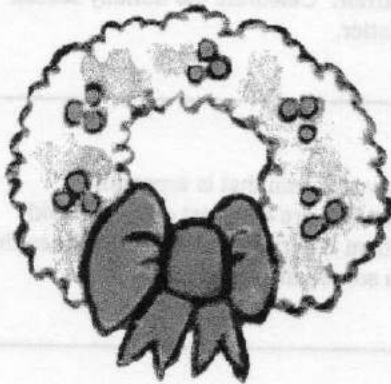


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Easy Glider
 Kick 'n Gliders Nordic Ski Club

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Ho Ho Ho!

Dec. 18 Christmas Party

It's time to gather and celebrate the holiday season with your Kick 'n Glider soul mates!

Join us at Dave & Nancy LeRoy's home about 7:00 p.m. on December 18 for fine food, daring drink, compatible company and holiday hugs.

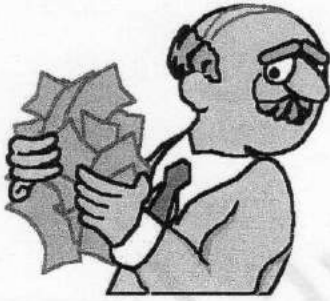
Please bring your favorite holiday party food or beverage to share with your friends.

How do I find it? See the map on the next page.

Join us!

Trip Status

New Year's, Craftsbury, VT	Dec 28 - Jan 1
The New Years trip to perennial favorite, Craftsbury, is <u>filled</u> and we have a standby list. We've tried to get some additional rooms but none are available.	
Lake Effect, Pulaski, NY	Jan 10-12
About half the spaces are taken for this trip. Nice B&B, groomed and back-country skiing. It's a great time ... try it!	
Black Forest, PA	Jan 17-19
Only a couple of spaces remain for this set of lovely, back-country trails. Short drive, inexpensive, fun skiing!	
Garnet Hill, NY	Jan 17-20
We still have lots of space on this trip. Garnet Hill is a first-class ski center with rentals, lessons and trails for all abilities.	
Laurel Highlands, PA	Jan 24-26
We still have lots of room in the lodge we've rented. Short drive. Mix of back-country trails and groomed trails with rentals and lessons. Always beautiful!	
Lake Placid, NY	Jan 30 - Feb 3
We're about half full for this trip that "has everything". Great back-country, world-class groomed trails, beautiful town. Join us in Winter Olympic City!	
Crystal Lake, PA	Feb 7-9
The cabin is nearly full for this weekend but Dennis & Beth may be able to rent an additional cabin. One of the best-designed trail systems on the east coast.	
Stowe, VT	Feb 14-17/18
Stowe, too, is about half full. Like Lake Placid, Stowe has just about everything you could hope for. It's a great time!	
Tug Hill, Turin, NY	Feb 21-24
We've filled about half our reservations but can make more. Tons of snow, lots of established back-country trails and great food to refuel for the next day.	
Rocky Point, Inlet, NY	Feb 28-Mar 3
We still have lots of space on this trip, but it's still early. Skiing for all levels. Rentals. Pool and hot tub. Fun time!	
Lake Tahoe, CA	Mar 15-21
We're nearly full for this one-week season finale. Big trails, big snow, big views. Sign-up soon if you want to join us!	



Dues, Dues, Dues

Getting tired of hearing about dues? Well, did you pay yours yet? Or, is the letter and membership form that Wanda Pritulsky, Membership Chair, sent still sitting in "the pile"?

Please fill it in now, before you forget. If you don't pay by the end of December, we'll have to drop you from the roles, you'll stop getting these marvelous newsletters and you won't be included in the club directory, "People to Ski With". If you decide to pay later, you'll be making more work for our Wanda, Treasurer, Dave Leroy, and your Newsletter Editor, Bill Stine.

Please? We already have plenty to do!

Day Trips by E-Mail

Once again, intrepid Kick 'n Glider Phyllis Zitzer, volunteered to coordinate impromptu one-day ski trips via e-mail.

She will also distribute your e-mail reports on snow conditions and places you have skied to Kick 'n Gliders who have provided us with an e-mail address. Send things you want distributed should be sent to Phyllis at pjzitzer@aol.com.

The usual way to provide us with the address is on your annual membership renewal form. If it has changed since you last updated the form, simply send an e-mail message to Membership Chair, Wanda Pritulsky, at wandaandjim@paonline.com, and she will update the list.

