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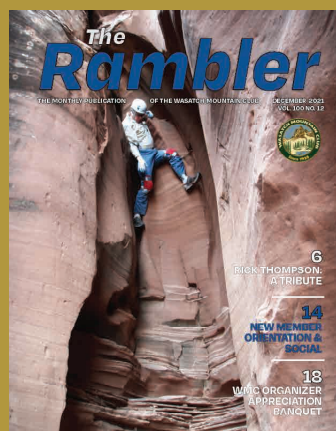
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ON OUR COVER:

October 29, 2007, Rick Thompson demonstrating one of his classic downclimbing moves in Slideanide Canyon.

Photo courtesy of Bret Mathews



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

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If you're a new member ... depending on your age and background ... you might have a few questions:

1. How do I get involved in activities?
2. What kinds of activities can be organized?
3. What is the average age of WMC members?
4. How many people participate in the activities?
5. How aggressive are the various activity groups?

The answers ... ask away! Ask someone in the club! Send an email to rambler@wasatchmountainclub.org or call someone from the governing board (inside front cover). The average age is ... honestly, we don't know. Why don't we know? 1. We haven't yet started tracking that information. 2. It doesn't matter. There are older folks who can out-hike/-bike/-paddle any younger person. There are also younger people who like to do lighter activities. Sometimes many people show up for activities; sometimes only a couple. This is a nice thing.

The WMC activities allow for flexibility; if you can show up, do - - if you can't, don't. As for how vigorous and aggressive the various activities and groups are (hikers, bikers, etc.), contact the director or coordinator. Please don't feel like you can't organize an activity if you don't know your way around. There are so many people who can help you, and you can even decide on a destination at the time of meeting! You might have one or two awkward activities, but just get together with people who share the same interests with you, and you'll be on your way to tons of fun and excitement - - things you never thought were possible!

50 Years Ago in *The Rambler*

Transcribed by Donn Seeley

club activities for dec 1971 [...]

Dec. 4 Sat. SKI-TOURING AND SKI-WAXING PARTY - At the Lodge 7 p.m. Beginners and experts are all welcome. A discussion of ski-touring equipment and techniques will be held along with a slide show and much merriment. Those owning Nordic equipment should show up for an authentic base-waxing orgy. B.Y.O.B, snacks provided. Admission 50¢. Your host: David George. [...]

Dec. 19 Sun. ALTA – BRIGHTON - ALTA - Beginner-Intermediate. The hardy can forgo the lifts but usually slothdom rules and the Neversweat lift is used. The route leads up to Catherine Pass and then down to Brighton. Another lift, the Millicent, is used to get the jump on Twin Lakes Pass. A short ski run down Grizzly Gulch brings us back to Alta. The less ambitious can stop at Brighton and hitch a ride back to the mouth. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon 8:30 a.m. Leaders: Ross Pearson [...] and Oscar Robison [...]

ALPINE CLIMBING IN THE WASATCH by Dave Smith

[...] Difficult alpine climbing (as differentiated from ski-mountaineering or practice rock climbing in winter) probably started in the Wasatch in 1965 with George Lowe's and Mark McQuarrie's first winter ascent of Mt. Ogden. This climb took 3 attempts on three successive weekends to finish and involved the efforts of Court Richards and Jon Marsh on the earlier attempts as well as George and Mark. George and Court, along with Tom Stevenson also made the first winter ascent of the Pfeifferhorn's north-east face in March of that year.

The following 3 years marked a lull in local alpine climbing as attention turned to the Tetons. This attention resulted in the first winter ascents of: Mt. Owen in 1965, Mt Moran in 1966, and the Grand Teton's north face in 1968. (The latter was almost certainly the most difficult ascent accomplished in winter in this country at the time it was done.) After this period of productivity, numerous attempts upon the Grand's east and Exum ridges met with continual failure. However, George Lowe's party climbed the Grand's extremely difficult west face last winter to within 600 ft. of the top. Climbers active in this period included: George Lowe, Tom Stevenson, Mike Lowe, Greg Lowe, Court Richards, Bill Conrod, Steve Swanson, Lenny Nelson, Dennis Caldwell, George Gerhart, Jon Marsh, Rick Horn and Tom Spencer.

1969 marked the beginning of the more-or-less "modern" era of local winter climbing. It began rather inauspiciously as Don Black and I ended up bivouacing after an ascent of Mt. Olympus's north face. An unneeded rescue attempt resulted in (much to Don's and my embarrassment) a good deal of publicity. However, we beat the rescue team down and a good number of local climbers were introduced to the face's winter potential. Our route ascended the north face via the large couloir near the face's western edge. This route has since become quite popular and offers excellent snow climbing of a moderate standard. The west ridge is then followed to the summit.

Acquainted with the face's potential during the so-called rescue, George Lowe, Dave George, Joel Bown, and Jack Glidden climbed the very difficult chimney on the face's east end. This route offers extremely difficult rock and ice climbing and is a very serious undertaking. It is perhaps the hardest of the current local winter routes.

1970 saw one more winter route added to the face, this one by: George Lowe, Pete Gibbs, Milt Hokenson, and myself. This route ascends the right slanting couloir just below the chimney of the above route, and then climbs directly up mixed rock, snow, and ice for over 1,000 ft. to emerge on the west ridge within one hundred feet of the summit. The climb is characterized by large amounts of moderate, very enjoyable, mixed climbing and is highly recommended. [...]

Rick Thompson

February 26, 1947 - October 29, 2021

How does someone even begin to try to describe Rick Thompson? I have known him as a fellow adventurer, a neighbor, a friend, and an advisor in matters of the heart, mind, and body for the past two decades.

I'm sure many people's first encounter with Rick was hearing his booming voice at a desert campfire or a river put-in. Never averse to sharing his frequently not-quite-PC opinions, Rick could sometimes rub people the wrong way. But everyone who saw past Rick's bluster was rewarded with his superpowers: his leadership in the adventure community; his help as a neighbor and friend; and the honesty of his advice.

As a fellow adventurer, Rick was a Force of Nature. His best known adventures were leading canyoneering trips through the wonders of our Utah deserts; but his annual boating trips to the Black Canyon below the Hoover Dam and Payette Rivers of Idaho were also WMC highlights. For Rick, the mellow canoe trip down the Colorado River below the Hoover Dam did not pass his excitement expectations and needed to be elevated with some side-canyon rope work and hot spring maintenance projects. The days on the Payette needed no additional adrenalin. Just walking through the town of Crouch, Idaho, on the Fourth of July, was an Armageddon moment.



Driving home with Rick one year from the annual Payette River adventure, I encountered an unexpected side of Rick - The Parent. I was in the middle of my Master's degree and I needed to catch a ride back with Rick to get to my evening class. I had already informed Rick that I had to spend the car ride home finishing my homework. Everyone at camp thought it was hilarious that I expected Rick to let me concentrate and not spend the 5 hour ride regaling me with his usual stories, but they did not know Rick the Parent. Rick created a work schedule with 15 minute study break allotments, and adhered to it firmly, no matter how much I begged him to talk with me. By our arrival in SLC I was completely prepared for class.

I thank Rick for his meaningful comments during significant moments in my life. My infamous 2015 truck crash off the North Rim of the Grand Canyon was met with a wake-up call email from Rick that reminded me that I had been rewarded with a second chance at life and to use it wisely. Someone else who read this email was taken back by his frankness, but I knew it was written with true affection and concern. Even more helpful was when Rick sent me his advice as I had open-heart surgery last summer. He detailed what to expect, which prepared and comforted me during and after the procedure. With his complete Rick Thompson signature, Rick told me that he recovered from surgery in two months but that I should allow three, and ended his email - as always - with "You got this, kid."

Rick, dear friend, I will never tell you to "Rest in Peace". I can't think of anything you would hate more. Stay in the adventure, whatever it is and wherever it leads. I'll be looking for you to sign up for your next trip and look forward to hearing your voice at the fire.

-Alicia Scotter

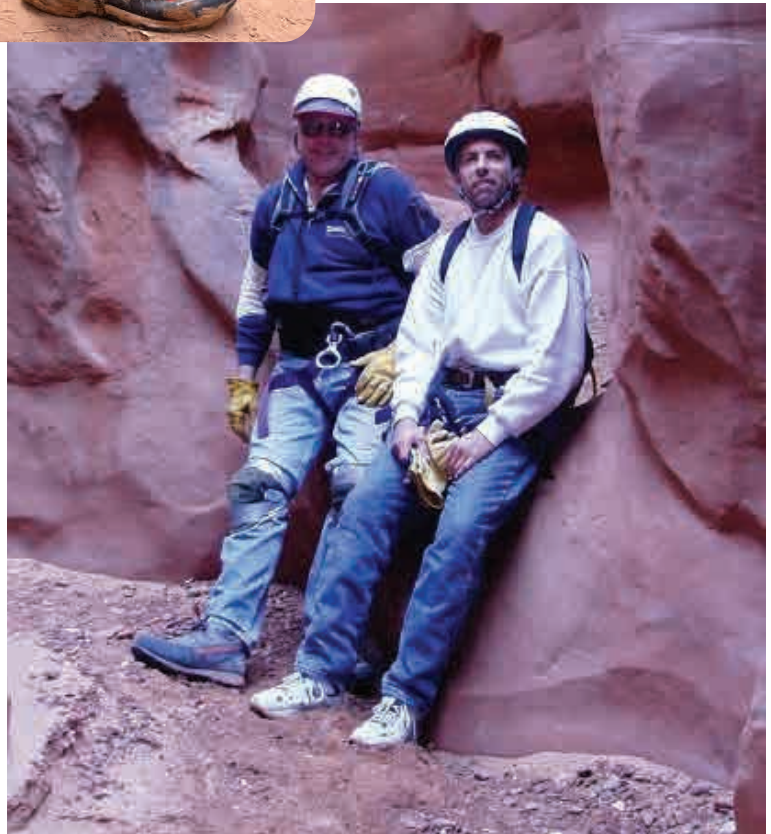


I knew Rick for almost 20 years and joined him for rafting in Idaho, snow camping in BCC, a hike through the Subway and lots of canyoneering in Southern Utah. Rick was larger than life, and was excited to tell you all about it and bring you along to enjoy (and carry the rope). In this photo, Rick is smiling in a way that says "I knew this was great and I'm so excited we got to be here today." I was so lucky to have been on his email short list.

