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From Mission Control

by Camille LaRoe, Space City Ski Club President

Here it is August already and I am getting really excited about the upcoming year! September will be here before you know it and the plans that our team have been making all summer will start coming together. Mark Monday, September 14th on your calendars for our first 2009/2010 General Meeting at Dave & Buster's on Richmond at 6:30. This meeting will feature all of the trips from Thanksgiving to the Summer Expedition in the Fall of 2010. Melinda Hughes and her DOT's, Bill Bomberger and Thuy Rocque, have certainly come up with some great locations for club trips along with the TSC destinations. The quantity of trips SCSC is offering this year is fantastic with destinations for the skier, snowboarder, non-skier, shopper or destination traveler. Be sure and attend so that you will not miss the opportunity to discuss the details and options with the respective trip leaders and ATC's. We have a lot of deposits in hand already so don't be left out. Renew your membership and be prepared to make a deposit in September or before. You must be an active member to make a deposit and deposits are already being taken for all trips.

Looking down the road I am trying to put together some fun and interesting General Meetings for the remainder of the year. I need VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS AND MORE VOLUNTEERS! I am looking for volunteers for the Annual Sunshine Kids Auction as well as some help with the November Fashion Show and an October Ski Swap. Please give me a call if you would be willing to come to my aid! I imagine putting together an additional program for October to accompany the Ski Swap and any ideas would be greatly appreciated to that end. Drop me an email if there are any programs that you have particularly enjoyed in the past or would like to see in the future.



Keep reading and you will see all the great activities and Happy Hours Sandra McCunis is organizing and additional information from the TC's on all of the great trips. Come out and enjoy the rest of the summer with your SCSC friends at activities and Happy Hours.

SCSC knows how to beat the heat even without Snow!

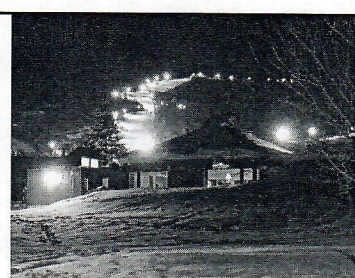
Countdown to Liftoff

By Melinda Hughes, Vice President of Trips

The summer has been a great kick-off for trip sign up. I hope that you have renewed your membership and talked some new friends into joining SCSC because the time is here to sign up for all of the SCSC 2009-2010 ski trips! One trip has sold all of their air packages and others are slowly catching up. Telluride is officially on the schedule for January 23 through the 30th. Currently, George Lopez is working on several different package ideas and the final, approved one will be published soon. SCSC members can sign up for any trip and drop without penalty until August 15th. From the 15th on, penalties will apply. If you mail a check to the TC, **please use the form in this Sitzmarke** to provide all the contact information, your preference of land or full package and your

member number. If you don't remember your member number, look on the mailing label on your Sitzmarke and you will find it after the date. We have a limited number of land packages so please be patient with the TC's while inquiring about a trip.

The sign-up form is also available on the website at the top of the Trips page. If you want the convenience of using your credit card and to accrue more airline miles, there is still PayPal. If you have trouble, please let us know and we will try to make it work for you. There is information on the website if you have problems signing up with Paypal. Don't be left out in the cold!!! Sign up for a trip and join your fellow SCSC members on the slopes.



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Thank you!

Having A Blast!

by Sandra McCunis, Vice President of Activities

We have been having a blast during the summer and we will continue to enjoy more fun activities in the month of August. Our General Meetings will resume in September at Dave & Busters and we will be busy planning our ski trips for the 2009-2010 season. In the meantime, let's stay in touch with our SCSC friends and continue to participate in our Happy Hours and scheduled activities.

Chip Stokes organized our 5th annual Pool Tournament at the June Happy Hour. Twenty participants competed in the tournament and cash prizes were awarded to the winners. John Flatten and Ellen Eastham won 1st and 2nd place in the Amateur division. Erich Landrum of Austin Skiers and Bob Olsen won 1st and 2nd place in the Experienced division. Larry Brown and Laura Carmin won 1st place in the Coed division and Ron Davis and Olga Adair won 2nd place.

Barbie Miller did a great job organizing a group of 35 people to attend the performance of "50's Dance Party" at the Miller Outdoor Theatre on July 18th. Unfortunately, the rain spoiled the group activity on the hill. However, those that did attend sat in the seats and enjoyed a very entertaining show.

The month of August promises to offer opportunities for more fun and exciting activities. Cindy Moore will be leading a

group of 29 people to see the Houston Astros versus Milwaukee Brewers game on Sunday, August 9th. Don't miss an opportunity to meet new friends at our Happy Hour & Social with TASS at Café Byblos on August 13th. You will have a chance to sign up for their optional Sailing and Toga Party on Saturday, August 22nd. Our monthly SCSC Happy Hour will be at Guadalajara Hacienda on August 27th. Also, Deb Cini is working on setting a date for a Pool Party & Luau at her home.

