



T O O T



Volume XLIV No. 10

Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc

September 2008

WASHINGTON

MARYLAND

VIRGINIA

www.potomacvalleyskiers.org

info@potomacvalleyskiers.org

All Trips Party Review July 12, 2008

On a typically warm Washington-area July Saturday, with temperatures approaching the 90s, a typically keen group of PVSers with thoughts turned to snowy slopes past and to come gathered at the charming woodside Reston home of Sally Finan and George Welti to learn more about the three snowy PVS trips slated for 2009--and a sail out from Tahiti.

We were greeted by indefatigable organizer Dottie Villers--indefatigable despite a damaged left-foot ligament, possibly due to too much tennis. As usual at PVS events, there was a luscious spread of edibles, from appetizers to barbecue and desserts, plus cool drinks. Most was consumed indoors, given the warmth of the late afternoon. Then in Sally and George's cool lower story, next to their curvaceous indoor pool (which none of us dipped into), we heard about the trips.

Carolyn DeVilbiss touted the well-known delights of Snowmass, Colorado, based in our beloved slopeside Mountain Chalet. The upcoming January trip she's leading, aided by spouse Dave, is the fourth she's organized. She warned that this really may be the last time we can count on lodging at Mountain Chalet; a developer lurks in the wings. Rosemary Schwartzbard outlined the highlights of the Elderhostel February trip to Park City, Utah, which she's handling from the PVS end, along with Ellie Thayer. Just days before our gathering, she'd learned that that trip was already almost full. Joe Jevcak, subbing for partner Liz Warren-Boulton who was off for a month in her native Australia, cited the lure of spring skiing in March in Taos, New Mexico. The trip includes a stopover en route in Santa Fe and sidetrips to Taos town from the ski slopes. Shifting to the other side of the coin—and planet--, Reg Heitchue cited the lures of sailing around Tahiti and the French Polynesian Islands aboard a "mega-yacht"--the trip he's leading in May/June.

Enticing prospects all!

To end the evening, hostess Sally led a dozen or so of us on a brisk hike along some well-marked trails of the woods by her and George's home, while George and helpers cleaned up.

Many thanks to the two of them--and Dottie. (Submitted by Jean van der Tak)

Monthly Meeting at residence of Barbara and Fred Leonhardt

Tuesday Sept. 16 7:30pm
606 Firehouse Lane
Gaithersburg, MD 29878

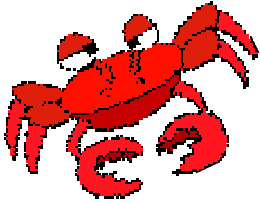
Telephone: (301-963-8111)

Come join your fellow PVSers at a monthly meeting after the summer reprieve. Get latest updates on forthcoming ski trips at the hospitable atmosphere of the Leonhardt home.



Directions: Take Interstate 270 North to exit 6B (West to Darnestown). Follow Route 28 West, making no turns for 5.2 miles (as measured from the bottom of the 270 ramp). At signal at Tscheffely Square Rd, turn right into the main Kentlands entrance. At the 3rd stop sign, turn right onto Leekes Lot Way, and then an immediate right onto Firehouse Lane to # 606 (7th house on the right). Carpooling is recommended

Inside this issue: Future events (page 2); Previous Event Review (page 3)
2009 Ski and other trips (page 4); Recollections of David Abraham (page 6)
The Knee (page 8); Calendar; Club information (page 9)



CRABFEST

Saturday, Sept. 13

4:00PM Rain or Shine

This popular event will now take place again at Betty Lawrence's home in Vienna.

Betty orders bushels of crabs. And the rest of us bring salads or desserts.

If you wish, you also can bring "uncrabby" food that can be grilled (grill provided). Limit on number of participants.

RSVP Betty by Tues Sept 9th at

(703) 319-1860 or lizl@verizon.net

(Small fee for beverages, etc. and market price of crabs)

Parking: Street parking available (SAFETY NOTE:)

Please have every person get out of the car on the street side due to deep culverts, no sidewalks, and no shoulders OR drop off any passengers in circular driveway in front of house.)

