



PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



Members:

I hope you are enjoying the change of seasons as much as I am. While I love summer, I also enjoy the brisk chill in the autumn air, the brilliant colors of fall foliage, and the exciting events autumn brings.

Twenty-four MCSCers recently traveled to Southern Vermont for an awesome weekend at the Vermont Wine & Harvest Festival. We ate, drank, and had a great time! Thanks to trip leaders Laura & Jim H. for leading the Fall trip.

And what would Fall be without a hike lead by Paul V. Join Paul this month on Saturday October 6 for another hiking adventure.

Then, there is the MCSC Annual Halloween Party! Don't miss what has come to be a chilling and thrilling night. This year Lisa F is our event leader. We have our favorite band, Conflicted, returning to play while we dance the night away. A hot buffet dinner will be served and prizes will be given out! So get your costumes ready for Saturday October 27 - and your checks into Lisa F asap!

While we are all having a fun Fall - let's not forget that we are also collecting food for the Morris County Interfaith Food Pantry - they are experiencing a severe shortage and definitely appreciate the donations we can collect for them. Nancy M is leading this year's food drive. Please bring your donations to our meetings on Tuesday October 9 or October 23.

Finally, let's not forget the awesome ski trips we have on sale! The trips are selling fast, so check out Andy's Ski Director Report and get your checks in to the trip leaders. Also - as a reminder - you must make all trip payments on time, per the schedule of payment for each trip, to keep your place on the trip.

And don't forget our October AAF at the Green Knoll Grill in Bridgewater on Friday October 19th.

I hope to see you at our next meeting on Tuesday October 9.

Helen



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SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT



With our fourth and final trip now on sale it's safe to say that our ski season is now in full swing. This fourth trip is our annual bus party trip this year to Stowe. Karen S will run this trip and is already stocking up on glow sticks and other fun stuff to make this trip a blast. We are back to Stowe this year, but with a cheaper price than our last excursion. At a new hotel, we'll have all the "stuff" you expect on a trip to Stowe, and this year we are adding a group dinner as part of the package. See our web site for details or better yet come to a meeting.

With trips going on sale in June of this year it's easy to see that as a member of MCSC you should have skiing and snowboarding on your mind all year! That said, stay tuned for a survey out this year much earlier than usual. I've already begun planning some cool stuff for Europe 2014, a bus trip for 2014 and our trip out west for 2014. So... please let me know if you have any ideas on where you would like to go!

Ok back to this season. I've talked about the bus trip so we can check that off. Most of you know that Taos went on sale in June and sold out quickly, Jeff and Lori "B" are still collecting names for the wait list. Tony T's trip to Kitzbuhel runs back and forth between full and maybe needing one or two people;

we are back to needing one or two people. This will prove to be a great trip with a great location and a fantastic hotel. We are still doing a full presentation on this trip, so stop by a meeting if you want to learn more.

You're probably thinking, "If I want to really travel far with this club but don't want to hop on a bus, what are my options?" Glad you asked because we still have room on our Whistler trip! Judee and Dave T are running this great week long trip. We'll have a direct flight, transfers, a free breakfast and first tracks event and as usual some happy hours to accommodate your needs for that sort of thing as soon as you are off the mountain. Every time I speak to Judee she found some new event or new idea for the club. Whistler is absolutely huge and has one of the best ski villages that rival many of the European villages we've been to, I'd even say it's better because they speak Canadian there which is very close to our language!!! This trip is now open to non-members so if you have a friend or significant other or a friend that you would like to make a significant other this is a great way to get them into the club and onto this trip!

Thanks again everyone for supporting the club and our trips!

Andy
Morris County Snowboard Director



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

I hope you all had a great summer. Now that summer is officially over, it's time to start thinking about winter activities. Great ski trips and other club activities are planned that are available only to current MCSC members. Now is the time to renew your MCSC membership for the 2012-2013 season (Oct 1st 2012 thru Sept 30th 2013). Dues are \$35 for singles and \$60 for couples living at the same address.

Ensure your spot on a "members only" trip or event by renewing your membership promptly! I have already begun accepting renewals and would like to thank all of those who have already submitted theirs.

The Membership Renewal form is available for download from the Yahoo site, and will be available at Club meetings. **Please complete (print) full form for this year's renewal, so that we can compare to current roaster and make any necessary changes to your contact information.**

The application and check can be mailed to me at the address listed on the form or given to me at any meeting or club event. Remember, if you want your membership card mailed to you, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Don't forget, after Nov 1st you will be charged a \$5 late fee in addition to your renewal fee, so don't procrastinate. Send in your membership check today.

