



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this message, I am about to take off for skiing in Vermont (where the SNOW is)! I have no very deep thoughts except to enjoy all the skiing we can while it lasts. We have lots of good P V S skiing activities scheduled. Let's participate for all we are worth.

The bigger turnout we have for the On-The-Snow meeting at Ski Liberty on the 18th, the better time we will all have. See you there! (And at Wisp, also!). To cite a famous quotation: "Show them how to do it -- on skis."

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President

JANUARY Meeting

On-The-Hill, At Ski Liberty, Pa.

When: Our regular third Tuesday of the month meeting time. Come early and ski late. Lifts open 6 to 10 P.M. Applicant members can ski with P V S members to qualify within our By-Laws for full membership.

How to get there: North on 270 to Frederick, Md. Pick up Route 15 north to Emmitsburg, west thru Emmitsburg on Route 97 to Route 116 north to SKI LIBERTY. Watch for the signs when you reach Emmitsburg.

No formal meeting planned. Just a good skiing time. Bring friends and guests to join in on this purest of ski club meetings - an On-The-Hill, On-Skis meeting!

LATE NOTICE: Basic and Standard ESA tests will be conducted by Gene King of SCWDC. Make prior arrangements or find Gene on the hill at 7:30 that evening. Basic test will be given to all; Standard applicants must be Eastern Ski Ass'n. members.

COMING EVENTS

- Jan 18 - January Meeting. See separate notice.
- Jan 22-23 - Wisp Weekend Car Pool trip. Trip Leader is Jim Pinkham.
- Jan 25 - EXCOM Meeting, at Aase Berling's home, at 8:00 P.M.
- Jan 27-Feb 14 - European trip, Bob Wyckoff is trip leader.
- Feb 12-13 - Ski-O-Ree, Bill Anderson is the P V S coordinator.
- Feb 15 - P V S Meeting. Place to be announced.
- Mar 5-12 - Aspen trip, Ray McKinley is trip leader.
- Mar 27-Apr 2 - Mt. Sutton, Canada trip, Gerry Deighton is trip leader.

EXCOM MEETING

Due to the holidays at the end of the year, no EXCOM meeting was held in December.

DECEMBER MEETING

Another outstanding Christmas Gluewine party! Our friendly hosts, the Wiederholds, outdid themselves again, serving that delicious hot Gluewine that Penny makes by the bucketful and a mountainous multitude of good food for the hungry! Some 30 members and half a dozen fine guests arrived all bundled up for the cold winter night and all soon warmed up under the influence of good hot Gluewine and good camaraderie. The lilting sound of Christmas carols rose from the living room where enthusiastic singers led by maestro Kirk Burns equaled the best of presentations by Lawrence Welk himself! It even brought some of the kitchen-talkers out of the kitchen to join in! (Did Kirk ever get back his one missing songbook?) All who attended left this meeting feeling good about everything (except the "No Snow" reports from out west). On the other hand, snow reports from New England were "not bad"! P V S again thanks Mike and Penny for their congenial hostship of this annual Event.

NOTICES

Notice # 1 - A phone number change: Art Topping reports his new office phone number is 692-8163.

Notice # 2 - Max Bunnell (Tel. 527-0802) reports the following ski equipment for sale:

- One pair Lange foam ski boots, Size 8 mens with Spademan sole plate attached.
- One pair Head skis, Killy Model 198cm with Spademan bindings installed.
- One set new SPS Spademan bindings (used six weeks)

Price: \$30.00 for all three items.

Notice # 3 - For the On-The-Hill meeting, bus transportation is available via SCWDC. Call 527-1802 for details. Basically, the cost (including lift ticket) is \$11.00 for non-SCWDC skiers; the bus leaves Columbia Island Marina at 5:30 P.M. and Montgomery Mall Texaco Station at 6:00 P.M. and leaves the hill on the return trip at 10:00 P.M. Call the above number for more information and reservations.

SKI TRIPS

Jan 22-23 - Wisp Weekend carpool trip. Jim Pinkham (942-1932) is trip leader. Jim reports that the trip is currently full and will cost approximately \$30.00 per person, food and lodging. Friday night snack included. Bring your own linens/sleeping bags and towels. Jim will contact those signed up to coordinate transportation. Daily lunch not included in cost.