Phyllis will do her best to respond to phone calls requesting updates, for those of you that don't have email capabilities.

Wasssup?



XC Equipment & Waxing

Dec 3, 7:00, Wildware

The Wildware staff shows us the latest trends in xc ski gear and clothing. And they will demonstrate the art of waxing "waxable" skis. Waxable skis are wonderful in the right conditions. Learn when wax works best and about the waxing process.

Christmas Party

Dec 18, 7:00, Dave & Nancy LeRoy's Home

Dave and Nancy LeRoy will host this annual affair. Celebrate the holiday season with your skiing friends. Details in this newsletter.

First Aid / Cold Weather Injuries

Jan 7, 7:00, Wildware

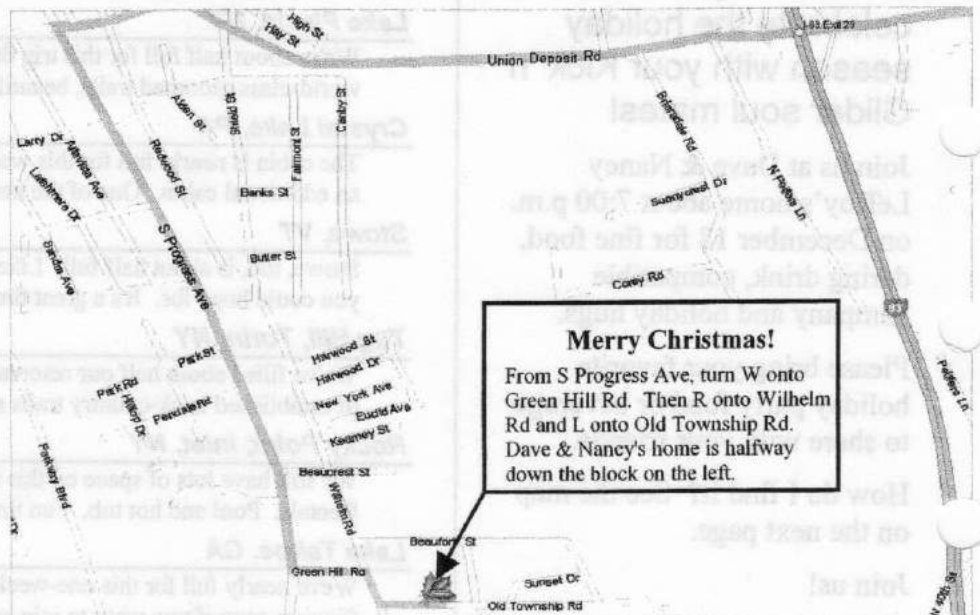
Program guy, Richard Levin, is arranging a new program that is especially appropriate to our sport. Hypothermia and frost bite are the most common cold weather injuries. Preventing or dealing with them is serious business. I've seen the presentation slides and they certainly give you something to think about!

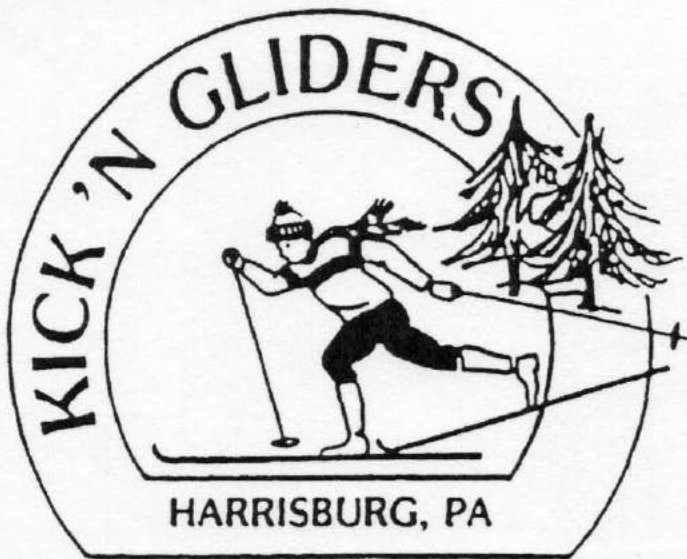
Outback Steakhouse

Jan 22, 7:00

Our monthly, informal social. Eat, gab, do a little informal business, and get to know each other a little better. See you there!

