



The CHAIRLIFT CHATTER

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings SSC members! It's hard to believe ski season is just around the corner! Several of our trips are filled and we had an unexpected and overwhelming response to the Park City trip. Twice the number of members signed up compared to room available, presenting a significant challenge to our efforts to accommodate as many members as possible. Our **trip leader Becky Havice** and our tour operator, **Phil Reed** of Alphorn Tours came through with an additional 20 air seats out of Harrisburg along with 10 additional hotel rooms. After consultation with the Trip Committee and the Board, the Board approved the addition of 20 seats and a co-leader (**Bob Havice**) to the Park City trip. Although this does not accommodate everyone who signed up for the trip, we believe this is an acceptable compromise, as it shouldn't jeopardize other open trips. Becky, the Trip Committee and the Board are to be commended for the extra effort required to resolve this issue. Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you at the membership meeting!

Best regards, Joanne

In Memory of...

SSC member **John (Jack) St. Jacques** of Hummelstown, Pa., passed way recently after a brief illness. Jack devoted his life to his family and friends and loved to travel.

SSC member **David Gorman** of Biglerville, Pa., died suddenly on Friday, August 1, the result of an accidental drowning. Dave loved snow skiing and bicycling, and was a member of the SSC team in July's MS 150 fundraising event.

KIPONA CHILI COOKOFF Saturday, August 30

Join SSC at the 30th Annual Labor Day Weekend State Chili Cookoff in Harrisburg's Riverfront Park. Representing SSC, **Becky Havice** will cook up her secret recipe for the judges and **Joanne Roth** will woo the crowd with her delicious chili. Contact **Joan Stremmel** at volunteers@skissc.com to volunteer to help out at the SSC booth, or be a participant and sample the many contestants' entries.



MEMBERSHIP & PRE-TRIP Tuesday, September 2

SSC's first membership meeting for the '08-09 season is on Tuesday, September 2, with social hour and the Italy pre-trip meeting starting at 6:30pm, and the business meeting at 7:30pm. Please bring a friend to introduce to the club—guests are always welcome. Get the latest news on our new and improved website, upcoming ski trips and social events, and bring your checkbook to secure reservations on any open trip—they are filling fast. Location: Susquehanna Club of DDRS (New Cumberland Army Depot). From I-83, take exit 39A and turn east onto Lewisberry Road. Proceed 1 mile to the 3rd light, turn left onto Old York Road, go ¼ mile to the light and turn right onto Ross Avenue. Follow Ross Avenue to the gate and show your driver's license if requested. The Susquehanna Club is on your left.

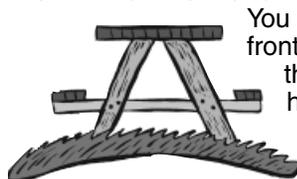
CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY September 4-7

Last reminder!! Those of you with bus reservations will board the bus at 5:30pm on Thursday, September 4 at BJ's Wholesale Club in Camp Hill, departing promptly at 6pm. Contact trip leader **Dianne Paukovits** at 717-566-7184 or dpaukovits@skissc.com.



STONY CREEK BIKE RIDE/PICNIC Saturday, September 13

Bicycling enthusiasts... join your SSC friends on the Stony Creek rail-trail. We'll meet at 10am at the gated entrance to the rail-trail and ride out to Yellow Springs and back (20 miles roundtrip). Mountain bikers can take an alternate route, the "**Stony Creek Challenge**", climbing the mountain to the fire tower, riding down "Rattlin' Run Trail" and following the rail-trail back to the gate.



You will need a mountain bike with full or front suspension to do this ride. *Après* ride there will be a picnic at **Brenda Bent's** home. Hot dogs will be provided; bring a side dish to share and your own drinks. Contact Brenda at bbent@skissc.com or 717-921-2575.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 27** Board Meeting @ Giant Community Center, Camp Hill
- Aug 30** Kipona Chili Cook-Off @ Riverfront Park, Harrisburg—contact Becky Havice & Joanne Roth
- Sep 2** 7:30pm - Membership Meeting @ Susquehanna Club, New Cumberland (Italy pre-trip meeting and social hour start at 6:30)
- Sep 4-7** Cape May Weekend Trip—contact Dianne Paukovits
- Sep 5** Hit the Deck @ Scott's Grille, 2nd St., downtown Harrisburg
- Sep 13** Stony Creek Bike Ride—contact Brenda Bent
- Sep 13/14** Fall Road Trip—contact Jay Doherty & Dave Timothy
- Sep 19/20** Overnight River Kayaking Trip—contact Bernice Lee
- Sep 20** York Rail-Trail Bike Ride—contact Barry Ashway
- Sep 24** Board Meeting @ Giant Community Center, Camp Hill
- Sep 28** Gettysburg Battlefield Bike Ride/Tailgate Picnic—contact Mark LaManna
- Oct 3** 5pm - SSC/HYP Mixer @ The Quarter, 2nd St., Harrisburg

SSC ROAD TRIP September 13-14



The SSC Road Warriors will take to the trail again. Motorcycle riders should contact **Jay Doherty** at jdoherty155@comcast.net and sports cars riders should contact **Dave Timothy** at dtimothy@pa.net or 717-834-3361.

