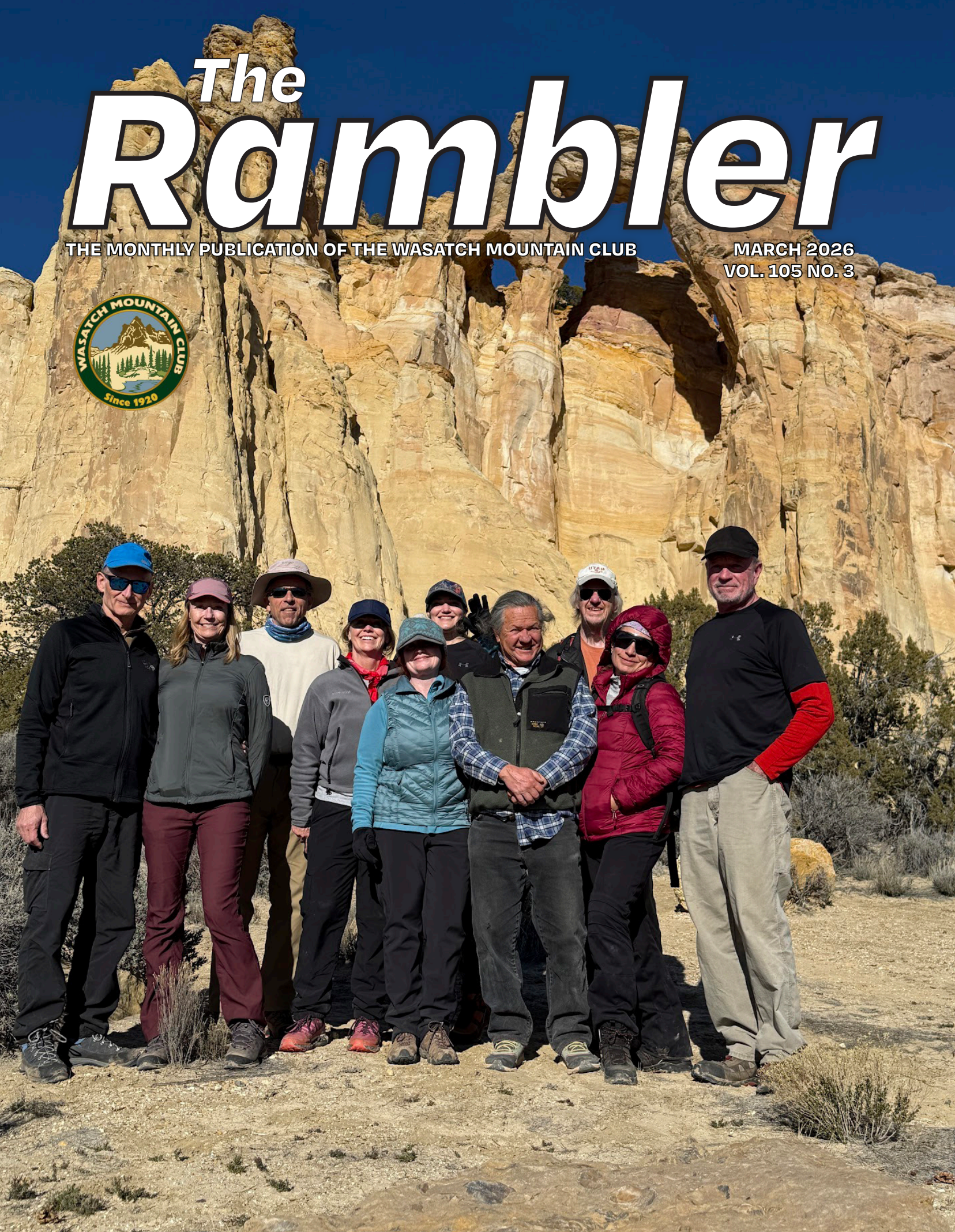


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John Veranth leads a group to some hidden treasures on the Cottonwood Wash Road. See page 23 for details.



ON OUR BACK COVER:

A cozy fire surrounded by good friends stars above and the moon about to peek over the horizon. See page 23 for details.



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Historian's Message

by Debra Frank

Book News

By the time you read this, the Wasatch Mountain Club centennial history should be available for pre-sale. It's been a long haul with lots of hiccups, but we will have actual books soon!

II. Faint Heart Never Climbed Mountain; 1946¹⁰



Grand Teton-summit 1946. L to R—Jim, Harold, Janet, and Lee.

Ten years later, on September 1, 1946, Pete is back on the Grand Teton near the summit, this time with a new set of club members: his sister-in-law Janet Christensen, Jim Shane, Harold Goodro, and Lee Steorts. It isn't his first time back—Pete summited the Grand again in 1937, along with future club presidents Charles Pfeiffer and Bill Kamp and six other club members. Most years, the club returned to the Tetons, but bad weather kept them from summiting the Grand from 1943 to 1945. Now Pete and his team have just reached the Belly Roll, Teton Crawl, and the "chinning" pitch. Pete still finds these features unnerving. A 2,000-foot fall is no more deadly than 200 feet, but the vast stretch of empty air, gaping down to the Middle Teton Glacier, is hard to ignore. Still, Pete declares, "Faint heart never climbed a mountain," and on they go.

But now, just a short scramble from the summit, barely more than a dash—the problem isn't the climb's difficulty or exposure. No—their problem is the party ahead of them. These people are agonizingly slow, and there isn't room to fit around them. Goodness knows how they got past the belly roll/crawl/chinning trifecta. All the WMCers can do is wait.

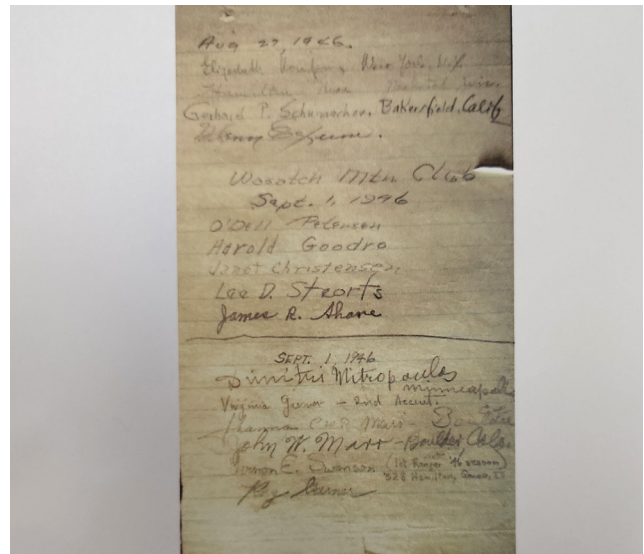
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I thought it would be fun to show two pages from the title story, a 1946 ascent of the Grand Teton, in which O'Dell "Pete" Petersen looks down at 2,000 feet of empty air and declares, "Faint heart never climbed a mountain," and on they climbed. It's a quote and scenario that I feel perfectly captures the spirit of the club.

The chapter heading photo shows the famous climbing and skiing duo, Jim Shane and Harold Goodro, along with Janet Christensen (Pete's sister-in-law and a formidable athlete), and Lee Steorts, another strong member who famously

joined Jim and Harold in the B25 Bomber rescue. That story—one of the most heroic in the club's history—is featured in the Search and Rescue chapter in the book.

The other page I've included shows the Grand Teton register with our club members' signatures. These registers were collected and digitized by Paul Horton, a long-time club member, who lives in Wyoming and worked in the Grand Tetons National Park for decades. I'd come across these registers in my research and had no idea it was Paul who compiled them—until it came up in



1946 Summit Register. Courtesy of Paul Horton.

Pete's claim that "faint heart never climbed mountain" suggests a corollary: that those of us who choose not to scoot on our bellies along a narrow ledge with a 2,000-foot drop are faint-hearted. Maybe so, at least when it comes to heights, but it does beg the question: What compels people to do things that scare the daylights out of the rest of us?

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our correspondence. Having access to the registers quickly settled some conflicting accounts I'd read. (Homer Collins, a club president in the 1930s, wrote that Paul Petzoldt guided the WMC's 1936 ascent of the Grand. But the signatures tell the true story—it was Wally Watson, a Tetons ranger, who wrote about the experience in his book, *High and Deep*.)



Remembrances

Last month I shared the sad news of Robert Myers' passing. Several members sent in photos and memories which are collected here in this month's Rambler—including Paul Horton, mentioned above. Sadly, we've also had news of Linda Desimone's passing, and Karin Caldwell's. Vince Desimone shared the beautiful photo included here, taken at Greg Libecchi and Mindy Wheeler's wedding reception at the lodge.

Take care, all. I hope to see you at a book signing soon!

In Memoriam: Karin Dahlgren Caldwell June 4, 1940 - January 18, 2026

by Phyllis Anderson

It's with great sadness that I'm sharing the news of Karin Caldwell's passing. She was a special friend and long-time club member. After several weeks in the hospital, she died peacefully from an unusual intestinal ailment. As of the Rambler deadline, an obituary is not yet available. We will hopefully publish all information in the April Rambler.

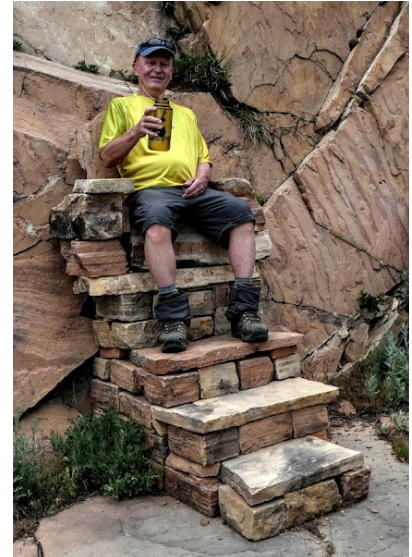
Karin's contributions to the WMC were numerous. If anyone would like to share memories of Karin, please forward to me, Phyllis Anderson, at paisnow@comcast.net or to Deb Frank at frankbernard55@earthlink.net.



In memoriam: Robert (Bob) Myers January 24, 1947 - January 4, 2026

by Brad Yates and Knick Knickerbocker

Brad Yates: My history with the Wasatch Mountain Club spans nearly fifty years, and largely parallels that of my dear friend, Robert Myers. When I was just shy of ten, in 1973, my dad joined the club. My family's early club experiences often revolved around the lodge, where we contributed our efforts at summer and fall work parties along with other holiday weekends and Christmas breaks. When Bob joined the WMC in 1976, he too, fell in love with the lodge, and rolled up his sleeves to pitch in.



Bob was rather shy back then, and could be difficult to draw into conversation. My mom, being a prolific talker, found that awkward at times! But I soon learned the way to reach him. While I worked on never-ending lodge projects, Bob would watch me with a half humorous smile. He would then politely interject to suggest better, more efficient techniques.

Bob was clearly a master of restoration construction, and everyone grew to appreciate his skills and knowledge. At the same time he was also gaining a reputation for endurance and strength as a mountaineer and backcountry skier.

As a teenager, I was in awe of Bob and other WMC legends. By my late teens I

was able to join Bob on some of the harder activities, though my skill and strength still lagged behind Bob and his peers.

When I was 17, I saw Bob on one of the most difficult days of his life. While on a club ski tour, an avalanche buried Robert Frohboese. Bob Myers and the other WMC members dug him out within 15 minutes, but they couldn't save his life. Back then, WMC skiers hosted after-ski socials in their homes. Bob was shell-shocked but he showed up; he needed his WMC family.

By then, Bob had become an important member of my WMC community, including my parents and



siblings. Bob was an example to me as I grew into manhood, even as I drifted away from the WMC in the mid-eighties to go to college and run with a crowd my own age.

I moved back to Salt Lake City in 1993, when I was 29, and quickly got involved with the club again. That summer, I signed up for Cassie's Beatout (she screened me rigorously)! Bob came along—the first time I'd seen him in about eight years. He'd become a true WMC legend, so I was thrilled to see that I could finally keep up with him, though I knew I had a long way to go to achieve his stature.



Over the next 3 decades Bob was often by my side as I climbed the highest peaks in the Wasatch, joined ski tours, worked on the lodge, served on the board, and attended public hearings to defend our wild lands. One evening after dinner at Bob and Susan's—Bob invited me down to his basement workshop and showed me his ski tuning bench. He went into great detail about the art of ski waxing, reminiscing about his cross-country racing days. I was reminded of Bob the craftsman, schooling me in technique as he had decades earlier at the lodge.

I've had occasion recently to recall Bob's wisdom of a different sort. Now that I'm dealing with the need to balance aging with overuse injuries and pain, I remember Bob telling me that we need to work through pain and suffering to continue in sports as we age. I recall Susan saying something like, "Oh, Bob," and rolling her eyes.

