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**NEXT
GENERAL
MEETING**

NEWSLETTER

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MONDAY

OCTOBER 10

**Location:
Post Oak Grill
1415 S Post Oak**

**Time: 6:30pm
6:30-8:30 PM**

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From Mission Control



LYNN
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President

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timely updates.*



Greetings SCSC'ers !

I want to thank everyone who came to the September Meeting, We had 60 members and guests. There were a number of members who did not come due to them leaving in a few days for the SCSC Greece trip and not wanting to take a chance of testing positive on their Covid test. We had a number of new members and guests coming to see what our club is all about. Thank everyone for welcoming them and making them feel comfortable. This meeting had about the number of people I feel like we will usually have and the service was good. Last month when we had a little over 100 attending and Post Oak Grill was a little overwhelmed.

Rita gave a rundown on the status of our upcoming trips where most are now full or almost full. If you are wanting to go on a trip, please sign up now or get on the wait list. We really have a great time on our club trips regardless whether it is a ski or non-ski trip. It is so much more fun to travel with a group of friends to different destinations. We would still like to add more trips that are non-ski trips but we need trip leaders to run them. If you have an idea for a trip and would like to run it, please let Beverly know. There are a lot of members who want to travel but we have to have someone to run the trip, it can be a long week-end or a week.

Bill has activities such as Happy Hours, parties and other activities planned, watch the website and eblast to let you know what is coming up next. There are dinners planned monthly thru October. There will not be a dinner in November since the date we have is 2 days after Thanksgiving. There is not one in December because of the Gala and the Holidays.

Please participate in the activities and trips. These volunteers spend a lot of their time trying to provide the members with lots of fun things to do.

As you have heard the officers say many times we need Volunteers to help with activities and trips.

We thrive with great volunteers.

I am always available for anyone to call, text or email me about any new ideas they may have about running this club.

Lynn

Count Down to Lift Off

Hello from the trip desk!!

It's been a busy summer. The trips team has been working on the 2022-2023 travel slate since June. The Trip Coordinators have researched their destinations, planned their itineraries and activities, and put the final touches on their trip advertising and marketing materials. Their trip articles were published in the August edition of the Sitzmarke, and they worked with our Webmaster to update and test the website with the trip registration information.

In addition to providing trip info in the Sitzmarke and online, we decided to try out a trip preview meeting. For the first time ever, at the August club meeting, members were able to visit with the trip leaders and ask questions BEFORE trip sign-up. Over 100 people attended, collecting information from the trip leaders, and comparing next year's travel wish lists and plans with their friends.

When the first round of registrations opened at 7pm on August 22, there was a rush to sign up for Vail, Snowmass, Big Sky and Schweitzer. Then on August 29, registration opened for Ischgl, Steamboat, Lake Louise, Jamaica and New Zealand – also with an onslaught of registrations. Our intrepid webmaster, Susan Granbery, stood by both nights to quickly address software questions. Fortunately, everything went quite smoothly. The only real problem we had was early sell-out of some trips! With such an excellent selection of destinations, and an outstanding group of trip coordinators – No Surprise!!

The trips are selling quickly, and many already have waiting lists. If your preferred trips are at capacity – **join the wait list!!** There are always drops and adds for all the trips. If you are on the wait list, you'll be ready to snatch up openings as they occur! But also check out the trips that still have openings. Every destination has its own appeal, so why not try something new or different?

We closed out the 2021-2022 travel season in September when 30 travelers were finally able to complete the Greek Isle trip and cruise. This group of determined travelers had been waiting on this trip since it was originally scheduled in 2020. I know they will be excited to share all the good times and adventures, and all the Opa! Toasts and Ouzo shots, at the next club meeting or happy hour.



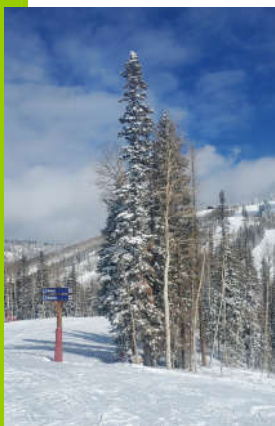
Beverly Roberts
VP Trips

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The
Mountains
are calling
your name.



Here are the trips lined up for 2022 – 2023.

