



June 2004

## Lewis Ski Club Naski Tips

Next Meeting  
June 1, 2004  
BW3--Rocky River  
5:00 p.m. Happy hour  
6:00 p.m. meeting



Aspen Mt. April 6, 2004  
Annie Easley, Jim Osborne, Phil  
Manti, Galina Golovneva, and  
Jim Weylman

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## From the Prez

Dear Ski Club Members,

Check out the Activities schedule for this spring, summer and fall! Canoeing, baseball, golf, adventure racing... Those are just some of the activities planned. And don't forget our club's summer picnic, August 3rd!

Of special note on that schedule is the long weekend trip to the Stratford Theatre Festival. I guarantee a good time! If you love theater and have never been to Stratford, then you **MUST** go on this trip! Please see the trip flyer in this newsletter for more info and give me a call right away! It's not too late, YET, to sign up. We need **YOU** to make this trip happen. Call me today!

Also, don't miss our June club meeting. We'll give you an update on the trips we're planning on running next ski season. The schedule is looking **good**.

Stay tuned for more and see you at the JUNE club meeting!  
Skiingly yours,  
Linda Elonen-Wright

## Aspen 2004 – Signature Destination Lives Up To Its Reputation!!

With lots of fresh snow, many uncrowded trails, and a terrific group of people, this year's NASA Lewis Ski Club's trip to Aspen was FABULOUS!! Skiing conditions were EXCELLENT! It snowed most evenings and we awoke on two mornings with snow over our boots! One morning it was up to our knees in most places. Everyone pretty much skied or boarded to their extreme limit. Two of our group, **Paul Burik** and **Stan Ballou** gained applause and "thumbs-up" for their impromptu-synchronized skiing from everyone on the slope at Snowmass. **Jim Slifka**, **Jim Weylman**, and **Will Heizer** pretty much skied and snowboarded wire-to-wire (and sometimes, outside the wire) on all the mountains.

We skied or snowboarded all four resorts, Aspen, Aspen Highlands, Snowmass, and Buttermilk during the week with some doing two different mountains in one day. (And, yes, the apple streudel at Aspen Highlands is still delicious after all these years.) Each day, one of the mountains was designated as the place where the group would be skiing. This was done so that no person ever felt that he or she had to ski alone on our trip. Of course, it is entirely up to each to choose to ski with the group or not.

Our flight left Cleveland Hopkins at 6:15AM. The very early departure gave us a full day of sunlight to get to Aspen and settle in. The ride to Aspen included the 'required' stop at Apple Jack's for bus trip and condo refreshments. Most of the group also headed to the grocery store next door for some solid food.

Our lodging in Aspen at the Fasching Haus and Alpenblick condos was very nice and came complete with a terrific, large, and centrally-located Jacuzzi. Near the Jacuzzi were facilities for outdoor grilling, of which many in our group took advantage. **Kirk Ricker** quickly gained acclaim for his culinary skills. A big THANKS go to brothers **Pat** and **John Ballasch** for encouraging him to come with us!

Also adding greatly to this trip, and making it a true NASA Lewis Ski Trip, were our parties, parties, parties – both planned and impromptu! They began on the bus ride from Denver to Aspen which gave us the opportunity to get to know each other in a relaxed atmosphere. The first planned party was to be a wine & cheese party in the trip leaders' condo on the evening of our arrival. However, the condo management outdid itself with a big Welcome Party; providing us with an over-abundance of excellent wine, cheese and crackers. Hats off to the Fasching Haus and the Alpenblick!! Because this Welcome Party was so great, we ran out of 'space' in our bodies to attend another food fest that first night, so we canceled the trip leaders' party.

The next night, everyone had a terrific time at the Aspen Highlands closing party complete with music, wild outfits, and lots of revelry. Some even went to their condos in Aspen, changed clothes, and went back to the Highlands for more!!

Next up was our Mexican Party in the trip leaders' condo where **Annie Easley's** homemade nachos were a huge hit and the drinks, including Margaritas, pina coladas, and others, flowed freely – just ask **Marilyn "Hot Sex" Brothers** and **Jan Burton**, aka **Doris Day**! Special "Thanks" go to **Kris Goodrich**, **Gloria O'Donnell**, and "**Doris**" for helping to keep glasses filled! Later in the week, the trip leaders' condo was again The Place for our Pizza/Potluck Party with excellent pizza from New York Pizza and some terrific Potluck items including great quesadillas from **Judy Traxler**. The pina coladas, margaritas, wine, and beer again flowed freely. Another terrific party!



