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IS THIS YOUR LAST SITZMARKE?

This is the last issue of the Sitzmarke that will be mailed to persons who have not renewed their membership. To insure continuation of receipt of Club information and interesting articles on skiing, ski equipment and ski areas - RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!

SCSC MEMBERSHIP DUES

	Single	Couple
Dues	\$12	\$17
Initiation Fee .	2	2
	\$14	\$19

Check, payable to Space City Ski Club, and application should be mailed to P. O. Box 22567, Houston, Texas 77027

APPLICATIONS

Singles	287
Married	164
TOTAL	451

In honor of Space City Ski Club's Tenth Anniversary, how many of you . . .

REMEMBER WHEN:

- Club membership was \$5.00 per year.
- The December 14, 1964 news letter stated "We are quite pleased with our nearly 100 dues-paid members."
- SCSC offered six 2-hour tennis lessons for \$6 at Memorial Park.
- Space City members traveled to Taos by bus to ski.

We Got One!

August 11, 1974

Dear Harry,

BEAUTIFUL! Absolutely beautiful was your editorial in the August Sitzmarke. Yes, please initiate family trips.

I have been a member (with wife) of SCSC for 3 years and have made trips each year. Even more enjoyable would be the inclusion of my children. Fear not about participation. I would almost fill up a trip with my family alone . . . six children.

Previously, consideration was given to joining the Houston Ski Club, but there was NO comparison to SCSC and I VETOED that idea. A check of the records will show that wife and I have already paid 74-75 dues, so you know where our heart is.

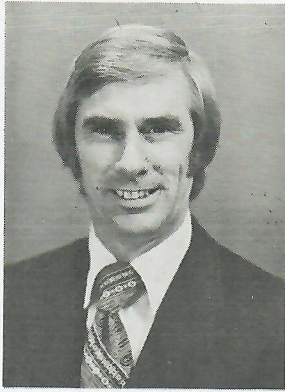
Sincerely,

Donald E. Casey, D.D.S.
2805 Aster Street
Lake Charles, La.

FOUND . . .

One pair of girl's sunglasses at Walden picnic.

from the head of the lift line



By Harry Gaston

The new ski season is upon us. Although your officers and a number of Club members have spent many hours during the summer preparing for this ski season, the reality of it all has remained in the background. The pressing problems of efficiently operating a club of this size and the detailed

preparation required to present the summer activities and a season of ski trips have been mentally encompassing. Now it really begins!

During the past week I received this season's first issues of two prominent ski magazines. The excitement of seeing the ski scene pictures, studying the reports of the different ski areas were exhilarating. However, the most thrilling part of a new ski season comes when the Club members begin signing up for the ski trips in their typically excited fashion. This is the moment you realize it has all be worthwhile.

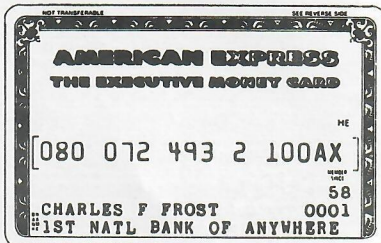
The increased cost of scheduled air travel experienced in my business travel has had me worried all summer about the trip costs for this season. I was very pleasantly surprised to find that the air rates available to our members had not increased nearly as much as normal coach fares have. The result is only a moderate increase in costs over last year. The areas

being offered represent a wide spectrum of variety. There are again new areas which have never been presented by the Club, distant areas which would be very expensive on an individual basis, closer areas which offer exceptional skiing at economic rates and areas noted for their social glamour.

I am pleased with the progress made to date. I am also very pleased with the people who have stepped forward to contribute toward making this another great season for Houston skiers. My thanks go out to all of you who have helped and to those of you who will participate. This Club needs you all!!



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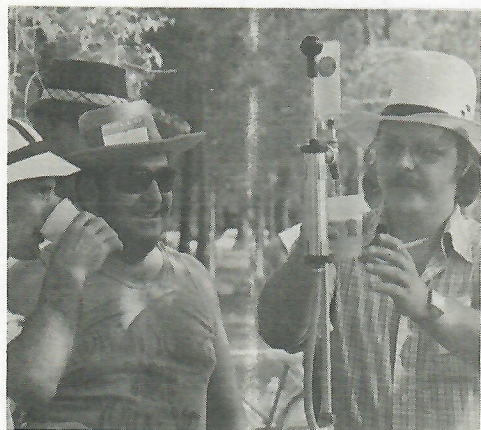
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PICNIC

By Amos Alonzo Stagg

Walden on Lake Conroe is a new lakeside development, with country club, marina, and lavish promotion: it's also a pretty piece of country and so this year, our Director of Programs, **Wayne Ahrens** set up our Annual Picnic there. On Saturday, July 20th, about 150 club members found their way out to the picnic. The better bodies (conspicuous among them, **Jim McIntyre, Donna Davis, and Gene Holland** and anonymous adoins) paddled off around the woods, but the sun was hot and with a little help from **Finn Runfalo and Tom Machen** -- the beer began to flow. Most of us sat in the shade and talked until the sun went down, but **Bob Allgeier, Harry Gaston** and who was that with the aquatic motorbike?-- had their boats out on the lake, giving rides and tows to many . . . **Karen Brady** was seen on **Jim Plummer's** sail boat with her right leg neatly wrapped in a Hefty.



Several people thought they saw an ambulance come by in the afternoon, and it seems they were right: **Milton Gottschalk** while skiing on the lake, acquired among other things, a fractured neck . . . we hope he's back in shape soon.

