



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

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Up-coming Events

November 1, 2022 – Meeting at Centre Street Grille

5:00 pm – Meet for dinner prior to the meeting. If interested in dinner, RSVP to Andrea Hospodar at ahospodar10@comcast.net.

7:00 pm – Business Meeting – As mentioned in several recent newsletters, we plan to discuss the proposal made in February that we donate some money to four trail organizations. For some history of the trail organizations being considered, see the May 2022 issue of the Easy Glider. After the business meeting, our program, "**How PT can get you back on the trails quicker**", will be by Tyler Savakinas of Drayer Physical Therapy in Hershey, talking about common XC ski injuries, how to help prevent them and how physical therapy can get you back on the trails quicker.

November 16, 2022 – Social at T.J. Rockwell's American Grill & Tavern

6:00 pm – Meet at T. J. Rockwell's American Grill & Tavern, 800 Mt. Gretna Rd., Elizabethtown, PA 17011. RSVP to Andrea at ahospodar10@comcast.net.

December 6, 2022 – Meeting at Centre Street Grille

5:00 pm – Meet for dinner prior to the meeting. If interested in dinner, RSVP to Andrea Hospodar at ahospodar10@comcast.net.

7:00 pm – Business Meeting – Program "**Starry, Starry Night Sky**" will be by retired science teacher Denny Phlippy. He will share his knowledge and passion about the night sky and what you can see at this time of year.

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

Directions from PA-283 at Exit to I-283

1. Follow I-83 S toward Harrisburg
2. Take Exit 42 toward Lemoyne onto Lowther St.
3. Turn right onto S. 3rd St.
4. Turn right onto Market St.
5. Take the 1st left onto S. Front St. / S. Enola Rd.
6. Turn left onto PA-944 W
7. Turn left onto PA-944 W / Wertzville Rd.
8. Turn left onto Center St.
9. Destination will be on the left.

Directions from I-81 N at PA-581

1. Follow I-81 N (1.2 mi)
2. Take Exit 61 for PA-944 / Wertzville Rd. (0.2 mi)
3. Turn right onto PA-944 E /Wertzville Rd (2.1 mi)
4. Turn right onto Center St.
5. Destination will be on the left.

Directions from I-83 and I-76, PA Turnpike

1. Follow I-83 N (1.8 mi)
2. Take Exit 41B for Lemoyne (0.5 mi)
3. Turn left onto Lowther St. (0.2 mi)
4. Turn left onto S. 3rd St. (0.5 mi)
5. Turn right onto Market St. (0.4 mi)
6. Turn left onto S. Front St. (2.0 mi)
7. Continue onto US-11 N / US-15 / 501 N (1.0 mi)
8. Turn left onto Enola St. (259 ft)
9. Bear left onto South St. (0.1 mi)
10. Turn right onto PA-944 W (0.4 mi)
11. Turn left onto PA-944 W / Wertzville Rd. (0.6 mi)
12. Turn left onto Center St.
13. Destination will be on the left.



Trip Openings

The club has scheduled 13 wonderful trips for the ski season. Many of them still have openings, so if you haven't signed up to join us on the snowy trails, don't wait any longer. Our trip leaders may decide to release extra rooms in the next month. If you really want to go on a trip that is currently full and you're feeling lucky, sign up for the waitlist; it does happen!

Craftsbury #1 – This New Year's trip only has space for 8 more people.

Quebec City – Fourteen people have signed up to visit this picturesque city to our north. Since lodging is in a hotel, the trip may be expandable. Check with leader David Walborn.

Allegheny State Park – Only two rooms remain in this lovely house so sign up quickly.

Cazenovia – A couple of rooms may still be available at this quaint inn.

Tailwater Lodge, Altmar – This trip is not being run through the treasury. If interested, please contact trip leader Sandy Stine.

Boonville #1 – This trip also is not being run through the treasury. If interested, please contact trip leader Jesse Jepsen.

Lake Placid – This trip is currently full and has a waitlist.

Susquehannock Lodge – This trip is not being run through the treasury. If interested, please contact trip leader Gil Linde.

North Conway – This trip is currently full and a second, concurrent trip has been set up; both still have a waitlist.

Stowe – Only 6 spots available for this trip but you need to sign up soon before we release the extra rooms.

Laurentians – This trip is currently full with twenty participants.

Inlet – This trip currently has 12 people signed up and is full.

Boonville #2 – Eight people are signed up and more spaces are available right now.

Craftsbury #2 – We currently have 8 people signed up for this trip. There is a significant cost savings if we have 10 or more participants, so consider signing up and helping everyone to get a big refund!