Bob was one of those exceptional members who always gave his all, so it was particularly painful when his illness led to his withdrawal from club activities. On January 8, 2026, I opened an email from my mom, Sarah Yates. She wrote, "I see that Bob Myers died—such a good guy!" Mom may have said it more succinctly, but it's been healing for me to share this tribute to Bob, my friend, my mentor, and ... all-around good guy.



Knick Knickerbocker: In 1992 Cassie Badowsky lead a group of WMC members to Colorado to hike a few of Colorado's Fourteeners. From Leadville, CO we hiked Mt Elbert (14,433 ft), but needed to bundle up with everything we owned in clothing, plus gaiters that Janet Friend was able to acquire for us from a sporting goods store. After descending to a warmer picnic spot to grab a bite, Bob found a friendly Grey Jay on his foot to feed. Here's a photo I took of that feeding.



WELCOME

New & Returning Members

Benjamin Roskelley
Britny Sorenson & Hunte
Catherine Elmore
Charles Lange
Curtis Brink
Danette Carlson
Daniel Cowley
Danielle Carter
Felicity Gardner
Gabriel Greenlaw
Iryna Kyman & Dan VanOrman

James Fierbaugh
Jeremy Green
Joe Czop
JR Dethorn
Karl Rasmussen
Kate Jensen
Katy & Kyle Montag
Kristian Meland
Marcia Camargo
Martin Frey
Matt Fialkowski
Matt Friel
Matthew Manske

Maya Upton
Melissa Nielson
Mike Gibby
Patricia Witt
Shawn Whiting
Stephanie McGarvey
Stirlynn Mike
Tim Kemple
Tracy Phillips
Troy Ayres & Joy McGraw

Thank You January Activity Organizers!

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

Adam Marcus
Aditi Vashist
Akiko Kamimura
Al Berzinis
Barb Gardner
Christine Hartnett
Christopher Koch
Dave Ashley
David Andrenyak
David Kenley
David Tanner
Dea Nelson
Eve Kovacs

Frank Bouchard
Hong Duong
Jim Kucera
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Joel Winter
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Kurt Hiland
Luke Johnson

Mac Brubaker
Michael Berry
Mike Berry
Nathan C
Paul Gettings
Ray Daurelle
Reid Gardner
Sharon Vinick
Sid Seligson
Stephanie Stamm
Wilmer Sandoval
Caceres



Congratulations!

to these members who recently completed their 100 activities and received a jacket!



Adam Marcus	Eve Kovacs	Ray Daurelle	Keith Markley
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Grab that centennial journal, notebook, or calendar, and track your WMC activity participation. The first 100 club members to participate in 100 posted club activities will receive a WMC “Activity Challenge” jacket.

Here are a few rules:

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

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



Activity Reports

Salt Lake City Home Show - Jan. 9-11, 2026

Organized and report by Dea Nelson

Participants: Dea Nelson, Heidi DeMartin, Ying Lee, Steve Maliszkeski, Philip Nelson, David Kenley, Audrey Rindfleisch, Jean Pfoutz, Julie Kilgore

THANK YOU to our incredible volunteers who stepped up during the Salt Lake Home Show at the Mountain America Expo Center on January 9, 10, and 11, 2026. This was a great opportunity to connect with the community, promote our club, and be part of a high-energy event that drew 12,000-15,000 attendees over the three days. Our booth was part of a special wellness feature called "Unleash Your New You". It was designed to kick off the new year with inspiration and connection. Other participating exhibitors besides the WMC were:

- Best Friends Animal Society - Pet adoption for mental wellness
- Salt Lake Mahjong Club - Building community through shared interests
- Arctic Spas - Sauna and cold plunge for contrast therapy
- Sodexo - Smoothie bar and healthy refreshments

When we were offered a complimentary booth at the last minute, it was the dedication and generosity of our members that made it possible to show up strong and united. Many sacrificed precious hours of their busy weekend to represent the club, and their commitment did not go unnoticed. This moment reminded us that our club is far more than a group that organizes events—we are family, friends, volunteers, and peers who stand for one another. We belong to an organization that gives more than can be measured, built on both fortitude and thoughtful organization. I am deeply proud to be part of this club, and just as proud of the remarkable people who make it what it is.



Overnight at Limber Flag Yurt - Jan. 10, 2026

Organized and report by Frank Bouchard

Participants: Bryan, Tali Brenner, Kerry Regan & Frank Bouchard

In anticipation of winter, I snagged a reservation at the Limber Flag Yurt in Ashley National Forest for a night of "primitive luxury." Eight people originally signed up, but flu season had other plans, trimming the group to four at the last minute.

We carpooled out together, then did the short hike, two on snowshoes and two hiking behind. The yurt was warm and inviting, stocked with a bin of games and a well-used guest book where we discovered that some fellow WMC members had visited not long before us. We had a great time chopping wood. Once firing up the wood-burning stove, we had the interior a toasty 60 degrees in no time, making for a surprisingly comfortable night.

On Sunday morning, we hiked to the summit of Limber Flag Peak before packing up. We snagged lunch at Carol's Kitchen in Vernal before heading home.



Bair Canyon Snowshoe - Jan. 11, 2026

Organized and report by Akiko Kamimura

Participants: Akiko Kamimura, Ed Hemphill, Danette Carlson and Pierce Alexander

We followed the Bair Canyon Trail in Kaysville. At the beginning, it was very cold. Initially the trail was snow free, but eventually we encountered snow and ice. There were three creek crossings. Those were challenging due to icy conditions. When we got to higher elevations, the snow conditions became great for snowshoeing. Also, it became very hot. We turned around at approximately 8200 feet. It was Danette's first club activity. We enjoyed nice weather.



Akiko, Pierce, Ed and Danette

Danette & Pierce soaking up some rays



Ed managed the deep snow without snowshoes



Danette & Pierce at the first creek crossing



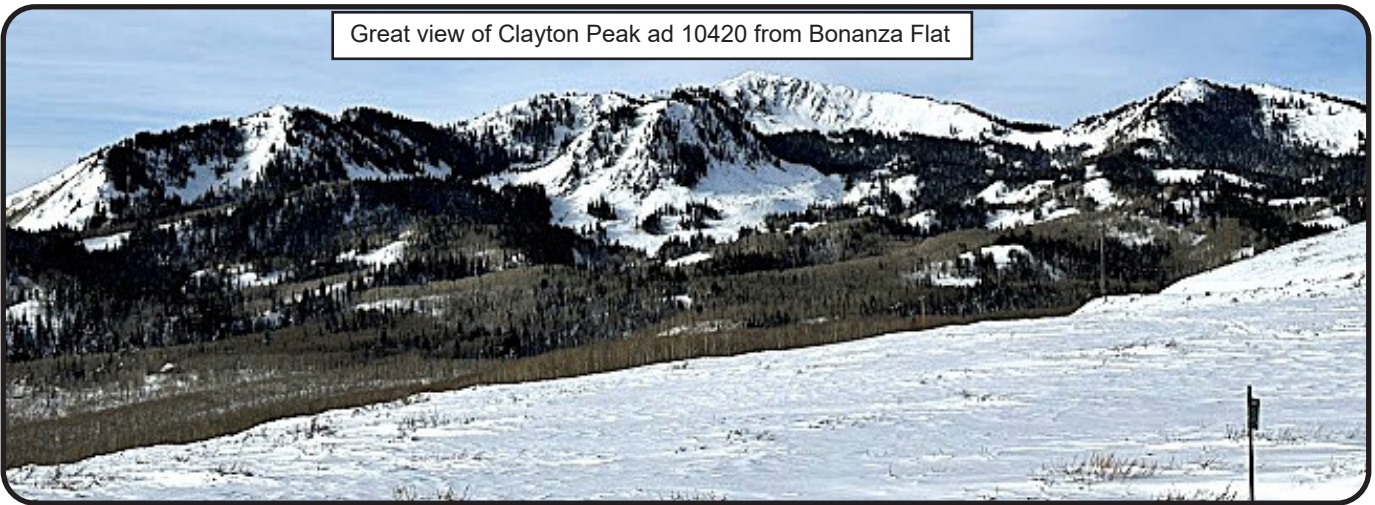
Bonanza Flat via Public Transit - Jan. 11, 2026

Organized and report by Kathleen Waller

Participants: Kathleen Waller, Vicki Turner, Heidi Schubert, Awussen, Frank Ryburn, Rob Rogalski, Michael Berry, and Gail Coates

A group of 10 (Nordic, AT, splitboard, and snowshoe) explored how to get to Bonanza Flat from PCHS using free public transportation. Our brave snowshoer found some great single track that took her into wooded areas. The Nordic group hung together and many dined at El Chubascos after the tour. The ATers and splitboarder got some soft snow turns on a couple of different lines recommended by a trail worker at the start of our Bonanza Flat adventure. Those with edges and our snowshoer dined at Main Street Pizza Noodle after the tour. The purpose of this activity was to learn transportation options and familiarize with the area. I think we all agreed that we are stoked to return and explore more.

Great view of Clayton Peak ad 10420 from Bonanza Flat



Nordic and All Terrain skiers, split boarders and snowshoers all in one group. So much fun!



Intro to Backcountry Ski Tour - Jan. 17, 2026

Organized by Kathleen Waller & Katherine Thom. Report by Kathleen Waller

Participants: Kathleen Waller, Kate Oconnell, Erik Olsen, Grant Smith, Katherine Thom, Rebekah Patton, Michele Stancer

Seven skiers met in Kamas and drove to the wolf Creek area to enjoy a day of instructional conversations and low-risk skiing under beautiful skies. It was very cold at the parking area, so we kept moving up the groomed road as we talked about avalanche problems in our zone, weather, turnaround time calculations, and risk management. After a thorough check of our transceivers in a wind-protected area in the trees, we practiced making enjoyable skin track, Wasatch Back style, not Wasatch Front straight up. Once near the top, we shared pointers for transitioning and skiing. The snow was supportive but a bit choppy on our short north-facing slope, but we lapped it a few times for practice. We had placed a car further west of our ultimate parking area so we had the option to take a fun pitch down. Once over the top of our knoll and on the other side looking down at the road, we noticed we were in breakable crust due to all the wind. After some debate about trying it out versus turning around, we all made our way down, enjoying some powder turns in a brief middle section. The car shuttle worked beautifully and we got humans, cars and gear re-sorted to head back to Kamas. The Mirror Lake Diner was expecting us (seemingly) and we enjoyed a hearty refuel after an intense day of learning and reviewing. We did a thorough debrief and came up with some good ideas for tweaks to future tours of this type. A bevy of courses and resources were discussed as well to inspire more learning in the areas of medical skills, avalanche safety, and tour planning and mapping.



Setting an enjoyable skin track up Sheep Corral Knoll



Making it look easy in soft snow on low-angle terrain



A nice low-angle patch of creamy goodness



Stoked to be in the Uintahs with beautiful skies and good friends

Ed's Peak in Kaysville - Jan. 18, 2026

Organized and report by Akiko Kamimura

Participants: Ed Hemphill, Stephanie McGarvey, Mary Friedman, Heidi DeMartis, Kristian Meland

Eds Peak with Ed is a fun snowshoe destination in Kaysville, which is Ed's hometown. We did not need to use snowshoes this time. It was the first club activity for Steph and Kristian, both of whom recently moved to Utah. The trail was nicer when it was covered with snow at higher elevation. The weather was nice. The view of Great Salt Lake was amazing. Without the necessity to use snowshoes, we moved quickly. So it was a relatively short hike. With new people, we had wonderful conversations with each other.



Heidi & Kristian snack time



Heidi at the summit



Steph and Ed descending



Mary & Kristian descending

PCMR Blacks and Booters - Jan. 18, 2026

Organized and report by Kathleen Waller

Participants: Sid Seligson and Kathleen Waller

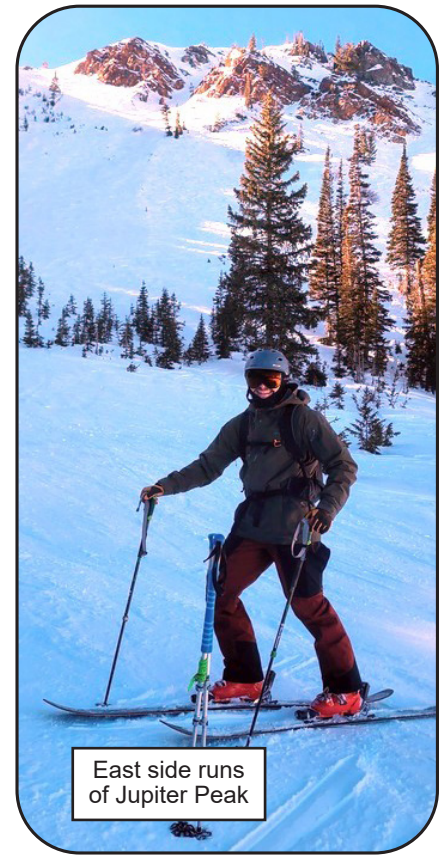
Sid and Waller met up at the Park City Mountain Resort for an afternoon of inbound hikes and several double black lines. We hiked fast, skied hard, and enjoyed high west bourbon cocktails at Baja. It was nice to have a day of inbounds to relax the avalanche savvy brains while still getting the cardio.



