

Huntsville
Ski
Club



The Flakey News



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Welcome all new members to the Huntsville Ski Club!



We're glad you're here. Sign up for one of our incredible trips or activities. Get involved and join the board. There were 178 wonderful people at the Membership party at the Botanical Garden even though we got some welcome rain and a good light show compliments of Mother Nature. Thanks to everyone. I couldn't have done it without you.

Special thanks to Benny, our caterer who is also our bartender at the Hilton. He's the best! And all of the helpers: Jim Hall, Pat Brewer, Angie McKee, Tim Lucero, Charles Blakely, Renata Limmer, DJ Dave Ellington, Barbara Hitt, Phil Hollister, Norma Oberlies, Tom and Becky Dollman, the Leggett family, Mary Ann Johnson, Gary Petersen, Harriett Dobbins, Roger Chassay and everyone who said they would be my friend. Thank you to two ski princesses, Sue Chatham and Laurali Hollister.

Chris Mathews
Membership Chair
(Can't wait to ski!)



Forever Wild License Plates

Joe Copeland and Carrol Wilson from The Friends of Forever Wild will be at our October meeting to sign members up for the Forever Wild license plate. It will not cost you any extra for this since the \$50 fee will be paid by them to get this campaign started. Forever Wild was involved in the purchase of 200 additional acres for Monte Sano Park a couple years back along with other lands in Northern Alabama. For those not into conservation but more into partying the Forever Wild license plates can

make a statement as well! Please bring your registration to the October 16th meeting for all vehicles you wish to register. These guys are doing a lot of work to make this happen and I hope the Ski Club helps them meet their goal! See page 4 for details

Fred Kilmeyer

Next Ski Club Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:00PM at the Hilton, Board Meeting at 6:00 PM



From the Pres.....

Reading the Birmingham and Nashville newsletters I noticed that their clubs include golf outings. Is anyone interested in perhaps a monthly golf outing? We could vary the course used and open it up to all skill levels, perhaps do a best ball thing and award gifts for lowest score etc. Think about it and give Harriett and Mary Ann some feedback.

The Wine and Cheese party went very well in spite of the weather! A long time member remarked to me that it was the best one he has seen in years. Thanks Chris, Dave, and all those who helped.

There are still some great trips available, jump on them. Don't miss out. We are going to have a GREAT ski season.

Well, I missed the newsletter deadline again :(Sorry Barbara again. But, Laurali and I do have our dues paid! If you have forgotten, try to get them in as soon as possible. There will be a time in the near future we will have to come after your first born :-)) or stop sending a newsletter.

Remember, "It's your future – be there."

See ya, Phill Hollister

Shoals Corner

by Bill Nelson

The Shoals group had approximately 23 people turn out for the September meeting at Red Lobster. We encourage any member outside the Shoals to meet with us on the day after the Huntsville meeting.

The first order of business was the election of Linda Walsh as permanent Shoals Meeting Leader, because of the excellent job last month. However, she declined this prestigious honor – I suppose so that the rest of us can have an opportunity to hone our leadership skills. Anyone willing to lead a meeting and write the minutes, please sign the "Leader" sheet at the next meeting. Also, our cookout leader, Don Aston, will be asking for 2003 volunteers willing to host one of our monthly cookouts. Be thinking of which month you would like to volunteer for; a definite day can be selected a couple of months before the actual cookout.

By the time you read this newsletter, I am sure that we will have had a wonderful time at George and Lee Nemeth's luau. As I write this article, I am wondering if those beautiful Hawaiian dancers with their long hair and grass skirts will put on another exhibition this year. The anticipation is almost unbearable.

Don't forget to pencil in Sunday, October 27 on your calendar for an Octoberfest hosted by Jac-
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Ski Trips

Wow, what a good wine and cheese party. Good turnout despite the rain. Several new members and some of them even ski. Many thanks to Chris and her crew. We have seven (7) great ski trips lined up and decisions need to be made soon as to which ones you want to go on. Trips are filling up. Don't be left out. Unbeatable prices, great camaraderie, world-class ski resorts, excellent snow, beautiful scenery, what more could you ask for?? Call the trip coordinator today and sign up.

Phil Lindsey, Western Trip Coordinator

Dec. 5 - Dec. 8
Jan. 18 - Jan. 26
Feb. 8 - Feb. 14
Feb. 15- Feb. 22
Feb. 15- Feb. 22
Feb. 22- Mar. 1
Mar. 1 - Mar. 8
Mar. 23- Mar. 30

Snowshoe/Silvercreek, W VA
Interlaken, Switzerland
Vail, Colorado
Monarch Pass, Co.
Salt Lake City, Utah
Big Mt., MT. (NASA)
Lake Tahoe, NV
Grand Targhee, WY

Stuart Rogers
Charles Blakley
Jack Risse
Sue Chatham
Becky Dollman
Tom Dollman
Stuart Rogers
Charlie Ross



Please submit articles for November Flakey to
John Haskell
jwhaskell@knology.net by October 23.

