



The Easy Glider

Kick 'n Gliders Nordic Ski Club

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Events

Up-coming Events

November 12 - Meeting at Center Street Grille

NOTE: This is the second Tuesday of the month to avoid Election Day!

5:30 pm - Meet for dinner prior to the meeting. If interested in dinner, RSVP to mcmullenm@acm.org (preferred) or 717-730-6073.

7:00 pm - Business Meeting followed by "PA Forest Insects and Disease" presented by John Schwartzer. While the subject may "bug" us, John is an engaging speaker!

November 16 - Trail Clearing Day at Crystal Lake

This is your chance to give back to "neighborhood" ski trails. See related article, Page 3, for details.

November 20 - Social at Marzoni's, Mechanicsburg

7:00 pm - Meet at Marzoni's Brick Oven & Brewing Company, 4925 Ritter Road, Mechanicsburg, (717-766-6289), for dinner and socializing with fellow Gliders. RSVP to mcmullenm@acm.org (preferred) or 717-730-6073.

December 3 - Meeting at Center Street Grille

5:30 pm - Meet for dinner prior to the meeting. If interested in dinner, RSVP to mcmullenm@acm.org (preferred) or 717-730-6073.

7:00 pm - Business Meeting followed by "Native American History in the Susquehanna River Basin Region from the time of First Contact" presented by Steve Runkle.

2020 Meeting Dates

Program Chairs, Mike McMullen and Tom Hooper, have modified the dates for several of the winter meetings. Please note these changes. Details of the programs will follow at a later date.

January 7

February 11 **NOTE: This is the *second* Tuesday of the month!**

March 10 **NOTE: This is the *second* Tuesday of the month!**

April 7 Elections and Trip Planning

**Meetings are held upstairs at the Center Street Grille
4 Center St, Enola, PA
717-732-6900**

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
- Turn right on Center St; Center Street Grille is on the left.

Coming SOON: Trail Day at Crystal Lake

If you have never seen Crystal Lake with its leaves on. Or you have never explored the nooks and crannies, off the ski trail, at Kick n Gliders' longtime, nearby cross-country ski center, here's a chance for a day trip to beautiful Sullivan County.

Crystal Lake Ski and Outdoor Center's Annual Trail Clearing will be held Saturday afternoon, November 16, 2019

Two meeting locations are available for carpooling:
West of Lancaster along Route 283 (Exit TBD) at 9:30 a.m.
North of Dauphin, at Park & Ride lot, at 10:30 a.m.

The trail event will end at 4 p.m. and we will select a supper location along the route home.

If you would like to stay informed and join this happy group, please call, write or email to Roberta Strickler in any one of these ways: roberta.strickler@gmail.com or 717-576-2099.

On that day:

- * Bring with you a snack or lunch that will tide you over until suppertime.
- * **WEAR ORANGE**. Hunting season is still in effect and this is The Woods.
- * Shears, hand saws, clippers are all welcomed if you have them.
- * If you have a vehicle that enjoys mountain climbing perhaps you will volunteer to offer a ride to our members who are burdened with low slung, Porsche-like transportation machines.
- * Bring friends who like outdoor activities: hike, bike, ski, snowshoe, paddle, sled riding.....

Trail volunteers will be given one free day pass for the coming ski season.

Snow is not unknown at Crystal Lake in December. Whet your appetite at this event.

For more details look at <http://crystallakeskiandoutdoorcenter.com>



Dues Are Due!

If you haven't renewed your membership since May (the beginning of the club's fiscal year) you still have time! In fact, we give you a grace period until the beginning of December, which is fast approaching. Don't wait! Renew your membership now to ensure that you continue to receive newsletters and email notices, and that your contact information is included in the People To Ski With (to be published in mid-December). Membership applications are available in this newsletter or on the club website (www.kickgliders.org).



Status of Ski Trip Sign-ups

There are still openings on a number of wonderful trips scheduled for the season ahead. Check out the *Season Schedule and Guide* or the website for details of the following trips and consider joining us! (If you really want to go on one of the trips that are currently full, send a deposit to put your name on the waitlist. We've already received a couple of cancellations for the season, so you may still have a chance.) The trips that **still have openings** are:

Craftsbury #1, VT --- December 28, 2019 to January 1, 2020

Cazenovia, NY --- January 14 – 17, 2020

Pulaski #1, NY --- January 17 – 20, 2020

Stowe, VT --- January 26 – 31, 2020

Bethel, ME --- February 9 – 13, 2020

Pulaski #2, NY --- February 20 – 23, 2020

Rocky Point, Inlet, NY --- February 28 – March 2/3, 2020

Boonville #2, NY --- March 6 – 10, 2020

Another Ski Trip Option

If you cannot join us on one of our club trips, Gil Linde is offering another option.

