



The Easy Glider

Kick 'n Gliders Nordic Ski Club

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Up-coming Events

October 15, 2025 - Social at Colebrook Tavern

5:00 pm - Our first dinner social will be at the Colebrook Tavern, 1510 Mt. Wilson Road, Lebanon, PA. For those who wish to, we could do a bike ride/walk on the rail trail before dinner. If interested in the ride/walk and/or dinner, contact Jamie Hackman at xcski1927@gmail.com.

November 11, 2025 - Social at Marzoni's, Mechanicsburg

11:30 am - Join us at Marzoni's Brick Oven & Brewing Co., 4925 Ritter Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA (717-766-6289) for lunch. RSVP to Nancy Kahl at kahlbbh@pa.net by 5:00 pm on November 10.

December 10, 2025 - Holiday Party

6:00 pm - Bill and Sandy Stine will again host the Annual Kick 'n Glider Holiday Party. We will gather in their home at 1501 Bloomfield Way, Landisville, PA. 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 2026 ski season.

- Bring a **dish to share** with others and a **beverage of your choice**.
- **Car-pooling is encouraged** as parking is tight in our community.
- Questions or problems? Call 717-471-6326.

Directions to the Stine's Home:

Google Maps and your phones know where 1501 Bloomfield Way address is but it does not yet appear on some other GPS navigation systems.

- From the PA-722/Landisville exit on PA-283, 4 miles west of Lancaster:
- Turn onto State Rd following the sign toward Landisville
- Go 0.6 mi to the third traffic light and turn RIGHT onto Harrisburg Pike

- Go 0.3 mi and take the first LEFT onto Bowman Rd
- Go 0.6 mi and 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.

January 14, 2026 – What If...Of Hershey

5:00 pm - Please join Andrea at What If...Of Hershey, 845 E. Chocolate Ave., Hershey, PA, for dinner and camaraderie. RSVP to Andrea at ahospodar10@comcast.net no later than January 13.



Socials for the Season

Our Events Coordinator, Jamie Hackman, is still looking for hosts for the season's socials. If you are willing to choose a favorite restaurant that you want to share with other club members and are able to make reservations for the group (it really is as simple as that!), contact Jamie at xcski1927@gmail.com.

Jamie is looking for hosts for a lunch in February, and a dinner in March. (Dates are flexible although we usually meet on a Tuesday or a Wednesday.) Our members live in a variety of locations in the greater Harrisburg area, so hosting a social near you will help diversify the places we meet. We know you have places you like to go to eat – host a social near you!



Trip Openings

We still have 1 – 3 openings on the Craftsbury #1 trip (Dec 30, 2025 – Jan 3, 2026). If interested in joining us in northern Vermont, send your deposit **soon** for this trip to the club address.

Three trips are not being financed through the club. If you are interested in the Methow Valley (WA), Boonville – Headwaters, or Susquehannock Lodge trips, contact the respective trip leader.

Event Reports

York Heritage Train & Rail Trail Ride

Twelve enthusiastic KnG members participated in the North Central Railway bicycle and train ride on Sunday, September 7. We could not have asked for better weather! After a



two-hour train ride to New Freedom, we disembarked and rode our bikes to AleCraft Brewing for lunch and beverages. Following lunch, we rode the additional 14 miles down the bike trail to our cars. Thanks to all for participating. We had a blast!

~ Gary Musser



Ox Roast

The week preceding the September 13 Ox Roast was sunny and dry so I was able, with the help of friendly volunteers, to set up tables and chairs on the Tuesday and Thursday prior to the Saturday event. Saturday morning, Mick Marhevka came early to



start a fire and help me to get the meat out to the fire. We were serenaded by a few owls when the sky was still somewhat dark and later, when the sky brightened to blue, the woodpeckers began knocking the trees to keep me entertained while the meat roasted.



Must have been the beautiful weather because 46 Kick 'n Gliders attended this season opener! It was nice to catch up with lots of our friends before eating, as



well as afterwards, with people lingering until 6:00. As usual, there was a wide selection of dishes to share along with the roasted beef and grilled chicken sausages. And I appreciated all of the help with clean up!

~ Nancy Kauh!



Diane found this
Gray tree frog

Remembering Ad Crable

Some of you may remember the KNG trip to the Adirondacks for a Hut-to-Hut excursion in January of 1997. We were accompanied on that trip by Ad Crable, a journalist with the Lancaster New Era. We were saddened to learn of his death in late August at too young an age. Below are excerpts from his obituary.

Ad A. Crable III, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, a loving father, grandfather and uncle, faithful husband and family man, outdoor enthusiast and admired journalist, departed our world on August 28, 2025, after a cherished life. He was 72.

Ad had a distinguished career in Journalism after obtaining his degree from West Virginia University where he remained the university's most avid fan. He worked for multiple newspapers in his career and was most recognized for his articles as Outdoor Editor at the Lancaster New Era for decades. His fans and readers were delighted by his storytelling and authentic approach. His work demonstrated a unique skill as a verbal artist, was admired by peers and greatly appreciated by his readers.

Ad was committed to environmental stewardship and delighted in sharing his love for the outdoors... His love for the outdoors helped shape his life and influence others.

He possessed a ferocious curiosity and optimistic attitude. Regardless of the topic, there was an insatiable enthusiasm for it – even towards the most trivial of topics. He had a witty personality, great sense of humor and was always grateful for whatever he received. People immediately liked Ad and found his charming innocence authentic and trustworthy.

Those of us who were on that trip or active in the Kick 'n Gliders at the time were thrilled to see our group so prominently featured on the front page of the Outdoor section of the Lancaster New Era. Participants included: Wanda Knuth Cole, Roberta Strickler, Wendy Baker Davis, Kim Lausch, the late David LeRoy, and Nancy Kauhl.



Did you know...

"Present knowledge of early skis and snowshoes does not indicate which was developed first, but in their most primitive form both the snowshoe and the ski were about the same shape and served about the same purpose. ... While both the ski and snowshoe were born in central Asia, the snowshoe was soon carried eastward across Siberia, through Alaska, and down into all the snowy reaches of North America. ... The ski, on the other hand, journeyed westward from its Asian birthplace, and began a parallel, though quite different development in Scandinavia, Europe, and northern Russia."

~ excerpted from "The History of Skis" in The Great Lakes Pilot, found by Sandy Stine while traveling this summer.. It was reprinted from the November/December 1961 issue of the Michigan Conservation Magazine.



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