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## SKI MEETING

DECEMBER 9, 1974

Monday - 7:30 P.M.

Sonny Look's Sir Loin  
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### PROGRAMS

By Wayne Ahrens

This month's program consists of two ski films. The films are on Purgatory and Telluride. This program should be of special interest to the people going on the SCSC trip to these areas.

Last month we had the Annual Style Show. If you missed it, I suggest you bend over and have someone give you a swift kick. (expecially if you are a dirty old man type). Thanks to Ruth Roy and all of the people who assisted in presenting the show.

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### APPLICATIONS

Singles . . . . . 684

Married . . . . . 376

TOTAL . . . . . 1,060

## calendar of events

December 9        Regular Meeting

December 11-15    Winter Park  
                          Trip

December 13        Sitzmarke  
                          Deadline

December 26 - January 1  
                          Steamboat Springs Trip



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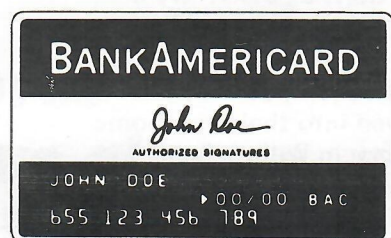
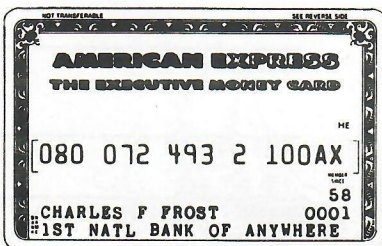
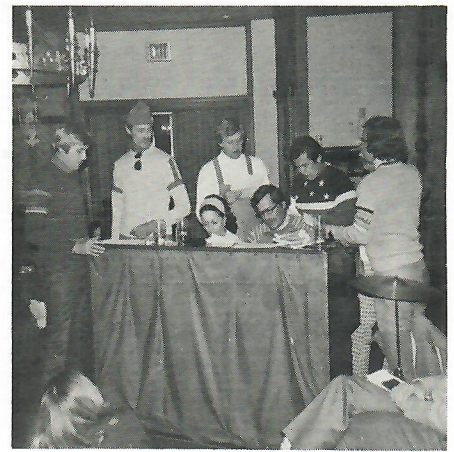


# Annual Style Show

The Space City 1974 Annual Style Show was a splendorific parade of ski clothes presented by **Locked In Sports** and commented by **Ruth Roy**. The SCSC models made us all want to rush out and dazzle the slopes in spiffy new attire. According to our bunny expert, clothes will not make you a super skier (with the exception of the pink bikini, of course), but they certainly do wonders for your psyche. **Jim McIntyre** became so enthusiastic during the style show that he proposed (marriage!) to **Ann Zaunbrecher** (in the dressing room no less) ... and she said Yes!

The musical entertainment was provided by **Don Holloway**,

Howard Young, Bob Petner, Jim Knox, Ed Williams, Miles Anderson and Jay Castille. Our thanks to **Jerry O'Donnell** who made a mid-meeting dash for film and to **Pat McLaughlin** who was the official picture-taker.



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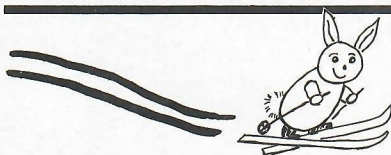
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# apres ski

By Peggy Adams



Joe Murphy and Linda Judge were married November 16th and honeymooned in Acapulco. Linda had everything ready for their return to their new townhouse on Valley Forge. Congratulations!

Bob Sheridan just got back from five weeks in Europe and the Middle East where he came back with some wild but true tales of swallows migrating south on Swissair during the October cold weather in Switzerland. Now Swissair is for the birds . . . that's class!

Diane Matthews is nursing a hurt little finger on her left hand which she received while running out for a pass playing football with son, Chris. He must be quite a passer. We'll look for him in future college lineups.

Jane and Jerry Kearby have just moved into their new home on Benning in Willow Bend. I understand Jerry is having to sacrifice some hunting weekends to do yard work and Jane has given up her monthly Cosmopolitan magazine for House and Garden.

Sandy, Ray Coker's wife certainly isn't the jealous type. While Ray was busy at the Trip Table during the style show last month, Sandy pointed out the model in the pink parka with the bikini underneath. I guess after 10½ years of wedded bliss she's pretty sure of Ray.

