



The Easy Glider

Kick 'n Gliders Nordic Ski Club

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Events

Summer Events

June 2nd - Long's Park

The show starts at 7:30 but the advance party will be there at 6:00 to stake out our piece of turf. Look for our balloon and if you can't spot us just call 717-215-7066 and we'll talk you in.

The show will be music legend and founding member of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band John McEuen will be performing with his band the String Wizard's. <https://longspark.org/event/john-mceuen/>

July 9th - Herbie's Sociable - snow day makeup

6:00 pm at Herbie's El Mexicano, in Bressler, 720 Main St, Harrisburg, PA

July 27 - Nissley Vineyards

The Pickerings will lead a trip to Nissleys on Saturday, July 27. The band is the Central City Orchestra which we may have heard before. Tickets are \$16.00 at the gate. Come at 6:00 PM and bring your picnic supper and lawn chair. We will reserve enough space if we know who is coming.

September - Mt. Gretna Trail Ride

Watch your email for the date.

October 5 - Ox Roast at LeRoy/Kahl's

Save the date! Details will be sent out later.

Just like our trips in the Winter our sociable events depend on our members to step up and volunteer to organize and coordinate our summer schedule.

Got an idea for something you think would be popular with fellow Kick 'n Gliders? Just shoot a note to mcmullenm@acm.org.

Have a great Summer,
Mike McMullen

Dues Are Due!

It's the beginning of the club's fiscal year and we need dues income right away to cover deposits at innkeepers. Innkeepers are requiring deposits immediately to hold lodging for the trips we are planning for next winter. Submitting your dues will enable us to protect the club's bank balance. Our treasurer wants you to submit membership dues NOW! Membership applications are available in this newsletter or on the club website (www.kickngliders.org).



Update on Osceola Tug Hill Ski Center

Jesse Jepsen, Dave LeRoy and Nancy Kauhler had a phone conference with Hugh Quinn and another phone conference with Hugh and representatives of a couple of Tug Hill organizations about the options for saving the Osceola Tug Hill Ski Center (OTH). The three KNG'ers began preparing the groundwork for establishing an organization of "friends of OTH" or similar. In the meantime, Hugh informed us that he had received expressions of interest from two parties interested in purchasing the OTH. It is still likely that support, in the form of a supplemental organization, will be needed to encourage the future of OTH. If you have not yet filled out the questionnaire that Hugh has posted on the OTH website, please do so to show interest in keeping the center open.

RELEASE

(Excerpted from the Bylaws of the Kick 'N Gliders Nordic Ski Club)

Article XI. General Rules of the Club

Article XI, Section 1. No member or members of this Club shall obligate or commit the Club to any major endeavor, unusual activity or extraordinary action, unless Executive Committee approval shall have previously been obtained.

Article XI, Section 1A. Every member agrees to abide by the Kick 'N Gliders' Constitution and Bylaws and the Club Rules of Conduct, recognizing the social nature of the group and the authority and discretion granted to the Executive Committee herein.

Article XI, Section 2. Members desire to participate in the various activities of the Club. Each must recognize that all activities are strenuous and involve substantial risks of accident, injury and even death. Such activities, although engaged in as a group, are essentially individual activities/sports for which each individual must be physically and mentally prepared and capable, and in which each individual is essentially responsible for his own safety. The Club is simply an unincorporated association of interested persons which offers a central meeting point for those desiring to engage in the various activities; the Club does not sponsor or operate the activities for its benefit or profit; the leaders, the providers of motor vehicles, and drivers are all volunteers who lead or drive as an accommodation and not for their benefit or profit; the Club, its officers, the trip leaders, the activity leaders, vehicle owners, and vehicle drivers may not have (and in reliance hereon may not purchase) any insurance covering the individual or benefiting him in the event of accident, injury or death. Finally, each individual must recognize that many Club activities are conducted in wilderness or backcountry areas where appropriate medical care may be either totally unavailable, or hours and miles away and therefore inadequate in the event of emergency, but trip leaders and activity participants do not necessarily have any specific rescue, first aid, medical, or leadership skills or training. Each individual must understand that any and all trip leaders, activity leaders, and fellow participants are entitled to, and will rely on, the individual's ability to participate with the others.