Destinations	Date	Trip Coord.	TC Email	Full pkg \$/pp	Land pkg \$/pp
Vail, CO	12/10-17, 2022	Kate Clinton	Vail@spacecity.org	N/A	\$1,150
TSC - Snowmass, CO	1/7-14, 2023	Steve Ying	snowmass@spacecity.org Sold out - contact TC for waitlist	\$1,809	\$1,423
Big Sky, MT	1/21-28, 2023	Rene Reed	BigSky@spacecity.org Sold out - contact TC for waitlist	\$1,899	\$1,400
TSC- Ischgl, Austria	1/20-28, 2023	Rita Cardenas & Leyla Ozkardesh	ischgl@spacecity.org or ischgl2@spacecity.org	\$3,039	\$1,907
Schweitzer, Idaho	2/4-11, 2023	Melinda Hughes	Schweitzer@spacecity.org	\$1,912	\$1,384
TSC - Steamboat, CO	2/11-18, 2023	Ann Dorn	Steamboat@spacecity.org Sold out - contact TC for waitlist	\$1,917	\$1,560
TSC - Lake Louise, Canada	3/11-18, 2023	Karen Cusack	LakeLouise@spacecity.org Sold out - contact TC for waitlist	\$2,072	\$1,375
Jamaica	4/22 - 29, 2023	George Sargent	Jamaica@spacecity.org	N/A	\$1,067
TSC - New Zealand	10/ 4-15, 2023	Sarah Granbery	NewZealand@spacecity.org Sold out - contact TC for waitlist	\$4,117	\$2,268

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CHECK WEBSITE frequently for trip updates including availability.

www.spacecity.org/trips



Rowena Roche

VP Membership &
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Susan
Scoggins

Membership & Marketing

Our active membership has reached 402 and we have enjoyed seeing many of our members at our General Meetings and monthly activities!

We welcome the following new members

Rebecca Maitland

Jean Jackson

Debra Kloote

Ritesh Moza

Megan Tan

Debbie Pednick

David & Suzanne Linck

Jeff Graham

Peter Simone

Dorann Valka

Orion Mosko & Connie Debow

Brandon & Katie Buchanan

Ted Price

Stacey Guynes

Brian & SusanneFranson

Toni Pucciarello

Roger Kunicki

Chymbeeclyn Larisma

Susan Wolff

Victor Yovanovic

Guests are always welcome at our General Meetings and Happy Hours so please continue to refer your friends!



Membership & Marketing

Continued

Share the fun! Please Remember to check out our Facebook page and share on your social media.

Here's a thought - consider advertising your business in the Sitzmarke and/or on the SCSC web site. We offer the following options:

Full Page - \$75.00/month

Full Page plus website listing - \$100/month

Half Page - \$50.00/month

Half page plus website listing - \$75.00/month

Quarter Page - \$25.00/month

Quarter Page plus website listing - \$50/month

(10% discount for 6 issues)

Limited time Special

Two for One - place an advertisement in the December issue and it will repeat in the February issue at no additional cost.

Please contact Rowena Roche, VP Membership/Marketing – membership@spacecity.org

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Blast off with SCSC Activities



Bil Cusack

VP Activities

It's been a summer! While temperatures were hot (and dry), your club kept a fast pace with cool activities. A combo of new and favorite happy hour locations, monthly dinners, with a sprinkle of beach action at the annual Sandcastle Competition (should be called Festival IMO), Bowling, Biking, Wine Tasting, Day on the Bay, etc.

Thanks to all who are stepping up with ideas and are willing to 'take the wheel' and introduce our members to some of their favorite activities.

Along that line, I am calling on someone experienced in Pickleball to organize an introduction to the sport. Many are interested, but don't know how/where to start.



I will post a disc golf morning to continue my mission of introducing what I think is a terrific pastime; exercise with low impact, fresh air, and socializing.



Our annual Gala has been posted and it's never too early to get your tickets. Get your glitz on and bring your polish to the Post Oak Grill Saturday December 3.

Local Activities = Fun

Local Activities with friends = MORE FUN

Bil Cusack

VP Activities

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A note from our Treasurer



Marti Turner

Treasurer

2021-22 Financial Results

Space City Ski & Adventure Club had another successful year in 2021-22, while continuing to work through challenging COVID restrictions and other travel concerns. During the year, we held monthly meetings for the general membership, as well as, monthly dinners and happy hours. We also provided our members with 7 trips for skiing and other adventures, and 7 “paid” Houston area activities in addition to numerous “no cost” activities. Many thanks to all of the trip, activity, and other volunteers who made these happen.

Below is a link to our 2021-22 financial statements.

[Financial Statements for the Year Ending April 30, 2022](#)

Note: member log-in to the website is required to access this information which may be found under the tab “Documents,” “Financial”

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An update from our Chairman



Ellen Eastman

Chairman of the
Board

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As Chairman of the Board one of my responsibilities is to make certain that the Bylaws are up to date. The Board has proposed three housekeeping amendments which were presented to membership at our September general meeting. Please see below for the amendments to be voted upon at the general meeting in October.

Amendment #1

6.5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. The Committee shall meet at least monthly at a time and place to be designated by the President. Notification of this meeting shall be given to all Executive Committee members by the Secretary of the Club at least 10 days prior to the meeting. Members of the Board of Directors shall be invited to all Executive Committee meetings in a non-voting capacity. ~~Notification to the membership shall be made through the Club newsletter.~~ (Proposed by Board ~~8-1-2022 11-12-2001~~)

Note: Board agreed to add the ExComm and Board meeting dates to the club calendar. If someone wants to attend they may contact a Board member for the meeting link.