Our thanks to both Darwin Miller and Don Doucette for their pro and con speeches on the issue at hand at the last meet to change the by-laws. Both sides certainly had good points.

Want something to do on Wednesday evenings? Go by the Great Mine Company between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. and hear our own Jay Castille at the piano. See you there.

Pat Polasek tells us that the Warm Fuzzy Parties at St. Michael's Catholic Church are really nice for single people and that a lot of our members come to the parties. The last party on November 9th produced about 800 singles. If you are interested in attending their monthly parties, give St. Michael's a call for the time and place.

Ron Harberger has recently been on a camping trip to Toledo Bend Reservoir on the Louisiana border. He nearly drowned in his own boat, sleeping when the rains came. Is that really fun, Ron?

Fran Stephenson, Assistant Trip Chairman for Vail, looks lovely with the tan she got on a recent trip to Florida and New Orleans, Louisiana. I'm sure she needed the vacation prior to the upcoming Vail trip.

Thanks to Gene Holland who organized and coordinated two Wine Tastings for our members with Cellarmaster that were quite a success.

Did you notice the Houston Post photo of Harry Beard taken at the Wursthfest in November?

It was a big half page picture of Harry that he didn't even know was being taken. He had on his lederhosen. What beautiful legs you have Harry.

I certainly could use your assistance. If you have any "gossip" that is printable, please give me a call at 783-2708 after 5 in the evenings.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas!

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Henry David Thoreau had a great idea: "Get close to the land, Look at it, refresh yourself by feeling a part of it, and simplify, simplify."

Thoreau would have liked ski touring. It's a scenic sport, exploring wilderness trails, and it's simple. No super deluxe, expensive equipment . . . just lightweight skis, lightweight poles, flexible bindings, and boots that are light and comfortable.

Ski touring is travel on skis. This simple generality is frequently obscured by a mountain of obfuscating jargon which endeavors to split ski touring up into a number of sub-classes, each with separate labels. This confusion can be distilled into two broad sub-titles, Nordic and Alpine. Nordic ski touring is done cross-country, using light weight equip-

ment, and can be described as hiking on skis. Alpine ski touring is ski mountaineering; the intent is to ascend peaks and enjoy otherwise inaccessible downhill runs. Since a fair amount of experience and control is required on these downhill sections, most non-skiers and novice resort skiers who take up ski touring begin with Nordic ski touring.

myself has revealed that the ski touring phenomenon has not yet hit Houston. There is no known organized activity, and only one store (Wilderness) carries the equipment. The purpose of this and subsequent articles is to give SCSC members some idea of what ski touring is about and how to get involved.

The first thing you must have is equipment. Most critical are the skis and boots; since your main propulsion comes from their interaction with your feet and legs, proper selection is essential.

Ski touring skis come in four varieties. Lightest and narrowest is the cross-country racing ski. It is very light, has a tapered tail, a large amount of camber, and no edge. It is for the expert to use in racing. Next in size is the

the ski wearing the equipment you normally ski with. You should be able to just barely slip a piece of paper under the heel.

Boots also come in two basic kinds. The light touring boot is low-cut and looks a little like a track shoe. It should have a tapered sole which flexes easily just behind the toes, good toe

room and a snug heel. In contrast, ski mountaineering boots are high cut, stiff and heavy.

Ski touring poles should go from the floor snugly into the armpit, or just a shade higher. Touring poles come in three materials - bamboo, fiberglass, and aluminum. Bamboo is traditional. It has the advantages of being cheap and amenable to temporary tape repairs. Aluminum is light, strong and bends before breaking. Fiberglass is light, strong, and breaks into sharp, unrepairable fragments. Avoid fiberglass poles.



