

The
Easy Glider
 Kick 'n Gliders Nordic Ski Club

Feb. 1998

**CALENDAR &
 UPCOMING TRIPS**

Meetings	Weekend Trips	Day Trips
	February 27 - March 1 BLACK FOREST	Feb 28 Crystal Lake
Tuesday, Mar 3 Canyons of Escalanti	March 6 - 9 INLET, NEW YORK	Mar 7 Laurel Ridge
		Mar 15 Crystal Lake
Wednesday, Mar 18 African Photo Safari	March 20-23 TUG HILL, Turin, NY	
Tuesday, Apr 7 Elections/Summer Plans		
Wednesday, Apr 15 '98/'99 Trip Plans		

PROGRAMS: FUTURE AND PAST

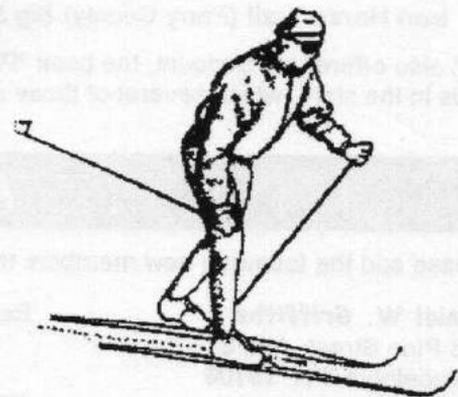
Make it a priority to attend the Kick 'N Glider meetings. Get the latest in trip updates. Hear about recent trips. The programs have been great! So have the social hours that follow at "Your Place". Meetings begin at 7:00 in the canoe shed at Wild Ware.

Programs Future

March 3: Canyons of Escalanti

Member, Rick Begley, will share

photos and tales of an outstanding, one-week mountain bike adventure he took. Escalanti is the nation's newest national monument, located between Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park in Utah. To give you an idea of its isolation, it was the last place in continental US to be mapped!



Programs Future (continued)

March 18: African Photo Safari

Would you eat in a boma? Is the Mala Mala Seven the latest singing sensation? Does a hammerkop pound nails? Are elephants forgetful? How close can a Landrover get to a pride of lions on the hunt? For the answers to these and other questions, join us to hear Nancy Kauhle reflect on her trip to South Africa last June. She went to South Africa on a mission trip with several members of her church but also included a four-day safari on her itinerary.

April 7: Elections & Summer Activity Planning

There's a long summer on the way. Share your ideas about summer activities to help us survive the interval between ski seasons. Past summer activities included hiking, canoeing, camping, sailing, and, dare I say, parties! Join the fun ... or better, help make the fun happen!

April 22: '98-'99 Ski Trip Planning

Participate in planning the ski trips for the '98-'99 season. Bring your ideas for future trips. Learn the ropes about planning and leading trips. Volunteer to be a trip leader! In order to get serious consideration for a trip you'd like to promote, assemble information on ski areas, facilities, total costs, up-front costs and other pertinent information and bring it with you to the meeting. Consider volunteering to lead the trip.

Programs Past

February 18: Rails to Trails Conservancy



Lori Kieffer Yeich told us how the conservancy works and an interesting description of the processes involved in developing trails. She also shared the following information on rail-trails suitable for cross country skiing that are located within a one-hour drive of Harrisburg:

- **Conewago Trail** (Lancaster County) *Conewago to Cornwall* -- 5 miles
- **Atglen-Susquehanna Trail** (Lancaster County) *Atglen to the Susquehanna River* -- 23 miles
- **Lancaster Junction Trail** (Lancaster County) *Lancaster Junction to Landisville* -- 2.5 miles
- **LeTort Spring Run Nature Trail** (Cumberland County) *Carlisle to South Middletown Township* -- 1.4 miles
- **Cumberland County Hiker/Biker Trail** (Cumberland County) *Pine Grove Furnace State Park to Mountain Creek Campground* -- 5 miles
- **Cumberland Valley Trail** (Cumberland County) *Shippensburg to Newville* -- 11 miles
- **Stoney Valley Railroad Grade** (Dauphin County) *Dauphin to Lebanon Reservoir* -- 17 miles
- **York County Heritage Trail Rail-Trail** (York County) *Hanover Junction to PA/MD border* -- 20 miles
- **Iron Horse Trail** (Perry County) *Big Spring State Park to New Germantown* -- 10 miles

Lori also offered, at discount, the book "Pennsylvania's Rail-Trails", containing descriptions and maps of all such trails in the state, which several of those attending purchased.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Please add the following new members to your 1998 Membership Directory, "People to Ski With":

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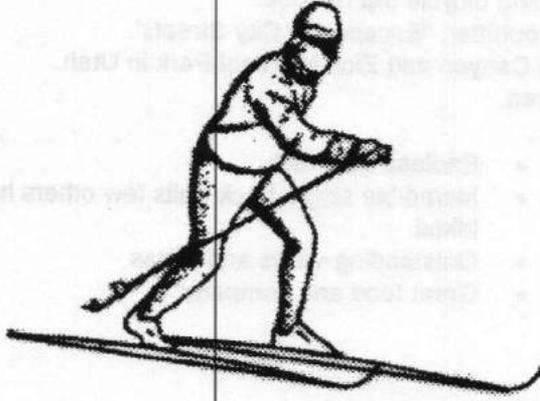
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TRIP REPORTS