Directions: Easiest (\$1 toll): Take Dulles Toll Rd (Rte 267) 5.5 miles west from the Beltway to Hunter Mill Rd. exit 14; turn **left** (south) onto Hunter Mill Rd. (Rte 674) and follow it (you will have to make a **left** turn after 1/3 mile to remain on Hunter Mill Rd. at T) 3.4 miles to Vale Rd. --(Rte 672). Turn **left** on Vale Rd and proceed 1/5 mile to Trott Ave and turn **left** and then take next **right** (one block) onto Woodrow St. Proceed one block to corner of Woodrow St. and Gerken Ave. Betty's house is on the corner.

NOTE safety concerns above.

Alternative: Take Rte. I-66 to Nutley St North Exit and proceed 1.1 miles (crossing Rte.123-Maple Ave) until it ends at Malcolm Rd. Turn **left** on Malcolm Rd (Rte 672) and remain on it when it changes name to Vale Rd (remains Rte. 672). After proceeding about one mile, turn **right** onto Trott Ave and then take next **right** (one block) onto Woodrow St. Proceed one block to corner of Woodrow St. and Gerken Ave. Betty's house is on the corner.

NOTE safety concerns above.

10000 Woodrow St., Vienna, Virginia 22181

Telephone: 703-319-1860

Sept. 16 Tues eve PVS Monthly meeting

Hosted by Fred and Barbara Leonhardt
Gaithersburg

Segway Tour of Gettysburg Battlefield

Saturday, October 18

PVS will do another tour while riding Segways and we have room **for just 8 more riders**. This tour will



ride along the Eastern route of the Gettysburg Battlefield accompanied by a National Park Service Guide. Two groups of 10 riders (one starting at (9:30 AM and the second at 2:15 PM) will make the 2- 2 1/2 hour tour; each rider will be trained before following sufficient training time. If you can ski, bike, or do similar activities, you can handle a Segway.

Both groups of riders will meet for lunch at 12:30 PM at the nearby historic (1776) Dobbin House Tavern where we will order from the menu (see www.dobbinhouse.com for sample menu).

The following are those who are signed up; if you are not on the list and wish to join the tour, please call: D & S Laeser, D DeVilbiss, S Boisclair, B & J Marx, D. Warthen, M Strand, D Chaconas, S Finan and F & B Leonhardt. The cost for the tour is \$60 and must be received by Oct. 1st; riders please send your check to Barbara Leonhardt at 606 Firehouse Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. Refunds will not be issued following that date unless we can find a substitute. Lunch will be paid individually at the restaurant. A rain date of Oct. 19 is probable but tour cost will be refunded if you cannot make the rain date. For more information or to sign up, please call Barbara at 301-963-8111 or fbleonhardt@starpower.net

Wed Oct. 29 Frank Shelburne Hike 10:30AM

Seneca Creek State Park:

Four mile circuit stroll around lake followed by lunch at nearby Café Mileto (nonhikers welcome for lunch only)

Directions: Take Interstate 270 past Shady Grove Rd. Look for signs to move you the feeder lanes for exit 10, Rt. 117, Clopper Rd./West /Diamond. From the feeder lanes look for the Copper Rd/West Diamond exit. At end of ramp, turn right and follow Rt. 117 for about 2 mi. to a left into Seneca Creek State Park. Visitor Center (incl. bathrooms) is to the right not far from the entrance BUT we will meet at the lake near the boat ramp off Seneca Creek Rd. Park where you can.

Directions to Café Mileto will be issued to hikers.

Directions for nonhikers will appear in Oct TOOT

Oct 26 (SUN) LEONARD BERNSTEIN'S "MASS" AT KENNEDY CENTER (Event Full)

[Note: Event planned by David Abraham]

RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN AT THE MOVIES *WOLF TRAP* August 1, 2008

On a balmy summer evening on the first day of August with clear skies, low humidity and a gentle breeze, twenty-three PVSers had a memorable time at Wolf Trap. First there was the picnic with a fantastic array of appetizers, salads and desserts. Red and white wines were abundant. Once again we proved that PVS'ers match the best cooks in the area. We even got to celebrate applicant member Angie Hale's birthday with chocolate cake and candles. Not only did Dottie Villers made all the arrangements for our group but she also sent out recipes, arrived early, arranged the tables in Wolf Trip's picnic area and staked out a primo location for our picnic. Kudos to Dottie!!