by Gar Bering,  
Chairman,  
Ski Touring & Mountaineering, USSA

## ski touring

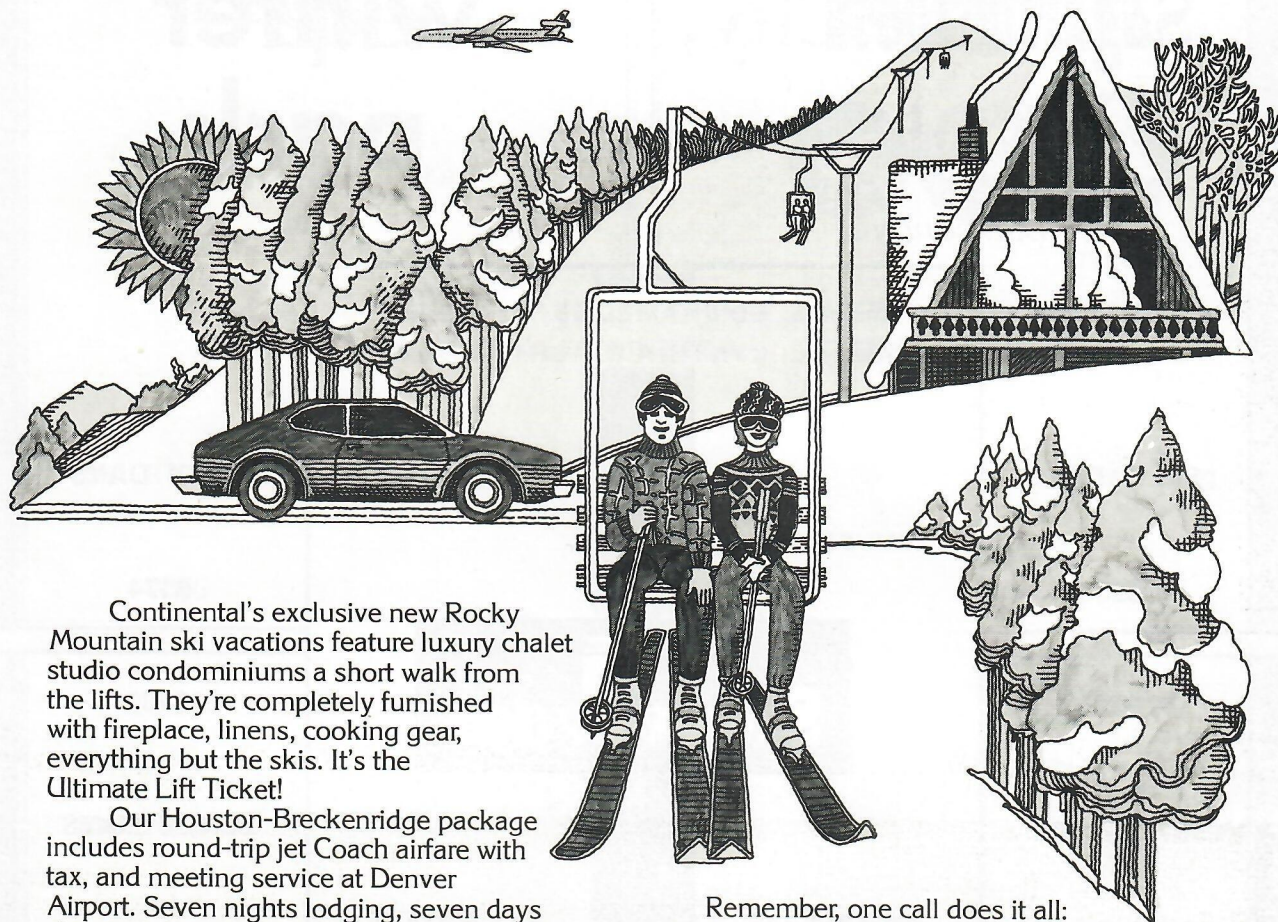
light touring ski, which is almost as narrow and springy as the racing ski, but a good deal sturdier and heavier. The base is made of hickory or plastic, and it usually has edges made of lignostone, which is compressed beechwood. Wider still is the so-called general touring ski, mainly utilized for snow camping or extended skiing with heavy packs. It may or may not have partial steel edges. Widest of all is the mountain ski, which has metal edges and is utilized for ski mountaineering. Since you are constantly picking up and moving your skis and boots, lightweight is very critical. An ounce on your foot is equivalent to six ounces on your back. Therefore I recommend light touring skis for beginners.