The fun will continue into the fall with more planned activities. Kay McKeough will be hosting a Cocktail Party at her home before the exciting TUTS performance of "Grease" at the Hobby Center on September 20th. Olga Adair has volunteered to coordinate a Pool party and Sailing with TASS at Portofino Yacht Club on October 10th. Laura Carmin will be organizing a Dart Tournament and Halloween Party at our October Happy Hour. Diane Stotz has volunteered to be the AC for a performance of "The Lighter Side of the Recession" at the Radio Music Theatre on November 6th. Our annual SCSC Gala will be at Capone's on November 14th.

Our volunteers are working to coordinate activities and events for your enjoyment so please participate. We want you to keep Having a Blast!



Calendar of Events

August 9, 2009	Houston Astros vs. Milwaukee Brewers – 1:00 PM, AC: Cindy Moore
August 13, 2009	Happy Hour & Social with TASS at Café 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 7:30 at Hobby Center AC: Kay McKeough
September 24, 2009	September Happy Hour at Capone's in The Hideout 4304 Westheimer @ Mid Lane 5:30 to 8:30
September 25-27, 2009	Summer Meltdown in Port Aransas, Texas TC: Craig Campbell

SUMMER MELTDOWN 2009

September 25-27, 2009

Port Aransas, Texas

Cost \$140.00 - Deposit \$100

FINAL Payment due 08/15/09

Craig Campbell 713-882-6544 craigcam48@aol.com.

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 not 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.

Please put Summer Meltdown or SMD in your heading. Thank you, Craig Campbell

Thanksgiving in Winter Park 2009

11/24/09-11/29/2009

Lisa MacDonald mac.lisa@mac.com home: 281-578-5608

David Cone djcscc@hal-pc.org home: 713-521-9741

*** Trip Land Package - \$531 * Trip Full Package - \$934**

Deposit: \$150.00 All Trips

Final payment 09/11/2009

Make the most of Thanksgiving with our Texas Ski Council trip.

Leaving Houston on Continental Tuesday 24th November at the civilized hour of 9.00am and returning Sunday 29th in the evening we are away for 6 days and 5 nights.

Winter Park is located an easy coach ride from Denver airport. With a stop for groceries and adult beverages we should be at the resort in plenty of time to get situated and organize rental gear so that we are ready for Wednesday morning. No need to lug heavy gear the rental shop is in the condo complex.

We are staying in the ONLY ski-in-ski-out accommodation in Winter Park. Each Zephyr Mountain Lodge luxury condominium is equipped with full kitchen, fireplace and free high speed internet. There are 4 outdoor hot tubs, a state of the art fitness room and Starbucks in the complex!

Winter Park resort is 9000ft above sea level rising to over 12,000ft. With snowmaking on 26 trails, Winter Park guarantees opening before Thanksgiving. Check out the snow chart

on the website – some years they have had 40 inches of snow in October!

There are great deals on lift passes, equipment rental and ski lessons. Not to mention fun après events including a Thanksgiving dinner and a trip into Winter Park village. Winter Park's free shuttle bus service makes it easy to explore the local restaurants, cafés and galleries.

For the kids there is the option of all day ski school with the Youth Program (all day lesson, lunch and rentals) and a night out without your parents! Last year the kids were the best behaved on the trip (by far!).

Other than skiing and snowboarding there is ice skating, evening snowbike excursions, scenic chairlift to The Lodge at Sunspot, snowshoe tours, snowcat tours, hot springs and free guided mountain orientation tours.

Maybe you want to get your race legs, introduce your kids (or your grandkids) to the snow or perhaps it is time you tried snowboarding?

How will we fit it all in?

Pack away your shorts and t-shirts and head to Winter Park for Thanksgiving.



Vail 2009

December 5-9, 2009 – Short Trip (Saturday –Wednesday)

December 5-12, 2009 – Long Trip (Saturday – Saturday)

TC: Judy Schiro ron-hayes@comcast.net (713)939-8235

ATC: Pete Mathieu petemathieu@sbcglobal.net (713)557-3515

SHORT Trip Land Package - \$681 Trip Full Package - \$900
LONG Trip Land Package - \$934 Trip Full Package - \$1,153

Deposit: \$150.00 All Trips

FINAL Payment 10/19/2009

Come join us for pre-Christmas skiing in Vail, Colorado. It is, by far, the best trip we have. We leave Houston Intercontinental on Continental Airlines on Saturday morning, December 5. The short trip returns on Wednesday, December 9 so the participants on the short trip will have the opportunity to ski 4 days. The long trip will return home on Saturday, December 12. We will make a grocery/liquor store stop on our bus trip from Denver Airport to Vail so that everyone can stock up on provisions. We will arrive early afternoon and this year, by popular request, we are staying at Lions Square Lodge located directly across from the Eagle Bahn Gondola located in Lionshead. It's SKI OUT/SKI IN folks! All rooms come complete with complimentary high speed Internet access, cable television, VCR/DVD player, coffee makers, refrigerators, fireplaces, BBQ grills, not to mention hair dryers (for those in need!), iron and ironing board (who irons on vacation?). Guest services include daily maid service, 24-hour front desk, outdoor heated pool, 3 outdoor hot tubs, free on-site parking (for those renting cars), exercise facility, valet laundry service, complimentary Cascade Club & Spa pass, on-site ski shop, ski valet

and FREE ski storage! Wow! Located on site is Mezzaluna's Restaurant renowned for creative Italian and Mediterranean cuisine.