- Heidi Schubert

Rick was the master planner of major river trips, the Black Canyon of the Colorado located just below Hoover Dam and The Payettes, NE of Boise. He organized the food, fun and friends. One of my most memorable 4th of July's was spent in Crouch, near the campground. The other trip that comes to mind is when I captained and we did the main Payette, the Cabarton and Staircase. What a thriller that Cabarton run was. Staircase was no less thrilling. Rick did all the organizing, planned all the meals, and even recruited members of his family to captain so we could have a good time. Canyoneering was a passion for him and he led dozens of trips as the canyoneering director. He was an accomplished outdoorsman and I will miss his contributions to the club.

Rest In Peace, Rick **-Eileen Gidley**



My heart is breaking - maybe this is silly, but I like to think of a canyon analogy - those of us who love the wilderness often suffer greatly (breaking trail, freezing, heat exhaustion, heavy packs, uncomfortable chafing wetsuits, etc.) to achieve our "Nirvana" (the beauty of the canyon, the downhill run on fresh powder, the joy of being on the river, the blessing of companionship of like-minded folks). Rick tolerated suffering better than anyone I know and was so filled with joy when the work ended. I know he will be rewarded with beauty and joy, just as he has brought beauty and joy to so many.... **-Jane Bowman**





Rick brought so much into my life. Without his willingness to share his skills and outdoor knowledge, I would never have been able to see and do the things that I do now. He was truly a treasure - a tough exterior but as you got to know him, he was a caring person. He will be missed but celebrated every time I'm outdoors. Thank you Rick for sharing your time and love of outdoors.

-Cindy Sparkles

Such heartbreaking news, For hours & hours, I still couldn't believe this true. I still Can't bear the thought that I won't ever hear your voice and those crazy stories again. Rick, you have been the most remarkable mentor to me! The most generous, kind hearted & patient & humorous & Knowledge person I have ever met, From waving rivers to deep canyons, from snow mountains to red desert, I followed your strong steps to explore this amazing world of adventure, you will always be there with us, you will always be in our heart, and you will be loved by all of us as always!

-Da Yang Wipfel

This is sad news, we all people who are into canyoneering love him, he shared his expertise and knowledge to everyone who was learning. I'll miss him for sure. God may comfort his family. **-Naval Apolin**

That is very hard news. Rick was my first mentor in Canyoneering. I enjoyed and learned a lot in his 101 Canyoneering Clinic. Also, I always will be remembering him because He took me to my very first Canyon.

-Wilmer Sandoval





Sorry to hear.
Watch over us
in the canyons.
Thanks for all you
did for the club.

-Sharon Vinick

Oh uncle Rick,
we will miss you.
You are well re-
membered.

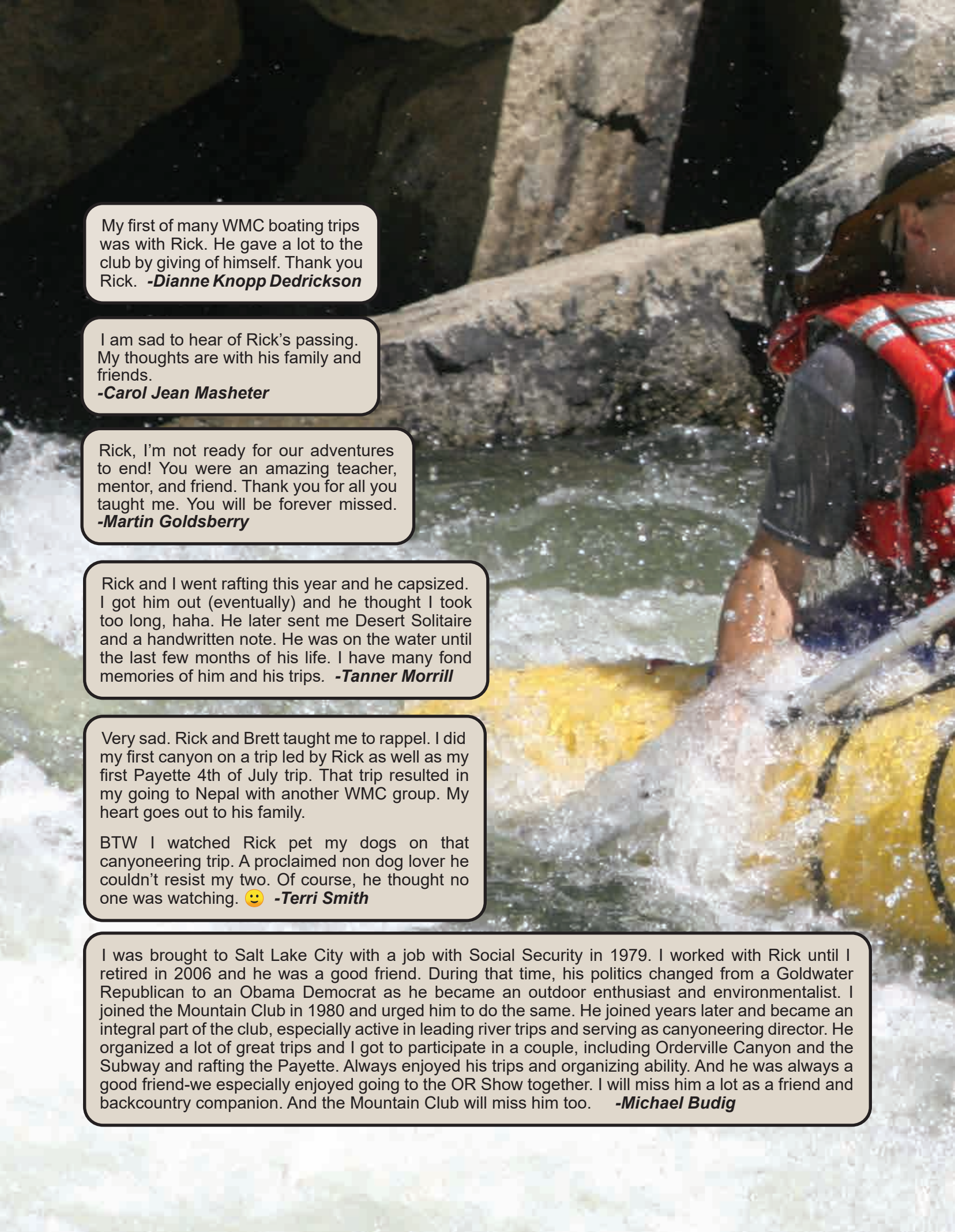
-Cicely Zhu



The first time I met Rick Thompson was after my girlfriend at the time (and soon to be wife) took me through the Subway in Zion. We encountered this man who was leading a group of novice hikers exiting the Subway for the long march towards the canyon exit. As our group was approaching Rick's group it seemed the pace picked up as if we were in some sort of informal race. As I was told later this was Rick not wanting to be bested by another group and yes, indeed, it was an informal race to the top.

When the canyoneering group would periodically meet for socializing, Rick would usually be there and he was always friendly and willing to talk to me. Not that I was difficult to talk to but from a canyoneering experience I brought little to the conversation. That was okay with Rick because he would willingly share his experiences with me. After my wife had recent heart surgery Rick came over and shared his own surgical experience with us. I saw in that moment a kind and caring man who was concerned for my wife's well-being. That meant a lot to me. Thanks Rick. **-Ryan Hinkins**





My first of many WMC boating trips was with Rick. He gave a lot to the club by giving of himself. Thank you Rick. **-Dianne Knopp Dedrickson**

I am sad to hear of Rick's passing. My thoughts are with his family and friends.
-Carol Jean Masheter

Rick, I'm not ready for our adventures to end! You were an amazing teacher, mentor, and friend. Thank you for all you taught me. You will be forever missed.
-Martin Goldsberry

Rick and I went rafting this year and he capsized. I got him out (eventually) and he thought I took too long, haha. He later sent me Desert Solitaire and a handwritten note. He was on the water until the last few months of his life. I have many fond memories of him and his trips. **-Tanner Morrill**

Very sad. Rick and Brett taught me to rappel. I did my first canyon on a trip led by Rick as well as my first Payette 4th of July trip. That trip resulted in my going to Nepal with another WMC group. My heart goes out to his family.