Lorrie Stratis, Annie Easley, Tom Haag, and Gene Addy on Elk Camp at Snowmass

After the last day of skiing for the week, a bunch of us gathered for apres ski at the Cirque Bar & Grill in Snowmass where a terrific live band, Sam Cockrell and the Groove, entertained us.

Our transportation, both there and back, went with only one small glitch: our flight back from Denver was delayed about an hour. No problem though, it gave us a chance to finish off our wine, margaritas, and pina coladas! (One security guard at DIA exclaimed, "Boy, I wish I was with THIS group!".)

It really was a great group of skiers! **Gene Walker**, with his new skis, is truly an "elder statesman" of skiing; a pleasure to ski with. **Isay Krainsky**, hopefully, skied enough bumps to hold him over until next season! **Bob Denington** geared down just a bit to ski with his wife, **Mary Ellen Davis**, who is a new, and rapidly improving, skier. **Brian O'Donnell** took his first ski lessons and loved the sport. **Tom Haag** and **Tom O'Donnell** are truly (PRE)historic skiers. The **Kwiatkowskis**: **Bob, David, Lisa, Nicholas**, and **April**, were the poster skiing family. **Mike Duerk** added our Aspen to the many trips that he took in 2004. **Jerry Hill** and **Roger Svehla** – always great to ski with you guys and good to have you travel with us again. **Phil Manti** and **Jim Osborne** really ARE old enough to travel without parents or guardian. **Dolly Ballou** - glad that you returned home as bubbly as you were when we left. **Lorrie Stratis** was amazing skiing all that fresh snow on her skiboards/snow blades. New members **Galina Golovneva** and **Gary Paul** took their first trip out west with us. It was great seeing their smiling faces on the slopes and at the parties!

With many comments like, "Great vacation!" and "Best trip ever!" this was, indeed, a fantastic ski trip. We, the trip leaders, Annie Easley and Gene Addy, would like to thank everyone on the trip for making it so! (And, guess what, the picture PARTY is yet to come!).



Party revelers at Aspen Highlands. From left Roger Svehla, Mike Duerk, Jan Burton, Phil Manti, Lorrie Stratis, Annie Easley, Judy Traxler, and Jim Osborne.

## Alpine News...Stay tuned!!!

(Somebody's skiing somewhere!)



## Nordic News

### Nordic News

We had the first Trip Planning Meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Winter '05 ski season. There are a number of possible destinations that are being considered, including some out-of-state Nordic trips. A proposed week long trip to Quebec City was well received by most club members present at the meeting. Quebec would

offer excellent alpine skiing, as well as world class Nordic trails. I am also looking for opportuni-



ties to hitch-hike a Nordic outing onto one of our Friday trips to Western New York. Please let me know if you would be

interested in these type of events. We need suggestions and feedback from the club members in order to make this organization a success. What opportunities would you like to help coordinate? Nordic ski outings are usually easy to run, and I am willing to help make your idea a reality. Telephone me at (216)977-7423, or [Thomas.W.Haag@grc.nasa.gov](mailto:Thomas.W.Haag@grc.nasa.gov) and we will make it happen.

Tom Haag

## Birthdays

Tim Crewdson Jun 2  
Stacey Hayes Jun 5  
Christine Chuchkevich Jun 7  
Randi Green Jun 7  
Mary Bombik Jun 10  
Diane Linne Jun 10  
Henry Miner Jun 11  
Paul Antczak Jun 12  
Sam Lee Jun 12  
Marilyn Jaksic Jun 14  
Ray McKay Jun 14  
James Perzel Jun 14

Ray Castner Jun 16  
Dianna Hosta-Stickney Jun 19  
Nancy Amman Jun 20  
Sandra Maurer Jun 23  
Tom Ayers June 25  
George Milbrandt Jun 27  
Teresa Kline Jun 29  
Pete Meitner Jun 29  
Tim Crewdson Jun 2  
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Pete Meitner Jun 29



