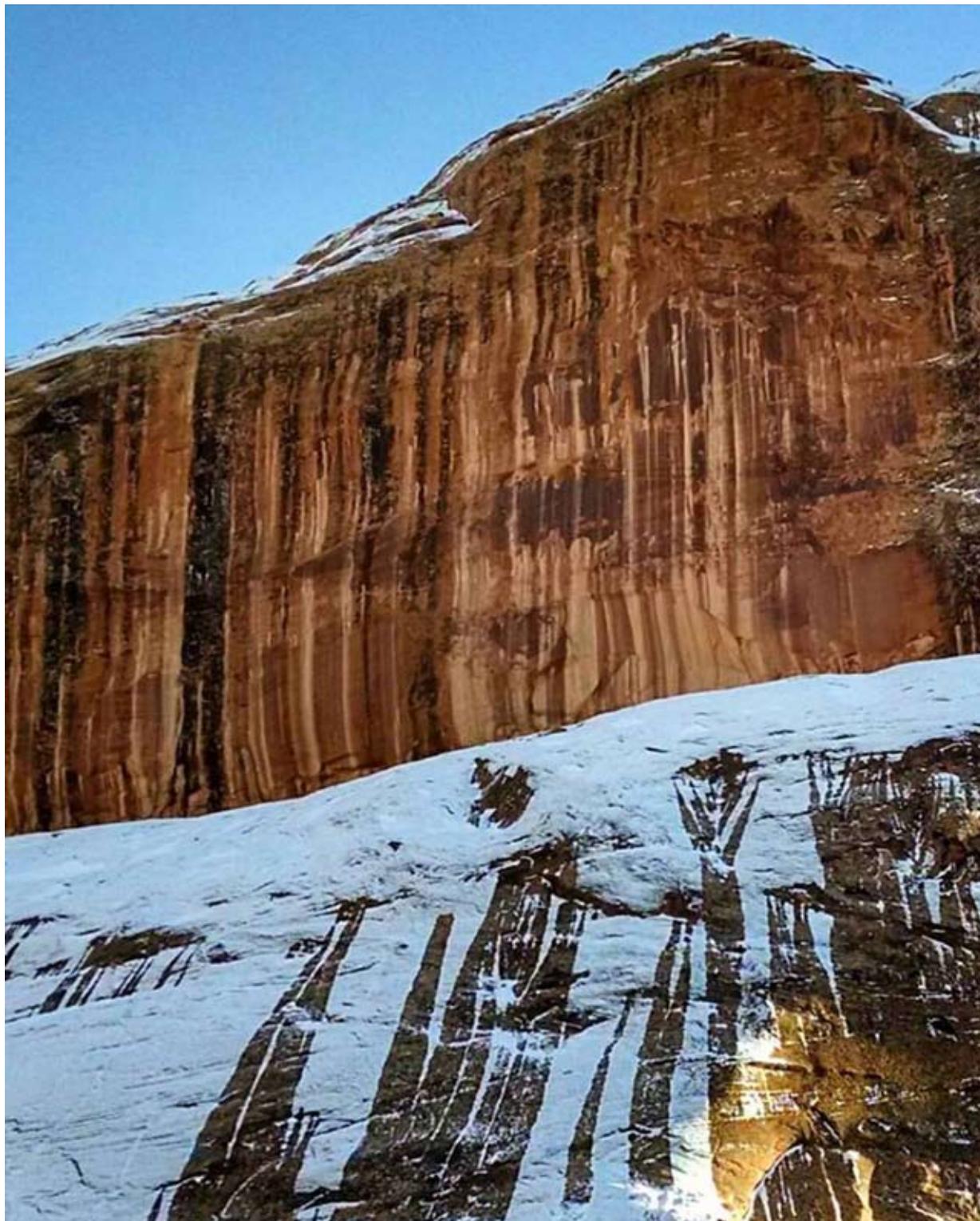
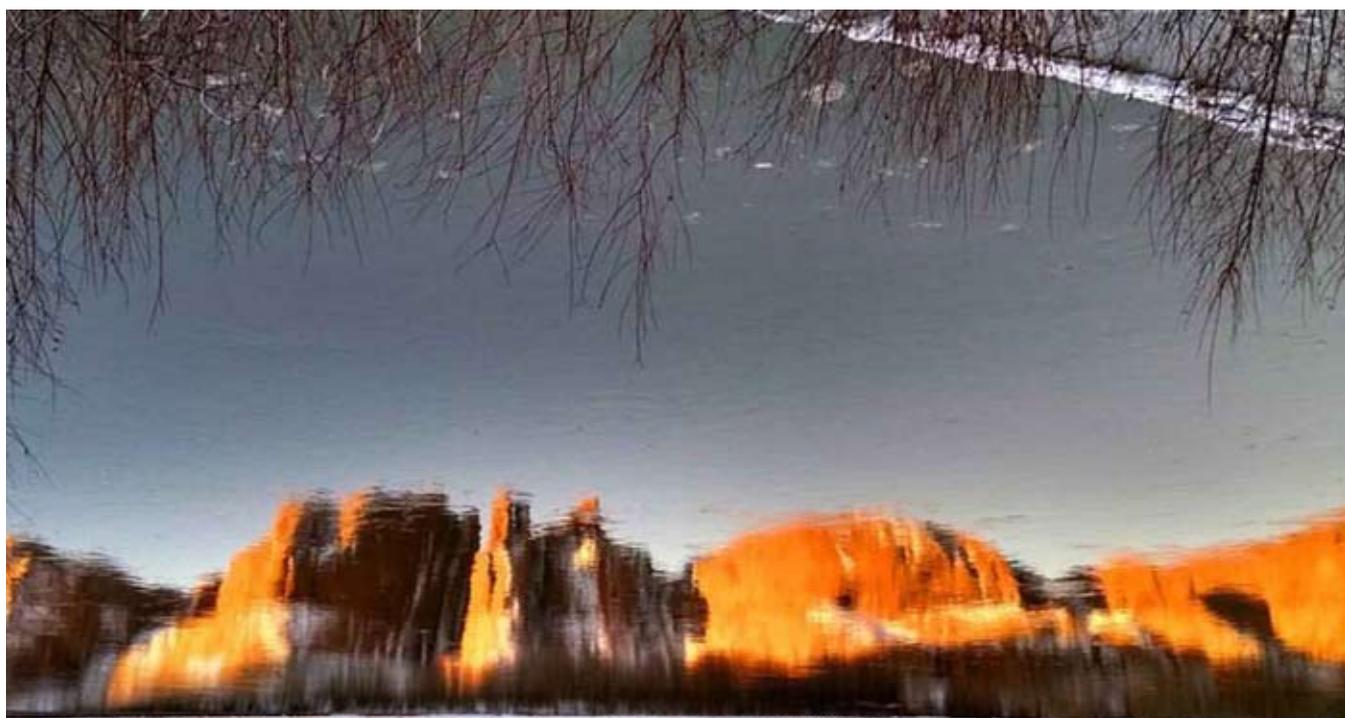