After being totally sated, we found our excellent mid-orchestra seats and then were carried away through music and images. The screen was situated above the National Symphony Orchestra. The actors on the screen did the singing but, through the magic of spectral separation, the orchestral accompaniment was live, performed by the musicians on stage. Magic! It started with *Oklahoma*, which was the beginning of musical theater as we know it. We watched Gordon MacRae and Shirley Jones sing "Oh What a Beautiful Morning", "The Surrey with the Fringe on Top", and "Oklahoma". Then the singing and dancing in *Carousel* brought back memories to Dave Calloway who watched it being filmed in Maine in 1956. The images of *South Pacific* carried us away. When we heard "Some Enchanted Evening" we could all identify. Who doesn't remember Yul Brynner and Deborah Kerr in *The King and I*. Watching them perform "Shall We Dance" or "March of the Siamese Children" was magical. For *State Fair* they showed both the 40s version with Jeanne Crain and Dick Haymes and the 60s with Ann-Margret and Pat Boone. Interesting contrast. My favorite was the musical buildup accompanying the opening of *The Sound of Music* when we were taken above the Austrian hills and valleys and snow-capped mountains until Julie Andrews appears at a distance singing her famous opening about the hills being alive.

Emil de Cou was brilliant in his conducting and witty in his comments and discussion about the movies. The Producer, John Goberman, is the same person who brings us the fabulous simulcasts from Lincoln Center.

Thank you Dottie for organizing this fantastic event. (Submitted by Rosemary Schwartzbard)

ANNAPOLIS BAY PICNIC at Heitchue's Saturday August 23, 2008

On a mild summer day in late August about 30 PVSers headed out to the Heitchue weekend retreat in the Bay Ridge section of Annapolis overlooking Chesapeake Bay. One couldn't ask for more with good weather, a scenic location, with appetizers, salads, and desserts supplied by participants, and outdoor grilled shish kebobs by those host. The convivial atmosphere enabled those present to review their past experiences on and off the slopes. Participants owe loads of appreciation to the host, Reg Heitchue and Mary Beale who dealt with reservations.

Below: House overlooking Chesapeake Bay
Right: Host Reg Heitchue overlooking beverage ice bucket



PVS SNOWMASS 2009

Thursday, January 15 – Thursday, January 22

We will again be staying [slope-side at the Snowmass Mountain Chalet \(SMC\)](#) which is just below the Snowmass Mall. The SMC is a small lodge with 64 rooms, from which you can ski to one of four lifts. Check the web site at: www.mountainchalet.com. The total package is: Delta Airlines from Dulles to Salt Lake City and Salt Lake to Aspen and return plus the land transfer from Aspen airport to SMC and return; 5 day lift ticket (good for all ski areas in the Aspen complex – those over 70 can get a silver pass) with option for a sixth ski day; 7 nights lodging (double occupancy); 7 breakfasts; daily soup lunch; 2 group dinners; après ski parties including welcome wine & cheese party, and an all guest hotel sponsored party; pre-trip and post-trip party. Trip insurance is available as an option and is [highly suggested](#). Additional nights at Snowmass are an option and air can be altered to accommodate resulting date changes. All alternate air will be quoted on an individual basis.

UPDATE: Only a few rooms still remaining. Check with leader ASAP.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
Full Snowmass Package		\$2,072

For more information:

Contact trip leaders Carolyn Maurer and David DeVilbiss at 703-370-4865 or by e-mail at carolyn.maurer@verizon.net.

To reserve:

- Send deposit of \$250 per person to:
- Reminder: Second deposit of \$750 was due August 15.
Carolyn Maurer, 4508 Peacock Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304
- Note “PVS-Snowmass 2007” on the memo line

PARK CITY MOUNTAIN RESORT

FEBRUARY 22-28, 2009

ELDERHOSTEL SKI PROGRAM #7573RJ

Ski in/Ski out at the Lodge at Mountain Village, Park City, Utah

This is an Elderhostel ski program. They make all land arrangements. You will have to register through Elderhostel as explained below. Elderhostel allows participants to invite any adult companion to attend this program with them even if they do not meet the 55 year-old age requirement.