Club Finances

Maybe this is a good time to review the finances of the club. Each year, about \$90,000 passes thru our hands – about as much as many households. We have no budget because we don't need one. Each ski trip is a separate entity and we refund any surplus that the trip accumulates at the end of the year. We round the amount of refunds down to the nearest five dollars to make things simple and to accumulate a few bucks to handle the occasional trip that goes into the red (to avoid "bait-and-switch" situations, we never request additional payments to cover shortfalls). The dues cover the rest of our expenses, which include bank charges, PO Box rental, newsletters, Season Guide and "People to Ski With". This system has worked surprisingly well for a great number of years. When we find that the dues no longer cover these items, we have increased the dues. When we find that we are accumulating a bigger bank balance than we need, we have, historically, made donations to help fledgling ski touring establishments. This was not entirely altruistic as we hated to see such places as Hanleys' Happy Hill close for lack of funds. And we continually worry about Crystal Lake dropping XC skiing as their main function is running a summer camp.

Regarding our bank balance, we note that the club needs a surprisingly large bank balance to handle our cash flow. Our planning meeting occurs in April after which we start making deposits at the various places we have selected for ski trips. (Craftsbury usually requires a deposit of about \$4,000 prior to that.) Our income from dues begins coming in after our fiscal year starts in May and trip deposits from members don't come in until June and July when the trip details are published. Spring is when our bank balance is at its low point. Also, our bank requires that we maintain a minimum balance of \$10,000 in order to avoid a large monthly service charge. (This is in lieu of our receiving interest which has IRS implications.) Finally, working capital is needed when we decide to invest in things like creating XC skiing guides (much-needed unique publications) or having skiing caps made.

As mentioned above, when our bank balance becomes greater than needed, we have made donations to those running XC ski centers and developing ski trails (like the Jackrabbit Trail in the Adirondacks). Recently, when a number of Kick 'n Gliders have opted to receive a digital copy of the newsletter, our bank balance has increased because we save some printing and mailing costs. Since then, we have accumulated some money which we have historically donated. Another option would be to make a small reduction in our membership dues, periodically adjusting the amount we charge for dues to reflect changes in our bank balance, decreasing them one year and, with rising inflation, increasing back up. But many club members won't get the word and your treasurer will have to correct each erroneous dues remittance – not fun. Of course, lowering the dues and then raising them again causes this situation to occur twice! And the dues are very modest anyway.

As mentioned, each ski trip has its own budget, used mostly to determine the amount to charge for the trip and the amount of the deposit used to hold participant's position on the trip roster. The trip cost is based on the worst scenario considering that costs per person go up as the number of participants decrease and that the gender mix requires us to place some folks in rooms by themselves. The deposit required to hold each participants' place on a trip is based on the consequences of that participant being a "no-show". These ski trip budgets are reviewed by the trip coordinators and your treasurer.

Each year an annual summary of the year's transactions is prepared and audited. This can take some time because preparing this summary has to be reconciled like a checkbook and there are interesting knotty problems such as bank errors, outstanding checks and delays in refunds from innkeepers. Then our books need to be audited by a club volunteer. The summary has not been printed in the newsletter mostly because no one has asked for it and because it often came out embarrassingly late. The unaudited summary for 2021-2022 is on the next page. *~by David LeRoy*

Financial Summary Kick 'n Gliders 2021-22

Item	Number of Participants*	Income	Expense	Profit
Dues		\$1,880.00		\$1,880.00
Misc Income/Expense			\$462.47	-\$462.47
Newsletter			\$915.86	-\$915.86
Bank Charges			\$33.00	-\$33.00
Ox Roast		\$155.00	\$173.91	-\$18.91
Allegeny	7	\$2,800.00	\$2,769.07	\$30.93
Boonville 1		\$850.00	\$850.00	\$0.00
Boonville 2	13	\$4,315.24	\$4,283.30	\$31.94
Cazenovia	8	\$2,100.00	\$2,080.00	\$20.00
Craftsbury 1	24	\$13,898.32	\$13,897.40	\$0.92
Craftsbury 2	8	\$4,337.00	\$4,336.50	\$0.50
Inlet	12	\$6,600.00	\$6,589.11	\$10.89
Lake Placid	10	\$4,100.00	\$4,062.87	\$37.13
Lake Placid X	11	\$6,950.00	\$6,930.88	\$19.12
Laurentians	0	\$16,071.00	\$16,071.00	\$0.00
Laurentians X	0	\$3,475.24	\$3,475.24	\$0.00
North Conway	23	\$13,064.25	\$13,059.67	\$4.58
Stowe	15	\$6,945.00	\$6,890.00	\$55.00
TOTAL*	131	\$87,541.05	\$86,880.28	\$660.77

*Number of persons who attended the trip.

