



The Flakey News

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A Note from the President

September 2010

We had a good turnout for our annual Snowdrifters Kick-Off party at Dave and Kathy's Fox Riverfront house. The day was hot and sunny so everyone appreciated the sun shelters that Tom Quetsch and Don Tice set up for the party. People brought a variety of food that coordinated well with our Barbeque and drinks. Dave and Donna offered rides on their jet skis, and both Dave and Don provided cool and relaxing river tours on their Pontoon Boats. Big thanks go out to Dave and Kathy for their work in hosting our party on Saturday and Tom, Don, and Wendy who served as our clean-up crew on Sunday.

If you look at the calendar, our September ski meeting is the day before the fall equinox, so I guess we can officially start thinking about autumn activities. A bike ride is planned for the end of September. Also, in the works is a canoe trip down the Rock River in Oregon on October 2nd. This should be a great time to see the fall colors! Details are inside.

We still have spots available for all our ski trips - Granite Peak, Vail, Jackson Hole, and Park City - but don't delay in signing-up for your favorites since they are filling-up quickly. Don't miss out on any of these great tips that Rick has arranged for us this ski season. Check the Newsletter articles for latest trip information and sign up ASAP. As a point of information for the Vail trip participants, while in Colorado a few weeks ago, I viewed the condos at the Vail Spa and I truly believe that everyone will be happy with the accommodations and the outdoor / indoor pools and hot tubs. It looks like a great place to stay, and Vail offers a spectacular variety of "World Class" skiing!

I should have some information on trip insurance from Travel Guard at our September ski meeting. I am still working on a few details with Travel Guard on changes they made to ski trip insurance.

See you all at our September 20th Meeting!

Frank

Summer is over, but there's still fun ahead.

Summer is a busy season for most of us, but when fall comes we have a little more time to make plans for the seasons ahead. Now is the time to sign up for one of the great ski trips we have planned for 2011. Come to the September meeting to sign up for your favorite trip and check out our new meeting place upstairs at the Old Towne Pub in Geneva.

- **Vail** - January 15-22, \$1,275 per person. **Anyone interested in the Vail trip must let us know at the September meeting due to deadlines for lodging commitments.**
- **Jackson Hole** - February 10-14, 2011, \$800 per person
- **Park City** - March 6-13, 2011, \$1,150 per person
- **Granite Peak** - January 7-9, \$295.00 per person (\$275 if over 65, \$230 w/o lift tickets)

Note: To comply with TSA regulations, when you sign up we need your full name as it appear on your ID (most people use their driver's license and include their middle name and suffix : Jr. Sr. etc.) as well as your birth date. If you provide your frequent flyer number we can give that to the booking agent as well.



GRANITE PEAK

January 7-9

\$295.00 / person,

(\$275 / person if over 65, \$230 / person w/o lift tickets)

Trip includes:

- **Coach transportation to/from Kane County fairgrounds and Stoney Creek Inn & Granite Peak**
- **2 nights lodging at Stoney Creek Inn (2 persons/room)**
- **Pizza enroute Friday afternoon/evening**
- **Saturday group dinner**
- **2 Day lift tickets**

One of the club's most popular weekend destinations, Granite Peak rises 700 feet collecting more than its share of natural snow and facing north to foster early snowfalls and excellent late season snow. Nature's bounty is augmented by 500 snow guns, assuring plentiful snow from November through April. There are a total of 75 runs spread over the face of this 700 foot "mountain". There are acres of wide-open beginner runs, mile-long intermediate cruising runs, two mogul runs, five terrain parks with dozens of hits, jumps, rails and other terrain features. Super-steep expert chutes and tree skiing glades. Terrain for all abilities. You can ski for days and still be discovering new runs! This incredible and diverse terrain is served by the most modern lift system in the Midwest including seven new chairlifts and the Midwest's longest high speed chairlift.