Amendment #2

Article 3.0 Management

3.1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

3.2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

~~3.3- REPORTS.~~

~~A. ANNUAL REPORTS. All officers shall file written reports documenting their activities while in office in a manner and form acceptable to the Board of Directors within sixty (60) days of the end of their term of office or be in violation of the Club Bylaws.~~

(Proposed by Board to remove Section 3.3 Reports 8/1/22)

Amendment #3

9.1 METHOD OF AMENDMENT. These Bylaws may be amended only by the following procedure:

A. A proper motion must be made and seconded at any Regular, Annual or Special Meeting of the general membership, providing a quorum is present.

B. The proposed amendment shall then be published in the next Club newsletter.

PROPOSED:

B. The proposed amendment shall then be published in the ~~Club eBlast in the weeks following the Regular, Annual, or Special Meeting of the general membership. Following the meeting of the general membership that the Amendment(s) passed, the Amendment(s) will be published in the~~ next Club newsletter. (Proposed by Board 8/1/22)

SPACE CITY SKI & ADVENTURE

SCSC is so much more than skiing:

Dinners, happy hours, hiking, bike rides, theatre, bowling, game nights, adventure travel, and, of course, lots of trips!



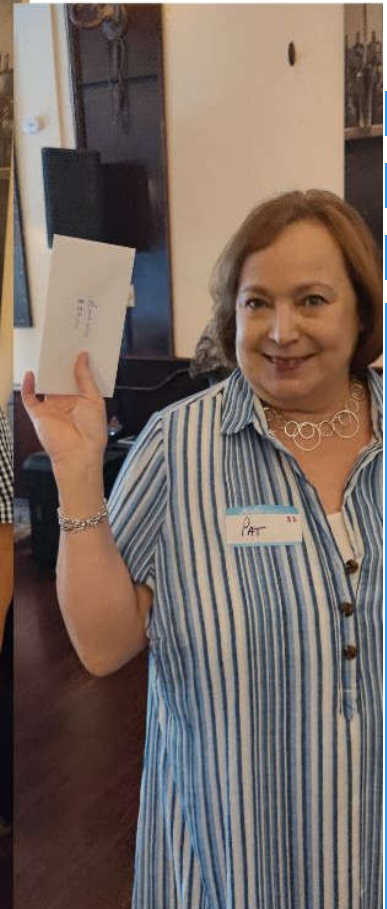
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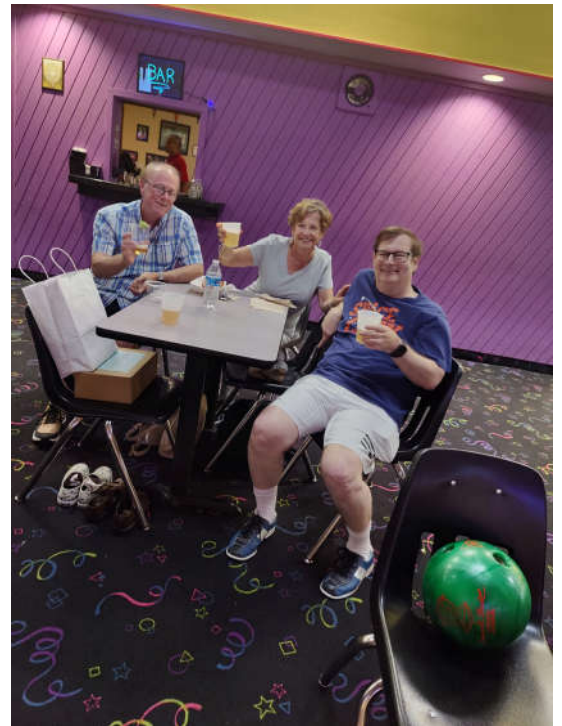




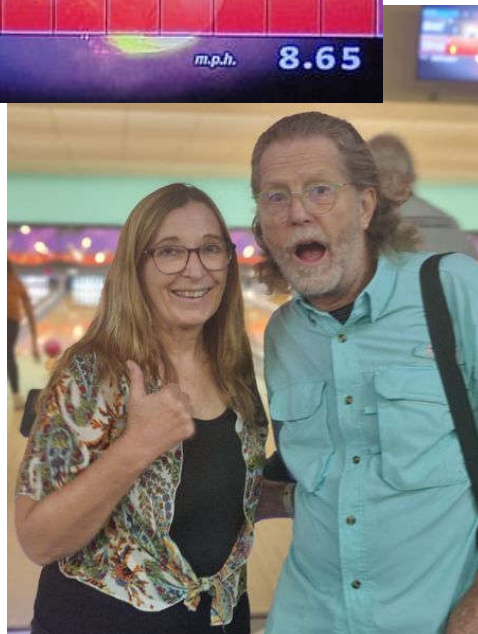
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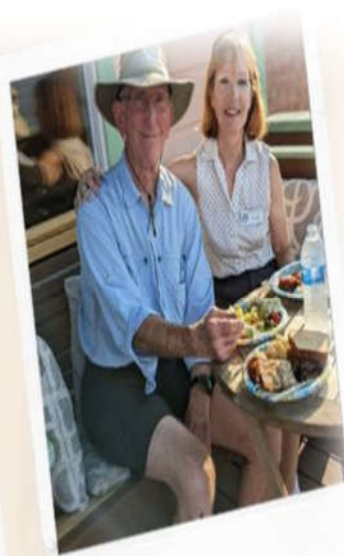
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An Afternoon at Marty's Bay Home