Sid at the top of Jupiter Peak



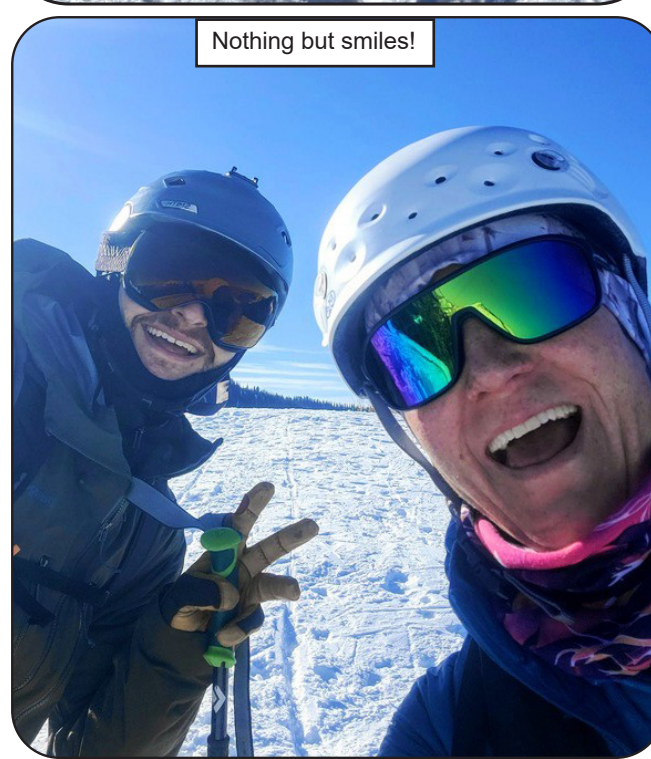
Waller on high west face



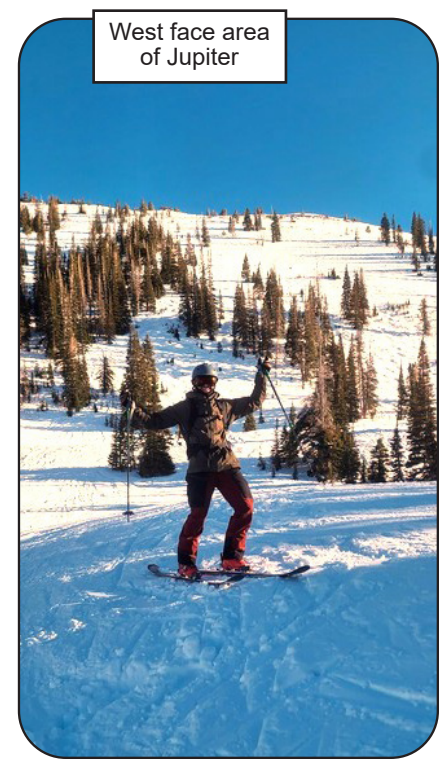
East side runs of Jupiter Peak



Waller feeling stoked to ascend booters and ski double blacks



Nothing but smiles!



West face area of Jupiter

Multi-Pitch Ice Climbing Training - Jan. 19, 2026

Organized and report by Akiko Kamimura

Fifteen WMC climbers learned ice climbing skills from three instructors from the School for International Expedition Training (nonprofit organization). We were unsure if there would be sufficient ice for ice climbing. Fortunately, there was. The instructors set up four top rope lines. One of the lines had decent thick ice coverage while others had thin ice parts. There were participants who tried ice climbing for the first time. Everyone did a great job. Some of the participants also learned crevasse rescue skills.

Approach involved crossing a creek



Approach. Hiking up on the steep slope



Katie climbing



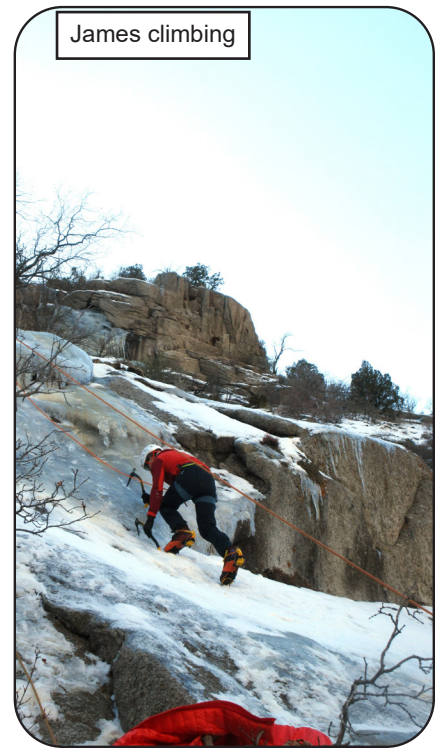
Katie belaying. Brennan watching



Payton climbing. Brennan belaying



James climbing



Mountain/Gravel Bike Trip St. George Area - Jan. 23, 2026

Organized by Frank Bouchard. Report by Craig Williams

Participants: Frank Bouchard, Gregg Bromka and Craig Williams

An intriguing WMC-bike email sent by Frank Bouchard (WMC Hiking Co-Director) hit my inbox in early January. The gravel ride started from the Southern Utah Silver Reef Mining District, just outside of Leeds, Utah, where 10 million dollars of silver was extracted from the Springdale Sandstone formation, the only sandstone silver strike in the USA. The ride would continue through the Pineview Mountain and Cottonwood Canyon Wilderness, which overlooks the Red Cliffs National Conservation Area (RCNCA). The newly 're-approved' Northern Corridor (NC), a 4-lane bypass highway, runs directly through the RCNCA. I wanted a first-hand look.

Let me bring you up to date. If the NC was NOT going to be built, then SITLA, which owns 7000 acres of land in Zone 6 west of St George, would have the green light to sell the land to developers. What is SITLA you may ask? SITLA is the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, created upon Utah statehood to provide land to be sold to pay for schools & miners hospitals & other socially beneficial programs. Why is zone 6 so important? Zone 6 is home to the unique Zen Mountain Bike trails, iconic Moe's Valley climbing area, 900+ desert tortoises and 17,000 Dwarf Bear Claw Poppies (DBCPs). Unfortunately, 'SITLA' does not give a 'SITLA' about conservation or preservation!

WHAT you say? Allow a 4-lane highway to dissect through the RCNCA? You can't be serious! Oh, but I am!

The NC would only be 5 miles long and only impact 150-200 acres of land. The 30-40 desert tortoises residing there would be relocated away from the highway and fencing would be provided to keep them from migrating back onto the road. No DBCPs are even there, and no red cliffs would be bulldozed (as my photo album shows). A third grader can do the math and deduce that the NC for Zone 6 tradeoff is a win-win for conservation and preservation and that the conservation groups SUWA (Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance) and CSU (Conserve Southwest Utah), who I have always been in support of in the past, got it wrong this time.



Frank ready to go!





Left to Right: Gregg Bromka (Author of 11 Mountain Biking Books), Frank Bouchard (WMC Hiking Co-Director) and Craig Williams (WMC Biking Director)



One of the many red rock deep canyon views of the Red Cliffs National Conservation Area we were riding next to on the gravel road



Climb to the top elevation (5316') at mile 13 while riding thru the Pine Valley Wilderness within Dixie National Forest.



View from Washington Parkway, the entrance point of the recently re-approved Northern Corridor into the Red Cliffs National Conservation Area. Note it is flat terrain just west of the popular Church Rocks Trail Head and just east of a housing development built right up to the edge of RCNCA in Washington City, Utah



Power plant nestled right up next to the RCNCA. The Northern Corridor Hwy would be built just south of this facility.



This T-Bone Trailhead located in The Red Cliffs Desert Reserve and the Northern Corridor would be routed just south of this point thru flat, mostly black rock volcanic terrain. No Red Cliffs would be bulldozed to its connection point at Red Hills Parkway.

Reynolds Peak Snowshoe - Jan. 25, 2026

Organized and report by Akiko Kamimura

Participants: Akiko Kamimura, Ed Hemphill, Joe Czop, Mary Friedman, Jose Pacheco, Danette Carlson, Kurt Hiland, John Gould

We started from Mill D North Fork TH and followed the trail to Dog Lake. The trail was very icy. We used micro-spikes. After we put on snowshoes at Dog Lake, we went up to the summit of Reynolds Peak. The ridgeline to the summit was in blizzard like conditions. The temperature at the summit was at the single digit. We decided not to go to Tom's Hill and went back on the same way.



Near the summit. Due to blizzard like conditions, we started descending immediately after we made the summit.



Group photo. From left – Danette, Ed, Mary, Jose, Joe, Kurt & John. Front – Akiko.

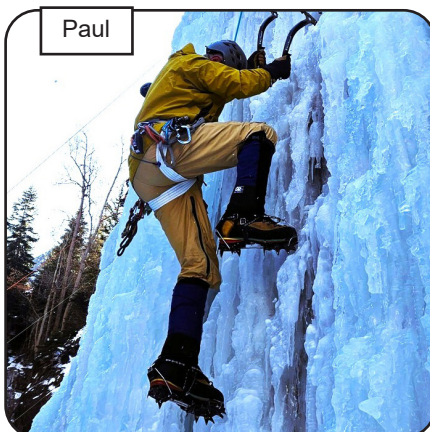


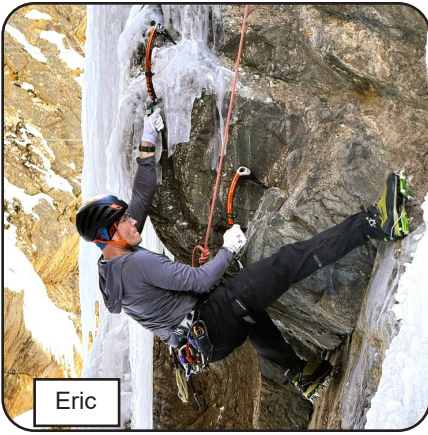
Ouray Ice Climbing - Jan. 29 - Feb. 1, 2026

Organized and report by Nathan C

Participants: Nathan C, Steph Stamm, Katie and Eric List, Christoph Heinrich, Joe Freeman, Adam Marcus, Dalton Jordan, Matt Moffet, Wes Warney, Autum W, Cassi P, Ben P and Paul Gettings.

The Uncompahgre Gorge is home of the world-famous Ouray Ice Park and its 200+ ice routes - all within walking distance of the cozy town of Ouray, CO. The Ouray Ice Park is the perfect place for novice ice climbers to get mileage or for folks to experience ice climbing for the first time in a reasonably controlled environment. The ice here is "farmed" - which means a professional staff maintains the ice condition. Also, most areas at the park allow for setting top ropes before descending into the gorge. For experienced ice climbers seeking more adventure, there's plenty of WI4+ and comp-level mixed climbing in the park as well as wild ice options up Camp Bird Rd. and the nearby town of Silverton/Eureka. A dozen of us enjoyed three days of first swings, first leads, countless laps, hot springs... Basically the Club took over Ouray for the weekend, shenanigans ensued. . . Oh my, was it one heck of a weekend!! Be sure to catch this next year :)





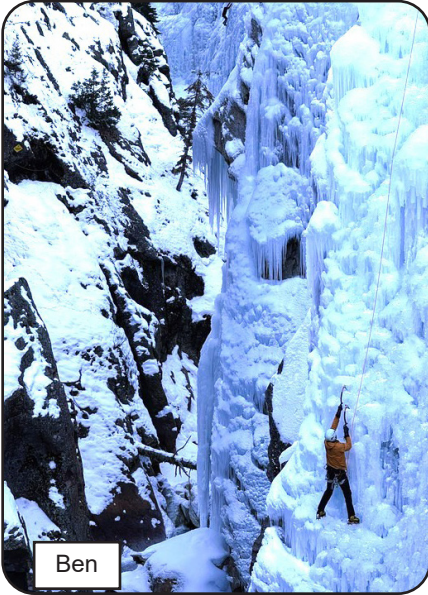
Eric



Christoph takes the express route off a mixed climb



There's more than one way to stir cocoa



Ben



A WMC Flash Mob at the top of Pic O' the Vic (Matt climbing)



Eric - a newly minted ice leader



Gold Butte Natl. Monument - Jan. 29 - Feb. 1, 2026

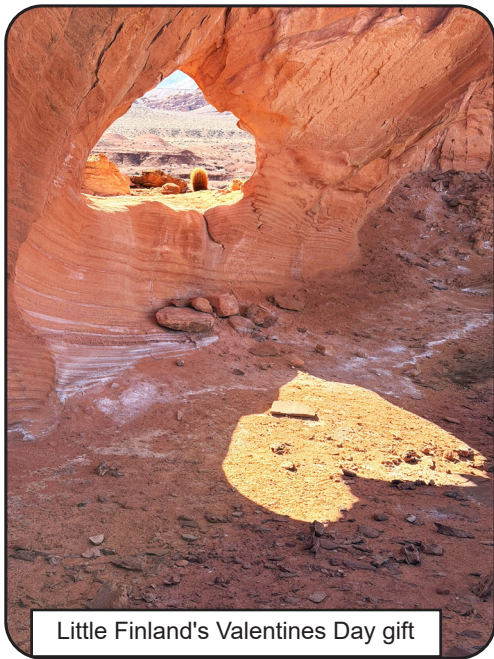
Organized and report by Dennis Goreman. Photos by Kent Tschanz, Michael Budig and John Gould

Participants: Jim Kucera, John Gould, Michael Budig, Dianne Budig, Julie Kilgore, Kent Tschanz, Richard Drake, Carol Petrelli, Tillman Seebohm and Dennis Goreham

Nine of us had another great adventure to the Gold Butte National Monument in southeast Nevada. We arrived sporadically from 1/27 – 1/30 and left either 1/31 or 2/1/26. Not everyone did every hike but lots of us did lots of the hikes. This was not a holiday weekend so it was mostly quiet. We were lucky to secure a great camp site near Whitney Pocket. The weather was perfect: 30s and 40s at night, 60s and 70s during the day. That's typical for this time of year. We didn't see another person on any hike except for 3 lost motorcyclists near the Mud Wash Narrows.

