



The *Easy Glider* Kick 'n Gliders Nordic Ski Club

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Up-coming Events

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.

December 18 – Holiday Party at Stine's

7:00 pm – Bill and Sandy are delighted to host the annual Kick 'n Glider Holiday Party. We will gather in their home in Landisville. Please join your fellow Kick 'n Gliders for this festive holiday gathering. It's a chance to meet new members, swap stories about past exploits on the ski trails, and plan for an exciting 2020 ski season. As usual, **bring a dish to share with others and a beverage of your choice**. See following page for directions. Any problems or questions? Call 717-471-6326.

January 7 – 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 what promises to be a very interesting program. Joyce Wilder, a long time bee-keeper in New Cumberland and bee-related crafts advocate, will be giving her 'Bee Talk', which has been well received wherever Joyce gives her presentation.

January 22 – Social at Herby's El Mexicano

7:00 pm – Meet at Herby's El Mexicano, 720 Main Street, Harrisburg, (717-939-0624) for dinner and socializing. RSVP to mcmullenm@acm.org (preferred) or 717-730-6073.

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.

Directions to Holiday Party at Stines

While Google Maps and your phone know where we live, our 1501 Bloomfield Way address in Landisville does not yet appear on most GPS navigation systems. (See below to use your GPS.)

Driving from the WEST on PA-283:

- Take the PA-722/Landisville exit, about 4 miles west of Lancaster
- Turn onto State Rd following the sign toward Landisville
- Go 0.6 mi to the second traffic light and turn RIGHT onto Harrisburg Pike
- Go 0.3 mi and take the first LEFT onto Bowman Rd
- Go 0.6 mi turn RIGHT onto Nissley Rd (sign for Landis Farm)
- Go 0.2 mi to a small traffic circle
- Our home is the corner property on the far left quadrant of the circle.

Driving from the EAST on PA-283: (There is a closed exit ramp at PA-722.)

- Take the PA-741 exit, about a mile west of Lancaster
- Turn LEFT (SOUTH) and follow the signs for PA-741
- Go 1.3 mi to the traffic light and turn RIGHT onto Harrisburg Pike
- Go 2.8 mi and take the first LEFT onto Bowman Rd
- Go 0.6 mi turn RIGHT onto Nissley Rd (sign for Landis Farm)
- Go 0.2 mi to a small traffic circle
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No Parking Signs: Ignore the No Parking signs on our street. Our traffic commission says police will not enforce the signs as the streets are still owned by the developer and not the township.

GPS: To use your GPS with an address, navigate to 1361 Nissley Rd, Landisville, PA. (It's the closest address listed on today's maps.) Or you can navigate to Lat 40.084647, Lon -076.398250.

Status of Ski Trip Sign-ups

There are still openings on a number of wonderful trips scheduled for the season ahead. If you are interested in participating on one of these trips, *please contact the trip leader(s)* to determine whether there is still space available. Some of our trip leaders have had to release unused rooms in order to avoid penalties. Trips that still have openings include:

Craftsbury, VT --- December 28, 2019 – January 1, 2020 (but only until December 12)

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

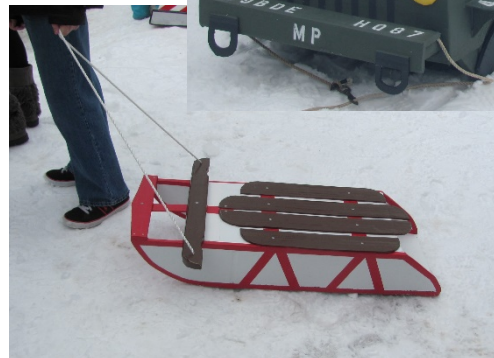
Pulaski #1, NY --- January 17 – 20, 2020

Stowe, VT --- January 26 – 31, 2020

Bethel, ME --- February 9 – 13, 2020

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

Inlet, NY --- February 28 – March 2, 2020. We've got room to expand into a third condo on the Inlet trip. Join us for the three-night option, as we get to ski a wide selection of venues, from the beautiful local golf courses to back country trails or even over to Carpenter Road. An extra is that this year we get to watch the fun Cardboard Sled races at Fern Park in Inlet. (See examples of some of the carefully crafted sleds from an earlier year, below.) The three-day choice makes this trip a great prelude to continuing on to the Craftsbury 2 trip. Questions? Want more info? Send me an email at mcmullenm@acm.org.



