

Park City, Utah

by Gary Haley (Joe Daleo)

As most Space city ski trips start out we all met at Intercontinental Airport a lot earlier than needed, we were all there by 8:00 am and the flight didn't leave until 9:56 AM. Elaine Sokoloff, Rex Henderson and Gary Haley were there handing out our trip packets and making sure we got checked in. After an uneventful flight and bus ride we were welcomed to Park City by some snow and cold weather. Shortly after our arrival Elba Villarreal gave Gary and Rex some news everybody knew was coming, except Jeannie Badeaux, when she walked into their condo and asked "did you know he proposed" she was referring to Anthony Seligman who upon our arrival took Jeannie to the base of the mountain and proclaimed his love for her was bigger than those mountains and asked "will you marry me?" She said yes, congratulations you two.

Since we didn't have an even amount of single guys and gals on the trip Nancy Meier said "OK someone has to do it, I'll stay with the three guys in the party condo". This worked out very well for Nancy except she couldn't stop calling her room mate by the wrong name. It's Skip, Skip Sockwell. Richard Dinwiddie wouldn't share his Grand Mariner but that's OK we brought Amoretto which CC, Rex and Gary tried to finish the first night.

The first day of skiing was at Park City ski resort and the conditions were wonderful, lots of new snow. Rita Demko, Karl Skaggs, Ron Honefenger, and Joe Daleo spent most of the day on the black runs. That night we took a road trip into Salt Lake City. The bus dropped us off at the Mormon Tabernacle, when we got there we were all starving. Rita Demko was familiar with the city and recommended a restaurant just two blocks down and to the right, after we walked about eight blocks down and to the left we found the restaurant she was speaking of. It was too busy so we ate across the street. The tour of the Mormon Tabernacle was very interesting. We saw the Mormon Tabernacle choir and toured the grounds which were all decorated for Christmas. While we were there we learned a little about Brigham Young and Joseph Smith. The Salt Lake tour made quite an impression on Heidi Heinrich, she said that night she had a night mare that she was being chased down the mountain by Mormons.

The next day we were off to Dear Valley ski resort, the conditions were again just wonderful, a perfect mountain for

intermediate skiing. Apparently Robin Clark put on a show for Sherry Outlaw and Carol Buck during a run at Dear Valley when a zipper broke and he lost half his pants. Sherry and Carol didn't mind since they got to help Robin put his pants back to together. Elaine Sokoloff offered to help get Rex off of the double pink diamond runs (As Rex refers to bunny slopes) but after skiing with him for a while she told him "Don't you ever!!!! go to the top of the mountain." Robert Simpson had the best spill on the trip, unfortunately it was on the steps at the bottom of the resort not on the mountain. He got an ovation from the crowd and once he collected himself he noticed his wife Mary Simpson was leading the applause. Pricilla Harris was spotted one evening all dressed up and looking good with a big smile on her face; she wouldn't reveal who she had been to dinner with, I guess we will have to assume it was some dark and mysterious stranger.

One night several of us went on a sleigh ride to dinner. It always amazes me how many stars you can see in the mountains at night. If you ever have an opportunity to go on one take it. There were two sleighs to ride; when we arrived one was for us and the other one had the group that brought liquor; of course that's the one Pricilla tried to get on. They kicked her off and made her ride with us. Joe Daleo didn't mind at all as Nancy and Pricilla kept him warm during the sleigh ride (Joe wrote this article and I can guarantee you that it wasn't the stars he was lov'in). Cindy Overton was so taken by the sleigh ride she ended up reins in hand driving the sleigh. Dinner was great and they had a live band. Even though they didn't have dancing Nancy and Gary got up and showed us how the Cha Cha is done.

Phil Dowlin's wife was in town one night on business so he moved to another hotel and somehow managed to get Emilio Estavez' room. The third day of skiing we were back at Park City, a small group was lost in trying to decide which runs to take. Directions got a lot easier after Doug and Gary discovered they were still using a Dear Valley ski map. Dale Davis took a spill and wrenched her knee. A.G., her husband, was there to help her down. I hope everything is OK. By the end of the trip Robbie Adams and Sherry Outlaw decided that the next trip they would room together, it seems Cecile Childs "CC", Sherry's roommate, would wake her up at least three times a night -- to change clothes, get things, and finally to go to bed.



Left to right: Richard Dinwiddie, Jeannie Bardeaux, Anthony Selegman, Gary Haley, Elba Villarreal, Cecile "CC" Childs, Ron Honefenger.



Left to right, Rita Demko, Gary Haley, Richard Dinwiddie, Heidi Heinrich, "CC" Childs, Elba Villarreal, Cindy Overton.

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Frank and Susan Stanley hung out in the Chocolate Factory. Continental Airlines wouldn't let Karl Skaggs on the airplane when we left because they said for some reason the airplane was too heavy! I want to say thanks to our shadow participants Joel and Donna Berry for providing us with a great group picture and Michael Blum for adding so much color to our trip. I would like to thank Joe Daleo for writing this article and Nancy Meier for collecting the notes for Joe to use.



Nancy Meier, Cecile "CC" Childs (Beaumont), Pricilla Harris.



Nancy Meier



Ebba Villarreal



The girls came in late & decided to (Jump His Bones) Rex. "CC" Childs, Nancy Meier, Elaine Sokoloff, and Rex Henderson,



Joe Daleo & Friend



Elba Villarreal, Skip Sockwell, "CC" Childs



Newly engaged - Anthony Selegman and Jeannie Bardeaux



Space City Ski Club in Park City