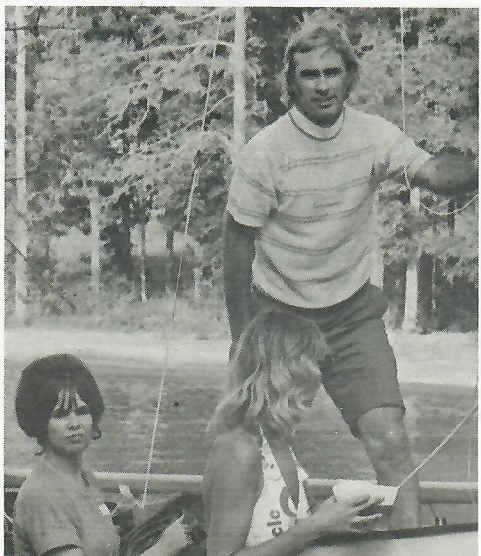


About six, a long line formed around Brad's dinner truck, and that barbequed brisket was something good. Next time you happen to find yourself hungry in Conroe, you might stop at Brad's store.

The volleyball got moving as the sun went down; we saw **Jim St. Clair, Gini Blalock, Linda and Jim Grassman**, among others, beating on the ball.

Pat McLaughlan was kind enough to take the photographs, which surely tell more than these words about the day.

Incidentally, we hear those lakeside lots are on offer at \$30,000 . . . anyone interested???





10 Years Ago

By Tom Cronin

Ten years ago this month, Rolfe Beaudry and I agreed to try to start a ski club that would appeal to younger adult skiers in Houston. The purpose was twofold: we wanted some company on our own ski trips, and even in those pre-inflation days, we wanted more economy.

We had to organize quickly as we wanted to plan a trip to Aspen in February. An informal nucleus of about 14 people met and submitted names of prospective members. About forty people then met at the old Piney Point Golf Center and before the evening was over, had agreed on the name Space City Ski Club, elected officers, set dues, made tentative plans for trips to Aspen and New Mexico, and planned for a larger meeting to attract new members.

Several volunteers helped - skiers and non-skiers alike. We pooled the better ideas from other ski clubs we knew, and made up a mailing list of four hundred to five hundred prospective members. Mailings were hand addressed and stamped - no computers then. At that time, of course, there were no singles bars, or clubs, so we had the new scene in town, but we always emphasized our interest in skiing which I think has been one of the strengths of the club. Those interested in socializing soon moved on.

The current pattern of monthly meetings, ski movies, a variety of trips and some summer activi-

ties was established in the early years. The membership quickly grew from about 250 the first year and we were always looking for a larger meeting place. Sometimes we even postponed meetings to avoid conflicts with a major trip.

The early trips were mostly successful, always fun, and well remembered. Who can forget the old Constellation airplanes we flew "between" the mountains or those awful bus trips to Ruidoso or the great trips to Tahoe? Or: lace-up boots, the Continental Inn, snowed-in on a bus, and \$6.00 lift tickets?

As I have become less active in the club, I have been pleased by the continued interest and hard work on the part of earliest members. More recently, a new group of officers and chairmen with 4 or 5 years experience have helped provide the continuity and maturity that a big club like ours needs. As long as we have a strong nucleus of leadership, the Club will prosper even though there are now several alternative ski groups or tours available in Houston.

Probably surprising to people from snow country is our active participation in the Rocky Mountain Division of the USSA. This benefits not only ourselves, but skiing as a whole and our membership in RMD is a real credit to the small handful of people who worked towards that goal some 4 or 5 years ago.

The membership may seem to be getting "older" and "more married," but I'm always amazed at the great numbers of bright new faces at the meetings. I don't doubt that the Club will remain one of the largest and strongest ski clubs in the flatlands.

I never thought I'd have to sign up for a February Aspen trip in September. Ten years ago, we'd take just about anybody who wanted to go to Colorado on the plane just to fill the seats. Here's hoping the next ten years will be just as much fun and even more successful than the first ten years.



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STANDING RULES REGARDING TRIPS

D. If a trip participant withdraws from a trip after the specified final payment date, the trip participant will lose his entire payment unless he or she can be replaced from the waiting list or the Trip Chairman is able to recover some or all of the participant's cost by cancellation of lodging, transportation, and/or other commitments. The trip participant will be entitled to have the entire amount recovered by replacement or cancellation of arrangements less the \$10.00 cancellation fee stipulated in Section IV. G (below) and any extra expenses incurred by the Club in canceling any of the previously made arrangements. The trip showing a profit or loss will not be a factor in determining the exact refund due. Also, if the Trip Chairman failed to exercise a reasonable effort in canceling accommodations or finding a replacement, the Executive Committee shall award the appropriate refund, less \$10.00.

E. Non-trip participants shall not be allowed to occupy any room as a non-registered guest.

F. No substitutions shall be allowed without the knowledge and approval of the Trip Chairman, and new additions to the trip shall come from the "Wait List." The Trip Chairman shall make all substitutions.

G. A minimum of \$10.00 charge will be assessed on all refunds for trips with a total cost greater than \$50.00 with the following exceptions:

(1) If the trip is handled through an agency which has a refund charge, the member will be charged \$10.00 plus the agency refund charge.

(2) If the refund is necessitated by actions of the Club and not the individual:

SALT LAKE CITY



1974 promises to be the best ever! Only once in the last 37 years have the ski areas been closed on Thanksgiving. Keep your fingers crossed, but it's probably not really necessary.

All you active people who passed the summer, well, happily enough, but who long for the still, tall beauty of the timberline and that special noise of your skis on snow (ssssh!), this is it! Your first opportunity! Thanksgiving in Utah!

We've planned the trip at \$233. each for 99 people in order to accommodate the expected rush, but there's no such thing as signing up too early. The September meeting will probably fill the trip so don't delay if you've got the itch to board the lifts at the earliest possible moment.