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

Reports on Recent Events

November 12 Meeting -- Report by Mike McMullen

Our November Kick 'n Gliders meeting had a really good turnout. Dinner participants way over-flowed the head count we had given the Grille, but they were very accommodating and added extra tables for all who showed up for dinner. Again, John Schwartz gave us a very engaging presentation. John informed us about the insects and pathogens that are threatening Pennsylvania's trees, with info on measures we can take to protect our trees.

November 16 Trail Maintenance at Crystal Lake — Report by Roberta Strickler

Four experienced Kick n Gliders drove a collective 954 miles to spend a nostalgic afternoon at Crystal Lake Ski Center, Sullivan County, on November 16. There was some snow. There was NO noise, NO flight path contrails or flyover, and NO people. There were some animal signs, some hard to identify scat, and a few footprints of wild creatures. Notably we worked under the usual high blue sky and within the memorably clear air.

Joan Short carried our bucket of tools. Dave LeRoy, architect of the Kick 'n Gliders Lean To there, exhibited all 7 gears of his automatic Jeep by driving UP Boardpile and around S Curve. Nancy Kauhl carried our map - the one that sent us east when we were assigned to clear the trails to the west. Roberta Strickler took responsibility for the emergency radio by parking it next to the back wheel of the Jeep before heading into the lonesome woods.

Actually, we were intent on claiming ownership of the remarkable Lean To by finding a way to get four people into one photograph without using remote control on the camera.

We managed to get rocks and big branches out of Oak

Loop. We cleared fallen trees on Big Fern and Red Faced Bear, where we snipped tiny laurel plants growing ubiquitously across the breadth of the trail. Our assignment: To prepare the trails for smooth skiing on a minimum of 3 inches of snow.

Many ghosts were there: Norma Brandon who always went straight down all the Zig Zags every time she arrived at the camp early enough to find undisturbed snow on those harrowing short and fast tight



hairpin turns. Martha Ruff who always skied the Oak Loop with me - round and round. Jim Ruff who taught us (very early on) how to bang our skis sideways up the scary steep hills. Tom O'Donnell who saw no fear at the sudden end drop of the Red Faced Bear. Perry Kaufman and his pipe, constantly challenging each of us to tell the story of our most secret and intimate moment in life. Bernie Webber snored. And those creative souls who are necessarily unnamed here because of their skill in hiding beers in the woodpile.

We earned free ski coupons. So plan to join us when the snow flies in Sullivan County. Don't be skeptical. It might be 50 degrees at the base at Tivoli but there is always some snow at the top of the Crystal Lake mountain. If not 3 inches, there is a fantabulous climbing wall. And the quiet.



Proposed Modification of Lottery Procedure

We note that people who sign up for a single ski trip in a season are disappointed if they lose out in the lottery. This may have been their only chance to participate on a ski trip for a particular year due to work and scheduling. To correct this situation, the following modification of our Lottery Procedure, shaded in yellow, is for consideration at the December business meeting.

Lottery Procedure for Overbooked Trips

1. A "lottery deadline" shall be published each year at the time the Club begins accepting deposits for trips. On that date the Treasurer shall remove all mail from the ski club PO Box and bring the records of ski trip deposits up to date.
2. Trip leaders will be informed of those who have made a deposit for their trip. (The list of those who have signed up for each trip will only be communicated to the leader of that trip. For security reasons, trip rosters will not be put on the website or made public to the entire membership.) For trips that are clearly NOT overbooked, the trip leader will inform the participants that they will not be subject to a lottery and, therefore, are guaranteed a place on the trip.
3. For trips that are clearly overbooked or may be overbooked (depending on gender mix, etc.), the trip leaders will confirm/determine whether the trip actually is overbooked. At this time, they may decide to make arrangements to increase the capacity of overbooked trips.