BTW I watched Rick pet my dogs on that canyoneering trip. A proclaimed non dog lover he couldn't resist my two. Of course, he thought no one was watching. 😊 **-Terri Smith**

I was brought to Salt Lake City with a job with Social Security in 1979. I worked with Rick until I retired in 2006 and he was a good friend. During that time, his politics changed from a Goldwater Republican to an Obama Democrat as he became an outdoor enthusiast and environmentalist. I joined the Mountain Club in 1980 and urged him to do the same. He joined years later and became an integral part of the club, especially active in leading river trips and serving as canyoneering director. He organized a lot of great trips and I got to participate in a couple, including Orderville Canyon and the Subway and rafting the Payette. Always enjoyed his trips and organizing ability. And he was always a good friend-we especially enjoyed going to the OR Show together. I will miss him a lot as a friend and backcountry companion. And the Mountain Club will miss him too. **-Michael Budig**



Giulia and I are speechless. Rick's sharing of his knowledge, and quest for adventure inspired scores of boaters and canyoneers. His sincere but hidden caring for canyoneers was shown by his sharing of canyoneering mishaps so we could learn. I'm sad to hear of his passing.
-Tony Hellman

Rick, thank you so much for the memories. Rick introduced me to the canyons and boating on the Colorado. Rick you are an amazing man with a big heart that you tied to hide.
-Paul Kikuchi

Rick was a canyoneering Guru, expert boatman, and fantastic story teller. I know him through the WMC activities he led throughout the years. He has the gigantic heart of a teddy bear. He was instrumental to my first meeting with Bret at the Beginner's rafting trip 10 years ago. Subsequently, Rick took our wedding party through Subway (my first and only Subway experience). Rick has a tremendous impact on us, teaching, sharing and mentoring many people through adventures and activities in and outside of WMC.

Rick, I am grateful to have known you. Your legacy and love of outdoors will live on through the thousands you helped. I'll miss the lasting stories you told but treasure the fond memories and hugs we shared. Sending you love and hugs.
-Irene M Yuen



One of the many things that impressed me about Rick is his willingness to teach and help others. Rick's beginner rappel class was always well attended by people who had never trusted their life on a rope - or on Rick's instruction. He always made the point that training was critical and we needed to take courses and not just rely on him. When hiking to the canyon, Rick would stress developing good route finding skills and have us practice using the beta (information) we had collected to find the starting location. Landmarks were pointed out for future reference for the return trip. Dropping into the wrong canyon has consequences, as Rick once experienced in Zion on a Meetup trip that turned into an overnigher. When approaching a drop, Rick would have us go ahead and determine if we needed rope or could down climb. We would often look around for an anchor and answer based on that. Rick's point was that an anchor doesn't necessarily mean you can't down climb and would proceed to prove it. To keep us from just copying his moves, he would go faster than we could follow so we would have to work out our moves ourselves on the sections he thought we could handle. Rick also helped people in developing their leadership skills by sharing his role as organizer, splitting up the groups with subordinates and spacing us out in the canyon.

Rick had a lot of canyoneering gear, more than a lot of us combined. A good bunch of it was from the Black Diamond swap to share with beginners at the rappel class and on trips, but he also had all of the latest and greatest. Watching Rick at the OR Show was watching a professional at work with the reps. He knew the gear (having used it all) and had a reputation of giving honest and detailed feedback. I believe that he taught the reps a thing or two along the way. Rick was happy to share his pro deals with us as we acquired more gear ourselves.

As many people experienced with Rick, he helped us push our limits, showing us that we could do more than we thought. It seemed that he knew we could do more, if we believed in us like he did. Thanks Rick for how you changed and enriched our lives.

-Zig Sondelski



Hard to believe that i cannot hear your endless stories and see you again. I met him in Zion after my first technical canyon in 2002 and after endless trips together, canyons, payette, OR shows, talks, helping him with the WMC annual 101-201, alternating leadership in canyons, endless teasing (both ways), parties. Very difficult to accept. I will miss you. **-Kris Adisfil**



I met a guy, probably in his late 70s, who had lived and hiked in southwestern Utah his entire life, and I asked him about his favorite hike. He answered without hesitation - Lady Mountain in Zion National Park. I hadn't heard of Lady Mountain, so I sent Rick an email that night and asked him about it. He said "Yeah, I know it. It's steep, it's exposed, it's tricky to find. Did I mention it's steep? It's your kind of hike. When do you want to go?" It turns out that Rick had attempted Lady Mountain twice before and didn't make the summit, so he was anxious to give it another try.

There is a reason I couldn't find anything about this destination. You won't find it in any of the National Park information because they don't want people going there. It's not really a hike. It was a cable-assisted adventure route established early in the Park's history, but it was difficult to maintain, and by the 1960s or so, the park service officially decommissioned it. But Rick knew about it, and he knew the way. So off we went, planned as something interesting to do the day before a WMC Narrows backpack. It was Rick, Katie Rios, and me.

The first trick is knowing where this route starts. If you're standing at the lodge, just look across the road and up that cliff face. Yep, that's where we were going. While some of the bolts are still there, the cables are not. And we all know Rick. Up the trail, over the boulders, across the redrock slabs with carved foot holes he goes. He had warned us that there were a couple of challenging spots. One wasn't so bad, but the primary crux? Katie and I walked around the bend on the little narrow ledge of a trail and we see where Rick is standing, talking, instructing us, thinking we were right behind him. And there we were, looking across the way, staring at this spot, and both of us saying . . . ah, Hell No.

I gauge my risk by the splat factor - if I stumble, how bad will it be. While I appreciate that Rick was there to spot us, the drop at this particular spot would land me pretty close to the doorstep of the Zion Lodge that was now several hundred feet straight below us. I got into that crack, finding the handholds and footholds, and in all honesty, it felt quite solid. But when I popped out of the top of this crevice, I hollered down at him and said "Hey Thompson, I'm telling you right now I'm not free downclimbing that thing!"

The rest of the way up went pretty well, as we followed the painted arrows, the notched steps in the narrow ledges, and the occasional bolt. All the while, I was focused on the up, never once looking behind me, knowing that the downward visual as coming soon enough. Of course, the summit was amazing, all the more so because we knew few people had been there in decades. The descent was more comfortable than I thought it was going to be. For the most part, I knew that if I slipped, as long as I didn't bounce, I wouldn't go far. I was even starting to feel comfortable about downclimbing that crazy spot, but Rick wisely insisted on a hand line for Katie and me, which of course he did not use because that's just not how Rick rolls

It really was a fabulous day, as most days are on a Rick adventure. And Rick was excited that he finally summited Lady Mountain. **-Julie Kilgore**

New Member Orientation and Social - October 16th

Organized by WMC Board

Article by Julie Kilgore & Steve Leitch / Photos by Da Yang Wipfel & Steve Leitch

It was a beautiful fall day for the WMC New Member Orientation and Social! A much needed blanket of snow at the Lodge forced a change of venue. Thanks to WMC Social Director Tonya Karren for scoping out the details to move this event to the Hidden Valley Park outdoor pavilion, which turned out to be the perfect location. We set-up the new WMC tent with table full of Ramblers and a few of the Club's awards. Not surprisingly, this drew many people to wander over and inquire about the WMC. Bret had his sales pitch perfected. There were over 30 new members who attended and were treated to a nice lunch and great conversation with Board Members, Activity Directors, and various activity organizers. Thank you to: . . .

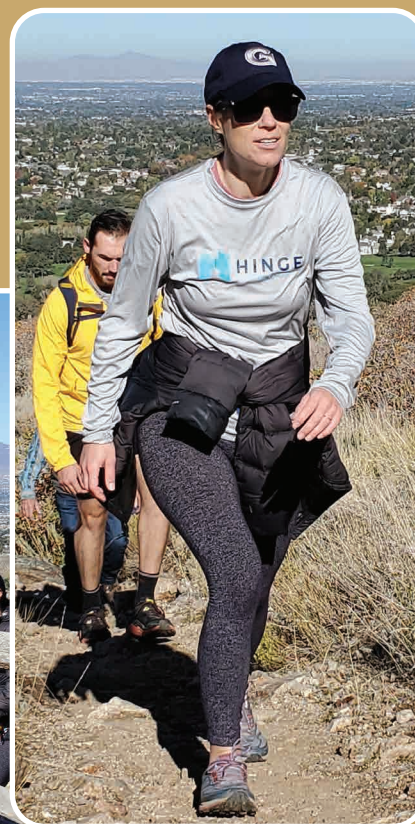
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Additionally, a special thanks to Alfred and Merilynn Kessi for organizing the lunch and picking up the sandwiches / soup. A great time was had by all, and it was so much fun that we decided to do this again in Spring!



Pre-New Member Orientation Hike

Prior to the social, we started the cool, crisp morning with an easy stroll on the BST to the suspension bridge. We stopped along the trail at several points and Julie provided a brief history of the trail and suspension bridge. The sun rose above the mountains and warmed everyone up on the way back to park. It was a great hike and we enjoyed great conversation with some new WMC members!



New Member Orientation and Social



Thanks to all who attended - we had a great time!



Wasatch Mountain Club's Annual Organizer / Volunteer Appreciation Banquet November 5th



Organized by the WMC Board, with special thanks to Social Directors Tonya Karren and Petra Brittner
Photos courtesy of Petra Brittner and Cheryl Soshnik.

The backbone of the WMC's 100-year success is our volunteers, and every year, the board hosts a banquet to honor and celebrate those contributions. The annual Appreciation Banquet was tabled in 2020, opting instead for thank you gifts. But this year, vaccinations, a smaller group, and a larger space were the right combination for a great event.

This year, about 60 event organizers/volunteers attended this invitation-only/RSVP-required banquet at the Lone Peak Indoor Pavilion, everyone had a wonderful time, and we missed those who couldn't make it. An excellent dinner was provided by *Catering by Bryce*, everyone was treated to yummy whipped cream frosting cakes, and Steve Leitch prepared a slide show highlighting every one of our organizers and volunteers in attendance.

Over this past difficult year, the club is especially grateful to members who helped organize events to get folks out and enjoying nature, and who pitched in to support club committees and activities where it was needed. The club is successful because of all of you do!

It's easy to qualify for an invitation to the 2022 Organizer/Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. Just organize at least two posted club activities (or one multi-day activity), or regularly contribute to a volunteer role such as the trash angels, Rambler distributor, trail work, or a committee.