We will arrive at the Travelodge in Salt Lake at 8:00 p.m. on the evening of November 27, 1974 and depart on Sunday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m. This totals 4 nights there and four days of skiing. This lodge is new to the Club this year and features two queen size beds/one bath

- a. cancellation of the trip;
- b. individual was on the Wait list and never became an active participant.

H. A charge of \$5.00 will be assessed for each trip transfer.

I. If a trip should be "weathered-in", the additional lodging expense will be left up to the individual, although the Trip Chairman will assist in making accommodation arrangements, and collection for same will be left up to the lodge.

and will have two people to a room; there are saunas and two lounges, one of which is on the 13th floor with a view of the magnificent nearby Rocky Mountains and some of the cities' best entertainment. The four-star restaurant and lounge have won design and food awards regularly.

Gray Line buses will pick up every morning for a 45 minute to 1 hour ride to the ski area. Each day we'll ski a new area. Listen to the names: Alta, Snowbird, Park City!

Texas International Airlines has already done everything possible to make our trip trouble free. This time we will occupy an entire aircraft which will be scheduled as an "extra section". This means the party starts as soon as the rubber band is wound up on our very own airplane and it starts to taxi away from the boarding chute. Name tags will be provided for your big toe just in case you drink a little too much. All 99 skiers will meet at the Texas International desk at Intercontinental at 5:30 p.m. on November 17 for a 6:30 p.m. departure.

Speaking of parties, the usual round of parties are planned. The pre-trip party on November 13 and three scheduled get togethers while in Salt Lake. At this writing, cocktails are planned for Thursday and Saturday with a lodge sponsored wine and cheese party on Friday.

Dinner each way during the flight three terrific ski areas, luxurious accommodations, four full days of skiing, a visit to a beautiful city in the Rockies, entertainment and parties with a bunch of great people should round out a beautiful Thanksgiving Holiday!

Nov. 27 - Dec. 1 \$233.

Trip Chairman: Bob Allgeier
2001 San Sebastian, No. 19
Houston, Texas 77058
Hm.: 333-4627

Asst. Trip Chmn.: Lee Grona
2900 Ralido, No. 156
Houston, Texas
Hm.: 783-4174

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WINTERPARK



Forty-four lucky SCSC skiers will be experiencing this "never before visited" area. Be prepared to tackle the third largest ski mountain in Colorado, covering 3 mountain faces . . on 33 runs and 9 lifts with a capacity of 10,000 skiers per hour . . one of largest in the world.

We leave Houston on a dinner flight at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, December 11 and will arrive at the luxurious Meadow Ridge Condominiums approximately 8:15 p.m. after a short 1½ hour bus ride! Plenty of time for a wine and fondue party that night!

There are plenty of gently winding beginner paths, wide intermediate slopes groomed soft, smooth and steep, twisting expert slopes that have challenged the nation's top ski racers. Down the road from Winter Park's "big mountain" is Ski Idlewild, the finest beginner area in Colorado. A new area, Mary Jane at Winter Park, will open in December 1975. You can be among the first to ski the mighty Mary Jane. Special groups led by experienced guide will challenge the forested slopes and shoulder-deep powder.

We will enjoy four full days of skiing (one day's lift ticket included in price), two wine and cheese parties, and a cocktail party! Apres ski activities include sleigh riding, ice skating, snowmobiling, ski touring, and tube sledding on a lighted slope near the condominiums.

December 11 - 15 \$172.00

Trip Chairman: Ray Coker
6311 Heatherbrook, Houston 77045
Hm.: 729-3576 Off.: 923-2161
ext. 287

Asst. Trip Chmn.: Judy Allen
3771 Jardin, Houston 77005
Hm.: 668-2739 Off.: 227-3025

STEAMBOAT at Christmas



For those of you tired of just dreaming of the perfect run with the PERFECT snow, then the answer to those dreams is the post Christmas trip to Steamboat Springs, December 26th to January 1st. Rapidly becoming the most popular area in Colorado, Steamboat is located at the base of Mt. Werner, a mountain of long easy beginner runs, challenging bowls for the advanced skier, and a variety of intermediate slopes. All of the trails are well marked, and, of course, well groomed. Because of the many chair lifts, pomas, and a large gondola, there is "no wait" to get to the top. The ski school provides instruction in GLM and conventional and even cross-country.

Our accommodations will be at the luxurious Storm Meadows Condominiums; equipped with large bedrooms and living rooms and authentic fireplaces. Imagine a long day of skiing ending next to a roaring fire! Storm Meadows is located right on the ski trail

Evenings in Steamboat are another fantastic adventure. For a variety of clubs and restaurants, Steamboat is the place!

Spend 5½ days skiing great powder snow and welcome in the new year with 87 Space City skiers at a Space City New Year's Party.

Christmas at Steamboat - Come make memories with us. Don't delay.
Dec. 26 - Jan. 1 \$262.

Trip Chairman: Ed Chambliss
1311 Deepwood Drive
Friendswood, Texas
Hm.: 482-1532 Off.: 621-1681

Asst. Trip Chmn.: Cynthia Wright
2301 Fountain View, No. 4
Houston, Texas 77027 Ext. 248
Hm.: 783-5457 Off.: 452-0201

VAIL USSA Ski Week



VAIL . . . Let it happen to you this winter! 44 Space City skiers will leave Houston Friday afternoon January 3 (after the Holiday crush) and arrive in Vail about 9:00 p.m.

We are staying at the fabulous Mountain Haus, featuring plush condominium living including pool, health club and sauna. Mountain Haus is conveniently located close to the center of town with it's wide array of shops and interesting restaurants, and the Gondola station. The bus to the ski school (a 5 minute ride) stops at the door.

