



The *Easy Glider*

Kick 'n Gliders Nordic Ski Club

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The President's Corner

Bill Stine

Yup, summer's here ... and in spades! (I'm writing this from my decidedly un-air-conditioned sailboat in Rock Hall, MD, where the humidity is outrageous and the inside temperature is 95°F! Still, sitting inside at the laptop is better than scraping and sanding varnished teak in the sun!)

Therefore, it feels especially good to look back at an outstanding winter of skiing. True, Pennsylvania had very little snow. But from Tug Hill north there were near-record snowfalls in many areas and nearly all our trips featured excellent skiing. Included among those outstanding experiences were Waterville Valley, NH, and the Laurentians in Quebec, Canada.

Please take time to review this issue carefully. It features summer activities as well as the schedule of extended ski trips for next season. This is the best time to begin planning your winter and sending in deposits on those trips you most want to attend.

You'll notice that the winter schedule includes a record, I think, thirteen extended trips! Included are a long-awaited return to North Conway, NH, two trips each to the east side of Tug Hill (Port Leyden and Pioneer Lodge) and to the 1880 House in Pulaski (in Jan and Mar). Skiing in the Laurentians was too good to pass up a return trip. We also are returning to visit perennial favorite Ottawa for a fourth time. (Keep in mind that a couple of the trips overlap. Others bookend trips to Canada and New Hampshire so you may want to combine them.)

Whew! That's a lot of skiing! We're looking forward to seeing you on the trails!

P.S. You may have noticed that I'm standing in for Pete Oswald as Newsletter Editor. Pete's on the road right now but plans to continue as Editor later in the season.

Election of Officers

We made it official at our last regular meeting of the season. Officers for the coming year are as follows:

<i>President:</i>	Bill Stine
<i>Vice President/President Elect:</i>	Peg Hampton
<i>Secretary:</i>	Marilyn Grove
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Dave LeRoy
<i>Trip Coordinator:</i>	Nancy Borremans
<i>Program Coordinator:</i>	Tanya Richter
<i>Membership Chair:</i>	Mike McMullen
<i>Immediate Past President:</i>	Dave Powell
<i>Day Trip Coordinator:</i>	Andrea Hospodar
<i>Newsletter Editor:</i>	Peter Oswald

Please join in congratulating them and supporting them in the coming year.

Annual Dues

You will shortly be receiving a separate dues notice in the mail. This is a departure from past practices that consisted of Easy Glider articles that asked members to remember, on their own, to fill out a detailed membership application each season and mail it in along with a check for dues.

The club's leadership decided to change from our traditional approach for several reasons:

- The separate billing process is necessary since many members will no longer receive a paper copy of Easy Glider.
- The new membership application also allows you to "opt out" of receiving a paper copy of the Easy Glider newsletter. Many members feel the paper copy is no longer necessary now that it is published online. Easy Glider expenses are the largest expense for the club. Please consider "opting out" to help keep costs in line.
- The "Season Guide" and "People to Ski With" will continue to be mailed in paper form to all members
- Finally, we really want you to fill in the application every year to update your personal information. You'd be surprised at how much time it takes us to track down address, phone and e-mail changes that could have been reported on the form. To make the task less onerous, we've dramatically reduced the amount of information we're asking for.

Summer Activities

Swing Concert at Nissley's Winery

July 19

Kay & Bill Pickering

Kay and Bill Pickering are leading a "Summer Trip" to Nissley's Winery in Bainbridge on Saturday, July 19. This evening of music, dancing and conversation has been a staple of the K 'n G summer program for many years and we always have a good time.

The musical group, "The Jazzberries", will play big band swing. Folks should arrive by 6:30 PM. Bring your own picnic supper and a lawn chair; buy some wine and have a nice evening. The music starts at 7:30 PM and goes to 10:00 PM. Tickets are \$15.00 per person.

Bill & Kay will arrive by 6:00 PM and save space for other Gliders. Call them at 717-232-1326 for questions or directions. Advance reservations aren't necessary, but if you let them know you're coming, they can be sure to save you space.

Mount Gretna Bike Ride

August 24

**Nancy Borremans &
Don Youngblood**

Join other Kick 'n Gliders for a delicious breakfast at Le Sorrelle, a cute café in Mt Gretna, followed by an easy bike ride on the shady Lancaster/Lebanon and Conewago rail trails on Sunday, August 24.

We'll meet in Mt. Gretna at Le Sorrelle at 8:30 AM for breakfast. There is a parking lot near Le Sorrelle which is located on Rt-117. After breakfast we'll bike the trails for a few hours or as long as you like. If you have questions, contact Nancy Borremans or Don Youngblood at 717-354-9864, nborremans@comcast.net., or yb21701@juno.com.

Trip Planning Meeting

It was April Fool's Day but we weren't fooling around when it got down to trip planning. Nancy Borremans led the club through the process and came out the other end with thirteen extended trips for the 2009 season. There is a planning calendar below and brief descriptions and prices are detailed on the next page.