5 Scenarios When You Need Trip Interruption Insurance

By Rita Cardenas,
Director of Trips

Information obtained from Allianz Travel



This past 3 years has been a roller coaster with trip planning and the uncertainty that comes with travel. I highly recommend that if you trips planned for the year, that you consider travel insurance.

Travel insurance is a plan you purchase that protects you from certain financial risks and losses that can occur while traveling. These losses can be minor, like a delayed suitcase, or significant, like a last-minute trip cancellation or a medical emergency overseas.

A few things you should know about travel insurance:

- Benefits vary by plan. It's important to choose a plan that fits your needs, your budget and your travel plans.

- Travel insurance can't cover every possible situation. Allianz Global Assistance offers *named perils* travel insurance, which means it covers only the specific situations, events, and losses included in your plan documents.

- Travel insurance is designed to cover unforeseeable events— not things you could easily see coming, or things within your control. If, for example, you wait to buy insurance for your beach trip until *after* a named hurricane is hustling toward your destination, your losses wouldn't be covered.

How Does Travel Insurance Work?

In most scenarios, travel insurance reimburses you for your covered financial losses after you file a claim, and the claim is approved. Filing a claim means submitting proof of your loss.

Many travelers are wondering: **Can COVID-19 be considered a covered reason for trip cancellation?** And can travel insurance help if you become seriously ill with COVID-19 while traveling? Some of our most popular travel insurance plans now include epidemic-related covered reasons (benefits vary by plan and are not available in all jurisdictions. The new Epidemic Coverage Endorsement adds covered reasons to select benefits for certain losses related to COVID-19 and any future epidemic. To see if your plan includes this endorsement and what it covers, please look for "Epidemic Coverage Endorsement" on your Declarations of Coverage or Letter of Confirmation. Terms, conditions, and exclusions apply. Benefits may not cover the full cost of your loss. All benefits are subject to maximum limits of liability, which may in some cases be subject to sub limits and daily maximums.

Experienced travelers know that trip cancellation benefits are a must-have to protect their trip investment. But what about **trip interruption benefits**?

Trip interruption is a vital part of your travel insurance plan. In essence, it protects you from financial loss when your travel plans change during your trip due to certain circumstances that are out of your control. Trip interruption doesn't just mean ending your trip early. It also can mean pausing your trip, extending your trip, or altering your travel plans.

Here are just a few common travel scenarios in which trip interruption benefits can save the day.

1. You get injured or fall ill during your trip.

A disabling illness or injury, such as your bike-crash fracture, can be a covered reason for interrupting your trip. If you have trip interruption benefits, you can be reimbursed for the nonrefundable trip costs you don't use—in this case, the remaining six days of the tour.

If you must stay on the island for an extra day or two because of your injury, trip interruption benefits can cover your hotel room (up to the maximum limit in your plan). Your benefits also can pay for reasonable transportation expenses you incur to return home.

You should know: If you or a traveling companion experiences a disabling illness, injury, or medical condition while traveling, you should consult a doctor before interrupting your trip. A medical provider must confirm the decision to interrupt the trip within 72 hours of that decision.

2. A family member experiences a serious illness or injury during your trip.

Your lost vacation is the last thing on your mind, but insurance can help with that too. If you must cut your trip short for a covered reason, you can be reimbursed for your unused prepaid trip costs. **You should know:** To be considered a covered reason for trip interruption, a family member's illness, injury, or medical condition must be considered life-threatening by a doctor or require hospitalization.

3. Unforeseen circumstances cause you to miss half of your trip.

Your trip interruption benefits can reimburse your unused trip expenses when you miss at least 50% of the length of your trip due to a covered reason (such as lost or stolen travel documents). **You should**

know: When your trip gets delayed or disrupted, don't give up right away! Call 24-hour assistance for help making alternate travel plans.

4. You or a traveling companion must quarantine during your trip.

When you read your travel insurance documents and see everything that's covered, you come up with a plan. First, your travel insurance can cover your extra accommodation and transportation costs if a covered trip interruption (such as your travel companion being ordered to quarantine) means you must stay where you are longer than planned. Your plan benefits have a limit of \$250 per day for five days.

5. A travel delay prevents you from reaching your destination for at least 24 hours.

Your trip interruption benefits can reimburse you for the cost of reasonable alternative transportation, minus any refunds the airline provides. You'd also get reimbursed for any prepaid accommodations you don't get to use because of the delay.