This is United States Ski Association Week in Vail and, in addition to the Space City get acquainted parties, there will be many opportunities to meet and party with Ski Clubbers from all over the country. The Trip price includes USSA registration which allows you to buy a 3 day lift ticket for only \$18.

The vastness of Vail's great mountain is dazzling. Vail's 10 square miles of skiing offer more variety and pleasure than any other ski resort complex in North America. Two enclosed gondolas and nine chairlifts are ready to whisk you up the mountain to gently sloping meadows, wide manicured trails, deep powder bowls or steep moguled terrain.

When the sun goes down Vail's ready for you with the offerings of 34 cosmopolitan restaurants serving exotic foods and fine wines. There is also simpler (and less expensive) fare available such as hamburgers and pizza - Vail even boasts a Kentucky Fried Chicken - or you can cook in the fully equipped kitchen of your condominium. After dinner, Vail offers a wide spectrum of enter-

tainment, from hot spiced wine and folk singing to bourbon and jazz. . . it's all within walking distance of Mountain Haus.

For the first time skier, this is the perfect spot to learn. The Vail Ski School with it's Graduated Length Method of instruction makes it all so easy . . . they promise you'll move up to the big mountain in less than a week.

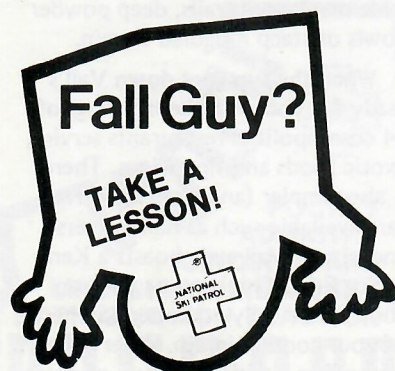
All good things must end and we will depart Vail Friday afternoon, January 10th. This allows time for a morning of skiing or just to browse in Vail's many shops and boutiques. We arrive in Houston about 10:30 p.m.

Sign up at the September meeting for something for everybody mountain . . . a something for everyone trip!

January 3 - 10 \$266.

Trip Chairman: Joe Murphy
P. O. Box 3272, Room 1697
Houston, Texas 77001
Off.: 221-0178

Asst. Trip Chmn.: Fran Stephenson
7510 Brompton, No. 543
Houston, Texas 77025
Hm.: 668-8236 Off.: 748-0009



STEAMBOAT Texas Ski Week



Four fabulous days of skiing in Colorado's finest dry powder. We will join several other Texas Ski Clubs in Steamboat for Texas Ski Week with races and other events scheduled with prizes and loot for all. We are again fortunate to have our own SCSC member, Finn Runfalo, as Director of Texas Ski Week.

Steamboat offers more than twenty-eight almost endless trails and they are groomed for all classes of skiers. Lift lines are almost non-existent, allowing plenty of time for skiing. After the lift lines close and the sun goes down Steamboat turns it all on for apres ski merriment.

We will depart Houston International Airport at six o'clock, Wednesday, January 15, on Texas International to Denver, then on to Steamboat by chartered bus with arrival at Storm Meadow Condominium slated to allow for almost a full night's rest. After four days of skiing, we will depart Sunday, January 19, at four o'clock back to Denver and on to Houston with arrival in Houston scheduled for around midnight.

The trip is only \$188.00 which includes air transportation, ground transportation, lodging, and one day's lift ticket. There are only eighty-eight available spaces, so be quick with your \$50.00 deposit to assure your place on this trip.

January 15-19 \$188.

Trip Chairman: John Dawsey
2218 South Rayburn
Pasadena, Texas 77502
Hm.: 946-4908 Off.: 795-3818

Asst. Trip Chmn.: Ruth Roy
12855 Memorial Drive
Houston, Texas
Hm.: 465-9253 Off.: 464-2873

ASPEN



DO IT the traditional way! Aspen Traditional Trip, that is. Eight fabulous days of skiing in Aspen, Colorado. This is a trip for both the true veteran and the novice. Aspen offers four mountains to ski, ranging from the expert challenging Aspen Mountain to the beginner's Buttermilk Mountain. There is a total of 196 runs and over 300 miles of superbly groomed downhill skiing. With four mountains and 33 lifts, you'll spend your time skiing, not waiting!

Aspen Mountain . . . rising out of town, it's tough and majestic. This is the site of the annual Roch Cup Races, and in 1950 the FIS World Ski Championships were held for the first time in this country on Aspen Mountain. Gretl's and the Sundeck provide great on-the-mountain food.

Aspen Highlands . . . the balanced mountain. Aspen Highlands offers Ski-vee, a video tape instant replay run with instructor evaluation, a speed timeing gate, a Nastar Race Course, base lodge bar and restaurant, ski shop and rentals, and the Merry-Go-Round Restaurant at mid-mountain.

Buttermilk/Tiehack . . . built specifically for beginners and intermediates, this is the gentleman of the four. The Cliff House and A La Crepe Suzette Restaurants on the mountain complement the base restaurant, bar and rental facilities.

SnowMass . . . The big one! With the Bigburn, Campground, Elk Camp and the new Alpine Springs area, Snow-Mass offers over 1,200 acres of skiing. Sam's Knob, the Ullritof, Elk Camp and Alpine Springs restaurants take care of big skiing appetites. Snowmass resort at the base, offers rental shops, ski shops, boutiques, restaurants and lodging.

Of course, there's more to a ski vaca-

tion than skiing. . . and, nowhere is there more than in Aspen. Victorian architecture, shades of the old west, a bit of the international, and Rocky Mountain contemporary all blend together in Aspen. Imagine the variety of over 100 different places to stay.