Join us for our 3rd Annual Virtual Permit Party

January 9-20, via email

Then attend the Annual Planning Party, in person

March 2, details TBD

Watch your email

Further Details Coming Soon

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year!

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Fall is a beautiful season! Da Yang on Primrose Overlook Hike (trip report pg. 34)

Bruce Moore

2022 WMC BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATE LIST

The next annual election of the Wasatch Mountain Club Board of Directors will occur at the membership meeting in February 2022. The WMC is a volunteer-run organization including the Board. The candidate list to the right includes the roles to be elected by WMC members at the upcoming membership meeting. Other board roles are appointed by Directors.

The 2022 Nominating Committee members are Robyn Heilbrun, Cheryl Soshnik, and Cindy Spangler. Each year, this committee oversees the annual election of the WMC Board of Directors. Serving on the WMC Board of Directors is a worthwhile and rewarding undertaking.

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

New candidates and vacant positions are highlighted.

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San Rafael Swell Wilderness Service Trip

September 25-26th

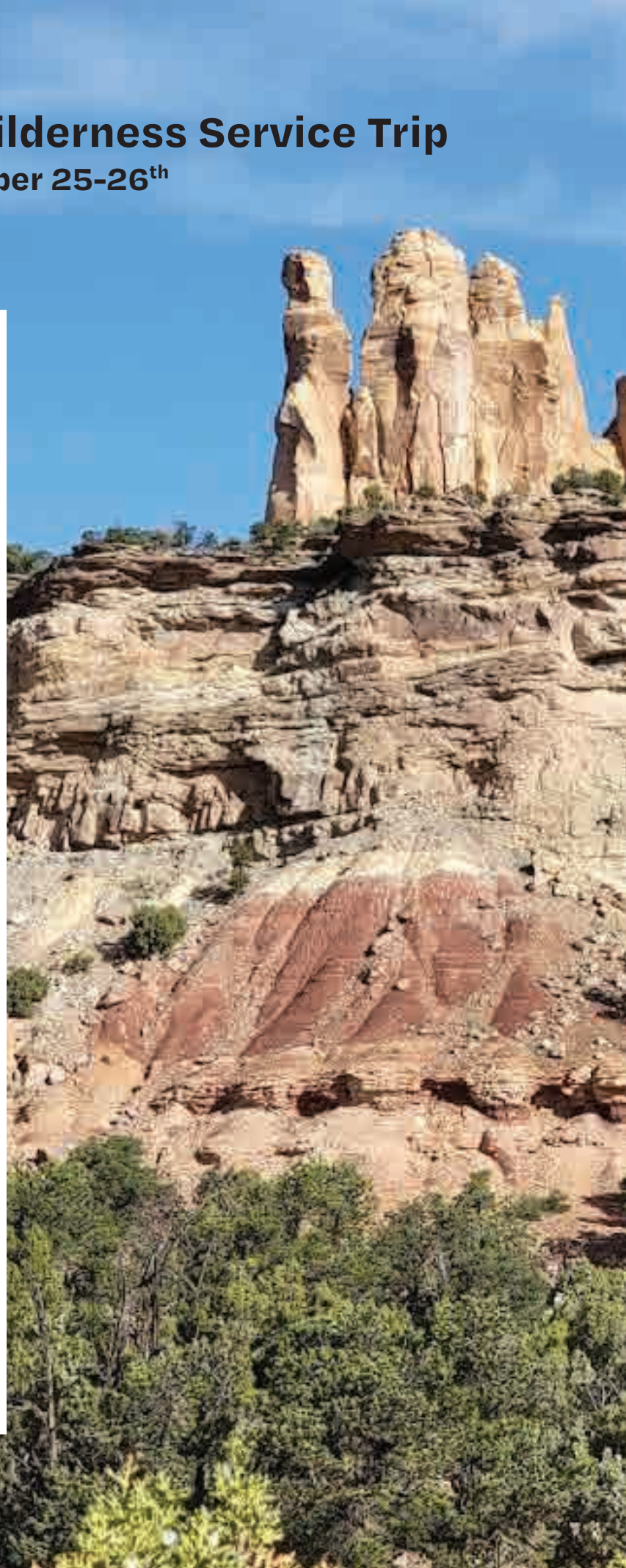
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Thanks to all those who worked on remediating vehicle impacts on boundaries to the Muddy Creek, Red's Canyon and Horse Valley wilderness areas in the San Rafael Swell. Saturday was an incredibly productive day as we erected barriers, drove carsonite signs, raked out tracks and threw rocks and branches into vehicle tracks. Sunday was a leisurely stroll around the base of Family Butte.

We were camped on wide open grasslands called McKay Flat. This is the southwest part of the San Rafael Swell which contains the Hidden Splendor Mine and Tomsiche Butte. Problem areas in the three wilderness areas along the major roads had been confirmed in earlier scouting trips and specific remediation details had also been worked out in advance. Our job was to close routes leading into the wilderness areas. As usual, BLM staff met us Saturday morning and brought the tools and equipment we needed. We had a lot to do and got it all done. The WMC team is now experienced and highly motivated.

McKay Flat is usually grim and barren by fall. However, the summer monsoon rains had been generous and fall grasses and forbs were growing and green. The rancher's catch basins were even full of water. It was also the rut for the wild horses, pronghorn antelopes and burros that live on McKay Flat. Saturday evening we set up our lounge chairs and beverages on a dam and were entertained by the antics of lonely wildlife. The weather was absolutely perfect away from the smoky Salt Lake valley and ideal for sleeping on a tarp to see Venus, Jupiter and Saturn.

Staff from the Price Field Office have been great partners to work with. On the ground surveys of the Horse Valley, east Sid's Mountain, Little Wild Horse and Little Ocean wilderness boundaries have been completed this fall so they are likely targets for spring trips.





New cable barrier and signs on an old road



Closing an illegal route behind the Reef near Hidden Splendor Mine



Group Photo

BCC Mineral Fork Trail Maintenance - October 2nd

by Kyle Williams

I want to give a huge thanks and shout out to Ken Engstrom, who single-handedly represented the entire WMC at the trail project in Mineral Fork. (OK, yeah I was there too, but he did all the work!) I know there was a lot of other stuff going on that day, but our trails are falling apart with all the use. Hiking, biking, skiing, we all depend on these trails to keep from having to bush wack and destroy our fancy new \$300 Goretex jackets. The season is over now, but please, PLEASE!!! be like Ken, make a new year's resolution for next season to find a way to help with some service time.

If for some reason you just can't/won't come help, (..like, because you are in a wheelchair or something...) please consider making a donation the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation. <https://cottonwoodcanyons.org/>. They are a non-profit organization that focuses on "Supporting the Environment of the Cottonwood Canyons Through Stewardship and Education ". They raise funds to hire several full-time very strong employees to work on building and maintaining trails in the Wasatch! If you are not able to come help physically to work on the trails, please donate to this group so they can hire more people to do the work in your name!

SO, off my soapbox, back to Mineral Fork. We worked on rebuilding the water bars to divert several perennial streams off the trail. This was a USFS project. Good folks, they work very hard to try to keep our trails in good condition. Mineral Fork is interesting in that it is one of the only routes in the tri-canyon area that allows motors. (The gate accommodates motor cycles and ORVs no wider that 50") I admit, it's not my favorite trail because of that, but the motors are actually pretty far and few between, and it's a spectacular hike! Give it a wander sometime soon and check out Ken's water bars!



Activity Calendar



Da Yang Wipfel

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 facemasks 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.

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| Dec 1 Wed | <p>Alpine Ski Resort (intro) – ntd – 10.0 mi Out & Back – 1,000' ascent <i>Meet:</i> 10:30 am at Solitude Mountain resort 1st Entrance, On snow by the snow By Moonbeam Express Lift <i>Organizer:</i> Da Yang Wipfel 801-635-6189 dayang007@gmail.com Snow is coming, Let's warm up for the ski season, Get some turns on the available terrain at Solitude. Mostly Green/Blue runs depends on the group. If you are brand new skiers, or would like to learn how to ski, email/Text me for any questions, be glad to help you get started. free ski lesson is available upon request for WMC members only. Must be vaccinated AND free of Covid. RSVP limit 6</p> |
| Dec 4 Sat | <p>Snowshoe - Location Tba – mod <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe in BCC/LCC, Provo, Tooele, Park City, the Uintas, American Fork or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. Whether avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) is required, not required or optional will be determined based on the location, conditions and weather. Most likely, we will pick the location where avalanche safety gear is optional or not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear if someone wants to practice/use. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, December 3, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p> |
| Dec 5 Sun | <p>Snowshoe Or Hike - Peak 9699 & Beyond In Bcc – mod+ – 6.0 mi – 2,500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe (or hike if there is not enough snow) to Peak 9699 above Greens Basin and beyond on the ridgeline in BCC, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. I have an extra pair of snowshoes if someone wants to use. There are steep off-trail sections when we go up to Peak 9699. Depending on conditions, we will do a loop or out & back. Avalanche safety gear is optional or not required (will be updated when it gets closer). I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, December 3, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p> |
| Dec 5 Sun | <p>Craner Peak, Lakeside Mountains Loop Day Hike – mod+ – 9.0 mi Loop – 3,000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Dennis Goreham 801-550-5169 dgoreham@gmail.com As long as the dirt road isn't too muddy, let's go do the high point of the Lakeside Mountains west of the Great Salt Lake. The high point is Craner Peak at 6,625 feet but we will also do two other peaks on this loop. We will start up the southeast ridge of a pair of peaks we have dubbed Lakeside Twins, both at slightly over 6600 feet. Then head about a mile north to do Craner. Then if the snow on the north side of Craner allows, we will traverse about a mile north to Black Mountain at 6551. Then back down via the Vindicator Canyon mining area. Plan on an early start. Registration is required.</p> |

