

Events this MARCH

March 2nd Monthly Meeting-BW3's
March 23rd Board Meeting at Frankie's

Events in APRIL

APRIL 13th (**Second Tuesday**) Monthly Meeting
At BW3's for ELECTIONS, after the Aspen Trip
Participants get back!!
April 20th Board Meeting at Frankie's



NASki Tips

March 2004 --- NASA Lewis Ski Club

MONTHLY MEETING:

Our great meetings are at BW3
on Center Ridge
Road in Rocky River.
The Social hour
starts at 5 pm and
business meeting starts at 6pm.



(BW3 is just north of the Westgate Mall).

Another grand reason to come to the meeting is you could be next month's raffle winner! Here are last month's results:

Winner of the 1 day ski trip --Tom Palisin.

Winner of the Snowboarder's calendar -- Emily Ferenc.

And Prizes donated by **Gordon Geiger**:

Winner's of the Hot Chilly socks -
- Mike Kaltenstein and Fred Wolff

Winner of the Goggles -- Tom Jones.

And **Winner of Geiger's gift certificate** -- Lorrie Stratis.

Don't miss out...there might be a ski outfitter stopping by again!

ASPEN Ski Trip April 3-10.



There is still a chance to sign up for spring skiing in Colorado...Contact Annie Easley at 440-816-1215.

HOLIDAY VALLEY, NY

March 15th -- MONDAY Trip!



Lead by Gene Addy, check out the flyer and sign up for the last trip of the year! ****Taking the BUS for Gene's trip? PARK at NASA's DEB PARKING LOT.** Requires your car license # to trip leaders, in advance, for everyone!! Yes, even Glenn employees.)

Dear Ski Club Members:



Last month, I asked for a volunteer to be the Social Committee Chairperson for the club. Believe it or not, Tom Wallett *begged* to continue in that position. He would, however, like our help. If you have any ideas for the "social hour" following our club meetings, please let Tom know.

Some ideas we're thinking of already are a swap shop for the fall, some kind of summer Olympics (for us, besides the real thing!), and a charity auction with all auction items coming from YOU and half the "proceeds" going to a worthy cause (seriously, a charity, not me!) Let us know your ideas and what you think of these.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to Mike and Bonnie Kaltenstein for the new leg bands! They work great and make recognizing each other on the slopes much easier.

Speaking of the leg bands, there is an orange fanny pack in the bag with the leg bands. If it is yours, please contact me!

THANKS to Gordon Geiger who made time in his very busy ski season to come on out to our meeting last month and talk about great products available to hone your skiing and raffle prizes.

And, more **thanks** go out to our **Nominating Committee** for this year: **Annie Easley, Tom Jones and Lisa Ferenc**. Please contact them if you're interested in running for office – your ski club needs you! See you on the slopes and trails!

**Skiously yours,
Linda Elonen-Wright**

NOMINATIONS

We will be nominating candidates during the March Meeting and throughout the month for the coming elections to be held the 2nd Tuesday, April 13th! We will be voting on all elected offices.

Check out the club constitution at the website under *Guides and Forms* for elected offices and associated duties. Being an officer is a great way to not only be involved but to make a plethora of new ski friends!

Contact the nominating committee members to sign up or nominate others. The committee is listed in Linda's message on this page!

TRIP REPORTS

"Holimont 1"

"The weather's really crappy, don't you want to cancel the trip?" said the voice on the phone. I'd just gone over three weather forecasts and none agreed.

"Nope, the trip's still on." Still, I had a sense of foreboding at the start of the trip to Holimont. By the time the bus left the East Side pickup point, six people had canceled or not shown up, and as the bus flogged its way up Interstate ninety, light rain misted its windshield. Uh-oh, I thought.

Fog hung over the top half of Holimont's mountain, but the rain had stopped. Eleven club members, who had driven up with plans to ski later at Holiday Valley, joined us. When I purchased fifty-three tickets, the salesperson called me 'Sir.'

Unfortunately, Kurestin Armada had an accident on her very first run and spent the day at Springville Hospital where her father, an ER physician, assured me that she got good attention.