Thursday the 29th, A bunch of us had arrived so we headed southwest from Whitney Pocket down the Mud Wash Road to the Little Finland area. The first stop was the petroglyphs in Mud Wash, then to the Mud Wash Sand Dunes and the Lollipop Petroglyph panel. From there to Little Finland with the delicate rock formations and beehive looking patterns in the rock. There are some very interesting petroglyphs there on the patinaed, horizontal surfaces. We ended the day by hiking a loop through





Little Finland's Valentines Day gift

the Mud Wash Narrows and back along the rim before returning to camp.

Fri 30th We started with a loop hike from camp that took us through what the Friends of Gold Butte have named the Cauldon of Fire and over Peak 4385. You will not find this feature on maps but is easy to do by hiking up the wash northeast of Whitney Pocket rock. Thursday afternoon we went west and climbed Black Butte. It was a short but steep, difficult hike with rewarding views from the top.

Saturday 31st We drove south about 20 miles to the old town site of Gold Butte and stayed long enough to read the historical plaques near the small gravesite there. We drove



Approching Peak 4385 (Jim, Michael, Diane)



Summit Peak 4385 (Carol, John, Michael, Julie, Diane, Jim, Dennis)



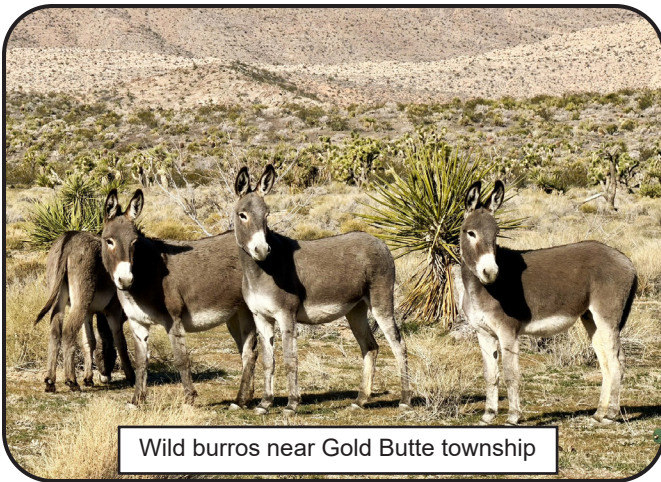
Descending Peak 4385 (Michael, Julie, Diane)



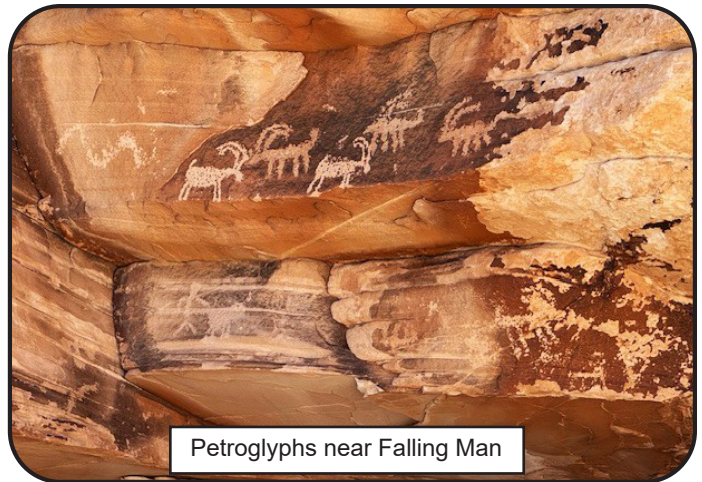
Top of Black Butte (Jim, Dennis, Julie, Carol)

about 10 more grueling miles to the start up the route along the northeast ridge to the top of Bonelli Peak (5335 ft). Fantastic views from there in all directions. Looking southeast towards where the Colorado River leaves the Grand Canyon and dumps into the Lake Mead basin is particularly spectacular. Roads in that area continue to deteriorate from washouts and ATV use. Overall, there is very little management or maintenance visible in the Monument and that neglect was obvious. On December 28, 2016, President Obama issued Proclamation 95591 designating the Gold Butte National Monument and requiring that a Resource Management Plan be developed. The WMC submitted comments on early phases of the plan in 2022. Since then, the BLM has abandoned efforts





Wild burros near Gold Butte township



Petroglyphs near Falling Man



Hiking back from Falling Man (John, Diane, Carol, Della)



Squeezing through a crack near Falling Man (Diane, Carol, Michael)



The famous Falling Man petroglyph



Full moon rising over Whitney Pocket Camp

to complete the RMP even though the Center for Biological Diversity sued them in 2024 over failure to complete it.

Sunday, Feb 1st, was another perfect day as is common on the last day. Some of the group hiked around the extensive Falling Man petroglyph area before the long drive home. Although there are no trails to most of the peaks in the Monument, the hikes weren't too bushwhacky. Still, several of us took a turn at getting stabbed by cactus thorns and scratched by catclaw bushes. We packed a lot into this trip seeing many of the famous features and some obscure ones, and hiking numerous miles. There is still more to do so I think I can predict we will all be back.



Exploring Bryce Canyon - Jan. 29 - Feb. 1, 2026

Organized by Tonya Karren and Zig Soldednski. Report by Dea Nelson

Red Rocks & Hot Breakfast: Many Years of Bryce Canyon Magic thanks to the Wasatch Mountain Club What started many years ago as a "let's see what happens" winter outing has officially blossomed into the highlight of the season for the Wasatch Mountain Club. What the Club's members didn't realize back then was that they weren't just planning a trip; They were starting a tradition that would become a cornerstone of our winter calendar. This year, over 45+ intrepid members and friends headed south to trade the Wasatch's white peaks for Bryce Canyon's fiery orange spires. Here is why this "Winter Wonderland" trek continues to steal our hearts every single year.

The Deal of the Century Let's be honest: part of the "fearless" nature of our club includes being fearless about finding a bargain! For years we've been taking advantage of the legendary winter rates at the historic Ruby's Inn. At just \$60.00 per room—which includes two hearty breakfasts—it's practically a steal. There's something special about gathering in a historic lodge, fueling up on coffee and pancakes, and knowing the trails are just minutes away.

Boots over Snowshoes While Utah winters usually demand a closet full of cold-weather gear, Mother Nature gave us a different gift this year. We didn't need the snowshoes! Instead, we laced up our hiking boots and hit the dirt. The lack of deep powder allowed us to:

- Explore new trails: We ventured into corners of the park we hadn't seen in years.
- Reconnect: The easier pace of hiking (versus trudging through three feet of snow) sparked endless conversations between members who hadn't caught up in months.
- Take in the Hoodoos: Without the glare of a blizzard, the contrast between the dusting of white snow and the deep red canyon walls was a total spectacle.

Utah: A "Choose Your Own Adventure" Winter One of the best things about living in Utah is that "winter" means something different depending on where you stand.

- The Wasatch: Our backyard for sledding, backcountry skiing, and world-class Nordic trails.
- Bryce Canyon: Our sanctuary for winter hiking and jaw-dropping photography.

This trip reminded us all that while we love our skis and snowshoes, there is something deeply grounding about a good old-fashioned hike through the red rocks.

Join the Legacy Whether you've been with the Wasatch Mountain Club for decades or you're just looking for a reason to get outside, this trip proves that the best memories are made with great people, historic lodges, and a few thousand hoodoos.

Here's to the next 100 years!

Content Editor's Note: How is it that we can hike all day in Bryce Canyon, snap hundreds of photos of hoodoos and spires, and still be amazed when we round a corner in the trail and marvel at yet another hoodoo or spire that warrants preserving in a photo? If you've floated through the Grand Canyon, is there a single photo that captures the whole trip? If you've taken the Maiden of the Mist and plunged into Niagra Falls, is there a single photo that captures the entire experience? There are places where Mother Nature has gone completely overboard, with almost out of control exuberance, in creating a geological masterpiece that boggles the senses. In putting together this trip report, there were so many spectacular photos that I was not able to use. Even collectively, these photos would not be able to do justice to the experience of marinating in some of the most profound and extraordinary scenery on this planet. So I apologize if certain photos were not included in the Rambler. If we devoted all 40 pages to Bryce Canyon photos, we would still fall short. Such is the nature of Bryce Canyon. We just have to be there, dive down into the guts of the canyons, and allow a sense of gratitude to warm our soul.



John Veranth shared some of his favorite spots along the Cottonwood Wash Road, south east of Bryce Canyon. Locations included the Cottonwood Narrows, Hackberry Canyon, Grosvenor Arch and the grueling but rewarding hike to Yellow Rock. Red Canyon on the west side offered the beautiful Golden Wall Trail. Bryce Canyon favorites were the Hat Shop, Peek-a-Boo, Navajo, Fairyland, Sunrise/Sunset and everything in between. Daytime temps were from 30-50. While doing Yellow Rock, the stream was frozen in the morning but 2"-3" of running water by 4:00PM.



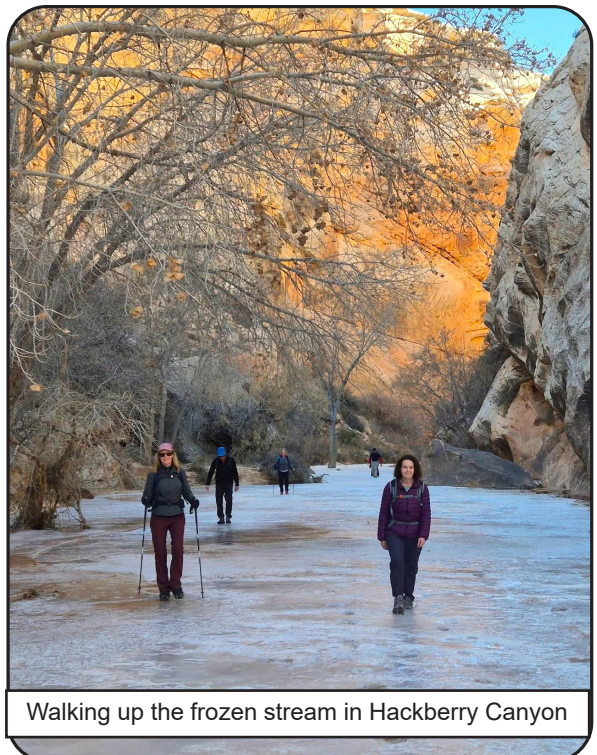
Part of John Veranth's group of 20 at the Cottonwoods Narrows North trailhead. First adventure on the first day.