Due at sign-up: \$100, Sept \$50, Oct \$50, Nov (balance is due)

Trip Leaders: Roger Vogtmann (630-584-4207) and Barb Gavin



VAIL

January 15-22

\$1,275 / person

Trip includes:

- **Coach transportation to/from Kane County fairgrounds and O'Hare**
- **Lodging at the Vail Spa in 2BR/2BA condos (walk to Eagle Bahn Gondola)**
- **Welcome Wine & Cheese party**
- **Group dinner or pizza party**
- **5 of 8 day interchangeable lift ticket which also includes Beaver Creek, Keystone, Breckenridge and Arapahoe Basin. (Local transportation charges to these locations are not included.)**
- **Round-trip Airfare (UA) between O'Hare and Denver, with bus to / from Vail.**

Consistently rated the #1 ski resort in North America with an average annual snowfall of 360 inches. Vail is the largest single ski resort on the continent with an incredible 5,289 acres. 7 miles of mountain front, 7 back bowls famous from here to Timbuktu. 3 terrain parks, 300 days of sunshine.

Vail is a compact and pedestrian-friendly place, albeit pockmarked by pricey fashion boutiques and often painfully pretentious restaurants. Vail Resorts, which operates the ski area at Vail, also owns an even more exclusive gated resort, Beaver Creek, eleven miles further west on I-70. Lift tickets between the two are interchangeable, which - given the exceptional quality of the snow, and the sheer size and variety of terrain available - produces a formidable winter sport destination.

Vail Spa Condominiums (<http://www.vailspa.com/>) with spacious and comfortable condo lodging it is the preferred lodging address for a vacation to Vail, Colorado. Located in Lionshead, guests enjoy lodging which is conveniently located - it is within walking distance to the Vail Marriott, Eagle Bahn Gondola, the new Vail Plaza, Arrabelle, and Vail Mountain. Come to Vail for the legendary mountain and back bowls. Once here, immerse yourself in all the area has to offer in both Vail and Lionshead Villages. Adventure Ridge at the top of Vail's Eagle Bahn Gondola is open throughout the winter with evening activities. Dining options are available to suit all tastes. A vacation to Vail offers something for everyone.

Transportation Details:

We depart O'Hare for Denver on Saturday, January 15th at 9:00 AM. We will take a chartered bus from Denver to Vail, stopping along the way for groceries. Our return flight leaves from Denver at 5:10 PM on Saturday January 22nd and arrives back at O'Hare at 8:30 PM.

For more information, come to a club meeting and pick up a brochure for the Vail Spa Condos, ski lessons, a trail map, the Vail walking map, and more.

Mountain Statistics:

108 trails; Beginner 18%, Intermediate 29%; Expert/Advanced 53%;

Summit elevation 11,570'; Base elevation 8,120'; Vertical Rise: 3,450'.

Lifts: Total number of lifts: 31; Gondola: 1; High-speed quads: 16; Fixed-grip quad: 1; Triple chairs: 3; Double chairs: 1; Surface lifts: 3; Conveyors: 6

Total Uphill Capacity: 54,963 people per hour

Terrain Parks: 3 Parks: Fly Zone, Flight School and Aviator that include small, medium and large features; 1 Superpipe; 1 Halfpipe

Due at sign-up: \$200, July \$200, Aug \$200, Sept \$200, Oct \$200, Nov \$275

Trip Leaders: Chuck Salisbury (630-584-7680) and Joe Hopp

VAIL RESORTS ANNOUNCE SUMMER CONSTRUCTION

Vail Resorts will spend \$75- 85 million on improvements this summer for the 2010-2011 winter season. Construction will include replacing **Vail Mountain's** High Noon Lift (Chair 5) with a high-speed quad that will continue to serve Sun Up Bowl and Sun Down Bowl while cutting ride time from 12 minutes to six and has an uphill capacity of 2,400 people per hour. Vail's Adventure Ridge will also get additional tubing hill lanes and a new enclosed lift.