You should know: Once you discover you need to interrupt your trip, you must notify all of your travel suppliers within 72 hours.

There are many more covered reasons for trip interruption beyond these five scenarios! Read your plan documents before you leave, so you understand how you're protected.

Need travel insurance for your upcoming trip? Don't wait until it's too late. I personally have a yearly multi-trip travel insurance plan with Allianz Global. www.allianztravelinsurance.com

World Nomads Travel Insurance is also a good provider; however, they do have an age restriction. www.worldnomads.com/usa/travel-insurance

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EVAN HOWELL
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Ads are free for members in the October issue.

Want to see your name card in the December issue? Only \$10 per issue; \$30 for the remaining 3 issues.

Contact the Sitzmarke Editor to place a Name Card advertisement.

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WANTED

Officers

Trip Leaders

Activity Leaders

VOLUNTEERS

As soon as the new year begins (May 1st) and the new officers take their place, then we begin looking for officers for the following year. And our search is always on for new Trip and Activity Leaders.

Officers Contact the Nominating Committee now.

Nominating Committee Contact Lynn Burch to volunteer as the chairman or as a member of the Nominating Committee. Their task is to recommend a panel of eligible candidates for 7 officer positions:

President
VP Activities
VP Trips
VP Membership and Marketing
VP Communications
Treasurer
Secretary

Trip Coordinators contact Beverly Roberts if you have a proposed trip to run, or to volunteer as TC for a future trip.

Activity Leaders contact Bil Cusack to share your idea for a new activity especially if you are willing to coordinate and lead an event. Or volunteer to lead an event that is already planned.

Contact	Area	Email Address
Lynn Burch	Nominating Committee	President@SpaceCity.org
Beverly Roberts	Trips	Trips@SpaceCity.org
Bil Cusack	Activities	Activities@SpaceCity.org

Also NEEDED

The Sitzmark is always seeking member [photos for the cover page](#). Images should be taken in

Portrait orientation vs horizontal.

Please email to dop@spacecity.org

Hiking & Sightseeing Yosemite National Park

May 2022

TC Arlen Isham approached this trip with no trepidations even though there was an over abundance of 17 ladies in our 22-person group. And as seen in the group photo below taken on the last night of the trip, all have happy faces after a fun 4 days.



Even with the various airlines changing schedules on us in the spring, everyone managed to arrive at the Oakland airport in time to meet the three 12 passenger vans on Saturday. The drive to Yosemite was about 175 miles. from Oakland. We did hit terrible traffic a couple times on 99 that was stop and go. Luckily Carol Croom came up with a bypass plan that got us around one 30 minute slow down. Many thanks to the van drivers who chauffeured the group around.

Van 1, driver Arlen Isham had Navigator, Carol Croom, Alice Allbritton, Craig Campbell, Gene & Kathy Beyer, and Joan Waddill

Van 2, driver Gary Haley had Dana Weller, Jeanne Dazey, Rita Marie Hanson, Trish Davenport, Melody Bohlmann, Dotty Morrogh and Kurt Schidlowski & Johanna Gonzales

Van 3, driver Susan Granbery had Debra Edwards, Jill Nanney, Marilyn Murray, Marsha Lutz, & Yvonne McMahon. Susan did well with her iPhone for directions, but had Yvonne, Jill and Marsha helping at times.

Yosemite had restrictions on vehicles entering the park, so we had reserved entrance into the park a couple months in advance. This was very helpful and various timed departures worked well for the group with our varying levels of hiking stamina. The park shuttle buses worked fairly well for getting the group around to the various trails and sights.

Arlen, Carol, Alice, Joan, Craig, Gene, & Kathy, hiked to just below the Lower Yosemite falls and later up about 1,000 feet to get a side view of the upper falls. Yosemite falls is 2,425 feet high and the 5th highest in the world. A very hard 5-mile round Others enjoyed shorter hikes to Yosemite Falls and off and on short trails at various stops. Jill and Mar-

Tough Trail alongside Yosemite Falls-this was the easy part.



We visited the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias - Located about an hour from the hotel in the southern portion of Yosemite, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is the largest sequoia grove in Yosemite and is home to over 500 mature giant sequoias. Susan Granbery had done some research ahead of time and took her group on a short detour on the way to Mariposa Grove to Tunnel View -



It was a bummer to find the shuttles were not running, so the group had to hike uphill about 2 miles, 800 feet elevation change just to get to the normal hiking start point to see the huge Sequoias. Then some more uphill to see the trees. The biggest one we saw was the Grizzly Giant at 209 feet tall and 28 feet in diameter. We also saw the Bachelor and three Graces, the California tree and other huge sequoias along the path and road. Kudos to our group that made the about 6-mile round trip



We walked on the road going back down to the vans. Much easier for everyone. I was able to get the Park Ranger to let one van go back up through the gate to pick up some of the group to save walking all the way down.

