured elaborate set designs created by member Clix Byrne—a sculptor and painter who made costumes professionally for such clients as Ballet West. A 1959 article in Logan's Herald-Journal described a "Ghastly Gallery" show of his work, featuring Bluebeard, Werewolf Winnie, Frankenstein, and Dracula. Many of the masks were constructed for the "annual Spook Alley held at the Wasatch Mountain Club. . ." (Oh, how I would love to find photos! Does anyone know of any?)

Below, I've excerpted two activity reports, since they capture a bygone time nicely. (Yes, they really did bob for apples!)

Halloween 1951

In 1951, the Halloween event was billed as "the biggest party of the year." The following trip report appeared in the November Rambler:

> An array of original costumes made up of 62 strange characters filled the lodge to celebrate Halloween. The entrance to the lodge was made through the chalet window into a weird spook alley, with skeletons to guide the way. Pin the tail on the cat and apple bobbing were among the entertainment set forth by the leaders Bob and Davy Milmoe, Harry Ohrn and Mary Jean McGarry. As usual, the evening was nearly over before some of the people were identified. The judges had a difficult job deciding as to the best and most original costumes but after getting heads together Betty Madsen won first prize for the most original costume for the women. She came as a modern flapper, I guess. Aaron Filler, complete with patch and cutlass was first for the men as Captain Kidd. All agreed that the supper served after the costume parade was delicious. It was good to get the masks off and see familiar faces.

Halloween 1962

By 1962, attendance had tripled!

> The Halloween Party --- October 27 by Howard Segal: It seems impossible that so many people could be serviced by our small Brighton Lodge but an impossibility became a reality when over 180 mountaineers and friends congregated at Brighton for the annual Halloween party. The major attraction, Spook Alley could only be adequately described by seeing it. It was morbidly fascinating from the "hand"burgers to the open heart surgery. The many doctors milling around the room made one feel medically secure. We all realized that in case of an emergency appendix attack an immediate operation could be performed "upstairs" by one of staff MDs (Meat Doctor) The pot luck approach to providing food worked exceptionally well. (Thanks to Ann McDonald). There was plenty of food for all. One of the most amazing features of the party was that people actually had room to dance. There was violent twisting along with folk dancing far into the night. The costumes were so good that half the people were not even recognized. Of course the winners of the main prizes: Mrs. Earl Hansen as a witch and Clint Barker as the Maidenform Man were identified upon receiving their prizes. Other prize winners included the cave man and woman. Their costumes were a revelation! All in all a good time was had by all and we shall be looking forward to another gala event next year!

In 2027 as in 1962, we shall look forward to another gala event next year! I'm excited about the return of this beloved club event.

Hike - Mt. Olympus North Side - Oct. 29, 2026

Organized and report by John Knoblock

On October 29 our group of five met at the Bonneville Shoreline Z Trail trailhead on Thousand Oaks Drive. It was a beautiful, sunny, cool fall day, perfect for a challenging hike. We headed out promptly at 9 am, up the Z Trail and past the old mine spring at the top, which was totally dried up. From there we crossed the lower Zeus chute drainage to connect to the lower Apollo couloir drainage. We headed up the steep chute bounded by tall quartzite walls. Our team utilized their solid rock climbing skills to make the class 4 scramble up the chute to the west







Mt Olympus ridgeline. We had a nice lunch break and great views at the top of the West Slabs. Then we headed down a social trail along the west ridge which eventually connected back to the BST. We followed the BST north back to the Z Trail where we parked. The fall colors were fantastic and a good time was had by all!





Hike - Timpanogos - Oct. 25, 2026

Organized and report by Michael Marine

I met my namesake Mike at 7 a.m. at the trailhead. We also share a naval theme in our surnames (Nelson, Marine) but this time we were gathered for a land expedition, with the objective of saying goodbye to the Timp summit this season before winter sets in fully and the route becomes a serious challenge.

The weather forecast was uncertain, with a storm passing to our south and generating some chances of precipitation on the mountain during the day. But we were lucky and only saw a few snowflakes on the upper side of the route and some light rain as we approached the trailhead on the way back. Clouds did cover the mountain most of the time but visibility was generally good and we even enjoyed some moments of sunshine.The trail was covered in snow once we hit ~9,000 feet but hiking traffic had compacted it and made it easy to follow all the way to the summit, although it did fade away slightly in some final sections. Close to the main ridge saddle we decided to put our spikes on, as the snow was getting harder and the terrain became steeper. We got to the summit in 4.5 hours and were greeted by a lull in the cloud cover that allowed us to see gorgeous views of the Utah Valley and the surrounding mountains. A day to remember with 9 hours total of hiking time and 14.7 miles. We'll be back soon, Timp.







Running - Round Valley Costume Run, Oct. 31, 2026

Organized and report by Kerry Regan

Halloween is for tricks, treats, and costume runs! Six of us hit the Round Valley trails on Halloween morning, with members completing 12 to 21 miles. We drew plenty of laughs and smiles from hikers we passed along the way. Best costume undoubtedly went to Andrew G who ran dressed as a traffic cone, with Kiki M as runner up in her bumblebee outfit. It was a great morning of miles, costumes, and, of course, a little silliness out on the trails!





Running - Dia De Los Muertos - Nov 1, 2026

Organized and report by Kiki Mackaman-Lofland

WMC trail runners had a great showing at the Dia de Los Muertos 5k organized by the Wasatch Trails Collective. In spite of pouring rain and post-Halloween hangovers, brave runners including Joslin (and her family), Jorge, Thomas, Neil, Jake, and Kiki bravely rolled out of bed to run. After live music and dance performances, runners lined up and spontaneously decided to race the 5k, even though some members had run 12 miles the day before with Kerry's run at Round Valley. WMC members ended up claiming the first 6 spots on the podium. The top 3 finishers proudly walked home with a Hoka giftcard and a can of jalapenos. All went home with pan de muerto, wet clothes, and good cheer.