# 2004 Summer Activities

## June 2004

The summer activities are in full swing! Try to save some time to join in on any of these activities that interest you. Many of these activities have flyers that are available in the newsletter or on the web site. If a flyer is not available, please contact the activity coordinator for more information. Please look closely at the GREAT trip that our club President has planned to Stratford, Ontario! This trip will offer the BEST Shakespeare theater in North America, terrific "village style" window shopping, and tasty cuisine. Make plans early and let Linda know you want on the trip. If you would like to get involved with any of these ideas or have an idea for another activity that the club would enjoy, please contact me.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contact</u>
<b>Back Yard Volleyball</b>	Starts June 11 <sup>th</sup> & every other Friday	Tom Palisin(w)[216-433-6572]
<i>Tom is again setting up the net for some back yard volleyball. Come join the fun! Contact Tom for details/directions.</i>		
<b>Mohican Family Canoe Trip</b>	July 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Vannuyen(w)[216-433-3851]
<i>Plans are being made for Saturday canoeing, camping and fun on the Mohican River. Flyer included in newsletter!!</i>		
<b>CMSC Golf Outing</b>	July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Wallet (w)[216-433-3673]
<i>This event is at Punderson, an excellent golf course!! Tee it high and let it fly. Look for more information soon.</i>		
<b>Lake County Captains Baseball Game</b>	June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Shook (w)[216-433-6373]
<i>This is a new Cleveland Indians minor league baseball team that starts its second season in a new ballpark in Lake County. Last year's outing was GREAT, this year's hopes to be BETTER! Flyer included in newsletter!!</i>		
<b>Lewis Ski Club Summer Picnic</b>	August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tony Shook (w)[216-433-6373]
<i>The W.J. Green Lodge in the Cleveland Metroparks is reserved for our summer picnic. Come with a BIG appetite!!</i>		
<b>Kelly's Island Day Trip</b>	August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Jan Burton [440-237-2084]
<i>Enjoy a summer's day of biking, hiking and swimming. Check out the glacial grooves, winery, local museums and island shops. See the flyer included in the newsletter for more information.</i>		
<b>Hemisphere Adventure Race</b>	September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Tim Kurtz (w)[216-433-2760]
<i>The Hemisphere Adventure Race at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park [Cleveland, Ohio] consists of mountain biking, canoeing/kayaking, coasteering (navigation hike around a body of water, not too close to water that you get wet but not so far from it that you get stuck in brambles) trail running, orienteering, and special race challenges. Total race distance is about 20 miles. If this sounds like fun, let Tim know to join the team and GET IN THE RACE!</i>		
<b>Stratford Theatre Festival Trip</b>	September 24 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Elonen-Wright (w)[216-433-9370]
<i>The plans are made for a long weekend trip to Stratford, Ontario, Canada for some Shakespeare theater, shopping and great food. Save this weekend! Look for trip flyer in newsletter.</i>		
<b>Paint Ball Wars</b>	Oct/Nov	Tom Palisin(w)[216-433-6572]
<i>Join Tom and his comrades in arms for some friendly fire. More details to come.</i>		
<b>White Water Rafting (WV)</b>	July/Aug/Sept	TBD
<b>4-Wheel Adventure (WV)</b>	July/Aug/Sept/Oct	TBD

*We are working on these two trips with overnight camping. Details will be available SOON!*

Tony Shook

# **Lake County Captains Baseball and Post-Game Fireworks**

**Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 pm**

**Come cheer for the Lake County Captains as they play in Northern Ohio's newest baseball stadium. It's in Eastlake- about 45 minutes from NASA Glenn [take 480E to 271N to 90E to 91N and follow signs].**

**PRICE: \$7 per ticket [box seating, the price will be \$1 more if we do not get 20 or more people to attend]. Children age 3 and under are free if they sit in your lap.**

**TICKETS ARE FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED SO SIGN UP EARLY!**

**This game is nearly a sellout! We have reserved 36 tickets and will most likely not be able to get any more. Sorry, no refunds, but we will let you know if there is a waiting list should you need to sell your ticket later.**

***Please Note: no food or beverages can be brought into the stadium***

***\*\*\*A pre-game tailgate party is being planned\*\*\****

**Find out more about the Captains: <http://www.captainsbaseball.com>**

**Ticket Order Deadline  
Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Send your check made out to the Lewis Ski Club, Inc. to-**

**Tony Shook  
NASA Glenn Research Center  
21000 Brookpark Road, MS 86-12  
Cleveland, Ohio 44135  
Call if you have questions about event: 216-433-6373**



# **Mohican Canoe/Camping Trip**

## **Friday July 9 and Saturday July 10, 2004**

**I will be camping Friday night and Saturday night. You are welcome to do both or Saturday only.**

### Itinerary:

Friday July 9, 2004 Head out to Mohican Canoe Livery and Fun Center. (Transportation is on your own, contact me for carpooling)

5:00-9:00PM Set up camp ( I recommend getting down there before 7 so you will have daylight to set up tents)

Friday night campfire!!!

Saturday July 10, 2004

10:00 AM Go to Mohican Canoe Livery and Fun Center across the street.

10:30 AM Get canoes for a 2-3 hours trip down the river.

3:00 PM Miniature golf, go carts, biking, hiking, swimming in the lake etc.. We can meet as a group or you can be on your own.

