



The Easy Glider

Kick 'n Gliders Nordic Ski Club

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Meetings are held upstairs at [Center Street Grille](#), 4 Center St, Enola PA, 717-732-6900.

The Center Street Grille is on the east side of Center Street just south of Wertzville Rd (PA-944).

Directions to Center Street Grill at end of newsletter

Event Calendar

January 6, 2015 – Program meeting:

Andean Travels Part 1: Bolivia and the Peruvian Amazon (more information below)

Fred Richter presenter

For a pre-meeting dinner, a reservation will be made for 12 people.

January 21, 2015 – Social meeting:

RSVP to cherylcapitani@comcast.net

Herbie's El Mexicano [Website](#)

720 Main Street, Bressler / Harrisburg, PA 17113

No February program meeting.

February 18, 2015 - Dinner Social:

Fenicci's Italian Restaurant

102 West Chocolate Ave, Hershey, PA 17033

March 3, 2015 – Program: Andean Travels

Part 2: Cuzco, the Inca Trail and Machu Picchu.

Note from the president

Greetings and happy holidays to one and all. The snow season is upon us, Craftsbury is just around the corner. They opened for skiing over the Thanksgiving week end. I look forward to seeing many of you there on New Year's Eve.

We had another successful social gathering last month at Florentino's Restaurant at the Lancaster Airport. 28 members attended.

Watch the newsletter for upcoming meetings and socials. For social locations, we plan to return to favorites, Herbie's El Mexicano and Fenicci's. New social venues will include the Thai Palace and Blue Bird Inn. Please RSVP if you are planning to attend the socials. There was some discussion at the last meeting about changing our meeting location to the Bass Pro community room in the Harrisburg Mall. This would make the drive time less for all the Lancaster County members. We don't have an answer yet, but are investigating that site for our meetings beginning in November, 2015. Our meetings would have to start at 6:30 to be able to vacate the space by 8:30 or 8:45 latest. The store closes at 9:00.

I just want to remind all those who are interested in joining in on spur-of-the moment day ski trips to enter your email address at:

OneDayTrips-subscribe@kicknsliders.org

By doing so you will receive a message from any member who is planning to head out locally for a

day ski trip after a snowstorm that has provided skiable conditions in this area. If you wish to post a message to the group, do so at:

OneDayTrips@kickngliders.org.

See ya on the trail.

Report of December 2 program: Canals and Canal Life in and around the Susquehanna River Basin

Steve Runkle provided another wonderful, interesting and informative presentation to our club. This evening the topic was “Canals and canal Life in and around the Susquehanna River Basin”.

This presentation was of particular interest to many of our members who are, or were, engineers by trade. Primarily the program centered on canals in the Susquehanna River basin. But the discussion also ranged farther north to New York State, where we learned more about the Chenango Canal which ran parallel to the now Rt. 12 from Binghamton, NY to Utica, NY and also the Old Erie canal through Syracuse, NY. Many of our members are from the Binghamton and Syracuse areas and are familiar with the remnants of the historic old canals.

Steve’s description of boat building and day-to-day family life on the canal boats was fascinating. Steve’s wife and able assistant, Janey, was there, dressed in period costume as a barge captain’s wife. Seeing how children were raised and also worked aboard the boats points out that we really didn’t have it quite so bad in our growing up years.

Steve does programs on many topics. We have booked him and Janey to do another presentation next year on December 01, 2015. The topic will be *The Gettysburg Campaign to the Susquehanna River* and covers the Confederate Invasion of Pennsylvania before the Battle of Gettysburg.

David Powell.

January 6 meeting preview:

January 6, 2015 Andean Travels Part 1: Bolivia and the Peruvian Amazon, Fred Richter presenter

In September, 2013, Tanya and Fred Richter, Nan Reisinger and Pete Oswald, Cheryl Capitani and David Powell, and Maria Pieretti and David Walborn arrived in the Andes via La Paz, highest



(and most Amerindian) capital in the world, with ready access to Lake Titicaca, the world’s highest navigable lake, site of the Island of the Sun and the Island of the Moon where the founders of the Inca



Empire were said to have emerged. We flew to colonial Sucre, Bolivia’s first (and still second capital), launching point for overland visits to the Cerro Rico de Potosí—the fabulously rich silver mountain that bankrolled the Spanish Empire—and to La Candelaria—a weaving center and one of the few remaining of the Haciendas that imposed Spanish control (until well into the Twentieth

Century) over rural Andean lands and the native inhabitants thereon. Finally we joined the Tarabuqueños of Candelaria and other surrounding



villages for the Sunday market in their namesake town of Tarabuco.

Our trip to the Peruvian Amazon began with a day traversing high mountain ridges and deep river valleys to the Manu Cloud Forest lodge and then



another day by river boat down the Madre de Dios then up the Manu to the Manu Rain Forest lodge. Probably further inland from the centers of modern life than any of us had ever been, we hiked jungle paths, paddled oxbow lakes and motored even further up the Manu to observe the flora and fauna (and some inhabitants) of the world's largest rain forest. It must have been some incantation he picked up at the Witches' Market in La Paz that enabled Fred Richter to conjure up the rarest and



most prized of jungle visions on our final day in the Manu Nature Preserve. (Getting out of the jungle proved to be somewhat exciting also.)

March 3, 2015 Andean Travels Part 2: Cuzco, the Inca Trail and Machu Picchu

Dave Powell presenter

[Center Street Grille](#) is on the south east corner just south of PA-944/Wertzville Rd.

Directions from 581 and Rt 15 interchange

- Go north on Rt 11/15 about 1.7 miles to N. 21st St stop light
- Turn left on N 21st St and go 0.3 miles to Center St stop light
- Turn left on Center St then continue northward (changes to E. Penn Dr) 2.7 miles to Wertzville Rd stop light
- Turn right onto Wertzville Rd, go 0.1 mile to first right
- Turn right on Center St; Center Street Grille is on the left.

Directions from I-81 and Rt 11/15 interchange:

- Go south on Rt 11/15 about 0.5 mile to Valley Rd stop light
- Turn right on Valley Rd and go 1.8 miles to Salt Rd
- Turn left onto Salt Rd and continue southward (changes to E. Penn Dr) 0.9 miles to Wertzville Rd stoplight
- Turn left onto Wertzville Rd, go 0.1 mile to first right
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