While Susan's van riders started the unplanned 2-mile hike she explored the area down below - finding a pioneer Yosemite museum and did a short drive along the river. Her van group finished the hikes at different times, but all met up for a great lunch at the beautiful Wawona hotel. It was a nice find off the main road and a welcome rest for Jill, Marsha and Yvonne who apparently were some of the few that made the hike all the way to the California tree.

The Pass to Tuolumne Meadows did not open so our afternoon plans changed. We went back to the main park. Everyone scattered, but my van went to the famous grand hotel, Ahwahnee, for a pleasant afternoon drink and relaxation. Our Space City Ski Club group did not stay there at the over \$600 per night rate. Gary's van accidentally went to the town of Ahwahnee instead of the hotel. and had lunch. Oh well – still an adventure and a much less expensive lunch than at the Ahwahnee Hotel.

On the drive to the Mariposa Grove of Sequoias, we went by a beautiful field of wildflowers. They reminded us Texas Bluebonnets.

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On return to Yosemite View Lodge, several of us enjoyed wine in the spa.



We returned to Yosemite National Park to explore at our convenience. Jill and Marsha kicked off the day with a fabulous brunch at the Ahwahnee Hotel others had enjoyed the day before. Then hiking to Mirror Lake was in order to burn off the huge meal. Arlen led an approximate 10-mile round trip hike up the Mist Trail next to Vernal Falls, and then further up

to the top of Nevada Falls - almost 2,000 feet up from the parking lot. The hike up the Mist trail was fun if you are a masochist and love huge wet steps. Gene, & Kathy and much of the rest of the group explored the Happy Isles area and out to Mirror Lake and back. Mirror Lake was popular because of its beauty and also since it was listed as an easy hike. But actually it was not so easy with much of the hike being walking on fairly large, uneven rocks. At least it had little elevation change. After returning to the Yosemite View, and a little recovery in the hot tub, the whole group celebrated the trip with a pizza and wine dinner with sounds of

Beautiful Rainbow below Vernal Falls.



Craig and Carol on the John Muir Trail above Nevada Falls.



Craig had big bandages for my knees.

I tripped stepping on the bridge above Vernal Falls.

Five of the group extended their trip to San Francisco and Seattle. The vans did about 550 miles for the trip. Great news for me, Trip Coordinator, that we had no other injuries with all the walking and hiking. It was a great group with many who had never been to Yosemite before.

Additional Notes from Some Yosemite Participants:

From Craig Campbell - My favorite part of the trip was the hikes. My least favorite was being pizzaed out.

From Carol Croom I was really looking forward to being on another adventure with Arlen as this one makes 25 for me. The first hiking day, Alice and I hiked Upper Yosemite Falls; it was a tough hike with about 2,000 feet of elevation gain. I watched younger people go by us but then thought almost no one in their 70s is doing anything like this and so started smiling and thanking God.

Our last day of hiking was probably the most fun if you can call it that. I hiked with Alice, Craig and Arlen. The hike was to Vernal Falls, then to Nevada Falls and back down the John Muir Trail. This mist hike was tough going up, but we were rewarded with a lot of cool mist along Vernal Falls; glad I had my rain jacket and then the descent was so much easier than the big boulders we had to climb over going up. The trip ended with a group picture, some hugs and goodbyes. I made a lot of new friends and hope to see some of them again on future SCSC trips.

From Gene & Kathy Beyer - What a wonderful trip and such awesome sights. However, Kathy & I decided we bit off more than we could chew, but we made it! Have not been so tired in years and my QUAD'S were killing me. We will not listen to Arlen anymore with his not-so-bad trail thing! HA!

From Dana Weller Enjoyed the hike with a big group including my roommate, Jeanne, to Bridal Veil Falls. Mirror Lake hike made for a perfect day in Yosemite for Dottie, Melody, and I. The reflections in the lake were magnificent. We took loads of photos as everywhere you looked beauty surrounded us. On the way back, we made a wrong turn and had to cross to the correct path by way of fallen trees over water. A young girl showed us the way by demonstrating the technique she used to successfully cross. Second stop was The Ahwahnee Hotel for drinks and a lovely lunch. We were seated in one of the best tables in dining room in an alcove with a huge picture window framing Bridal Falls in the backdrop.

From Johanna Gonzales - Yosemite was a great experience, its beauty and all of the different interesting places we visited. Kurt enjoyed hiking all the way up to the Grizzly Bear taking in the beauty of the area and the enormous trees. I stayed behind because I am not a seasoned hiker and enjoyed watching the hikers go by. We also visited the falls and the beauty of the water was awesome. We walked quite a bit in the area and the weather was so very pleasant. Later we stopped at EL CAPITAN with the expectation of perhaps escalating the wall but when we arrived at the base, we realized we were not fully prepared to do so, quite a disappointment. Ha! We also visited the Museum which explained many interesting things about Yosemite. We rode the shuttle twice which gave us a good perspective of how large Yosemite is.