Ski the best of the Rocky Mountains! Park City gets more than 350” of snow annually and is ranked as one of the top ski destinations in this country, with 3,300 acres, 14 lifts, 100 trails, and more than 3,000 vertical feet. Experience champagne powder and great grooming. Altitude will vary from 7,000 to 10,000 feet. There are many flights each day to Salt Lake City. It is then a 45-minute van ride to the resort.

Registration for Land Arrangements with Elderhostel

All participants must sign up with Elderhostel on their own. --Registration is open now. The trip is first-come, first served. There will be other people besides PVSers on the trip. Last year there were 55 attendees and a waiting list. If you are interested in the trip, please call Elderhostel 1-800-454-5768 or visit their web site: <http://elderhostel.org>. The program number is 7573RJ and listed under winter sports. You will be required to send a \$100 deposit to reserve your space and then they will bill you in December. Tell Elderhostel that you are part of the PVS ski group.

Trip Leaders: Rosemary Schwartzbard and Ellie Thayer

Both leaders have attended this program and they will work with Gary and Sandy Nielson, who run the Elderhostel Utah Program, to coordinate the PVS component of this trip.

After signing up with Elderhostel, please contact:

Rosemary Schwartzbard
rosemaryphd@verizon.net 703-598-6150

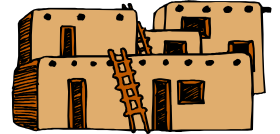
Ellie Thayer
ellie.thayer@comcast 703-534-3061

Taos, New Mexico

March 13 to 21, 2009

Overview Join us for a great week in Taos Ski Valley. Lots of uncrowded trails for beginner, intermediate, and advanced skiers. Founded in the 1950's by Ernie Blake, Taos Ski Valley remains one of the few family owned and operated ski resorts in North America. The combination of dry desert climate and high elevation often provides skiers with radiant sunshine and lots of dry, light snow.

The trip will begin with a Friday morning departure from Reagan National Airport to Albuquerque with a one hour bus transfer to Santa Fe. That afternoon and evening participants will be free to explore Santa Fe. Overnight in a vibrant historic landmark on Santa Fe's downtown Plaza at the La Fonda hotel known for its award-winning architecture, décor, and unique artwork.



After lunch on Saturday, we will transfer (via a 1.5-hour bus ride) to the Inn at Snakedance slope side in Taos Ski Valley. There will follow six great ski days with the option of fun morning ski lessons. There are several fine dining opportunities including the legendary St. Bernard Hotel. On the last Saturday morning, we will transfer by bus to Albuquerque for return flights.

Payment Schedule: **Deposit of \$250 is due with application** and is fully refundable until September 2. **A payment of \$750 is due September 15. Final payment is due October 15.** A fee of \$10 will be charged for late payments.

. Make checks payable to **Elizabeth Warren-Boulton**; put **“PVS Taos 2009”** on the memo line, and **mail to Liz** at 3049 Porter St, NW, Washington, DC 20008. For more information, contact trip leaders Liz Warren-Boulton and Joe Jevcak at elizawb@starpower.net or 202 244-5717 or 202 447-0250 (Joe daytime).

Remarks by Reg Heitchue at Memorial Service for David Abraham

David was my ski buddy, my best ski buddy. I first knew David as a fellow skier and with the passage of time came to know him as a friend, a very dear friend. David truly excelled at skiing and mastered the challenges of many mountains with grace and skill. Only in recent years did he shy away from the experts-only, most challenging, double black diamond ski runs. He was an astonishingly capable skier for his age...one in a million, maybe one in ten million.

I always thought of David as a role model for younger generations...if he could ski with such energy, enthusiasm, and passion at the age of 50, 60, 70, even 80, well maybe others could as well. Most skiers by the time they reach the age of 50, let alone their 60's, 70's, and 80's, have put the skis in the basement for good, never to see the slopes of a mountain again. Not David. In his seventies, David was doing things like skiing "off-piste" in Val-d'Isere, France. Sometime later he was in a place called the Bugaboos, a remote area in the Canadian wilderness where you go helicopter skiing. Then not long ago, David was off to Portillo, Chile for a week of skiing during our summer. David couldn't wait until our winter to go skiing, so he led a trip to the Southern Hemisphere. As recently as this January--yes, 2008--David was to be found skiing at Aspen.