Map to Dave & Nancy's House





Newsletter Editor Needed

It is time to find a new editor for The Easy Glider. I've had the job of writing, editing, producing and mailing this newsletter for five years, now. And, I certainly plan to finish out the 2002/2003 season. But, Sandy and I won't be around next winter so I simply can't do the job.

A good newsletter is critical to the success of the club. It's how members know what's happening. It encourages them to participate in club activities. And, if we're lucky, we might learn something new or even see something that makes us laugh once in a while.

I won't try to fool anyone. Publishing a newsletter is a big job.

- You have to plan what articles must be published each month.
- The words have to get written, either by doing the writing yourself or by plaguing someone else to write them.
- Then you've got to arrange them all in a word processor, adding a bit of artwork and, maybe some photos.
- It's got to be printed, of course.
- And, finally, there's the folding, sealing, addressing, applying postage and dropping them in the mailbox.

All this has to happen about ten times each year. In addition, the newsletter editor has traditionally published the Season Guide.

Easiest, for me, would be to find someone willing to take on the whole job. Failing that, we could break the job up a

bit, getting trip leaders to write trip reports and, possibly, break the rest of the process into two pieces somewhere between writing and mailing.

I've converted newsletter production into a mostly digital process. The newsletter is written and assembled in MS Word (I still use Word 97). All the clip art is digitized. (No messy paste-up to worry about!) Most of the photos are taken with my own digital camera, though I occasionally scan photos that others provide. If there are photos in the newsletter, I have it printed from my file on a commercial digital printer, a Xerox DocuTech in my case, to produce better images. Otherwise, I simply have it copied.

I've had a great time with The Easy Glider! I get to exercise a little creativity taking the pictures, writing the articles and designing the layout. And, it's gotten me deeply involved with the membership and with what's going on in the club.

Write or call if you have an interest in all or part of the job! There's "no obligation".



Quiet Waters Campaign

Sandy and I bought touring kayaks this summer. While I was researching places to paddle, I stumbled onto Adirondack Explorer's web site. They are busy fighting the incursion of motorboats onto many of the park's waters with a

campaign called "Quiet Waters". The page: <http://www.adirondackexplorer.com/quietwaters.html> details the campaign and suggests things you can do to support the cause.

Since many Kick 'n Gliders also visit the Adirondacks during the summer, you might wish to support the campaign. You can easily visit the site: www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/263131311 and add your name to the petition. Or, you may wish to write a letter. We wrote the following letter to Adirondack Explorer and copied it to Tom Martin, who is in charge of Region 5 of the Department of Environmental Conservation's Unit Management Planning. He can be addressed by e-mail at Tdmartin@gw.dec.state.ny.us.

Our letter: We are writing in favor of establishing more quiet waters in the Saranac Lake Wild Forest and elsewhere in the Forest Preserve.

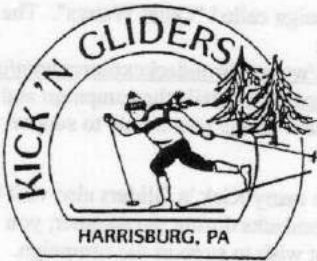
We recognize that everyone has a right to use public lands and that it's not politically feasible to insist that everyone walk or use human-powered transportation to see them. But it is equally true that those who seek to enjoy natural areas should be given priority to see them in as close an approximation to a natural state as possible.

While we're new to paddling, we're long-time and very active Adirondack cross-country skiers. We think it's important to keep motorboat-free waterways for many reasons, some of them similar to the reasons to maintain separate trail systems for cross-country skiers and snowmobiles. Some of those reasons are aesthetic; some are safety oriented.

The addition of smelly, noisy, fast moving vehicles detracts from any approximation to a natural state. That's true even when it comes to snowmobiles, ATVs and, yes, motorboats. The smell and noise are aesthetic reasons, of course. But the high speeds of most motorized vehicles are mainly a safety issue. We don't mix walkers and runners with vehicular traffic on interstate highways. And we shouldn't mix high speed boats with canoe and kayak paddlers. The reasons are obvious.

We look forward to many kayak-camping tours of Adirondack waterways in the coming years. We hope that we are able to make those tours in peace and safety. Please, keep as much of Adirondack Park free of motorized vehicles, including motorboats, as possible!

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Trip Status

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What's Happening?

Ski by E-Mail

Quiet Waters