Aspen is a gourmet's delight. There are more than five dozen great restaurants offering a full range of prices, decor and cuisine.

The night life is just tremendous. Big name bands come into town quite frequently. Two dozen different establishments feature a variety of music and every type of libatious spirit imaginable. Aspen even has it's own brand of Bluegrass.

Worried about filling your spare time? There are just a few of the options available: Art classes, window shopping, weekly bridge and chess tourneys, classical music, canadian curling, dog sledding, ice hockey and skating, snowmobiling, sleight and cutter rides, swimming and indoor tennis.

As you can see Aspen has it all. Don't delay to sign up because this trip is extremely popular. We will be taking 99 people on the trip and this is the only scheduled trip to Aspen this year. Come and join us for a super trip!

Our charter Texas International Flight will leave Friday evening January 24 from Houston International arriving in Grand Junction, Colorado. Complimentary dinner and drinks will be served on flight. From Grand Junction, we will bus to Aspen via Continental Trailways. Lodging in Aspen will be the beautiful Aspen Chateaux Condominiums. Accommodations include swimming pool, sauna, courtesy car, laundry facilities, fireplace and kitchen facilities.

There will be eight full days of skiing and five parties during our stay. We will depart Aspen Saturday afternoon, February 1 and arrive in Houston Saturday night. Price of the trip is \$255.

So come on and do Aspen. It is Colorado's premier ski area.

Jan. 24 - Feb. 1 \$255.

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6460 Ella Lee Lane, No. 2
Houston, Texas 77027
Hm.: 782-8792

Assist. Trip Chmn.: Jim Newlin
2111 Holly Hall
Houston, Texas
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BRECKENRIDGE



The lure of Gold and Silver made Breckenridge, Colorado's first boom town 115 years ago. Next the lure of "White Gold" attracted skiers as Breckenridge continually sustained a base nearly doubled the base of Aspen and equaled that of Vail. Discover for yourself the "Tale of Two Cities", a unique blending of the quaint old mining town with the new and modern.

There's also the "Tale of Two Mountains", offering 49 trails plus open slope skiing over separate but interconnected mountains. Peak 8 offers skiers every kind of terrain from gentle, forgiving beginner runs to the kind of trails that only an expert could love. Peak 9 is more for the intermediate and expert skier. Keystone and Copper Mountain are only a 15-20 minute ride via convenient shuttle bus service for those that are hard to please.

At 4:45 p.m. on February 13, 44 lucky members will board Continental's flight 989 for Denver. Following a 1½ hour bus ride, Tannenbaum by-the-river will be a welcome sight. During our stay, comraderie will be encouraged by a cheese and wine and cocktail party.

Reluctantly at 3:30 on Sunday, February 17, we will board the bus again and return to Houston on Continental flight 452, arriving at 9:39 p.m.

SKI THE SUMMIT on Valentine's Day and do something you'll love!

February 13-17 \$185.

Trip Chairman: Donna Hahus
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Asst. Trip Chmn.: Duff Trimble
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LAKE TAHOE



SKI THE HIGH SIERRAS! Try your luck at the casinos! Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of Tahoe Country! Take a cable car to Nob Hill! See the sights of Chinatown! Try the seafood at Fisherman's Wharf!

All this and more can be yours to enjoy on Space City's glamour trip of the season to San Francisco and Lake Tahoe, March 1, 1975 through March 9, 1975.

We will depart Houston at 8:50 a.m. Saturday, March 1, on American Airlines Flight No. 601 for the first stop on our trip, San Francisco. Arriving at 11:30 a.m. we will bus to our accommodations at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel conveniently located on Powell St. near Union Square and directly on the cable car route. Enjoy the afternoon discovering the enchantment of San Francisco. Ride the cable car to Nob Hill . . . visit Chinatown . . . stroll through Fisherman's Wharf, tasting the delightful seafood fare . . . visit the unique shops of Ghiradelli Square and that evening, hit the high spots of San Francisco's ample night life.

After a leisure Sunday morning with more sightseeing, we will board our 2 charter buses for departure from San Francisco at 2:00 p.m. for a scenic ride through northern California to Lake Tahoe, arriving approximately 6:30 p.m. There we will stay at a new facility, The Waystation, located in South Lake Tahoe, California, blocks from Heavenly Valley ski area and only approximately a mile from Stateline, Nevada and the casinos where gaming and big name entertainment are highlighted. Free shuttle bus service will be available to the casinos.

Lake Tahoe, world famous for its superb skiing conditions, offers all skiers, beginners, intermediates or experts, a varied number and type of ski slopes. Of our 6 full days of skiing, we will spend 3 days on the North Shore skiing primarily at Squaw Valley, home of the 8th Winter Olympics. Squaw is an excellent ski resort with a vast network of double chair lifts, pomas, a gondola and the world's largest aerial tramway with a 120-passenger capacity. In addition, there are at least seven other ski areas on the North Shore. Heavenly Valley is a unique dual-state ski complex offering more than 20 miles of slopes with wide, gentle trails and protected powder runs in both California and Nevada. Whatever your ski preference is, you should be able to find it at Tahoe.

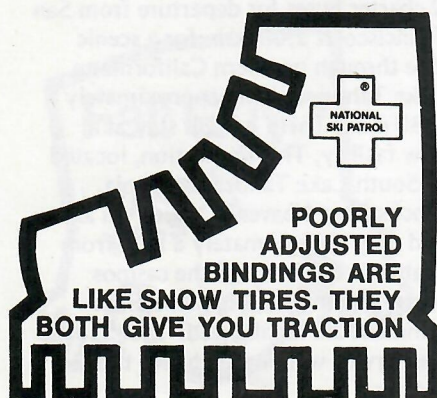
The nightlife of the South Shore offers superb dining at dozens of restaurants, dancing, and round-the-clock excitement in the gaming casinos. Additionally, we have planned at least two apres ski parties for the trip.

