



PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



While some people may have just celebrated the unofficial end of summer, MCSC is celebrating the unofficial start of the Ski Season by having several great ski trips on sale for the 2013 Ski Season. Ski Trips have been selling, so get your deposit in to reserve your spot before it's too late. Check Andy's Ski Director Report for more details. Also, MCSC has been approved to offer Travel Guard Trip Insurance - Protect your vacation investment. Follow the link on the MorrisCountySkiClub.com web site for more information.

But, while we are celebrating the start of Ski Season, let's not forget the exciting late Summer and Fall events we have planned. Are you scheduled to attend the Somerset Patriots Baseball game (with BBQ and Fireworks!)? Have you reserved your spot on the Fall Trip to the Vermont Wine Festival? Mark your calendar for the next AAF at a new location for us Margarita's in Livingston. Save the date (10/27) for the Annual Halloween Party? Be sure to attend our upcoming meetings to hear more about these and other events Janet, our Vice President, is planning.

In case you weren't around to participate in club events this summer, here is a quick recap of what you missed...

- ✓ We journeyed to the Bronx to see the Yankees take on the Blue Jays on a warm summer night, in field level seats.
 - ✓ We kayaked down the Delaware.
 - ✓ We watched and listened to one of our own (past President & cancer survivor Lisa Galley) sing the National Anthem at a Mets Game on Ovarian Cancer Awareness Day.
 - ✓ We biked through Point Pleasant, NJ, and enjoyed an afternoon on the beach and an evening of food/beverages and dancing at the Patio bar.
 - ✓ We hiked and swam at Lake Marcia High Point State Park.
- and...

We enjoyed socializing at our AAFs at

- ✓ Pazzo Pazzo in Morristown
- ✓ Bamboo Grill in Basking Ridge
- ✓ Jefferson House on Lake Hopatcong - where we had the pleasure of High Life Ski Club President, Bob Zega, stop by and join us for a drink. Since we have several members in common, Bob and I have discussed the possibility of offering some joint events in the future. Keep posted for more information.

I hope to see you at our next meeting on Tuesday September 11 where you can hear more about what we have planned for you.

Helen



SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Hello friends and potential club members,

We, as board members or submitters to ski tales, always seem to find it necessary to remind you of what time of year it is, as maybe you are missing the leaves changing color and feeling the cool weather roll in, so I'll follow suite.

Fall is almost here!! If you think it's a good time to think about heading to the mountains with MCSC you are correct but in the world of ski and snowboard trips we start planning and selling trips early to assure that we are giving our club members the best accommodations and pricing. That said our trip to Taos remains sold out with a wait list, but we have had a few cancellations and are working our way through the wait list. Dates for the trip are March 23rd to March 28th and details are on our web site.

Our "Trip Commanders" Lori and Jeff Baldwin can be reached at RNI2Clever@yahoo.com for clever jokes, trivia, riddles and answers to questions regarding our Taos trip.

Our European destination to Kitzbuhel Austria should be sold out by the time you all read this, but I doubt we will have many people on the wait list leaving you a good chance of getting on this trip. Tony Tarullo (and yes his monkey) will be leading a group of 26 to explore the Tyrol area of Austria. We have

excellent accommodations at the four-star Jagerwirt Hotel within walking distance to great bars and hotels in Kitzbuhel. Great meals and a two night extension trip to Vienna are included in the trip price. Dates for the trip are January 11th to January 21st. Tony can be reached at tonytarullomcsc@yahoo.com. If he's not in, leave a message with his monkey.

Our trip to Whistler is also on sale and unlike Taos and Kitzbuhel it has room on it! You may still want to react quickly as we will be opening this trip up to non-members soon. Dates for the trip are February 23rd to March 2nd and it will be run by Judee and Dave Treanor jude802@optonline.net Whistler was the site of the 2010 Olympics and is absolutely huge in every aspect from the village to the mountains with a mile of vertical. While huge it's very easy to navigate both mountains and the village to catch your friends. We will stay within the international village at the Summit and walk to wide variety of restaurants and bars as well as the mountain. The price includes direct flights from Newark to Vancouver, transfers to Whistler, one day of fresh tracks and breakfast, lodging, 5 days of lifts and even a few happy hours!

We now have trip insurance for all of our trips through Travel Guard. Just visit our trip page on our website and click the Travel Guard link at the bottom of the page.

Thank you again for responding so well to our trips so far! Stay tuned for details on our upcoming bus trip in March!

Andy
Morris County Snowboard Director



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	Sept. 7	Somerset Patriots, Bridgewater, NJ
MCSC Meeting	Sept. 11	Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ
AAF	Sept. 14	Margaritas, W. Mt Pleasant Ave, Livingston, NJ
MCSC Event	Sept. 21-23	Fall Weekend, Vermont Wine & Harvest Festival
MCSC Meeting	Sept. 25	Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ
MCSC Event	Oct. 6	Bearfort Ridge Hike, West Milford, NJ
MCSC Meeting	Oct. 9	Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ
AAF	Oct.	TBD
MCSC Meeting	Oct. 23	Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ
MCSC Event	Oct. 27	Halloween Party, Elks Club, Summit, NJ

UPCOMING ALIVE AFTER FIVES



SEPTEMBER'S "AAF" MARGARITAS
372 West Mt. Pleasant Ave., Livingston, NJ 07834
973-992-0001

Friday, September 14, 2012

Come share your summer stories over delicious drinks with fellow ski club members at Margaritas Restaurant. Happy hour will be from 5:30 - 7:00 with complimentary appetizers, \$3 domestic beers, \$4 house wines, \$4 margaritas, and \$5 vodka drinks.

