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## FROM MISSION CONTROL

BY BILL BOMBERGER, PRESIDENT

I have been asked by several members of the club why there are not any meetings during the summer months. It is because there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes by your officers, board members and trip leaders.



The first thing that has to be done is create an operating budget for the club. Then we have to select and approve all of the trip leaders for the next ski season and then have a couple of training meetings for the ski trips. All of the trips have to then submit budgets for approval so we can get the prices published by the August Sitzmarke for you. The September meeting needs to have a bigger and better venue for you to select your trips or meet with your fellow skiers if you signed up through our website. All of this takes a lot of time for your officers to work on in June, July and August. This is why we do not hold General Meetings during the summer months.

All of this can be changed, but we need your input and volunteering to make changes. If we do not hear your great ideas, we cannot discuss implementing them to improve the club. Currently, we have a committee reviewing everything that is done in the club to simplify the operation. The first issue being addressed is how to make it easier for our trip leaders to be trip leaders! The amount of administration is overwhelming and the committee is coming up with great ideas to accomplish this task.

Yes, as always, we need you to step up and volunteer. It is not too early for us to start looking for the next year's officers. There are several of us that have been officers for more than one year in a row. We will all be stepping aside for some new blood to take over the operation of the club. You will receive a lot of assistance from the previous officers, as we have to move on to become members of the board of directors.

Please assist us in keeping Space City a great club.

## COUNTDOWN TO LIFTOFF

BY BEVERLY ROBERTS, VICE PRESIDENT OF TRIPS

Hello from the trip desk!!

The weather is starting to heat up, and so is the activity around the trip calendar for 2017-2018. We're putting together a trip slate that has something for everyone. You're going to love our ski locations, but you expected that! This is SPACE CITY!! You're also going to love the other trip options.



- Did you love the bike/barge last year, or did you talk to your friends who loved it and you wish you had gone? Guess what – Back again – better than ever!
- How about cruising? We are looking at two amazing choices.
- First time ever, we're going to combine a Galveston cruise with dance options. We're going to have DANCE TEACHERS on the cruise with us. But if you're not a dancer, No Prob!! Just come and chill with your SCSC peeps on this affordable cruise out of Galveston.
- Another fascinating cruise is planned for 2018 – CUBA! The hottest new travel destination. You will have to act fast – this will sell out very quickly!
- Don't forget our TSC summer expedition trips. A large group is preparing to explore Iceland in August – what a bucket list trip. And speaking of bucket list trips – the 2018 trip to Patagonia is definitely in that category. With a side trip to Easter Island. Amazing!!

Here is the full slate of trips under review for 2017-2018:

### 2017

August 21-29	Iceland (sold out)
November 5-12	Galveston cruise
December 9 – 16	Vail

## 2018

January 13 – 20	TSC Traditional – Steamboat Springs, Colorado
January 20 – 27	Crested Butte, Colorado
January 27 – Feb 3	Big Sky, Montana
January 27 – Feb 3	TSC Winter Expedition – Cortina, Italy
February 3 – Feb 10	Salt Lake City ‘Sampler’ – multiple ski mountains near SLC
February 10 – 17	TSC Winter ShootOut – Beaver Creek
March 3 – 10	Snowmass, Colorado
June 23 – 30	Croatia Bike/Barge
November 1 - 9	Cruise to Cuba, with departure from Jamaica

Clear your calendars and get ready for an amazing

### **HAVING A BLAST**

**BY LYNN BURCH, VICE PRESIDENT OF ACTIVITIES**

Thanks to everyone who signed up for my first two events. We will keep having a lot of fun things to do, if you keep participating.



The dinner at Yao's on May 13 was a complete success. The food was very good, the service was great and for the 35 participants that came, a good time was had by all. Everyone is looking forward to the next dinner.

The 3 Breweries and a Bus tour on Sunday May 21, 2017 got off to a good start by leaving on time. The bus driver's name was Elvis so the 25 attendees had fun with him telling him to take them to Las Vegas. Town in City Brewery had an air conditioned tap room so this where most everyone stayed since it was so humid outside. Eureka Heights Brewery had around 100 board games, so some took advantage of those. There were food trucks here, so a number of the participants ate Fish Tacos, Sweet Potato Fries and Po Boys among other selections. The last stop was at Brash Brewing where they had several old ar-

cade games that a few played. Of course, all sorts of beer drinking throughout the afternoon.

At the May meeting and the Yao's dinner, I handed out a schedule for all the summer activities. If you have not received one, I will keep handing them out at all the events. All you have to do to keep up with, and sign up for all the events is to go to the SCSC web site often. I will try to have all the events ready for sign-up two months in advance.

Here is what is coming for June & July:  
The dance lessons will continue every Wednesday as long as people are interested. See George Sargent.