8:00 PM Group get together: campfire, ghost stories, jokes, etc..

**I will provide jiffy pop popcorn , marshmallow, graham crackers, and chocolate for SMORES during campfire and will buy wood for our campfire there. If you would like to bring extra wood for the campfire, that will be great too!**

Sunday July 11, 2004

Check out by noon and head home.

### RENTALS

- Camp ground (primitive campground) no electricity or running water \$27.00/night\_\_\_\_\_  
This is for 2 adults and 2 children.  
(For each additional adult it will be \$8.00 extra and each additional child \$4.00)  
if we get 20 or more we would pay a group camping area and pay  
\$6/adult and \$5/child (10 and under)
- Full hook up campsite (electricity, water, and sewer hook up) \$30.00/night\_\_\_\_\_  
This is for 2 adults and 2 children.  
(For each additional adult it will be \$8.00 extra and each additional child \$4.00)  
**Canoe Rental**
- 7 miles canoe trip ~ 2 hours (based on 2 adult paying per canoe) \_\_\_\_\_X \$17.00/person \_\_\_\_\_  
(if we have 11 or more adults the cost will be \$13.00)  
The canoe can hold 3 adults or 2 adults 2 children.  
Children under 12 are free ( the children will be based on size)when riding with 2 paying adults.  
The \$13.00 is based on 2 adults rental, so if you are by yourself, let me know and I will hook you up.
- Fun pack:  
Mohican offers a fun package that will give you a full day of fun for one low price. This includes a 7-mile, 2-hour canoe trip, 2 Family Track Go-Kart rides, & 18 holes of Miniature Golf (Level Skill Course) all for \$27/ person. For groups of 12 or more people, \$23/person. To receive Group rates, one person must sign up & pay for the group together.

Fun pack X \$27/person

\_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

### THE FINE PRINT:

- \* No membership required for this trip.
- \* We need checks for campground reservation and canoe by Friday, July 2, 2004.
- \* Please make checks payable to "Lewis Ski Club, Inc."
- \* Everyone must sign a trip agreement form.
- \* In the event of cancellation by the Lewis Ski Club due to weather or other reasons, you will get the full refund.  
If you need more information, please contact the trip coordinator or check out this website: <http://www.mohicancanoe.com/>

Trip coordinator: Thomas Vannuyen W (216) 433-3851

Email: [Thomas.VanNuyen-1@nasa.gov](mailto:Thomas.VanNuyen-1@nasa.gov)

# Kelly's Island Trip

## Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>



Enjoy a summer's day at Kelly's Island with Lewis Ski Club. We'll catch the ferry in Marblehead at 9:30 am and leave the Island around 9 pm or at your convenience. There's a lot to do such as biking, hiking, swimming and relaxing on the beach. Check out the glacial grooves, winery and local museums. We'll meet for dinner at the end of the day (details to follow). It's sure to be a great time!

We'll meet at 7:45 am to carpool to the ferry docks (location TBD)

Kelly's Island Ferry Rates (roundtrip):

Adults \$11

Children (6-12) \$5 (Under 5) free

Bikes \$4

If we have a group of 25 or more the rates for adults and children will be \$1 less. Tickets will be purchased at the ferry dock.

For more information contact Jan Burton at 440-237-2084 or email [janetteburton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janetteburton@sbcglobal.net)



## Lewis Ski Club, Inc. Presents...

A long weekend trip (Fri.–Sun.) to the **Stratford Theatre Festival**, September 24-26. Stratford, Ontario, Canada, has been the home of the Stratford Theatre Festival for the last 50 years. Considered by many to be the best Shakespeare in North America, it draws millions of visitors annually. Set in the quaint village of Stratford upon Avon, the Festival is a delight for theatre goers and shoppers alike!

**PRICE: \$415** per person based on double occupancy (\$375 *triple*, \$365 *quad*)

Price includes: **all transportation** (including snacks!), **2 nights' lodging** at the Festival Inn, **2 buffet breakfasts**, **2 great dinners**, wonderful seats to see **2 plays**, and a fun **warehouse tour** filled with costumes and “stuff” you have to see to believe!

### Itinerary:

#### Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am Leave west-side pickup point

8:30 am Leave east-side pickup point

3:00 pm Arrive in Stratford, Ontario

(note: lunch is a stop somewhere along the way and is not included in the price)

5:30 pm Prime Rib dinner buffet – included in price

7:30 pm *Henry VIII* in the Festival Theatre

#### Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast at the hotel – included in price!

Day is on your own to shop or cruise downtown Stratford. We'll announce a schedule the bus will follow to drop folks off downtown and then for pickup.

