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JUNE GENERAL MEETING

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Renew Your Membership Today!



From Mission Control



Beverly Roberts,
President

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Greetings pandemic survivors!

What a weird April. One tank of gas lasted almost the entire month. My closets and drawers are more organized than they have been in years. Lots of time with the pets and flowerbeds. Lots of new recipes, invented to utilize leftovers and back-of-the-fridge items so I could stretch time between grocery runs. I'm not sure how I feel about this super-slow pace of life – in some ways it's good to have lots (and lots!) of personal time. But I think we are all missing the social aspect of daily life. Space City technical guru Dave Stotz to the rescue!! In addition to supporting the SCSC website – where we can go for club updates and information - Dave has introduced us to Zooming!! He has coached us through Zoom happy hours, Zoom trivia contests, and an evening of Pandemic Bingo games. Kudos to Lynn and Bil, who

came up with the ideas, and Dave, who helped us cross the technology goal line for these activities.

With the gradual relaxation of distancing guidelines, many of us are beginning to poke our face-masked heads out from our front doors to see what the next phase of emergence from lockdown looks like. As a club, we are taking careful, baby steps. But there is definitely excitement around restarting activities. The first 'post-Corona' monthly dinner at George's Pastaria was sold out within days. We will continue to review activity opportunities and let you know what is planned. Be sure and check the website often, and read your weekly e-blast.

So, stay safe and continue to observe social distancing. Hopefully next month, we will be in a better, safer, happier place.



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR, Melinda Hughes

I am thrilled to be this year's editor for the club newsletter! Thank you to Ross Baker, past editor, for all of the years that he has given his time and talent to our organization. I have big shoes to fill and hope to do as good of a job as he did. If you would like to have your pictures published on the cover or throughout the upcoming editions, please email to me a couple of pictures that are at least 1 mb in size. Also, if you have any suggestions for contributions, please send them to me. My email is dop@spacecity.org. Happy Traveling!

Countdown to Lift Off



Marsha Lutz,
Vice President of

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Hello fellow travel lovers (and we will travel again!)

Well another month has gone by and normally I say it flew by - but not so much this time. I know I am not alone in often not knowing what day of the week it is. Our routines and schedules have been turned upside down. Hopefully we will soon regain some normalcy – whatever that was/is for each of us. I know part of the SCSCers normalcy is travel. So while I worked from home, I have also been at work planning trips for 2021.

Thanks to all who completed the ski trip survey. I am sorry to say that the most popular ski trip choice of Big Sky will not happen in 2021. Apparently it was the choice of many skiers across the US and the desired lodging was not available. Now I have it on the schedule for 2022 and will book it very early.

The remaining potential club trips mentioned in last month's Sitzmarke are still being planned - Breckenridge, Jackson Hole and Snowbird have contracts in place. Planning on the Vail trip is a bit delayed as the management for Vail's Lion Square Lodge has changed and is not readily available right now. Also the condo owners are slow in providing their rental schedule. Hopefully it will come together as the regular Vailers

want their annual trip. The 2021 TSC Traditional trip to Snowmass is part of our schedule – naturally since it is a club favorite. I am gathering more information for Purgatory and Lake Louise. If SCSC does not take a group on these two TSC trips, interested parties should be able to go with another club.

Now for Summer/Fall trips. The September 2020 Canyons trip is still scheduled but under evaluation to ensure safe travel. This trip to Grand Canyon and Zion National Park is hugely popular with a long wait list. I hope it is safe to go since it is the only adventure trip for this year. 2021 should be a better situation. Currently we have the Bike and Barge trip from Bruges to Amsterdam and the Greek Cruise. We will probably have another outdoor adventure somewhere in the west - maybe Yosemite. And there will be a TSC Fall Expedition with the destination to be decided at the September BidFest. Stay tuned.

I have Trip Coordinators for all the trips currently planned. Thanks to all of you for volunteering. Please see the next page for our 2020-2021 slate of trips.

We will be digging into the details soon. Below is the trip schedule as of today. Please know we hope it all takes place but do have to consider the possibility of change due to COVID-19.

Stay healthy and safe. I look forward to seeing you soon.

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP
TODAY!**



**THANK YOU
VOLUNTEERS!**

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TRIP SLATE 2020-2021

Trip	Dates	Trip Coordinator
Grand Canyon/Zion	9/26 -9/30/20	Arlen Isham
Vail -hopefully	12/5-12/12/20	Kate Clinton
Snowmass	1/16 – 1/23/21	Cindy Moore
Breckenridge	1/23-30/21	Susan Stanley
Jackson Hole	2/13-20/21	Rene Reed
Snowbird	2/27 -3/6/21	Ann Dorn
Bike & Boat – Bruges to Amsterdam	5/17 -5/25/21	Rita Cardenas/Leyla Ozkardesh
Greek Isle Cruise	Aug/Sept 2021-TBD	Thuy Rocque

Renew Your Membership Today!