In preparation for this memorial service, we gathered pictures of David on the slopes. You can see them posted here this evening. We really wanted one of him on the slopes, actually skiing. So, people searched their files for a picture of David skiing. We never found one and I'm sure the reason is that he skied so well and so fast that no one could ever catch him long enough to take a picture.

David and I spent a lot of time together riding the lifts. On those many long rides we talked about the many subjects... world affairs, politics, economics, finance, and business. These are the things that interested David, and with which he was extraordinarily conversant. With all that time together I really got to know David, and the man I came to know was a man of great integrity and high moral character, a generous

man, a caring man. As his lovely wife, Rachel, can attest, David was exceedingly generous with his time, his money and his ideas. He shared these without hesitation. David cared for other people more than he cared for himself. He did not always come across as such, but he truly cared for and went out of his way to help other people.

David was a man who believed in commitments. You made a commitment and you kept that commitment. When David said he would meet you at the lift at 9, you could be absolutely certain that he would be there at 9, and most likely before...and lord help you if you weren't on time!

David loved PVS. More important, he loved the people of PVS. Rachel, his lovely wife, tells me that after every PVS event, David always remarked how the people of PVS were absolutely the best. David was much honored to serve as PVS president which he did with great skill and leadership ability. David left that position a little over a year ago. The following was his farewell as he left the position of President of PVS:

"This is my swan song. It's been an often long but always rewarding five years since I was appointed the club's vice president, then elected as Vice President and President, respectively. We've had some stormy times, and we've accomplished what was to be done in amicable and highly cooperative environs".

He closed his farewell message by saying: *"To all of them, and the many whom I haven't mentioned by name, my sincerest thanks, along with my best wishes for the continued success of our upcoming leadership in moving us forward in an ever-evolving ski-loving bunch of great people. May great snow conditions, unblemished camaraderie and goodwill be with us all for many years to come. David"*

So it is to David that I say: David, it was truly an honor and a privilege to have been your ski buddy and your dear friend.

DAVID G. ABRAHAM, R.I.P.

Remembering David Abraham

I first met David Abraham at a PVS meeting when someone pointed him out to me as someone that I should talk to since I liked to ski moguls. This simple introduction led to a deep friendship as we got to know each other. David was the most remarkable and interesting person that I have ever met and I would like to share some of my recollections about him.

David's consideration for others was central to the principals that guided his life. He demonstrated this consideration on what was supposed to be our first ski trip together. David had to cancel this trip but he took care to provide an introduction to Herb Lichtenstein so that I would have someone to ski with. He always expressed admiration whenever I did anything that showed consideration to others.

David told many interesting stories of his experiences in life so that riding up the chair lift with David was as much fun as skiing down the mountain with him. I'll outline a few highlights in the following paragraphs.

David had a long military career that started as a private in the British army during World War II and ended when he retired as Colonel in the Israeli Reserves. The British took advantage of his ear for languages and put him to work as an

intelligence officer in Italy. David saw an opportunity to get an engineering education while in the army by applying for admission to the Polytechnic Institute of Milan (Politecnico di Milano). There was no precedent for this application and David would have to take a difficult course of study in a language that he hardly knew, but David was a brave person with the courage to make difficult things happen.

You may not think of David Abraham when you see the Statue of Liberty, but one of David's early projects was a consultation contract with the US Park Service. The access to the statue and the internal elevators were installed as a result of David's recommendations. This was just one of a wide variety of projects that formed David's career.

This January David seemed to be complaining about all of the boards committees that he needed to serve upon his return from Snowmass. I suggested to him that he might want to retire. David was offended. A busy life with service to others was David's only way of living.

In the end there is one special thing that is especially important to me. I will always remember that David was a skier.

Submitted by Dave Lerner

Message from Rachel Abraham to members of PVS

Rachel thanks PVSers for their thoughtful and very touching sympathy cards. And for having attended David's Memorial Service. Their sympathy cards will remain very special to me.