A properly fitted touring ski should stand about as tall as the wrist of your up-raised arm. Another check is to stand on

However, careful market research by Diane Matthews and



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# Schedule

JAN 24 - FEB 1	<div>Chairman: DONNA DAVIS 782-8792 Assistant: JIM NEWLIN 748-4307</div> <div>Aspen</div> <div>TRADITIONAL TRIP</div>	<div>Chairman: DONNA HAHUS 667-5417 Assistant: DUFF TRIMBLE 497-2969</div> <div>breckenridge</div> <div></div> <div>THREE MOUNTAINS</div>	FEB 13 - FEB 17
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MAR 14 - MAR 22	<div>\$240</div> <div>SKI 7 DAYS</div> <div>\$300</div> <div>TWO NEW AREAS</div> <div>Purgatory - Telluride</div> <div>Chairman: BOB PETNER 926-4703 Assistant: ANN CORNISH 661-4593</div>	<div>MAR 9</div> <div>SKI 6 DAYS</div> <div>\$197</div> <div>SKI 5 DAYS</div> <div>AT EASTER</div> <div>Chairman: LAURA CALLIHAN 495-2207 Assistant: JIM BENEFIELD 626-0150</div>	MAR 26 - MAR 30



# Purgatory - Telluride

"There's gold in them there hills". White gold, that is, and Space City Ski Club is heading for it March 14. One of the best club trips this season offers you the opportunity to ski two areas, Purgatory and Telluride, all in one trip.

Leaving flat humid Houston Friday, March 14, we fly TI to Albuquerque. We'll take a bus to Purgatory and ski four days while lodging at the Brimstone. Purgatory is outstanding for beginners and intermediates. Trail names at Purgatory bring images to the mind, both devilish and heavenly. From the twisting lower summits of Hades to peaceful Paradise, you'll satisfy your skiing soul. For those of you who do not have your own equipment, ski rental is available and, of course, a ski school.

Tuesday, about 5:00 p.m. we leave Purgatory for Telluride arriving about 9:30 p.m. Our accommodations are at the modern luxurious Telluride Lodge complete with its own dining room and wood burning fireplace in each condominium.

Again skiers are in for a real treat. Did you ski Thanksgiving and get tired of the lift lines? Well, Telluride's super lift capacity of 5,600 skiers per hour and only 700 beds in town assures you more time on the slopes and less time waiting in line. Beginners, intermediates and experts can choose from over 32.5 miles of skiing over a wide mix of terrain.

After skiing, plunge into Telluride's nostalgic past. Take a stroll down main street . . . it hasn't changed since Butch Cassidy robbed his first bank there. Telluride looks turn of the century, but it's truly cosmopolitan. Outstanding restau-

rants serve everything from giant pizzas to escargot. Cozy cocktail lounges are just right for "tall tales" after skiing. Enjoy friends by a relaxing fire or "boogie" at all night discotheques. Telluride nights glow with excitement.

The club will further the activities by having two after ski parties at each area, including a wine and cheese, with fun races on the slopes one afternoon at Telluride. You can see this is truly a fun-filled action-packed ski adventure. If you desire further information, please call the trip chairman or assistant or better yet, come to the December meeting. A film on Purgatory by Warren Miller will be shown. It is very informative and is sure to stimulate your desire for that "White Gold".

At the November meeting, we had only places for about 12 more skiers. Since then, we've received several phone calls, so if you're interested, please give us a call. We wouldn't want it to fill without your being on it.

The trip is March 14-22. That's right when it's beginning to warm in Houston. Come enjoy one last frosty winter panorama before returning to the long months of sunny poolside weather at home. It's only \$245.00 for 7½ days of skiing. Don't miss this bonanza package.

**Trip Chairman:**

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**Ann Cornish - 661-4593**

## *Learning to Live With Wine*

**by Gene Holland**

Where were you in '61? John F. Kennedy was President and many ski clubbers were doubtless deeply involved in growing up as typified in last year's movie, "American Graffiti".

Produced in 1961 in the Rioja region of northern Spain and then aged for 10 years in 50 gallon oak barrels prior to bottling, Faustino I Tinto Gran Reserva became one of the fine wines featured at each of our first two Space City wine tastings held November 1 and November 8.

Several people even attended both sessions and most everyone seemed to learn some interesting new facts about wine. At least some of us will never again be completely satisfied with Ripple, Annie Green Springs or Woodpecker cider!

Tentatively, we plan to feature champagne at a tasting to be held about mid-December, 5 or 6 good champagnes that fall in the \$3.00 to \$7.00 price range. Thus, we won't be sampling any of the brands that Wilbur Mills used to swill down when out on the town with his lovely Argentine "Firecracker"!