We will depart Tahoe Sunday morning, March 9 for our return to Houston via San Francisco where we will board American Airlines flight 602, departing at 2:14 pm. and arrive in Houston at 7:46 p.m. A ski vacation chocked full of skiing, sightseeing, and excitement for only \$300. can be yours for a \$50 deposit at our first meeting in September.

March 1 - 9 \$300.

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Houston, Texas 77035
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Asst. Trip Chmn.: Glen Rieger
519 S. Richey, No. 234
Pasadena, Texas 77506
Hm.: 477-5894 Off.: 477-9211
Ext. 559



PURGATORY TELLURIDE



Another Space City First! Ski two new and different ski areas all in one week. The first half of the week, we'll be staying at Purgatory, then Tuesday night, we will move to Telluride and finish out the week there. Both of these super areas have been talked about a lot by our members for long enough! Now, let's go skiing there, and complete the dream.

Located in the southwest corner of Colorado, Purgatory and Telluride have been skied by many of the superstars. (Warren Miller, film maker, Robert Redford, sex symbol; etc.) Purgatory is surrounded by two spectacular peaks of the San Juan National Forest, warmed by the southwest sun, and blessed with a natural snow belt that produced over 450 inches during the 1972-73 season. It is a skier's Utopia no matter what class of skier you are.

Telluride was designed by Emile Allais of France, who also designed Portillo in Chile. It boasts 32.5 miles of variable terrain for skiing and six double chairlifts. Novice skiers learn quickly on "Prospect Meadows" which is serviced by it's own chairlift. Intermediates have a wide choice of slopes and experts can try "Telluride Plunge" 3200' vertical and 2.5 miles long. If that isn't enough, the really adventurous can take a helicopter into the San Juan Mountains behind Telluride and ski the bowls filled with deep "true powder". Whatever you want in skiing, you'll find at both areas.

As always, there will be parties. We will have a cocktail party and a wine and cheese party at both areas, as well as a "fun" race for all types of skiers, and some "fun" prizes.

If you want to create a little of your

own excitement, that's easy! We will be within walking distance (2 blocks) of the town of Telluride which has some 14 restaurants and clubs. We don't know if you're going to be more tired from skiing or partying! Take your choice. When you're not skiing or partying, you can relax in the beautiful and spacious accommodations that we will have. In Purgatory, we will be staying at the Brimstone condominium which are 2 bedroom/2 bath units, complete with living room, kitchen, fireplace, etc. At the Telluride Lodge, we will have the same type accommodations plus a heated pool and sauna for tired, worn out, but happy skiers. Both lodges at both areas are conveniently located at the bottom of the chair lifts.

This trip is too good to miss! We will leave Friday afternoon, March 14 and return Saturday evening, March 22, 1975. That eight nights lodging and seven "plus" day skiing, all for only \$240. This is the lowest priced trip of all the week long trips, and even less expensive than some of the "weekend" trips!! The trip is set up for 44 people. First come, first serve. A \$50.00 deposit will hold you a place, so be sure to bring your checkbook to the September meeting. THINK SNOW!

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VAIL at Easter



Vail at Easter! What more need be said. Easter comes extremely early this year, so be prepared - it's going to be cold and snowing!

We will be flying round trip with Continental Airlines. Leaving on Wednesday, March 26, 1975 at 4:45 p.m. (which is a dinner flight) and arriving in Denver at 5:53 p.m.

The transfer from the Denver airport to Vail will be on Gray Line buses and we'll arrive before 9:00 p.m., just in time to begin the exciting evening activities.

We will be staying in two of the newer buildings in Lionshead . . the Vail 21 Building and Lionshead Arcade Building which are located next to each other at the base of Gondola No. 2

We will be having a wine and cheese party, plus a cocktail party while in Vail. And, for those of you who have never visited Lionshead, there is snowmobiling, sleighing and, of course, ice skating for those of you with energy to burn.

Easter Sunday, March 30, 1975 in mid-afternoon, we will arrive in time to catch a 7:05 p.m. flight (another dinner flight) arriving in Houston at 9:59 p.m.

Come join the fun and end a beautiful ski season for only \$197 complete!

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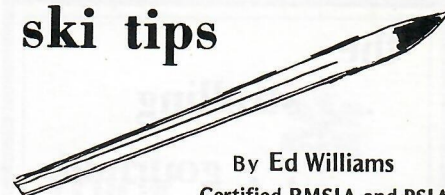
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ski tips



By Ed Williams
Certified RMSIA and PSIA

The most important factor in preparing for a new season of skiing is getting in shape. Any exercise that tones the muscles and builds your wind is good. This is especially important for you beginning skiers. Statistics have shown that a large majority of skiing injuries resulting in broken bones were from beginning skiers that had not engaged in any type of athletic or conditioning program before skiing.

Many questions you will have about skiing will be discussed in future issues of this column. What size skis should I use? Should I learn to ski with the GLM method? How important are the types of boots I use? How long should my poles be? Why won't my skis turn the way the instructor's do? What kind of skis should I buy? . . . etc, etc.

The size ski you should use is determined by your skiing ability, your height and weight and what kind of performance you are expecting from the ski.

If you are a beginning skier, you will probably be starting on a 150cm. to 160cm. ski. An expert skier of average height will use up to 210cm.