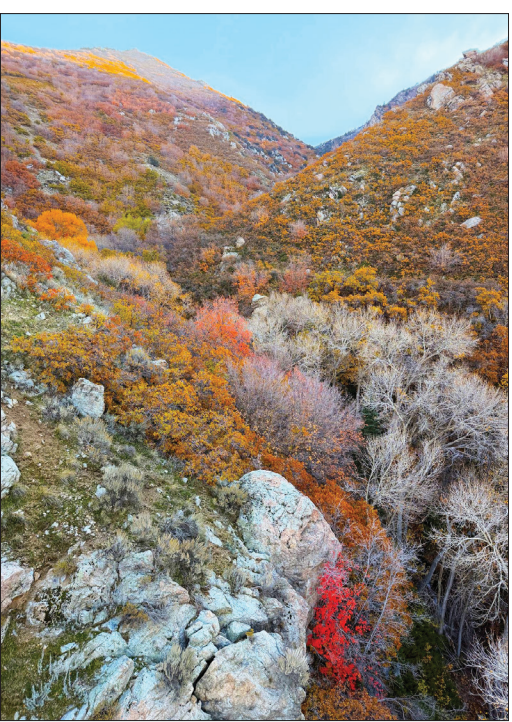


Running - Hidden Valley & Corner Canyon - Nov 7, 2026

Organized and report by Kerry Regan

Three of us, Kerry R., Matt M., and Jake C. set out for a 12-mile run from Hidden Valley Park to Corner Canyon. The trails were surprisingly dry, and the cool fall temperatures were perfect for running. The run was scenic and fun until the last mile, when one of our members sprained his ankle. We walked the rest of the way back to the cars together. Even with the sprain, the group had a great time getting out on such a nice fall day. Here's to a quick recovery!









Social - Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - Nov. 7, 2026

Organized by Giullia Roseli and Frank Bouchard

Every single summit, trail, river, and canyon taken on by the WMC happens because a member stepped up and organized an activity. Each November we hold the annual volunteer banquet to show our appreciation for our amazing volunteers. In addition to the dinner, this year Frank Bouchard organized some pre-party and post-party events. So it was a "Party-on!" full-night celebration.

We kicked things off with a pre-party hike to the Houndstooth. Five club members (Julie K, Frank B,





Tristan C, Scott, and Josh) hiked from the Ferguson Canyon trailhead to the top of the Houndstooth. This trail has been called the steepest in the Wasatch, with a brutal climb of 2,800 feet in two miles. Most of the hike follows a semi-decent trail to the "gum" of the Houndstooth. The final push is a steep scramble up a gully to the top where the views are great.





Biking to the dinner seemed like a much more invigorating option than the congested 5 o'clock traffic. Nine persons enjoyed a 3.5-mile group bike ride through town on Parley's Trail to get to the dinner venue.

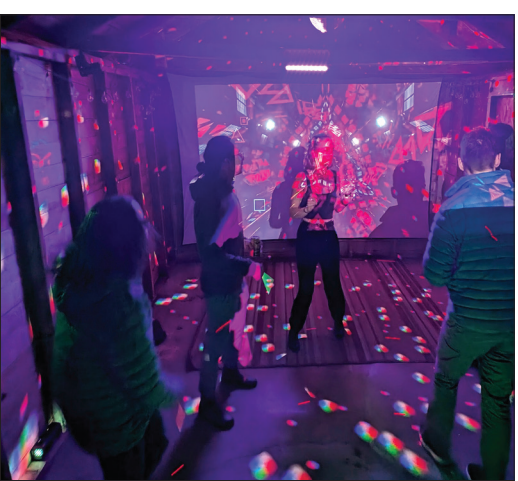
The banquet was incredible thanks to the efforts of the social directors. We refueled with a tasty dinner and everyone nabbed a prize at the raffle.







Once dinner ended, we lit up our headlamps, biked back to my house, and launched into an epic after-party complete with a backyard campfire, garage dance party, and karaoke until 1 AM. Now is the time to schedule an activity or two so you can join next year's festivities. Become one of the cool kids and organize WMC activities. Let me know if you need any help!







Hiking - Mt Wolverine - Nov 8, 2026

Organized and report by Michael Marine

Once the first snows have blanketed the Wasatch, a hike to the tall Mt Wolverine under a piercing blue ski cannot fail to invigorate you for the rest of the week. And so it was this time as well. David, Lauren, Thomas, Jim and Michael met at Alta for a somewhat lazy 9 am start. The sun had melted a good portion of the snow from the latest storms and the summer road was snow-free



Final sections of the summit ridge



First steep slopes past Catherine Pass



Somebody has to be the one who breaks trail

but we hit the snow pretty soon on our way to the trailhead through ski trails and forests. From the Sunnyside TH to Catherine Pass the snow began to get progressively deeper under the shade of the spruces and firs. Snow shoes would have helped but we opted to keep them on our backpacks and just follow the footprints from previous hikers. Past Catherine Pass, the footprints disappeared towards the Wolverine ridge. We kept resisting the temptation of putting our snow shoes on, which some in the group were not carrying anyway, and bravely broke trail under balmy temperatures and the aforementioned deep blue sky. We first bagged Mt Tuscarora because it was right there, so close to the route, so why not? Then made the final push to the Wolverine summit, which we reached in a respectable time of 3 hours. On the way back we decided to take the shortcut of the southwestern bowl, where we were hoping to have a lot of fun glissading, but its sunny orientation meant that the slopes were only partly covered in soft, shallow snow. We'll have to wait for a more substantial snow cover to enjoy this treat later on in the season. It did save us some time though. Five hours after the start, we were back in our cars for a successful close.

