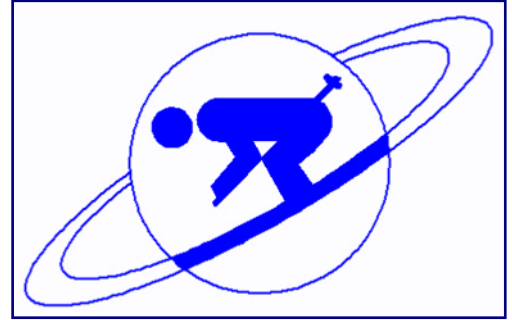


April 2012

NASA Lewis Ski Club



Trip recaps



Trip members were busy over the last part of the season with the Hut Hopper Cross Country Trip to Washington, day trips to Holimont and Holiday Valley and the combined trip to Jay Peak, Vermont. Summaries of their adventures can be found on pages 11-15.

Next meeting

Tuesday, April 3
100th Bomb Group,
Brookpark Road,
Meeting @ 6 p.m.

Come judge our ski photo contest! Prizes will be determined by the audience. There will be Club officer elections and a trip planning meeting planned afterwards.

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President's message...

Where did all the snow go?

Clearly I'm still in denial that winter is officially over for this season. If you are not fond of the warm weather, it is time to start your hibernation until the snow returns. And yes, I'm resisting from cranking up the air conditioner to make it feel more like winter. If you are also having crazy ideas such as turning the backyard slope into a miniature bunny slope, you are not alone.



Riding somewhere....

If you have not noticed, the warm-weather social activities are already popping up on the club's event calendar. Keep an eye on the club news so you don't miss out. Have a social activity or something you have been wanting to do, but just have not gotten around to it? Pass your ideas on to the club's activity officer and let's make it happen.

If your mind is stuck on the warm sunny weather, I suspect only a few of you are thinking about the next snow season. Yet, the club is already starting to plan for the next season. Please drop the trip chair or officers a line about your favorite snow destinations for next winter, especially if you might be interested in leading a trip to the slopes next season.

Now that spring skiing is winding down, I'm sure you are putting your snow gear into storage for the off season. Don't forget to wax those skis and snowboards for proper protection during the storage season. Hopefully you learned valuable skills at the March club meeting on ski and snowboard waxing. Special thanks for Mark and Dave for presenting at the March meeting on ski and snowboard gear tuning.

—Aaron

Happy April birthday to:

Paul Burik, Steven Stevenson, Janine Jurgensen, Audrey Ritley, Matthew Ritley, Tyler Williams, Dale Gynn, Jennifer Bunday, Sean Conway, Denise Finelli, Brandon Puckett, Brad Elles, Eva Carlberg, Konstantin Pio-Alsky, Fred Zofchak, Brian Stickney, Doug Waltman, John Shaughnessy, Ray Neumann, Amy Antczak, Bill Saettel, Carol Abrams, Luke Stupica, Ryan David, Linda Heine, Andrew Gross, Rosemary Toole, Gloria O'Donnell, Paul Solano, Judith Gusweiler, Lee Kloss



Club officers

Position	Name	Email @lewisclub.org
President	Aaron J. Swank	president
Alpine V.P.	Dave Root	alpinevp
Nordic V.P.	Allen Porter	nordicvp
Activity V.P.	Ray Neumann	activity
Recorder	Barb Knipple	recorder
Publicity Director	Allison Wood	publicity
Treasurer	Janet Dubas	treasurer

Committee Chairs & Trustees

CMSC Representative	Victoria Wise	cmsc
Racing	Lisa Lambert	race
Membership	Lisa Ferenc	membership
Web curator	Lisa Elonen-Wright	webcurator
Alternate web curator	Lisa Lambert	webcurator
Trip	Tom Vannuyen	tripchair
Trustee	Lori Manthey	trustees
Trustee	Mark Hyatt	trustees
Trustee	Bruce Frankenfield	trustees

The Constitution Review Committee, consisting of the Trustees, met on 3/28/12 and a few changes to the Lewis Ski Club's Constitution are being proposed by this committee. The committee will discuss these proposed changes at the April club meeting and welcomes any comments from the club members. The committee plans to hold a vote on these proposed changes at the June club meeting, on June 5, 2012.