John will be filling in for Barbara this month.

(Shoals Corner cont'd.)

queline and Michael Broder. We will start at 4 pm with some sports activities. Be scouring your German cook books for some food ideas.

Speaking of scouring, let no stone remain unturned in your quest for the ultimate gift to bring to our annual Christmas gift swap at Ron Paulus' house on December 7. Also, remember to reserve November 23 to watch the Alabama- Auburn football game at Bill Nelson's. Finger foods will be the order of the day for this event.

Do not forget to contact Suzy Robbins if you feel a desire to enjoy some ballroom dancing or lessons at Florence's Broadway Recreation Center.

I did not get a count of how many of our group participated in the Trail Of Tears motorcycle ride on Sept. 21. It was a wet day for the ride, but thousands of riders, once again, made a memorable impact on our area. I just hope that Lynn Simms wasn't too rowdy this year - you know how some of those bikers are! The weather that night could not have been more perfect for an outdoor concert. Those that witnessed the performances of Monkey And The Spank Daddies, The Marshall Tucker Band, and Steppanwolf heard fantastic performances from some of the best musicians in the business.

Those 21 Shoals members signed up for the Gatlinburg trip are anxious to be on their way. As usual, we look forward to fellowshipping and hiking with our Huntsville compatriots.

Be in attendance for our October 17 meeting at Red Lobster when Jim Durrett will guide us over The Shoals. That is, unless Linda decides to resume her rightful place. Remember, no December meeting at Red Lobster, only the party at Ron's house.

TRAINING

HIKING

Hiking starts the first Sunday in October and continues every Sunday through winter weather permitting. We meet at the Hiker's Parking lot in Monte Sano State Park at 1:15PM and leave at 1:25PM sharp! (If you get there late look for Renata.) Hiking boots are recommended along with water and a snack. Hikes usually last about 2 hours.

PRSM



HURRAH!!! We now qualify for the group discount, so if your thinking of joining a health club, ski club members get a 50% discount on sign-up and \$10 off monthly dues. The discount applies to existing members also, so let them know if you are already a member. The PRSM facility is located across from Grissom HS and your program can be designed by Mark Noble, well known sports consultant, at no additional cost. Mark has done numerous programs at ski club meetings and is also an avid skier! For a tour and/or more information call PRSM at 880-7002.

TENNIS

We play tennis every **Saturday** morning at **8:00 AM** at the **Huntsville High School** courts through the month of October. All levels are encouraged to join us for mixed-doubles, 30 minute round robin sessions, lasting a total of approximately two hours. Call **Kathy French, 721-1100** for more information.

BIKING/BLADING

We have regularly scheduled bike/blade outings on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. With the cooler fall temperatures this is the ideal time to get in shape for skiing and the Sewanee outing. Tuesday outings are at Aldridge Creek and suitable for bikers and bladers. We gather at 5:15PM and leave at 5:30. Thursday outings are at the Boeing Recreational area and are for bikers since we are on backroads. We gather at 5:00PM and leave at 5:15. Dinner to follow for those interested. Contact **Fred Killmeyer, 883-8274, fkillmeyer@comcast.net** for more information.

(Forever Wild Cont'd)

The Forever Wild Land Trust was created by a constitutional amendment in 1992 with the approval of 83% of the voters. It is administered by the State Lands Division of the Ala. Dept. of Conservation, and exist only to purchase land for conservation. Tracts are purchased for recreation areas, nature preserves, addition to state parks, and wildlife management areas. Since 1992, Forever Wild has purchased 20 tracts that include more than 85,000 acres. Any citizen of Ala. can nominate tracts to be purchased and only need to contact the State Lands Division with the location of the tract and the owners name(s) and address. Also, the Trust will only consider a tract if the owner(s) is a willing seller.

The Friends of Forever Wild is a state wide non-profit, tax exempt ((501)(C)(3)) organization that was created to acquire additional funds for the Forever Wild Land Trust with a Forever Wild special license plate. However, before the license plates will be issued, we must have 1,000 vehicles registered with the Motor Vehicle Division. To insure that we reach the

1,000 vehicle threshold, Friends of Forever Wild will pay the \$50.00 required to register each vehicle and go to the courthouse where that vehicle is registered and complete the necessary forms. Once the 1,000 vehicles are registered, you can get your Forever Wild license plate(s) and only pay what you normally would pay for your regular license plates when you next renew, or you can keep your present license plate(s). Registering your vehicle(s) does not obligate you in any way, and, even if you wish to keep your present license plates, you can help reach the 1,000 threshold by registering. Joe Copeland and Carroll Wilson will be at the next monthly meeting to fill out the forms for those who would like a free Forever Wild tag. Be sure you bring your tag receipt(s) with you where we can complete the form. If you would like to receive a form to complete before the meeting, or if you would like to complete the form and mail just e-mail Joe at joe@powernet.org. You can mail the completed form to the address below.