If you would like to be notified of the date, cost and wines at future tastings, just call the Cellarmaster at 784-5280 and ask that your name be placed on the separate Space City mailing list. Only 30 people can be seated at each tasting, so you must make your reservations directly with the wine shop;

Wine should help us to cope a lot better with our bosses, friends, lovers and creditors, not necessarily in that order, so I'm investigating the possibility of a tasting early next year at a new spot called the "Gypsy Market" at the corner of University Boulevard and Morningside, very near to Jack Rich's ski shop, in the Village. Of course, I welcome all comments and suggestions from the membership about ways to improve on this new activity.



# markemaker



by Duff Trimble

Greg and Anna Danneel can certainly be considered one of SCSC's jetset couples. Just for starters, they've been to Majorca, Spain, Hawaii, Acapulco, Playa del Rey, Marine City, Michigan, and the Sam Houston Coliseum for almost every Aeros game.

Greg's job as sales rep for Continental Airlines has carried him to such diverse countries as Japan, Thailand, Singapore, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Spain, Italy, Mexico and the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rica, Panama and Marine City, Michigan. He says he developed his international dialect 'specially for his job; started on it 20,000 years ago. It's a mixture of 17 years in Michigan, 4 months in Missouri, 2 years in Indiana, 3 years in Chicago, 1 year in Virginia, 1 year in Boston, 4 years in Los Angeles, 10 days in Schuns, 15 minutes in Blue-dens, and 2½ years in Houston.

When they're not traveling, look for this active pair hunting (he swears that new .243 with the French walnut and rose wood stock is Anna's - we wonder where it will be opening weekend of deer season); fishing (both admit she catches more and bigger); swimming (she started and completed lessons last year); water skiing (before she learned to swim?); playing tennis, and raquet ball (when they can find a court); skiing (look for them on the Breckenridge trip in February); enjoying music, wine, cheese

and camping (she's teaching Greg to drive tent stakes), punching holes in an archery target, and cooking.

With no hesitation, they both agree their favorite recipe is one for Gleesons (alias Slippery Jacks). The word is that this is a cousin of chicken and dump-lings, but more complicated. In-stead of round dumpings, the dumpling looks as though Sonny Look had skied over it.

While Greg is selling Continen-tal, Anna is employed by an engineering consulting firm as a secretary. Anna also sews, takes ballet, does rug looping and crewel stitchery.

When Greg is not with Anna, he builds deer stands, makes his own red wine, loads shotgun shells, and shoots trap.

If you haven't met this couple, do yourself a favor at the next meeting and say "HI". An inside source tells us the password is "Marine City, Michigan".


# WURSTFEST

by Steve Collins

We got underway right on schedule with ten people less than planned. Our immediate undertaking was to begin on the coffee and donuts. We then proceeded to start on the Bloody Marys and screwdrivers which were the bartender specialties, but a few people had their own ideas. For ex-ample, Finn Runfalo, who started on his own brand of beer. By the time we reached New Braunfels, he was quite ready for the Wurstfest.

We arrived around noon. Everyone spread throughout the Wurst area trying all types of sausage, shiskebobs, and other German food. There was such a variety of food, it was impossible to try all of them. Jim Newlin and Carol Cruce were witnessed eating sausage, cheese balls, and apple strudel. Cindy Ater and I tried shisk-ebobs, reuben sandwiches and sausage. There was, of course, plenty of beer to wash the food down. At 2:00 p.m., we regrouped in the Wursthalle. Within the next few hours, there was standing room only. Just getting to the dance floor was a problem, but then after several hours of drinking, getting up even became a problem. Half of the group decided to see a play which was be-ginning in an adjacent building. Back at the Wursthalle, the plot was thickening . . . that is, people were pouring in. After more drinking, spilling, and slurping beer; it was time to depart. I know Sy Liebergot had as much beer on him as in him.

We all loaded the bus for the long trip home. Laura Callihan started everyone singing Christ-mas Carols. This lasted for half an hour and then all was quiet. The day's activities had been just too much for everyone.



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# Eatzmarke

by Bob Olsen

Only on rare occasions does a combination of food, atmosphere, service, dinner companion and price result in a superb dining experience. We cannot help with the dinner companion but can suggest a remarkable restaurant in San Antonio.

