



The Easy Glider

Kick 'n Gliders Nordic Ski Club

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Change to Mt. Gretna trail ride time!

Change the September 10 Trail Ride meeting time to 8:30 am breakfast at LeSorelle with the ride starting around 9:30? The ride is 18 miles of mostly rail trail.

Ox Roast Scheduled for October 15

This is your invitation to attend the annual Kick 'n Glider Ox Roast at Nancy and Dave's big house in the woods in Perry County. Most who see this notice have attended previously and, if you have not, you may want to ask one of them about it. It is an old fashioned picnic/barbeque/ox roast where we sit around or stand around drinking whatever and watching the ox slowly cook over an open fire and talking about XC skiing and ski trips. Digital images of last year's ski trips will be present. Beside the camaraderie, this is traditionally the time that folks pay their dues and sign up for ski trips. Your only obligation is to pay your dues, contribute \$5 and bring some food and drink to share. We do ask that you reserve your spot so we know how big an Ox to kill. Call Pam McMullen at 717-200-1111 or email her at pmcmullen@comcast.net to do this. She will e-mail you directions to Black Birch Hollow where the event will occur. It starts about 3:30 on October 15, 2011, and ends when it ends. Should it rain, and it has rained on this event with suspicious frequency, come anyway; there is plenty of room inside Dave and Nancy's chalet. It promises to be a good time.

The scheduled trip to Nissley's Winery on August 13 was cancelled when violent thunderstorms moved through the area. A nice group of gliders had indicated their intentions of attending, so we missed a chance to be together. We will look forward to being at the picnic at Dave and Nancy's in October. Trip Leaders: Bill & Kay Pickering

Canoeing on the Conodoguinet Creek

On Sunday July 10 eight Kick 'n Gliders met at Good Hope access to put in for a float down the Conodoguinet. It was a sunny hot day and the water level was perfect. The weather gods were with us and had given us a good hard rain on Thursday night, which raised the creek level.



Cheryl, Dave, Wanda, Jim, Kim, Matt, Andrea and I launched for the nine mile trip, we picked up six more K'nG members, Nancy, Dave, Kay, Bill, Pam and Mike four miles downstream at the

Youth Park. Pam and Mike had just bought their kayaks on Saturday so they were in the water brushing up on their paddling skills when we met them.



Along the way we saw, egrets, heron, and many turtles. Kim even picked up a baby snapper. After a gentle paddle/float we took out in my back yard, where we were met by Joan, Grace, Bill and Sandy. We drove up stream to pick up cars then enjoyed a pot luck dinner with grilled hot dogs and many salads. Everyone was thinking coooool food. Thanks to Jim for being the grill master.

The evening was warm and the bugs were out, but I think everyone enjoyed the creek and my flower garden. We agreed that this should be an annual thing.

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Harrisburg Senators

Thirteen Kick n Gliders attended the July 18th minor league baseball game between the Harrisburg Senators and the Bowie Baysox. The game started with a rain delay but that did not dampen our spirits. We had seats under the roof and behind home plate. The rain delay was a good opportunity to catch up and enjoy some food and beverages in the Senators newly remodeled stadium on City Island. Unfortunately for the Senators, thirteen must have been their unlucky number. They fell behind early in the game and never recovered with a final score of 4-2, Bowie.

Win or lose, we had a great evening enjoying America's favorite past time and each other's company at the unique and picturesque stadium on the Susquehanna.

Maybe Alaska isn't that big...

Let it be known--Christine Brubaker and Elaine Hardman, a past K&G member, on their two month road/camping tour from Lancaster to Huntington WVA, then on to Alberta/British Columbia/Yukon, next the Alaskan Highway to Alaska and return journey via Alaskan Marine ferry through the Inside Passage to Bellingham, a short stop in Vancouver to visit Elaine's family and then driving back through the North Cascades, Glacier, Black Hills etc....whew!

Anyway, we met Dave LeRoy, Nancy Kauh and Bill and Kay Pickering in the Fairbanks at the U of Alaska Museum where we all were cramming for our history and artifacts tests for future conversations like "What did you see, learn and do on your summer Alaska trip"?

Christine C. Brubaker

They say that lightening never strikes twice and it's a small world. Well the second maxim applied this past spring in Alaska. Several years ago, Kick 'n Gliders Wanda and Charlie Cole were surprised when they visited a remote (no road access) spot at Katmai, Alaska and found that Fred and Tanya Richter were there working as volunteers. This June at the University of Alaska Museum in Fairbanks, Alaska, Chris Brubaker and friend were surprised to run into Dave LeRoy, wife Nancy Kauh and Bill and Kay Pickering. All were on extended visits to Alaska. So whatever happens in Alaska may or may not stay in Alaska!

Dave LeRoy

Note: I was in Alaska last summer and ran into a friend that I worked with at Ft. Indiantown Gap!

editor

Congratulations to Don Youngblood

Don just completed a coast to coast Trans-America Tour bicycle ride sponsored by Adventure Cycling Association, Missoula, MT. He rode with 15 others, only two of whom dropped out, one due to a crash injury and one due to altitude sickness. The group departed Yorktown, VA on May 5th, and arrived in Florence, OR, on August 3rd. putting 4,226 miles behind him.

He stayed in Corvallis, OR, for a few days with relatives, and then, for some strange reason, decided to ship his bike back and fly home instead of riding. Congratulations Don. It seems that you might have been pedaling against the wind!





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