Friends of Forever Wild, 671 County Road 244, Cullman, Al. 35057-4356

RECREATION

Ballroom Dancing: Every Tuesday evening at Skate Odyssey on South Parkway, Ballroom dancing is taught at 7:30PM. A new dance is taught each month. Cost is \$4.00.

Cajun/Zydeco Dancing - the 2nd and 4th Wed. of each month at TUNES KARAOKE, 7 pm- 8:30PM. 3000 University Dr. Free

Sunday Easy Bike Ride to Mullins: The Spring City Cycle Club meets at Winn Dixie on Whitesburg Dr. at 9:15AM and rides to Mullins for breakfast and returns to Winn Dixie, about 16 miles round trip. They ride back streets, very little traffic. For more information call Mary Ann (Louise) Johnson 880-1395 or Monty Dobbins (Thelma) Dobbins 883-2068

Foster Falls Hike - November 2nd.



Time to get out, stretch the legs, and enjoy the colors of autumn on an easy 6 - 7 mile (round trip) walk overlooking the southern end of the beautiful Fiery Gizzard near Jasper, TN. We will meet at the Toys 'R Us/Books-a-Million parking lot (University Drive/Memorial Parkway) at 9:15 a.m. and car pool from there to Foster Falls. Bring lunches, which we will eat on the trail. The hike should take around 3 - 4 hours. We will be back in time for the Hayride and Cookout at George and Trish Brown's.

Please contact Christie Buck at 325-0591, e-mail "christiebuck@hotmail.com" by Friday, November 1st.

NEW MEMBERS

<i>name</i>	<i>home phone</i>	<i>work phone</i>	<i>address</i>	<i>city</i>	<i>state</i>	<i>zip</i>
Burnett, Nancy A.	325-7638		107 Fox Lake Dr.	Madison	AL	35758
Diener, Will	881-2205		2633 Hickory Flats Trail	Huntsville	AL	35801
Doming, Roberta D.	325-1203	776-2503	118 West Lake Circle	Madison	AL	35758
Elliott, Debbie	656-4480	882-5277	1012 McClung Ave.	Huntsville	AL	35801
Etheredge, Sarah	256-355-61	971-7404	441 Springview St., SW	Decatur	AL	35601
Greene, Alan	534-7849	842-9398	2609 Bransford Trail	Hampton Cove	AL	35763-
Griffith, Dennis	355-8890	306-4001	2410 Crestview Dr., SE	Decatur	AL	35601
Harper, Carol	213-9829		4770 Whitesburg Dr., #302	Huntsville	AL	35802
Hodgens, Mary	881-2003		10301 Autumn Chase Dr.	Huntsville	AL	35803
Kimmel, Marilou	882-5050	653-8312	2610 Pioneer Rd.	Huntsville	AL	35803
Kostowny, David L.	682-1233	313-4294	116 Pebblebrook Circle	Madison	AL	35758
Magnusson, Carol	232-9434		22400 Monterey Dr.	Athens	AL	35613
McCarty, Randy	772-5332	772-3092	1000 Wood Circle	Madison	AL	35758
Nelson, Melissa Kay	729-5424	233-6600	9825 Holt Springer Rd.	Athens	AL	35611
Sainker, Eidele	881-5935	880-7173	2015 Woodmore Dr.	Huntsville	AL	35803
Shirley, Charles	256-233-31	256-321-0554	17667 Oakdale Rd.	Athens	AL	35613
Smith, Joe	881-3565	882-1453	8849 Tacoma Trail	Huntsville	AL	35802
Undersood, Sara	256-766-76	256-764-4725	1617 Winston Street	Florence	AL	35630
Vinson, Stephanie & Glen	233-4549	313-4413	11159 Cardinal Dr.	Madison	AL	35756
Warren, Liz & Elwyn	830-0473	464-1375	6503 Marsh Ave.	Huntsville	AL	35806
Whisenant, Anna	881-6360	842-9056	2229 Villaret Dr.	Huntsville	AL	35805
Zurn, Rebecca & Tom	882-2627	880-2653	1214 Chandler Rd.	Huntsville	AL	35802

SOCIAL

Friday, October 4-----Dinner/Music at Fiddler's Convention in Athens
Saturday, November 2-----Cookout and Hayride at Brown's Farm in Huntsville
Sunday, November 10-----Pre-Trip Party for New Orleans Trip
Thurs.-Sun., November 14-17-----New Orleans Trip (Hsv, Bhm, NO)
Saturday, December 14-----Christmas Dance, VHCC in Huntsville

WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 4 & 5 – OLD TIME FIDDLER'S CONVENTION @ ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AT PRYOR AND BEATY STREETS IN ATHENS



Music, crafts, food on Friday and Saturday. Come over as early as you like (after 8:00 A.M.) and stay as late as you like. The music competition starts at 6:00 on Friday night and usually continues until 10:00 P. M. or later each night and all day on Saturday. **WE WILL MEET AT 6:30 P.M. ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, IN THE CAFETERIA OF THE STUDENT UNION BUILDING FOR DINNER, INSTEAD OF GOING TO WESTEND GRILL.** Enter the campus at the EAST-SIDE gate on Pryor St. and you will be right in front of the building. Price of the tickets is \$5.00 on Friday and \$6.00 on Saturday or \$10.00 for all weekend, and can be purchased at the gate. ASU will have a drawing for \$200 on Friday night and \$300 on Saturday night, so you may want to be present for that. (Side note: Athens/Limestone County and the Athens State University Campus are DRY...sorry, no beer/wine.)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – COOKOUT AND HAYRIDE @ THE BROWN'S

Mark your calendar and make at Trish and George Brown's starts at 6:00 P. M. Bring a dish on the hayride. You may, also, bales and yourself. Directions: Mill Road and follow this to chester and go 4 miles. Turn miles and turn Right (west) onto St. Clair Lane. One (1) mile down on the Right is the farm, 482 St. Clair Lane. (If you come in from N. Memorial Parkway, turn Right (east) onto Winchester Road, after you pass A&M University. Follow the directions above, after you pass Moores Mill Road.) The phone number is 851-9375. This is always a great party, so don't miss it! SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – COOKOUT AND HAYRIDE @ THE BROWN'S



plans to attend the annual cookout and hayride Christmas Tree Farm in Huntsville. Party to share, BYOB, and your favorite jokes to tell want to bring a blanket along to cover the hay From I-565/72 E, turn Left (North) on Moore Winchester Road. Turn Right (east) onto Win- Right (south) onto Bell Factory Road. Go 1.5



Thanks to John Somsel for his Oktoberfest party. He had about 50 guests and a keg of beer. The ski club is showing its age as 2 gallon of beer was left at the end of the party.

John kept everyone supplied in hot-dogs and the guests provided an ample supply of vegetables to make a healthy and delicious meal.

NEW ORLEANS TRIP AND PRE-TRIP PARTY



Imagine the fun that will take place in New Orleans when sixty (60) Huntsville Ski Club members descend on the city November 14 – 17!! On November 14, 58 of us will leave from Huntsville en route to Birmingham (57 by bus and one by car). In Birmingham, we'll board the Amtrak train for a 7-hour train trip, aka "moving party", to New Orleans. Upon arrival, we'll be transported to the Queen and Crescent Hotel, where two other members from Florida will join us. We'll stay in New Orleans from Thursday – Sunday. On Sunday afternoon, we'll be transported to the airport, where we'll catch the 7:00 P. M. SWA one-hour flight back to Birmingham. We'll be picked up in Birmingham and transported back to Huntsville. Some of the group are planning to attend a meal at Emeril's, some are planning to try their luck at Harrah's Casino, we'll take in Pat O'Brien's and Café Du Monde, of course. There is so much to see and do in New Orleans, that trying to cram it all into one weekend will be a problem. If everything goes as planned, this should be a great trip!!! I wish we could take everyone who wants to go, but as it stands, the trip is completely booked, everyone is paid up, and the trip is officially closed. Barring some unforeseen emergency, there will be no more openings.

Pre-trip Party: To get our party week off to a good start, there will be a pre-trip party for all those scheduled to go on the New Orleans trip. The party will be at the Madison Towne Center Clubhouse, off Old Madison Pike, on Sunday, November 10, from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. So, put on your dancing shoes and get ready to party!!!

DANCE – THE SHOALS CHAPTER OF THE USABDA

For information on the October dance, please contact Suzy Robbins @ 256.767.1440.

If you have ideas for Social Activities and/or would like to host an activity, please contact Freda Smith at 256.233.2203 or SkiSocial@aol.com.

CHRISTMAS DANCE—December 14



Tickets are now on sale for the annual Christmas Dance, on December 14, from 7:30 P. M.– 11:30 P.M., at Valley Hill Country Club. The price of the ticket, which includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and dancing to the music of the Nite Owls, is \$25.00. Tickets will be sold through the November meeting. But don't wait to get yours; the party will be limited to the first 125 people. Please contact Freda Smith, Sue Chatham, Renata Limmer, or an HSC officer/board member to purchase your tickets.