Bob, Brett, John and Zig in the Cottonwood Narrows



John Veranth's group at Grosvenor Arch



Walking up the frozen stream in Hackberry Canyon





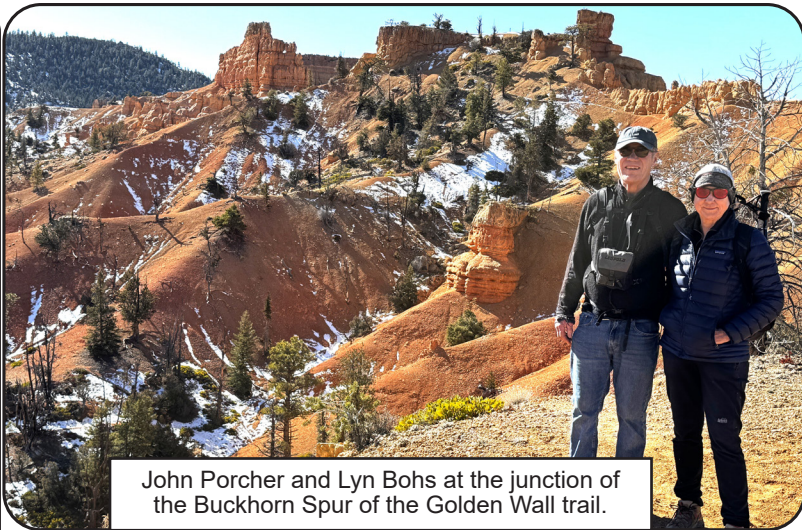
Joy Johnson is up early to catch this amazing sunrise at Sunrise Point



Stephanie Wilcock, Chris Dege, Sandra Ferrari and Liz Ciopeland at the top of the Golden Wall

The Golden Wall

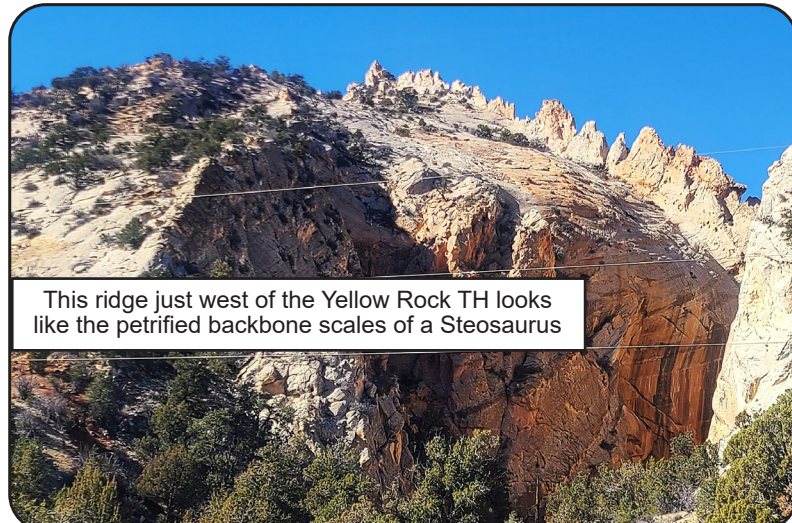




John Porcher and Lyn Bohs at the junction of the Buckhorn Spur of the Golden Wall trail.



Bristle Cone Pine clinging to life



This ridge just west of the Yellow Rock TH looks like the petrified backbone scales of a Steosaurus



Bret Mathews, Zig Sondelski, and Bob Grant heading down into the Hat Shop Trail



Irene Yuen and Barb Boehme working the pot luck



Tower Bridge Arch



Snowshoe Peak 8583 via Holbrook Ridge - Feb. 1, 2026

Organized and report by Akiko Kamimura

Participants: Akiko Kamimura, Ed Hamphill and Christy Carson

Hiking/snowshoeing to Peak 8583 via Holbrook Ridge in winter is usually a long way. But without snow below 8000 ft, we moved quickly. All of us carried snowshoes just in case. There was a stretch above 8,000' where our snowshoes saved us from having to post hole our way up. There was a big change in the conditions from the trailhead. It was windy in the last part to the summit but was not cold. We did not see any other hikers/people. We saw hawks, eagles, and deer. Nice weather. Beautiful day.



Ed & Christy ascending on dry ground



Christy taking a short break



Group photo: Akiko, Ed and Christy

Bonanza Flats Nordic Ski - Feb. 1, 2026

Organized and report by Frank Bouchard

Participants: Frank Bouchard, Steph McGarvey, Dave Nix & Ajeeth Ibrahim

It hasn't been a great year for cross-country skiing. I had already canceled a January outing, and as this February trip approached, there still wasn't enough snow in Round Valley. So I changed plans and moved the trip to Bonanza Flat. Four of us met at my house in Salt Lake City, drove to the Park City transit center, took a free bus up to the Montage, and then hopped into a free van for the final leg to the trailhead. Aside from some expensive parking in PC (\$30), the whole multi-leg journey was surprisingly pleasant. It takes a bit of time, but with good company it passes quickly. Bonanza Flat turned out to be far more scenic and noticeably less crowded than Round Valley and we were all glad we made the switch. We skied 7.5 miles of trail (three of us on classic skis and one on skate skis), then reversed the entire journey to get home, tired and satisfied.



Skiing Alta Hike-to Terrain - Feb. 4, 2026

Organized and report by Eve Kovacs

Cheryl and Eve met up on a sunny Wednesday afternoon to ski some of the north-facing hike-to terrain at Alta. These hikes are quite short - less than 100 feet of vertical - and very rewarding as the ski quality on these runs is high. We had several enjoyable runs on Catherine's area and Devil's Castle. The snow was cold and chalky and any moguls were friendly rather than fierce. The skiing was fun. The highlight of the day was feeding the birds at the bird feeder off the Supreme lift. Cheryl, having only been there once before, managed to locate it in the trees through one of the lower gates off the East Castle side of Rock'n'Roll. The birds were flocking around the feeder and were quite happy to land on your hands if offered some seeds. There were also a few squirrels lurking in the trees nearby.

We highly recommend this detour if you would like to see Mountain Chickadees up close. Just remember to pack some sunflower seeds!



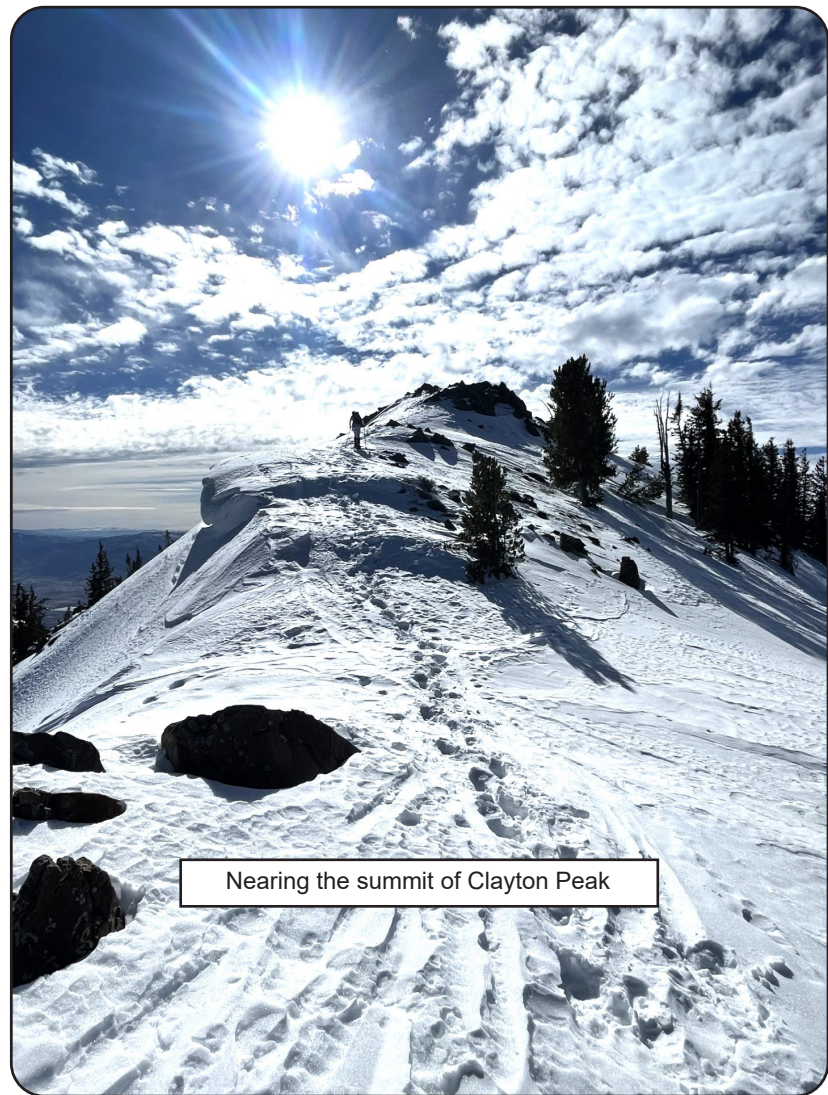
Snowshoe to Clayton Peak - Feb. 6, 2026

Organized and report by Jose Pacheco

Participants: Jose Pacheco, Lubka S. and Tien Simon

We parked at Guardsman Pass Road winter closure near Brighton. Started with snowshoes on. Followed a social path to the west ridge of peak 10420, first summited the false summit and then the actual peak. Proceeded down the ridge to saddle with Clayton Peak and then took the north ridge of Clayton Peak to the summit. There is avalanche terrain in this area, although on a ridge, so we brought beacon/shovel/probes and the participants were trained in use of these items. Descended the ridge on way back, resubmitted peak 10420 and the false summit, then descended the north ridge of peak 10420 and summited Guardsman Peak. At the pass, we took off snowshoes to ascend Guardsman Peak. However, once back on the pass we placed them back on and descended the social trail to the road and then back to the parking.

The snow coverage was good, except for the push from Guardsman pass to Guardsman Peak. It had a hard crisp top layer so we did not really post hole in snowshoes and could stay on top of it pretty well. Was a great day. About 5.5 to 6 miles and close to 2,700 gain.



Climbing Toledo Ridge - Feb. 7, 2026

Organized and report by Daniel Hadley

Participants: Nahan C. and Daniel Hadley

Nathan and I started before dawn in Alta, arriving at Cardiff Pass just as the sunrise hit the peak. Moving up easy dihedrals, we opted to simul-climb with traditional gear and an occasional microtraxion for protection. At the summit of Toledo Peak, we put away the rope and crampons but kept our ice axes out. The crux was the descent, where plunge stepping gave way to some postholing. Glissading helped, though, as did some frozen tracks that seemed like they were set by someone eight feet tall. Utah's mountaineering season is generally short and snowpack dependent. So it was nice to get a small window in February for some alpine climbing.

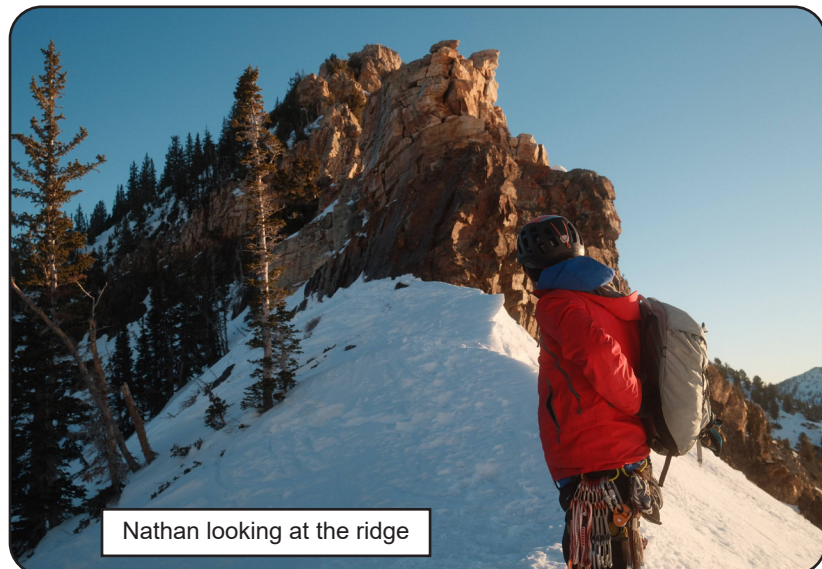
Dan climbing the ridge



Nathan coiling the rope



Nathan looking at the ridge



Guardsmans Peak Snowshoe - Feb. 7, 2026

Organized and report by Akiko Kamimura

Participants: Akiko Kamimura, John Gould, Carol Masheter, Mary Friedman, Steph McGarvey, Ryan Kelly

One skier and five snowshoers started from the Guardsmans Pass Rd winter gate. We did not need to use snowshoes/skis until we got to Scotts Pass. The snow coverage was great to the summit of Guardsmans Peak. The weather was nice. We enjoyed beautiful views. We had to take off snowshoes/skis briefly when we were going down to Guardsmans Pass from the summit due to lack of snow. The snow conditions were fine from the pass through the forest area. Because we did not have new snow for a while, we did not see any snowmobilers and saw only a few other skiers.



Transitioning out of snowshoes



Ryan was the only skier in the group



Ryan, Mary & Steph



Group photo: Akiko, Carol, Mary, John, Steph & Ryan

Bear Canyon to Cold Fusion Couloir Hike - Feb. 7, 2026

Organized and report by Kathleen Waller

Participants: Kathleen Waller, Brennon S, Sid Seligson

Sid, Brennen, Waller and dog Lulu hiked on a warm and sunny day to get some cardio, enjoy each other's company, and scout the approach to and conditions of Cold Fusion Couloir. We hiked Bear Canyon trail from Mutual Dell camp (mostly packed snow and some mud) to Timpooneke Road using microspikes. We were excited to see Timpooneke Road covered well in snow for future skinning and/or snowmobiling. We got eyes on Cold Fusion from afar and from the entrance, both with binoculars. Snow coverage was not super deep but looked as deep or more than Waller's last ski outing on Cold Fusion late last spring. We hope avalanche conditions remain stable so we can ski this soon. We hiked fast while we imagined completing this hike and ascending and skiing the couloir with the additional weight of ski gear, avalanche rescue gear, ice ax, and crampons. We passed only one other person with a couple of dogs in this infrequently travelled area.