They are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, not to mention apres ski.

We have great lift ticket prices and they are also good at Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone and Arapahoe Basin. Traditionally, Vail has plenty of snow this early in the season and the lift lines are non-existent.

Vail is a huge mountain boasting 5,289 acres of skiing and 300 days of sunshine. There are other activities available besides skiing and snowboarding. There is tubing, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, ice skating and ski biking. It also has a FREE mountain tour called "Meet the Mountain" daily at 9:30 a.m. And, don't forget all that wonderful shopping, fabulous world-class restaurants, apres-ski bars, galleries and night life.

It is definitely the trip to be on. Join us and get your ski legs ready for the remaining ski season. And, remember my motto, sign up early and sign up often!

*Unfortunately, I have to sell 12 full packages on the short trip and 18 full packages on the long trip before I can sell the land packages. So, work with me here folks. I want you on the trip and will do my best to get you on.



BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO

JANUARY 9-17, 2010

TC: Ann Rogers rogersae@msn.com 281-313-2234

ATC: Gayle Dale ggdale@swbell.net 281-646-8476

Trip Land Package - \$759 Trip Full Package - \$1,021

Deposit: \$150.00 All Trips

FINAL Payment 10/05/2009

Where blue sky touches mountain tops and the bright sun warms your heart. Add to that world class skiing comprising

155 trails on 2,300 skiable acres with a vertical rise of 3,398 feet. It's no wonder why the Texas Ski Cup Challenge Series, TSC Traditional trip is being held at Breckenridge, Colorado.

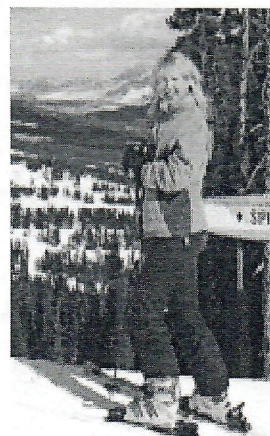
Situated just west of the Continental Divide, Breckenridge, offers a perfect winter retreat in a real mountain town. The town rests at an elevation of 9,600 while its tallest peak soars to

12,998. That's where you'll find the highest chair lift in North America, the Imperial Express Super Chair.

We fly direct to Denver on Continental airlines. Upon arrival in Denver, a Coach America bus will be waiting to transport us to Breckenridge. After a short stop for provisions at Applejack's, we will arrive at Beaver Run Resort in less than two hours. Beaver Run Resort located at the base of Peak 9 will be our home for the week in Breckenridge.

Reserved are two-bedroom condominiums with queen-sized beds, fireplaces and balconies. Beaver Run has ski-in, ski-out access to the Beaver Run Super Chair lift and the Quicksilver Six. Amenities of the resort include indoor/outdoor pools, hot tubs, gourmet dining including Spencer's delicious unlimited soup/salad lunches and the Coppertop Bar/Cafe with nightly ski après drink specials and top-rated entertainment.

If downhill skiing is not your forte try cross-country skiing or snowshoeing at the Nordic Center which offers



transferable passes and combined 52 miles of trails. In addition, there are sleigh rides, dog sledding, gold mine tours, and even a casino shuttle!

Group lift tickets are being offered, a daily lift ticket is \$60. You are able to purchase as a 3 out of 4 days, 5 out of 6 or 6 out of 7 days ticket. If you are planning on going on even two of the Colorado trips, consider purchasing the Epic Mountain Pass by September 1, 2009 at a special club price of \$579.00. It provides unlimited unrestricted skiing for the entire season at

Breckenridge, Beaver Creek, Vail, Keystone, Arapahoe Basin and Heavenly.

Awesome powder skiing/boarding, stress free transportation, deluxe accommodations and FUN activities including racing, a welcome party, and TSC dinner/dance. Everything is planned to perfection.

All we need now to make this the BEST trip ever is YOU so reserve your space NOW!!

TSC WINTER EXPEDITION

AOSTA, ITALY

January 21/22 – 29/30/2009

TC: Sandy Wellhausen at sandywp.ski@gmail.com or

ATC: Bruce Fleming at bruce-fleming@comcast.net

*** Full Package - \$1,815, * Land Package - \$945**

Deposit \$300.00 FINAL Payment 11/03/2009

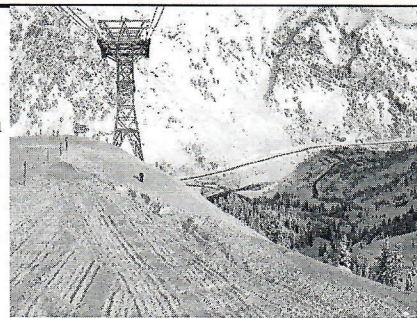
Aosta, Italy is the destination for the Texas Ski Council's 2010 Winter Expedition. Aosta is often referred to as the Rome of the Alps. It ranks third among Italian cities for its number of ancient Roman ruins. SCSC will be departing Houston on Thursday, January 21 and returning Friday, January 29, 2010. We will be staying at Hostellerie du Cheval Blanc. This hotel is



located near Aosta's historical centre and 800 meters from the cableway to Pila ski area.

