

LEWIS SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

August 2021

Prez Sez:

Greeting all! After a yearlong, the Lewis Ski Club will hold a **live, in-person** picnic on Tuesday, August 3rd at Albion Woods picnic area in the Cleveland Metroparks' Mill Stream Run Reservation. Enjoy some grilled food, cold beverages and see some of your friends again. This will serve as our regular August club meeting.

We still have some great activities in August, like the camping/boating weekend, float the river, and other bike rides coming up. Check out the webpage for more info.

The Club's weeklong trip western trip to Winter Park, Colorado is currently full! If you like to be on the waiting list, email the trip coordinator. Check the website for more details.

We are always looking for volunteers and activities to make our club fun. Reach out to any club officers if you have something to share. Let's make this an awesome club.

See you at the August picnic!

T. Vannuyen

Club Picnic Meeting!

On Tuesday August 3rd at the Albion Woods Picnic Area, in the Metroparks in Strongsville, we are so excited that our first post-COVID meeting will be our annual picnic on Tuesday August 3rd! The board decided to increase its funding of this event, so the cost to you is only \$5. We are planning to grill steaks and chicken, with the usual sides. We are hoping for a great turnout!

Alpine Update

Winter Park 2022! - Come ski the Colorado Rockies at Winter Park Resort with the Lewis Ski Club on! for this February 12 - 19, 2022 trip to Winter Park, CO. The cost of \$1,550 includes 7 nights lodging (at the Beaver Village Condominiums based on four members to a two bedrooms/two bath unit) and five days of lift tickets.

Although this trip is already full, we may be able to get additional slots. To get on the waiting list, go to:

Winter Park 2022.

Please e-mail trip co-leaders A. Wood or T. Telzrow at <u>Trip Leaders</u> with any questions or concerns. The flyer for the trip is included at the end of this newsletter.

Winter Park, Colorado (an IKON pass resort) is located less than two hours from Denver Airport. It has over 3,000 skiable acres and more than 3,000 feet of vertical from the resort base at 9,000 to the peak at over 12,000 feet.

A. Wood

Proposed Constitution Changes (repeat)

The Constitution Review Committee has proposed several changes to the Club's Constitution and By-Laws, which will be discussed and voted on at the August Club Picnic Meeting. The exact language changes were posted last month (in a separate document), but are summarized here:

- Remove the requirement that the Club President be a current employee of the NASA Glenn Research Center
- Concurrent with #1 above, add the position of "NASA Liaison" to the Chairs and Committees which are appointed by the President
- 3. Extend the term limits of the President and Treasurer from 3 to 5 years
- Change the quorum (minimum required for voting) from 20 members to 10% of current members
- 5. Allow "remote" voting

Activity Reports

Goodtime III - It was just like all prior years with threats of rain and wondering if we should cancel. But I already bought my ticket and invited some friends who were still willing to go, so I couldn't back out. I'm so glad we went!



We had a surprisingly good turnout. 11 of us met on the top deck of the boat where the views of the skyline were striking. Especially with the unique cloud formations and sections of blue sky against the skyscrapers. We cruised west towards the coast guard station and its lighthouse. And on our way, we passed by the tiki boat (the one that caused the swing bridge to rise on our Wendy Park bike trip).



It was good to see everyone and catch up and celebrate some birthdays. But more than an hour into our trip, we saw rain clouds drawing closer. After checking our digital weather source, we determined that it was best to head down to the middle deck. It was also where the dj and dance floor were beckoning. It's not an official Goodtime unless you can dance up a storm! Before we knew it, we were docking and the cruise was over, although some members of our group were still going strong singing and chanting with another group of friendly passengers.



The delay helped because when we first docked it looked like it was going to be hard to avoid the raindrops. Earlier, Erik and Narin snagged reservations for 4 at Nuevo Modern Mexican which was just steps from the boat dock, but the rest of us would have had to wait 45 minutes for a table. So the rest of us ran for our cars and went to the Harp, our original plan. It never fails to deliver - we easily got a table, the food was delicious and the service was good.

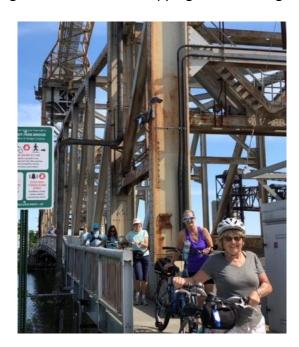
Another Goodtime!