The Constitution Review Committee,(Bruce Frankenfield, Lori Manthey & Mark Hyatt)

LEWIS SKI CLUB – PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGES (4-3-2012)

ARTICLE IV: GOVERNMENT; Section 11: Meetings

From: Executive Board meetings will take place on the next to last Tuesday of every month. A combined meeting of the newly elected officers and the current officers will be held on the next-to-last Thursday in April. All Executive Board meetings will be open to all members.

To: **An Executive Board meeting shall be called by the President at least once a month, usually the next to last Tuesday of the month. The Executive Board meeting called for in the month of April will be a combined meeting of the newly elected officers and the current officers.** All Executive Board meetings will be open to all members.

ARTICLE IV: GOVERNMENT; Section 13: Spending Policy

From: All non-recoverable expenditures shall require the following approvals prior to the expenditure: \$0.00 through \$100.00 – approval of at least two members of the Executive Board; \$100.01-\$200.00 – approval of the Executive Board; anything above \$200.00 – approval of simple majority of the members present at a regular scheduled meeting (quorum required).

To: All non-recoverable expenditures shall require the following approvals prior to the expenditure: \$0.00 through \$100.00 – approval of at least two members of the Executive Board; \$100.01-\$200.00 – approval **of a simple majority** of the Executive Board; anything above \$200.00 – approval of **a simple majority** of the members present at a regularly scheduled meeting (quorum required).

ARTICLE V, DUTIES OF OFFICERS; Section 8: Board of Trustees

Add: **The Board of Trustees shall be standing members of the Constitution Review Committee.**

BYLAWS - 2. COMMITTEES AND CHAIRPERSONS

From: The President shall upon assuming office, or any other time it is required, form the following committees and appoint the following chairpersons:

To: The President **may**, upon assuming office, or any other time it is required, form the following committees and appoint the following chairpersons **as needed**:

From: (g) Trip Committee – reviews and updates the Activity Coordinators Guide, determines trip schedule for upcoming ski season, and provides guidance for ski trip coordinators. Appointees should be members who have experience, or desire to serve, as Activity Coordinators.

To: (g) Trip Committee – **provides comments on the Activity Coordinators Guide to the Trustees**, determines trip schedule for upcoming ski season, and provides guidance for ski trip coordinators. Appointees should be members who have experience, or desire to serve, as Activity Coordinators.

Add: **(i) Recruitment Chairperson – coordinates efforts targeted directly at the recruitment of new members.**

Add: **(j) Historian – responsible for maintaining the history of the club.**

Club Activities

It's that time again to start planning our off season adventures! If you would like to volunteer to have a get together after work or an event to share with fellow club members, **[contact Ray Neumann, Activity V.P.](#)**

HERE'S WHAT WE HAVE SO FAR.....

APRIL 2012

Friday, April the 13th & Saturday the 14th
It's The Banff Mountain Film Festival!
At The Ohio Theater in Playhouse Square
1511 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Friday
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm – Opening Night Reception
7:30 pm – Film presentations
Saturday
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Reception
8:00 pm – Film presentations

For more information check it out online at **www.theedgefilms.com**
If you would like to host the ski club at this event, contact Ray Neumann, Activity V.P.

Saturday, April the 14th! 9:00 pm
Hollywood Slim at The Prosperity Social Club in Tremont!
1109 Starkweather
Cleveland, Ohio 44113



The band, Hollywood Slim plays blues, jazz, big band & folk.
Meet us at The Prosperity Social Club 1109 Starkweather in Tremont.
For information contact Therese Telzrow 216.548.0359 or the Activity V.P.
<http://www.lewisskiclub.org/prosperity-club-apr-2012>

Friday, April the 27th! 5:30 pm til ?:
T.G.I.F. Get Together!

This month we're meeting at The Winking Lizard in Lakewood
at 14018 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107

www.winkinglizard.com

Happy Hour is from 3:00pm – 7:00pm show up early if you want!
\$1.00 off 22 oz. Beers, \$5.25 Margaritas, & \$1.00 off Cocktails for 2 during
Happy Hour
RSVP Ray & Jan Neumann. <http://www.lewisskiclub.org/tgif-apr-2012>



MAY 2012

Beginning Thursday, May 3rd at 6:30 pm
Thursday Night Bike Rides!

