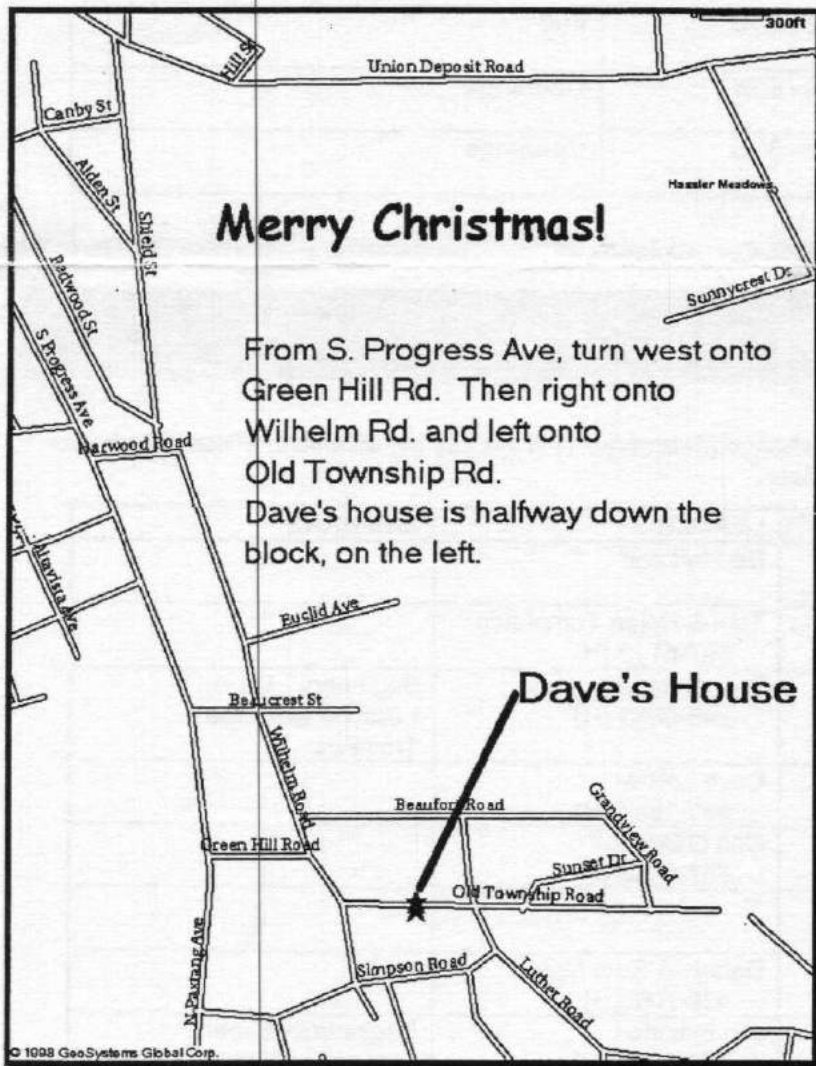


The
Easy Glider
 Kick 'n Gliders Nordic Ski Club

December 1998

Christmas is coming ... Christmas is coming!

Annual Kick 'n Gliders party to be held at Dave LeRoy's home.



Join the club for our annual holiday party to be held at Dave LeRoy's home at our regular meeting time, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 16.

This is a special occasion, with plenty of socializing and plenty to eat and drink. There will be food and drink aplenty because, as usual, we're asking you to bring it with you! Yes, please bring your favorite party fare (food, drink ... or dare I say both) to share with your friends.

Then consume this repast as you reminisce about the good old days (when snow actually fell in Pennsylvania) and the future (when it will actually get cold enough to snow in Pennsylvania).

See you there!

Trip Status: Extended Trips

Following is the current status of each of the weekend trips as of December 1. Although several trips are "full", there is always the possibility of cancellations. If you are interested in a trip that is listed as filled, please let the trip leader know of your interest so they can contact you in case an opening occurs.

Also, consider taking a trip you haven't done in the past. Trip venues have been chosen because of a history of excellent ski trails and comfortable, reasonably priced accommodations. Even in the middle of March, Tug Hill has a consistent track record for great skiing!

Trip	Dates	Status
Rocky Point Lodge Inlet, NY	12/30 - 1/3	Full, 3 condos
Garnet Hill Ski Area North River, NY	1/15 - 1/18	Full (possible one more person)
Tug Hill Tourathon Pulaski, NY	1/16	No limit, call Dave LeRoy for information
Laughlin Lodge Crystal Lake, PA	1/22 - 1/24	Openings
Eagles Mere Sullivan County, PA	2/5 - 2/7	Openings
Philo House Lake Placid, NY	2/12 - 2/16	Full
Black Forest / Happy Acres Waterville, PA	2/26 - 2/28	Openings
Tug Hill / Pioneer Lodge Turin, NY	3/12 - 3/15	Openings

Trip Status: Day Trips

We've had an addition (January 9) and a date change (February 21) in the day trip schedule. Please mark your trip guide or post this page on the refrigerator door.