June 10 - There is a wine tasting at [Total Wine](#) and then dinner at [Berryhill](#). So far, we are about half full so don't wait until the last minute to sign up. Sign up online or see Lynn Burch.

June 18 - Chicago/Doobie Bros. Concert at Cynthia Woods Pavilion is sold out already.

June 22 - Happy Hour at [The Black Labrador](#).

June 24 - Volunteer Appreciation Party being held at a private residence. Volunteers have been emailed invitations and asked to RSVP. Members who did not volunteer may attend the party for \$15. Please register online. (members should always log in before registering!)

July 3 - Village People free concert at Miller Outdoor Theater. Sign up online or see Barb Penkala.

July 8 - The next monthly Saturday Night Dinner will be at the [Steamboat House](#) (by the horse race track on Beltway 8). We will not host a June Dinner since we already have a dinner connected to the June 10th Total Wine event, as well as our big Volunteer Appreciation party and dinner on June 24th.

July 14 - "Astros game!" Sign up online or see Jill Nanney.

July 16 - Stand Up Paddleboard. This was a big success last year. Sign up online or see Ali Pethick.

July 30 - [Messina Hof Winery](#) in Bryan for a Grape stomping & vineyard trip and then go to Plantersville to [Bernhardt Winery](#) to hear an afternoon concert. We have our own bus taking us around. Sign up online or see Marsha Lutz.



## LAUNCH PREPERATION

BY LAURA CARMIN, VICE PRESIDENT OF MARKETING

Hi folks,

Well it has been a whirlwind introduction back into the Ski Club! WOW! Starting a new job at the same time as becoming VP of Marketing has been a roller coaster ride. Somebody forgot to mention that the Club is part of an Amusement Park! Added to all of that, I put my back out and was flat on my back for a week and heavily sedated. I do believe the extra meds for my back have also had a positive impact on my torn meniscus. I am keeping my fingers crossed I don't have to have surgery.



With the help of many people, we got the wrist bands ordered which will be distributed at the Sand Castle event in June to help promote the Club. I am unable to attend this event as I work weekends in my gift shop at Traders Village.

Just a thought but Traders Village may be a good spot to recruit new members when they are having events here. They are having a Car Show & Concert for Dad's Day in June, a Rock & Pop Tribute and a Shrimp Fest in September and the Village Art Car Show, the VW Car Show and the American Indian Pow Wow events in November. We could use my shop as the base but I would need a volunteer to go to the back corner where they hold the events to pass out post cards and/or goodies to promote the Club. Any volunteers?

Huge thanks to all those who stepped up to the plate to cover my absence and to make sure we got the first order for wrist bands with the Club name and web site ordered in time to be delivered to Lynn for the Sand Castle event.

Have fun y'all!

## RECRUITMENT UPDATE

BY ANNE THOMAS, VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Thank you for your prompt renewal payments! With online web access and pesky email reminders our renewal rates are soaring.



If you forgot or just didn't get around to it, don't fret as you have a few more weeks to access your online profile. However, after June 30th profiles for former (unpaid) members will be gone.

Why Renew? Why Join? Benefits of Membership?

- Space City encourages and welcomes new members.
- Current members receive first notice of upcoming trips, activities and last minute openings.
- Belong to a great group of people that love skiing, adventure, socializing and making new friends. It's not all about snow.
- Online registration and payment for ski trips and activities – some sell-out quickly!
- SCSC includes automatic membership into the Texas Ski Council.
- Enjoy 10% off at Saint Bernard Sports as a Space City Ski Club member.
- Daily cost of our annual membership is less than 10 cents per day. What a bargain, especially compared to other social, activity clubs in Houston.
- Members are eligible for fun door prizes at our monthly meetings.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our monthly Happy Hours and awesome summer activities.

For membership questions, contact Anne Thomas:  
[Membership@SpaceCity.org](mailto:Membership@SpaceCity.org)

Hey Ski Club Members:

What is iFly? It's an activity where one can simulate the freefall from an airplane. Except the airplane isn't used! And you don't need a parachute. Every iFly facility has a wind tunnel mounted vertically and the wind speed is adjusted to the abilities of the flyer.

The flyer "floats" in the air. Neat? Absolutely! This is not scary though I use a lot of sarcasm making people think it might be! Pictured below you'll notice familiar faces. I can't think of anyone who didn't think this activity wasn't worth it. The responses I got were highly positive.

Watch the video by clicking on this link:  
[iFly and Space City](#)

The video is comical and hope you find it fun to watch. The audience will recognize the excitement of the flyer which is better seen than written.

If this is something you or others wish to try, let Lynn Burch - VP of Activities know so that arrangements may be made.