Important

June Club Meeting

The monthly club meeting will be held at [Warehouse 72](#) on Monday, June 8th since we had to skip the April and May meetings. The restaurant will be open only the SCSC and will have an abbreviated food and drink menu. Since we will have the entire restaurant to ourselves, there will be plenty of room for distancing. At least we can get back to seeing each other to some degree. We will announce where we stand on activities and trips. Come at 6 p.m. to visit and the meetings starts at 7 p.m. Since the restaurant is only open for us, Warehouse 72 needs an idea of how many people plan to attend, so we are asking that you register for the meeting.

Action: Register for the meeting **Meeting Date:** June 8, Monday

Location: [Warehouse 72](#), 7620 Katy Freeway, Suite 305

Time: 6:00 p.m.



**Bruce Lowther,
Vice President
of
Membership**

Membership Desk

Renew Your Membership Now!

Don't miss out on the 20-21 season of socializing with your SCSC friends, adventurous trips and great activities.

Check your membership status by:

- logging in to [spacecity.org](#), then
- putting the cursor on your name in the upper right hand of the SpaceCity home page
- if your membership has expired a renewal link will appear in the drop down click on it to begin the renewal process

Hope to see you at the next dinner, happy hour or activity.

RENEW



**Lynn Burch,
Vice President
of Activities**

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Having a Blast

Since we have all had to stay home the last two months, Bil Cusack, David Stotz and I have tried to come up with different activities on Zoom that can keep us connected to some extent. We started having Zoom Happy Hours every Thursday night on April 9 and have continued them. It started out as just visiting but then we added Bil having a Musical Trivia Contest of 20 questions. Ross Baker was the winner by answering 18 of the 20 questions. David Stotz and I held a Saturday afternoon SCSC Trivia contest but only a few people logged on and it was probably best because our 20 questions turned out to be too hard and a lot of them were from the 70's thru 90's. Beverly Roberts and Sarah Granbury did the best and they both only got 5 answers correct. We had Pandemic Bingo on Friday Night May 8, and that was a lot of fun. Marsha Lutz, Beverly Roberts, and Jan Ferrell won the 3 different games. I planned what I called a SCSC Sitzmarke Scavenger Hunt where I sent out an eblast with 25 questions on Tuesday May 12 and the members had until Wednesday night May 13 to email me back the answers (all of which could be found in the past Sitzmarke's that you could go to on the Home Page of the Website.) The first 9 questions are from the 70's, 80's and 90's and the last 16 are from 2000

to 2019. Some answers are in several Sitzmarkes but others are only in one. If several people came up with all the correct answers, then the person who sent their reply back first was the winner. Unfortunately only Diane Stotz even sent back answers. I decided to include the questions with the answers and which Sitzmarke it came from in this publication so everyone could see the answers.

Zoom get together's are fun but only 12 to 18 people are joining us each time. You must install Zoom on your phone or computer to participate.

We are having our May 23 Dinner at George's Pasteria on Dairy Ashford. George and Renee Reed who own this Restaurant are members of the club, so we will be helping them out. I was afraid we would have a small crowd, but the first 2 days we had 27 people sign up and I then I had a wait list. I was able to add one more table so we now have 36 going to dinner. I did decide to cancel the May Happy Hour at Ouzo Bay on May 28 we will reschedule it later.

We are also going to have a General Meeting on Monday June 8 at Warehouse 72. They are going to open just for SCSC so there will be plenty of room for distancing. I am asking people to sign up so we can let them know how many are coming.

As the Governor announces what other things can open and the rules, we will get back to our activities.

Extravehicular Activities

Since all events were cancelled or postponed in March through most of May, there are no activities planned for the first part of June. I still have hopes that we may be able to reschedule some of our missed events or at least be able to have our Dinner. Watch the website for updates.



Bill Cusack,
Vice President of
Marketing

From the Marketing Desk

Our club presence continues on Facebook as we promote going back and browsing almost 60 years of Sitzmarke newsletters and magazines. I've done it and others in the club agree, it is a good way to spend 45 minutes on a rainy afternoon (or when you've just watched all the Netflix you can stand). Did you know early 1960's ski trips ran about \$149 with everything included?