NOTE: This trip is NOT an official KNG trip. DO NOT send deposits to the Treasurer for this trip but follow the directions below.

SUSQUEHANNOCK LODGE SKI TRIP

February 6 or 7 - February 9, 2020

Here is an exciting ski weekend that offers the entire family a complete skiing and sledding experience!

*The Susquehannock Lodge has direct access to hundreds of miles of cross-country ski trails right from our back door. A perfect place for you to enjoy the quiet setting of Pennsylvania's Northwoods—a special place where there are more deer than people.

*Visit the Susquehannock Lodge website for additional information

<<http://www.susquehannock-lodge.com/index.html>>

*Arrive anytime from Thursday morning through late Friday. The final dinner on Sunday will be served at about 2:00 as a late lunch.

*Attractions include great food, cross-country skiing and sledding. Contact Gil to try one of his unique single or double runner sleds.

Per-person Rates as follows:

LODGING With Next Day Big BREAKFAST & DINNER

	2 Nights (Fri/Sat)	3 Nights (Th/Fri/Sat)
Private	\$150.00	\$225.00
Lodge	\$140.00	\$210.00
Kids	\$70.00	\$104.00

*Kids ages (4-12), Kids (3-under) FREE

*"Private" is 2 per room with bath; "Lodge" is shared bath.

*Final dinner on Sunday will be served at about 2:00 as a late lunch

*Optional bag lunches: Sandwich, cookies, fruit and candy bar \$8.50

*Optional arrival night dinner: Friday (2 Nights) or Thursday (3 Nights) \$18.00. Must be prearranged.

PAYMENT: Made directly to The Susquehannock Lodge (Ed & Carol Szymanik)

Deposit - \$55 Due Dec 20, 2018

Balance - Due Jan 4, 2019

Please keep trip leader Gil Linde informed as to your trip arrangements.

**Gil Linde
711 Pleasant Drive**

**Susquehannock Lodge
15039 US Route 6 West**

**New Holland, PA 17557
(717) 575 0905
99linde@gmail.com**

**Ulysses, PA 16948
(814) 435-2163
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Ox Roast - Perfect Day

Fifty Kick 'n Gliders gathered at the home of Nancy Kauhl and David LeRoy in the woods of Perry County on October 5, 2019, for the annual Ox Roast. The highlights include roasting of a large piece of beef, grilling of sausages, and sharing a smorgasbord of delicious appetizers, side dishes and desserts brought by those in attendance.

The weather was perfect - bright sunshine and comfortable temperatures in the 60s! People began gathering at 3:30 around the fire in the backyard, eager to share stories of summer activities and plans for the upcoming ski season. Nancy made sure to keep the fire stoked and turned the beef until her thermometer indicated that the beef was ready at 5:30 pm. After the meat was carved, everyone was called in to work their way around the spread of food, filling their plates to overflowing.



Special thanks to Nancy's helpers: Ed Cook gathered some firewood, Mick Marhevka grilled sausages, Peg Hampton prepared coffee, Glen Barnes and Wayne Kirchgasser carried the cooked "ox" from the firepit to the kitchen, Josephine Martin helped carve the meat, Tim and Cindy Hoehn gathered recyclables, and Maria Pieretti washed dishes. As a special treat, Josephine played the piano and Ron sang, entertaining us with some old standards.

Update on Osceola Tug Hill Ski Center

Submitted by David LeRoy

Nancy and I stopped at the Osceola XC Ski Center to see Hugh Quinn as part of our annual Adirondack leaf-peeping trip. He is in good spirits and looking forward to a good XC season. He still has a good selection of skis, etc. at his usual bargain prices. His wife will not be working at the ski center this year but will spend much of the season in their new condo in Essex Center, VT, where she will be doing some substitute teaching. As you probably know this will be the last season that Hugh will be running the center and it is for sale. We hope that it is sold to someone who will make it available for skiing in future years.

Hugh told us that Dustin Hite, who had been interested in purchasing Hugh's facility, is creating his own XC center in Osceola and hopes to open it for the upcoming season. It will be adjacent to Hugh's property and in fact will consist of two areas, each adjoining Hugh's two ski areas! We drove to the site of Dustin's ski area and were lucky to find him there. He has a large one-story building under roof and is creating a parking lot. The building will include a ski shop, rest rooms, etc. One of his two areas will be available for snowshoeing as well as XC skiing.



Did you know...

Pulaski, NY, the site of two of our club trips, is in the Lake Effect area to the east of Lake Ontario which means it generally gets *lots* of snow. One of favorite ski venues is Osceola and there may be two ski centers there this winter (see above). Pulaski's Historic District (which includes the *1880 House* where we stay) is significant as one of the most intact collections of nineteenth and early twentieth century architecture in northern New York. Sign up for one of the Pulaski trips and check out the architecture as well!



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