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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## TIS THE SEASON

The holidays are nearly upon us. Its the time for wishing joy and happiness to everyone. And this is especially true for skiers. Following all of the December holidays, tis the ski season--and this year looks like a great one!

Local weathermen are predicting 25% more snow than last year which means great local skiing. On September 28 they skied at Killington, Vermont--a record early date. When I was in Albuquerque, New Mexico on November 14 they were talking of opening up the local areas with natural snow that weekend. Wow. This could be a great winter. Lets all plan to get out and enjoy it.

And before we start . . . lets not forget our two upcoming December events. We have a 90 minute feature-length movie this Friday, December 8, starring Jean-Claude Killy. And on the 19th we have our Christmas party at the Wiederholts. We hope to see you at both of these events. And of course, we wish you the happiest of holidays!

Ray McKinley, President PVS

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### DECEMBER MEETING

### Christmas Party

Date: Tuesday, December 19, 1978

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: Penny and Mike Wiederhold's, 7214 Delfield Street, Chevy Chase, Md.  
Exit 20 from the Beltway, south on Connecticut Ave. to Thornapple, or  
(North on Connecticut Ave. from Chevy Chase Circle). East (left) on  
Thornapple (watch the jog at Brookville) to a right turn on Delfield.  
Park and go to #7214 and you are there! 657-8863

EXCOM REPORT

The regular monthly meeting was held on November 28 at the home of Keith Lyon. Members present were Marilyn Clark, Gail Gell, Julie and Dick King, Keith Lyon, Judy Mealey, Jim Slack, Geoff Waddey, Alice Swalm and Mary Ward. Marilyn Clark presiding.

1. Jim Slack announced that the January meeting would be on January 16 at Shakeys Pizza Parlor in Rockville. Dinner 6:00 - 8:00, movie at 8:30.
2. The possibility of one-day ski trips was discussed. It was decided that these trips cannot be scheduled because of uncertain snow conditions. Individuals interested in one-day trips can arrange them through the answering service.
3. EXCOM accepted with regret the resignation of Julie King effective with the November meeting.
4. January and February events were discussed and it was noted that many of the ski trips are already full. The cross-country skiing event has been organized (see seperate notice).
5. EXCOM expressed its sincere thanks to Larry Pease and Dick Clark for the ski maintenance and binding check clinic at the November meeting.
6. The January EXCOM meeting will be held on the 26th at the home of Alice Swalm, 2218 S. Randolph Street, Arlington, Virginia, 979-6756.

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BILLY GOAT TRAIL HIKE By Mary Ward

In spite of the gloomy, rainy day before, Saturday, November 18 turned out to be another gorgeous Indian Summer day. A group of 13 intrepid Billy Goat Gruff's met to enjoy a vigorous scramble along (and up and down) the Potomac River gorge. The weather could not have been better: cool enough to make hiking pleasant and warm enough for a lunch time picnic on the rocks high above the Potomac.

We were guided by Jacques Hadler who pointed out some of the interesting geological features such as the "pot holes" scoured out eons ago by the river as Great Falls migrated from its original location where Key Bridge stands now. We found many lovely vistas, watched rock climbers on the Virginia cliffs, discovered (some of us anyway) an efficient, if ungainly, five-point descent down a steep cliff.

Leaving the rugged trail the group strolled along the aquaduct back to the Old Angler's Inn where we stopped to soak up more sun...and beer...and wine..and sun...

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OCTOBERFEST REPORT

Art Topping reported that the November 10 Octoberfest was attended by about 350 people (down slightly from last year) and cleared an estimated \$4,000 to benefit the U. S. Ski Team. Many thanks to the 12 PVS'ers who attended!

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CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

DATE: January 13 (alternate date January 20)

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Needwood Golf Course, Olney, Md. or Thurmont (depending on snow conditions) Meet at North section of Wildwood Shopping Center parking lot (near Grand Union super market). Take the beltway north, exit Old Georgetown Road. Take left onto Old Georgetown Road (away from Bethesda). The shopping Center is about a mile on the right.

Bring your lunch/drink. Clothing - dress in layers. Rucksack is good to have. Equipment rental at:

Hudson Bay Outfitters - Complete package (skis/boots/poles) \$40.00 deposit, \$6.00 per day. Skis only - \$40.00 deposit, \$4.00 per day. Poles only - \$40.00 deposit, \$1.00 per day. Boots only - \$25.00 deposit, \$3.00 per day. They have three locations, Kensington, Gaithersburg, and Fairfax.

Appalachian Outfitters, Oakton, Va. - Complete package \$90.00 deposit, \$6.40 per day.

Reservations must be made in person and should be made in advance to be sure of getting equipment.

The Potomac Area Council of American Youth Hostels is offering a free Cross Country Skiing Seminar December 7 - Thursday - featuring tips on equipment, places to go and a slide show. It will be held at the AYH office, 1520 16th St., N.W. at 8:00 p.m. Try to make it, it will be very beneficial.

For further information please contact Thelma Belloli - 966-3383

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JANUARY MEETING

Shakey's Pizza and Shakey Skis

Date: January 16, 1979

Time: 6:00- 8:00 p.m. for "All you can eat - chicken & pizza, salad & potatoe". \$3.00 per adult, tax included. Beer by the pitcher even less.

8:30 p.m. meeting and ski movie in private room.

Place: Shakey's Pizza Parlor, 1471 Rockville Plaza. One block north of the Congressional Shopping Plaza. Take Route 270 north to the Montrose Rd. exit, exit north to Rockville Pike (Route 355), right on the Pike about a mile to Shakey's on your left. Park and EAT!

Arrangements by Sandy Deighton, movie "Skiing in Eastern Canada) by Keith Lyon.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- December 8 -- Movie "Snow Job" at Springfield Mall. See separate notice.
- December 19 -- PVS Christmas Party meeting. 8:00. See separate notice.
- December 26 -- EXCOM Meeting at Alice Swalm's. 7:30. 979-6756.
- Jan. 5-7 -- Ski Trip to Wisp. This carpool trip is full but Gail Gell will put your name on a waiting list. 949-9036 or 924-5000-work.
- January 13 -- Cross-country Skiing. 9:30 a.m. Thelma Belloli 966-3383. See separate notice. Alternate date is January 20.
- January 16 -- PVS monthly meeting at Shakey's Pizza Parlor in Rockville. 6:00 p.m. See separate notice.
- Feb. 1-18 -- PVS Ski Austria. Seven nights in Innsbruck and eight nights in Zurs! The cut-off point has been reached for hotel space for this popular trip but Bob can probably accomodate two or three more people. Contact Bob Grasley - 460-3167 immediately if you are interested.
- Feb. 17-24 -- Ski Vail. Contact Bill Stecher - 762-9508
- Feb. 25 - -- Ski Mt. Sutton, Canada. Don Cope reports that there are two vacancies left for this popular family skiing event. Call 836-5436.
- March 3
- March 11-17 -- Ski Killington, Vermont. This one-week bus trip is filling up fast. Contact Norm Engleman 299-2635 for reservations.
- ???????????? -- Ski Canaan Valley, West Virginia. This weekend carpool trip needs a trip leader. Contact Ray McKinley if you are interested. 790-8812.

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DEC 8: FULL LENGTH FEATURE FILE ENTITLED  
"SNOW JOB" STARRING JEAN CLAUDE KILLY.  
A SKI INSTRUCTOR PLOTS THE ROBBERY OF A  
SKI LODGE. THE TASK REQUIRES DIFFICULT  
FEATS OF SKIING. INCLUDES SNOW MOBILE  
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