The green and blue slopes had a few icy patches and groomed man-made snow, which

required careful use of the edges. The black slopes had better conditions with almost no ice. By noon, the fog had lifted and in the afternoon, the sun peeked through several times for welcome patches of sunlight. The rain held off for the entire day and all agreed that ski conditions were far better than forecast or expected.

--Malcolm Wood, Trip Coordinator.

Seven Springs Trip Report-- Valentines Day & Friday the 13th

The trip started off at the NASA EDB lot with Tom Vannuyen doing the west-side pickup for me. Besides the fact that Tom called my house and woke up my wife, instead of calling my cell phone...he did a great job, thanks again Tom!

The bus got to the east-side pickup at 6:30 AM and left at 6:45 AM. The bus was full with 52 people on the trip. On the trip out we had a breakfast of donuts, cookies, juice and water. When we got to Seven Springs I reminded everyone that today was Friday the 13th and I did not want to see my name at the bottom of any ski lift to call the ski patrol. *I'm glad to report we had no injuries on our trip.* The weather in the morning was cloudy and a little on the cool side, after lunch the sun came out for a perfect afternoon.

We left for home at 6:45 on the way home we raffled off candy for Valentine's Day. The winners were Bill Griggs, Jonathan Brachna, Barb Montague, Mark Murray, and Scott Jones. We also had a gift donated by Siegfried Dreger an erasable marker board that was won by Rose Wittrup.

After the raffle was over I went through the bus and passed

out 2 gallons of my home brew beer and watched the euchre game in the back of the bus. Hope everyone had a good time and hope to see you on my next bus trip next year.

--Joe Gruden, Trip Leader

Chapin Forest Trip Report January 24

The Nordic outing to Chapin Forest on Jan 24 had much better snow cover than the outing on Jan 10. Pine Lodge was a very busy place at 1:00 in the afternoon, after the 2004 Ohio Nordic Flurry race that morning. There was a DJ set up in the lawn area, with rock & roll music, grilled burgers, and sunshine.

There was even a full size snow sculpture of a VW beetle that had been carved earlier in the day. It was complete, with full color dyed "paint job". All of the trails were in excellent condition, and were open for public use even while the race was in progress.

We decided to take the Big Loop, which really amounted to a composite of all the perimeter trails surrounding the entire park. This included the board walk, Ledges Hill, Quarry Pond area, scenic Overlook, and back to Pine Lodge.

The skies were clear enough to make out the Cleveland sky-line in the distance. It was too bad there was not much of a turn-out by the Lewis Ski Club. In spite of this, there were many other

people out skiing on a perfect day. *Conditions don't get much better than what we had on that Saturday.*

--Tom Haag, trip coordinator

Rocky River Reservation Trip February 7

After about three days of warm sunny weather, the Nordic outing planned for Saturday Feb 7 was much in doubt. The snow was essentially gone. Then it snowed Friday night with a dense, heavy, downfall of 2 – 3 inches. Very few people showed up at 11:00 am that Saturday morning, probably because it looked so hopeless only a few days before. Surprisingly, the thin snow cover was quite firm, and the bridle trails in Rocky River Reservation were very skiable. We began by crossing the parkway, just across from the Nature Center. The trail followed parallel with the river northward, passing by the shale cliffs below Guerin House. It was surprisingly sunny, with snow pasted to tree branches giving a fantasy appearance. We passed by a number of Nordic skiers going in the opposite direction, all taking advantage of the unexpected snowfall. One advantage of the river valley is the relatively flat topography even while surrounded by such steep cliffs. After passing under Brook Park road, the valley spread out much wider. We proceeded up to the I-480 overpass before turning around for the return. It was an enjoyable two hour trek along the river, with snow condition that was much better than I had expected. You would never guess that we were less than a mile from NASA GRC the entire time.