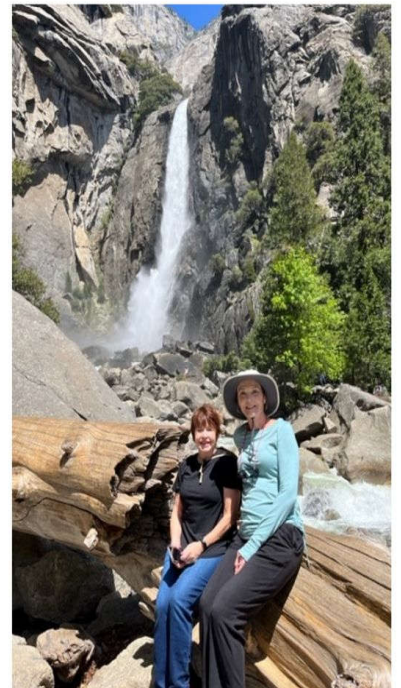
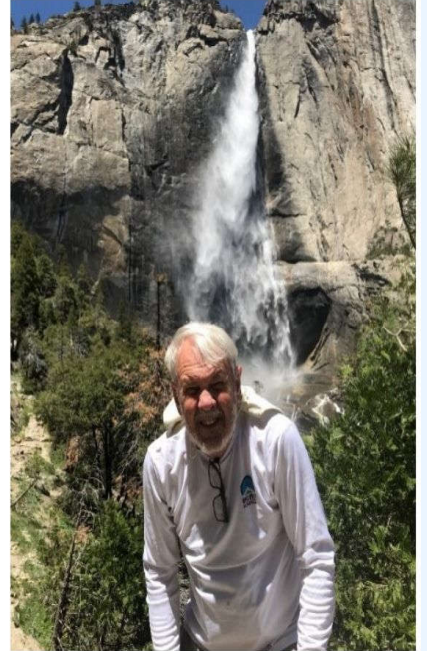
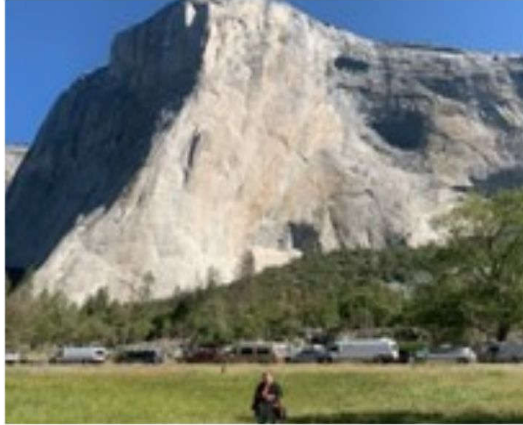
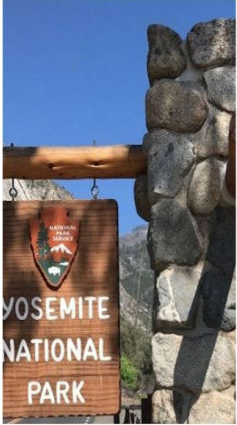
We then took side trips to Napa and Sonoma in the wine country and visited Sebastiani, the oldest winery, really worth the visit. Of course, we bought some wine! We then went on to Santa Cruz by the sea and lastly to Carmel where we took advantage of the fine restaurants and visited the famous Pebble Beach Golf Course.

From Jeanne Dazey – Thanks again for running these trips! It allows an older single lady like me the opportunity to see beautiful parts of our country with like-minded friends! I'm so grateful to see the national parks, and even though I'm not much of a hiker anymore, I still love seeing it!

From Marsha – Waterfalls are my second favorite thing in nature next to sunsets. Yosemite has some nice waterfalls.

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

A good time was had by all!



Bruges to Amsterdam Bike & Boat Trip



After a 3 year delay due to the COVID pandemic, Space City members finally embarked on the long awaited trip on June 6 – 14, 2022. Most of our 20 members landed at the Brussels airport and made their way by train to the city of Bruges, also called “Pearl of Flanders”. We chose the Raddison Blu hotel by the train station as a one-night stay and meeting place to recover from jet lag. This gave our members to have an opportunity to sightsee in lovely Bruges. Marsha Lutz noted Bruges has swans and horse and buggies everywhere. Not your everyday town sightings. The days were long, so we had more time to explore the towns along the river in the evenings. Sunrise at 5:30, sunset at 10:00.

We officially began our trip with a meet and greet at the Raddison Blu hotel bar on Monday evening with appetizers and drinks. Brian Alexander and Rita Hejny joined our trip from Oklahoma and Patricia Ellersieck joined us from Austin.

Tuesday was our officially first day of the trip, we made a short commute to the location where the Magnifique III boat was docked. We were greeted by our tour guides Peter and Ester who escorted each participant to their cabin and explained the layout of the boat. We then got fitted for our bike and rode around the parking lot and then a short trip through the city of Bruges. We split into two groups with Craig Campbell and Jim Hassing being named our official sweeps and earning a well-deserved beer at the end of the day.





