

Sun Valley

by Pam Smith

The ski trip to Sun Valley,
February 3rd through the 10th
For the fun that was had,
Was worth the money spent!

TC - Pam Smith
and ATC - Dana Wardell,
Worked very hard to assure
This would NOT be...The trip from h***!

The original forty participants,
Were joined by thirteen more,
Heidi Heinrich, Eric Prentis,
Ann Abernathy, and John Schneider,
Left the "wait list" to join our corps.

The night before the trip took off,
Stan Broniak volunteered his services to pack.
We still had TEN coolers & boxes,
Even though **Stan** made us hold items back.

We stayed in condos at the Greyhawk village,
Walking distance from the lifts in Warm Springs.
Ski rentals came from **Sturdivant's**,
"Hey Van, any connection for pulling strings?"

When we arrived there was plenty of snow
We just missed the Arctic blast.
The fog soon rolled in and many exclaimed,
"How long will this darn fog last?"

A wine & cheese social was held the first night,
Connie Smith and **Frank Adams** were there
A representative from the mountain came
To answer the questions ... who, what, when, and where?

Not everyone skied the very first day
Dana's lost luggage made her wait.
And due to stringent airline restrictions,
Curt Marsolek and **Barb Goist** arrived one day late.

Bonnie Ernst, Howard Holsenbeck, & others
Went to the "pub crawl" on Monday night,
We began our journey through Ketchum,
Stopping first at the lounge DYN-O-MITE!

We moved down the street to Whiskey Jacques,
There a live band did play.
We danced until the last bus ran
Then at midnight, we scurried away!

Tuesday morning NASTAR races were slightly delayed,
As **Pam** and **Vicki** tried to calm their fear.
It was reported down to the base,
"One moment, they're taking (Hot Nuts) shots up here!"

Waiting her turn in line to race,
Billie Nowak gave up all "medal" hope.
Race Director - **Barb Ehrlich** ran her down
As **Barb** lost her balance on the slope.

Doug Nordhaus, Karin Schidlowski,
Chuck Ratliff, Bob Porter, Milt Kramer too
All won NASTAR "BRONZE",
To name only a few.

Cheryl Houge, Mike Stenberg, Anne McIntyre,
And **Gunnar Heyne** won "BRONZE" as well.
I'm surprised that **John Rice** recovered one....
Considering his 1st run down, he fell!

Kayleen Kill won a "SILVER",
One of the fastest women I'm told.
While **Kurt Schidlowski** and **John Cook,**
Captured our two NASTAR "GOLD"!

Not everyone had the best of luck racing,
Thank goodness there were no injuries.
Frank Riesenberg tried to race with one boot....
Gloria Rooney....with no skies!

Tuesday evening we took a sleigh ride to
The Trail Creek Cabin for dinner.
Both atmosphere and food were great,
This optional activity was truly a winner!

We had a large group on Tuesday night
Brenda & Bill Peavy came along,
Martha & Helmut Zenger joined in
As we sang to the accordion player's song.

Frank Riesenberg & **Vicki Faulkner,**
Amused us and kept us in place.
We discovered their unique talent of
Balancing spoons on their face.

We almost lost our ATC,
As she downloaded from the sleigh.
Anne Flournoy made loud kissing sounds,
The horses jumped and began pulling away.

Wednesday night's Biker Bash and chile dinner,
Became "Awards Night" as well.
The celebration was enjoyed by all
As far as I could tell.

We tried to congratulate our newlyweds,
The **Belotes**....**Farrald** and **Arlene.**
However, throughout the entire week,
They were hardly ever seen!

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With chains & whips, leather & tatoos
Our crew looked rough and tough.
I still have one unanswered question ...,
"Stenberg, how'd ya break my handcuffs?"

The Biker Bash continued at Whiskey Jacques,
And in order to avoid possible conflicts,
Robert "Big Daddy" Todd was asked (by the locals),
"May we dance with your Biker chicks?"

We saw the Chambers Bros. on Thursday night,
Performing live at "THE MINT".
Dana got free tickets, a decision was made,
So, away to the concert we went.

Kim Page celebrated the big "Four-O"
As I turned a mere thirty-three.
She got a birthday hug from Bruce Willis,
While Brucey-babe rejected me!

During the week we had our choice of mountains to ski,
Fran Spitzberg & Joe Hale skied at "Dollar".
Joined by Snow Boarders, **Cheryl Houge & John Cook**,
Who made the skiers there, holler!

Then there was **Steve Amy**,
A lonely man was he.....
Whenever we would turn our backs,
He'd ski off into the trees!

Lotty and Karl Gautschi offered advice,
Which helped us keep things in line.
Their experience and suggestions were appreciated,
This helped minimize any urges to whine.

Linda Licarione skied hard & fast
With the "Big Guys" during the day.
The "Big Dogs" often howled at night.
Any chance for rest? ... NO WAY!

Could **Joe Kulpinsky's** lucky number be 7(am)?
In the mornings he was the early bird.
Most would believe that while on vacation,
To be up that early is absurd!

Sue Salvage wanted to go on this trip
Since the last one four years ago.
She & **Russell Benham** filled the last two spots
And this time, Sun Valley did have snow!

There were no accidents nor injuries to report,
Although, some rumors went around...
"Cheryl, how did you get the black eye?"
"Dana, were you taking a (snowmobile) joy ride down?"

Can eating "yellow snow" be hazardous to skiing?
By mixing HOT NUTS & snow it just might be.
Maybe we should ask the lift operator,
Who had to untangle Vicki and Steve!

Although ski conditions changed throughout the week
The steep pitch and varied terrain,
Did not intimidate expert skier **Mike Rothermund**
Yet, into a fog bank skied **Renate Heyne**.

Many good stories and one-liners were told
The all time favorite would have to be....
"What's your point?", as first quoted by **Dana**,
Was the perfect response, used frequently.

The adventure continued on Friday night
For the most part, we had reached our peak
No specific plans were scheduled,
It had been a fun, yet exhausting week.

On Saturday morning we had half a day,
To pack, shop, and/or run around.
The bus was "to be ready" to depart at noon;
However, the TC & ATC were not back from town!

The crew became grouchy during the long travel day,
To top it off - the Delta flight was two hours late.
Instead of returning home near midnight,
At 2:00 am, we arrived at the gate!

In this last verse, we would like to say "THANKS",
To the SCSCers who did attend.
We hope a good time was had by all, That's all Folks ...
this is ... THE END!

(more photos on back cover!)