T. Telzrow

Wendy Park/Whisky Island to Centennial Link Trail Bike Ride - On July 10th, 15 of us explored the new bicycle trail and bridge from the Edgewater Beach House to the Centennial Link Trail. We actually got as far as the Towpath Trail, but didn't realize it until I checked the maps after our ride.



It was perfect weather for biking; low to mid 70's and partly sunny. After checking for sunscreen, water for the ride and air in the tires, we made our way on the new pathway, over the very expensive new pedestrian bridge and then to the swing bridge...but only a few of us made it across before the lights started flashing, bells started ringing, and the guard rails lowered trapping most of the group.



I could see this really cool tiki barge coming down the river, but didn't see any large freighters or other big boats. Sure enough, it was that little tiki boat that triggered the swing bridge. Kinda cool that we got to experience the swing bridge that close up, and I've certainly never experienced that while on a bike. It only caused the platform to raise a few feet, so it didn't take too long before they opened it back up. But the pedestrian ramp is only wide enough for one bike or person to cross in single file, so we had a nice little rest.

After a short stretch beside the road, we turned left onto the beginning of the Centennial Link Trail (Mulberry and River Rd). We rode along until we came just under the Superior Viaduct where it got a bit confusing because it's not very well marked and there are so many options. There were signs for Canal Basin, and Collision Bend (although that trail is not quite complete) but I didn't see one that said the Centennial Link Trail. We opted to cross over the Center Street Bridge and then had our choice of multiple streets to choose from. Most connect to Columbus Road (if they don't dead end). We rode past Brick N Barrel and then stopped at Merwin's Wharfs to see if it had re-opened yet (it wasn't) and to check out the boat launch along the River.

We crossed over the Columbus Road bridge and made a sharp left onto the trail. This was right by Major Hooples, but it was far too early to stop for lunch. We rode under the Carnegie Bridge, then past Scranton Flats which is actually part of the Ohio and Erie Canal towpath Trail (unbeknownst to us because it wasn't marked.) We stopped at the Roundhouse display/rest area for a break...did I say it was hot especially after the climb we just made? And we started getting hungry. So many options - do we ride farther along the trail to Cleats or ride up the switchback trail into Tremont with all its restaurants? We opted for Tremont and that climb was hard! I barely made it, but I reached the top without stopping! Yeah! Grumpy's was our first destination, but it was too long of a wait ...thank god Kathy came up with Barrio, who had tables waiting for us by the time we rode there. \$5 Mimosas, brunch specials and again so many choices; all were good! We all agreed that it was a best place to stop, that's for sure! And it was great to catch up with everyone with their stories, vacation plans, and ski trips...always so exciting! The ride back was pretty easy, but we had one more workout at the swing bridge. Not wanting to wait in line over the

pedestrian ramp some of us opted to ride on the road ignoring comments from someone that it doesn't connect...and they were so right! We had to lift our bikes over the fence back onto the trail. What's a little upper arm workout after a long, hard bike ride! We scrapped plans to meet after the ride, although Allison, Renae and I stopped at the Beach House and sipped on a beer while enjoying the fabulous view of the lake from the top deck.



Although this ride was a bit hard it was well worth it; to get in shape and to explore all these cool trails around Cleveland. I plan to ride this trail again but will check out Canal Basin Park and Collision Bend for a future ride.

Hmm...we might opt for an easier ride in early fall. Bike Aboard is back! And it's a nice easy ride along the Cuyahoga Valley National Park Towpath Trail. Let me know if you'd like to host that ride.

T. Telzrow

"Pickleball 101" and Ice Cream -

A good size group showed up for pickleball 101. We had a beautiful night and luckily no one was using the courts. Tried to reserve the courts ahead of time, but it had to be a Parma Heights event.



We started out with some drills (thanks to James!) and progressed to actual games. James and I stayed on each court to assist with the game and scoring.



It went well and everyone got a taste of what the sport is all about. Afterwards, we stopped at East Coast Custard.



Many communities have outside pickleball courts, as well as, inside courts at the recreation centers. Check with your local community to see if they have courts and when they play. The best way to learn, is to get out and play. It is so much fun, plus offers a good workout.