5:30 pm Olde English Parlour (my favorite place!) for dinner – included in price

8:00 pm *Count of Monte Cristo* in the Avon Theatre

#### Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast at the hotel – included in price!

9:30 am Costume warehouse Tour – included in price

10:30 am Leave Stratford for return to Cleveland (note: lunch is a stop somewhere along the way and is not included in the price)

5:00 pm Return to east-side pickup point

5:30 pm Return to west-side pickup point

### Payment Schedule:

\$100 deposit due by May 1<sup>st</sup>, NON-REFUNDABLE

Balance due by June 1<sup>st</sup> Please make checks payable to **Lewis Ski Club, Inc.**

*We can only take 40 people, so “Screw your courage to the sticking-place, and we'll not fail” (Macbeth) to make this trip a GO!*

Trip Coordinator: Linda Elonen-Wright (216) 791-5038

2256 S. Overlook Rd.

Cleveland Heights, OHIO 44106

NASA Mail Stop 142/5

NASA Phone (216) 433-9370

Fine Print: **No smoking on the bus!**

And, Membership in the Lewis Ski Club, Inc. **REQUIRED.**



## **Lewis Ski Club, Inc.**

### **Trip Application and Agreement**

The undersigned participant applies to participate in the Lewis Ski Club trip described below, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. **DEPOSIT** Advance trip deposits will vary from trip to trip. The required deposit for this trip is \$100, and must be paid and submitted along with a signed Application and Agreement. Balance shall be due and payable in accordance with payment schedules established by Lewis Ski Club.

2. **WITHDRAWAL & CHANGE** Lewis Ski Club may withdraw any trip from its schedule at any time; may refuse to accept or retain any person as a participant at any time for any reason; and may change the itinerary at any time.

3. **RESPONSIBILITY** Lewis Ski Club is acting gratuitously for the applicant and shall not be responsible or liable for any loss of damage to baggage, property, or for any loss, injury, death, accident, delay, inconvenience or any other loss occurring during or occasioned by applicant's participation or lack of participation in any trip.

4. **PASSPORT/PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP** For trips out of the USA, participants are responsible for having up to date and valid passport, visas and proof of identification and citizenship.

5. **MINORS** Any minor's participant Application and Agreement must be co-signed by his/her parent or legal guardian. The minor must be accompanied on the trip by a parent or legal guardian or their designee who shall be wholly and fully responsible for said minor's conduct and well being.

6. **PAYMENT** All payment checks shall be payable to "Lewis Ski Club".

7. **CANCELLATION & REFUND** Cancellation by participant means and includes: (a) failure to abide by the terms of this agreement; (b) notice by participant of intent to cancel; (c) participant's failure to make timely payments; (d) participant's failure for any reason to meet departure or return of the trip.

Trip: \_\_\_ Stratford Theatre Festival, Sept. 24-26 \_\_\_

Deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

(H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle appropriate responses)

Lewis Ski Club Member? Y/N

If not, please add \$10 membership fee (\$15 if family)

East Side Pickup? Y/N

Male/Female

Smoker/Nonsmoker I have read and agree to all the terms of this Agreement, and waiver of liability, as of this date.

Signed in agreement: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Officers of Lewis Ski Club

### **SKI CLUB OFFICERS** (Phone/NASA Mail Stop)

President: Linda Elonen-Wright (216-433-9370/142-5)  
Alpine Vice President: Mike Kaltenstein (216-433-3104)  
Nordic Vice President: Tom Haag (216-977-7423)301-3  
Activity Vice President: Tony Shook (216-433-6373/86-12)  
Recorder: Kristen Newcomb (440-835-9279)  
Publicity Director: Lorrie Stratis (440-526-0614)  
Treasurer: Colin Bidwell (216-433-3947/11-2)

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

CMSC Rep: Karen Fashimpaur (440-243-5456)  
Refreshment: Malcolm Wood (440-331-1349)  
Sunshine: Nancy Piltch (216-433-3637/110-3)  
Social: Tom Walleth (216-433-3673)  
Racing: Mark Hyatt (216-433-3248)  
Membership: Gene Addy (216-977-7467/11-2)  
Web Curator: Lee Lam (216-433-3058)  
Trip Chair: Annie Easley (440-816-1215)

**TRUSTEES:** Annie Easley (440-816-1215), Gene Addy (216-977-7467) & Malcom Wood (440-331-1349)

Address: <Name, Mail Stop#>NASA GRC, 21000 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, OH 44135

**MEDIA HYPE SECTION: DEADLINE FOR NEWS ITEMS FOR NEXT ISSUE:**

**(June 18th, 2004)**