

Fireside Chat

Alta Historical Society



“Evolution of Snow Safety at Alta and in Little Cottonwood Canyon”

**Presentation by Onno Wieringa, General Manager Alta Ski Area
Tuesday March 16th, 7PM at REI, 3300 South, Salt Lake City**

Alta lies in a powder skier's paradise receiving on average 547 inches of snow a year. When snow falls on Alta's rugged towering peaks avalanches become an ever-present concern. Alta's snow safety program has a deep-rooted history and is unique in the United States. Come join us for this presentation and learn about Alta's snow safety program and how it has evolved over the years. Onno Wieringa began his career at Alta in 1972 joining the Alta Ski Patrol. Prior to coming to Alta he was on the ski patrol at Bridger Bowl near Bozeman, Montana. Because of his knowledge and interest in snow safety, in 1978 he was named Alta Snow Safety Director, the position he maintained until he became President and General Manager of Alta Ski Area in 1988.

Alta's snow safety history is featured in the 2009/2010 early winter edition of the Alta Powder News and is available at www.AltaHistory.org.



“History of Skiing in the Wasatch”

Presentation by Alexis Kelner

Thursday March 18th, 4PM at Rustler Lodge, Alta

Alexis is a noted ski historian and one of the modern pioneers of backcountry skiing in Utah. He is the author of *Skiing in Utah*, a History and co-author with David Hanscom of the backcountry skiing guides *Wasatch I*, *Wasatch II* and *Wasatch III*. Alexis is an avid conservationist with committed to protecting the beautiful mountains of Utah. He has a keen knowledge of the Wasatch and brings us a unique perspective of skiing in Utah and its interesting history. Among his many interesting pursuits, Alexis is a founder of *Save Our Canyons* and has been on an active board member of the *Wasatch Mountain Club*.

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