# Moab in Winter

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Before my move to Moab, in the mid 1980's, winter here wasn't a factor for me. Like many visitors, my time in Moab had been limited to the spring or fall, I didn't even imagine what a Moab winter would be like. Until I made that inevitable plunge into Moabdom.



That first Moab winter was a real winter, with plenty of snow in town, ice on the river, and my first taste of a nasty Moab inversion. But with the "hardships" of that first winter came discovery, and blessed solitude--the kind of solitude that Ed Abbey had promised would be possible in the "canyonlands" and in that winter of 1987, they still where. In those first two Moab winters, I realized that this was going to be my hiking season. Not only that, but around town I soon realized that winter was the lay-down-on-main-street-and-not-get-run-over season. Some winter days Moab was a virtual ghost town.

What about now, almost thirty years later ? Of course if you've lived here or read this publication over the years you know those days of winter solitude are for the most part history, especially down on Main St. But what about winter hiking now? Well, I'm not going to say much. Just know this, winter still comes to Moabdom and the river still freezes, and the snows still sometimes linger in the canyons until March and there's still some solitude to be had, but I won't tell anyone exactly where, if you don't....TK



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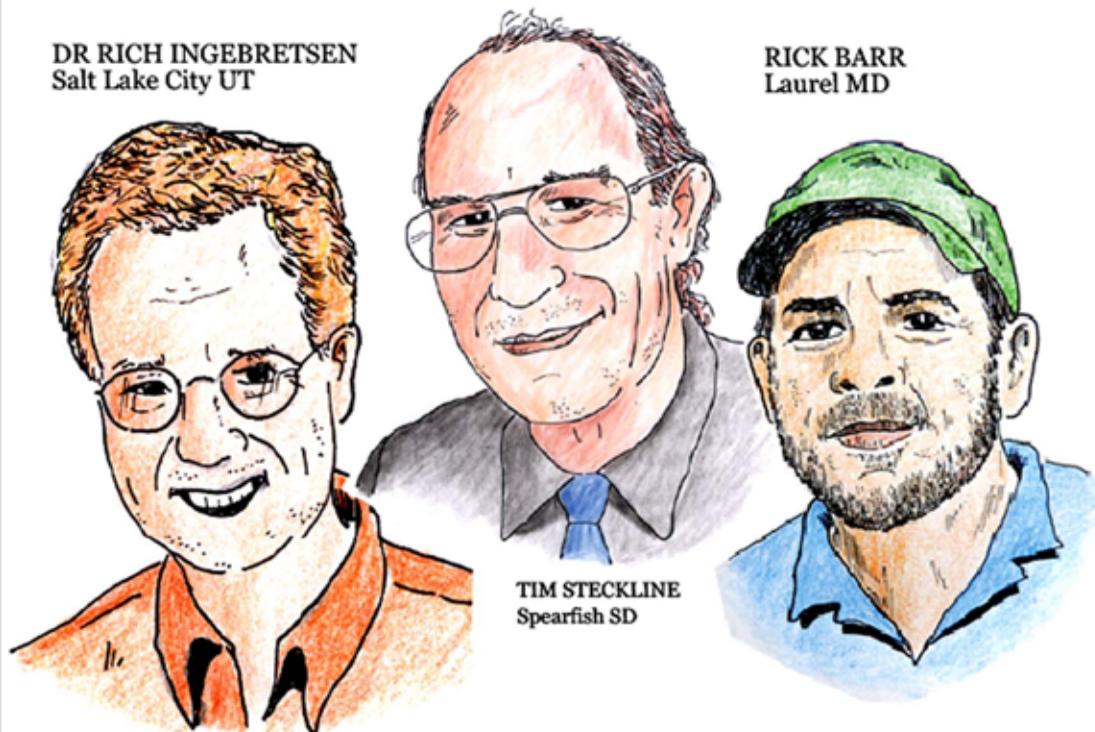
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