Hike - Black Mountain via Emigration Canyon - Nov 8, 2026

Organized and report by Akiko Kamimura

Black Mountain (8255 ft) is located in the ridgeline between Avenue Twin Peaks and Lookout Peak. Probably the most common route to bag this peak is from the Avenue side. We began our hike from the Pinecrest TH in Emigration Canyon. From the TH, we followed Old Mine Road Trail to the ridgeline. We hiked to the north on the ridgeline until we got to Peak 8235. Then we turned to the west to make Black Mountain. While there is a trail entirely on a map, we did not find it. We bushwhacked to the peak in the last one mile. There was a short easy class 3 section on the way. We took a long lunch time at the summit. Although this is not a particularly high peak, the views from the summit were wonderful. We did not see any other hikers until we were back close to the TH. It was a nice day



Lisa, Heidi and Don at Peak 8235



Near the summit. From left – Akiko, Lisa, Heidi & Don.



Heidi and Lisa near the summit

Ski - Alta (Collins Area) - Nov 10 & 12, 2026

Organized and report by Eve Kovacs, Photos by Kathleen Waller

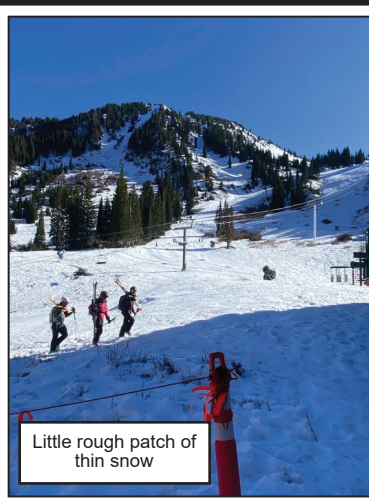


Found a couple of early season stashes

Tuesday, Nov 10 - Despite less than stellar snow conditions, four intrepid skiers (Neil P., Kathleen W., Vicki T. and Eve K.) climbed to the top of the Alta Collins lift for a training lap. Conditions were quite icy on lower Meadow, so we elected to walk up the roads where possible to avoid burning out on the steep and slippery main drag. With no snow for more than 10 days, the groomer was completely hammered and both shiny and rocky in spots! The views from the top were worth the climb and we hung out in the sunshine for a lunch break and to chat with other skiers. For the way down, we tried Main Street, which was rather chewed up. Then Alta veteran Vicki suggested Spring Valley and we actually scored a bunch of soft snow turns (albeit with a few tracks interspersed). We continued down Strawberry on gradually firmer conditions and then transitioned back to hard pack at the Angle Station. We negotiated the rock garden on Meadow without any major mishaps and arrived at the bottom happy and ready for more lunch. Despite early season conditions, it was great to get out on our skis. Thanks to Waller for the great photos!



Gearing up for the drop



Little rough patch of thin snow



A happy Scott after descending with no major damage to his skis

Thursday, Nov 12 - This outing was similar to the tour 2 days previously, but conditions were slightly worse. The main drag was even icier and very slippery, so we again elected to skin up the roads where possible. We topped out at Germania Pass in the warm sunshine and decided to try a descent via Ballroom. This was better than expected. We scored a bit of soft snow amongst the old tracks and didn't hit any rocks. We again opted for the Spring Valley detour for a bit more soft snow and then bailed onto Mambo and Meadow for some (very) hard pack skiing. Scott was tempted by Nina's, but this turned out to be an unfortunate choice due to the proliferation of rocks on the lower half. We eventually took our skis off and crossed back onto Meadow. No major damage sustained but lesson learned nonetheless! Again, it was great to get out on skis on a beautiful day.



Skinning up Alta near Collins lift

Activity Calendar

Organizers can opt for a group size they are comfortable with, except for the group size limit of 10 in wilderness areas.

Dec 1 Tue	Rock Climb - Evening Momentum Climbing *Meet:* 6:30 pm at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) *Organizer:* Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com Indoor climbing in the gym to get strong for next spring. WMC members get a discount on a day pass. We will be climbing top rope and lead routes, so bring your gym lead rope if you have one.
Dec 1 Tue	WMC Canyoneering Training: Rigging And Rope Management *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Dental on Location (7019 400 W, Midvale, UT) *Organizer:* Steven Eyberg 651-335-1096 sceyberg@gmail.com Rig rope for rappel and retrieval Block with static and releasable rigging Coil, pack, and throw rope
Dec 2 Wed	Trail Running - Arcadia Heights Trailhead – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1200' ascent – Fast pace *Meet:* 6:30 pm at Arcadia Heights Trailhead (2077 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) *Organizer:* Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerrylregan@gmail.com It is winter, but the foothills are still ready with some great running! 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.
Dec 2 Wed	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek *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.
Dec 4 Fri	Rock Climb - Evening Momentum Climbing *Meet:* 6:30 pm at Momentum Indoor Climbing Fort Union (7210 Union Park Ave, Midvale, UT) *Organizer:* Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com Indoor climbing in the gym to get strong for next spring. WMC members get a discount on a day pass. We will be climbing top rope and lead routes, so bring your gym lead rope if you have one.
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Dec 4 Fri	Ski Meeting/Social: Tunnel Creek Reading, Discussion, And Dinner *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Baja Cantina: Park City Ski Resort Plaza (1355 Lowell Ave, Park City, UT 84060) *Organizer:* Kathleen Waller, Maegan Dillman 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com, office@algrendesign.com This activity is limited to 8 participants. Commit some time each day this week to reading this Pulitzer and Peabody award winning 6-part multimedia article linked below. The 2012 Tunnel Creek avalanche has become a seminal case study for avalanche education and discussion on decision making and group dynamics. Join WMC skiers on Friday, December 4th at Baja Cantina at the Park City Ski Resort for a guided discussion on this reading over wonderful food and drinks (purchased by participants). We ask all participants to respect each other during the discussion and keep all comments constructive as we discuss what may be an emotional topic for participants. Please RSVP via EMAIL to reserve your space and so we can share with you the discussion questions ahead of time. If we have a lot of interest, we may duplicate this activity for more people on the following Friday.
Dec 5 Sat	Snowshoe/Ski/Hike - Location TBA – mod+ – Moderate pace *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* 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 rescue gear (beacon, probe & 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 rescue gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Dec 4, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.
Dec 5 Sat	Ski Meeting/Social: Uac 19th Annual Utah Snow & Avalanche Workshop (Usaw) *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* Utah Avalanche Center Join the Utah Avalanche Center for the 19th Annual USAW, where Utah's avalanche community will team up with snow professionals around the west to share avalanche knowledge. Regional avalanche workshops are the most time and cost-effective way to build and refresh advanced avalanche skills. This is your chance to learn from avalanche experts and brush up on your skills before the start of the season. When: December 5th, 4 PM-8 PM Where: Wasatch Jr High, SLC Ticket Price: $35 General Admission and $30 Student You'll learn from forecasters, patrollers, snow scientists, highway avalanche crews, search & rescue personnel, mountain guides, ski industry manufacturers, backcountry skiers & snowboarders, snowmobilers, avalanche researchers, and more.
Dec 6 Sun	Snowshoe/Ski/Hike - Location TBA – mod+ – Moderate pace *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* 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 rescue gear (beacon, probe & 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 rescue gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Dec 4, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.