One PVSer wrote the following:

*He will be remembered
As a great individual and a wonderful skier.
His spirit will be with us, PVS skiers,
With every turn we make.*

(Photo on right: David Abraham in Estonia on PVS Scandinavia Trip 2003)





THE KNEE

by Ray McKinley

Gosharooty folks it's been two months. And I've got lots to bring you up-to-date on. Do you recall the early TV show that used the term gosharooty? It also had Flubbadub. Yup, it was Howdy Dowdy. And it was a long time ago—I believe it was 1996! Actually it was over half a century ago, so long ago that TV was only called V. The Tele part came later.

It's been a hot and humid summer. What a pleasant change when the first of the big fall, fat-with-new-equipment-ads ski magazines arrived. Now I don't kneed any new equipment (or at least ski equipment), and Nancy and the Knee have our winter's trip planned. But what sheer joy it is looking at the ads for new "stuff" and new places to ski. It's time to think of the upcoming joys of skiing. The mere thought provides instant air conditioning--and time to finalize the upcoming season's skiing. One early September question, if it is called "Labor Day," how come there is no one working?

Marilyn and Dick Clark are now back in their Williamsburg home. They spent the last 6 weeks at their NY State lake home. Marilyn sent me some "really bad puns." No comment!

- >A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- >If you don't pay your exorcist, you'll be repossessed.
- >A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- >A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.
- >Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
- >Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.
- >Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

Ouch! Rosemary Schwartzbard is a triathlete. While bicycling down the flat George Washington Parkway she fell off her bike. It warranted an ambulance trip to the emergency room. The result was a sore shoulder and a bruised rib. Rosemary is fine. Indeed, she and Dick are now on a two week auto trip to Maine.

PVS' August ExCom, at the request of Pres Mike Strand, was a conference call meeting. It's now been one year since PVS held its first ever Conference Call ExCom meeting. The meetings are

OK, but trying to pass the food and drinks through the telephone's mouthpieces tended to clog the conversation.

PVS has absentee members in multiple states. Jim Arnold has now lived in Knee Hampshire for over a decade. He also, along with the Knee and several others, had cataract surgery last December. Jim suggests that perhaps we should change our club's name to "Poor Vision Skiers." Naaa. Jim and his sister went to Madrid, Spain for a week's vacation at the end of July. This was followed by four weeks in Malaga taking advanced Spanish lessons. C, C, C. Or is that Si, Si, Si? Jim's stationery, by the way, has moose all over it or is that mooses? Or mice?

Almost ubiquitous PVS: Earlier this year, while on a vacation trip to Sienna, Italy, Jack Chapman and Ellie Thayer met with Bob and Karen Knopes. I say almost ubiquitous because the meeting was planned

BRSC News. Wayne Homens is the new President of the Blue Ridge Ski Council. Wayne was a previous President and stepped in when another volunteer couldn't be found.

The Knee can't find a segue for this item. Barbara Leonhardt is organizing PVS' second segway trip. This one is on the Gettysburg battlefield. This inquiring reporter had to find out, how much does a segway weigh? It weighs 105 lbs, and costs \$5151.

We all wish Don Dillion a very speedy recovery. He has just completed his seventh, and hopefully final, back surgery. Ouch.

In July, The Knee reported that Liberty Mountain (sic) Ski Patroller Jim Wingrove was our latest skier. He skied there on June 11, with a great day of skiing on powder. Almost immediately thereafter, the Knee got a truly mean e-mail from Bob McNeill. Bob's e-mail accused yellow journalism, and printing lies (he used the term untruths). Even worse, Bob accused me of having scraggly hair. The Knee, can take a lot, but not scraggly hair. So I researched. The reason for this vituperation is that Bob McNeill skied at Liberty Mountain (sic) on June 10. And he wanted to be the latest skier. There, there Bob, perhaps you'll do better next year... Or you can be the first to ski this fall.

According to Marvin Hass, the Chinese are researching ski resorts. As the skiing market explodes in China, entrepreneurs are coming to Europe to observe best practice in the ski business. Next a Winter Olympics in China?