Meet Allen Porter at The Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Nature Center every Thursday night. For more information, contact Porter, Nordic V.P.

<http://www.lewisskiclub.org/bike-thurs-2012>

Friday & Saturday, May 11-12
The International Beer Fest!
Cleveland I-X Center

Featuring 200 renowned breweries from all over the world pouring upwards of 800 select beers during three public tasting sessions.

Learn more at www.ixbeerfest.com

Saturday, May 19th 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
International Learn to Fly Day!
Lorain County Regional Airport
44050 Russia Road, Elyria, Ohio 44035

See the attached flyer or contact Sandy Maurer, flying-may-2012 at [lewisskiclub.org](http://www.lewisskiclub.org) more info at www.eaa1252.org

Friday, May 25th 8:00 pm
Swing Dancing at Starz Ballroom!
25016 Center Ridge Road
Westlake, Ohio 44145

Open group dance lesson starts at 8:00 pm and the Dance Party starts at 8:45 pm. You don't need a partner to go. Check the place out at www.starzballroom.net

<http://www.lewisskiclub.org/dancing-may-2012>

COMING IN JUNE 2012!

THE SIXTH ANNUAL BIKE BREW TOUR!
Watch for the MAY newsletter for more details!



Join NASA Lewis Ski Club
For T.G.I.F.
At The Winking Lizard in Lakewood
April 27th



We'll meet up at 5:30pm for drinks at the bar.
Those that wish to stay for dinner please.....
RSVP so we can arrange for a table.

*The Lizard is located at
14018 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107*

www.winkinglizard.com

RSVP to Ray Neumann

Saturday May 19 9am - 4pm
Open to the public - Free admission

Lorain County Regional Airport
44050 Russia Rd. Elyria, Ohio 44035

Ever Dream About Flying?



Discovery Flights Available
Free "Young Eagles" flights for kids ages 8-17
Take a ride in a B-25 or a Navy SNJ
Airplane displays and vendors - Food galore
Free live entertainment by Fenderjet
www.eaa1252.org

Beginning Thursday May 3rd at 6:30 pm....

The return of the Thursday night bike rides!

Every Thursday night starting at
The Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Nature Cen-
ter South
On Valley Parkway between Shepherd Lane
and Cedar Point Road...

Meet up with your Host, Allen Porter
for an exhilarating ride along the all purpose trail.

For more information contact Allan Porter, Nordic V.P. or call his cell 440-476-1531

<http://www.lewisskiclub.org/bike-thurs-2012>



Spine Tingling!

CMSC RACE

Death Defying!



Hey Kids

Meet me and my superhero friends April 21 at Reinecker's Party Center 8575 South Freeway Dr. Macedonia OH 44067

6:30 p.m. Social Hour • 7:30 p.m. Dinner

Action-packed fun includes: Open bar, great food, grand dessert buffet, dancing with DJ Dance Delite, race awards to our own superheroes!

Early Bird Special: \$40 per person if reservation is received on or before April 6, 2012. Cost goes up to \$45 per person for reservations received after that. No reservations after April 14, 2012.

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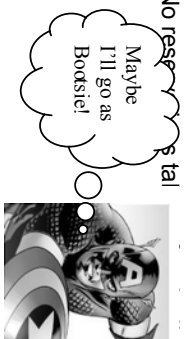
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Tahoe Trip



With warm weather 40+ degrees in the forecast, 34 brave souls ventured a trip to Lake Tahoe, California from Feb. 11-18, 2012. We had ski friends from out of town (NY, NJ, and MO) and the rest flew out of Cleveland Hopkins. We were expecting spring skiing conditions, lack of snow, and were willing to make the best of it. However, the snow was so much better than we expected!!

We checked into the Silver Legacy Casino for the week and prepared for our first day of skiing at Northstar on Sunday. We boarded the bus from Northstar early in the morning and started looking at maps and deciding which runs to do 1st on the bus. When we arrived, Tom went and got lift tickets for everyone while they got ready. Ski Butler Rental came out to Northstar for those that needed rentals and they provided great services. Allen Porter had great things to say about how professional and awesome they were. A few of us, Tom, Lorraine, Dale, Cathe, and Marianne, opted for a mountain tour from Northstar. Our tour guide, Cheryl, was pleasant and showed us some excellent runs. The cool thing was that if

you are with the tour guide, you get to go in the express lines and get in front of everyone. Furthermore, Tom and Dave arranged for a \$10 food voucher for everyone so lunch was taken care of. (Lunch was yummy, by the way!) All in all it was an excellent day. As we were leaving, we overheard some rumors of possible white gold the next day.