Tom Haag, trip coordinator

***NEXT Month--Read about
Steamboat, Kissing Bridge, &
Holiday Valley Trips!!***

NASA Lewis Ski Club 2004 Alpine/Nordic Schedule

Location	Date	Cost	Trip Coordinator	Phone #'s
Holiday Valley	March 12, 2004 <i>ALPINE</i>	TBD	Gene Addy	440-243-7569
Aspen, CO	April 3-10 th , 2004 <i>WEEK LONG TRIP</i>	\$890	Annie Easley & Gene Addy	440-816-1215 440-243-7569

SOLAR ORBIT COMPLETIONS (Birthdays) March

Paul Daley	Mar 2
Karen Fashimpaur	Mar 2
Robert MacCallum	Mar 2
Mira Djelic	Mar 3
Gerda Dreger	Mar 5
Robert Jeracki	Mar 5
Samantha Reveley	Mar 7
Kris Goodrich	Mar 8
Katie Anderson	Mar 9
Kathy Mason	Mar 9

Bob Kwiatkowski	Mar 10
Tom Haag	Mar 11
Debra Horn	Mar 11
Cathy Linn	Mar 14
Narrin Carlberg	Mar 15
Jeff Moder	Mar 15
Don Sulak	Mar 17
Robert Tarkany	Mar 17
Andy Reehorst	Mar 18
Kurestin Armada	Mar 22

Tim Kurtz	Mar 23
Valerie Lyons	Mar 23
Cori Frankenfield	Mar 24
Monica Hoffman	Mar 26
Bruce Auer	Mar 27
Kyle Mason	Mar 27
Kristen Newcomb	Mar 28
Suzanne Hembly	Mar 29
Kurt Manthey	Mar 31
Susan Prusak	Mar 31

ALPINE NEWS

I will keep this short to reflect what is left of the season. By the time you read this we have only our Monday March 15th Holiday Valley day trip left.

Note: the change of the Holiday Valley trip to Monday March 15th. Also, the last week long trip to Aspen from April 3-10 is coming up fast.

If you still want to get out a couple of more times, then please

do not hesitate. I have to admit the ski season is winding down so do not miss out on the last trips. Please sign up before it is all over!!

AL Linne – VP ALPINE



NORDIC NEWS

With February over, there are fewer opportunities for local Nordic skiing. The Jan 24th outing to Chapin Forest, and the Feb 7th outing to Rocky River Reservation both had good skiable conditions. See the trip write-ups elsewhere in this newsletter for Chapin and Rocky River.

Unfortunately, neither outing drew many participants from the club, in spite of the convenient time and location of each event. I can sympathize with the view that skiing Chapin Forest gets old after a number of visits, but this is the same club that fills two or three busses of skiers each year for Holiday Valley.

Chapin is less than an hour away, and costs nothing to

use. Snow conditions are natural, and vary greatly throughout the season. I will never understand why people would prefer to go to Boston Mills, pay money, and stand in line.

Anyhow, a few people contacted me during the season to express interest in traveling 3 – 4 hours into Pennsylvania to go Nordic skiing. I did not plan on long distance Nordic trips this year, but I guess that some skiers really prefer remote locations.

Years ago, Nordic trips to PA could fill a bus, and I was amazed at their success. Perhaps the trip coordinator had irresistible charisma, or they worked extremely hard to sell the trip. I went on a few of those trips, and I enjoyed the skiing.

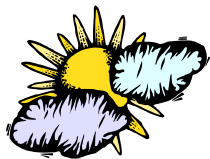
Everyone has their idea of what will be popular, but that has rarely been one of my strengths. With Club Elections coming up in about a month, it would be good for the members to have multiple

candidates, and alternate personalities to choose from. I encourage anyone with enthusiasm for skiing or motivational leadership to consider running for Club Office. The club belongs to the members, and the members need to participate. I have spent the past year as Nordic VP, and I have few regrets.

If someone would like to run for Nordic VP in the upcoming April election, I'm sure the voter's would appreciate an active choice among multiple candidates.

Annie Easley is the Nominating Chair for the 2004 club elections. Seriously consider nominating yourself or another member for the different club positions. Annie can be reached at (440)816-1215 or at Ajeasl@aol.com

-Tom Haag, Trip Leader



Hello Skiers & Boarders—

Our condolences go to Tina Crawford on the death of her

companion and former ski club member, **George Repas**.

Wishes for a speedy recovery go to **Fred Zofchak** who received injuries when he was hit by an out-of-control skier. Remember to stay in-control when skiing and report those who don't...