The town of Aosta is located in the center of the valley of Aosta. Aosta Valley lies in the most mountainous region of Italy and is located in the northwest corner adjoining Switzerland and France. The valley is sur-

rounded by the splendid peaks of the Alps: Mont Blanc, Monte Rosa, the Matterhorn, and the Gran Paradiso. This valley comprises twenty ski resorts. Among these are five world-class ski areas, all accessed by a single lift pass: Aosta-Pila (our base), Courmayeur - Mont Blanc, La Thuile, Valtournenche - Breuil - Cervinia - Zermatt, and Monterosa Ski: Ayas/Gressoney/Alagna. A TSC ski bus service will provide access to all.



For non-skiers, there are several fortified castles for us to explore including Fénis, Aymavilles, Issogne and Verrés. Some of the tentative daily excursions include Aosta City Walking Tour, the city of Turin, a visit to a couple of castles plus lunch, Courmayeur for shopping plus pampering at the Spa of Pre Saint Didier, and a visit to St Vincent's casinos. Even a day trip to Chamonix, France is possible.

The tentative pre trip will be in Milan for two nights. The tentative post trip destination will be either London or Como - the Italian Lakes District for three nights.

Please join us for a great variety of skiing and fabulous cultural adventures. This trip will be a fun and exciting adventure for both skiers and non-skiers.

Please contact either Sandy or Bruce for more information.

Telluride Co.

Jan. 23 - 30, 2010

TC: George Lopez 856-296-9399

Trip Land Package - \$ 837-Estimated

Full Package - \$ 1,129-Estimated

Deposit: \$150.00

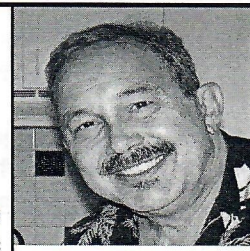
Final Deposit 11/03/2009

The Place — The town of Telluride is located at the end of a box canyon, surrounded on three sides by 14,000-foot peaks. Telluride is steeped in history (Butch Cassidy robbed his first bank in Telluride in 1889), offers exceptional terrain, natural enchantment, and get down excitement.

The Telluride Ski Resort is renowned for its world-class slopes and stunning mountain scenery. Telluride offers a genuine mountain experience for all levels of skiers thanks to a mix of quality terrain at all points on the mountain. From refined

groomed runs to challenging moguls, there truly is something for everyone. Beginners and intermediate skiers can ride to the highest peaks and enjoy terrain and views typically reserved for the experts. Averaging more than 300 inches of snow and 300 days of sunshine each year, odds are we will find fantastic conditions on Telluride's 1700 skiable acres. And forget crowds: the trails are never packed, and there is rarely a lift line.

Beyond the skiing, Telluride and Telluride village offer just about all the amenities, services, and excitement you dare to dial up. The area is home to cultural diversity, and a boatload of culinary talent. We won't go hungry here! Shop, get pampered, sightsee, do it up!



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UTAH Ski Sampler

Jan. 30 to Feb. 6, 2010

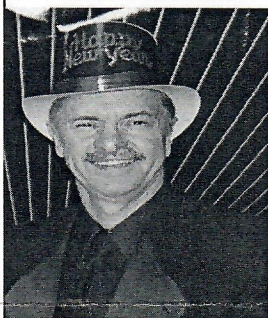
TC: Arlen Isham aisham@consolidated.net 281-391-9019
ATC: Jim Hodges jehodgesjr@sbcglobal.net 281 844 2858

Trip Land Package - \$613 Trip Full Package - \$992

Deposit: \$150.00 All Trips

FINAL Payment due 12/03/2009

SKI UTAH – THE GREATEST SNOW ON EARTH! Ski the fabulous snow of Snowbird, Alta, Deer Valley, Park City, Solitude and Brighton – all during a one-week ski club trip. This will be the lowest cost full week trip scheduled by SCSC this season. We will warm up on Sunday at Brighton and then make a trip to Park City on day two to enjoy the plush luxury of Deer Valley and your choice of dinner locations in Park City. Snowbird is planned for day three followed by Solitude, Park City and Alta.

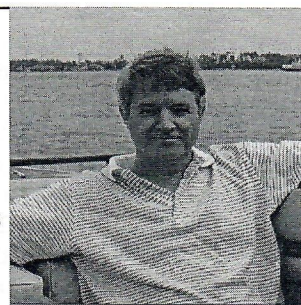


No Crack of Dawn Flights! We will fly to Salt Lake City non-stop on a Continental flight leaving Houston at 9:15 am and arriving Salt Lake at 11:19 am. On arrival, we will be taking shuttle vans to our accommodations located in Midvale, the fastest growing area of Salt Lake City. This is close to both Cottonwood Canyons. That will leave plenty of time on Saturday for getting settled-in and picking up discounted rental skis, and joining your ski friends for a Saturday evening welcome party.