On the banks of the San Antonio River there is a fig tree in the patio of a small house. The house has been there for more than a century and was converted into a restaurant three years ago at the request of friends of the owners, the Phelps family. Mr. Phelps, who is in attendance daily, left Chicago business interests and retired to San Antonio several years ago. As a retirement project, he opened a steakhouse, and entertained friends in his own residence, the house with the fig tree next door. These elegant unpretentious entertainments evolved into the establishment of **THE FIG TREE**.

The menu lists eight entrees and an equal number of appetizers. Each is unique in its method of preparation as a result of testing and experimenting over the years. The varied entrees all cost \$10.50 and include Roast Duckling (for two), Oyster Beef, Brown Quail, Coastal Trout, Tenderloin of Lamb with a pate and truffle center. The English Mix consists of tenderloin, lamb, chicken, and sausage sauteed with fresh mushrooms, onions and bell peppers. The natural jus complements the Mix by bringing all the flavors together, much as a Maestro blends together all the instruments of the symphony, with a most pleasing result. The Beef Wellington is prepared in its own pastry crust. The pate and truffle, which accompany the tenderloin in the crust, are perfect subtle complements to the fine beef.

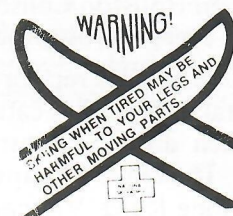
We don't recommend strong spirits before dinner, although the house liquors include Chivas Regal, Beefeater and Wild Turkey. Instead, try an aperitif like Lillet on the rocks. For an appetizer (\$3) you might experiment with imported wild boar, steamed soft shell crabs, escargot in garlic butter, smoked sturgeon or quail eggs. Oysters and fresh clams are also available when quality permits.

The wine list has something for everyone and every pocket-book. The range includes \$60 bottles of Chateaux Lafitte or Margaux down to Mateus Rose in the \$6 range; a wide selection of fairly priced wines lies between. We tried a young Grand Cru Beaujolais, Chateau St. Jacques 1972, and found it quite good at \$10.

We could go on and on about the beef tea, salad, immaculate kitchen, crystal room upstairs, tables on the patio for listening to frequent summer concerts and other amenities. But that would not leave anything for the reader to discover.

Nevertheless, a closing comment on the service is warranted. The FIG TREE has a capacity of about 70 diners and a staff of 9 waiters under the maitre' de. The menu suggests allowing time to enjoy the meal to be served properly . . . 2 hours. The waiters are congenial yet unobtrusive, efficient but not hurried, formal but not at all unfriendly or cold. Ask for one of Ed Franco's tables, he will be pleased to serve a most unusual dining experience.

Reservations are highly recommended; call 512/ 224-1976. If arriving late in the evening, you might reserve your selection from the above entrees as only limited numbers of fresh meals are prepared. The FIG TREE is located at 515 Villita Street in the shadow of the Hilton Palacio Del Rio in San Antonio.



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# SKI BY THE RULES

You won't find center stripe markers or even a superfluity of signs, but skiing has its own rules of the road which every skier has at least a moral obligation to follow.

They're simple enough, needn't cramp your style, and once you learn them, will quickly become incorporated into your subconscious actions, much as you steer your auto through traffic.

The payoff is worry-free skiing and safety for both yourself and those with whom you share the slopes.

The National Ski Patrol System, those nice folks whose lot it is to care for those few unfortunates who suffer the consequences, has established the following guidelines:

- 1** All skiers shall ski under control. Control shall mean in such a manner that a skier can avoid other skiers or objects.
- 2** When skiing downhill and overtaking another skier, the overtaking skier shall avoid the skier below him.
- 3** Skiers approaching each other on opposite traverses pass to the right. (Like autos on the highway).
- 4** Skiers shall not stop in a location which will obstruct a trail or unloading area or impede the normal passage of other skiers, and shall not stop at a point where they are not visible from above.
- 5** A skier entering a trail or slope from a side or intersecting trail shall first check for approaching downhill skiers.
- 6** A standing skier shall check for approaching downhill skiers before starting.
- 7** When walking or climbing in a ski area, skis should be worn and the climber or walker shall keep to the side of the trail or slope.
- 8** All skiers shall wear safety straps or some other devices to prevent run-away skis.
- 9** Skiers shall keep off closed trails and posted areas and shall observe all traffic signs and other regulations prescribed by the ski area.