4. The trip leaders for trips that are actually overbooked will contact all of those who have made deposits for their trip to inform them that the trip is overbooked. They will ask 2 questions of depositors:
 1. Do you want to be in the lottery as a group (in concert with one or more individuals)?
 2. Do you choose to drop out of the trip to help others to be able to go? (This is included because on more than one occasion, folks have voluntarily dropped out at this juncture.) The deposits of those who drop out will be returned to them in full.
5. After the tasks described in Step 4 above are completed for all overbooked trips, the time and place of the lottery will be established and announced to the entire membership.
6. Trip leaders of overbooked trips will be encouraged to attend the lottery. If not possible, we need explicit instructions about the conditions for filling the trip roster.
7. At the lottery for each trip, the names of all who still want to attend that trip will be put on a slip of paper. Those who want to be involved in the lottery as a group will be placed on a single slip of paper. Those who are immune from the lottery because of the rules about immunity will automatically be placed on the roster first. A person or group chosen by lottery to be placed on the waiting list for one trip shall be exempt from the lottery for other trips for which they have registered during the same year. Also, a person or group who has made a deposit for only one trip for the year shall be exempt from the lottery for that trip.
8. Names will be drawn for trips in chronological order of the dates of the trips. (Remember, those who lose out on one trip are automatically placed on the roster for other trips for which they have made deposits.) Likewise, people who have signed up for only one trip for the year are automatically placed on the roster for that trip ahead of those subject to the lottery.
9. The names drawn in the lottery will be placed on the roster in the order in which their name was drawn. The lottery will continue until all names have been drawn. The names of those who cannot be accommodated on the trip will be placed on the waiting list in the order in which they were drawn.
10. When the number of those who have made deposits for a ski trip exceeds the capacity of that trip, a Kick 'n Glider member may lead an additional trip (overflow trip). This can occur either before or after the lottery for the original trip has occurred.
 1. A ski trip may be designated as an overflow trip if its intention is to handle the overflow from a ski trip. It should have a venue and date similar to that of the original trip.
 2. After the lottery has been held, those who could not be accommodated on the original trip will have the option to transfer their deposit to the overflow trip. They also have the option to remain on the waiting list for the original trip or receive a refund as specified elsewhere in this document.
 3. The roster for the overflow trip shall, first, comprise the overflow trip's leader or leaders, followed by those who could not be accommodated on the original trip who chose to transfer their deposit to the overflow trip (in the same order as their names were drawn in the lottery). Should the deposit for the overflow trip exceed that of the original trip, they shall remit the difference in a timely manner.
 4. Should the overflow trip itself not accommodate those described above, those who could not be accommodated shall be placed on a waiting list for the overflow trip.
 5. After the roster for the overflow trip has been established as described above, the trips will be handled as independent trips. Additional deposits may be accepted for both trips on a first come, first served basis. It is possible at that time that space may have become available on the original trip.
11. The trip leaders will communicate the results of the lottery for their trip to all of those who have made deposits for the trip. Those who have been placed on the waiting list have 3 options and as described above in Item 10.
 1. They may request that their deposit be immediately returned to them.
 2. They may remain on the waiting list. If space for them becomes available, they may claim it or remain on the waiting list.
 3. They may request that their name be removed from the waiting list at any time and have their deposit returned to them.

Were you there when...

we were enjoying the Mt. Gretna Trail Ride on September 1...

...and riding on the Northwest Lancaster trail (Nan Reisinger's



impromptu outing) on a

beautiful sunny day in October?





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