Please contact me by email at gehrenbeck@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Grace Ehrenbeck

Save the date:

NJ Ski and Snowboard Expo!

At the East Hanover Marriott, Route 10 East

November 2nd 2012

Food and bar on-site

There will be vendors from many ski resorts, equipment, prizes, and free stuff.

Music and dancing will be from 10-12.

Volunteers are needed to help at the booth.





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October Birthdays

	1 Maryann Mauro	2	3 Scott Mitten Dorothy Pedini Mary Beth Grunstra	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Myra McGinley Debbie Meckbach	15	16 Winifred Bunch Kimberly Wood	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Penny Cappuccino	24 Beth Malkin	25 <u>*Lisa Margolis*</u>	26	27
28	29	30	31 			

November Birthdays

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4	5	6 Lori Baldwin 	7	8	9 Diane Engel Lambert Jokober	10
11  Veterans' Day	12	13	14 Jeffrey Baldwin	15 Barbara Buda DeMeo	16	17
18 Michael Kapp	19	20 Diane Brescher Al Friedrich	21	22  Happy Thanksgiving	23	24 Rich Palatini
25	26	27	28	29	30 Deindre Murphy	

Welcome New Member: Gina Maroney, Frank Riley, Patty Yeakel



MCSC CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETING DATES

Please contact Janet Eaterling, vicepresident@morriscountyskiclub.com if you would like to lead an event. Remember, you must lead an event before you can be considered to lead a ski trip.

- MCSC Event Oct. 6
- MCSC Meeting Oct. 9
- AAF Oct. 19
- MCSC Meeting Oct. 23
- MCSC Event Oct. 27
- NJ Ski Council Event Nov. 2
- MCSC Event Nov. 10
- MCSC Meeting Nov. 13
- MCSC Meeting Nov. 27
- AAF Nov. 15

- Bearfort Ridge Hike, West Milford, NJ
- Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ
- Green Knoll Grille, Bridgewater, NJ
- Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ
- Halloween Party, Elks Club, Summit, NJ
- Ski & Snowboard Expo, Marriott, E. Hanover, NJ
- South Mountain Reservation Hike
- Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ
- Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ
- Thatcher McGee's, Denville, NJ

UPCOMING ALIVE AFTER FIVES



OCTOBER'S "AAF" - THE GREEN KNOLL GRILLE, 645 RT 202/206 BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807 (908) 526-7090 www.greenknollgrille.net

Please come join us on **Friday, October 19, 2012** at The Green Knoll Grille for a fun-filled night!

We will have happy hour from 4:30-7:30, featuring \$1 off all drinks and \$5 32.oz pitchers of domestic beer. A bar menu is available for \$3.99 as well. Hopefully, we will be able to enjoy the spacious patio (weather permitting). The Green Knoll Grille has a full menu for those who wish to dine there. Please obtain a wristband when you arrive from a ski club member (TBD). There will be a DJ and Karaoke starting at 9:30 ☺



NOVEMBER'S "AAF" Thatcher McGee's 53 Broadway, Denville, NJ 07834 973-586-3377

www.thatchermcgee.com/denville/

Please come join us on **Thursday, November 15, 2012** to catch up with old and new friends.

We will have happy hour from 4:00 until 6:00 with \$1 off all drinks. Hot buffet and sandwiches are available from 4:00-7:00, and a full dinner menu is available for those who wish to dine there. Live music starts at 9:30 for us to enjoy and relax.

"Whether you're enjoying a Taste of Ireland in the comfort of our traditional thatched roof Irish cottage, or American fare in the bar or dining room, we take pride in the privilege to be part of your lives."

Please contact Lisa at LisaSLP@aol.com with any questions/concerns.



UPCOMING EVENTS:



BEARFORT RIDGE HIKE

West Milford, NJ - October 6th

Description: Join the Morris county Ski Club on a great hike on the Bearfort Ridge Trail Saturday October 6. This hike will be approximately 7.5 miles and have a 1000-foot vertical rise. This hike, will be challenging and have many ascents and descents. The hike is highly rated for beauty and has many great views including those of Greenwood Lake and Sterling Forest. We will meet at **10:00 AM** at the A&P Shopping center (see directions below) and car pool a short distance up the road to the hiking trail. The hike should take about 5 ½ hours to complete and will follow the Bearfort Ridge Trail to Lake Surprise, which is close to the New York state border, and then follow woods road back.

For more info. contact **Paul Van Duyne**
C (201) 470-9317. Email: p_vanduyne@yahoo.com.