East side of Timpanogo Peak



Sid, Brennen, and Waller hiking Timpooneke Road



Brennan and Waller walking up Bear Canyon Trail



Sid happy to see Cold Fusion Couloir close up



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.

Mar 1 Sun	<p>Snowshoe/Hike - (Toward) Francis Peak, Farmington – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe/hike to Francis Peak (9525 ft) via Wolverine Trail in Farmington, weather, conditions and situation permitting. This is a steep but beautiful ridgeline trail. The last part to the Great Western Trail may not be passable (without mountaineering gear) if it's covered with snow. We will turn around if that is the case. Please bring 10 Essentials, microspikes, and snowshoes. In addition, bring poles and gaiters Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended but not required (no avy terrain). 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. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Feb 27, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Mar 2 Mon – Mar 7 Sat	<p>Annual Bob Wright Death Valley Winter Escape Hike, Road Bike, Car Camp – ntd <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Angela Vincent, Matt Davidson 801-281-3160, 801-706-0608 avince182@yahoo.com, davidson801@comcast.net Looking for a trip to escape the winter blues? This one is for you! This trip is open to all, whether you are planning on road riding, hiking, peak bagging, going on Ranger led tours, just relaxing, or all of the above. We have already reserved a set of tent-only camping spots at the Furnace Creek campground, and there are a few spots to join for members only. No car, van, or RVs camping are allowed at these sites. However, feel free to reserve a site for your tents and RVs on your own, and join in the daily activities, happy hours, and a variety of breakfasts and dinners for the group. Details will follow on that, but sites will fill up fast, so if you are reserving a site at the campground or the nearby motel or the Ranch Cabins or Fiddler's Campground, do so now, then let me know and I will add you to the group communications. There will be a small fee for the shared amenities, and the cost will vary depending on group meals and the shared tent sites. Contact me for further details. Rating for the car camp = NTD and varies for each of the group activities. Get you lodging at either https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232496 or https://oaisatdeathvalley.com. NOTE: Sunset campground across the road is another option, but is in the open for sun, wind, and rain, and reservations are not taken for that campground.</p>
Mar 2 Mon	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me. *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>
Mar 2 Mon	<p>Evening Indoor Rock Climb - The Front *south Main* – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at The Front Climbing Club (4140 S Main St, Millcreek, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> David Tanner 801-859-9973 davidscotttanner@gmail.com We'll be climbing at the Front's South Main location at 6:30 every Monday. Note that there are two locations. We are at the Millcreek location. Multiple people have gone to the wrong place, don't do that. If you don't know me look for a bright orange hat and come introduce yourself. We usually meet at 6:30 around the benches on the east side of the first floor. If you come later, we can usually be found on the first floor, but you can also call or text. All levels are welcome. We generally have a group of around 15 people each week including top-rope, lead climb, and bouldering so there's always someone to climb with. Feel free to contact me beforehand and I can let you know what the best option for you is.</p>
Mar 2 Mon	<p>Final Jack's Mountain Foothills Flashlight Hike – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Jacks Peak Trailhead (1830 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com The time change next Sunday, so this is the last week we will be hiking under the cover of darkness! Come out for the last of our weekly winter jaunts up and down these steep routes along the ridge behind the "H" rock. If there is snow on the foothills, yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. There won't be much darkness now, but it may still be cool and dark so bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs ok.</p>
Mar 3 Tue	<p>Rock Climb - Indoor Evening Climbing Momentum Millcreek <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com Let's keep climbing indoors during the week to stay strong for the spring. WMC members without a membership to Momentum can get a reduced priced day pass. You may be asked to prove your membership in the club. If you don't see anyone when you arrive, look through the top rope and bouldering areas for someone in a shirt with the WMC logo. All skill levels welcome.</p>
Mar 4 Wed	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me. *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>
Mar 4 Wed	<p>Trail Running - Wild Rose Trailhead – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1000' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Wild Rose Trailhead Park (609 Sky Crest Ln, North Salt Lake, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerrylregan@gmail.com Spring is here and trail running is in season! 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>



Mar 4 Wed	Alpine Ski Resort: Snowbird – msd – 18.0 mi Out & Back – 18000’ ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 10:15 am at Snowbird Center, tram deck (2nd entrance) 3rd level, in front of Kristy Sports & near the ticket office. <i>Organizer:</i> Da Yang Wipfel 801-635-6189 dayang007@gmail.com Plan on spending 2~3 hours Friendly Ski Social (skiers only) at Snowbird. Due to the unpredictable weather and traffic, please check the online calendar on day of event; it may change or cancel at the last minute. Please have ski boots on (ski pass/helmet/goggles/gloves/skis/poles...) and ready to hit slopes. Depending on the snow condition and group, we may ski any where; there are always different routes by personal preference though. Lunch is optional. The new Mid Gad restaurant (Nest) is very nice but comes with price. Summit restaurant has gorgeous views. Have a happy and relaxing ski day together! Good for Snowbird season pass holders, Ikon passes, or if you need a day pass I have 50% Off Employee benefits. Please text or email me.
Mar 5 Thu – Mar 8 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, hike and run in Red Rocks, Nevada! The area is best known for its soaring Aztec Sandstone cliffs with world-class moderate multi-pitch trad and sport routes and lots of fantastic bouldering . Red Rock Canyon is an incredibly scenic area for non-climbing recreation as well. 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.
Mar 6 Fri – Mar 11 Wed	San Ignacio Lagoon Camp And Whale Trip <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Mark your calendars to join me as I celebrate 20 years since I first visited this special place. The San Ignacio World Heritage Biosphere Reserve is Latin America’s largest wildlife sanctuary, and is located about half way down the Pacific side of the Baja Peninsula. San Ignacio Lagoon is one of only two undeveloped nursery and breeding grounds of the Pacific gray whale world-wide. I’ve done this trip several times with family, friends, and fellow WMC members, and I choose this particular time of year because the lagoon has 200 or so mama, baby, and juvenile whales that are very interested in and interactive with we humans. This is NOT whale “watching”, this is a whale experience in a very remote and rugged area. There are only about a half a dozen outfitter/camps at the edges of this lagoon, some more glampy than others, and I always go to the same place with the same naturalist www.purebajatravels.com (Jose stopped by Salt Lake a couple of years ago on and did a great presentation for the Wasatch Mountain Club). The entire Pure Baja camp is being set aside for our group. I’m still getting pricing information, but the cost is roughly \$4000 per person, plus some travel costs. Send me an email if you’re interested in joining, and/or if you’d like more information.
Mar 6 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.
Mar 6 Fri	Snowshoe, Silver Benchmark Peak – mod+ – 7.0 mi Out & Back – 3000’ ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Jose Pacheco 314-910-8731 jpachecowashu30@gmail.com will proceed to willow lake and then gain the ridge near point 10009 and proceed north to silver benchmark peak. We will return the same way. Will need microspikes, snowshoes, poles, gaiters and 10 essentials. Avalanche rescue gear (beacon, shovel, probe) must be carried on this trip due to travel on potential avalanche terrain/run out zones (30 degrees or more or within run out zones). This applies to terrain that is rated as Green/Low risk on the avalanche forecast for relevant elevations and aspects. If the avalanche forecast is Orange/Considerable for relevant elevations and aspects, that terrain will be closed and the trip will be cancelled. If the avalanche forecast is Yellow/Moderate for relevant elevations and aspects for Persistent Weak Layer (PWL), that terrain will closed and the trip will be cancelled. Check avalanche forecast prior to trip: UAC-SLC .
Mar 7 Sat – Mar 8 Sun	Snowshoe/Ski & Snow Camp In The High Uintas Or Somewhere <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe or ski (choice of each participant) and camp in the High Uintas or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Day 1 (Sat): Road trip, snowshoe/ski to the campsite, and set up a campsite. Day 2 (Sun): Snowshoe/ski. Take down the campsite, snowshoe/ski to the TH & road trip. Please email before Friday, 3 pm, March 6, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. WMC members only. Registrants will receive more detailed info.
Mar 10 Tue	Rock Climb - Indoor Evening Climbing Momentum Millcreek <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com Let’s keep climbing indoors during the week to stay strong for the spring. WMC members without a membership to Momentum can get a reduced priced day pass. You may be asked to prove your membership in the club. If you don’t see anyone when you arrive, look through the top rope and bouldering areas for someone in a shirt with the WMC logo. All skill levels welcome.
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Mar 11 Wed	WMC Monthly Board Meeting <i>Meet:</i> 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) <i>Carpool:</i> 5:40 pm at Pre meeting appetizers at Fiddler’s (1059 E 2100 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Dave Ashley 703-966-9741 david.ashley.vet@gmail.com 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.
Mar 12 Thu – Mar 15 Sun	University Spring Break Backpack – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> John* Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com Silver Falls drainage to Escalante River is the goal. Three days, two nights. Spring trips depend on weather and a base camp with day hikes in the GSENM will be substituted if there is a late winter storm. Register for details.



