# December 2013



# Ski season begins



Some pre-Thanksgiving wintry weather opened up area ski areas a little earlier than usual. Are you ready for the season to begin? Look inside for some information on our upcoming trips.

#### **Next meeting**

Tuesday, Dec. 3, Donauschwaben German American Club, 7370 Columbia Road, Olmsted Twp., 6 p.m., with happy hour at 5.

This month's meeting will be the annual White Elephant Exchange! Bring a wrapped gift you think someone may like to the meeting and join in on the fun. See more info on pg. 5.

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### President's message...

Snow! Yes, the snow this winter has arrived early this season. Local ski resorts have even opened for the season already this year. The first snow came on 11-12-13 this year, and if you recall, a couple of years ago the first snow magic was on 11-11-11. I hope that doesn't mean that next year we have to wait until Dec. for the first snow (12-13-14).

Hopefully you didn't miss the Nov. club meeting presentation. Coach Hartzell spoke on stretching and body strengthening. Special thanks to Coach for a great presentation. Mark you calendars for the upcoming club meetings, featuring in Dec. the white elephant gift exchange and in January the chili cookoff with other fun activities.

If you have not already done so, mark you calendars for the club's day ski trips this upcoming season. The first trip of the season starts on Friday, January 3, with a number of trips to follow every two weeks. Please sign up early so that we can plan for the trips accordingly.

Also, this year we will be implementing a new online trip sign up system using the club's web page, which will also let you know which of your fellow ski/snowboard buddies have already signed up for the trip. The online system will collect payments using the Paypal payment system. If you don't already have a Paypal account, save some time now by setting one up.

Yes, of course we will still collect paper checks and paper trip applications. However, keep in mind that your spot is only reserved once payment is received. In addition, to solve last minute problems/confusion, all paper trip applications must be received no later than 1 week prior to the trip departure date. If you are one of those last minute sign ups, you'll have to use the online system. In order to use the online system, you'll need to have a user login account. We will be creating login accounts for all those members who were members last season and those who have already paid their membership for this season.

Keep an eye on your email inbox for username and password reset instructions. If you have not been a member for a couple of years, or are a new member, you may become a member online, and instantly create your online login credentials.

Hope to see you on the slopes this season!



Aaron

# Happy December birthday to:

Cheryl Alden, Samantha Bittinger, Charlotte Buschur, Stephanie Chernesky, Bradley Conway, Luise Easton, Alex Ferenc, Emily Ferenc, Bruce Frankenfield, Kathryn Geither, Jerry Hill, Ron Howard, Charlie Hyatt, Natalie Kainac, Samantha Kainac, Bernie Kainac, Bernadette Kan, Donald Lesinski, Ryan Manthey, Kathleen Moran, Chris Neag, Kathy Neag, Lianna Nordwig, Dennis Page,



Audrey Page, Hal Pavia, Paul Prexta, Karen Prexta, Peggy Richards, Joe Roche, Cheryl Senick, Stefan Vinca, Gene Walker, Daniel Zelezniakar, Steve Zlatarich

# **Club officers**

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# A few notes...

### 2014 Day Trips

It will be snowing before we know it! Here's a list of the one-day trips. More information will be available at lewisskiclub.org, but mark your calendars now!

Holiday Valley I Seven Springs Holiday Valley II HoliMont Holiday Valley III

Fri, Jan. 3 Fri, Jan. 17 Fri, Jan. 31 Fri, Feb. 14 Fri, Feb. 28



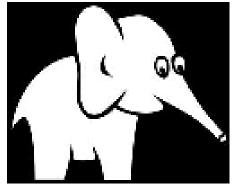
#### **New West Side Pickup**

Those who pick up the bus for our day trips on the west side will be meeting at a new location this season. It will be at the Lakefront bus garage/lot on Brookpark Road, (across from Malley's chocolates), just west of W. 130th St. Directions and more information will be made available in next month's newsletter at at lewisskiclub.org.