Sewanee Tenn. Biking and Hiking Weekend Saturday and Sunday, Oct 12 & 13, 2002

We'll be biking and hiking in the Cumberland Mountains at Sewanee Tenn., on and around the University of the South Campus. The Campus and town are a scenic, wooded area residing on top of the mountain, with a number of scenic overlooks, college shops and restaurants. There are over 30 miles of paved roads through the campus and the residential sections with 25 mph speed limits and little traffic. There are also over 20 miles of unpaved roads for both mountain and hybrid bikes and over 20 miles of hiking and Mountain Bike trails around the top of the mountain. You can come for a day (biking on Saturday, hiking on Sunday - weather could change this) or stay overnight Saturday and bike and hike two days. We'll stay overnight in Monteagle (\$25 to \$35 per person, double occupancy), visit the winery (If the owner isn't in jail), have an after the bike ride party, and eat at Papa Ron's (great Italian dining). Details, schedules and maps will be provided at the next meeting and e-mailed to everyone who signs up.



For more info call Chic Kirchner, home 883-7887, work 955-8319, cell 694-9557 or e-mail at <blueslopes.aol.com> or <charles.kirchner@rdec.redstone.army.mil>. See pictures from last year at http://homepage.mac.com/chickirchner/Sewanee_Bike-Hike/PhotoAlbum4.html

Sewanee/Monteagle Christmas Studio Tour December 7th and 8th

are the dates for this year's Studio Tour in Sewanee and Monteagle, TN. Past participants have enjoyed the event very much. It is a good way to usher in the Christmas holiday season. We car pool from the Toys 'R Us/Books-a-Million parking lot (University Drive and Memorial Parkway) to Sewanee and then tour the studios of various artists and crafts persons. Items are available for sale - who knows - you might get some of your Christmas shopping done! All of the studios provide refreshments of some sort or other, whether they be mulled cider and coffee, nuts, chips, candy or baked goodies. After seeing all we can manage on Saturday, we will eat dinner at a local restaurant and spend the night in the area (details to follow). On Sunday we complete the tour, finishing at the Old Dutch Bakery in Tracy City, which always offers a good selection of tasty treats. If there is time afterwards, and the weather is hiker-friendly, we can walk off some of the snacks we've been munching all weekend around the Grundy Lakes in Tracy City. It's a fun, festive weekend.

Please let Christie Buck know (phone 325-0591; e-mail "christiebuck@hotmail.com") by September 13 if you would like to go.



Space Available! Call ASAP!

**GATLINBURG FALL COLORS TRIP
COME HIKE AND PLAY IN THE BEAUTIFUL
SMOKY MOUNTAINS**

(October 18-21, 2002: Single/Couple Spaces Available)

Lodging in two different chalets: **Streamside** (11 doubles) at \$102/person (spaces available)
Cabin #23 (3 kings & top floor has one room with 2 doubles) at \$140/person (spaces available)
Prices based on double or quad (#23) occupancy with no "extras" using sleeper-sofas/etc.
Please make full payment and sign form below. **Pre-trip party: Sunday, Sept. 29th (2pm)**
CALL 544-6568 to confirm FINAL location (Currently: Willow Pt. Condos; Host: Howard Ross)

Full payment is now due:

\$10 sign-up fee
\$25 food for 3 nights, pre-trip party, and wine/cheese party
\$ 5 reserve for postage, ice, and unanticipated expenses
\$62 lodging (3 nights at **Streamside**) OR \$100(3 nights lodging at **Cabin #23**)
\$102 OR \$140 TOTAL COST

ITINERARY:

- Friday (18th) check-in, hike/relax Italian Dinner at Ciao Streamside
- Saturday & Sunday Hikes or do your own thing or hike with group
- Saturday post-hike Wine & Cheese at Apres' Streamside
- Saturday Night Filet Mignon Dinner at Outback Streamside
- Sunday night Stew Dinner at Streamside Cafe
- Monday morning clean-up and head home
- **HIKING, FALL COLORS, SHOPPING OPPORTUNITIES, DANCING & SOCIALIZING**

(Detach Here) -----**GATLINBURG 2002 SIGN-UP FORM**----- (Detach Here)

Everyone will be part of a Galley Team! Each person should sign-up to help to prepare one meal to share the responsibility for set-up, food prep. & cleanup. Please list your 1st, 2nd, 3rd choices and note if you are unavailable on a certain night. Meals are simple; team captains will direct you.