Important Notes:

1. This is **not** a beginner's hike. The hike will be physically challenging.
2. Wear boots and hiking socks.
3. Daypack to carry extra clothing, sufficient water and your lunch.
4. A camera as there are many great views
5. Trail Map will be provided at site, but if you have the NYNJTC Map #21, bring it.
6. After the hike we will be going to bar and grill (probably the Valley View Pub)



MCSC Annual Halloween Party

Come out and have some fun with a live band (*Conflicted*), a dinner buffet and good friends. It will be a cash bar and costumes are required for all. There will be prizes for the best and most creative costumes, so start thinking!

When: Saturday, October 27, 2012
7:00pm - 12:00 Midnight

Where: Summit Elks Club, 40 Maple Street, Summit, NJ

Cost: \$38 per person by October 20th
\$43 after (Open to all Members and Guests)

Sign Up: Mail this form and a check made out to MCSC to:

Lisa Fosmire, 18 Shearman Road, Succasunna, NJ 07876



No Walk-In's Allowed. Must Pre-Register and Pre-Pay with This Form. Sorry, No Exceptions!



PAST EVENTS

FALL WEEKEND: VERMONT HARVEST FESTIVAL

By Laura Connelly-Healy and Mary Chaplin



Fall officially arrived on September 22nd and twenty-four MCSCers found themselves in Vermont. Now if you are reading this thinking that there was some kind of major snow storm that just hit Vermont and we were there seeking fresh powder, you would be wrong. The annual MCSC fall weekend trip was to the 5th Annual Vermont Life Wine and Harvest Festival held at the Mount Snow resort.

On Friday, we arrived to our hotel that had been upgraded to the Grand Summit on the Mount Snow property. In skiing terms, we were definitely slope side. As folks arrived and got settled, they took the MOOVERs shuttle to the Silo for our first happy hour. Unlike during ski season, the Silo bar was completely empty, so it was easy to take over the place and for \$5 you could get a beer and 10 chicken wings, how could we go wrong? After a few hours there, most of us headed back to the hotel to hit the hot tubs and the heated indoor/outdoor pool.

Saturday morning most of us headed to the Matterhorn Inn for the Vermonter Breakfast that the local Rotary club was hosting. They were surely happy to see us! The breakfast was on a donation basis, and they saw \$\$ as we walked in the door. We feasted on homemade -blueberry pancakes, sausage and bacon. Since we had eaten so much at breakfast, we all needed some sort of exercise. Tom B. offered to lead a hike up the mountain and he got several takers. Paul, Tom, Anil and Frank hiked all the way to the top, but the rest of the group decided to go only $\frac{1}{2}$ way up, then hiked down to the lift and took a ride all the way up. Others took a walk around the property and then took the lift to the top. Once at the summit, we were treated to fantastic views of the Vermont landscape, complete with colors as the leaves had started to change.



After our R&R, it was time to hit the Wine Festival. As we meandered through the tents we were treated to tastes of wine, vodka, gin, cheese and chocolates. There were some good wines and some really, really, bad wines. The cheese tastes were more of a success and several people made tasting cheese their lunch. When we were ready to rest our weary feet, some headed to the hot tubs and pool, and others sat with a bottle of wine and



watched the comings and goings of a wedding ceremony taking place on the hotel property.



Saturday night found us back on the MOOVER bus to the Matterhorn Inn for a wine pairing dinner. Chef Kevin Cottle treated us to a great 5 course meal, complete with local wines. To top the evening off, our very own Barbara G, won a drawing for a trip to Antigua. Barbara had many new friends by the end of the evening. Unfortunately, the planned bonfire was a bust because of down pouring rain, but in true MCSC fashion, we all went back to the hotel and continued the party taking over the 2nd floor lounge & fireplace. A fantastic trip to satisfy all the senses!



Helping Others in our Community Fall Food Drive

Each Fall, Morris County Ski Club collects food for a local food pantry as a way of giving back to the community. Again, this year we will be collecting donations which will be going to the **Morris County Interfaith Food Pantry**.

We will begin collecting food at the ski club meetings beginning **Tuesday, September 25** and continue through **Tuesday November 13**.

Items the pantry is looking for most include: canned fruits/vegetables, bags/boxes of rice, beans, dry cereals, pastas, canned meats, and baby diapers.

Let's show our strong community presence and support by setting a goal of each member bringing in a bag of items to be donated.

Bring your donations to the bi-monthly ski club meetings. See Nancy McLaughlin for more information.



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