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| Dec 6 Mon | <p>Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain - mod- - Out & Back - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate. <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com It's dark, it's steep, and the route is not always obvious, so let's bump this out of the "Not Too Difficult" category. If there is snow on the foothills, micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. If inversion is in, we'll move the hike into Millcreek to get above it. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok. Prompt 5:45 pm departure.</p> |
| Dec 7 Tue | <p>Millcreek Evening Ski- Millcreek Canyon Road - mod - 6.0 mi Out & Back - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Millcreek Canyon Road - meet at the gate. <i>Organizer:</i> Cheryl Krusko 801-554-7833 ckrusko@gmail.com Plan to meet at the top of the Millcreek Canyon Road for a ski up towards the Alexander Basin trailhead. No need to register. Just meet at the gate and be ready to ski by 6pm. Doggies Welcome!!</p> |
| Dec 7 Tue | <p>Rock Climb - Sandy Momentum - ntd- - 0.1 mi - 35' ascent <i>Meet:</i> 4:00 pm at 220 W 10600 S, Sandy, UT 84070 <i>Organizer:</i> John Butler 801-718-4166 john@utahman.com If you've got a Momentum membership and are looking for partners... why not join us weekly on Tuesday afternoons/evenings? I am most always there by 4pm with a small entourage of fellow WMCers. Some arrive later and stay late. Ask for John Butler at the front desk if we haven't met yet :-)</p> |
| Dec 8 Wed | <p>WMC Board Meeting <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at See agenda for Zoom meeting info or WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103 <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 president@wasatchmountainclub.org Monthly Board Meeting. Members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to bring topics to the Board's attention should email the President 7 days prior to the meeting.</p> |
| Dec 8 Wed | <p>Alpine Ski Resort Solitude - mod - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 11:00 am at Solitude Mountain Resort Moonbeam chair. <i>Organizer:</i> Christopher Koch 937-689-3626 ironkooch@gmail.com Midweek ski/board at Solitude (targeted for Icon pass holders) but anyone is welcome. We will check out a variety of terrain depending on group desires and experience levels. Meet at 11 AM at Moonbeam Chair or we can arrange to meet via cell phone at a different time/location if needed. Register to discuss carpooling options. It's doubtful that backcountry gates will be open this early in the season but bring touring gear (skins, beacon, shovel, probe) if you have it as we can explore a backcountry route if conditions permit.</p> |
| Dec 9 Thu | <p>Relaxed Pace Winter Night Hike - New Trail Above Foothill Blvd - ntd- - Out & Back - Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com There is a new trail between Parleys and Jack's. It has a nice gradual grade, perfect for a relaxed pace winter night hike above the city lights. Bundle up and let's follow the trail for one hour, then head back, setting a pace that keeps the group together. Option food and beverage at the Bombay House after the hike.</p> |
| Dec 11 Sat | <p>Snowshoe - Location Tba - mod <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe in BCC/LCC, Provo, Tooele, Park City, the Uintas, American Fork or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. Whether avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) is required, not required or optional will be determined based on the location, conditions and weather. Most likely, we will pick the location where avalanche safety gear is optional or not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear if someone wants to practice/use. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, December 10, 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. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p> |
| Dec 12 Sun | <p>Snowshoe & Avalanche Safety Workshop - mod - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We will snowshoe to a place where there is sufficient snow and then practice with avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel), probably in BCC (but it depends on snow conditions). Please bring snowshoes, micro-spikes, and 10Es. Please bring avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel) if you have. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. If you have extra avalanche safety gear or lack avalanche safety gear, please indicate it when you register. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, December 10, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. WMC members only. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 10. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p> |

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| Dec 13 Mon | <p>Snowshoe - Wasatch Mountains – mod <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Jim Kucera jameskucera@aol.com Probably somewhere in the Cottonwood Canyons. If there is a hike you want to do, let's negotiate. Otherwise, snow conditions will determine where we go. Registration required.</p> |
| Dec 14 Tue | <p>Rock Climb - Sandy Momentum – ntd – 0.1 mi – 35' ascent <i>Meet:</i> 4:00 pm at 220 W 10600 S, Sandy, UT 84070 <i>Organizer:</i> John Butler 801-718-4166 john@utahman.com If you've got a Momentum membership and are looking for partners... why not join us weekly on Tuesday afternoons/evenings? I am most always there by 4pm with a small entourage of fellow WMCers. Some arrive later and stay late. Ask for John Butler at the front desk if we haven't met yet :-)</p> |
| Dec 14 Tue | <p>Snowshoe, Park City Environs – ntd+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Vince DeSimone 435-645-9344 vincedesimone@yahoo.com Vince will organize a Tuesday group again this year. Meet at 10:00 AM Tuesday and go places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect friendly conversation; you will feel welcome and comfortable. For meeting location and last-minute details, join the WMC snowshoe e-mail list for automatic notices or updates for all these Tuesday trips throughout the winter. Vince prefers cyberspace for questions and info, text or email contact info below.</p> |
| Dec 15 Wed | <p>Nordic Ski Tour - Millcreek Canyon Road – ntd – Out & Back – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at The parking lot by the gate at the end of the plowed Millcreek Canyon Road <i>Organizer:</i> Steven Gadd 801-540-6622 swgadd10@gmail.com Let's ski up the Millcreek Canyon road for 1 hour and then slide back to the parking lot. The pace will be slow and steady. All types of equipment are welcome but nordic classic and alpine touring gear will be best suited for pace. Plan to meet at 6:00 PM at the gate. No need to register in advance. Just show up.</p> |
| Dec 18 Sat | <p>Snowshoe - Location Tba – mod <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe in BCC/LCC, Provo, Tooele, Park City, the Uintas, American Fork or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. Whether avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) is required, not required or optional will be determined based on the location, conditions and weather. Most likely, we will pick the location where avalanche safety gear is optional or not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear if someone wants to practice/use. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, December 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. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p> |
| Dec 18 Sat | <p>Traverse Ridge Hike – mod <i>Meet:</i> 9:30 am at Meet at the trailhead. Make your way to the 4-way stop at Traverse Ridge and Suncrest Drive, then go west on Deer Ridge Drive until the road ends. <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com We'll take a relaxed pace exploring the old dirt roads rolling over the hills of Traverse Ridge that now make a great wandering route all the way to the flight park. But don't let these low elevation bumps fool you. There are several short but steep sections diving in and rising out of the drainages that will still give a good work out. Depending on recent weather, this could be a mud hike, a micro spike hike, or snowshoe. Plan on about 4 to 5 hours. Dogs ok.</p> |
| Dec 19 Sun | <p>Snowshoe - Location Tba – mod <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe in BCC/LCC, Provo, Tooele, Park City, the Uintas, American Fork or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. Whether avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) is required, not required or optional will be determined based on the location, conditions and weather. Most likely, we will pick the location where avalanche safety gear is optional or not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear if someone wants to practice/use. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, December 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. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p> |
| Dec 19 Sun | <p>Snowshoe- White Fir Pass – ntd+ – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 1,400' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> David Andrenyak 801-907-1325 andrenyakda@aim.com A Snowshoe activity in Millcreek Canyon. From the Millcreek Road, we hike past a gate and up the unplowed Terraces Picnic Area road to the Bowman Fork trailhead,. We continue up the Bowman trail to White Fir Pass. The hike travels through forested areas and offers great views of the Millcreek Canyon area. If there is fair weather, White Fir Pass can be sunny and relatively warm. The 4 mile distance is for round trip. To register, please send an email.</p> |

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| Dec 20 Mon | <p>Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain - mod- - Out & Back - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com There are a couple of different routes to choose from on this brisk 2-hour hike behind the "H" rock, but they are all STEEP. If there is snow on the foothills, micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. If inversion is in, we'll move the hike into Millcreek to get above it. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok. Prompt 5:45 pm departure.</p> |
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| Dec 21 Tue | <p>Solstice Nordic Ski Tour, Millcreek Canyon Road - ntd - 5.0 mi Out & Back - 1,000' ascent - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Millcreek Winter closure gate. <i>Organizer:</i> Brad* Yates 801-592-5814 bnyslc@earthlink.net We will ski up the road at least as far as the traditional decorated tree at about Mile 2.3. Various distances, pace and equipment all ok, around 6:30 we will gather at the tree, share a treat, hot beverage and perhaps sing a carol or two!</p> |
| Dec 22 Wed | <p>Snowshoe - Lucy Peak In Herriman - mod+ - 9.0 mi - 2,500' ascent - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to bag Lucy Peak (8138 ft) via Yellow Fork Canyon in Herriman, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring snowshoes, microspikes, and 10 Es. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) is not required. Please email before Tuesday, 6 pm on December 21 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. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p> |
| Dec 24 Fri - Dec 26 Sun | <p>Nordic Yurt Ski Trip-lily Lake Ski Trails - mod - 5.0 mi Out & Back - 1,000' ascent - Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Bob Cady 801-274-0250 rcady@xmission.com I am looking for a couple of people to come with me to the Ridge Yurt in the Lily Lake ski trails. The yurt is about 5 miles from the trailhead over groomed trails and can be accessed by ski, snowshoe, foot (trails are well packed) or snowmobile if preferred (if someone is willing to snowmobile in the heavy gear I won't complain too much). I have 1 or 2 ski pulks I can lend out to help carry gear.</p> |
| Dec 26 Sun | <p>Snowshoe - West Uintas - mod <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe in the West Uintas, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. Whether avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) is required, not required or optional will be determined based on the location, conditions and weather. Most likely, we will pick the location where avalanche safety gear is optional or not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear if someone wants to practice/use. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, December 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. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p> |
| Dec 28 Tue | <p>Rock Climb - Sandy Momentum - ntd- - 0.1 mi - 35' ascent <i>Meet:</i> 4:00 pm at 220 W 10600 S, Sandy, UT 84070 <i>Organizer:</i> John Butler 801-718-4166 john@utahman.com If you've got a Momentum membership and are looking for partners... why not join us weekly on Tuesday afternoons/evenings? I am most always there by 4pm with a small entourage of fellow WMCers. Some arrive later and stay late. Ask for John Butler at the front desk if we haven't met yet :-)</p> |