If you still have questions when you reach the ski area, contact a patrolman. He'd much rather help you before an accident than after.



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My first trip to Europe began September 14, 1974 with a two-week stay in Moscow and continued with a 7 day automobile trip across Austria, Southern Germany, Lichtenstein and Switzerland; then terminated with a flight to Madrid, Spain for a 2 day stay.

#### *Travel Thoughts On The Way To Moscow:*

- \* Challenge to enthusiasm is 16 consecutive hours of air travel time and a packed 707 jet.
- \* Happiness is landing through the fog after circling the Copenhagen airport for 1½ hours with only 2 hours of fuel remaining.
- \* Exhaustion is realizing you've been awake for 31 hours.

#### MOSCOW, USSR

##### *First Day Thoughts:*

- \* Hotel Russia has 4,000 rooms; I wonder if mine is bugged?
- \* I wonder where my KGB shadow is?
- \* This city has no life, no color.
- \* People here don't smile much.
- \* How much is a ruble really worth?

##### *As The Days Pass:*

- \* Women all walk arm-in-arm. I'm not sure if this is for security or that it always guarantees a man a package deal.
- \* Women are desperately attempting mini skirts, apparently already have realized the "high" price that must be paid in the winter.
- \* This is a city of apartment buildings. No private homes except way out in the country. The Russians apparently have lost the art of bricklaying and have cornered the world market on cranes. Buildings are huge and appear to be run down when completed - such is the poor quality of workmanship. The art of making window distortion-free glass is apparently also lost.
- \* Moscow is a very clean city. Everyone is litter conscious here.
- \* No telephone books, anywhere.
- \* Stores: All merchandise appears to be in short supply, of poor quality and expensive. The scarcity of items was sharply demonstrated when one day as

## *a taste of honey*

(and Bowls of Borscht)

by Sy Liebergot

I was leaving the Kremlin, a young man offered to buy the Levi jeans I was wearing. The going price at the time for Levis was as high as \$200.00. The Russians don't appear to get a square deal from their government as far as the purchasing power of their ruble. Merchandise of superior quality can be purchased for less than half price in certain stores that only accept foreign exchange (dollars, francs, etc). Catch here is that Russians cannot own any money except rubles. As a result, there is a thriving money black market here. One night I was approached by two men who wanted to buy my dollars with rubles for at least two for one. I refused, of course. There are certain aspects of Russian culture I don't care to experience. Can you believe it? - most store clerks use an abacus; I saw very few cash registers! Consequence of all the above is that people spend most of their lives standing in line - counters that are all crowded, but nobody seems to buy much. It was depressing to see these crowds of people pressing against the counters and no one smiling.

- \* It got pretty sporty at night since everyone drives with only the parking lights on - it's the law. The drivers only turn on the main beams before they hit you.
- \* It's true! I saw women doing hard labor on street repair right alongside the men. Something strange about women driving a steamroller.
- \* As advertised, the subway (metro) is beautiful.
- \* The cloakroom people in theaters, hotels, restaurants think you're an ignorant CLOD if your coat does not have a hanging loop. Also, you don't

get in if you don't check your topcoat.

- \* Russians smoke like chimneys, but I never saw anyone smoking a cigar or pipe.
- \* Modern music is discouraged, but the people get it, anyway.
- \* Russian people seem honest to a fault.
- \* Language is a tremendous problem. However, in spite of my resistance, I learned a few phrases in Russian and to count to 5. I never did learn to ask "where am I" in Russian, though I should have.

##### *At Work:*

Working through interpreters is a new, difficult experience. They are like temperamental artists, jealous of their ability. Blackboard chalk is square, but I never saw any square fingers.

##### *Food:*

I am of dubious Russian extraction even though my mother was born in Russia and my paternal grandparents also came from Russia because with a surname of Liebergot, I'm sure they were just passing through. Being exposed to similar food early in life coupled with an innate garbagemouth capability allowed me to enjoy all the fare offered up with no gastronomic difficulties.