JACKSON HOLE

February 10-14

\$800 / person

Trip includes:

- Coach transportation to/from Kane County fairgrounds and O'Hare
- Lodging at the Parkway Inn (hotel-2 people per room)
- Daily deluxe continental breakfast
- Ski shuttle to/from the mountain
- Welcome Wine & Cheese party
- Group dinner or pizza party
- 3 Day lift ticket
- Airfare (AA) Leaving/returning out of O'Hare

Teton Village, Wyo., and Jackson Hole Mountain Resort rise from a great "hole" or basin 12 miles northwest of the town of Jackson. Skiers and riders do their things on 2,500 acres of in-bound terrain and taunt the mountain's 4,139-foot vertical (the greatest continuous rise in the U.S.) There are two mountains: *Après Vous* and *Rendezvous*. An open backcountry gate system gives skiers and free-heelers access to more than 3,000 additional acres of high-country magic. Twelve lift systems serve the mountains and snowboarding is allowed on 100 percent of their terrain. Activities include: Snowboarding - The resort is known for its "Big Mountain Powder Riding." Snowboarding is allowed on all trails. The Terrain Park has a number of slope-style features, and there is a Superpipe under the *Après Vous* Quad chairlift. Cross Country Profile: The Saddlehorn Activity Center is your HQ for snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, dog sledding and telemark adventures. Tours available into Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks for all activities. Unlimited miles of cross country terrain for sleigh riding.

Parkway Inn Open your window curtains to greet the morning light pressing its way through the aspen trees that surround the inn. Come in and enjoy breakfast in the fireplace lounge. Smell the freshly brewed coffee and sample our homemade granola, fresh fruits, yogurt and baked goods. In the afternoon stop by for hot apple cider, meet with friends and stroll along the wooden sidewalks of the historic town square visiting the unique shops, nightspots, and restaurants. Looking for artwork? Galleries galore. From classic to contemporary, there are over 25 art galleries featuring all of the big names in Western art. Then head to the Inn to take a soothing soak in one of our two spas, go for a refreshing swim in the lap pool, or relax in one of our saunas and be ready for one of Jackson's great restaurants.

Mountain Characteristics

- Terrain: 2 mountains, *Après Vous* and *Rendezvous*
- 2,500 acres of in-bound terrain
- Vertical drop of 4,139 feet
- Base elevation: 6,311 feet/1924 meters
- Summit elevation: 10,450 feet/3185 meters
- Uphill capacity: 16,733 skiers per hour
- Open backcountry gate system accesses over 3000+ acres

Runs: 116 Named Trails on the map

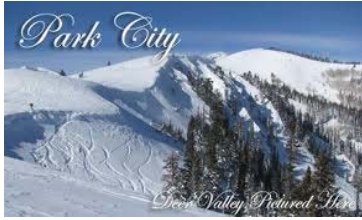
- 50% expert; 40% intermediate; 10% beginner

Snow and Snow Making:

Average of 459"/year over past 10 years and 160 acres of snowmaking coverage.

Due at sign-up: \$150, July \$150, Aug \$150, Sept \$150, Oct \$150, Nov \$50

Trip Leaders: Tom and Pat Quetsch



PARK CITY

March 6-13

\$1,150 / person



Trip Includes:

- Coach transportation to/from Kane County fairgrounds and O'Hare
- Lodging at the Yarrow Hotel (<http://www.yarrowresort.com>) (2 people/room)
- Welcome wine & cheese party
- Daily hot buffet breakfast
- Group dinner or pizza party
- 2 day lift ticket at Park City,
- 2 day lift ticket at The Canyons
- 1 day lift ticket at Deer Valley

What can one say about a week's ski trip to Park City for less than \$1200/person? Sure we were there three years ago in 2008 but.....