### White Elephant Exchange

December Club Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 3

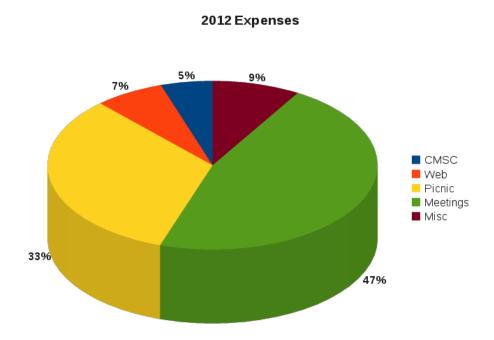
All you have to do to participate is bring a very nicely wrapped "white elephant" to the club meeting. The "white elephant" can be anything you've had in your closet that someone else could use or just a regift that you don't really want. Please join in on the fun this year.



#### Where do the membership dues go?

As a member of the Lewis Ski Club, you likely recently paid your annual membership dues. For those of you who have renewed, we thank you. The vast majority of the income for operating the club comes from our membership dues. Yet, most club members likely do not know where the money goes. To keep the club informed, here is a pie chart which shows the relative distribution of expenses for the past 2012-2013 season. Not included here are the club's activities which require payment, including ski/snowboard trips. Why? Because the club works hard to run these activities on a break even status across the season.

For the 2013-2014 season, we expect the expenditure distribution to be similar with only minor changes. For instance, the Cleveland Metro Ski Council (CMSC) has changed their dues structure, so the percentage in this category will change. For the meeting expenses, which includes the facility rental fees and basic refreshments, we are currently operating within the same funding level as last year. In previous years, the club operated on a fixed cost per meeting, whereas this year our cost per meeting varies slightly depending on the cost of refreshments.









# With the Lewis Ski Club Friday January 3, 2014

**\$75** per person (lift ticket and bus)\*

#### Includes:

Round-trip transportation from Cleveland, OH to Holiday Valley, adult lift ticket, and snacks on the bus.

#### **Itinerary:**

- 6:00 AM West Side Pickup NEW LOCATION (see below)
- 6:30 AM East Side Pickup
- 10:00 AM Arrive at Holiday Valley Ski Area
- 4:45 PM Bus Departs for Ellicottville for Dinner (cost of dinner is not included)
- 7:30 PM Bus Departs for Cleveland
- 10:30 PM East Side Drop-off
- 11:00 PM West Side Drop-off

#### **Trip Application Information:**

Send payment check and trip application form to:



Tom Vannuyen / Dave Root 21000 Brookpark Rd. MS 86-12 Cleveland, OH 44135

#### Contact: holidayvalley-jan2014@lewisskiclub.org

Tom: Work 216-433-3851 Cell 440-376-1503 Dave: Work 216-416-5596 Cell 440-454-2239

Make Checks payable to: Lewis Ski Club, Inc.

#### \*Lewis Ski Club membership is required. New Members: \$10 Individual / \$15 Family (separate check)

Membership information at http://www.lewisskiclub.org/membership

 $\sim$  If not currently a Lewis Ski Club Member, please include Membership Fee and Membership Application Form.  $\sim$  Reservations are 1st come 1st served with payment in full.

- $\sim$  No refunds made for your bus seat, unless your spot is filled.
- ~ Every participant must sign a **Trip Application Form**.
- ~ Minors (under 18) not accompanied by parent or legal guardian must have a Minor Release Form. ~
- Forms available at http://www.lewisskiclub.org/forms
- $\sim$  No smoking on the bus.

#### **Bus Pickup / Drop-off Information:**

More information at http://www.lewisskiclub.org/bus-pickup-locations

#### WEST: Lakefront Bus Lines parking lot. 13315 Brookpark Rd. (across from Malley's chocolates)

EAST: Home Depot Parking Lot on Wilson Mills Rd7, Highland Heights, 1/2 Mile West of I-271. DO NOT PARK AT DENNY'S

# Seven Springs Ski Trip With the Lewis Ski Club Friday January 17th 2014



\$70 per person (Lift ticket and bus)

Includes: Round-trip bus transportation from Cleveland to Seven Springs, PA. One full day of skiing with breakfast snacks on the bus. You are on your own for dinner.