Dec 6 Sun	Nordic Ski Tour: North Slope (Road) Of Iron Mine Mountain- Uintas – mod+ – 16.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* Michael Berry 801-750-1915 mcber.ut@gmail.com Nordic XCD (Cross-country Downhill) skiing. The tour starts at the MLH Winter Parking, 14 miles east of Kamas and follows the Iron Mine Mountain jeep road (north slope) on the early season snowpack. You must be proficient in downhill technique on cross country skis. For MOD+ skiers, the terrain opens up for good views and several options in the high country at 7.5 miles in, ~10,000 ft. NTD nordic skiers can join if they drive or form their own carpools to allow for a much earlier return. In December, there is very little sun on this route so anticipate it to feel extra cold. Contact trip organizer if driving from the Park City area. Bring an MLH parking pass if you have one and be prepared to share the cost of transportation. Dogs OK. Suggest lightweight backcountry touring gear (Rossignnol EVO OT65 IFP, or similar, >> 65mm+ width at tip) with scales, kicker skins, or swix wax; 3-pin, NNN-BC, or Xplore bindings; boots with forward flex; and the 10 E's. Avalanche safety gear (Beacon, shovel, and probe) is not required for this route. A stop at the 'Notch Pub' afterwards is optional for food and drink (NTD & MOD+ groups). Dogs ok if you drive. Organizer will have a Garmin inReach Mini 2.
Dec 6 Sun	Climbing Meeting/Social - Reel Rock 20 (Movie) *Meet:* 6:30 pm at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) *Organizer:* Steph Stamm The North Face presents Reel Rock 20 Dec 6th, 2026 at 6:30pm. Celebrating two decades since its founding, the world's greatest climbing film festival returns to theaters this fall with a blood-pumping lineup of four world premiere films. Visit the SLCA website for details and tickets.
Dec 7 Mon	Evening Hike-Ogden Christmas Tree Hike – ntd – 0.8 mi Out & Back – Slow pace *Meet:* 3:30 pm at We will meet at the 27th trailhead. Email me to let me know that you are coming. It may be icy and snowy. We plan to get to the tree by 4 to watch the sunset. This is a short hike. *Organizer:* Anja Wadman anjawadman@gmail.com For many years, the beautiful and magically decorated Christmas Tree appears on the hills along the BST in Ogden right around Thanksgiving and remains up until the New Year. It's a special holiday tradition that many people look forward to visiting every year. If you're from Ogden, you (probably) know exactly what we're talking about. We would love to encourage you to take your families up to the tree and experience it. Please take a garbage bag with you and collect any and all of the debris that you find along the way and please refrain from adding to the tree or trees. No glass or otherwise breakable ornaments should be added to the tree. As the ornaments get knocked off, from wind, animals or otherwise, they fall to the ground breaking, sending glass and sharp shards onto the trail and grass areas near the tree. Paper is equally as bothersome as it doesn't tend to stay on the tree and also takes flight. Spread the cheer this holiday season while still Leaving No Trace along the hills. Takes about 30 to 40 minutes from 27th Street Trail Head.
Dec 7 Mon	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek *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.
Dec 7 Mon	9AM Sandy Momentum Indoor Rock Climb – ntd – 36' ascent *Meet:* 9:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Sandy (220 W 10600 S, Sandy, UT) *Organizer:* John Butler 801-654-8424 johnbwmc@gmail.com We will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing in Sandy starting at 9am. If you are not a member, WMC members get a discount on day passes. Top rope, bouldering, lead climbing and/or socializing.
Dec 8 Tue	Rock Climb - Evening Momentum Climbing *Meet:* 6:30 pm at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) *Organizer:* Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com Indoor climbing in the gym to get strong for next spring. WMC members get a discount on a day pass. We will be climbing top rope and lead routes, so bring your gym lead rope if you have one.
Dec 8 Tue	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek *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.
Dec 9 Wed	WMC Monthly Board Meeting *Meet:* 7:00 pm at See the Agenda link below for Zoom details, or attend in person at the WMC Office (1390 S 1100 E, Salt Lake City, UT) *Carpool:* 5:40 pm at Pre meeting appetizers at Fiddler›s (1059 E 2100 S, Salt Lake City, UT) *Organizer:* Jack Cook secretary@wasatchmountainclub.org Members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to bring topics to the Board's attention should email the President and Secretary no later than 7 days prior to the meeting. See the link below to access the Board Meeting Agenda. Note you must be signed into the WMC website to access the Agenda.
Dec 9 Wed	Trail Running - Arcadia Heights Trailhead – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1200' ascent – Fast pace *Meet:* 6:30 pm at Arcadia Heights Trailhead (2077 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) *Organizer:* Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerrylregan@gmail.com It is winter, but the foothills are still ready with some great running! 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.
Dec 11 Fri	Rock Climb - Evening Momentum Climbing *Meet:* 6:30 pm at Momentum Indoor Climbing Fort Union (7210 Union Park Ave, Midvale, UT) *Organizer:* Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com Indoor climbing in the gym to get strong for next spring. WMC members get a discount on a day pass. We will be climbing top rope and lead routes, so bring your gym lead rope if you have one.
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Dec 12 Sat	Snowshoe/Ski/Hike - Location TBA – mod+ – Moderate pace *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* 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 rescue gear (beacon, probe & 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 rescue gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Dec 11, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.
Dec 13 Sun	Snowshoe & Avalanche Safety Workshop – mod+ *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu 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, Dec 11, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. WMC members only. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 10.
Dec 14 Mon	Foothills Flashlight Dog Friendly Winter Evening Hike - Jack's Mountain MOD- – mod- – 2.0 mi Out & Back – 1400' ascent – Moderate pace *Meet:* 5:45 pm at Jacks Peak Trailhead (1830 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) *Organizer:* 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. Prompt 5:45 pm departure.
Dec 14 Mon	9AM Sandy Momentum Indoor Rock Climb – ntd – 36' ascent *Meet:* 9:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Sandy (220 W 10600 S, Sandy, UT) *Organizer:* John Butler 801-654-8424 johnbwmc@gmail.com We will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing in Sandy starting at 9am. If you are not a member, WMC members get a discount on day passes. Top rope, bouldering, lead climbing and/or socializing.
Dec 15 Tue	Rock Climb - Evening Momentum Climbing *Meet:* 6:30 pm at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) *Organizer:* Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com Indoor climbing in the gym to get strong for next spring. WMC members get a discount on a day pass. We will be climbing top rope and lead routes, so bring your gym lead rope if you have one.
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Dec 15 Tue	WMC Canyoneering Training: Rappelling *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Dental on Location (7019 400 W, Midvale, UT) *Organizer:* Steven Eyberg 651-335-1096 sceyberg@gmail.com Buddy check Rappel with adjustable friction Bottom and self belay Self Rescue
Dec 16 Wed	Trail Running - Arcadia Heights Trailhead – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1200' ascent – Fast pace *Meet:* 6:30 pm at Arcadia Heights Trailhead (2077 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) *Organizer:* Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerrylregan@gmail.com It is winter, but the foothills are still ready with some great running! 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.
Dec 16 Wed	Alpine Ski Resort (Snowbird) – ntd+ – 12.0 mi Out & Back – 7000' ascent – Moderate pace *Meet:* 10:00 am at Not sure which lift will be open, we meet either Snowbird Center, 3rd level, tram deck Front of Christy Sport Snowbird›s 2nd Entrance. Bus drop off at Snowbird Center Or Creek side Please check here again. *Organizer:* Da Yang Wipfel 801-635-6189 dayang007@gmail.com Alpine Skiers: Let's get together do a Warm up ski day for the season, leisure easy and relax day on snow. We plan on ski 2-3 hours, Option to go to Lunch... Early season conditions, Limited terrain options, Great for Snowbird season pass holders, Save your Ikon passes for the all terrains with more snow. Come in with full gear (Helmet/Goggles/gloves/ski boots on/skis & poles) Ready to hit the slopes.
Dec 17 Thu	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek *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.
Dec 17 Thu – Dec 20 Sun	Ice Climbing Hyalite – msd *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* Wesley Warne 740-680-2070 wesley.warne@gmail.com Nathan wanted to get an early-season trip to Hyalite on the calendar, and we're going to make it happen! Please reach out to me on this one to chat about experience and game plan. See event listing on WMC website for more details.
Dec 18 Fri	Rock Climb - Evening Momentum Climbing *Meet:* 6:30 pm at Momentum Indoor Climbing Fort Union (7210 Union Park Ave, Midvale, UT) *Organizer:* Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com Indoor climbing in the gym to get strong for next spring. WMC members get a discount on a day pass. We will be climbing top rope and lead routes, so bring your gym lead rope if you have one.