(Folks who attended the meeting may notice that the trip to Winter Park, CO, proposed for the end of the season, does not appear on the schedule. Unfortunately, we decided to cancel that trip. Both airfare rates and cabin rental fees increased substantially, for an overall 60% increase even before considering the effects of additional baggage costs, etc.)

To sign up for one or more of these trips, you **must make a deposit**. Obligations made by Kick 'n Gliders Nordic Ski Club to reserve facilities needed to run a trip are sometimes non-refundable. Therefore, participants should consider all

deposits to be non-refundable.

Trip deposits will be accepted by the Treasurer beginning now. The full deposit amount must be submitted in order for a member to be added to a trip roster.

Depositors' names will not be entered onto a trip roster until after October 1. If necessary, a lottery will be held shortly after October 1 to determine the order in which members who made early deposits are added to the trip roster. Couples making joint deposits for a trip will be considered together, not as individuals. Trip leaders are exempt from the lottery.

Deposits must be mailed to the club at Kick'n Gliders, PO Box 1353, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Deposits postmarked or received on or after October 1 will be added to trip rosters in the order deposits are postmarked or received.

Our process for managing trip finances is fully detailed on the club's website at www.kickngliders.org.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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Extended Trip Schedule Summary

This is a brief summary of the schedule for the upcoming ski season. It can be used to make early reservations. Complete information will be published in the Season Guide and will be added to the website as it becomes available. Note that the full deposit is required to hold your place. Reservations are handled on a first come – first served basis except for trips that become overbooked by October 1. In that case, see the reservation policy described in the “Trip Planning Meeting” article on the first page of this newsletter or on our website at www.kicknsliders.org.

Trip Name	Leader(s)	Dates*	# of Nights	Trip Capacity Total Cost, Deposit Amt
Craftsbury, VT	LeRoy & Kauhle	Dec 31-Jan 4*	4 Nights	Capacity: 34 People \$360 Total, \$100 Deposit
Port Leyden, NY	Tim Musser	Jan 9-12*	3 Nights	Capacity: 12+ People \$150 Total, \$70 Deposit
Ottawa, Canada †	Christine Brubaker	Jan 16-20*	4 Nights	Capacity: 16 People \$235 Total, \$100 Deposit
Highland Forest, NY	Bill Hoffman	Jan 30-Feb 1*	2 Nights	Capacity: 10 People \$100 Total, \$50 Deposit
Pulaski, NY	Peggy Hampton	Jan 23-26*	3 Nights	Capacity: XX People \$TBD Total, \$130 Deposit
North Conway, NH	Bill & Sandy Stine	Jan 26-Feb 1*	6 Nights	Capacity: 12 People \$260 Total, \$100 Deposit
Pioneer Lodge, Turin, NY	Joan Short	Feb 6-9*	3 Nights	Capacity: 10 People \$205 Total, \$75 Deposit
Lake Placid, NY ‡	Bill Hoffman	Feb 13-16*	3 Nights	Capacity: 11-13 People \$330 Total, \$165 Deposit
Laurel Highlands, PA	Dennis & Beth Major	Feb 14-15*	1 Night	Capacity: 16 People \$115+tax Total (approx), \$0 Deposit
Lapland Lake, NY	Rich Levine	Feb 20-22*	2 Nights	Capacity: 12+ People \$100 Total, \$50 Deposit
Laurentians, Canada	Bill & Sandy Stine	Feb 20-27*	7 Nights	Capacity: 12 People \$640 Total, \$150 Deposit
Rocky Point, Inlet, NY	Bill & Kay Pickering	Feb 27-Mar 2*	3 Nights	Capacity: 16 People \$200 Total, \$100 Deposit
Pulaski, NY	Peg Hampton	Mar 6-9*	3 Nights	Capacity: XX People \$TBD Total, \$130 Deposit

* The last date on the trips is the day of departure.

† Martin Luther King Holiday Weekend

‡ President's Day Holiday Weekend

Dealing With Fuel Costs

Bill Stine

We're still in denial but the real value of fuel is finally beginning to beat its way into the American psyche.

Gone, forever, are the days of cheap gasoline, care-free driving and gas-guzzling monster vehicles for most of us. But, does that also portend the end of Kick 'n Glider trips to distant cross-country ski venues?

Consider the 1,000 mile round trip to Craftsbury. Load two people and your gear into a mid-sized SUV that gets 18 mpg on trips. With fuel at \$4/gal that's more than \$100 per person you need to add to the trip's price when considering your skiing budget. Fuel prices will put the cost out of reach for some of us.

Alternatively, squeeze three people and their gear into a 32 mpg, gas-sipping, small car and you're looking at about \$40 per person for fuel. That's a real savings of \$60 per person and nearly 25 gallons-of-gas-worth less hydrocarbons and CO₂ emissions dumped into the atmosphere of our shrinking planet. Carpooling and smaller vehicles work, but at the price of planning and a bit less luxury while on the road.

Of course, we could choose not to go. Or we could travel by fuel-sipping rail or bus transportation. But, this continent is not well-equipped to do that ... yet.