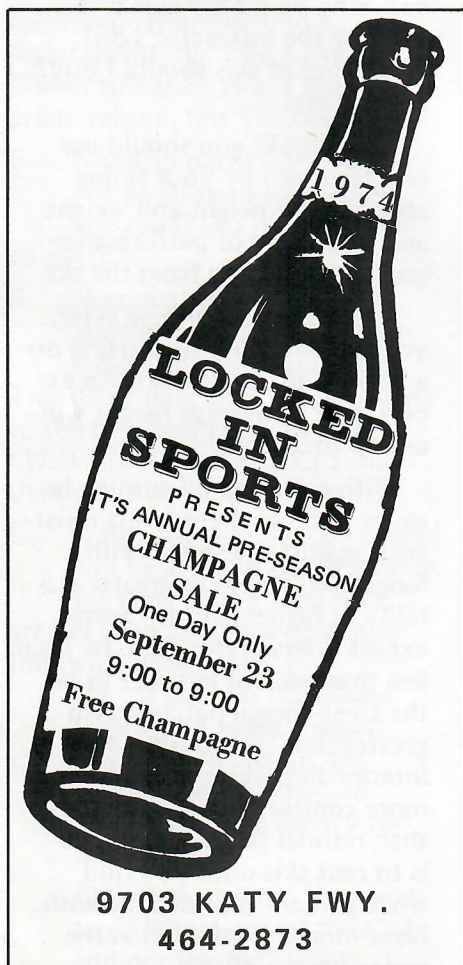
With a shorter ski turning is easier because there is less resistance against the snow. With a longer ski, you have greater stability at higher speeds. Some expert skiers prefer 5cm. to 10cm. less than normal in order to ski the steep mogul patches with greater flair and ability. An intermediate skier might feel more comfortable with a shorter than normal ski. A good idea is to rent skis until you find what you are comfortable with. Next month I will discuss the various types of skis.

the .. strolling .. gourmet

by Bob Olsen

Club members are probably among the best restaurant patrons in Houston. This new column will attempt to inform members of particularly good, and bad, restaurant experiences. Guest columns and reports are solicited and should be sent to the Club post office box . . . share your suggestions with the rest of us.

We believe the owner-operated establishments make the best restaurants. *Escargot*, on Richmond near Shepherd, is a great example. This unpretentious eatery is delightfully decorated and comfortable inside in contrast to the very plain exterior. Under new ownership since



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spring, the classic French menu of veal, seafood and other delectables is prepared by the owner's French wife. She uses authentic French cooking equipment and dinner is served in copper pots and pans by a friendly, but slightly disorganized staff. Prices are in the \$6 range, an appropriate price for such an enjoyable experience.

Another existing restaurant under new, but experienced, management is *Rothchilds*, 5636 Richmond. Two Argentine brothers serve steaks which rival *Brenner's* along with Continental favorites. Prices are in the \$6-\$9 range and service is excellent. The atmosphere is very comfortable and uncrowded with several dining areas to choose from. We recommend the canopied room to the left. By the way, one of the brothers managed the kitchen of *Brennan's* before that famous restaurant had its demise in quality and popularity.

Downtown lunchers have discovered *Harborow's*, Capital and Travis, in droves. Buck Prince, of hamburger fame, has combined a container of antiques from the Continent, a Cajun chef, Indian maitre d' and a beef oriented mixed bag menu into a most enjoyable restaurant. We recommend the fried shrimp or the barbequed beef ribs. The former are fried in a special egg batter while the latter are just plain great. The salad bar deserves special mention for its variety of the usual and the homemade avocado dressing, sesame seeds, capers and shredded cheese. Also, try Harborows for cocktail-hour and dinner before theatre or concert. Prices are one of the better buys in Houston.

Another new downtown place, *Fat Ernie's*, has received an over abundance of publicity, but we will comment anyway. The place is not crowded evenings and the antique atmosphere is delightful. The menu is an expanded *Bowery* menu ranging from the same dry sandwiches to the best Italian sausage with tomato and pepper sauce that I have eaten.

apres ski



By Karen Brady

Hi!! Hope everyone is excited about the upcoming ski season.

Linda Judge is no longer eligible. Her bachelorette status is to be terminated by Joe Murphy on November 16. Congratulations!

Halene and Ron Crossman are supervising the construction of their home in Kingswood. Hope it's finished soon and that you'll enjoy it!!

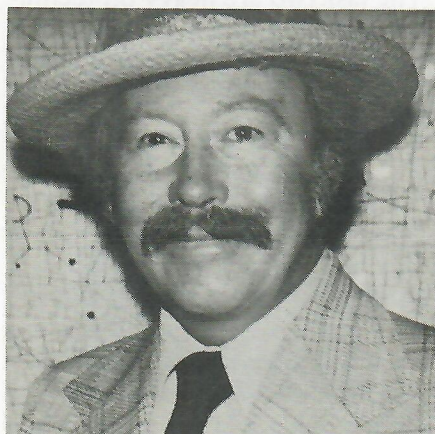
Ray and Sandy Coker and their children spent 2 weeks on a camping vacation in Colorado. They visited Winter Park, Keystone, and several other areas scoping out this skiing season's activities for us. They said there was no snow but it was still freezing at 8000 ft. in a tent!!!

Sy Liebergot will be spending a couple of weeks in September in Moscow doing preliminary work and training for the upcoming Soviet-U.S. joint space mission. Sy has also been jaunting in Mexico City and Acapulco! He's been playing hard and working hard (for NASA and SCSC)!!!

South America was home for 3 weeks for Kay Nevels with a family in Columbia. She traveled all over, got waited on hand and foot, and said she was ready to come home!! Great!

Bob Allgeier was tripping around down in Cozamal! Do any fishing???