Dec 18 Fri	Alpine Ski Resort - Evening Skin Up PCMR *Meet:* 5:45 pm at Park City Mountain Resort, lower lot *Organizer:* Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com IF UPHILL TRAVEL IS OPEN... Uphill travel is permitted from the Park City base from 6:00pm to 8:00am beginning in mid December until resort closing day. The designated route is up Homerun (green, about 1.5 miles, and about 1000 feet elev.) to the old gondola angle station. The run is green but outside of resort operating hours, snow conditions can be variable. We will meet in the lower parking lot (First Time lot) and skin from the base of First Time lift at a conversational/moderate pace. Please bring a headlamp. Avi gear is not required. NO ski pass required. And NO parking fee required. Consider joining us after for drinks/food at BajaCantina. PLEASE RSVP VIA EMAIL if you are interested in joining so I can anticipate your participation. If this is your first time moving on uphill gear, let me know and I will meet you 15 minutes earlier to help with gear.
Dec 19 Sat	Snowshoe/Ski/Hike - Location TBA – mod+ – Moderate pace *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* 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 rescue gear (beacon, probe & 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 rescue gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Dec 18, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.
Dec 20 Sun	Snowshoe/Ski/Hike - Location TBA – mod+ – Moderate pace *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* 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 rescue gear (beacon, probe & 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 rescue gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Dec 18, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.
Dec 21 Mon	Foothills Flashlight Dog Friendly Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace *Meet:* 5:45 pm at Jacks Peak Trailhead (1830 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) *Organizer:* 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.
Dec 21 Mon	Winter Solstice Evening Ski And Social: Millcreek Canyon Road – ntd+ – 5.0 mi Out & Back – 900' ascent – Moderate pace *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Millcreek Canyon Winter Gate (7101 Mill Creek Canyon Rd, Salt Lake City, UT) *Organizer:* Brad* Yates 801-592-5814 bnyslc@gmail.com Hopefully there will be snow on the road since it may get plowed up till December 15 due to construction. The plan is to ski up to the decorated trees at the Fircrest Picnic site and enjoy some Holiday festivities. I may even light a fire. Bring some Holiday goodies to share. All uphill ski types welcome, it can be rather icy, so metal edges strongly advised. We will start skiing at 6 pm sharp.
Dec 21 Mon	9AM Sandy Momentum Indoor Rock Climb – ntd – 36' ascent *Meet:* 9:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Sandy (220 W 10600 S, Sandy, UT) *Organizer:* John Butler 801-654-8424 johnbwmc@gmail.com We will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing in Sandy starting at 9am. If you are not a member, WMC members get a discount on day passes. Top rope, bouldering, lead climbing and/or socializing.
Dec 22 Tue	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek *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.
Dec 23 Wed	Trail Running - Arcadia Heights Trailhead – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1200' ascent – Fast pace *Meet:* 6:30 pm at Arcadia Heights Trailhead (2077 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) *Organizer:* Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerrylregan@gmail.com It is winter, but the foothills are still ready with some great running! 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.
Dec 25 Fri	Alpine Ski Resort - Evening Skin Up PCMR *Meet:* 5:45 pm at Park City Mountain Resort, lower lot *Organizer:* Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com IF UPHILL TRAVEL IS OPEN... Uphill travel is permitted from the Park City base from 6:00pm to 8:00am beginning in mid December until resort closing day. The designated route is up Homerun (green, about 1.5 miles, and about 1000 feet elev.) to the old gondola angle station. The run is green but outside of resort operating hours, snow conditions can be variable. We will meet in the lower parking lot (First Time lot) and skin from the base of First Time lift at a conversational/moderate pace. Please bring a headlamp. Avi gear is not required. NO ski pass required. And NO parking fee required. Consider joining us after for drinks/food at BajaCantina. PLEASE RSVP VIA EMAIL if you are interested in joining so I can anticipate your participation. If this is your first time moving on uphill gear, let me know and I will meet you 15 minutes earlier to help with gear.
Dec 26 Sat	Snowshoe/Ski/Hike - Location TBA – mod+ – Moderate pace *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* 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 rescue gear (beacon, probe & 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 rescue gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Dec 25, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.