Other ways to reduce our fuel costs and pollution impact is to run longer trips, ergo more days of skiing for the same fuel. Longer trips is a clear trend for the club; we're running six trips of four or more nights this year. No, this is not part of some foresightful planning on our part. Rather, it reflects the ageing of our club's membership and our ability to spend more time on the road. But it also happens to match up with the fuel situation.

In the interests of our planet and your pocketbook, please consider carpooling this season. It will be interesting to see the impact on our club. Things will not remain the same.

March Social Report

Peg Hampton

March 26, 2008
Lancaster Brewing Company (LBC)
Eisenhower Blvd, Harrisburg

The final social of the season at LBC Harrisburg was a big success. The early arrivals gathered at the bar and took advantage of the numerous micro-brewed selections including: Hop Hog, Amish Four Grain, Milk Stout, Gold Star Pilsner, Winter Warmer, Franklin Fest, Lightening Lager, Celtic Rose Ale, and Strawberry Wheat. When the designated reservation time chimed, we were seated in a semi-private area separated from the other diners. The leader sampled the butternut ale soup while others had appetizers and salads. The hit of the evening was the meatloaf. The group agreed that the presentation was a little fancier than home style meatloaf. And, the taste was categorized as delicious. The Amish ale battered onion rings were a hit. The burgers, chicken dinners and salads lived up to our high standards. The service was excellent and all those present agreed that they would like to return in the future.

Attendees: Kay Pickering, Dennis Major, Nancy Kauhle-LeRoy, Dave LeRoy, Bill & Sandy Stine, Rick Begley, Tim Musser, Mike McMullen, Rich Levin, Nan Reisinger, Pete Oswald, Joan Short, Martha Ruff, Dave Robinson, and Peg Hampton.

Celtic Concert

Peg Hampton

There's a core group of Celtic fans in the Kick 'n Gliders for both Natalie MacMasters and the group called Leahy. I can count on seeing these folks in Harrisburg or Gettysburg at their concerts. A few years back, Natalie and Donnell got married, but rarely get to tour together. Imagine our delight to get to see them together at Long's Park at a free Sunday night concert on June 6. The concert was everything that we hoped it would be. At one point in the concert, Natalie left the stage to dance with some of the Celtic dance students in the audience.

Jan and Dave Powell arrived early to grab space and set up a table for snacks. Other attendees included: Carole & Ed Rockland, Tanya & Fred Richter (home for a few seconds between trips), Nancy Kauhle & Dave LeRoy, Beth & Dennis Major, Molly Clark, and Peg Hampton.

Awards Banquet

by Peg Hampton

If you missed it, you missed a super evening!

A total of twenty-six Gliders attended the highlight of the season, our 2008 Awards Banquet on April 16. The Awards Banquet was held at the Naval Depot Commissioned Officers' Mess, Mechanicsburg, PA. Hors D'oeuvres were served promptly at 6 PM and included fresh fruit, veggies, cheese and crackers. We were able to order drinks from the cash bar at Happy Hour prices. And, a few folks were observed dipping into the Happy Hour snacks! Bill Pickering lead the invocation and had all attendees hold hands and say a silent prayer. The dinner entrees consisted of salmon filet with shrimp and dill sauce or chicken cordon bleu. The portions were generous and the salmon was prepared to perfection. (I must admit, I was too busy enjoying the salmon to inquire about the chicken.)

After dinner, we moved on to the evening program. Sandy Stine did a great job running the door prize drawings. She had two baskets of tickets - one with all the door prizes and another with the attendees' names. So, for each door prize, there were two drawings. It kept the excitement level high as did Peg's sizing and folding of the tickets with each person's name. We had some great door prizes from our local sponsors. See list below.

Weeks before the Banquet, Dave and Nancy sat up in Black Birch Hollow reviewing each skier's unique qualities and the award to commemorate those qualities. Bill Stine prepared the official award certificates with a picture of each awardee. (I understand that Bill even went out and purchased a new printer to ensure excellent quality of the award certificates.) Dave and Nancy presented the Awards to each person during the evening program.

The slide show was prepared and presented by Bill Stine. It was excellent as are all of his slide shows. Bill collected pictures from each trip participant in order to commemorate each trip.

In addition to the donated items, we purchased a variety of wines and a variety pack from Lancaster Brewing Company (LBC) Harrisburg. Donated door prizes included the following items:

Prize

Donor

Leki Nordic Walking Poles
Wildware Backcountry

2 Admissions to "Music in the Vineyard 2008"

Nissley Vineyards

Ski Bag
Eastern Mountainside Sports

Various Gift Certificates for Food
Your Place Pizza

Two Gift Certificates
Pizza Grille, Lemoyne

Gift Pack including Hat, T-shirt, etc
Lancaster Barnstormers

Thanks to Banquet Committee Members:

- Marilyn Grove
- Nancy LeRoy-Kauhl
- Dave LeRoy
- Sandy Stine
- Bill Stine
- Peg Hampton, Chairperson



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