Home to three fabulous ski resorts, Canyons, Deer Valley Resort, and Park City Mountain, the character of Park City has been greatly influenced by its location in the Wasatch Mountain Range giving the city a feeling of isolation although the city is only 32 miles east of downtown Salt Lake City. Although the city is now mostly a resort town known for its great skiing and other outdoor activities, its mining roots help the town maintain its friendly and down-to-earth feel.

The Main Street area is the center of Park City. Its Victorian buildings and colorful storefronts make the area quaint and picturesque. The Egyptian Theatre Company is located here where many films for the Sundance Film Festival are screened. The nightlife of Park City is most vibrant on Main Street. Here you can get drinks from the Wasatch Brew Pub or any number of other bars and restaurants late into the night. Main Street is also the center for shopping and contains many art galleries and boutiques such as Mary Jane's and Bunya Bunya, among other independent stores.

Park City Mountain: This resort offers more than 3,300 ski able acres, a 3,300-foot total vertical drop, 475 acres of snow making capability and 100 varied runs. Lift tickets offer access to all of the resort's upgraded lifts including four new high-speed detachable six-packs.

Slope Statistics:

108 trails; Beginner 17%, More Difficult 50%; Most Difficult 33% Average snowfall: 360"; Summit elevation 10,000'; Base elevation 6,900'.

The Canyons: One of North America's largest single ski and snowboard resorts, with an endless number of options. 8 mountains, 3,700 acres of diverse terrain, 163 trails, 17 lifts and the Greatest Snow on Earth®. The Canyons terrain-park crew prides itself on creating the most innovative, unique and versatile park designs for every ability level. They have 2 easily accessible terrain parks as well as a few beginner features for those who are trying to learn. Activities Snowboarding: Fresh powder, 6-natural half-pipes and diverse terrain make The Canyons Resort a classic retreat for snowboarders. Cross country lessons are also available at the area.

Slope Statistics:

Vertical drop 3,211'; Beginner 10%, Intermediate 44%; Expert 46% Average snowfall: 355"; Summit elevation 10,056'; Base elevation 6,956'

Deer Valley: Prides itself on its commitment to customer service - and consistently raises the bar for itself in this regard. A posh, but comfortable resort, Deer Valley was designed and built to bring a new sense of elegance and excitement to the skiing experience. The area has gone to great lengths to keep its slopes uncrowded and the skier experience one of heightened enjoyment and excitement. Snowboarding: Snowboarding is not allowed at the resort. Cross Country Profile: Groomed track skiing and backcountry tours. Slope Statistics:

Vertical drop 3,020'; Beginner 27%, Intermediate 41%; Advanced 27%; Expert 5% Average snowfall: 300"; Summit elevation 9,633'; Base elevation 6,613'

Due at sign-up: \$150, July \$150, Aug \$150, Sept \$150, Oct \$150, Nov \$150, Dec \$250

Trip Leaders: Bonnie Mahlum (630-587-2611) and Greg Olson



Member News

September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all Snowdrifters celebrating this month.

Name	Date
*Karsten Larson	1
Roger Bara	3
Chuck Salisbury	3
Dale Richardson	8
George Krafczyk	15
Carolyn Kerkla	16

Name	Date
Bonnie Carlson	17
Rose Klauba	20
Bill Schrauth	23
*Jeff Stuebinger	28
James Ingemanson	30

"Trip" report

Kickoff party

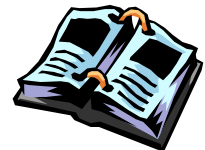
See the trip report in Frank's President's remarks.

Social calendar



Bike outing

Saturday, September 18



Join us for some fresh air and stretch your legs for a 16-20 mile bike ride. We will depart from Michele Kinzler's house at 664 Pheasant Trail in St. Charles. We will start pedaling at 8:30 am. Please arrive 15 minutes early to get organized. We will ride along the Prairie Path and stop for a snack at the half way point. Bring some money for the snack and water for the ride. In case of rain, the ride will be rescheduled. If you need directions, call Michele at 630-513-1987.