Sure enough, we had about 6-8 inches of white gold Monday at Squaw Valley. As we approached the ski resort, we were giddy with getting some fresh snow for the skis and boards. The powder was most excellent and we floated down from the peak. It almost reminded of our experience with Powder Mountain in Utah last year. The part that was cool was when you are skiing on the groom runs and you hear the grinding of the skis/board on hard pack snow. As soon as you hit the powder, the crunch goes silent and you feel like you are floating on the fluffy snow. Ahh!! Truly magical. :o)



A bunch of us (Tom, Lorraine, Dale, Dave and Gary) learned what they meant when the sign said "expert only". We took a ride on Granite Chief lift at Squaw Valley and getting down was quite an adventure. However, we made it down OK and decided that was not quite as enjoyable. We also heard other adventures (Sue Lan, Jim and Karen, Joe Z and John F) had an excellent time in all of the blacks and double black off trail at Squaw Valley. We live to ski another day!!

The 3rd resort we went to was Alpine Meadows. It was the coldest day of the trip. Alpine was smaller than Northstar and Squaw but was very nice, just the same. We had many excellent runs and were quite satisfied!!

Silver Legacy is connected to Circus Circus and El Dorado. We took advantage of the proximity and dine in a variety of cuisines from, Café Sedona, Brew Brothers, Tivoli Garden, Pho Mein, and Flavors the Buffets. We had our midweek party at the Eldorado Buffett. All the food was fabulous. I think everyone gained a few pounds! :o)

Hut Hopping in the North Cascades

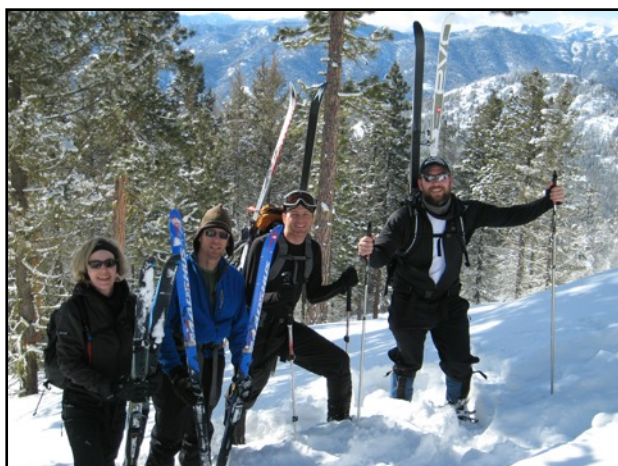


If spending the night atop a mountain, watching the stars twinkle over the jagged edges of surrounding peaks and sharing new friendships with fellow skiers over a bonfire sounds good, then you should have been at the NASA Lewis Ski Club Hut Hopper XC trip to Washington State.

Despite the deadly avalanche tragedy in the area just a couple of weeks prior, ten skiers met in Winthrop, WA for six days of cross country skiing. The Rendezvous Trail System there features simple, rustic mountain huts for overnight stay. No TV, no radio, for that matter no water – melt-

ing snow for cooking and drinking became an ongoing task. A wood burner stove provided plenty of warmth and a propane stove facilitated communal dinners that pleasantly surprised everyone.

The first day out proved to be the greatest challenge as the group had to press uphill from the trail head located at an approximate elevation of 2,700 to the first hut at about 4,000 feet, covering about a 6 mile trip. The subsequent days involved transfers of about 10 to 14 miles to the next hut, fortunately with much more moderate elevation changes. The well groomed trails and



the sunny skies made for enjoyable cross country skiing in the Cascade Mountains. Gentle snowfall of about three inches capped the pine trees on the third night, adding to the lure of the winter mountains.