Itinerary: 6:00 AM West Side Pickup - NEW LOCATION, Lakefront Bus Line Parking Lot, 13315 Brookpark Road, Cleveland (across from Mallies candies) 6:30 AM East Side Pickup - \*Lowe's at 24500 Miles Road in Warrensville Heights\* 10:00 AM Arrive at Seven Springs Ski Area

7:00 PM Bus Leaves for Cleveland 10:30 PM East Side Lowes Drop-off 11:00 PM Bus Arrives at Lakefront Bus Line parking lot

Send deposit check and Trip Application form to: Lisa Ferenc NASA GRC 21000 Brookpark Road, MS 142-1 Cleveland, OH 44135



\*Lewis Ski Club membership is required. New Members: single \$10 / Families \$15 (separate check) Membership information at http://www.lewisskiclub.org/membership Make checks out to Lewis Ski Club.

If not currently a Lewis Ski Club Member, please include Membership Fee and Membership Application Form. Reservations are 1st come 1st served with payment in full. No refunds made for your bus seat, unless your spot is filled. Every skier must sign a Trip Application form. Minors (under 18) not accompanied by parent or legal guardian must have a Minor Release Form.

~ No smoking on the bus.

Questions? Please call : Lisa Ferenc at GRC 216-433-6592 or cell at 440-396-0298 Email: sevensprings2014@lewisskiclub.org

> Ski rentals \$22/Board rental \$32 Lessons \$16.50



\$75 per person (lift ticket and bus)\*

#### Includes:

Round-trip transportation from Cleveland, OH to Holiday Valley, adult lift ticket, snacks and movies on the bus.

**Itinerary:** 

- 6:00 AM West Side Pickup NEW LOCATION (see below)
- 6:30 AM East Side Pickup
- 10:00 AM Arrive at Holiday Valley Ski Area
- 4:45 PM Bus Departs for Ellicottville for Dinner (cost of dinner is not included)
- 7:30 PM Bus Departs for Cleveland
- 10:30 PM East Side Drop-off
- 11:00 PM West Side Drop-off

**Trip Application Information:** 





Send payment check and trip application form to: Tom Palisin 21000 Brookpark Rd. MS 60-1 Cleveland, OH 44135

Contact: holidayvalley-jan2014@lewisskiclub.org Tom: Work 216-433-6572 Cell 440-292-7770

#### Make Checks payable to: Lewis Ski Club, Inc.

# \*Lewis Ski Club membership is required. New Members: \$10 Individual / \$15 Family (separate check)

Membership information at http://www.lewisskiclub.org/membership

- ~ If not currently a Lewis Ski Club Member, please include Membership Fee and Membership Application Form.
- ~ Reservations are 1st come 1st served with payment in full.
- $\sim$  No refunds made for your bus seat, unless your spot is filled.
- ~ Every participant must sign a **Trip Application Form**.
- ~ Minors (under 18) not accompanied by parent or legal guardian must have a Minor Release Form.
- ~ Forms available at http://www.lewisskiclub.org/forms
- ~ No smoking on the bus.

#### **Bus Pickup / Drop-off Information:**

More information at http://www.lewisskiclub.org/bus-pickup-locations

- WEST: Lakefront Bus Lines parking lot. 13315 Brookpark Rd. (across from Malley's chocolates)
- EAST: Home Depot Parking Lot on Wilson Mills Rd., Highland Heights, 1/2 Mile West of I-271. DO NOT PARK AT DENNY'S



# Ski Utah: Park City & Canyons & Deer Valley\*\*\* Sat March 8 through Sat March 15, 2014 Cost: \$1257

- Lodging The Yarrow Resort in Park City, Utah 7 nights (Sat. to Sat.), double occupancy per room.
- Lift tickets 5 days (2 days Park City, 2 day Canyons, 1 day Deer Valley\*\*\*)
- Option for 1 more additional day of skiing at Park City is available.
- RT Airfare from Cleveland to Salt Lake City. \*\*
- RT Ground transportation from Salt Lake City to Yarrow Resort.
- Complimentary welcome party upon arrival.
- Complimentary full breakfast buffet (daily).
- FREE shuttle stop in front of hotel.
- Outdoor **HEATED** pool and **LARGE** hot tub.
- Optional trip insurance available upon request.