Our departure flight on Saturday Feb 6 leaves Salt Lake at 2:10

pm arriving Houston IAH at 6:04 pm

We will be staying at the Homewood Suites by Hilton located in Midvale, Utah (south of downtown Salt Lake City). Homewood Suites offer a complementary hot breakfast each day and a complementary light meal and beverage (wine & beer) during happy hour Monday – Thursday. If you do not want to cook in your room there are eight restaurants within easy walking distance and several others a short shuttle ride away. There is also indoor hot tub, swimming pool, coin laundry, and in-room high-speed internet. Friday night your TC will be serving you a gourmet sit-down dinner at the Homewood Suites!



The Homewood Suites are located 15 miles from the Cottonwood Canyon ski areas and 32 miles from the Park City Areas. On the days we ski the Cottonwood Canyon areas (Snowbird, Alta, Brighton, Solitude) we will take the Utah Transit Authority "ski bus". Our discounted lift tickets from UTA include complementary access to the UTA ski bus, with its bus stop very close to Homewood Suites. Ski shuttles run frequently during ski season and you will be able to depart and return as you wish. For the day trips to Park City and Deer Valley (Monday & Thursday), the club has rented 15-passenger vans.

Lift ticket prices are not yet confirmed, but based on last year's prices the total cost for lift tickets to ski all six days would have been \$369.00.

In summary, you will join a group that will have fun, great snow, at a great price.

SCSC joins the Coneheads at Mt. BACHELOR!!

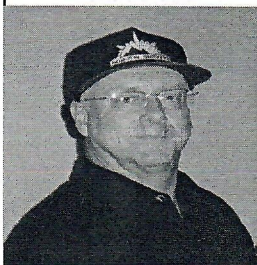
February 6-13, 2010

TC: Dennis Hughes 713-805-1757
ATC: Maria Mendez (281) 556-8579

* Trip Land Package - \$642 * Trip Full Package - \$1,084
Deposit: \$150.00

Final Payments due - 12/12/2009

We leave Houston at 8:50 am on Continental and arrive in Portland, Oregon at 11 am for a wonderful 7 days of fun. A scenic 3 hour drive gets us to the fabulous Sunriver Resort (www.sunriver-resort.com) where we have our Condos ready. Daily transportation gets you to the Ski Area (15 min), or to Bend, Oregon (15 min) for shopping and Dinner. Optional activities to snowshoe at Crater Lake, snowmobile at Elk Lake, and sled dog rides will be offered, along with many other activities. The Sun-

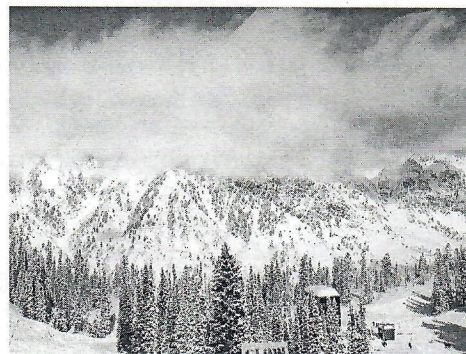


river Spa will be available for that pampering we all need. Bend, Oregon offers various sightseeing opportunities. We will also be Skiing the Volcano. Mt. Bachelor covers 3683 acres, 370 inches of annual snowfall, a base of 6300 feet, and 360 degree skiing at the top (www.mtbachelor.com). A 5-day lift ticket is \$175.00 and there is no sales tax in Oregon! They also have 56 kilometers of Cross-Country trails. On the 13th, we leave Portland at 11:53 am on Continental and get back to Houston a 6 pm.



Preliminary signup is open with a \$150 deposit which is fully refundable until August 14th.

Please contact us for additional details.



HEAVENLY/SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

February 13-20.2010

ENJOY PRESIDENT'S WEEK IN HEAVEN!

TC: Mary Jo Loverdi maryjolo@comcast.net 281-910-3959
ATC: Tony Loverdi 281-757-3208

Trip Land Package - \$782 Trip Full Package - \$1,074

Deposit: \$150.00 All Trips

Final Payment Due—12/09/2009

Join us for a winter trip that provides spectacular skiing and more! Heavenly is more than just another ski area, it is one of the most complete ski and snowboard destinations in the North America. The unique combination of California sunshine, deep snow, spectacular views, a huge mountain, and world-class nightlife provide a winter vacation unlike any other. The town has a combination of 150 restaurants, pubs, casinos and night-clubs to keep the action going long after the mountain has closed for the day.

Join us for a great week of skiing and camaraderie at Heavenly. You have your choice of skiing Heavenly and we are adding an optional day trip to Squaw Valley! Take a coach trip to Squaw Valley (site of the 1960 Winter Olympics) where you can ski and/or explore all day. We will return to our hotel via the Dixie Queen boat across beautiful Lake Tahoe which includes drinks, food, and music. Pricing for this optional side trip is to follow.

