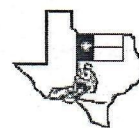




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From Mission Control

by Camille LaRoe, Space City Ski Club President

We may not have SCSC General Meetings in the summer but your Board of Directors, Executive Committee and TSC rep have been attending a lot of meetings this summer and working overtime laying the ground work for a fantastic year. I appreciate all the time they have put in preparing officer's budgets, trip budgets, trip venues, recruiting TC's and ATC's, and organizing activities and happy hours. Chuck Pena, our TSC representative, recently attended a quarterly TSC meeting in Austin which he will be updating you on in the Sitz. The year has barely begun and everyone has already contributed a lot of volunteer hours to date. Thanks to all for your hard work and support.

Please keep in mind that we are already taking deposits for trips but that you must be an active member to sign up or even put a deposit down on a trip. If you haven't renewed your membership don't delay or you might find yourself left out of the trip of a lifetime in 2009/2010. You also will not receive a Sitzmarke if your membership is not current after June 30th. Our VP of Membership and all of the Executive Committee would welcome any member's input on more and better ways to promote SCSC and increase our membership. If you have a

head for PR and have a few extra hours to volunteer for our club please give myself or Patty Finch a call. We have struggled over the past couple of years to find new and better ways to find members and perhaps you could be the volunteer that makes the difference.

I am looking forward to the coming General Meetings and hope to plan some fun and interesting programs throughout the year. I think that the first General Meeting on September 14th is pretty much all about trips and we should probably leave that alone! I have asked Mary Wollman with the assistance of Gloria Lopez to host a Winter Fashion show for us in November. Start cleaning out your closets and we will also have our annual ski swap before we start leaving on trips this Winter. What would December be without the Annual Sunshine Kids Auction and I am counting on some volunteer support for this one! If you have any ideas or would like to assist with any Programs in the upcoming year please do not hesitate to contact me. Beat the heat and think snow... it will be here before you know it!!



Countdown to Liftoff

By Melinda Hughes, Vice President of Trips

June officially launched us into our new year of trip sign up. It started with a blast so sign up for your preferred trip early or you may miss out!! You can cancel up to August 15th without a penalty so take advantage of the early sign up policy.

The TC's and ATC's are working on their budgets and negotiating great trip prices this year. All flights are direct when possible and we have our preferred lodging assigned to us on the TSC trips. The club trips all have ski in/

out lodging so this is the year for convenience! The only trip pending is Telluride. If you are interested in running this club trip or another location, please contact me at vptrips@spacecityskiclub.org.

Remember, you are the component to a successful year and are why all of the volunteers are working so hard. Help us out and have fun on one, two, or all of the trips we've lined up for the year. Have a great summer!



Calendar of Events

July 18, 2009	Miller Outdoor Theatre "50's Dance Party" - 8:30 PM AC: Barbie Miller
July 23, 2009	July Happy Hour at Maggiano's Little Italy, 2019 Post Oak Blvd.
July 25, 2009	Volunteers Party - Saturday at 2:00 PM, Stan & Linda Kuper's Home
August 9, 2009	Houston Astros vs. Milwaukee Brewers - 1:00 PM, AC: Cindy Moore
August 13, 2009	Happy Hour & Social with TASS at Byblos 6134 Richmond Ave. - 6:00 to 8:00 PM
August 27, 2009	August Happy Hour at Guadalajara Hacienda - 2925 Southwest Fwy. - 5:30 to 8:30 PM
September 14, 2009	General Meeting at Dave & Busters 6010 Richmond Ave. - 6:30 to 9:00 PM
September 20, 2009	TUTS "Grease" & Cocktail Party - 4:30 to 6:30 - 2807 Mid Lane #C
	"Grease" - 7:30 at Hobby Center AC: Kay McKeough

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2. Make sure that our email newsletters and email informational blasts are reliably received in your in-box without your filters mistakenly blocking them as "bulk" or "spam".

Please add these email addresses to your computer's email contact list:

vppublications@spacecityskiclub.org

webmaster@spacecityskiclub.org

You may also need to do this at your internet service provider's webmail.

Thank you!

Having A Blast!

by Sandra McCunis, Vice President of Activities

We began the summer having a blast at the AIA Sandcastle Competition and the Happy Hour and Pool Tournament. We are looking forward to more opportunities to have a blast throughout the summer. Let's continue to mingle with our SCSC friends by participating in our planned activities and Happy Hours.