YORK BIKE RIDE/TAILGATE Saturday, September 20

Experience rail-trail riding in Pennsylvania and Maryland on the same ride! We'll meet at 9am in Glen Rock, Pa. and ride south on the Heritage Rail-Trail to the Maryland line, then ride the Northern Central Rail-Trail to Bentley Springs, Md. The round trip is approximately 21 miles, however, you can turn around at any point for a shorter ride. Bring food to share at the tailgate picnic after the ride. Directions to Glen Rock: take I-83 to Glen Rock exit #8; follow Rte. 216 west for ~4.5 miles to Glen Rock; turn right onto Water Street; cross the railroad tracks and turn right; drive ~0.1 mile to parking lot. Contact **Barry Ashway** with your questions at 717-755-6708 or bdashway@verizon.net.

KEEP THESE DATES OPEN!

Saturday, Oct 25 ~ SSC's spookily fun Halloween Party

Come dressed in a costume and have a hauntingly good time at Camp Reilly!

Event Chairs—Lovena Nickle-Haslam and Eileen Wood

Friday, Nov 7 ~ SSC's 2008 Warren Miller Film Premiere

You won't want to miss this action!

Event Chair—Michelle Leo

Saturday, Nov 22 ~ SSC's Get-Acquainted Party

Dance to the music of Cheap Sneakers in Ski Roundtop's Main Lodge.

Event Chairs—Sherry Predix & Richard Faux

BATTLEFIELD BIKE RIDE/TAILGATE Sunday, September 28

If you like the outdoors, bicycling and history, you'll enjoy SSC's annual bicycle ride around the historic Gettysburg National Battlefield. This ride is for all levels of riders, and includes a 20-mile historic narrative tour with cut-offs at 10 and 15 miles; and a 20-mile fast-paced tour for bikers who like to see history fly by. Meet at 9am at the old Cyclorama Center's main parking lot. Bring something to share at the tailgate party after the ride. Directions: from Harrisburg, take Rte. 15 south to the Taneytown Exit, at the stop sign turn right, go approximately 3 miles to the old Cyclorama Center's main parking lot on the left. Contact **Mark LaManna** at 717-238-3889 or mlamanna@skissc.com. Rain date is October 5. *The Gettysburg Cyclorama is scheduled to reopen on September 26 after a five-year restoration, and for the first time in more than a century, viewers standing in the middle of the wraparound canvas will see it as its artist originally intended. The cyclorama will be displayed in the Gettysburg National Military Park's new museum and visitor center.*



SSC/HYP MIXER ~ Friday, October 3

Join everyone for some fun and make some new friends. SSC will mix it up with the Harrisburg Young Professionals (HYP) at 5pm happy hour at The Quarter on Second Street, Harrisburg. This should be a great opportunity to promote the many great aspects of SSC and increase our ranks for the coming year! Please contact **Susie Seighman** at sseighman@skissc.com or 717-761-8005.



ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY!

SSC members, advertise your business in the Chairlift Chatter, either our print or email version, or both. For more information contact SSC's publicity chair, Michelle Leo, at 717-623-8508.

2008-2009 TRIPS

We only include detailed information on our "room-available" trips in our print publications. For more information on any "waiting list" trip, contact the trip leader or check out our website.

Dates	Destination	% Filled	Trip Leader(s)	Contact Information
Sep 4-7	Cape May, NJ	90%	Dianne Paukovits	dpaukovits@skissc.com /717-566-7184
Oct 10-19	Italy	Waiting List	Mark LaManna	mlamanna@skissc.com /717-238-3889
Jan 10-17	Sun Valley, ID	Waiting List	Ron Nagle	rnagle@skissc.com /717-657-4993
Jan 16 (Fri)	Elk Mtn, PA	Open	Richard Faux	rfaux@skissc.com /717-772-8289
Jan 24 (Sat)	Elk Mtn, PA	Open	Bob Burns	bburns@skissc.com /717-432-3013
Jan 24-31	Park City/ Deer Valley, UT	Expanded/ Waiting List	Becky Havice	bpatthavice@skissc.com /717-248-7271
Jan 28-Feb 1	Killington, VT	Open	Bob Havice	bhavice@skissc.com /717-248-8696
Jan 28-Feb 1	Killington, VT	Open	Pam McKechnie	pmckechnie@skissc.com /717-507-7196
Feb 6-8/Jan 9-11	Seven Springs, PA	Open	Lovena Nickle-Haslam	lnhaslam@skissc.com /717-541-8803
Feb 8-15	Banff/Lake Louise, Can.	Waiting List	Brenda Bent	bbent@skissc.com /717-921-2575
Feb 20 (Fri)	Blue Mtn, PA	Open	Susie Seighman	sseighman@skissc.com /717-761-8005
Feb 21-28	Taos, NM	Open	Carolyn Eash	ceash@skissc.com /717-796-0347
Mar 7-14	Steamboat Springs, CO	90%	Dave Timothy	dtimothy@skissc.com /717-834-3361
			Scott Henne	shenne@skissc.com /717-241-0013
Mar 21-28	Alyeska, AK	Open	Sherry Predix	spredix@skissc.com /717-957-2925

TRIP PAYMENTS ARE DUE!

