



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.

Events

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Cancelled meeting, Tuesday, February 5, 2019
February business meeting is **cancelled**. Next business meeting Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

7:00 pm, Wednesday, February 20, 2019
Dinner Social at Herbie's El Mexicano
720 Main St, Steelton, PA

7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 12, 2019 Peru slideshow produced and presented by Bill Stine
NOTE THE CHANGED DATE. THE MEETING IS A WEEK LATER THAN NORMAL

7:00p Wednesday, March 20, 2019
Dinner Social at Thai Palace

7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 2, 2019, Annual election and trip planning meeting

7:00 pm, Wednesday, April 17, 2019
Dinner Social at the Blue Bird Inn



Craftsbury, Vermont December 28, 2018 to January 1, 2019

It was a rainy Friday when 38 Kick 'n Gliders drove into the Craftsbury Outdoor Center. Some of the gliders decided to take advantage of a break in the rain to check out the conditions, which we had been told were better than they looked. That assessment was right! The skiing was good.

The new dining hall was the highlight of the trip. The old dining room has been refurbished and the old kitchen has been converted into a wonderful extension of the dining room. A new entrance with a nice coatroom and a hallway of restrooms with Clivis composting toilets (like the ones in Maine Huts and Trails for those of you who have been there) have been added. A brand-new kitchen, full of state-of-the-art equipment, was added to the side of the dining hall opposite Cedar Lodge.

Because of the increased capacity, we were no longer limited to a specific meal time but were free to come and go within an hour or more window. As usual, the food was delicious and filling. None of us missed “cooking” when sitting next to the old heater, getting blasted with cold air when the door opened, or getting bumped by folks



getting salad, because none of us had to experience those irritations with the new, open layout.

A dusting of snow fell the first night and the trails were very inviting the next day. Craftsbury was making snow whenever possible, stockpiling it in the practice field, and trucking it to the trails. This monumental effort wasn't just for us, though. Craftsbury was hosting the National Championships the first week of January 2019 and expecting 1000 competitors to take to the trails.

New Year's Eve was our last evening at Craftsbury and we were welcome to enjoy some refreshments before the bonfire. Refreshments included tasty Vermont cheeses, fruit, salmon, and crackers. A light, though wet, snow was falling early in the evening but it gradually changed to rain. Even so, a majority of Kick 'n Gliders were at the bonfire to welcome in the new year before heading home the next morning. We hadn't driven far from Craftsbury the next morning when we noticed that the ground was no longer covered with snow. Craftsbury certainly is a Winter Wonderland!

More pictures at end of newsletter

Remembering Tim Musser



To say that members of the Kick 'n Gliders were shocked to learn of the death of our friend and fellow skier is an understatement. Though he was a quiet fellow, his impact on those who knew him was big and loud.

It was standing room only at the Odd Fellows Lodge in York, PA on October 25, 2018, to celebrate the life of Tim Musser. Twenty-five Kick 'n Gliders attended the service along with Odd Fellows, family and friends. We met Tim's brother, sister and father who were just as nice as Tim.

We learned that Tim had been active in the International Order of Odd Fellows, York Chapter, doing everything from washing dishes to serving as treasurer.

Several folks spoke about Tim during the memorial service. Dave Powell told how Tim always carried a beer – cold of course – in his

pack. When others held out GORP to feed birds, Tim held out his beer.

A long-time friend of Tim's recalled driving all around Lake Placid in the middle of the night looking for Tim, who turned out to be asleep in the backseat of the car!

Nan Reisinger related that Tim never wore a bike helmet. The reason? He always broke them! Nan planned a camping-biking-kayaking trip for club members. When she arrived later than planned, Tim had set up his tent, placed a tablecloth on the picnic table and was grilling corn. It made the campsite feel real homey.

He won a prize at a Halloween party for his impersonation of General Custer, complete with handlebar mustache and flowing blond hair. (Can you picture him as a handsome blond young man?)

Several commented on his intelligence. A colleague from Honeywell related how Tim patiently rebuilt some old-style circuit boards.

Some KNG's remember Tim crawling out of the window of an SUV when the driver hit an icy patch and the SUV landed on its side along Big

Moose Road near Old Forge, NY. Occupants and SUV survived intact.

Tim's beard was legendary. It was adorned with ornaments at holiday times and the length was measured by demarcations on a T-shirt.

Tim had a lot of interesting T-shirts. He often wore his favorites even after they had holes in them. One friend commented that Tim's choice of T-shirt was a thoughtful way for Tim to let you know he cared for you. He often wore one that reminded the friend of a shared event.

As we had long since learned on our own, Tim was described as being a sensitive, thoughtful guy and never had a harsh word or argument. He was also adventurous and challenged himself and others to do more, go farther, bike over logs, and ski the steepest slopes. In warmer weather he would even ski in shorts.

Farewell to long-standing Kick 'n Glider member Tim Musser.

Pictures from Craftsbury





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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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