I didn't start skiing until 1975. Here's an ad from Feb 1975 by Texas International Airlines:

"\$248* Vail Ski Bonanza. 6 days/7 nights. Our price to this "Alpine" village in the Rockies includes Houston - Denver round-trip airfare (plus free ski bags and no extra luggage charge for equipment). Seven nights lodging at a choice of hotels and lift tickets for skiing some of Colorado's best slopes."

It was still crazy cheap by today's standards.

Being a member means many things; getting to hang out with fun people who share your interests, the opportunity to travel with them to fascinating places, dining, and local activities you might otherwise overlook. When you see a club post on your Facebook feed, go ahead and click share. That helps spread the word that we're here and there is still room in the gondola.

Most of us need to see a new idea several times before acting on it.

Our on-line brochure is always available, so save the link in your phone as a contact. When the subject comes up, just share your contact and let nature take its course. Click here: [Space City Ski Brochure](#)

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Virtual Happy Hour



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TRIVIA SCAVENGER HUNT Q&A

Diane Stotz was the only person who replied with answers to this Trivia Scavenger Hunt. Apparently the questions were too hard and too many. The answers and the Sitzmarke where they could be found are below. Now everyone will know the answers!

1. What Sitzmarke has an article titled "An evening with Jekyll & Hyde"? April 1995
2. Where do you find and what does it mean "Party Animals Shot During California Wine Safari"? December 1985—Title of article by Bob Olsen on his California Wine Tasting trip October 17-21.
3. Where is it written "ALASKA is NOT cold!"? August 1998—Ad for trip to Alyeska on March 20-27.
4. For several years there was a fall event held for a weekend at a farm near Brenham. What was it called? December 1978—Mercer's Campout.
5. For several years SCSC participated in a BBQ cook off that KIKK held to benefit what charity? May 1984—Muscular Dystrophy (MDA).
6. Who was the VP of trips that later became President that opened a NY Style Pizza Place? September 1978—Keith Eastin.
7. Who had a Halloween Party on Lake Livingston in the early 90's? December 1990—Kathy & Charles Morgan.
8. What was Holiday Greetings from "The Gang"? January 1992—Cover picture of January Sitzmarke
9. What Sitzmarke has an article titled "An Evening with Jekyll & Hyde"? April 1995
10. Who was the AC for the Holiday Gala held at Vargo's? October 2007—Ann Dorn in November.
11. Where did SCSC have a Tandem Skydiving and Hot Air Balloon Ascension Event? June 2004—SKYDIVE SPACELAND near Alvin.
12. What activity did members who went to St. Moritz see that is only held there? April 2005 Cartier Polo World Cup Polo on a frozen lake.
13. What Summer Expedition did SCSC go on that was in an all inclusive resort but the weather and time was the same as Houston and the currency was one to one? January 2009—The ad for the trip lists 10 reason to go to Panama 6-28-09.
14. What year was the TSC Bidfest held in Houston at the Marriott West Loop? March 2011
15. When was there a Halloween Road Rally and Party led by Joe Walker? August 2003—October 2003

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TRIVIA SCAVENGER HUNT CONTINUED.....

16. Where did SCSC go for a Summer "FUN DAY" that included being on/in the water and the cost was \$35? June 2012—Lake Conroe Party Boat July 29, 2012.
17. Mardi Gras Galore—Where will you find your Mardi Gras IQ and where to join the Funky Uptown Umbrella Brigade? February 2014—February 2014.
18. Who's house held a wine tasting where the 50 participants said to forget telling them about the wine just "POP IT, POUR IT, DRINK IT"? September 2002— Ron & Dawn Rodriguez.
19. What trip got to see the Alhambra, a bull fight, and later be on the beach? April 2013—Granada and Torramolinos Spain January 25– February 2.
20. Where was the SCSC first Monthly Dinner held? May 2017—Yao Chinese Restaurant.
21. For years, what charity did SCSC hold a Holiday Auction to benefit? April 2000—Sunshine Kids.
22. What destination did SCSC go to and celebrate the 25th Anniversary Jubilee of our first trip where 1400 TSC members went and took over the whole town? July 2010—Bad Gastein Austria January 2011.
23. Where do we go quarterly to play Bingo? November 2019—SPJST Hall.
24. On what trip were you able to go to a ICE HOTEL, have a drink in the ICE BAR in a ICE CUP? Plus stay in a hotel that looks like a castle? October 2015—Quebec, Canada.
25. What trip had an opportunity to go to a classic Masquerade ball during Car-nivale? April 2018—Venice post trip of Cortina Italy 2018 trip.

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