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| Dec 29 Wed | <p>Snowshoe - Little Water Peak In Bcc – mod+ – 8.0 mi – 3,400' ascent – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We usually snowshoe to Little Water Peak (9,605 ft) in BCC, which is located northeast of Dog Lake, on New Year's Day but it will be on New Year's Eve Eve Eve this time. Celebrate the coming New Year! We will start from Mill D North or Spruce. Please bring snowshoes, microspikes, and 10Es. We'll do a loop if conditions permit. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) may be required (will be decided based on the avalanche forecast of the day). I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. Please email before Tuesday, 6 pm, December 28, 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. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p> |
| Jan 8 Sat | <p>Alpine Ski Tour, Beacon Practice – ntd+</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Steven Duncan 801-680-9236 duncste@comcast.net</p> <p>Beacon practice geared toward backcountry skiing. We will break into small groups for an avalanche beacon practice. You will need a modern avalanche beacon, shovel and probe and have basic backcountry ski/board skills. Conditions allowing afterwards, we will head out on NTD through MOD+ tours for fun and avalanche terrain discussions. Organized by Brad Yates, Lisa Verzella and Steve Duncan.</p> |
| Jan 11 Tue | <p>Social - Virtual Book Club</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at ZOOM</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>Sierra Club Huron Valley Group Book Club in Michigan, which focuses on environmental issues, welcomes participants from Utah. Participants do not need to be members of Sierra Club. The format will be hybrid most likely - some participants will meet in-person in Ann Arbor, Mi while others will be on ZOOM. The January book is The Home Place: Memoirs of a 'Colored' Man's Love Affair with Nature, by J. Drew Lanham. The meeting will be on January 11 Tuesday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm MST. If you would like to participate, please contact Akiko for the ZOOM access information.</p> |
| Jan 15 Sat | <p>Snowshoe/ski & Snow Camp Workshop In The West Uintas – mod – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We will snowshoe/ski to a practice location, discuss snow camping gear, and practice to set up camp on snow, water treatment, etc. in the West Uintas. Please bring snowshoes or ski, micro-spikes, and 10Es. Avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel) not required. Participants should have at least basic experience/knowledge about camping/backpacking and will need to bring some camping gear. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, January 14, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. WMC members only. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 10. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p> |
| Feb 6 Sun – Feb 11 Fri | <p>Death Valley Winter Escape Car Camp - Road Bike - Hike – mod</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Cheryl* Soshnik 435-649-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com</p> <p>Join us on the WMC's annual "Bob Wright Winter Escape" to the heat of Furnace Creek in Death Valley National Park. There we will car camp (although we're seeing a lot more RVs and Vans too), complete with optional Dutch Oven meals and pool time. During the days, you can road bike, hike, or take part in Park Service guided events. Our official days for the escape are Sunday thru Friday, but feel free to come down any part of that to join in on the exercise, fun and socialization. You will need to register, just so we know who all is coming, and if you will be partaking in the group dinners. Some members have already taken the tent-only campsites, and there may be room for folks to join them. If not, you will need to make your own reservations at Furnace Creek Campground via recreation.gov. Oh, and if you want to splurge, there is the motel and the hotel nearby...be our guest! There will be daily bike rides and hikes, which we will announce the evening prior, or you can go off on your own adventures each day for as short or long as you desire. Or you can just sit at the pool or play golf at the Furnace Creek Golf Course! No matter what, even if you are coming down on your own, I'd like to know, so I know who is coming. We'll be having a planning meeting via Zoom in early January.</p> |
| Feb 19 Sat – Feb 21 Mon | <p>Snowshoe/ski & Snow Camp In The High Uintas – mod+ – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to snowshoe or ski (choice of each participant) and camp in the High Uintas, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Day 1(Feb 19 Sat): Road trip (approximately 3 hours & 20 minutes to the TH. Any passenger cars can get to the TH), snowshoe/ski to the end of the trail (3 miles one way. 813 ft gain. 1.5-2 hours), and set up a campsite. Day 2 (Feb 20 Sun): Snowshoe/ski to Mt Lena (9755 ft) as well as 3 bumps on the ridgeline (7 miles RT. 2,000 ft gain). Nordic skiers may ski on the nordic ski trail instead. Day 3 (Feb 21 Mon – President's Day): Take down the campsite, snowshoe/ski to the TH & road trip. Those who prefer a shorter trip may go home on Day 2. Please email before Friday, 3 pm, February 18, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p> |



Winter Sports Message



Not seeing your favorite ski tour or snowshoe on the calendar, then consider organizing it yourself. There are great resources on the WMC website listed on both the Ski and Snowshoe activity pages to help you organize. There is a link to Winter Sports ratings that include if routes cross avalanche terrain along with links for Winter Sports Policy and Guidelines, WMC forms, The Utah Avalanche Center, and several others. The Cottonwood Canyons Weather Dashboard is very useful if touring in Big or Little Cottonwood. It's an all in one page resource to weather, road conditions, traffic cameras and the avalanche forecast. Let's have a fun and safe season!

Steve Duncan, Winter Sports Director

Lisa Verzella, Skiing Coordinator

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Activity: _____ Organizer: _____ Date: _____

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

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

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

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

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

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Butler Fork Dog Lake Area Hike - October 3rd

Organized by Dave Andrenyak
Article and Photo by Dave Andrenyak

On a beautiful autumn day, our group had a wonderful hiking experience in Big Cottonwood Canyon. We started at the Butler Fork trailhead. Traveling on the Butler Fork east branch trail, we got to the junction with the Desolation Trail. We continued a short distance on the Desolation trail to Dog Lake. From Dog Lake, we continued to the Mill D North Y junction by hiking on the rerouted Dog Lake trail section of the Desolation trail. The rerouted section travels on the slopes and gulch that are west of the old trail (now closed). The rerouted section is on a gentler grade and will be less likely to have erosion problems. At the Y junction, we continued on the Desolation trail to the Dog to Deso trail. We then hiked back to Dog Lake on the Dog to Deso trail. Then, we returned to the trailhead by hiking on the Butler Fork East Branch trail. We encounter a large group of deer on the return. Throughout the hike, the forest scenery was beautiful. Many of the aspen trees had leaves that were autumn gold. The views of the mountains were also outstanding. Some of the most impressive views were from the Dog to Deso trail looking southwest at the Mill D North area, Days Fork, Cardiff Fork and the Mount Superior / Monte Cristo area. After a summer season of many days with smoky conditions, beautiful autumn scenery on a clear day was especially valued. The hike participants were Leslie Woods, Sue Baker, Bruce Jensen, Rick Anton, and Dave Andrenyak (organizer). Thank you participants for your company on this superb experience.



Willard Peak and Willard Mtn. - October 30th

Organized, report & photos by
Akiko Kamimura

Willard Peak (9,764 ft) is the highest peak in Weber County. We drove on the rough 4WD road to get Willard Basin Campground. There is a trail, which goes close to Willard Peak from the campground. The trail was snow covered from the beginning. Due to the snow, we lost the trail and went the wrong direction. We went back to the small pond near Willard Basin and went up to the NW saddle of Willard Peak. The snow was deep in this part. Some of us used snowshoes. From the saddle, we saw remarkable views of Great Salt Lake and mountains in Nevada. The last short part to Willard Peak is off-trail (class 2). Without snow, it would have been very simple. But it took much time to get to the peak because of snow. The peak offers magnificent 360-degree views. Our original plan was hiking to Ben Lomond from Willard Peak. But because the route to Ben Lomond looked sketchy, we hiked to Willard Mt (9,400 ft), which is located 0.83 mile NW from Willard Peak, instead. We enjoyed the views from Willard Mt too. We saw interesting rock formations in the canyon below Willard Mt (Pearsons Canyon). The weather was nice, though it was windy at Willard Peak. This hike took 4 hours and 45 minutes in total including breaks (distance - 3.88 miles, elevation gain - 1,784 ft.).



Willard Peak Summit (LtoR): David, Akiko, Lian, Andy, Dennis



Lian on the way to Willard Peak

Primrose Overlook Hike - October 5th

Organized & Trip Report by Da Yang Wipfel / Photos by Bruce Moore

Participants: Irene Yuen, Leslie Woods, Phyllis Anderson, Bruce Christenson, Bruce Moore, Da Yang Wipfel

Primrose Overlook nested in Timpanogos Wilderness accessed by Alpine Loop is one of the best places to see fall colors. Our leisure friendly pace is more like an outing than a hike as we enjoyed full fall colors that nature gifted to us.

Nothing stops Phyllis up the mountain as she just had shoulder surgery 10 days ago. Glad she is back on the trail so fast! She said: "if I fall, I will fall on my right side, so the Wasatch Mountain Club badge won't show..."

A wonderful day in the beautiful mountains with great friends!



Da Yang enjoying the foliage



Irene, Leslie, Phyllis, Bruce M., Bruce C., Da Yang



Phyllis taking a break



Grand Canyon North Rim to South Rim Hike - October 13th

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

Our original plan was hiking from the South Rim to the North Rim on Oct 12. However, due to the forecast of a winter storm, we changed the plan to hiking from the North Rim to the South Rim on Oct 13.