Please, if you lead or are on a trip, get someone to write it up and send to Bill Stine to publish. See me at a meeting, wtstine@armstrong.com or send snail mail



Lake Placid

Thanks to Jeff Butt for another successful trip to Lake Placid. We again rented the residence within walking distance of downtown Lake Placid and the Cottage, our end-of-the-day "happy hour" destination on Mirror Lake. We totaled thirteen souls, and the house was perfect ... six nice bedrooms, three bathrooms and great kitchen, dining and living rooms. Our chef in residence, Jim Brandon, prepared two delicious meals, spaghetti and chicken, and even assisted the Stines with their preparation of the third, pork and sauerkraut.

Although there was no significant snowfall beyond the inch or so that fell Friday morning, conditions were good to very good.

Everyone did their own thing. Some skied, some hiked, some

skated, some showshoed and one even had to study! Cross country skiing stalwarts, Dave & Nancy, Beth & Dennis and Sandy & Bill found a variety of skiing venues. The VIC at Paul Smith's, Mount VonHovenberg, the toll road up Whiteface and the last, but surely not least, five and a half mile section of the Jackrabbit Trail between McKenzie Pond Road and Whiteface Club Nordic Center. That section of trail included an unrelenting, steep 1,100 foot ascent near Haystack Mountain. (Dennis was first to the top.) Wendy, Les and son, Ian, skied, ice skated, speed skated, played hockey on Mirror Lake and found their way to the top of the Olympic ski jump. Jim, who's shoulder prevented him from skiing found lots of opportunity for hiking and showshoeing. Going for the gold were Jeff, Rick Begley and Norma Brandon who's exploits included a nineteen mile day of expert trails at VonHovenberg and a three peak, fourteen mile hike in a single day!

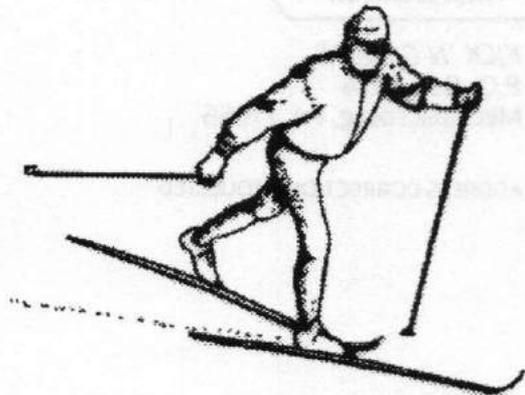
We all enjoyed great food, good company, a cozy house and, yes, the Olympics.

Garnet Hill

After fretting over temperatures reaching the 60s the week before we left, great skiing conditions awaited us upon our arrival at Garnet Hill. Trip participants were Brenda Fischer, Tom Sattazahn, Perry Kaufman, Bernie Webber, the Majors, the Kases, Lisa Gable, Sue Briggs, Tim Musser and Jamie Hackman. Some people arrived early enough on Friday to get some skiing in at the Garnet Hill Ski Center, which has trails for all levels of experience. This whetted our appetites to get out on the trails.

Saturday we broke up into small groups and skied at the center. Some people had lunch/dinner at Garnet Hill Lodge and reported it was excellent. On Sunday, some of us rode the Garnet Hill van to a backcountry trailhead and skied back to the center. This was a lot of fun. My sister, Lisa, is still laughing at the grace of my tumble down one particularly tricky hill! Evenings were spent at the house, eating, resting, reading, playing pinochle ☺ and reliving the day's events. We all left Monday morning after getting Tim's car unstuck from the end of the driveway and retrieving Perry's wayward suitcase. You didn't really want that stuff, did you, Perry?

This is a beautiful spot with terrific accommodations. The people at the ski shop were especially helpful, allowing some of us to try out new equipment before purchasing.



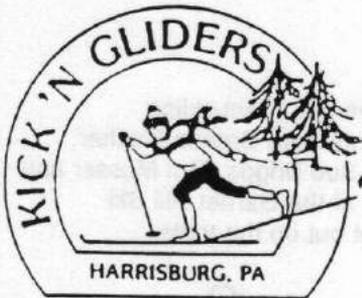
CAN'T MISS MEETING PROGRAM!

CANYONS OF ESCALANTI

7:00, Tuesday, March 3

Member, Rick Begley, will share photos and tales of an outstanding bicycle trip he took:

- One week Mountain bike adventure - fully supported by the outfitter, "Escape the City Streets".
- Nation's newest national monument, located between Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park in Utah.
- Last place in continental US to be mapped - very isolated area.
- Featured:
 - High altitude aspen forests
 - Eroded Red Canyons where Butch Cassidy eluded the posse
 - Desert waterfall
 - Rock art
 - Endless slick rock
 - Incredible single track trails few others have biked
 - Outstanding views and vistas
 - Great food and company



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