Please don't forget to let **Nancy Piltch** know of significant events in the lives of our club members. Thereby we can give out **Rays of Sunshine!** You can reach her at

Nancy.D.Piltch@grc.nasa.gov, 3-3637.

CMSC NEWS

The **CMSC Racer's Banquet** will be on **April 25th** at Hillside Party Center.

The **CMSC Golf Outing** will be held on **July 24, 2004** at Punderson Golf Course. They would like to get more clubs to participate this year.

CMSC Weekend Races Series -

Mar. 6, Duals @ Swain
Mar. 7, Elims @ Swain



SUMMER PLANNING STARTED

Talk has started about an ice skating outing; let me know your ideas. We have time to fit in other non-skiing activities this winter. Also, it is never too early to start planning activities for next year. The success of our camping/canoeing, minor league baseball and white water rafting outings has

Officers of Lewis Ski Club

brought increased interest in repeating these events.

Linda Elonen-Wright is putting together plans for a bus trip to **Stratford, Ontario** for a **theater festival**. The trip is planned for late summer or early fall; details will be coming soon.

If you have any ideas for non-skiing winter activities or would like to start working on plans for next summer, please contact **Tony Shook!**

SKI CLUB OFFICERS (Phone/NASA Mail Stop)

President: Linda Elonen-Wright (216-433-9370/142-5)
Alpine Vice President: Al Linne (216-433-6751/ 6-2)
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: Victoria Briscoe (216-433-3237) 501-4
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 Chairman: 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: (**March 22nd, 2004**)

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS TRIP!

Here are a few shots from the Steamboat Trip—the trip leader/newsletter writer (Victoria Briscoe) will have a great story for everyone to read in the next newsletter! Be inspired--ski this March. We had a great time!





Holiday Valley Ski Trip

Monday, March 15, 2004

Ski with the NASA Lewis Ski Club!

PRICE (lift ticket and bus): \$57.00. Membership required

Package includes: Round-trip transportation from Cleveland to Holiday Valley. Breakfast snacks **AND BOX DINNER.**

Itinerary:

6:00 AM Leave NASA DEB Parking Lot

6:30 AM East Side Pickup – Home Depot parking lot on Wilson Mills Rd, 1/2 mile west of I-271.

10:00 AM Arrive at Holiday Valley

5:00 PM Bus leaves for Cleveland (BOX DINNER INCLUDED – See below)

8:30 PM East Side Drop-off

9:00 PM Bus Arrives at NASA

Trip Application

Name: _____

In case of an emergency, contact:

Address: _____

Name: _____

Phone w/area code: (H) _____

Phone w/area code:

(W) _____

Email _____

East Side Pickup? YES / NO

For West Side Pickup: Please provide your Car License Plate No. for NASA Security: _____

Trip - \$57/person

Lewis Ski Club member? Yes / No **If no, then please add membership fee***

Call for further details. Rentals and Lessons available. **Total Payment \$** _____

Dinner includes: 8" sub sandwich, chips/pretzels, cookie, & pop/water. Circle sandwich choice:

Turkey Roast Beef Ham Italian Assorted

- * Yearly membership available. \$10.00 single or \$15.00 family.
- * Reservations are 1st-come, 1st-served with **payment in full.** (Please make checks payable to "Lewis Ski Club, Inc.")
- * No refunds will be made for your bus seat, unless your spot is filled.
- * Minors without parent must have a release form signed by a parent or legal guardian and be accompanied by an adult.
- * Every skier must sign a trip agreement form.
- * No Smoking on the bus.

Mail payment to:

Trip coordinator: Gene Addy
325 Rowan Drive Bera, Ohio 44017

W (216) 977-7467
H (440) 243-7569

(At NASA, mail to:Gene Addy MS:11-2)



Trip Application and Agreement

(Use for All Trips unless there is a special one noted)

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 **FULL PAYMENT**, and must be paid and submitted along with a signed Application and Agreement. Balance, if any, shall be due and payable in accordance with payment schedules established by Lewis Ski Club, Inc.
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 participant's 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, Inc.**".
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: _____

Applicant Name: _____

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

Signed in Agreement: _____ Date: _____