Oct 11: Heidi arrived at the North Rim. Paul and Collet stayed in Kanab, which is located in a 1.5-hour way from the North Rim.

Oct 12: Akiko drove to the North Rim from SLC in the winter storm. All of us were at the North Rim by 1 pm (AZ time). There was lots of snow at the North Rim. Paul, Collet and Heidi went to the Ranger Station to collect the information about hike conditions. While it may be very cold at the begging, the forecast for Oct 13 was very positive – sunny and not too hot at the bottom. We stayed at the Grand Canyon North Rim Lodge (cabins).

Oct 13: Collet gave us a ride to the North Kaibab TH. The temperature was about 26 F, which was much warmer than the forecast. We started at 6:40 am. The trail was snow-covered in the first 2 miles, but was not slippery. The snow made the scenery very beautiful. Due to the cold weather, the first water place from the TH (Supai Tunnel) was already shut off. We took a first long break at the Manzani Rest Area (5.1 miles from the TH) – we filled water bottles, ate snacks, used a restroom, and chatted with other hikers. Paul switched from boots to running shoes. After we took the second long break at Cottonwood (6.5 miles from the TH), we passed the Ribbon Fall Junction. We discussed whether we would do a side trip to Ribbon Fall and talked with the hikers who just went to the falls. We decided not to go to the falls because we were not prepared for creek crossing. We could still enjoy seeing the falls from the trail. We were mostly done with elevation loss by the junction but felt it was a long way to the Phantom Ranch. We had lunch at the Phantom Ranch. The temperature was not too hot at the ranch – approximately 70 F. We talked with hikers who were caught by the winter storm on the trail on the previous day. We were glad we changed our plan. We took the Bright Angel Trail to go to the South Rim. The Indian Garden (4.5 miles from the Bright Angel TH in the South Rim) was the last long break. While we did not see many other hikers until the Indian Garden, there were many more other hikers in the last 4.5 miles – some of them were struggling to climb the uphill. We started using headlamps approximately 3.5 miles from the Bright Angel TH in the South Rim which was getting colder. Meanwhile, Collet drove to the South Rim and waited for us at the TH. We finally finished the 23-mile hike in the dark. It took 13 hours and 25 minutes in total including a number of long and short breaks and conversations with other hikers (5,740 ft elevation loss & 4,340 ft elevation gain). We stayed at a hotel near the South Rim.

Oct 14: Akiko took a shuttle to go back to the North Rim from the South Rim early morning and drove back to SLC. Paul, Collet and Heidi did a later start of a day, drove to the North Rim from the South Rim, and went to their next adventures.

It was a beautiful hike and a wonderful trip. Akiko took 470 pictures!



Group photo at the Phantom Ranch

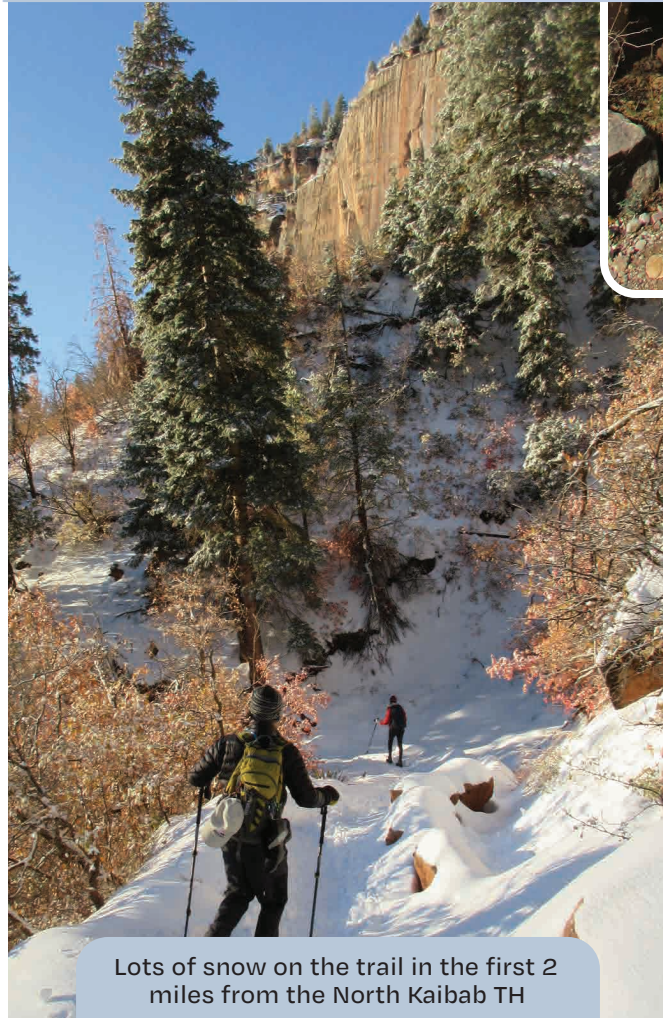




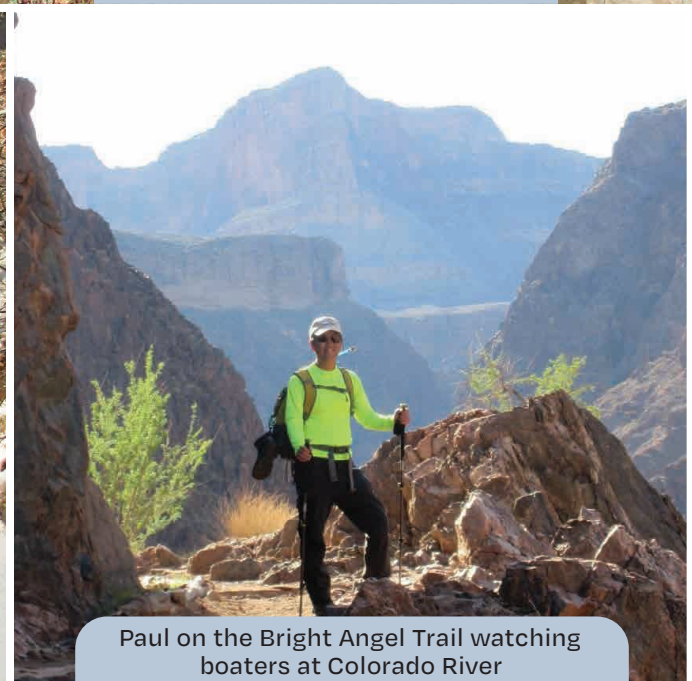
Supai Tunnel



Near the Manzanita Rest Area



Lots of snow on the trail in the first 2 miles from the North Kaibab TH



Paul on the Bright Angel Trail watching boaters at Colorado River

Ruby Horse Thief River Trip - October 8-11th



By Shazia Chiu

We arrived in Fruita, CO on Friday night to prepare for our 25-mile weekend float. After a chilly, wet night in tents (for some of us!), we loaded our kayaks and canoes with the essentials and began our leisurely trip down the Colorado. After a few miles on the river, we pulled over to explore one of many beautiful side canyons. The group slogged through ankle-deep, shoe-sucking mud to reach the trail, which followed a creek that meandered through the canyon. Once we'd stretched our legs, we kayaked a few more miles to our campsite for the evening. Perched high on the hillside, we had a perfect view of our red rock surroundings.

The group awoke bright and early on day two since we had about 10 miles to cover. Once again, the river was calm with only a few bumps and ripples along the way. We arrived at our second campsite earlier than anticipated, which allowed for plenty of time to explore. Mee Canyon was an absolute treat. No one else was on the trail, so we had the towering rock spires and granite gorges all to ourselves.

Monday was our long day. With more than 10 miles to cover, we embarked quickly and made our way toward the only official rapid on our itinerary. We all made it through without incident and enjoyed a little break near the lava rocks. The rest of the day was a pleasant float with gorgeous canyon scenery and another short stop to see some petroglyphs. We made it back to our cars in the late afternoon for the trek back to Salt Lake. The entire group had a fantastic time!



Unitas Packard Lake - Overnight Backpack September 19-20th

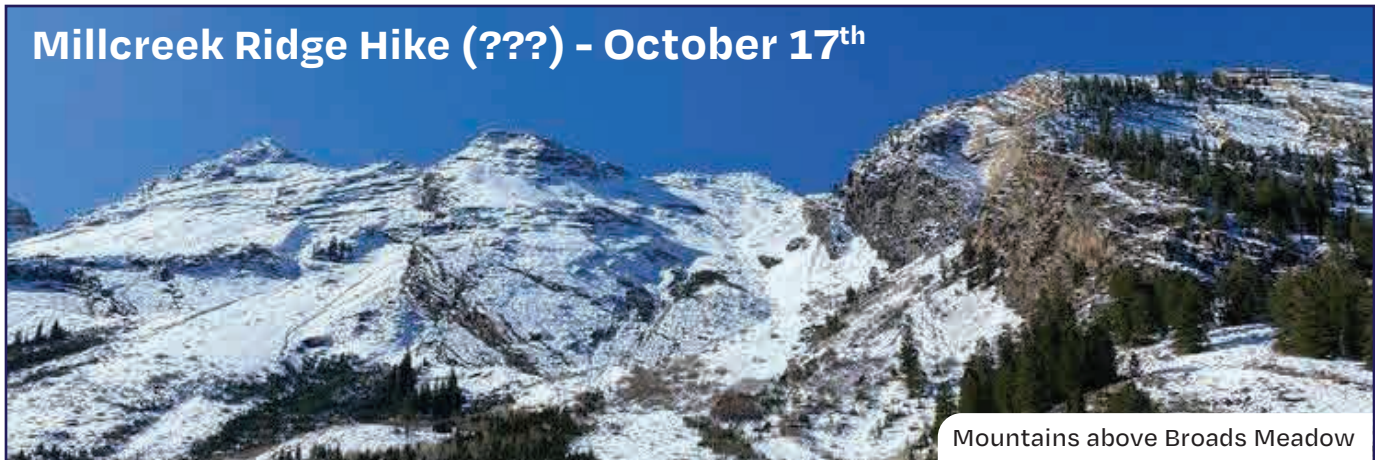
Organized by Dave Andrenyak
Article and Photo by Dave Andrenyak