When we arrived back at the boat each day, Diane Gresko introduced everyone to the game of Rummikub. Needless to say, there were some very competitive players and a game brewing every day before dinner.



Day 2 was our first full day of riding, we encountered rain on the outskirts of Bruges by pedaling toward Ghent through the beautiful Flemish landscape along the canal. We stopped along a farm and was surprised to see a station of vending machines full of fresh strawberries.

Rain was coming down heavy, so we stopped at a local pub to dry out and wait till the rain slacken. Marilyn Swanson ordered a morning pint thinking she was ordering tea, in the meantime met a new cal friend while nursing her pint. Later that evening we were pleasantly surprised with a chocolate tasting by our tour guide Peter.



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On day 3, we cycled to downstream to Ghent which provided a diverse landscape along the tidal Schelde River to Dendermonde located at the junction of Dender and Schelde Rivers. After dinner, Peter our tour guide gave us an excellent beer tasting. The bar on the boat was always a happening place well into the evening. Robert Rowely entertained us with singing and his harmonica at the bar.

Day 4 we followed the Schelde further downstream through the Temse region to Antwerp. We enjoyed a walking tour at Antwerp by our guide Peter and enjoyed sampling chocolate. Later that evening we departed the boat for a fabulous dinner at a Brazilian restaurant

Fogo. Next door to Fogo's was a disco, which we danced off the big meal. We ran off the DJ after he couldn't handle our requests for good disco songs. Some of the locals joined us for a lesson in line dancing by Diane Gresko. The group lead by Dave Gresko headed to check out the "Red Light District". Apparently, we had cycled through the area earlier in the day but had to focus on the busy streets and stop lights. So, we had to go back that night and get a better look. Rita Hejny gave us an over-view at breakfast the next morning of what she saw. We also encountered a group of young men out for a "Buck Party" (bachelor party), when they found out we were from Texas they had to have a group picture. We found the locals to be very friendly and happy that tourism was back.



Day 5 we cruised Antwerp and cycled the Kreekrak locks to Tholen, a former fishing village amidst the large streams of the province of Zeeland. We cycled along the impressive Volkerak locks to the fortified town of Willemstad, then cycle on to Dordrecht, one of the oldest cities of the Netherlands. Vivian Hassings was the self-designated group photographer; she was always on the look out for the perfect picture.



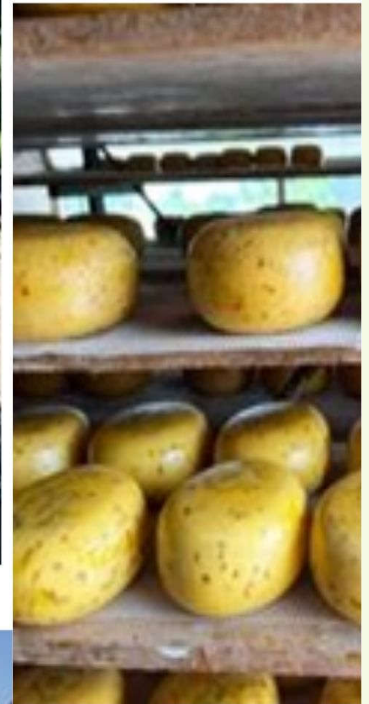
Day 6 we started the day with the “Waterbus” a fast ferry to Alblasserdam. The most scenic part of the trip was Kinderkijk a village famous for its impressive row of 19 UNESCO cultural heritage listed windmills. We stayed in Kinderkijk to take in the sights of the windmills and the many photo opportunities.



Day 7 we cycled along the small Vecht river, an area known for its beautiful mansions, small castles and houses with large gardens. After cycling through the villages of Nieuwersluis, Loenen and Vreeland, we arrived to Nigtevecht where we visited a traditional cheese farm. We were given a briefing and tour on how they make gouda cheese and of course had the opportunity to buy freshly made cheese. We cycled into Amsterdam passing through the train station. Wow, what an exciting experience with so many other cyclists and pedestrians coming off the ferry at the same time. We dined on the boat and said our goodbyes to our wonderful crew that took care of us and ensured we had a memorable excursion.

Day 8 we departed the boat in Amsterdam, giving warm hugs.





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The purpose of the council is to bring together our member clubs to ski, snowboard and travel. The TSC runs four ski trips and two tour/adventure trips world-wide each year. All members associated with the TSC are eligible to participate in member club trips. This often brings trip options to over 40 per year.

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The TSC Nomination Committee is on the hunt for new officers for the May 2023-April 2024 term. Currently they know that a new President is needed. It's possible that other new officers will be sought as well.

If you are interested in becoming an officer of the TSC, please contact Dave Stotz. His contact info can be found in the SCSC membership directory on the club website: www.spacecity.org
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Sandcastle Competition











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