Air Travel is via United Airlines leaving Houston on 2/13/09 at 9am arriving in Reno at 12:30pm and departing Reno on 2/20/09 arriving back in Houston at 1:10pm. Roundtrip bus coach between Reno and Lake Tahoe will take approximately 1 hour. Lodging is at the Forest Inn Suites (2 BR/2 BTH) condos which includes European breakfast buffet. It is steps away from Heavenly gondola and walking distance to local shopping and restaurants/on the plaza. There's also a free shuttle around

town and to the casinos.

Lift Tickets:

\$228/3 of 5 days Heavenly

\$288/4 of 6 days Heavenly

\$350/5 of 7 days Heavenly

\$408/6 of 8 days Heavenly

\$62/1 day Kirkwood,

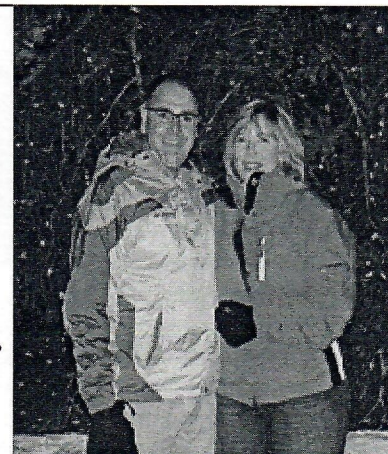
transfers included

\$59/1 day Alpine Meadows,

transfers included

\$72/1 day Squaw Valley,

transfers included



Recent on mountain improvements include:

A new high-speed detachable quad chairlift, improving high-speed lift access on the Nevada side of the mountain.

Four new runs on the NV side.

New directional signage throughout the resort.

Additions and improvements to the West Coast's largest snow-making system.

Five new grooming machines.

A zip line over 3,100 feet in length reaching speeds of up to 50 MPH; running all winter.

Combine the excitement of South Lake Tahoe with one of the premier ski resorts and this trip is sure to exceed all your expectations. With 4,800 stunning acres, the resort boasts Lake Tahoe's highest elevation, longest vertical drop and the West Coast's largest snowmaking system. Plus, something you can't experience anywhere else on the planet: jaw-dropping views of spectacular Lake Tahoe.

Please visit the website for more details and pictures at

WWW.SKIHEAVENLY.COM

Beaver Creek - Colorado

Long Trip: February 20-27, 2010

Short Trip: February 20-24, 2010

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SHORT Trip Land Package - \$654 Trip Full Package - \$886

LONG Trip Land Package - \$1,005 Trip Full Package - \$1,240

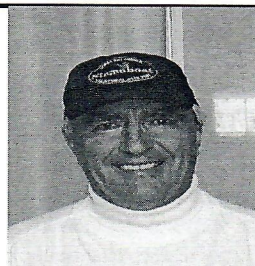
Deposit: \$150.00 -

FINAL Payment due 12/07/2009

Not exactly roughing it

Imagine the ultimate ski vacation ... something for everyone. World Cup skiing and a European styled Alpine village, complete with cobble stone streets and luxury ski in/ski out lodging, await your arrival. Arrive in style at nearby Eagle Airport on Continental in time for a short bus ride to the Centennial Lodge and a welcoming party!

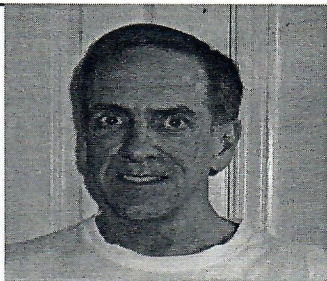
Roughing it? Not exactly. In fact Beaver Creek is on another



level entirely. One in which an outdoor escalator takes you to a winter wonderland of immaculately groomed slopes, quaint shops and lively taverns. BC is a place where you can expect to be pampered. A place where the staff is trained to anticipate and deliver what you want.

At Beaver Creek grooming is their passion. They groom 20 hours a day, seven days a week. The result is 776 acres a day of fresh corduroy for your skiing pleasure. From the gentle, manicured slopes of Bachelor Gulch, to the open intermediate trails of Larkspur and Rose Bowl, to the steep bumps of Grouse Mountain, skiers of all abilities will feel at home. Not a confident skier? Then hone your skills at the Ivy League of ski schools and rise to the top of your class. At the end of the ski day, reward yourself with a free fresh chocolate chip cookie, served daily at the base area, and tell your friends about your amazing day on the slopes. No wonder Beaver Creek has won the Best Overall Customer Ser-

vice Award from the National Ski Association three years in a row.



It doesn't end there. Awaken slopeside, amid a luxuriously intimate village that combines the polish and refinement of a five star resort with a relaxed Rocky Mountain atmosphere.