Dec 27 Sun	Snowshoe/Ski/Hike - Location TBA – mod+ – Moderate pace *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* 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 rescue gear (beacon, probe & 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 rescue gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Dec 25, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.
Dec 30 Wed	Trail Running - Arcadia Heights Trailhead – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1200' ascent – Fast pace *Meet:* 6:30 pm at Arcadia Heights Trailhead (2077 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) *Organizer:* Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerrylregan@gmail.com It is winter, but the foothills are still ready with some great running! 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.
Dec 31 Thu	New Years Evening Ski Tour Millcreek – mod- – 5.0 mi Out & Back – 700' ascent – Moderate pace *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Millcreek Canyon Winter Gate (7101 Mill Creek Canyon Rd, Salt Lake City, UT) *Organizer:* Brad* Yates 801-592-5814 bnyslc@gmail.com Join in for some early New Years Eve relaxed paced skiing up Millcreek Canyon to the decorated trees. All ski types welcome, though it is often a bit icy so edges strongly advised. We will ski up just a bit over two miles and share some cheers, bring goodies to share and a hot beverage. Avalanche equipment not required, we will not be travelling in avalanche terrain.
Dec 31 Thu	Nordic Ski Tour: North Fork Park (Eden Valley) – ntd+ *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* Michael Berry 801-750-1915 mcber.ut@gmail.com Free-heel (XC) skiing. New Year's Eve, weekday trip. Nordic is no longer Alpine's nerdy cousin- get your 'Skate' (or 'Classic') on! The Yurt will not be open (No gear rentals). There are 20 km of trails through aspen and sage overlooking the upper valley, groomed for skate, classic, and snowshoeing by a dedicated team of volunteers. The purpose of this trip is to familiarize the WMC with this venue. Participants will explore the trails at their own pace and regroup at the parking lot. This is not a backcountry trip. Avalanche gear is not required. Approximately 10:30 am to 5:00 pm including driving time. Daily trail passes ($10- 20) can be purchased on-line or you can use a TUNA season pass. My carpool may be full. I can facilitate a 2nd carpool. It is a 1 hour drive from SLC. Please register by 5 PM, Dec. 29th. Snowshoers welcome.
Jan 15 Fri – Jan 17 Sun	Avalanche Education: Aiare2 With Inspired Summit (Yurt Based W/ Snowmobiles) *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com Want to take your backcountry skills to the next level? This AIARE2 yurt based all inclusive course will help give you the skills to become a leader in your group. AIARE2 is a three-day course for those who have taken an AIARE1 and Avalanche Rescue and have had at least a year of backcountry travel experience. AIARE2 provides backcountry leaders the opportunity to advance their avalanche knowledge and decision making skills. I have signed up for AIARE2 with Inspired Summit Adventure. This three day course will be yurt based hopefully using the yurt at Smith and Morehouse in the Uintas (alternative location is the Castle Peak yurt). This course also includes the use of Inspired Summit's snowmobiles. All meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner, and apps) are included. Maximum class size is 7 participants with a 4:1 student/instructor ratio. Cost is $1500 before taxes. Please contact me via email if you are interested in joining me for this wonderful learning opportunity so I can connect you with the owner of Inspired Summit Adventure.
Jan 17 Sun – Jan 24 Sun	Alpine Ski Tour Lodge Week In British Columbia *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* Katherine Thom 801-804-9201 kpthom9990@icloud.com Is this the year you try backcountry lodge-based ski or split-board touring? This is a fully guided and catered week. This lodge is located high in the Selkirk range at 7,250 feet and is accessible via a 5 minute helicopter ride from Burton, BC. From the lodge, there are a mix of terrain types (bowls, trees), aspects and steepness with options for longer or shorter days (no glaciated terrain). See event listing on WMC website for more details.
Feb 4 Thu – Feb 7 Sun	Ice Climb - Ouray Ice Park *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* Nathan C 307-371-6356 nac787.home@gmail.com Lace up your boots and sharpen your front points for a trip to the Uncompahgre Gorge, home of the world-famous Ouray Ice Park and it's 200+ ice routes - all within walking distance of the cozy town of Ouray, CO. The Park is a great place for novice ice climbers to get mileage, and for folks to experience ice climbing for the first time. See event listing on WMC website for more details.
Feb 5 Fri – Feb 6 Sat	Avalanche Education: Backcountry 101 For Snowshoers With UAC *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* Utah Avalanche Center and the Wasatch Mountain Club wintersportsdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org Taking your first steps into the backcountry can feel intimidating, but an on-snow avalanche course is one of the best ways to reduce your risk. The Utah Avalanche Center's Snowshoe Backcountry 101 is designed to teach the fundamentals of avalanche safety through hands-on learning and real-world application. See event listing on WMC website for more details.
Feb 5 Fri – Feb 6 Sat	Trail Running - Running Up For Air (Rufa) *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerrylregan@gmail.com It is winter in the Wasatch which means that it is time to sign up for RUFA. This is an annual event to bring awareness to the poor air quality from the winter inversions. This is a classic race in the Wasatch that all trail runners should try at least once! Multiple distances are available. As this is a timed event, your actual distance depends on what you would like to do, from 6 hours to 24 hours of repeats on Grandeur Peak. If you cannot run the race, please consider by supporting through volunteering. Sign up soon since the race does sell out. Sign up for the race here: https://runsignup.com/Race/UT/SaltLakeCity/RunningUpforAirGrandeur
Feb 12 Fri – Feb 15 Mon	Joshua Tree National Park, Day Hikes – mod+ – 12.0 mi Out & Back – 1500' ascent – Moderate pace *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* Dennis Goreham, Julie Kilgore 801-550-5169 dgoreham@gmail.com, jk@wasatch-environmental.com Need a break from the cold and inversion smog in Utah in February? Join us in Joshua Tree National Park to hike for a few days. The plan is to get a motel in 29 Palms, but you can also camp in the Park. We will put together a more detailed itinerary before the trip but have some firm goals. We plan to hike Quail Mountain (5814 ft, 12 miles, 1500 ft elevation gain), the high point in the Park. We also plan to hike Rattlesnake Canyon slot canyon and a few other peaks and scenic trails. Limit 8 - Email registration is required. More details and logistics will be emailed to participants.
Feb 17 Wed – Feb 18 Thu	Snowbowl Flagstaff: Resort Ski And Backcountry Alpine Ski Tour *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com Join WMC for two days of skiing (Feb 17 and 18) at and around Snowbowl resort in Flagstaff Arizona with the goal of bagging backcountry peaks Agassiz and Humphreys (high point of Arizona). See event listing on WMC website for more details.