Calendar, PVS Club Info, BRSC info

Local Event Calendar				Ski Trip Calendar			
Sept	13	Sat	Crabfest – Betty Lawrence	Jan ??	09	WISP Demo Days	
Sept	16	Tues	PVS Monthly Meeting –	Jan 18-25	09	Snowmass (C.Maurer/D.DeVilbiss)	
Sept	23	Tues	ExCom meeting	Feb 22-28	09	Park City (PVS/Elderhostel) (R .Schwartzbard/E.Thayer)	
Oct	18	Sat	Gettysburg by Segway	Mar 3-11	09	Taos, New Mexico Liz Warren-Boulton/ Joe Jevcak	
Oct	21	Tues	Monthly Meeting	Sailing Trip			
Oct	26	Sun	Kennedy Ctr -- Concert	May 28 – June 12, 09 Tahiti and French Polynesia. (Reg Heitchue)			
Oct	28	Tue	ExCom meeting				
Oct	29	Wed	Frank Shelburne Hike				
Nov	??	??	Lake Anna Open House				
Nov	16	Tues	PVS Monthly Meeting				
Nov	25	Tues	ExCom meeting				



October TOOT: Jan Marx will resume as editor for the October issue of TOOT. Copy can be submitted to editor at jebbmarx@aol.com.

Jan and Bob Marx drove to Alaska during the summer via the Alcan Highway.. They have been in occasional contact via email with guest editor Marvin Hass for this September issue. Marvin accepted on condition that Jan and Bob send a photo illustrating their northern adventure.

Jan and Bob testing the water of the Arctic Ocean at Prudhoe Bay. "We had hoped to "jump in" and earn our "Polar Bear Award" but they would not allow it as there had been real polar bear sightings in the area and they didn't want anything attracting their attention."

Change of postal or e-mail address:

Call David Warthen (301) 774-2653
or send e-mail message to
dwarthen@verizon.net

E-mail Notice

If you want to start receiving Toot electronically, or change the e-format you receive, please let me know.
Thanks, Jan = jebbmarx@aol.com.

Blue Ridge Ski Council information: Some of you are aware that the Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC) is a founding member of the National Ski Council Federation. One of the benefits of our being a member, is that PVS is a member through BRSC. There is a lot of information available to PVS members from the Federations website. There also are some \$\$\$\$ savings available directly to PVS members/. <http://skifederation.org/Members/> userid: skiclub password: member

**PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT
BLANK**

TAHITI FLYER FOLLOWS

May 28 - June 12 2009 Join Reg Heitchue and Nancy & Ray McKinley on a South Seas Cruise

They're the most alluring and beautiful destination on earth--Tahiti and French Polynesia, the legendary isles of the South Pacific. Here's just a bit of what we will see as we sail in quiet luxury to Bora Bora, Moorea, Tahaa, Raiate and 5 other spectacular South Pacific Isles

Sunset on Tahiti, where we Start

Our Ship, the 360 ft Star Flyer

Part of The Lovely Society Islands



Palm Trees on Tahaa



Sunrise on Raiatea, where we'll spend June 8

Prices: **\$5957 per person Double, \$7939 single**
 Based on airfare of \$1804.
 Land only \$4153
NOTE: THIS PRICE INCLUDES \$1000 PER PERSON EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT...THIS MAY NOT LAST! ACT NOW!



We'll have June 6 to see Bora Bora, it's Lagoon and Isles

Our Fabulous 14 day Cruise Vacation Includes

- ▶ **R/T Airfare, Wash DC to Tahiti** ■ ▶ **3 Nights with breakfast in Tahiti, double occupancy** ■ ▶ **11 Day Sail Cruise on the Star Flyer including all meals** ■ ▶ **baggage handling** ■ ▶ **bus gratuities** ■ ▶ **pre trip party.**

Space is limited, so act soon. Please fill out the form below, send it with your check for \$400 per person payable to Reg Heitchue, 11990 Market Street, Unit 1015, Reston, VA 20190

. Please call for more information 703-437-7611 (H) 703-861-9190 (C) heitchue@yahoo.com

Name(s) _____ e-mail _____
 Address _____ Phones (H) _____ (Work) _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Roommate Pref: _____
 Check: Air _____ Single Supplement _____ I have read the FINE PRINT. Signatures (If couple, both sign)