- \* Russian soups, beginning with your basic cabbage borscht, are super!
- \* Georgian wines are superb. Russian vodka is excellent to toast with. Everyone drinks mineral water - bottled (try it - you won't like it).
- \* I prefer salmon caviar over sturgeon caviar (how divine!)
- \* Smoked salmon (lox) seemed to be always available as an appetizer.
- \* Beer (peevah) is 4%, uncarbonated and served at room temperature and I drank it. Amazing how adaptable beer drinkers are. "Nothing like a warm peevah at the end of a hard day!"
- \* Never saw any lettuce in the entire 2 weeks.
- \* Put salt in my tea (chai). I



learned that the small bowl on the restaurant table is not sugar.  
 \* Coffee is terrible, most everyone drinks tea; I don't blame them.  
 \* Paper napkins were so small that I had to sew 84 of them together to wipe one fingernail.

#### *Sightseeing and Cultural Events:*

Moscow is loaded with buildings of unusual (and old) architecture. As a matter of fact, none of the new buildings looked new. Of course, this may be in part due to the workmanship. The American Embassy building was built in 1952, but appears to be 75 years old.

The Kremlin and Red Square were appropriately impressive. Red Square was undergoing reconstruction work and unfortunately Lenin's tomb was "closed for repairs."

Touring the Exhibition Park of Economic Achievement. 540 acres of permanent pavilions housing and depicting Soviet productivity. Pavilions, parks, restaurants, fountains - it would take a year to see it all. Naturally we toured the Space Pavilion and received a large dose of all the Russian space firsts.

#### *Zagorsk:*

One of the highlights of the trip was getting a VIP tour and treatment at Trinity Monastery in the city of Zagorsk. This is the seat of the Russian Orthodox Church. We toured, toasted, ate caviar and smoked salmon (hmmm) with the Holy Fathers. None of us really left sober; those priests have the right formula for "instilling" a glowing feeling.

Two cultural squares filled: Attended the Bolshoi Theater and saw Swan Lake performed by the Bolshoi ballet troupe. Also attended the old Moscow circus. The place smells of 10,000 horses, but it's another must. Comment: The Russians have an extremely difficult time obtaining tickets for these events, but apparently foreigners don't.

At the end of two weeks we were all ready to leave. I was pretty weary from just trying to absorb so many new sights smells, customs and concepts (as well as from all the toasting). This, I think is termed cultural shock. Would I return? Let me ponder on that!

Next Month: The Rape of Two Continents!

## TENTH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

by Jerry Maley,  
Chairman, Tenth Anniversary Committee

#### *Do you remember . . .*

when we arrived in Aspen to find that our hotel had not yet been built?

when our President forgot to get off the chairlift and after riding around the wheel had to be "rescued" by the lift operator?

These and many more cliff-hangers were asked and answered by over 200 Space City Ski Clubbers who congregated at the Summit Club to revive and relive the first ten years of our Club's life.

That Tuesday evening (October 29th) was an eye-boggling

feast of continuous slides and movies from each of Space City's ten seasons. Probably no one had time to look at them all. And if that didn't satisfy, there were poster displays with photo montages of ski trips, past officers, non-ski activities (canoeing, Wurstfesting, horse racing, yachting, etc.), newspaper clippings.

Of secondary importance (but not overlooked by the party goers) was the bountiful buffet table centered by a beautiful tree of fruit and surrounded by cheeses, crab filled mushrooms . . . but enough of that.

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While cold weather may bring energy shortages, it also brings tons of white powdery snow to skiing capitals of the world. The snow that causes automobile accidents and makes migrant families shiver in their wooden flats is the same snow that makes tens of thousands of people flock to Aspen, Big Sky, and Steamboat to enjoy weeks of relaxation and exercise. Rocky Mountain highs comes and go with each trip on the ski lift, as the dedicated and the beginners race hand in hand over the snowy slopes. It's an example of human determination, to climb up and ski down, then scamper back to try it all over again. The restless are up at dawn and out until dark, skiing until the sound of the snow swishing under their skis is nonresonant. On a snow covered mountain top, you can talk to God, and listen to the casual reply, and say goodbye as you tighten your legstraps, adjust your poles and slither down the side, hopefully arriving at the bottom in one piece, or at least in time to join some of the many other winter sports enthusiasts for a cup of hot, steaming cocoa. Men and women who have hidden all day behind woolen masks remove their snowy identity and instantly become the people they arrived as. Bankers, lawyers, construction workers, and even clergymen all share the same white, icy manna from the heavens when they are on the slopes. Skiing is one place where males and females of all races, creeds and colors share the same equal opportunity to enjoy one of the few truly natural sports left in the world today.