#### To sign-up, contact trip leaders:

Tom Vannuyen

440 -846-1736 home 216-433-3851 work Dave Root 440-454-2239 cell

216-416-5596 work

parkcity2014@lewisskiclub.org

#### Payment schedule:

\$450 Due now, non-refundable\$450 Due by November 8, 2013\$357 Due by January 3, 2014

Send deposit check and trip agreement form: Tom Vannuyen 21000 Brookpark Rd. MS 86-12 Cleveland, OH 44135 Make Checks payable to: Lewis Ski Club, Inc.

Note: Must be a member of the NASA Lewis Ski Club - \$10 single/ \$15 family. \* \* For additional information, trip application, and membership forms, please visit our website at: http://www.lewisskiclub.org/

\*\*Does not include baggage fees, any additional fuel surcharges, or airport fees, which may be imposed by the airline prior to departure.

\*\*\*Deer Valley Resort policy does not permit snowboarders.

# Whitefish 2014 Jan 25 - Feb 1 \$1285\* per person

Visit beautiful Montana with the Lewis Ski Club!





### Trip package includes:

7 7 nights accommodation at Kintla Lodge – a ski in/ski out condo right at the base of chair 3!

Round trip airfare from Cleveland to Kalispell, Montana

Round trip ground transportation from Kalispell to Kintla

Lodge Welcome party and mid-week happy hour

5 day lift ticket on Big Mountain

Complimentary shuttle bus from the lodging into town

Complimentary tour guide of Big Mountain available twice



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#### **Payment schedule:**

\$430 due now non-

#### refundable

\$430 due by Sept. 3, 2013

\$425 due by Nov. 5, 2013

Optional trip insurance available



Spend a full day or a half day exploring beautiful, nearby Glacier National Park with a certified park guide.

All ability levels from novice cross country skiers through hardcore backcountry adventure seekers are welcome.

Price will be approximately \$120/person but is still under nego-

<u>\*\*\*</u>

For more information contact your trip leaders:

Amy Edwards or Aaron Swank at whitefish2014@lewisskiclub.org; 216-369-SKI2

To sign up send a trip application form and a check payable to Lewis Ski Club, Inc to:

Lewis Ski Club 21000 Brookpark Rd Cleveland, OH 44135 Attn:

\*Limited space available. Does not include baggage fees, any additional fuel surcharges, or airport fees, which may be imposed by the airline prior to departure.

## A note on club dues

Once again, membership fees are due for the next winter season with the Lewis Ski Club. Please note that the form has changed slightly. You'll notice there is now a check box option to include CMSC dues. What's this you ask and why is it on the membership form?

The Lewis Ski club is a member and long-time active supporter of The Cleveland Metro Ski Council (CMSC). For all the benefits that CMSC provides member, vou as а see our our club and web page http://www.lewisskiclub.org/cmsc. This year, CMSC has changed their dues structure to a per person rate instead of a per club flat rate. Our dues to be paid to CMSC, now based on a per person payment structure, are increasing this year. As a result, we have to pass this extra cost on to our members. In addition, due to the CMSC per person membership pricing structure, it is up to us to make sure the club is not paying CMSC twice for a person. (for instance a member who belongs to both our club and another club who has already paid their CMSC dues.) The new checkbox allows people to opt out if they are a member of another CMSC club. Please keep in mind that we do strongly suggest supporting CMSC and encourage you to pay your CMSC membership dues if you are not a member of another CMSC club. Your dues paid to CMSC supports the CMSC ski racing programs, CMSC activities, the Sitzmark newsletter and much more.