Teams are: _____ Friday Dinner _____ Sat-
urday Wine & Cheese _____ Saturday Dinner
_____ Sunday Dinner _____ Monday Cleanup/empty trash

Name: _____
Room with: _____ or not sure yet _____ email: _____

Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Day Phone (_____) _____ Night Phone (_____) _____
Lodging Choice #1: _____ Lodging Choice #2: _____

Full payment is now due! Mail form & check (payable to HSC) to trip coordinator: Becky Dollman, 401

SNOWSHOE/SILVER CREEK

December 5,6,7,8 - 2002

Coordinator - Stuart Rogers
Phone 881-4112 email - stuartrogers@comcast.net
P.O. Box 14261, Huntsville, Al 35815

Special New Rate—\$199

Start out the 2002/2003 ski season with a great three or four-day weekend ski trip. Early December at Snowshoe can be fantastic or the trip could be canceled due to no snow. In some years, we have had as much as a 70" base; and on several occasions as much as 3 feet of new snow while we were skiing. No demo days or snow board competition is scheduled, so crowds should not be a problem. We are staying at the best location on the mountain - the Stemwinder condos - **ski-in/ski-out!** Prices are based on double occupancy.

PARTIES

We will have a pre-trip party Sunday, December 1 (right after Thanksgiving), a wine and cheese party on the mountain, and a spaghetti dinner Saturday night in the condos. Breakfast is provided on Saturday morning. And of course, boxed beverages and munchies will be available through the weekend.

Cost/Payment schedule

\$10 sign-up fee, \$15 party fee, \$154 condo (double occupancy), free 2-day lift ticket. **Total - \$199**
Payment Schedule - \$10 at sign-up, \$76 on Sept 18, \$65 on Oct 16, \$58 on Nov 20.

*We will also have group rates on rental equipment. Optional third day (Sunday) lift ticket add \$29. Optional extra night and ski day - add approx \$85. (We can decide to stay or not when we get there.)

Interlaken Switzerland January 18-26, 2003

*Charles Blakely - 882-6879 , Charles.Blakely@att.net
James Hall - 772-9829 , JimEhall2@cs.com*

GENERAL

The trip to Interlaken Switzerland is a Saturday departure and a Sunday return. The cost of the trip is \$1260. Single rates are slightly higher. The all inclusive trip includes the four star Royal St. George hotel, breakfast, dinner, airfare from Atlanta, transfers, fees and taxes. A 3 night post trip extension to Zurich "old town area" beginning January 26 is available for \$300 additional.

A passport is required for travel in Switzerland.

INTERLAKEN:

Interlaken is located in central Switzerland about 60 kilometers south of the capital Bern and about 125 kilometers from the Gateway City of Zurich. It is situated between two lakes and surrounded by three large mountains. The ski train leaves about a block from the hotel.

SKI AREAS:

Three local ski areas consist of 42 lifts, 213 Km of trails and served by one ski pass are Grindelwald, wengen, and muerren. The local train is included in your lift pass. One day ski trips to Zermatt, by train, are possible.

LOCAL TRIPS:

Sightseeing and shopping trips by train to Bern, Lucerne and other local cities are convenient. Bern is a historical old city with numerous museums and shopping. Zurich is the financial center of the world.

For Swiss Rail Pass information go to: www.raileurope.com.

SIGN UP:

If you are interested in going on this trip please sign up before Sept 16. I must release any unused reservations at that time. After this it will cost more, if reservations are available, due to the rising euro.

VAIL COLORADO 8 - 14 FEBRUARY, 2003
TRIP COORDINATOR - JACK RISSE'

In a class by itself, VAIL may be America's most popular ski/snowboard resort. It is certainly the largest in North America stretching 7 miles east to west. It has consistently ranked in the top resorts on the continent and among the very best in the world.

Our accommodations are the SIMBA RUN condos which are about three minutes by private van service from the LION'S HEAD gondola. These are two bedrooms/two bath condos with a comfortable and spacious living area with wood-burning fireplace, dining room, fully equipped kitchen, washer/dryer and cable TV/VCR.

Well what is it going to cost to enjoy this week of skiing.

The ground package which includes 6 nights of lodgings with all taxes, roundtrip bus from Denver, and a five day lift ticket is \$620 per person assuming four people per condo.

The current bulk air rate from Huntsville to Denver is \$240.

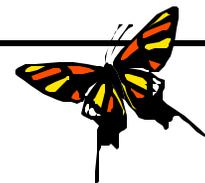
The remaining cost is a \$20 signup fee and a \$20 party fee. That make the total cost of a fabulous six day ski trip to a premiere ski resort only \$900.

Well what is the payment schedule and the cancellation policy.

The payment schedule is \$20 at signup; \$430 by 18 Sept; and the remaining \$450 by 20 Nov.

The cancellation policy is \$125 to 20 Nov 2002. No refunds after final payment.

I have heard so much about VAIL that I always wanted to say that I had skied there. For those like me and some of you who have been there and want to go back this is an excellent opportunity at a very reasonable price to fulfill those desires. If you have any questions please call me at 895-8629(w) or 881-7760(h). My email addresses are jack.risse@cas-inc.com or jack.risse@knology.net . My home address is 15049 Ashmont Blvd, Huntsville, Al 35803.