Our home away from home will be the Centennial Lodge's 2 BR/ 2 BTH condominiums. Stop at the comfortable lobby on your way out in the morning for a hot chocolate and Danish pastry. Then ski out for a fun day on the slopes; no shuttle bus required! Ski directly back to the Centennial in the afternoon for a swim in the heated outdoor pool, a soak in the hot tub, and then relax by the fire in your condo. Or stop at one of the après ski spots before heading home.

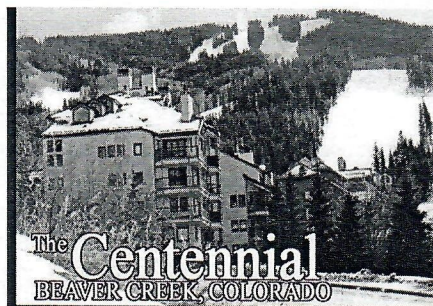
Enjoy five-star cuisine, blissful spas, and captivating performing arts. After the lifts close, take a group sleigh-ride to dine at Beano's Cabin or Zach's Cabin. Dine-in at your fully equipped kitchen or choose from dozens of eateries in the area. Other highlights include a glowstick ski-down and fireworks display, story telling around the fire pits, outdoor ice skating, and much

more.

Save the dates ... this is High Season in the Rockies and snow reliability is virtually guaranteed! We offer a luxury resort vacation at an unbeatable affordable price. Reserve your place now as space is limited to 28 long and 16 short trippers at these incredible prices. Assure your place and preferences by sending your \$150 deposit now ... fully refundable until August 15, 2009.

Group lift tickets will be available at a discount. These lift tickets will be interchangeable at the legendary "number one ski resort in North America", Vail, only 7 miles to the East via shuttle bus. Last but not least is the price.

We have negotiated prices that are 30% off the current airfare to Eagle and 50% off the retail lodging rate. No one can afford not to take advantage of this luxury vacation to one of the world's great destinations.



ALYESKA – TSC Final Showdown March 05 – 13, 2010

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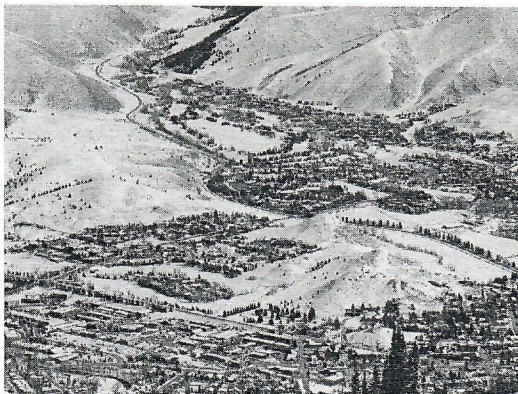
ATC: Derek Shoobridge hlift@aol.com 281-393-1255

* Trip Land Package - \$660 * Trip Full Package - \$1,433
Deposit: \$150.00

FINAL Payment Due 01/04/2010

This is the trip that nobody should miss; we are anticipating about 60 participants in this Texas Ski Council Final Showdown ski trip. Air travel has been finalized and we will depart from Houston on March 5, 2010 early in the morning for Anchorage and depart Anchorage on March 13, 2010 to arrive back in Houston on Saturday March 14.

This Friday morning departure puts us in Anchorage that afternoon. Coaches will pick us up at the airport to take us to the Captain Cook Hotel, (check it out @ www.captaincook.com) where we are booked for Friday and Saturday night. The full Saturday will enable us to do the normal tourist things, sightsee as well as witness the ceremonial start of the annual Iditarod dog sled race. A get together



Happy Hour is planned for Saturday night.

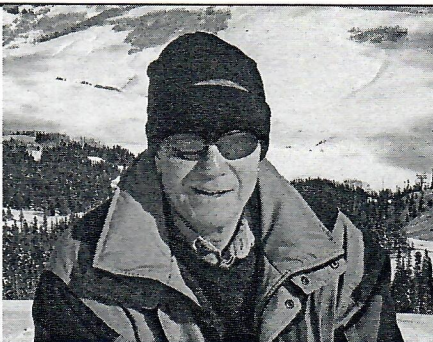
On Sunday morning we will leave Anchorage early by coach for the one hour drive to Alyeska to allow the avid skiers to get in a full day of skiing.

Here we are booked in the fabulous Alyeska Resort, (check this out @ alyeskaresort.com). This is a full service hotel with all amenities and it is Ski in Ski out. Trail maps are available at this web site.

This is a big mountain with very little skiing pressure so line ups are almost non existent. We are in the far North so no need to go high for great snow, the base elevation is only 250', so altitude acclimatization is unnecessary at this resort. The average snowfall at mountain top is just under 800 INCHES.

For the non skiers, or those who want to take a break, there is the possibility of helicopter tours, snowmobile tours to Glaciers and through ice caves, and a multitude of wild life. For you souvenir hunters remember there is NO sales tax in Alaska.

A minimum of five but six days available for of skiing or other activities, then departing by coach from Alyeska to Anchorage on Friday evening to catch the red eye flight departing Friday night/Saturday morning, arriving back in Houston around 1030 on Saturday. This will give participants a chance to wind down before back to work and reality on Monday morning.