MARKMAKER



By Gem Smith

Talk about a varied career - talk about colorful - that's Ed Williams!

One of those people who does everything and does them all well - Ed excels in everything he does. In high school, it was sports; in college - drama and dance. Later, it has been skiing.

"It began about 12-14 years ago when I took a job in Albuquerque, as claims manager with an insurance company," says Ed.

He started skiing on weekends at Taos. He liked it so well, he arranged his business schedule so he could ski 3 days in Taos. Then, he started skiing on Wednesday afternoons at Sandia Peak outside of town and even moved nearby so he could catch fresh powder snow before going to work in the morning.

"Since I was only skiing 4 days a week, I felt I needed more days on the slopes to be a better skier," Ed tells us.

What do you do in a situation like that?

Why, naturally, you quit your job and move to Taos.

There he began as an apprentice instructor and worked his way up to senior instructor. Upon passing a difficult examination, he was admitted to membership in the Rocky Mountain Ski Instruc-

tors Association. He is also a member of the Professional Ski Instructors of America.

While living in Taos (when he wasn't on the slopes) Ed ran a small motel, published a newspaper, ran a collection agency, private investigation agency and served as waiter, cook and volunteer fireman. In 1968 he was elected president of the Taos Chamber of Commerce.

"I came to Houston five years ago and joined the Space City Ski Club right away," he said. He was Vice President of Programs in 1971 and writes a column for the Sitzmarke.

From his youth, Ed has always excelled at whatever he attempted. During high school in Dallas and Garland, he was an All Conference Quarterback. He also found time to participate in Basketball, track and baseball. In 1950, after moving to Los Alamos, N.M., he won the Southwest Olympic Figure Skating competition. He was set to compete in the National Olympic trials for Ice Skating when the Korean War caught up with him. He was drafted into the Army where he became an intelligence officer and played football. As a paratrooper, he made 26 jumps.

Wherever he found himself, Ed went to school. After high school, he entered the University of Texas. In addition to UT, he has attended the University of Georgia, Southern Methodist University, New York School of Journalism, St. Louis University and University of New Mexico.


While at the University of Texas, Ed wrote, produced, directed and choreographed several musicals. "My Adagio partner and I won the National Inter-Collegiate Talent Contest," Ed says.

Active in the Austin Civic Theatre, he appeared in over 50 plays and also served as associate director. Somewhere along the way, he found time to do a nightclub act and operated his own theatre for awhile.

Ed currently goes on about four trips each year with SCSC and takes small groups to Taos several times a year.

He has his own private investigation firm, is associated with the law firm of Flatow and Hinojosa and owns the Ribald Club.

When Ed isn't pursuing his career or on the slopes, he's learning to navigate his new 30' Chris Craft Cabin Cruiser. He has in mind to do a little spear fishing and underwater photography to while away the time 'til the snow flies.



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SKI QUIZ



OF THE MONTH

Which of our past Presidents made quite a splash on a recent canoe trip? (Also taking a partner with him.) Will this truly be the end of all those illustrious canoe tales?

WHITE WATER CANOEING!!

By Gene Holland

White water canoeing! Expectations were high as 33 members of Space City Ski Club and their guests journeyed to the Guadalupe River below Canyon Dam to test their paddling skill on Saturday, August 17. Regrettably, the water level was somewhat lower than desired, and also lower than at the end of the First Annual Space City Canoe Trip last October. The extended Central Texas drought had turned the 'Galloping Guadalupe' into the "Gurgling Guadalupe." Yet, while lower water sometimes means fewer thrills, it has some real advantages as well, such as fewer spills, cuts, and bruises.

There were quite a few first time canoeists on our Second Annual trip. (Should we call them "water bunnies" or "paddle freaks"?) All seemed to agree at dinner that the trip merely whetted their interest for another trip very soon, perhaps even in the next month or two.

For one reason or another, there were several last minute defections, and we ended up

with an odd number of brave canoeists. Wayne Ahrens, our sturdy and adventurous VP of Programs, immediately seized upon this opportunity and volunteered (demanded?) to run the rapids in a kayak. From all reports, he acquitted himself most admirably. When last seen, he was questioning Dave McDermott, owner of Whitewater Sports (and the rental canoes) about the feasibility of another Space City trip, possibly a two day venture with a night of camping sandwiched in.

If it becomes possible to schedule another trip this fall, we'll take special pains to notify those who were on the waiting list for August but were unable to go due to the fact that the trip filled so rapidly.

If you would like to do some light reading about canoeing (other than *Deliverance* by James Dickey!) I suggest Volumes I and II of *Texas Rivers and Rapids* by Ben Nolen of Humble, Texas, *Malo's Complete Guide to Canoeing and Canoe-Camping* by John Malo (\$1.95 in a Collier paperback), and *Pole, Paddle and Portage* by Bill Riviere (\$3.95

in a Little, Brown paperback). Sam Houston Bookstore in Galleria or B. Dalton Booksellers may have copies of some of these references. The last two are heavy on technique, while Nolen's two guides tell of many good canoe trips that may be taken on the rivers of Texas.

Thanks to everyone who participated in our trip, I believe Space City Ski Club has now added another rewarding summer activity to go with the beach parties, picnics, the Wurstfest, bicycling and Louisiana horse races. Remember also, that all of us who fancy canoeing might consider praying for some rain this fall while we're thinking of snow for winter. Maybe then SCSC will be able to make one or two more trips before it is time to start skiing again.

I believe I'm already hooked on canoeing. Carl Leatherwood and I managed to get in 14 miles on the San Marcos River Sunday following the Guadalupe trip. If you haven't tried canoeing yet, I hope you'll ask some of the trip participants about it at the big September 9th meeting.

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