On Saturday, July 18th, we will be attending the Miller Outdoor Theatre's performance of "50's Dance Party". Grab your lawn chair and join us on the hill for the 50th anniversary tribute to Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the "Big Bopper" with an authentic re-creation of their Winter Dance Party Tour of 1959. Contact Barbie Miller to sign up for this free event.

Our Volunteer Party will be at the home of Stan and Linda Kuper on Saturday, July 25th. We can enjoy a relaxing day lounging around their pool while sipping on frozen Margaritas, wine and beer. We will be serving Robert and Bruce's award winning barbeque. I need volunteers to help with the party. If you have not volunteered during the year, please contact me to help and be included in this fun-filled day. Those who have not volunteered or guest may attend the party for a cost of \$15.00 per person.

SCSC has 26 seats reserved for the Houston Astros versus Milwaukee Brewers game on Sunday, August 9th. This is a "family optional" activity. Contact Cindy Moore regarding

available seats. Since we don't have General Meetings in the summer, I have planned an additional Happy Hour & Social with TASS on Thursday, August 13th. This will be an opportunity to meet new friends and sign up for optional sailing and activities. We are still working to coordinate a joint activity for a Sailing & Pool Party at Portofino Yacht Club. The tentative date has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 10th.



We will be attending the TUTS performance of "Grease" at the Hobby Center on Sunday, September 20th with a Cocktail Party before the show at the home of Kay McKeough. Don't miss this exciting performance of "Grease" which was Time Magazine's 2007 pick for #1 musical of the year. There are limited seats available so contact Kay to reserve your seat now.

Laura Carmin will be organizing the Dart Tournament & Halloween Party again this year. Olga Adair will coordinate a performance of Opera in the Heights later this year. Other activities that we are considering include Bowling, Pub Crawl and a Houston Rockets game.

I welcome your ideas and suggestions for future activities. Please consider volunteering to be an Activity Coordinator so that we can offer you a variety of fun and exciting activities and continue Having a Blast!

See List of trips at www.spacecityskiclub.org



Trips	Dates	Short	Long	TC	ATC
		Full / Land	Full / Land		
Summer Meltdown	9/25-9/27/2009		\$140	Craig Campbell Craigcam48@aol.com cell: 713-882-6544	
Winter Park	11/24/09-11/29/2009		\$934 / \$531	Lisa MacDonald mac.lisa@mac.com home: 281 578 5608	David Cone djcscc@hal-pc.org home/work: 713-521-9741
Vail	Long: 12/5-12/2009 Short: 12/5/2009	\$900 / \$681	\$1153 / \$934	Judy Schiro ron-hayes@comcast.net home: 713-939-8235	Pete Mathieu petemathieu@sbcglobal.net Cell: 713-557-3515
Breckenridge	1/9-1/17/2010		\$1021 / \$759	Ann Rogers rogersae@msn.com 281-313-2234	Gayle Dale gddale@swbell.net home: 281-646-8476
Aosta	1/21-1/29/2010	\$300 Deposit	\$1815 / \$1343	Sandy Wellhausen sandywp.ski@gmail.com home: 281.996.8653	Bruce Fleming Bruce.Fleming@comcast.net home: 281-710-7788
Telluride	1/23-1/30/2010			Need help contact Melinda Hughes home: 281.996.8653	home: 281-710-7788
Salt Lake	1/30-2/6/2010		\$992 / \$613	Arlen Isham aisham@consolidated.net 281-391-9019 Home	Jim Hodges jehodgesjr@sbcglobal.net Home 281 829 6155
Mt Bachelor	2/6-2/13/2010		\$1084 / \$642	Dennis Hughes dwhughes@horizonsurvey.com 713-805-1757 Home	Maria Mendez mendez_me@yahoo.com (281) 556-8579
Heavenly	2/13-2/20/2010		\$1074 / \$782	Mary Jo Loverdi maryjolo@comcast.net 281-532-0561	Toni Loverdi captain.tony@comcast.net 281-532-0561
Beaver Creek	Long: 2/20-2/27/2010 Short: 2/20-2/24/2010	\$886 / \$654	\$1240 / \$1005	Bob Olsen bobolsen1@comcast.net 713-436-0082 (home)	Dennis Newell dennis.newell@sbcglobal.net 713-520-1719 (h)
Ayreska	3/5-3/12/2010		\$1413 / \$648	Sean O'Brien seanobrien1981@sbcglobal.net 713-340-2661	Derek Shoobridge hlft@aol.com 281-393-1255
Big Mountain	3/13-3/20/2010		\$1326 / \$687	Walter May wmay@sfainternational.com Home: 713-983-8866	
Egypt	9/25-10/4/2010	\$300 Deposit	\$2788 / Pending	Penny Chancey pchancey881@aatt.net home: 713 686 4863	Barb Tuley Btuley@sbcglobal.net home: 281 469 0821
** Prices subject to Airline Fuel charge changes.					