We feel the addition of a checkbox rather than just increasing club dues is more beneficial to our members, the club and CMSC. As a member you are more directly aware of our relationship with CMSC and the associated costs and benefits. As a club, we benefit by ensuring we are paying the proper amount to CMSC, by not paying CMSC for a member who has been paid for by another CMSC member club. Finally, CMSC also benefits. Our club will continue to require club membership for participation in all club ski trips as opposed to providing one-time, non-member activity prices, which would not require payment of CMSC membership dues.

For those of you who have already turned in your form for this season, don't worry, we'll go ahead and include your name on the list to CMSC as having your primary membership with the Lewis Ski Club.

	Website: http://www.LewisSkiClub.org - 12 -December 2013
	I CLUB MEMBERSHIP 2013-2014 to September 30 <sup>th</sup> )
Name: (First)	NASA Lewis Ski Club publishes a Member Directory containing names, addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers of the members.
(Last) Home Phone: Work Phone:	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?
Address:	
NASA Mail Stop: (If applicable)	Birthday: Month / Day (optional)
```	via email/web to reduce both labor and postage) email list for impromptu, last-minute outings.
Type of Membership: (Check TWO) $\Box$ Single (\$10) $\Box$ New Member	List Eligible Family Members: Name Age Birthday (Kids Only) (M/D)
☐ Family*(\$15)	
* A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP is defined as: "a member and spouse and/or DEPENDENT children".	
<b>** Renewal rates for current members</b> <b>increase after November 15<sup>th</sup> to \$15 for single</b> <b>and \$20 for family.</b> New members pay the lower rate no matter when they join.	
	ouncil Membership (CMSC) dues are included. (add 1\$), SC Racing, Sitzmark Publication, CMSC Trips.

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 Dan Zeleznikar, NASA Glenn Research Center, 21000 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, OH 44135 - Make checks payable to: Lewis Ski Club, Inc.) 12-December-2013- Website: http://www.LewisSkiClub.org

#### Lewis Ski Club 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:** The required initial deposit for this trip must be paid and submitted along with a signed Trip 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. Trip participants ski and/or snowboard at their own risk. It is the injured skier's/snowboarder's responsibility to report to Ski Patrol for treatment or referral to hospital/doctor. If unable to accompany the club on return trip as planned, the injured party is responsible for arranging their own transportation for the return trip.
- 4. **IDENTIFICATION:** Each participant is responsible for having and taking with them a valid, current, government-issued, photo ID. For trips out of the USA, participants are responsible for having up-to-date and valid passport. When required, participants are also responsible for having up-to-date and valid visa(s).
- 5. **MINORS:** Any minor's participant Trip 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: If the participant cancels out of the trip, then the participant forfeits their rights to any and all payments made to Lewis Ski Club for this trip. 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.
- 8. ELIGIBILITY: Lewis Ski Club membership is required to participate.
- 9. **EXTRA FEES:** Price does NOT include any additional fuel surcharges, baggage fees, or airport fees which may be imposed prior to the date of travel.

Trip Name:		
Applicant Name:		
	(For Airline Ticketing MUST be as it appears on Drivers License/Passport)	
Address:		
Phone: (H)	(W) (Cell)	
Email Address:		
Required for Airline		
Date of Birth: (MM/I	DD/YYYY) West OR East	
Lewis Ski Club Men	nber? Yes No (If NO, Please Include Membership Application Form)	
Optional Trip Insura	nce? Yes No (For Extended Trips. If YES, Information will be sent to you.)	
Trip Specific Info:	Ability:	
Emergency Contact	Information:	
Name:		
Phone: (H)	(Cell)	
I have read and agree to all the terms of this Agreement, and waiver of liability, as of this date.		
Signed in Agreement: Date:		
Signed in Agreement:Date:		
	(Signature of parent or legal guardian if participant is under 18) 14	