SUMMER EXPEDITION **EGYPT - CAIRO AND NILE RIVER** **CRUISE**

SEPTEMBER 25 TO OCTOBER 4, 2010

TC: Penny Chancey pchancey881@att.net 713 686 4863
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* Full Package - \$ 2,788 * Land Package – Pending
Deposit \$300.00

FINAL Payment Due 07/08/ 2010

Egypt is the cradle of civilization, the land of religions and the gateway to Africa, but above all, Egypt is the gift of the Nile. Visit the ancient splendors of the Pharaohs, the early glories of Christianity and the masterpieces of Islam. Explore its seas which have some of the most beautiful sea floors in the world as well as its deserts which have been isolated from the fertility of the Nile.

Your Egyptian Expedition begins with a four night cruise on the Nile River, in a superior river ship, from Luxor to Aswan. We will explore the West Bank, including the Valley of the Kings, the Valley of the



Queens, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon. The cruise will also include stops along the way as we head to Edfu and Kom Ombo. The last day of the cruise in Aswan will include a Felucca ride on the Nile River to the Botanical Gardens. After the cruise we will fly to Cairo. In Cairo we will be staying in the Ramses Hilton, a luxurious hotel with spectacular views and elegant rooms. The hotel is only a few minutes from the Khan el-Khalili and Old Cairo. All lodging, transportation and tours will be conducted with English speaking guides.

The price for this trip to Egypt includes all meals and tours while cruising down the Nile River. It will also include breakfasts and dinners at the Hilton hotel in Cairo. While in Cairo, there are three days of tours with lunches provided. All airfares and transfers, English speaking guides, taxes and gratuities are also included.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Penny or Barb.



*There is a pre-trip to Hurghada for 3 nights. Situated on the western coast of the Red Sea, it is a great place for snorkeling and diving. The post trip to Sharm el-Sheikh is for 5 days, with optional day tours to Petra, Jordan and Jerusalem. The Sea Club Resort is on the beach with great views of the Red Sea and the Sinai Mountains.

Thuy Rocque, 2009-2010 DOT— Space City Ski Club

Thanks to the ski club and to the VP of Trips, Melinda Hughes, for having the confidence in me to be one of the Director of Trips for the 2009-2010 year. I've been an avid skier for many years but I have to say that my skiing ability and my enjoyment of skiing took off exponentially when I joined the ski club in 2001.

Not only are there so many expert skiers to ski with who challenge me and push my skiing ability, the camaraderie and friendship are unrivaled. Selfishly, I want our ski club to flourish and grow so that we can continue to offer the



wonderful trips and activities that my family has come to enjoy so much throughout the year but the only way to do that is to give back to the club and volunteer my time. I am inspired by the officers and the numerous trip/activity leaders who give countless hours to the club. I started out as an ATC with the Beaver Creek trip and then moved on to become TC of the Steamboat, Thailand, and Snowmass trips. With each and every trip, I gained valuable experience in how to organize the trips, deal with vendors, manage budgets, negotiations, and train new & potential trip leaders. I now want to translate that experience and knowledge across all the trips to benefit the club which is exactly what a Director of Trips position will allow me to do. Plus I couldn't pass up an opportunity to work with 2 very talented club members, Melinda Hughes and Bill Bomberger. Together we will do great things this year!!! Thank you all and I look forward to working with all the trip leaders this year for what promises to be an exciting line up.



As for nightlife, Telluride is home to legendary historic establishments, as well as modern bars and lounges.

With convenient gondola access between Telluride and Mountain Village, enjoying a night out on the town is easy, fun and good for the planet. Green electricity powers the gondola you know.

The Deal — At the time of this writing plans have not been finalized, but here is what we are shooting for:

Direct flights from Houston to Montrose and back traveling Sat. to Sat.

Ground transportation Montrose to Telluride and back.
Hotel room accommodations in the town of Telluride, walking distance from the gondola

Group dinner and a happy hour or three.

Our goal is to bring the full package in for about \$1,129 and land for about 837 and 5 day lifts for 220-250 depending on the number of participants.

So stay tuned for details and make plans to join in the fun.

Find out why Telluride has been called, "The most beautiful and fun place you'll ever ski."

Bill Bomberger, 2009-2010 DOT— Space City Ski Club

I joined the ski club way back in 1993 when I got tired of my friends canceling out of ski trips at the last minute. I have not been skiing with them since. Over the years I have been a trip leader 4 times, assistant trip leader 1 time, and run numerous activities for the club.

I have been the Treasurer and VP Publications (twice), DOT for the ski club and on the board of directors for all of the years after being an officer.

Other hobbies and interests that I currently enjoy are SKIING, woodworking, roller blading, and bicycling. Professionally I

am the Production Control Manager for a company located in Stafford Texas for the last 20+ years. My second job is as a Captain in the Stafford Fire Department.

After all of that, I should be able to find time to be a DOT for Melinda Hughes.



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