I hereby recognize the Kick 'N Gliders as a nonprofit, unincorporated association of persons who have voluntarily organized themselves to participate in and enjoy various activities. I hereby certify that I have read the above section of the Club's Bylaws and understand the responsibilities of being a Club member and release, discharge and waive the Kick 'N Gliders and each and every one of its members from any and all liability for any loss, damage or injury I may suffer or sustain as a result of any of the activities of the Kick 'N Gliders by signing my name below.

I agree to abide by the Kick 'N Gliders Constitution and Bylaws and the Club Rules of Conduct.

I recognize the authority of the Executive Committee to revoke membership for violation of the Kick 'N Gliders' Constitution and Bylaws or the Club Rules of Conduct.

I recognize the authority of each trip leader to determine the composition of the roster for his trip.

**SIGNATURE OF
MEMBER(S)**

DATE

If member(s) are under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must also sign:

DATE

Signature and Relationship

Tribute to the memory of Russell Spring, founder of Craftsbury Outdoor Center

KNG member, Rick Close, is on the Craftsbury Schulling eNews mailing list and shared the latest issue, which included information about Russel Spring, Sr., the founder of Craftsbury, who died July 30, 2018. Those of us who have visited Craftsbury over the years may remember seeing an older gentleman in the dining hall. This gentleman was Russell, Sr., father of "young" Russ who builds the New Year's Eve bonfire every year. The following is a summary of the information that was included in Craftsbury Schulling eNews.

Russell Spring, Sr. was a fixture at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center. Russell and his wife Janet (who died in 2016) bought the former Cutler Academy, a defunct boys camp, in 1975, and turned it into what became the Craftsbury Outdoor Center. They both believed that interaction with the natural world was enjoyable and essential for the development of body, mind, and spirit.

Russell was an accomplished skier and instructor. He was a good judge of people and he hired coaches who had good teaching and coaching skills as well as engaging personalities. He also paid careful attention to the feedback from the guests. He wanted the Center to serve a broad range of men and women with various levels of ability.

Russell and Janet were very involved in the community, as well, and often sought out their opinions. *(This involvement served them well as they worked out agreements with over 70 of their neighbors to allow skiers to ski over their properties. -Ed.)* According to Russell's obituary, the Springs also thought it was important that local school children would have access to equipment and training in activities that would encourage lifelong fitness and recreation outdoors. They adopted the policy that no community member would be excluded from using the Outdoor Center for lack of funds and they created free programs for school children.

As Troy Howell, Director of Sculling, wrote, "without Russell, the Craftsbury Outdoor Center would not even exist and thus neither would countless hours of enjoyment of what he, his wife Janet, and the Spring family created here over more than thirty years. To a phenomenal degree, Russell created Craftsbury's personality, character, and spirit.... Craftsbury would not have been Craftsbury from 1976-2012 without Russell's gregarious presence – he was brilliant with everyone he met, and insatiably curious about the lives of everyone who came through the Center."

End of Season Banquet

Leed's Restaurant and Lounge

May 7, 2019

This year's wonderful ski season ended with a "rip-roaring" evening of fun enjoyed by 41 Kick 'n Glider members.

Leed's very inviting dining room, good food and great service anchored the evening.

Walt Pomeroy served as MC and nicely tied together the events of the evening. After Fred Burgess introduced the new slate of officers, Dave LeRoy and Nancy Kauhl added a bit of nostalgia: Dave with a brief history of our club and Nancy with a trivia game.

And, as we've all become accustomed to, Bill Stine cobbled together a video titled "Loose Heels". The video was assembled from clips of less common kinds of nordic skiing adventures dredged from the wilds of You Tube!

Oh, and did I say we had some very exciting door prizes too.....from a basket of leftover unopened goodies from our last two ski trips to a ball cap donated by Bear Notch Cross Country Ski Center in Bartlett, NH.

It won't be long till we are signing up for next year's ski trips. See you on the trails!!

Sandy Stine

Did you know...

Dennis Watts was one of the original operators of Backcountry. Backcountry was a store specializing in outdoor gear and, to introduce patrons of the Harrisburg area to the sports for which that gear was to be used, they led outdoor adventures and gave instruction. The students of the cross-country classes decided to organize for their own ski trips and became the Kick 'n Gliders Nordic Ski Club. Dennis and his wife Rose were our special guests at the banquet.



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