The Head Crazy Victim  
George Sargent





# HAPPY BREWERY TOURISTS!







## HAPPY HOUR THURSDAY JUNE 22

5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

### THE BLACK LABRADOR

4100 Montrose (just off of Richmond)

Feel like you are in an old English pub or tavern without leaving Houston. You can play a game of darts or try the Shepherd's Pie, Fish & Chips, or Banger's & Mash. They have an extensive selection of beer and a large variety of other drinks and food.



We will have our own separate room (Churchill Room) because the bar area is too small for our big group. There is free parking either in the small area in front or off Colquitt in the parking garage behind the Black Lab and the library.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR HAPPY HOUR  
AT THIS UNIQUE  
PUB RESTAURANT





# EXTRAVEHICULAR ACTIVITIES

## UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

June 7 – 28	“Two Step” Dance Classes Wednesdays
June 10	Wine Tasting at Total Wine and Dinner at Berryhill’s
June 18	Chicago/Doobie Bros. Concert at Cynthia Woods Pavilion
June 22	Happy Hour at Black Labrador
June 24	Volunteer Appreciation Party
July 3	Village People at Miller Outdoor Theater



August 21-29, 2017

Full package: \$3181  
Land Only: \$2250

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[Jan@spacecity.org](mailto:Jan@spacecity.org)



Photographer: Diego Delso

Pre-Trip to NYC  
Date: Aug 18 - 21, 2017  
Price: \$655 per person

Post-Trip to Norway  
Date: Aug 29 to Sep 2, 2017  
Price: \$949 per person





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# TSC Newsletter





**THERE WILL BE NO  
GENERAL MEETINGS  
UNTIL OUR GRAND  
TRIP SIGNUP  
MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.**

**JOIN US AT OUR  
HAPPY HOURS AND  
OTHER EVENTS  
DURING THE SUMMER  
MONTHS!**



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## Sitzmarke





## Trip Coordinator (TC)/Assistant Trip Coordinator (ATC) 2017-2018 Application

Do you love to ski or snowboard? Do you enjoy working with people and making new friends? Are you good at planning and organizing? If your answer is YES to these questions, SCSC needs YOU to join the great team of Trip Coordinators and Assistants running fun ski trips to exciting destinations.

Please complete this form and return to **2016-2017 V.P. of Trips, Chuck Pena** send email to: [trips@spacecity.org](mailto:trips@spacecity.org)

Name:	Telephone-Home:
Address:	Telephone-Work:
	Telephone-Cell:
Preferred contact type: (circle all that apply) Telephone: Home Work Cell e-mail	E-Mail Address:
Occupation:	Year you joined SCSC (Approx):

Position you are applying for: \_\_\_\_\_TC \_\_\_\_\_ATC \_\_\_\_\_Either

(Note: In order to serve as an ATC, you must have taken at least one ski trip with SCSC. In order to server as a TC, you must have served as an ATC on at least one SCSC ski trip or an AC for a large activity or experience running trips with other organizations.)

What type of SCSC ski trip do you prefer to run?

\_\_\_\_\_TSC (Texas Ski Council) \_\_\_\_\_Club (SCSC) \_\_\_\_\_Either

What length of SCSC ski trip do you prefer to run?

\_\_\_\_\_Long (week long) \_\_\_\_\_Short (4 or 5 day) \_\_\_\_\_Either

Where would you like to run a trip (Destination/s)?

**Availability:** Dates that you are *Unavailable* to run a trip (If any):

*Preferred* dates (If any):

Are you available for monthly SCSC meetings usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month? (August-May)

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you available for monthly SCSC happy hours usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you available to attend 2 to 3 training sessions?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

(Training sessions likely will be May, June or July 2017)

On what side of town do you live/work? \_\_\_\_\_



**Prior SCSC Volunteer Experience: TC/ATC/AC-Activity Coordinator /AAC-Assist. Activity Coordinator/Officer  
(Start with most recent)**

Year	Trip/Activity/Office	Year	Trip/Activity /Office

**SCSC-Ski Trips Taken**

**Non-SCSC Ski Trips Taken**

Year	Trip	Year	Trip	Year	Trip	Year	Trip

**Other Volunteer Experience: (Start with most recent)**

Year	Organization/Office	Year	Organization/Office

**Computer experience:**

\_\_\_\_\_Microsoft Word \_\_\_\_\_Microsoft Excel \_\_\_\_\_Other

Do you have access to a computer at home or work? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No  
 Do you have access to a fax machine at home or work? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No  
 Can you make & receive SCSC related phone calls at work? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No  
 Can you send & receive SCSC related e-mail at work? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

What other experience/skills can you bring to the position of TC/ATC?

Why are you interested in running a SCSC ski trip?