Several of the more aggressive skiers also tried out their snow shoe skills by climbing the Rendezvous Mountain, looking for great photo opportunities and virgin snow. Attaining both, they repeated the feat with their skis to partake in back-country, deep snow downhill skiing. We were told that the greatest challenge was to get up after a fall, as the deep snow was unforgiving. The less adventurous of the group

built an open fire in a fire pit by the hut, soaking in the warmth and the great views of the surrounding mountains.

Lewis Ski Club President Aaron Swank was the trip leader, assisted by Carl Blaser. Both leaders deserve a bounty of gratitude for organizing this unconventional ski trip! Working out the logistics of transportation, food, daily trips, sleeping accommodation, safety measures and things I can't even think of. This trip presented a new dimension to skiing: (continued on pg. 13)

HoliMont 2012 – Trip Summary

On February 17, 2012, 33 intrepid skiers, and a couple of snowboarders, boarded the bus for a one day trip to HoliMont in Ellicottville, N Y. The weather man cooperated and gave us a mix of colder temperatures, a few peeks of sunshine, and good snow conditions for riding and carving. The trip leaders promises for a powder day at HoliMont, however, went sadly unfulfilled. The usual assortment of snacks and beverages got everyone fueled up for the days adventures on our ride to New York. Almost a dozen of our participants made this their first trip with the Lewis Ski Club, and earned their membership pins in the process! Thanks to Lisa F. for bringing an envelope of them for me to pass out to our newest members. An uncrowded lodge was waiting for us, along with a bus full of our friends and fellow skiers from HiRise. The lift tickets and a couple rentals were dispatched quickly and everyone hit the slopes to enjoy the day.

Our celebrity ski instructor, Mikel K. was in attendance, escorting his merry band of pupils down the slopes like a Pied Piper of PSIA. Thanks for the tip, Mike, it really helped at Combined! It seemed everyone remembered their cash for the cafeteria, or enjoyed their own brown bag repast. Dina's catering at HoliMont is second to none, IMHO! The afternoon gave us some of the best runs of the day, as the sun warmed the snow to a perfect carving consistency before the clouds moved back in and the temps fell enough to reset things as last chair approached. Given the weather we faced for most of the winter that never was, I'd say it was a spectacular day. A quick change to street clothes, load the bus, and off to Ellicottville for dinner and a few adult beverages. The remains of Joe G's selection of homebrews got us back to Cleveland in style, none the worse for wear, mellow, tired, and satisfied after a fine day on the slopes.

Hut Hopper continued

one where the hum of chair lifts is replaced by the whisper of wind and the thrill of the downhill run is overshadowed by the satisfaction of completing a journey. On the way back to Spokane airport, the talk was about next year's trip!



Holiday Valley 3 Trip Summary

The Holiday Valley III trip actually happened! I know you thought it was spring and time to bike or garden, but it was only early March and a precious few of us still wanted to ski. So, we went up to Holiday Valley on March 9th and skied! The conditions were better than I thought they might be – temps in the 30s and it snowed on us most of the day. We all met for lunch and had this picture taken:



Photo courtesy of Dave Root

Then it was back out there for more skiing. Dianna and I had fun and want to thank everyone who believed in the possibility of SNOW and went along with us. We'd also like to welcome the new members to the club from this trip: Amy Arsham, Jason Sherman, Ryan Applegate, David Hoffman, Charlotte Buschur, Chris Marks, and Alex Elonen! Welcome to the best ski club in CMSC!