FYI - Berea Recreation Center has open play for all levels from 9-11 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You do have to join the rec center and they do take Silver Sneakers for those in that age bracket!!

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Upcoming Activities

Camping and Boating Weekend – On August 6-8 (Fri-Sun) at Findley State Park, come join us for a camping weekend. We hope to repeat the good weather, good food and great company from the last 3 years. We've reserved 5 side-by-side, non-electric campsites and plan to make use of Findley Lake and the hiking trails. We will bring 3 single kayaks, a tandem kayak, and a stand-up paddleboard, all to be shared. There are also kayaks and canoes available for rent from the concession stand at the swimming beach. Look for more details (and sign up and pay) on the website...

2021 Camping Weekend

...and the flyer later in this newsletter. The cost is \$32 per person.

Float the River Sunday August 29th. We had so much fun last year that we're doing this once again. Please join us for the 11 am trip. Sign up online at:

Float the River

A. Wood

Race Team News!

The 2022 race schedule has been set. Thank you all for your patience as we confirmed these dates for the 2022 schedule.

We're working on producing race schedule cards to share. Hope you all are doing well, enjoying your summers and not coughing on anyone. And still washing your hands.

2022 Race Schedule

January 8-9 Holiday Valley

January 15-16 Swain 1

January 29 - Kissing Bridge

January 30 - Holiday Valley

February 12 - Snow Trails

February 26 - 27 Swain 2 (SB Combined)

March 5 - 6 Bristol Combined

M. Hyatt

Camping and Boating Weekend—2021

Dates: Friday evening, Aug 6 thru Sunday August 8

(check-in at 3 pm Friday; check-out at 1 pm Sunday)

Come join us at Findley State Park for a camping weekend. We hope to repeat the good weather, good food and great company from the last 3 years. We've reserved 5 side-by-side non-electric campsites and plan to make use of Findley Lake and the hiking trails.

Location: Findley State Park is south of Wellington, on SR 58. It has 2 boat launch ramps, hiking, disk golf, and a mountain bike trail. One of the 2 boat launches is in the campground; the other launch ramp has a handicap accessible ramp for launching and retrieving kayaks.

Bring your own camping gear and cooking gear, beverages and food. The **\$32** fee per person will pay for the campsites for the weekend, and Friday night sub sandwiches (easy on the cook), firewood, at minimum. If more than the break-even number of participants sign up, more food will be provided by the club as funds allow.



We will bring three single kayaks, a tandem kayak, and a stand-up paddleboard, to be shared. Also, there are kayaks and canoes available for rent from the concession stand at the swim beach.

Space is limited to 20 Participants with 2 tents and cars per site. For more information contact the Activity VP (email address on the <u>contacts page</u>). Reservations can be made at the lewisskiclub.org website. Reservations by July 8 are strongly suggested, as we will release unclaimed sites on that date.



Lewis Ski Club Membership is required. Please see the Membership Page for more information.

Winter Park

Sat, Feb. 12 - Sat, Feb. 19, 2022 Lewis Ski Club

Cost: \$1,550



Ski/Ride the Colorado Rockies with the Lewis Ski Club at Winter Park Resort!

The trip includes:

- Roundtrip flight from Cleveland to Denver
- Shuttle transportation from the airport to lodgings
- 5 days skiing/riding at Winter Park, an Ikon Resort
- 7 nights at Beaver Village, 4-per 2-bed, 2-bath condo
- Hot tubs, pool, and laundry located in clubhouse building
- Lodging near town of Winter Park 2 miles from resort (free shuttle available)
- Interested in an Ikon pass? Trip discount available at https://www.sportsamerica.com/ikon-lewis
- Lewis Ski Club Membership is required.

Pay online at: https://lewisskiclub.org/trip/2022-02-12/winter-park-2022

Payment schedule

- 1st payment \$450 due now, non-refundable
- 2nd payment \$280 due Sept. 15, 2021
- 3rd payment **\$435** due Oct. 29, 2021
- 4th payment \$385 due Dec. 15, 2021 (Add cost for extra day lift tickets)
- IKON pass holders or non-skilers, omit 4th payment.

Questions? Contact trip leaders Allison Wood and Therese Telzrow at Winterpark2022@lewisskiclub.org