X _____ X _____

EXPLORE THE SOUTH PACIFIC
May 28- June 12, 2009, 16 Days, 14 Nights

It's been called the most alluring and beautiful destination on earth... Tahiti and French Polynesia, the legendary islands of the South Pacific. Now the new home of Star Flyer - and the consummate mega-yacht sailing experience. Star Flyer voyages to the legendary Society Islands and the remote Tuomotus, the home of Polynesian cultural traditions. Star Flyer will offer intensely rewarding personal explorations of islands bearing magical names like Moorea, Bora Bora, Huahine and Rangiroa. Even more noteworthy, as she glides through these pristine archipelagos of unsurpassing loveliness, she will leave no sign of her passage. Star Flyer is as fleet as the wind, a true clipper ship, yet a modern cruise ships in every way, created for comfort-loving passengers who also love the traditions and romance of the legendary era of sailing ships. Star Flyer is 360 feet long and carries just 170 guests in pampered comfort. Life aboard is blissfully relaxed, much like traveling on a private yacht. You'll never feel confined, as our ship offers pleasingly spacious cabins and expansive teak decks with ample space for relaxing and play. *See islands up close, sail inside lagoons. Sail in full harmony with the pristine environment and anchor overnight inside atolls. An authentic sailing experience, you can help or relax, international cuisine, superb service. Full range of water sports* Check out Star Flyer at www.starclippers.com

ITINERARY

Thursday May 28 Depart Wash, D.C.
Fri, Sat May 29,30 Days Free; Enjoy Papeete, Tahiti and Surroundings
Sunday May 31 Star Flyer Cruise begins
Monday June 1 At Sea
Tuesday June 2 Fakarava, Tuamotus
Wed June 3 Tiputa & Rangiroa, Tuamotus
Thursday June 4 Tiputa & Rangiroa, Tuamotus (depart afternoon)
Friday June 5 At Sea
Saturday June 6 Bora Bora, Society Islands
Sunday June 7 Tahaa, Society Islands
Monday June 8 Raiatea, Society Islands
Monday June 8 Huahine (evening), Society Islands
Tuesday June 9 Huahine, Society Islands
Wed June 10 Moorea, Society Islands
Thurs June 11 Papeete, Tahiti Leave in Evening
Friday , June 12 Arrive Wash, D.C



Beach in Tahiti

Star Flyer Piano Bar

Includes: Roundtrip airfare Wash, D.C. to Tahiti, Pretrip party, 3 Nights in Papeete, Tahiti (Radisson Hotel) 11 day sail cruise including all meals (Cat. 3 cabin; upgrade/downgrade possible call for more information) Excludes: Meals in Tahiti except breakfasts, Drinks and gratuities on board ship, Shore activities, Insurance. Deposit: \$ 400 (Refundable less \$50 penalty and charges by cruise line). Balance due: March 7, 2009

FINE PRINT

Partial or full payment for a reservation on this Potomac Valley Skiers' Cruise shall constitute consent to all provisions stated herein.

PVS, its officers, its representatives, its agents or its members shall not be responsible for personal injuries, property damage, or loss, delay, or the change of itinerary to any person or trip participant which arises out of the action of any air carrier, hotel, or other persons rendering any services, accommodations and transportation arrangements being offered, or by reason of any circumstance.

PVS designated Trip Leaders, have the right change transportation schedules. In the event of such changes, no refund or credit will be provided if accommodations, services, and transportation arrangements are of comparable or better quality or standards to those which were to be provided and are during the same approximate period. Any such change shall not modify the cancellation provisions of the Trip Agreement. No credit will be allowed or refund given for any service included as part of the trip and not used by individual participants unless agreed to by the Trip Leaders in advance. If the trip is cancelled for any reason whatsoever, PVS shall only be responsible to make a maximum effort to obtain the refund of all payments previously made for the trip from the person to whom the payment was made and there shall not be any further obligation on the part of PVS, its officers, its representatives, its agents or its members. Trip participants on this PVS sanctioned trip shall ski at their own risk and therefore PVS, its officers, its Board of Directors or its members shall not be responsible for any personal injury, property damage or injuries to others by a participant on a PVS sanctioned trip.

If an odd number sign up for the trip, the last single to send a deposit will have to help find a roommate or to pay the single supplement.