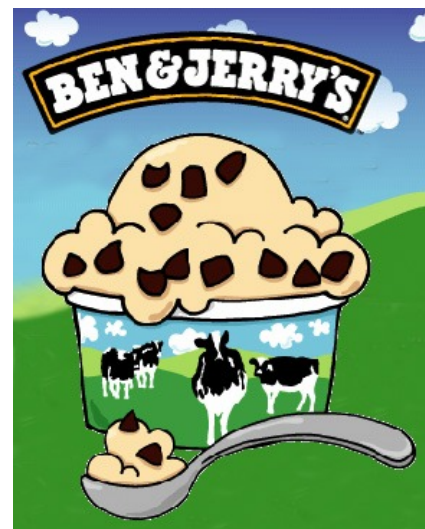
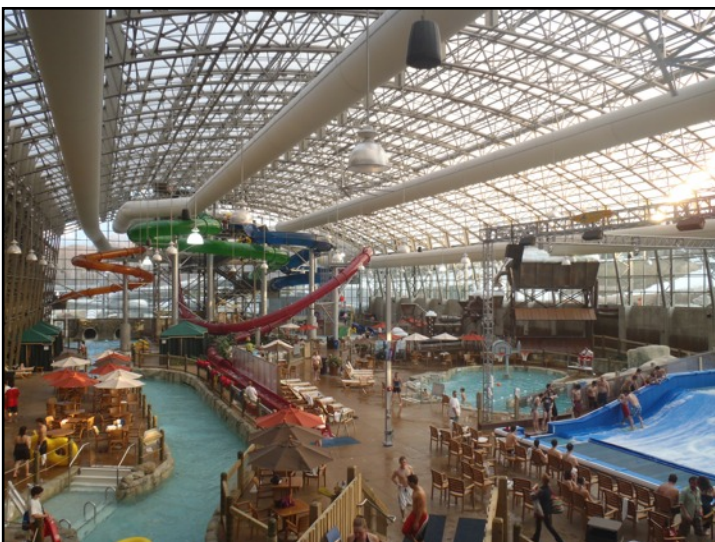
Your trip leaders, Dianna Hosta-Stickney and Linda Elonen-Wright

Jay Peak recap

With 77 beautiful alpine ski trails, a brand new resort and indoor water park, and miles of Nordic ski trails, could anything be lacking from a week long trip to Jay Peak, Vermont? Well, below freezing temperatures would have been nice, or honestly just anything under 70F. Thankfully a 60-inch snow base is hard to obliterate in one week even if Mother Nature tries her hardest. So while the 35 travelers from 3 Cleveland area ski clubs did not experience the best of conditions we still were able to enjoy 5 full days of skiing with evenings spent enjoying a pretty amazing indoor water park.



As the week went on the temperature went up, it became apparent that not everyone was enjoying skiing in such variable conditions (though variable doesn't seem to quite cover it when you consider that occasionally one had to water ski rather than snow ski in order to get down some of the slopes), so our fearless leaders rose to the occasion and organized two spontaneous day trips, Wednesday was a tour of various points of interest in Vermont (Ben and Jerry's – yum) and the other to Montreal, Canada. For many the best part of the trip was the daily ski lessons that were part of our package, after all even the most experienced skier can use a few hours of instruction, for others the amazing resort accommodations and fine dining make it a trip worth remembering, but I think we would all agree that the combination of good food, good friends and good skiing made this a great way to enjoy the last of winter.





NASA LEWIS SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP (October 1st to September 30th)

Name: (First)
 (Last)
 Home Phone:
 Work Phone:
 Address:

NASA Lewis Ski Club publishes a Member Directory containing names, addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers of the members. It is in hard copy only and made available at meetings and upon request of other club members only. Do you consent to having your contact information included? Yes No

NASA Mail Stop: (If applicable) Birthday: Month / Day (optional)

Email Address:

(Note: Club Newsletter is only sent via email/web to reduce both labor and postage)

Do you also wish to be added to an email list for impromptu, last-minute outings. Yes No

Type of Membership: (Check TWO)

- Single (\$10) New Member
 Family* (\$15) Renewal**

* A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP is defined as: "a member and spouse and/or DEPENDENT children".

** Renewal rates for current members increase after November 15th to \$15 for single and \$20 for family. New members pay the lower rate no matter when they join.

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Release: I/We, single/family membership, acknowledge that many of the activities and events organized and sponsored by the Lewis Ski Club, Inc., in particular participation-type athletic activities, are dangerous and hazardous and can cause damage, injury and death. In consideration of becoming a member and/or renewing my membership I/we assume any and all risks of participating in such activities, including the risk of damage, injury and death, and I/we release Lewis Ski Club, Inc., its members and officers, from responsibility and liability therefore. This Release shall remain in effect while I/we am/are a member(s) and when and while I/we participate in any such activity, and even if Lewis Ski Club, Inc. is negligent.

Signed in Agreement: X _____ Date: _____

(Complete and return with dues to Lisa Ferenc, MS:60-2, NASA Glenn Research Center, 21000 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, OH 44135 - Make checks payable to: Lewis Ski Club, Inc.)