DATE	LOCATION	LEADER	REMARKS
Saturday, January 9, 1999	Nolde Forest	Bill Hoffman	
Saturday, January 16, 1999	Laurel Ridge	Tom & Helen Templeton 697-5113 (H)	
Saturday, January 23, 1999	Crystal Lake	Paul & Barbara Kase 245-0663 (H)	Beginners - Expert Lessons available Trail Fee
Saturday, January 30, 1999	Luke's Trail	Dave LeRoy 561-1647 (H)	
Saturday, February 6, 1999	Eagle's Mere	Nan O'Donnell 697-0432 (H)	
Saturday, February 13, 1999	Open	**	
Saturday, February 21, 1999	Laurel Ridge	Dennis & Beth Major 432-7068(H)	
Sunday, February 27, 1999	Crystal Lake	Jim Brandon 761-3920 (H)	Beginners - Expert Lessons available Trail Fee
Saturday, March 6, 1999	Open	**	

We has seen the Internet and it is us?

Just think, "http://www.kicknslide.com". Doesn't that just give you a warm and fuzzy feeling all over? ... or maybe Hey, way cool! ... or maybe it actually turns you off? Well, that's just the question that's rattling around some of the brains of this club's management team, "Is the Internet age upon the Kick 'n Gliders?"

It really could work well for the club to attract new members and do a more timely job of publicizing trip reports. We could publish skiing tips, more about trails and their conditions and instructional information. We could save

some money because it's cheaper and easier to publish on the web! And, it's in COLOR! But, if members don't, or can't, use the site, it's not worth doing. We thought we might find out if the membership might actually use it by asking folks for their e-mail addresses as a start, figuring that if people HAVE e-mail addresses, they might also be web users.

Please, give your e-mail address, if you have one, to a club officer. Let them know what you think. If there's enough enthusiasm, maybe we really can drum up a site. Maybe THEN I'll get some help writing this rag!

Meetings

It's hard to believe it is almost Christmas and we are still walking around in shorts. Harder still to think about skiing. But, I am sure the weather will change soon and we will all have the opportunity to dust off our skis, wax them up and head for the trails.

At our Nov. 3 meeting club members shared slides and pictures of past trips and Dec. 1 Rick showed us some new equipment, boots and clothing currently in stock at Wildware.

In the coming months will have some interesting presentations by club members. But, we will remain flexible with the hope that we get some local snow so we can go to a near by park and get a little training in. If there is snow on the ground Jan 5 or Feb. 2 come to the meeting prepared to ski. This would be a nice opportunity for beginners to get some tips from some of the more experienced skiers prior to a trip.

If there is no snow January 5, Dave LeRoy will share some of his secrets with us at the regular meeting time and place. He will give hints on what to take in your pack to make your trip safer and more pleasant and share the contents of his pack with us. He will also cover map reading, and the all important, "How do we know where to ski? Where is the snow?" I am sure David will also entertain us with stories from past trips.

On February 2, Don Ebricht will present a program on "Emergency Survival Techniques in the Environment". Don will talk about

equipment to take, shelter building, and other skills needed to survive if you find it necessary to spend the night in the woods.

Both programs should be great. Between them Dave and Don have a great deal of experience and knowledge and we are fortunate they are always willing to share this knowledge with us. Remember that both of these meetings can be preempted if we have snow. We will just move them forward one month. If anyone has a subject they would like to have covered at a meeting or slides from a trip that they would like to share please give me a call.

The meeting on Nov. 18 at Croc'n Berry's was delightful. The food, service and company was great. I am looking forward to seeing more of you at our up coming restaurant meetings.

It is a good time to catch up with stories and conditions of past trips and to make plans for up coming trips. We have tried to pick local food spots with variety in mind and where you can get a meal, a snack, or if you want, just a drink. Do come out and join us!

Hope to see you all soon at Dave's for the Christmas party. Thanks to Dave for hosting the Christmas party and also to the Ruben's for the once again hosting the Ox Roasts.

Think snow!

Nan O'Donnell

Meeting dates for 1999 are:

Program Meetings Wildware Canoe Building	Restaurant Meetings
7:00 Tuesday, January 5, 1999 Packing for the Trail and Map Reading	7:30 Wednesday, January 20, 1999 Outback Steakhouse 564-5082
7:00 Tuesday, February 2, 1999 Emergency Survival Techniques	7:30 Wednesday, February 17, 1999 TGI Friday's 652-4227
7:00 Tuesday, March 2, 1999 TBA	7:30 Wednesday, March 17, 1999 Chi-Chi's 558-8377
7:00 Tuesday, April 6, 1999 Election of Officers & Trip Planning	7:30 Wednesday, April 21, 1999 TBA (favorite from above restaurants)

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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