Mar 13 Fri	Rock Climb - Indoor Evening Climbing Momentum Ft Union <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Momentum Indoor Climbing Fort Union (7210 Union Park Ave, Midvale, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com Let's keep climbing indoors during the week to stay strong for the spring. WMC members without a membership to Momentum can get a reduced priced day pass. You may be asked to prove your membership in the club. If you don't see anyone when you arrive, look through the top rope and bouldering areas for someone in a shirt with the WMC logo. All skill levels welcome.
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Mar 13 Fri	Trail Running - Terrace Hills Trailhead Beginner Trail Run – ntd – 4.0 mi Loop – 600' ascent <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Terrace Hills Trailhead (1021 Terrace Hills Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerrylregan@gmail.com Join us for a beginner run for all of those that are trail run curious (experts welcome too). This will be a no drop run, no runner is left behind. All levels of fitness are welcome. Bring a headlamp. If you have been wanting to get into trail running but don't know where to start, this run is for you! Let me know if you want to join this run or others in the future. Message me if you want to arrange carpool.
Mar 14 Sat	Snowshoe (Ski/Hike) - Location TBA – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe in BCC/LCC, Provo, Farmington, American Fork, the West Uintas or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer to the date. Please bring 10 Essentials, microspikes, and snowshoes. In addition, bring poles and gaiters if there is sufficient snow for snowshoeing. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended but not required. If this changes, I will update the information. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. Depending on a location, we can have skiers too. Skiers must carry avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, March 13, 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.
Mar 15 Sun	Hike - Onaqui Mountains – mod <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Frank Bouchard 352-246-5304 fabouchard@gmail.com This trip will head to a small, obscure mountain range out in the west desert, quiet, remote, and rarely visited. It's about a 1.5-hour drive each way. I'll be leaving from my house in South Salt Lake at 8AM and happy to carpool with others. There isn't a fixed route or established trail for the day. The plan is to drive partway into the range and spend the day wandering and exploring on foot. Expect open terrain with juniper trees, sagebrush, and a chance of seeing wild horses. If you enjoy exploring unfamiliar places and don't mind a little uncertainty, this should be a great adventure. We'll be out most of the day, so be sure to bring plenty of water and snacks. We might stop somewhere in the city of Tooele for dinner on the way back. Let me know if you're interested in joining. Copy and paste my email into your own email service rather than using the website link as this link sometimes doesn't work.
Mar 15 Sun	Snowshoe/Hike - Peak 8954, Kaysville – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe to Peak 8954 via Eds Peak (7,665 ft) in Kaysville with Ed. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. The route is on the ridgeline. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) is recommended but not required, but feel free to bring it if you want. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear if someone wants to practice/use. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Mar 13, 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.
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Mar 17 Tue	Rock Climb - Indoor Evening Climbing Momentum Millcreek <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com Let's keep climbing indoors during the week to stay strong for the spring. WMC members without a membership to Momentum can get a reduced priced day pass. You may be asked to prove your membership in the club. If you don't see anyone when you arrive, look through the top rope and bouldering areas for someone in a shirt with the WMC logo. All skill levels welcome.
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Mar 20 Fri – Mar 22 Sun	Camping And Trail Running At The Wedge – msd – 22.0 mi Loop – 2000’ ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com The Wedge is a classic running route near Castle Dale which runs along the little grand canyon and offers fantastic views of the San Rafael Swell. We will leave Salt Lake City after work on Friday and disperse camp close to the trailhead. Saturday morning we will go out and run the 22 mile route along single track mountain bike trails and dirt roads. There are options for shorter runs by doing a car shuttle. After the run, we will have a potluck dinner and camp. Sunday morning will have an option for another trail run before heading back to Salt Lake City in the afternoon. Instead of being cold in snowy Salt Lake City, come join us for some trail running in the desert. Email me with any questions or if you would like to join.
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Mar 21 Sat	Training For Technical Mountaineering - Mt. Superior South Ridge <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We will have IFMGA certified instructors from the School for International Expedition Training (nonprofit organization) to learn about technical mountaineering. While this training focuses on the technical routes that we will climb in Bolivia in 2026 and 2027, it would be beneficial for those who are interested in technical mountaineering in other mountains. Registration is required. \$310 per person. No tax. WMC members only. Limit 2 per group (The max number of groups will be three - that said the max number of participants will be 6). Participants will need to have some previous mountaineering training/experience and to bring mountaineering gear (e.g. a helmet, harness, crampons, ice axe, mountaineering boots, etc). Registrants will receive more detailed info including gear list. If you want to register, please contact the organizer including your mountaineering resume (if I do not know you) and why you want to take this training.
Mar 22 Sun	Snowshoe (Ski/Hike) - Location TBA – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe in BCC/LCC, Provo, Farmington, American Fork, the West Uintas or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer to the date. Please bring 10 Essentials, microspikes, and snowshoes. In addition, bring poles and gaiters if there is sufficient snow for snowshoeing. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended but not required. If this changes, I will update the information. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. Depending on a location, we can have skiers too. Skiers must carry avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, March 20, 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.
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Mar 23 Mon – Apr 3 Fri	Annapurna Circuit Trek (Nepal) – mod – Loop – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Dave Ashley, Shelley Johannesen 703-966-9741, 804-874-7658 david.ashley.vet@gmail.com, johannesenshelley@gmail.com Come join Dave Ashley and Shelley Johannesen in Nepal on a trek of the world-famous Annapurna Circuit! See event listing on website for more details.
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Mar 31 Tue	<p>Rock Climb - Indoor Evening Climbing Momentum Millcreek <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com Let's keep climbing indoors during the week to stay strong for the spring. WMC members without a membership to Momentum can get a reduced priced day pass. You may be asked to prove your membership in the club. If you don't see anyone when you arrive, look through the top rope and bouldering areas for someone in a shirt with the WMC logo. All skill levels welcome.</p>
Apr 5 Sun – May 20 Wed	<p>Mountaineering: Makalu (27,838 Ft) Nepal, One Of The 14 8,000 Meter Peaks – ext <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Dave Ashley, Shelley Johannesen 703-966-9741, 804-874-7658 david.ashley.vet@gmail.com, johannesenshelley@gmail.com Dave and Shelley are offering to lead this 8,000 member peak expedition along with our trusted guide company in Nepal to WMC members at our cost, with all registration fees to the local guide company. See event listing on website for more details.</p>
Apr 7 Tue – Apr 13 Mon	<p>Alpine Ski Tour - Norway Ski And Sail Lyngen 7 Days Trip Is Full – mod+ – Out & Back <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Paula McFarland 801-657-2818 pmcfarland82@msn.com Please join us on a fun backcountry ski touring and sailing adventure in the Lyngen Alps in Norway with SeilNorge. See event listing on website for more details.</p>
Apr 8 Wed	<p>WMC Monthly Board Meeting <i>Meet:</i> 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) <i>Carpool:</i> 5:40 pm at Pre meeting appetizers at Fiddler's (1059 E 2100 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Dave Ashley 703-966-9741 david.ashley.vet@gmail.com 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.</p>
Apr 11 Sat	<p>Boat Shed Opening Work Party <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Boat Shed - 4340 S 300 W (4340 Commerce Dr, Murray, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Bret Mathews, Donnie Benson 801-831-5940, 801-809-1854 bretmaverick999@yahoo.com, dmbenson13@gmail.com Come help us get the boating gear ready for a new season. It's the usual stuff - get the rafts out / inflate them / look them over / roll them up; a little cleaning; and check over the rest of the gear.</p>
Apr 17 Fri	<p>Climbing Season Kickoff And Planning Party - Climbing Meeting/Social <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Steph & Nathan's house. Email for registration and address. <i>Organizer:</i> Steph Stamm, Nathan Chaffee 973-945-3755 steph.m.stamm@gmail.com, nac787.home@gmail.com With warmer days on the horizon, it's time to start dreaming up - and planning - another great rock and alpine climbing season. Join us for this year's Climbing Season Kickoff and Planning Party! Enjoy good company and stoke for the season ahead with food provided by the club. This is a casual, collaborative get-together where we'll: - Brainstorm climbing trips and objectives for the season - Share ideas for skills clinics, mentorship, and community events - Connect with other climbers and potential organizers - Optionally bring a laptop for researching and posting events Whether you're a seasoned organizer, a newer member with ideas, or just curious about getting more involved, we'd love to have you there. No commitment required - just bring your enthusiasm and any ideas you want to see take shape this year.</p>



Apr 18 Sat	<p>Lets Go Paddling Locally!!! :) Paddle Jordan River – class I Meet: 3:00 pm at Willow Park, Lehi by the boat launch Organizer: Mara Green 385-695-0218 raftingmara@gmail.com Lets go paddling locally!!! :) Where: Jordan River - Inlet Park to Willow Park When: Saturday May 9, 2026. 3PM - meet at Willow Park, Lehi Estimated Float time: +/- 2-3 hours Caution: This river section can be miserable if it is too windy, so this trip may be cancelled or we may move it to Salt Lake County to a less wind prone section of river. Skill level: Easy flat water Details: Bring your own kayak, paddle board, canoe, etc. State law requires life jackets - If you bring water or snacks make sure it can be strapped to your water craft so it doesn't become litter. We will meet at Willow Park by the boat launch and and carpool up to the boat launch near Utah Lake at Inlet Park, Saratoga Springs. If you need equipment, you can most likely rent it from the Wasatch Mountain Club. Contact Donnie or Bret who coordinate boating equipment. I'm excited to see you all and get out on the water this season. Let me know if you have questions.</p>
Apr 18 Sat	<p>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, micro-spikes, and snowshoes. In addition, bring poles and gaiters if there is sufficient snow for snowshoeing. Avalanche safety 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 safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, April 17, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
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Apr 20 Mon – Apr 26 Sun	<p>Mountaineering - Shasta, Whitney, Russell – ext Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Alonso Gonzalez 801-300-7911 alonsogosuna@gmail.com Join me for a spring mountaineering road trip to three of California's 14ers: Mount Shasta, Mount Whitney, and Mount Russell. Shasta is tentatively planned via Avalanche Gulch, with an overnight high camp unless no one opts to camp, in which case it may be a single-day push. On Whitney, we will take the Mountaineers Route, head to the summit with lighter packs, and spend the night at USB. Russell, the following day, will most likely be via the East Ridge (route subject to conditions). Participants are welcome to join for one, two, or all three peaks, depending on experience and availability. This is a snow mountaineering trip, and participants must have prior experience with steep snow travel, crampons, and ice axe use. Strong fitness and comfort with long alpine days at altitude are required, and winter camping experience is recommended for anyone joining the overnight portions. Email me your experience and which peaks you're interested in, and I'll share the detailed plan. I will also send route and conditions updates as the date approaches.</p>
Apr 25 Sat	<p>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, micro-spikes, and snowshoes. In addition, bring poles and gaiters if there is sufficient snow for snowshoeing. Avalanche safety 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 safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, April 24, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Apr 26 Sun	<p>Mountaineering Workshop – mod+ Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu This workshop will provide some very focused skill development for Mt Rainier or other mountains in the North Cascades, or other big mountains (e.g. high altitude mountains in Bolivia, Denali), depending on participants' interests. We will have an instructor from the U of U's Department of Recreation and Tourism. Topics to be covered are included, but not limited to, glacier travel, team rope travel, crevasse rescue, running belay on snow, snow travel skills on steep slopes (45-65 degrees), and preparation for climbing glaciated peaks. Approximately 8:00 am-2pm. Location TBA. Participants are expected to have basic knowledge and skills of mountaineering (e.g. how to use crampons and ice axe). This is also a great refresher class for those who have mountaineering experience. Instruction donation - \$20/person. Limit 15 participants. Registration is required. Priority will be given to WMC members. Max 15. Registrants will receive more detailed info including the list of required and optional gear.</p>
Apr 28 Tue	<p>Social - Hiking Social And Organizer Training Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Frank Bouchard 352-246-5304 fabouchard@gmail.com Looking to get more involved in the WMC? Become an activity organizer! It's easier than you think and you can learn everything you need to know at this event. Everything you see on the WMC calendar is organized by a volunteer - which could be you! Show up at 6. Shortly after I'll give a quick presentation about organizing activities and answer any questions. Afterwards I welcome everyone to hang around and mingle. This will be held in my back yard and the WMC will provide food and drinks. Please let me know if you would like to come.</p>
May 1 Fri – May 3 Sun	<p>Mountaineering - La Sal Mountains – msd Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to make Mt Mellenthin (12,645 ft) and Mt Laurel (12,279 ft). The distance will be approximately 8 miles with 3057 ft gain from the TH. The TH elevation is approximately 10,020 ft. We plan to have a ski group and a non-ski group. Trip schedule: road trip (approximately 4 hours from SLC) & hike to the campsite (approximately 2.6 miles) for camping on May 1 Friday; climb on May 2 Saturday; and hike back from the campsite & road trip on May 3 Sunday. The schedule may be adjusted depending on the conditions. Some participants may hike out on Saturday. This is non-technical mountaineering. But participants must: 1) have excellent stamina; 2) be willing to buy/rent/lend required individual gear if necessary; 3) know how to use crampons & ice axe; and 4) no history of altitude problems above 12,000 ft. Back-packing experience strongly desired. For more details, please contact the organizer (please include your current fitness level and mountaineering experience). Limit 10. WMC members only.</p>



May 1 Fri – May 3 Sun	Trail Running Across Zion NP - Zion Traverse – msd – 37.0 mi – 5000' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com The Zion Traverse is a classic backpacking and trail running route from Lee Pass in Kolob Canyon to the Grotto, just below Angel's Landing. The route requires a car shuttle, which we will take care of on Friday evening. The full route is 37 miles with about 5000 feet of elevation gain and is only available to those with significant trail running experience. There is a point where one could drop or join in about half way through. Please email me if you are interested or if you have questions. We will camp just outside the park at a dispersed site near Virgin both nights. The run will start very early on Saturday to give us enough time to get to the Grotto to catch the park shuttle. This is a great run for those interested in ultra distances and those wanting to see some of the most scenic parts of Zion National Park.
May 1 Fri – May 8 Fri	Packrafting And Backpacking Meander Canyon And The Maze – class II- <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Katherine Thom 702-602-7802 utensil_uplift_0w@icloud.com This is what packrafts were made to do! Get ready for an exciting week of paddling, sleeping along the Colorado River below Moab and backpacking into the hard-to-access Maze District of Canyonlands National Park. See event listing on website for more details.
May 8 Fri – May 11 Mon	Escalante State Park Car Camp – ntd+ <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Martha Veranth, John Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com, veranth@xmission.com Repeat of previous year's format: Car camp at group site, day hikes from Hole in the Rock road or other nearby trailheads, pot luck dinners. Register to get the logistics emails.
May 20 Wed – Jun 3 Wed	Mountaineering - Chearoco & Chachacomani, Bolivia – ext <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> 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 - Condoriri (5,648m/18,530ft) and Paco Q'iuta (5,570m/ 18,274ft). WMC members only. See event listing on website for more details.
May 22 Fri – May 24 Sun	White Water Rafting Beginners Trip – class III <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Luke Johnson 801-755-7575 huckleberry78360@gmail.com Beginner Whitewater Training Trip-- Moab Daily - May 22, 2025 Besides being a fun river trip this trip introduces you to WMC Boating trips. On a commercial boating trip the Guides do everything for you (inflate the boats, make the meals, guide you down the river, ...) but on Club trips there are no paid guides. Hence everybody on the trip contributes to completing the tasks that need to be done. Club members will share with you what they know about running rivers. This should include how to "read the river", throw a throw bag, right a flipped raft, paddle a paddle boat/paddle a duckie (inflatable kayak)/row an oar rig, what it's like to swim a rapid, and other safety skills. Non-river skills you will learn about are what personal gear works well on river trips, how to make group meals using the WMC Boating's kitchen, what gear the club owns (and is available for cheap private rentals when it's not being used on a club trip). Experienced boaters--we need you to help make this a successful learning experience!
Jun 5 Fri – Jun 7 Sun	Packrafting The Little Grand Canyon (San Rafael River) – class I – 17.0 mi <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Katherine Thom 702-602-7802 utensil_uplift_0w@icloud.com This is a placeholder for what will hopefully be some nice spring runoff class 1 floating. We will head down Friday and grab a campsite on Buckhorn Draw Road. Early on Saturday we will get some vehicles down to the takeout at the bridge down Buckhorn Rd. and then shuttle back up to the put in at Fuller Bottom (roughly 20 miles total on good dirt roads). We will then get underway and find a nice space to camp on the river as far away as we can get from the bulk of the bugs. Your camp supplies should thus be portable up to a few hundred yards. On Sunday we will finish our float, pick up the car at the put in, and head home. By making this a two day, we can deal with some slow river miles and hopefully throw in some hiking. The trip will be cancelled if the CFS near Green River (I-70) is forecasted to be below 150 or over 500. The weather forecast will also be part of decision-making to avoid the possibility of flash flood risk. In previous years there have been occasional river hazards like logs which may or may not be something which can be walked around...TBD. Exploratory. Group size limited to 10 and participants should plan to bring a packraft or duckie. Boat safety/repair gear and some experience required.
Jun 19 Fri – Jun 21 Sun	White Water Rafting Moab Daily <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Holly Moursal 385-645-5304 holly.josephson@gmail.com Tbd
Jul 11 Sat – Jul 12 Sun	Hike Kings Peak And South Kings Peak – 27.0 mi – 5010' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Jose Pacheco 314-910-8731 jpachecowashu30@gmail.com We will start at Henry's Fork Trailhead and do this as a long day hike or an overnight backpack depending on forecast and ability of participants. If done as backpack, tent and backpacking gear will be required in addition to 10 essentials (if do as overnight would set up camp near dollar lake and all required gear would be emailed to participants 1-2 weeks prior). Current participants Jose Pacheco Heather Benally Dea Avila Nelson
Jul 17 Fri – Jul 19 Sun	Teton Mountaineering - Grand/Middle & Garnet Canyon <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Nathan C 307-371-6356 nac787.home@gmail.com This is an alpine climbing trip to Grand Teton National Park and climbs accessed via. Garnet Canyon. This is the standard approach for the Grand Teton and is also the point of access for Middle / South Teton, Irene's Arete, etc... This is a non-guided, exploratory activity that provides an area to "base camp" for the climb(s) of your choosing. Permits are secured for overnight backcountry camping at the Moraines and Meadows areas for Friday and Saturday night, which affords flexibility for varied objectives. Site assignment will be first-come first-serve. Interested participants will be asked to organize in small alpine teams of 2-3 and choose objectives in line with their team's experience and skillset. Specific route conditions and local weather are highly variable at this time of year - snow and ice are probable on several routes and should be factored into participant's planning. Organizer will drive up on Thursday and stay at the AAC Climber's Ranch for permit pickup and a relaxed start on Friday AM - highly recommended that others do the same. Please email the organizer to discuss experience and desired objectives as part of registration. Folks not wishing to camp (i.e. car-to-car) objectives in the area are welcome to coordinate with the organizer, but will not be considered trip participants.