Can you canoe?

Saturday, October 2nd

Want to enjoy the crisp fall weather and get a little exercise on an early autumn day? Then come join the Snowdrifters as we paddle down the Rock River. We will meet at 1:00 at TJ's Bait / Tackle and Canoe Rental in Oregon, Illinois. For \$50 we get a canoe for four hours.

We set out from TJ's and they will pick us up at the end of the trip and bring us back to our cars. We plan to recharge our batteries at the nearby Blackhawk Steakpit. If interested, contact Bonnie Mahlum, 630-587-2611. **Commitment and payment must be made at or before the Sept. 20th meeting.**



Recipe of the Month

by Bonnie Mahlum

Duquesas – a Mexican Crepe with two delicious options

My cookbook library is a treasured thing in my kitchen. Whenever I try a recipe I record in the book the date I prepared the dish and any comments or recommended adjustments to try at a later date. This month's recipe is one I first made on September 3, 1969. (Yes, I was just a kid and had to stand on a stool to reach the counter!!) Anyway, I have made it plenty of times since and have enjoyed it as have my guests. It was written by Elena Zelayeta, a blind, Mexican cook whom I saw on television. I was amazed at her ability to be so dexterous in the kitchen - like separating eggs by cracking one in her hand and letting the white filter through her fingers. I hope you find this most unusual dessert quite delectable.

¾ cup coconut

1/3 cup sugar

¼ tsp. salt

2 whole eggs and 1 egg yolk

Fluffy Filling or Brandy Sauce

Combine coconut, sugar, salt, eggs in blender. Blend until coconut is very fine. Heat a small skillet over very low heat and brush with melted butter. Add a heaping tablespoon of the batter in center of pan and tilt pan slowly to spread to about 4 inches in diameter. Cook until browned lightly on one side. Turn carefully and brown second side. Serve cold with Fluffy Filling or warm with Brandy Sauce. Makes 5 servings. If you choose the filling route, these can be made ahead of time. The brandy sauce should be made closer to serving.

FLUFFY FILLING: Combine ¼ cup sugar, 2 tablespoons each light corn syrup and water in small saucepan. Heat, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Boil to 242 degrees F. (syrup will spin a thread about 8 inches long). Pour hot syrup slowly over 1 stiffly beaten egg white, continuing to beat until very thick. Stir in ½ teaspoon vanilla. Fill cooled crepes with this frosting-like mixture, folding edges of crepes almost together over it, so filling shows at the ends. Serve 2 crepes to a person.

BRANDY SAUCE: In small saucepan combine 1/3 cup brown sugar (packed), 1 tablespoon cornstarch and a dash salt. Stir in ¾ cup water. Cook and stir until mixture boils thoroughly. Remove from heat and stir in 2 tablespoons soft butter and 2 tablespoons brandy. Serve warm.

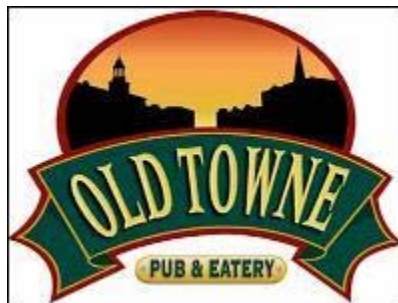


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FIRST CLASS MAIL

Snowdrifters' Calendar

- September 18th
Bike ride 8:30 AM
- September 20th
Board meeting 6:45 PM
General Meeting 7:30 PM
- October 2nd
Canoe Outing
- October 4th
General Meeting 7:30 PM
- October 18th
Board meeting 6:45 PM
General Meeting 7:30 PM



**CHECK OUT OUR NEW MEETING
LOCATION:
UPSTAIRS AT THE OLD TOWNE PUB
IN GENEVA**

**Remember:
We meet twice a month starting in October!**