SUMMER MELTDOWN 2009
September 25-27, 2009—Port Aransas, Texas
Cost \$140.00 - Deposit \$100

Get ready for a long weekend in the sun as SCSC joins other ski clubs from Texas at the Port Royal resort in Port Aransas, Texas. In 2008, 27 of us had a very enjoyable vacation. Port Royal is a luxury resort 10 miles south of the vacation town of Port Aransas. It is located on the east side of State Highway 361 between the highway and Gulf of Mexico. There is a great beach located behind the resort. As great as the beach is, most of our people spent most of their time around the giant swimming pool complex. Activities will include swimming, sunbathing, water volleyball, water slides and two poolside bars. In addition, Port Royal features an inside bar, fine dining restaurant, conference room and gift shop. Shopping is available in Port Aransas, nearby Corpus Christi and other small towns.

The activity schedule has not been finalized, but should be something like this: Friday night will likely be a group dinner in Port Aransas. During the daylight hours on Saturday, most of the activities will be centered around the pool (or in it). The beach is great for an early morning walk or run. Saturday night will be club dinners and possibly a late night beach bonfire. Sunday will probably be on your own. We will be staying in LARGE, luxury 2x2 condos with full kitchens and balconies. There is covered parking under the condos. Everyone will be driving to Port Royal on their own. In 2008, we experimented with different routes and the shortest appears to be about 3.5 hours after you clear metropolitan Houston. You will need one vacation day at the most. Last year, several people used a half day or left directly from work on Friday afternoon.

The final budget has been approved. This trip was passed by our Excom at a price not to exceed \$160 per person, which will include two nights at the luxury condos, the club dinner and all activities. A shuttle may be available at the resort; however, you should plan on arranging your own transportation. We are trying to budget the trip at a target price of \$140 per person, depending on the final room rate quotation.

A down payment of \$100 will hold your spot on the trip. Please make the check payable to SCSC and mail it to: Craig Campbell, 66 Evanston St., #4, Houston, TX 77015. If there are any questions, please call me at 713-882-6544 or email me at craigcam48@aol.com. Please put Summer Meltdown or SMD in your heading. Thank you, Craig Campbell

SCSC Bid Fest 2010
March 26th – 28th, 2010
 Chuck Pena penaca23@gmail.com

Hello fellow SCSC members! It's Chuck, your TSC rep., yep I asked them to let me do it again this year. Wanted to fill you in on some really exciting and some not so exciting news from my June 6th Quarterly Delegates meeting in Austin.

First the exciting news!! Houston has been selected for the site of the 2010 Ski Bid Selection meeting. Now is your chance to help pick the next slate of TSC trips. It will be at the West Loop Marriott (near San Felipe and West Loop I-610). It is scheduled for Friday March 26th to Sunday March 28th, official bid meetings all day Saturday and Sunday morning.


So on top of the great things that happen at the bid meeting you have the extra advantage of planning a great weekend in a happening part of Houston. So I hope you will all join me and make it the best bid fest ever and make Houston the preferred bid selection city.

In order to make this happen we are going to need a lot of volunteers from Space City and we are really counting on you. I know it is a long way off but a lot of planning goes on in to these types of events and we need to send an early message to assure our new TSC President Cheryl Mann that she was correct in selecting Houston, despite the fact the that her volunteer base was in Dallas. So please save the dates and when we start asking for volunteers please put your name on to the list early. For those golfers out there, if you can get us a great deal on Friday morning golfing let me know, as this is a traditional event that happens on Friday morning before the bid meeting. Lisa Spotts arranged a wine tour/tasting as an alternative option for Friday, so other ideas are needed too. I'm current tossing around the idea of a beer tour at St Arnold's in Houston.

The TSC is looking for members for the trip pre-selection committee, past SCSC officer involvement required.

For that racer out there they are looking at revising the brackets for the individual races only. They are looking at a revision that will mainly affect the open class. They want to break the open (under 50) class into 3 groups. If you have an opinion on this tell an officer, director, or me.

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