Fiscal Position at the end of 2020-21 Fiscal Year	
Balance at 4/30/21	\$17,530.70
2021-22 Payments made by KNG during the 2020-21 Fiscal Year	
Craftsbury Deposit - Carried over from 2020-21	\$3,601.36
2021-22 Payments received by KNG during the 2020-21 Fiscal Year	
Begley - Craftsbury	-\$150.00
Cook - Craftsbury	-\$150.00
Hampton - Craftsbury	-\$250.00
Kauhl/LeRoy - Craftsbury	-\$300.00
Marhevka - Craftsbury	-\$300.00
Walborn/Pieretti - Craftsbury	-\$300.00
Adjusted Value	\$19,682.06

Fiscal Position at the end of 2021-22 Fiscal Year	
(As of 7/21/2022)	\$20,342.84
Adjusted Value	\$20,342.84
Adjusted Balance as of 4/30/2021	\$19,682.06
Adjusted Balance as of 7/21/2022	\$20,342.84
Profit	\$660.78
Error	-\$0.01

Past Event Reports

Mount Gretna Bike Ride and Porch Party

On August 28, we had a beautiful day starting with a great breakfast at Porch and Pantry. We rode bikes on the trail for about 2 hours, returning to Tom Hooper's cottage porch for some good food provided by about 10 of us. Conversation abounded and we all had an enjoyable day. *~by Tom Hooper*

Ox Roast

More often than not, it rains when we have the Ox Roast. This year's season kick-off on October 1, 2022, occurred in the midst of the remnants of Hurricane Ian. There was a lull in the rain at 6:30 am when Dave and I started the fire



and the rains held off until about 8 am when we placed the two spits of meat on either side of the hot coals and burning wood. There are advantages to living in a perpetual construction site – we just set up two sections of scaffolding with sheets of plywood on top, one to shield the fire and the

other for Dave to sit under while he fed the fire and guarded the meat.

The weather didn't deter any Kick 'n Gliders from coming bearing dishes of delicious food to share for the meal which we ate mid-afternoon. A few folks ventured out to watch the fire or walked Dave's trail through the woods and inspected his cabin under construction, while everyone enjoyed catching up with



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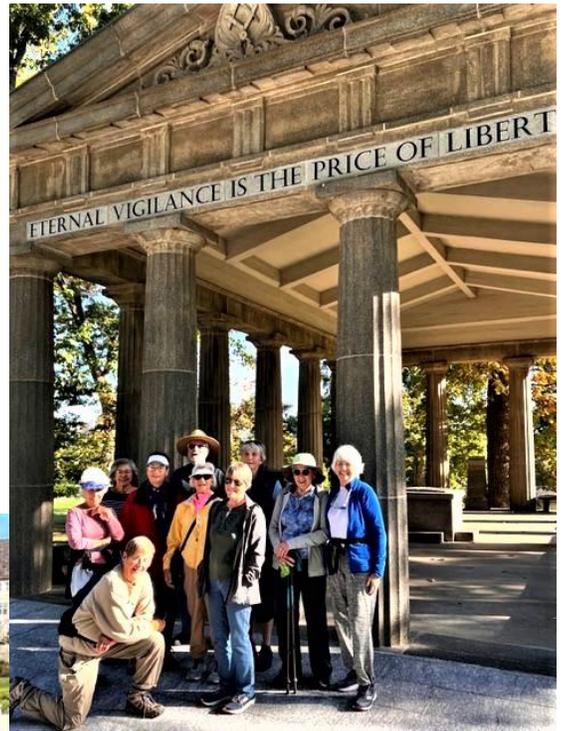
friends we haven't seen for a while. Thanks to Rick Begley for cooking the sausages on the grill.

After the meal, about half of the crowd stayed for a sing along. Ron Henry led us in song while Josey Martin accompanied us on piano and guitar. It was a lot of fun to forget about the rain outside and sing some old favorites together. *~ by Nancy Kauh*



Autumn Hike at Masonic Village on October 6

Nine Kick 'n Gliders joined the co-presidents for a five mile walk over Masonic Village Elizabethtown's rolling terrain. There were photo ops at the Pantheon-like War Memorial at Veterans' Grove, the Formal Garden and the Farmers' Market. We weren't limited to only photo op stops as we also stopped at two ponds, the Red Rooster wood shop and the Franklin Press in the Grand Lodge for smoothies, milk shakes and sandwiches. We all know you can't walk 5-miles without



sustenance. The weather cooperated, a glorious day for a get together with delightful company.

~ by Tanya Richter





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