Feb 26 Fri – Mar 1 Mon	Motel Car Camp: Yellowstone Wolves, Wildlife, & Winter Activities – ntd *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* Julie Kilgore, Robert Turner 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com, R46turner@gmail.com 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. See event listing on WMC website for more details.
Feb 27 Sat – Mar 5 Fri	Death Valley Winter Escape - Car Camp - Hike - Bike - Relax *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* Cheryl* Soshnik, Angie Vincent 435-649-9008, 801-792-5515 csoshnik@yahoo.com, avince182@yahoo.com Escape to Death Valley Furnace Creek Campground the first week of March 2027. Reserve a campsite or RV site at Furnace Creek, rent a cabin or motel...whatever you are most comfortable doing. See event listing on WMC website for more details.
Mar 6 Sat – Mar 7 Sun	Snowshoe/Ski & Snow Camp - Lily Lake, The High Uintas *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe or ski (choice of each participant) and camp in Lily Lake in the High Uintas or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. See event listing on WMC website for more details.
Mar 12 Fri – Mar 14 Sun	Yurt Ski Trip And Alpine Ski Tour: YMCA Mill Hollow Yurt - Uintas *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com 5 PEOPLE AND 2 DOGS ALREADY REGISTERED. SPACE FOR 3 MORE PEOPLE. Join me for 3 days and 2 nights at the YMCA yurt in Mill Hollow in the Uintas off state road UT35. See event listing on WMC website for more details.
Apr 2 Fri – Apr 6 Tue	Colorado River Cisco To Potash White Water Rafting (And Other Boat Types) – class III- – 64.0 mi *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* Katherine Thom 801-804-9201 kpthom9990@icloud.com This is a fun mellow stretch of Colorado River near Moab, 64 miles in length, which includes some whitewater on the Moab Daily stretch. Time of year is selected to avoid blazing heat and bigger rapids. There shouldn't be anything higher than class III- but it will be important to check conditions and be willing to portage if above your comfort level. Exploratory. See event listing on WMC website for more details.
Apr 9 Fri – Apr 16 Fri	Burnie Glacier Chalet Alpine Ski Touring Trip – mod+ – Moderate pace *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* Eve Kovacs 630-985-1419 evevkovacs@gmail.com A week of ski touring at Burnie Glacier Chalet near Smithers B. C. Canada from April 9-16, 2027 offers longer days (for some epic tours) and good weather. We will likely have powder on north aspects, and realistically, may have some crust on south facing aspects at that time of year (although the guides do their best to avoid less optimal conditions if possible). See event listing on WMC website for more details.
Apr 30 Fri – May 2 Sun	Mountaineering - Mt. Tukuhnikivatz (Tuk), La Sals – msd *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to make Mt Tukuhnikivatz (Tuk) (12,485 ft) and Little Tuk (12,056 ft). The TH elevation is approximately 9,013 ft. Distance is approximately 7.5 miles RT. I have not done those peaks yet but scouted the route in May 2026. We can have a non-ski group and a ski group if someone can co-organize for a ski group. See event listing on WMC website for more details.
May 19 Wed – Jun 3 Thu	Mountaineering - Chearoco & Chachacomani, Bolivia – ext *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to climb two 6,000m peaks in Bolivia - Chearoco (6,176m/ 2,0263 ft) and Chachacomani (6,090m/ 19,980ft). In addition, we plan to climb two 5000m peaks - Paco Q'iuta (5,570m/ 18,274ft) and Wila Lluxi (5,395 m/ 17,700 ft). Chearoco and Chachacomani were recently opened for climbing and have not been climbed by many climbers yet. See event listing on WMC website for more details.
Jun 16 Wed – Jun 24 Thu	Trek- Napali Coast, Kalalau Trail, Kauai, Hi. *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* Anja Wadman anjawadman@gmail.com 11 miles one way Kalalau Trail on the Napali Coast. Beach camping for 2 nights. There is a waterfall for the water source and outhouses. Permits open up 90 days in advance. See event listing on WMC website for more details.
Jul 1 Thu – Jul 10 Sat	Kayaking- Ocean Kayaking Along The Na Pali Coast Line. Kauai – class III+ *Meet:* 8:00 am at Kauai Hawaii *Organizer:* Anja Wadman anjawadman@gmail.com This trip will be expensive and strenuous. Kayaking to Miloli'i Beach on Kauai is a premier, challenging adventure along the Na Pali coast, typically accessible only by boat or kayak during summer months. See event listing on WMC website for more details.
Jul 2 Fri – Jul 5 Mon	Payette White Water Rafting – class III *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* Parker Winkel 330-941-0502 paw123321@gmail.com Bringing back an old tradition 4th of July weekend on the Payette. This location is unique because there are 5 high quality day runs all within in a half hour drive of camp. Difficulty ranges from Class II to IV. You should be comfortable on Class III for this trip. See event listing on WMC website for more details.
Sep 17 Fri – Sep 19 Sun	Car Camp & Hikes - Mt. Belknap & Mt. Baldy (& More), Tushar Mts – msd- – Moderate pace *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* 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. See event listing on WMC website for more details.
May 24 Wed – Jun 8 Thu	Mountaineering - Acohuma & Illampu, Bolivia – ext *Meet:* Register with the Organizer *Organizer:* Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to climb two 6,000m peaks in Bolivia - Acohuma (6,427m/ 21,086 ft) and Illampu (6,331m/ 20,771ft). We will do acclimatization hikes before climbing those peaks. See event listing on WMC website for more details.