Jul 21 Tue – Jul 23 Thu	Hike & Car Camp/ Hotel - Mt. Blue Sky (1,4267 Ft) Via West Ridge, Colorado – msd – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Mt Blue Sky (1,4267 ft) via West Ridge from Gunella Pass - class 2, 9.25 miles RT with 3,100 ft gain. Due to a risk of rock falls, helmets are required. I have two extra helmets in case you want to borrow. The planned schedule is: July 21 Tue Road trip; July 22 Wed hike; July 23 Thu rest day for those who will continue the adventure, road trip for those who will go home. Due to a high possibility of afternoon thunderstorms in CO, we will start a hike very early. The hikes will be exploratory. We will stay at a developed campsite. If you prefer to stay at a hotel, Georgetown is the closest town. Those who will stay at a campsite, there will be small cost sharing. Individual shares will depend on how many people will camp. The main group will stay there from July 21 Tue to July 25 Sat (including road trip, hiking to Blue Sky, Grays & Torreys. Partial participation is fine. To register, please email the organizer. If you have never hiked with the organizer, please include your hiking and camping experience. Limit 8. WMC members only. For more details, please contact the organizer.
Jul 23 Thu – Jul 25 Sat	Hike & Car Camp/ Hotel - Grays (14,276 Ft) & Torreys (14,272 Ft), Colorado – msd – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Grays & Torreys - class 1, 8.25 miles RT with 3,600 ft gain. The planned schedule is: July 23 Thu rest day for those who will continue the adventure from Blue Sky, road trip for those who will come on the day; July 24 Fri hike; and July 25 Sat road trip to go home. Due to a high possibility of afternoon thunderstorms in CO, we will start a hike very early. The hikes will be exploratory. We will stay at a dispersed campsite (no fee). If you prefer to stay at a hotel, Georgetown is the closest town. The main group will stay there from July 21 Tue to July 25 Sat (including road trip, hiking to Blue Sky, Grays & Torreys. Partial participation is fine. To register, please email the organizer. If you have never hiked with the organizer, please include your hiking and camping experience. Limit 8. WMC members only. For more details, please contact the organizer.
Aug 21 Fri – Aug 23 Sun	White Water Rafting Weekend - Green River Below Flaming Gorge (Aug 21-23, 2026) – class II+ – 7.0 mi – 100' ascent <i>Meet:</i> 2:00 pm at Dripping Springs Campground https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campsites/45713 <i>Organizer:</i> Mike Rush 208-932-3882 rush.miked@gmail.com Back by popular demand! Last year, we had 14 adventurous WMC members join in all kinds of watercraft, and it was an absolute blast. We successfully floated both Sections A & B with a smooth shuttle-everyone loved the scenery, the camaraderie, and the fun rapids! See event listing on website for more details.
Sep 3 Thu – Sep 7 Mon	Wind River Range Mountaineering - Titcomb Basin <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Nathan C 307-371-6356 nac787.home@gmail.com This is an alpine climbing trip to the Titcomb Basin and surrounding area in the Wind River Range of Wyoming. See event listing on website for more details.
Sep 13 Sun – Sep 18 Fri	White Water Rafting Lower Salmon – class IV- <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Parker Winkel 330-941-0502 paw123321@gmail.com This is a place holder fall back trip in case I don't get any permits. Plan on 4-5 night class III (IV) river with great camping. I'll probably have a little motor to push through the flat water. If I win a permit this may get cancelled . American Whitewater https://share.google/nZKwOdA5EEpJzlPo
Sep 17 Thu – Sep 20 Sun	Rock Climb - City Of Rocks <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Steph Stamm 973-945-3755 steph.m.stamm@gmail.com Join us for a long weekend in the city! CoR is home to a variety of climbing in this unique and wondrous geological area - trad, sport, single pitch or multi - ranging from 5.easy to 5.hard. Here's the MP link for the area. The club will provide ropes and anchors, but bring your quick draws, helmet (required), harness, belay device and locking carabiners. I reserved sites 2 and 3 - one is a walk in and one is for car / RV camping. The sites can accommodate up to 16 people, and well socialized fur friends are welcome too. Feel free to book your own site nearby and join us for campfire time and climbing. 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 be approx \$10/person total. Once we are a few weeks out from the trip, I'll help coordinate carpooling.
Nov 7 Sat	Social: Organizers And Volunteers Appreciation Dinner <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Wasatch Presbitarien Church <i>Organizer:</i> Giulia Roselli 801-604-6635 socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org Sat November 7, 2026 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:Giulia Roselli, co-organizer TBA Email:socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org Date:Sat Nov 7, 2026 @ 6 pm to 9 pm, Meeting Place:Location address will be on your invitation email
May 18 2027 Tue – Jun 3 Thu 2027	Mountaineering - Acohuma & Illampu, Bolivia – ext <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to climb two 6,000m peaks in Bolivia - Acohuma (6,427m/ 2,1086 ft) and Illampu (6,331m/ 20,771ft). WMC members only. See event listing on website for more details.

More activities are in 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)





Leave No Trace Basics

How to Enjoy the Outdoors Responsibly

Say hello to the great outdoors! Now that you're here, you are invited to help keep these places healthy and beautiful. As people are getting outside in record numbers, the need to put Leave No Trace skills and ethics into action to minimize our collective impact is more important than ever. **To join in, here's what you need to know:**



Know Before You Go

Look up the areas you plan to visit online or contact the local visitor center.

Knowing things such as road conditions, weather and available facilities is important.

Be sure to bring all the basics: food, extra water, and a bag to take trash home with you.

Packing extra items such as sunscreen, extra clothing layers, a basic first aid kit, rain gear and a map is always a safe bet.



Don't Be a Party Pooper

Pet waste is a health hazard for both people and animals. Pet waste can lead to the rise of invasive species and can spread diseases which harms water, plants and wildlife that call this place home. Pack out your pet waste.

Need to go but bathrooms are closed? First, walk at least 70 steps away from trails, water and people. If you have to poop, either 1) Dig a "cat hole" 6 inches+ deep, dispose of your waste in the hole, cover it, and pack out your toilet paper, or 2) Use a "wag bag" (a disposable bag to poop in, found in most outdoor stores) so you can pack out your waste.



Trash Talk

Pack it in, pack it out! Pick up all your trash and pack it out or dispose of it in a trashcan.

Natural items such as orange and banana peels, apple cores and nutshells can take years to decompose. Pack those out too.

Food scraps attract and harm wildlife, which in turn can put people at risk.



Better Together

We all share the outdoors. Everyone may have different ideas and expectations about what it means to be outside but we all must be respectful of others we encounter.

Let's all do our part to make the outdoors inclusive and welcoming to everyone. A friendly smile at people you encounter can go a long way.

Enjoy Your World. Leave No Trace.

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50 Years Ago in The Rambler

Transcribed by Donn Seeley

Club activities for March 1976 [...]

MARCH 6 Saturday	ADVANCED ALPINE TOUR, DESERET PEAK. An excellent high tour to the Stansbury Mountains west of Salt Lake. Meet at O'Dell's Shoe Shop at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Larry Swanson [...]
MARCH 19-20 Fri.-Sat.	NAOMI PEAK – CACHE MOUNTAINS. This is a long nordic or alpine tour, so the group will be going up Friday evening and camping at the trailhead. You must be in good shape to do this tour due to its length. Please register with the leader, Yukio Kachi [...]
MARCH 27-28 Sat.-Sun.	ADVANCED NORDIC-ALPINE TOUR, WHEELER PEAK. This will be a great opportunity to try some touring in the high mountains of the west desert. This is a weekend trip so call the leader to make arrangements. Leader: Pete Hovingh [...]

Park City West ~ Millcreek February 8 by Fran Flowers

Trying to organize the transportation, including a shuttle, for thirty people is probably what Jim will remember most vividly about this trip. That problem aside, the next decision involved a lift at Park West – should we, or shouldn't we? With the "we shoulds" in one group and the "we shouldn'ts" in another, we all started off, giving rise to yet another problem – wax. Purple was good for about fifty yards, then out came red. Red lasted a little longer, then out came frustration.

Finally a weak voice glumly suggested klister. Nobody had brought any klister – well, almost nobody. A tube appeared and brave George began to smear it on his skis. As we watched, it became obvious why no one carries klister. If you have it in your pack, you also have it on everything in your pack. You also have it on your pack, in your hair and under your fingernails. (Toenails anyone?) Jim's alternative proved to be very popular with the majority – we took off the skis and walked.

As we neared the top, it began to snow. After a short lunch stop, we continued on to the top where we met Fred and Eveline who had come up from Mill D and were headed towards Park West. The rest of us continued on down to Millcreek where the snow changed to rain and we found ourselves slogging through a semi-slush. Finally a sodden group reconvened at the cars for the trip home.

Those sharing this wet experience included the leader, Jim Byrne, and Dan Thomas, Fred and Eveline Bruenger, J. Dewell, Judy Davis, Trudy Healy, Lyman Lewis, George Westbrook, Marty McKnight, Dorde Woodruff and daughter Lisa, Audrey Stevens, Wick Miller, Dick and Leona Conn, Chuck Ranney, Hugh MacPherson, Bob Comfort, Jim Mason, Bill Sill, Pat Milligan, Ray Frese, Tony Fallis, Keith Midgley, Robert and Stan Mitchell, Dave Jones, Bill Smith and Fran Flowers.

NOTCH PEAK October 18 by Anonymous

Again, our enthralling mecca of the House Range asserted priority as a refuge for ardent outdoorsmen having little relish for the hazard of the deer-hunting plague of less sequestered climes.

With less access-road uncertainty than has troubled us in former years, and an avid core of returning devotees, we savored the charm of the sheltered canyon approach with its towering crags and verdure, including Douglas Fir and Bristlecone Pine, the somber panorama of receding desert, an increasingly awesome moonscape, and the very brink [drink?] of the mighty precipice, a libation experienced by every participant.

Devotees all: Betty Hendricks, Charles Keller, Wick Miller, Emily Hall, Randy Taylor, Karl Lagerberg, Helen Carney, Jerry and Davide Daurelle, Ruth Holland, Elmer Boyd, Rolfe Doebbeling and Carl Bauer (leader).



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