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SNOWSPORTS BUILDER FOR 2012

Gregory C. Thompson, Snowsports Historian



Greg Thompson continues his leadership in the Ski Archives, a priceless history resource and ski data base in the University of Utah's J. W. Marriott Library. The Marriott Library contains collections related to skiing comparable to any library worldwide. In the 1980's Greg and the late Sue Raemer founded the Marriott Library's Ski Archives Program. Dr. Thompson has been the driving force for the Ski Archives over the four decades since its conception and this effort has made the Ski Archives a world class repository of the history and development of winter sports

and skiing in the Intermountain region and beyond. He has helped build the archives contact-by-contact, collection-by-collection.

Dr. Thompson continues to stimulate the development of resources to sustain the Ski Archives. In 1991, the first Ski Affair was held as a fund raising tool for the Ski Archives and this has successfully earned hundreds of thousand of dollars for the archives over the years. Not only is the Ski Archives one of the biggest collections of its kind, the Ski Archives membership is one of the largest and most successful library "friends" organizations associated with a specialized collection in the nation.

Thompson grew up in Durango Colorado and as a youngster skied and competed in Colorado and New Mexico. A charter member of the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation's Board of Trustees, Greg has been involved with skiing since the early 1950's as a participant and historian. He has lectured widely and published numerous articles on the history of skiing in the Intermountain area His latest publication, with Alan K. Engen, *First Tracks: A Century of Skiing* (2001) Focuses on the history of skiing in Utah. Greg is also the general editor of the Tanner Trust Publication Series.

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