More activities are in the online calendar. Check https://www.wasatchmountainclub.org/calendar for updates. And subscribe to one or more activity email lists for short notice postings. Go to https://www.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 December 1976 [...]

DECEMBER 11 Saturday	MT. OLYMPUS NORTH FACE CLIMB. This will be a difficult all-day event, most of which is roped. An early start, winter clothing, pitons, hammers and flashlights—as well as good conditioning and determination—are required. Call the Mountaineering Director [...]
DECEMBER 19-JANUARY 7, 1977 Three weeks	CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS AT THE LODGE. Jude Whitehead has volunteered again to coordinate keeping the Lodge warm and welcoming over this whole span of time. Everyone—singles, couples, families—is welcome to drop in or spend extended overnights. It's a "come and do your own thing" time. For overnights, you'll need bedding, water, food, cooking and eating utensils. As Jude will be in and out during this time (unfortunately she has to work!), volunteer hosts or hostesses would be appreciated for specific times. Pleas call Jude [...] for last-minute details. [...]

CONSERVATION RAMBLINGS by Walter Haas

The Forest Service has decided to permit the construction and operation of a resort, the proposed Heritage Mountain, in the Uinta National Forest east of Provo. The resort, about the size and skier characteristics of Snowbird and Alta together, will occupy Maple Mountain, Rock Canyon, and the west slope of Provo Peak. Ultimately, it is expected to serve about 8,300 skiers on a peak day. The base area, adjacent to the city of Provo, will include a convention center and a golf course.

The land in this area is presently undeveloped. It was privately owned before the Depression. In the late twenties and early thirties, it was very heavily grazed with the result that the ground cover was destroyed and massive flooding and erosion occurred. In desperation, the land was turned over to the Forest Service. The major rescue effort of the last forty years has been largely successful in restoring vegetation. The topsoil in this area, however, is, like coal, a fossil of a much more humid climate. The present climate results in virtually no topsoil production so that the erosion gullies from the thirties are, although largely re-vegetated, permanent features.

Proposals to develop this area as a resort have been seriously promoted for almost twenty years. The Forest Service issued construction permits in 1959 and again in 1965. The permittee, however, never began construction. Passage of the National Environmental Policy Act in 1969 necessitated an Environmental Impact Statement before another permit could be issued. The Final Environmental Impact Statement has now been published and represents what the Forest Service considers an acceptable level of impact for sustained yield, to provide the greatest good for the greatest number.

In one sense this is a milestone for environmental quality as almost half of the proposed resort site was eliminated on environmental grounds. All of Slate Canyon and Little Rock Canyon, which have historically provided nesting sites for the peregrine falcon, an endangered species, were excluded. [...]

[The ski resort was part of a $100m plan for a 4-season resort, with 79 ski runs, 14 "villages" and a revolving restaurant, served by a funicular railway, occupying the slopes above Provo south of Y Mountain. The opening date was supposed to be "late 1979". This development failed, as did the subsequent Seven Peaks ski resort in the same location. The Seven Peaks water park did get built. — Donn]

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