Monarch Ski Trip - February 15-22, 2003 (*President's Day Week*)

Sue Chatham—461-0262, chatham@knology.net

For the 7th year in a row we will be returning to the scenic Monarch Ski Area on the Continental Divide west of Colorado Springs, Co. We currently have 40 signed up for the trip. We would love to have **YOU** join us.

Pre-Trip party October 26 at 6:00 pm at Sue's Home, 126 Lake Pointe Cir. Hsv.

I you are interested in the trip, please join us for the party. Bring finger food to share, drinks will be provided.

Skiing:

The Monarch Ski Resort, at 10,790 ft., has the highest base elevation of any ski resort in Colorado and is thereby assured of very consistent, dry snow conditions. And, since Monarch is not heavily marketed, there are no crowds to destroy the serenity of the slopes or any new snow-fall from the night before.

Accommodations:

The almost-new Comfort Inn at the lower elevation of 7000 ft is a mainstay of the trip. The Comfort Inn has provided the facilities for the club to have daily Apre-Ski activities such as hot-tub parties, "happy-hours", and "sing-alongs". Plenty of reasonably-priced good-service restaurants are also near the hotel.

Costs:

Ground Package (7 nights lodging, party fee & car):	Adult	Sr. 62+	70+
Lift Tickets (5 days)	\$299	\$299	\$299
Airlines (group airfare HSV to COS on A/A)	\$130	\$ 90	free
Total	<u>\$252</u>	<u>\$252</u>	<u>\$252</u>
	\$681	\$641	\$551

Signup Fee: \$20

VAIL Add-on: We are working with Jack Risse for those who would like to combine the Vail and Monarch trips.

Note: Costs may vary depending on the size of our group and other factors as contracts are finalized.

Salt Lake City (Feb. 15-22, 2002)

NINE Resorts to Ski in SIX Days - "Greatest Snow on Earth"

- 22,600 Acres: 850-to-3500 acres/resort; So many Runs, so little time...☺
- GREAT President's Week Snows; Purchase (Discounted) Lift Tickets to:
 - Alta/Snowbird, Brighton/Solitude ("Cottonwood Resorts")
 - The Canyons, Park City, Deer Valley (in nearby Park City)
 - Newly improved Snowbasin, Powder Mountain (in nearby Ogden)
- Base: 6,400'-8755' w/ Lift-served vertical drops of 1740'-3240'
- Approximate percentages: 20% Begin; 45% Intermed; 35% Adv/Exp

Ground Package (\$300) Includes all taxes and the following:

- 7 nights Lodging - Double Occupancy Ramada Inn Downtown
- Includes Party Fees for Pre-Trip, Party, and Nightly Apres Ski Parties
- Hot Tub, Indoor Pool, Sauna, Exercise Room; Share-a-rental-car included
- Easy Access to downtown SLC Restaurants, Lounges, & Shops

Costs/Payments:

NOW: \$20 Sign-up PLUS \$50 grnd deposit; Lift tickets est.: \$190/skier
Air: Nashville/SLC - Delta (as of 9/23/02) (Cheaper later? or from nearby)
Sample Total: \$741 = Ground(\$300)+Air(\$231)+Lifts(\$190)+signup(\$20)
Becky Dollman; 401 Cloverleaf Dr; Athens, AL 35611; 256-233-0705

NASA Ski Week: Big Mountain, Montana 02/22/03 - 03/01/03

Big Mountain Skiing (Visit... <http://www.ghgcorp.com/coyej/Ski/>):

5-day Lift* to 67 marked runs; longest run is 2.5 miles; Open Bowls, Glades, & Groomed Runs for all levels
3,000 Acres: Beg 750 (25%); Int 1500 (50%); Adv 750 (25%); 300" Snowfall/yr; Elev 4,500-7,000ft

Grouse Mountain Lodge - Ground Package (\$589) - Includes:

7 nights Lodging (DBL occup - 2Q) in VERY nice Lodge on Cross-Country Course in Whitefish, MT
In-room: Color TV, Coffee Maker. Also Hot-tubs, spa, indoor pool, Health Club, Restaurant, & Bar
PARTIES: Pre-Trip; Welcome; Mid-Week; 3 Apres Ski!! Multiple Free Shuttles: nearby Town/Slopes
RT Transfer to/from Kalispell/Glacier Airport (FCA) [20 minutes] - NO Car needed
All Taxes; Porter Fees: Baggage Handling in/out Lodge; Many Lodge amenities; [Non-Skier minus \$131]

Air Package, Options, and Notable Quotes:

RT (Sat-Sat) Huntsville/Salt-Lake-City/Glacier via Delta (\$324 - Sep23) - Still Seeking lower fares
Ski in/out Kandahar Lodge European Style; Add \$155 per person (Double Occupancy)
NASA Ski Week Banquet/Dance: Add \$38 per person - Sit-Down Dinner; includes DJ Dancing
Ski 6th day: - Add \$75 to Ski 6th day at 2,500-Acre Fernie, BC.(includes Bus & B'fast) - or ski BMtn 4less
Snowshoe in Glacier National Park (includes bus, snowshoes, lunch, guide)
-"At its best, Whitefish (Big Mtn) powder is rivaled only by that of the Wasatch (Salt Lake City)" Ski Mag.
-"Wonderful snow, great people, no lines." - Snow County Magazine



LAKE TAHOE

MARCH 1-8, 2003

Coordinator – Stuart Rogers Phone 881-4112

P.O. Box 14261, Huntsville, Al. 35815

E-mail - Stuartrogers@comcast.net

Lake Tahoe offers a variety of ski areas as well as a variety of “other attractions”. With three major casinos within walking distance, we will also have choices of good entertainment and restaurants. Other activities include cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, hot air balloons, etc..

We will be staying in the Tradewinds Resort located two blocks from the state line and in easy walking distance to the casinos and restaurants. The ground package includes seven nights lodging (based on double occupancy) with 5 breakfast coupons and 5 dinner coupons per person for area restaurants, five lift tickets per skier, and airport transfer (round trip).

We will have lift tickets for all of the major resorts (Heavenly, Squaw Valley, Kirkwood, Sierra, Northstar, Alpine Meadows and Boreal). The resorts have free shuttles that pick up at the motel and the casinos. It is a short walk to the Heavenly Valley gondola and to the casinos.

Costs: Sign-up/party fee - \$45, Ground package - \$495, Air (estimate) \$309 Total - \$849
(non-skiers deduct \$150)

Grand Targhee

March 23-30,2002 (AEA week)

Charlie Ross, 461-0262, charlie_ross@knology.net

This is a great trip for those who like the absolute best in ski-in ski-out facilities, no lift lines, and great, mostly-intermediate powder skiing! Good beginners area. Targhee is on the western side of the Grand Tetons and gets the most snowfall of any major ski area. We have picked a week when the snow should be great, the weather sunny, and the rates low. We are getting about a 40% discount off of normal rates and Alabama schools are out that week.

Accommodations: Teewinot Lodge: Ski-In, Ski-Out (literally) with 2 hot-tubs & party room

Transportation: Fly from Huntsville to Jackson Hole and take Airport/Targhee Shuttle (about 1 hour)

Parties: Pre-trip , Post-trip , Daily Happy Hours. Casino party

Optional: Western Dancing,. groomed Cross-Country Skiing, Dog-sledding, & snowmobiling

Costs:

	Adult	Sr (62+)	Child (6-14)
Ground (7 nights lodging, parties, shuttle):	\$341	\$341	\$45
Lifts (6 days):	\$240	\$186	186
Airlines (Group fare, HSV /JAC)	<u>\$370</u>	<u>\$370</u>	<u>\$370</u>
TOTAL:	\$951	\$897	\$601

Jackson Hole Add-on (March 19-22) :

	Adult	Sr(65+)
Ground: (4 nights Days Inn, parties, 3-day lifts, shuttle):	\$385	\$303

Note: A Get-Acquainted party will be held on Sept 8 for participants to meet each other and make travel plans.

Ski Club Calendar

Every Sunday morning afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mullins Bike Ride</i> See Recreation Section for details. • <i>Hiking</i> See Training Section for details.
Every Tuesday evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Biking & Blading</i> See Training Section • <i>Ballroom Dancing</i> See Recreation Section
Alternate Wednesday evenings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cajun/Zydeco Dancing on 2nd and 4th of each month</i> See Recreation Section
Every Thursday evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bike Ride</i> See Training Section
Every Saturday morning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tennis</i> See Training Section
Every 3rd Saturday night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ballroom Dancing at the Shoals</i> See Social Section
Oct. 4 & 5	<i>Fiddler's Convention</i> See Social Section
Oct. 5	<i>Dinner Walk on Redstone Arsenal</i> See Recreation
Oct. 12 & 13	<i>Sewanee Biking & Hiking Weekend</i>
Oct. 18 - 21	<i>Gatlinburg Fall Colors Trip</i>
Oct. 26	<i>Monarch Pre-trip Party</i>
Nov. 2 morning	<i>Foster Falls Hike</i> See Recreation
Nov. 2 evening	<i>Cookout/Hayride at George & Trish Brown's</i>
Nov. 14 - 17	<i>New Orleans Trip</i> See Social
Dec. 7 & 8	<i>Sewanee/Monteagle Christmas Studio Tour</i>
Dec. 14	<i>Christmas Dance</i>

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**Huntsville Ski Club Meeting - Oct. 16
Shoals Meeting - Oct. 17**