Margarita's offers a full menu for those interested in dining. They will also have a band performing later, so get out your dancing shoes!



OCTOBER'S "AAF" TBD

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



UPCOMING EVENTS:

FALL WEEKEND: VERMONT HARVEST FESTIVAL September 21-23, 2012



Indulge all the senses in a single weekend with fine food, good wine, and lovely surrounds. Come celebrate the refreshing change into Fall as we play and stay in beautiful Vermont during its very own *5th Annual Vermont Life Wine & Harvest Festival*.

Lodging is at the Snow lake Lodge in Mount Snow, which is serving as festival host. Sunday open for other adventures.

Arrival: Friday **September 21st**

Departure: Sunday **September 23rd**.

The cost, \$235, includes hotel accommodations, two days entry to the festival (with 3 tastes and a souvenir glass each day), and a fun and fine group dinner on Saturday night. Both members and guests can sign up until September 11th, our deadline to give final participant numbers to Snow lake Lodge.

Sunday is open for other activities which include a cheese tour, golf, mountain biking, hikes, and a nature spa.

For more information, contact trip leaders: **Jim or Laura Healey**

Jim: bkupmaster@yahoo.com (201) 314-8779

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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 #21bring it.
6. After the hike we will be going to bar and grill (probably the Valley View Pub)



PAST EVENTS



THE BEACH BIKE RIDE

By Judee Treaner

What a perfect day for the beach! Saturday, August 4th, promised to be sunny and warm (OK...sunny and HOT) as our MCSC bikers assembled in Ridsen's parking lot for the morning bike ride. Our 9:00 AM start was a little delayed so people could make last-minute bathroom runs, slather on the suntan lotion and pay for parking. Ed and Karen, the first of our beach-goers, were there in time to wave as we headed out - when who should come screeching into the lot at the very last minute, but our favorite VP. There was a little more delay to get Janet and her bike ready to go, but by 9:30 we were hitting the streets.

The thirteen of us set off together since the long (33 mi.) and short (20 mi.) rides were exactly the same up to Allaire State Park. What's nice about this part of the ride is that half of it is on the Manasquan bike path, so it's very flat, no traffic, and at some points the trees shade us from the sun. At the park we had photo ops and bathroom breaks, and then seven hardy bikers continued on the long

ride as the rest turned and followed the same route back.

I'm happy to say that there were no "incidents" - no one got hurt or lost, although we didn't realize how hot it was until we stopped at the Allenwood General Store on the last leg back. Ridsen's parking lot never looked so good.

Time for a late lunch (pizza!) on the boards, then most of the riders hit the beach, joined by Tom & Helen and a few others. I would like to say that what happened on the beach is "off the record" but the truth is, yours truly had to go back to feed and walk the dog so I really don't know if anything "happened".

All I know is, when I arrived at happy hour at the Patio Bar, I saw a long table of smiling, slightly sunburned faces tucking into their food & drink orders and grooving to the band. A few more folks joined us here, including Doug & Claire, Cindy, Doreen and MB. After a couple hours of socializing, people started heading out, either home or to another lively destination. There were reports of a group sighting at Rod's in Sea Girt later that evening.

All in all, it was a great day. Thanks to all who participated - I enjoyed playing with all you at the beach!





HIGHPOINT HIKE

By Paul Van Duyne

For the first time in a number of years the Morris County Ski Club combined a day of hiking and swimming. The event was held on Sunday August 19 at Lake Marcia in High Point State Park. We had twelve people and one dog (Ann's dog Hope) on the hike. It was a great day for hiking as temperatures were in the low 70s. The hike started with some bushwhacking along the shores of Lake Marcia. After about five minutes, we reached the Monument Trail. This is a circular trail which leads through the cross country skiing terrain to the High Point Monument. We had some nice climbs with great views at the base at the High Point monument where we had lunch. About half the group climbed the stairs inside the 220 foot monument for an additional workout. The monument was built in 1930 to honor war veterans. As you climb the monument it becomes significantly warmer as there is no air circulation in the monument. You could see out the windows of the monument but the view was just as good from the base. We hiked a short distance on the Appalachian Trail to an observation platform, which afforded us great views of the monument and Lake Marcia. It was then a short walk back to the Lake Marcia Beach.



A number of us changed into our bathing suits and went swimming in the lake. The water was very clean and the temperature in the 70's. Afterwards, we changed and went to the Sussex Inn for food and drink on the inn's porch. Overall we had a great group and everyone seemed to enjoy the day.





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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 23** and continue through **Tuesday November 6**.

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.

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