Jan 27 to Feb 14 - To Europe, Zurs and Val Gardena. Trip leader is Bob Wyckoff (Tel. 589-5532). This one is full but call Bob if you are interested in being wait-listed.

Feb 12-13 - Ski-O-Ree at Canaan Valley, West Virginia. Coordinator for P V S is Bill Anderson (Tel. 654-4711). This Blue Ridge Ski Council inter-club weekend is full of fun and events including racing so sign up now; snow is almost guaranteed at this time of year!

Feb 26 to Mar 6 - A BRSC sanctioned trip SPONSORED by the Baltimore Ski Club. Trip leader is Csaba Haryi (Tel. 301/828-9217 in Baltimore). This "Ski Quebec" trip departs BWI via Delta Airlines to Quebec, Canada. Cost is \$295.00 including transport, lodging and food. Space still available. Call Csaba.

Mar 5-12 - Seven days at Aspen, Colorado. Trip leader Ray McKinley (Tel. 938-0693) reports his trip currently full but he will accept back-up applications. The snow report for Aspen as of January 4th is: 2 feet on the ground, a blizzard is in progress, and another foot of snow is expected! As of now, Colorado has PLENTY of snow!

Mar 12-19 - To Banff, Canada. A BRSC sanctioned trip sponsored by SCWDC, Trip leader is Rosemary Gwynn (Tel. 363-4476). This trip is currently reported full but Rosemary is accepting back-up applications.

Mar 27 to Apr 2 - Car pool trip to Mount Sutton, Canada. Trip leader Gerry Deighton reports this trip filled up (the lodge, not the transportation) and he is looking into the possibility of getting another lodge. Call Gerry (Tel. 424-5707) for full details. This is a very economical trip; and an EXCELLENT mountain. There is also easy access and an interchangeable ticket to six other ski areas including Jay Peak in northern Vermont (another EXCELLENT mountain).

TOOT TIDBITS

A message from London! From Keith and Susie (and Keith Michael, David and Jason) Lyon: To all P V S ers - Have a great winter, and we will be seeing you all next summer!

A bit o' news from Max Bunnell. Max outgrew his Lange boots and Spademan bindings; thus his Notice to sell these items. Max skied Big Boulder, Pa. on Wednesday, December 29th. He reports he enjoyed the area and found good snow on the hill; alas, also very crowded with long lines during that holiday period.

TOOT editors Dick and Julie King spent December 12-17th at Mt. Snow, Vermont. "Limited skiing" turned out to be one Gondola lift and two chair lifts working with plenty of machine made snow. This plus a 10% mark down (unexpected and unannounced) on lift and lesson fees, and practically no skiers at all on the hill (one outstanding exception - a married couple and their two small sons from Los Angeles, California who came all the way to New England to find skiable snow - they had checked California, Colorado and Utah and found NO SNOW) made for a most enjoyable six day vacation!

Gerry, Sandie + Trevor and Russell Deighton are currently off on their three week Christmas and New Year's holiday vacation to the west coast. We hope they find SOME snow while they are travelling out there in the west.

Carol Parmenter was one of the many delighted P V S members who attended the Christmas Gluewine party. She reported that she had especially taken time out to come to this annual P V S event. What she didn't tell TOOT is what she was taking time out from? !??

Bill and Elke Stecher and family are on their annual trek to Lenzerheide, Switzerland. Because of school schedules for the girls, Barbi and Heide, the whole family left in mid-December and will return early in January. We hope Europe had snow for their visit there.

THUMP, THUMP, THUMP, THUMP, etc. That is the sound coming out of 15014 Narrows Lane in Bowie, Maryland. That is the home of Hark and Aina Thomas. Hark and Aina are daily conducting their jump-roping sessions getting in shape for their upcoming trip with Bob Wyckoff and friends to Zurs and Val Gardena. We hope there is lots of snow for these happy travellers!

DON'T FORGET YOUR P V S ACTIVITIES ANSWERING SERVICE: CALL BROOKE ARMAT AT 362-4724.

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