The Uinta Mountains are one of the few mountain ranges in North America that run east-west. The Highline trail travels near the crest of the Uinta Mountain range almost across its entirety. Our recent overnight backpack trip started at the Highline trailhead (just off the Mirror Lake Highway about 2 miles past Mirror Lake). We traveled about 3 miles on the Highline trail and continued about a mile on a spur trail to Packard Lake. About 2 miles from the trailhead we passed a burned forest area from a 2018 wildfire. The burned area had unique beauty. It opened the forest and offered interesting views of Scutter Lake, Bald Mountain, and Reids Peak. At Packard Lake area, the forest was not burned. We set up camp on the west side of the lake. The rim of the canyon for the East Fork Duchesne drainage was just south of Packard Lake. The canyon view was spectacular with impressive cliffs, steep slopes and forest areas mixed with conifers and aspens. Many of the aspens had gold or orange colored leaves. We experienced variety of weather conditions typical of the Uintas. On our hike in, the weather was fair with hazy skies and comfortable temperatures. As we approached and set up camp, the skies were overcast and threatening. Just after we retired to our tents for bedtime, the skies delivered liquid and solid precipitation. We awakened to a dusting of graupel like snow and chilly temperatures. For the hike out, the skies were cleared and the air was cleaner. The trip participants were Michi Bracken and Connie Mondrow. Thank you Connie and Michi for being great backpack companions.



Connie and Michi on the Highline trail in the burn area near Scutter Lake

Millcreek Ridge Hike (???) - October 17th



Mountains above Broads Meadow

By Steve Glaser

This was the plan. Hike the Millcreek Ridge from Murdock to Lamb's Canyon Pass. The downhill, and easier, direction. It's a long hike and requires a car shuttle. 6:30 isn't too early to meet. It would happen Sunday, October 17th.

By the time you are reading this, you may have forgotten about a snowstorm that happened a week earlier. This was the one that dropped 17" at the ski resorts and required all of the runners in an ultramarathon to be rescued. But how much fell on our route?

Our organizer, Steve, was pretty much useless. He had been in Maine at the time of the storm, and was cooped up at home afterwards as all of his galvanized piping was being replaced. So he wasn't going up to check things out. No one else took the initiative either. Lots of emails were exchanged. Should we reverse the direction? What if we started later, and warmer? How much snow is there? How much slush and how much mud? Steve finally owned up to his responsibilities and simply declared that the hike would go as planned, but with a 7:30 start. And if the conditions were lousy, we'd just turn around at Murdock.

Then a new hiker, Sue, emailed Steve at 7:30 the night before. She wanted to come, but . . . did you know that the Millcreek Gate is closed? Would that affect your plans? Oh crap. There was no way to do the hike unless the gate was open. We all had been clue free. So, at 9:30 pm on Saturday night, a new email went out. We would do something completely different. We'd hike to Broads Meadow, a nice half-day jaunt where we could be done in time to avoid the snow and slush. And we'd meet at 8:30 so that the world could warm up a bit before we started. This last point was met with uniform approval.

And that's how it all worked out. It was a bit chilly at first, but the temperatures must have been 20 or 30 degrees warmer as soon as we were in the sun. Trail conditions stayed solid throughout. Snow started shortly before the bridge, but never got more than a couple of inches deep.

We missed out on the fall colors as all of the aspens had dropped their leaves, with one solitary exception. But the view from the meadow of Dromedary, Sunrise, and whatever the false peak is in front of Twins was spectacular, with the mountains covered in snow and the sun shining brilliantly on them. And when it came down to it, everyone seemed to prefer the morning hike to an all-day foray. So hurray for snow!

Participants: Sue Baker, Connie Muldrow, Julie Kilgore, and Steve Glaser



The gang at Broads Meadow



Grove Creek to Battle Creek Canyon Loop Hike

November 3rd



Da Yang; Joel Winter; Michael Glasgow; Robert Mayer; Susan Allen; Michi Bracken; Bruce Christenson and Bruce Moore at Battle Creek Fall

Organized by Da Yang Wipfel

Led by Bruce Moore

This 8.8 mile rugged canyon hike passed 3 waterfalls going through the deep forest & soft meadows, 2,700 ft elevation gain put us at lush meadow of Indian Camp at the west side of Mt. Timpanogos, where "The first massacre from Mormon settlers in Utah and the Timpanogos Indians who lived there occurred at Battle Creek, Utah. The sleeping Indians were outnumbered and outgunned, and had no defense against the Deseret Militia that crept in and surrounded their camp before dawn on March 5, 1849. Mormon settlement of Utah Valley came upon the heels of the attack at Battle Creek."



Robert Mayer; Susan Allen; Michi Bracken; Joel Winter & Da Yang Wipfel at Grove Creek Canyon trail

Bruneau Dunes Ski Trip

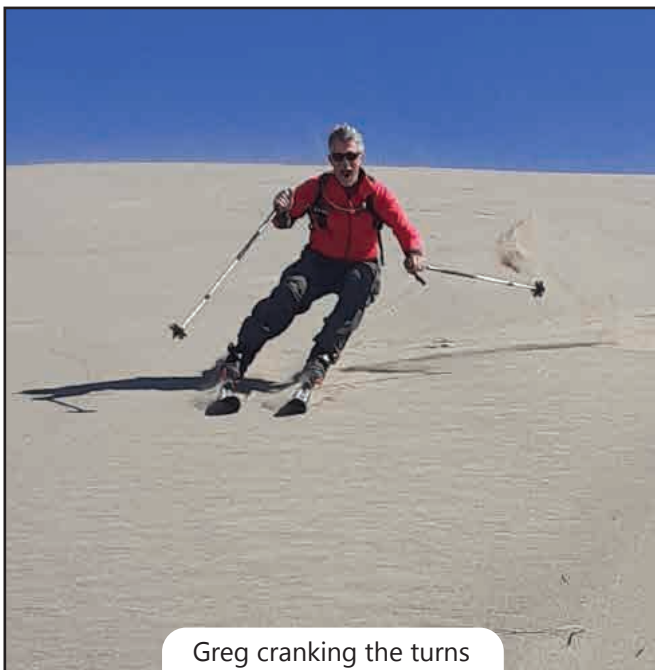
October 15-17th

After a hiatus of about a dozen years this fall classic resumed at Bruneau Dunes State Park in southwestern Idaho. Skiing on sand? Yes, and it is actually quite fun believe or not, the skills and equipment needed are not much different than standard backcountry skiing, a ski that climbs free heel, poles and boots, though no skins needed. Skis are easier to climb sand on than just shoes, they create flotation just as on snow, and the sand creates enough friction to climb a slope of about 10 degrees, yet above 20 degrees one can glide and the slopes exceeding thirty degrees a fair amount of speed can be gained.

Greg Clark and I arrived late Friday afternoon, deciding there was not time to gear up for skiing we went for a hike to the top of the northern main dunes, The wind was blowing quit strongly and we hoped it taper for Saturday. Setting up camp at the Broken Wheel campground other members of the expedition began rolling in as darkness set in. Through much of the night wind kept our tents rattling and flapping.

Getting up a bit before sunrise the winds had not abated but rather increased, great streams of sand were seen from afar blowing off the crest of the dunes. Having driven five hours to ski I was determined to make the best of it. Greg Clark and I set off in the first wave, skiing up the dunes was fairly easy until the final 10 feet to the crest, soft sand made it difficult to gain the ridge, I was able to keep my skis on though, Greg took his off and in the act of bending over to do so got a face full of blow sand including some in his eyes. Once the crest was gained the sand only swirled about the first foot above the surface though the wind wanted to push me over as I skied south towards the best ski line. Finally gaining the top of the best ski line I prepared to ski my first line. Greg caught up with me and informed me he got sand in his eyes and would not be able to continue. We skied the 400 vertical, 30 plus degree west slope, once we dropped we were out of the wind and at the base conditions were calm. Greg worked his way back to the parking lot working the west side of the Dunes while I started yoyo skiing the slope using the serpentine south ridge as a climbing track. After doing three laps, Greg Lebecchi and Steve Pritchett joined me for the fun, many a lap was had, the wind howled on the crest but was calm as soon as we dropped onto the west slopes. After having enough skiing for the day, I took a tour around the east slopes and ran into Gretchen and Chris who had made a late start, they were skiing some eastward facing slopes. Everyone eventually drifted back to camp to the refreshment of hot showers at the campground followed by Après ski snacks and beverages. The plan was a potluck dinner that evening, and everybody made a pasta dish! The next morning, some went out and skied a few laps, others had enough and the gathering dispersed to the wind in various directions. Hopefully next year we will pull this off again.

Brad Yates



Greg cranking the turns



Dune crest (LtoR) - Greg & Steve

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Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgement of Risk and Release from Liability

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature 1 _____ Date: _____

Signature 2 _____ Date: _____

Mail completed application to:

Membership Director
Wasatch Mountain Club
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Salt Lake City, UT 84105-2462

Leave blank for office use:

Check # _____ Amount Received _____ Date _____ By _____

Who said you can only ski on snow...

(check out Bruneau Dunes trip report - pg 43)



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