If you have signed up for a SSC trip your next payment may be due and should be sent to your trip leader. By paying on time you avoid those nasty late charges and avoid possible removal from a trip for non-payment. As a reminder, below is a list of payments due in September:

Killington	2nd payment—\$200, due <u>September 13</u>
Park City	2nd payment—\$600, due <u>September 15</u>
Steamboat	2nd payment—\$525, due <u>September 15</u>
Sun Valley	2nd payment—\$500, due <u>September 15</u>

ELK MOUNTAIN, PENNSYLVANIA Friday, January 16

Even a Philly guy like Hyski O'Rooney McVoutie O'Zoot could not pass up this deal. If you sign up before November 30, you get \$10 off the list price. But if you procrastinate, you will pay the full fare of \$85. So don't delay and pay today. You get a scenic bus ride with drinks & snacks, lift ticket and a pizza lunch. On the return trip we'll stop for dinner at The Banshee Irish Pub in downtown Scranton (dinner price not included in trip fee). Contact **trip leader Richard Faux** at rfaux@skissc.com or 717-772-8289.

ELK MOUNTAIN, PENNSYLVANIA Saturday, January 24

You asked for it, and the Club delivers! We are resurrecting the Saturday day trip in 2009, going to Elk Mountain—the best in Pa. Trip price includes bus transportation, lift ticket and onboard snacks and beverages. We will make a dinner stop on the way back at Whistle's Sports Bar in Scranton. Early bird pricing is \$85 per person until November 30, and \$95 after that date. The Saturday trip is priced \$10 higher due to weekend lift ticket rates. Contact **trip leader Bob Burns** at 717-432-3013 or bburns@skissc.com.

KILLINGTON, VERMONT January 28–February 1

Join SSC in Killington for the 2009 EPSC Winter Carnival. The bus is 75% filled as of this date, so don't delay, this trip is selling fast! We will stay at The Inn of the Six Mountains, 1 mile from Killington's base lodges and nearby the mountain's best restaurants and nightclubs. Our package price of \$688 per person double occupancy includes motorcoach, lodging, daily breakfasts, 4-day lift ticket, and all EPSC 2009 Winter Carnival events. Special lift ticket pricing is available for juniors and seniors; non-skiers also qualify for a reduced EPSC Carnival price. Send your deposit of \$300pp payable to "SSC Killington 2009" to **trip leader Pam McKechnie**, 204 Hollywood Circle, Camp Hill, PA 17011. Contact Pam at pmckechnie@skissc.com or 717-507-7196.

SEVEN SPRINGS WEEKEND Tentative dates: February 6–8

SSC is planning a winter weekend getaway at Pennsylvania's Seven Springs Mountain Resort... dates to be *finalized* soon. Seven Springs was rated the #1 Ski Resort in the Mid-Atlantic Region by *Ski Magazine* in 2007 and is noted for plenty of natural and man-made snow and a very active nightlife. Our package will include motorcoach transportation, Hotel Towers lodging for 2 nights, 2-day/2-night lift ticket, welcome reception, daily breakfast buffets, use of an indoor pool and exercise room, complimentary ski check and more. Contact **trip leader Lovena Nickle-Haslam** at lnhaslam@skissc.com or 717-541-8803.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, PENNSYLVANIA Friday, February 20

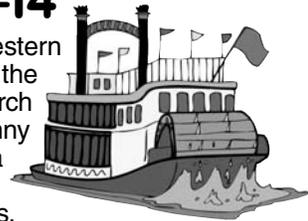
Get the mid-winter blues by returning with SSC for a day of skiing and snowboarding on the Poconos' Blue Mountain, which boasts the highest vertical in Pennsylvania. Other mountain features include 3 terrain parks, a 350-foot-long half-pipe, 30 trails on 130 skiable acres, 9 lifts including a high-speed six-pack lift, and two new trails. Contact **trip leader Susie Seighman** at sseighman@skissc.com or 717-761-8005.

TAOS, NEW MEXICO ~ February 21–28

Looking for a great value? Look no further! Our trip to Taos is only \$1,436 per person, and includes roundtrip air from BWI, bus transfers and 5 days of skiing. A 6th day lift ticket is available for an additional \$32. We'll see the sights of Santa Fe with a "groceries" stop in the town of Taos on the way to the resort and will stay at SnakeDance Inn in 2-bedroom/2-bath condos with a full kitchen and a living room with fireplace. The Inn is located steps from the lifts in the heart of the ski village, conveniently surrounded by many shops and services! Daily breakfasts are included in this condo package! This will allow you to mingle with other trip participants to plan your day. There is plenty for the non-skier too, including shopping, art galleries and the culture of the area. Everyone will enjoy a group welcome party and receive a free Taos logo fleece vest. Contact **trip leader Carolyn Eash** at ceash@skissc.com or 717-796-0347.

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO March 7–14

Come with us to one of SSC'S favorite western resorts. We'll stay just 150 yards from the gondola and the village at Steamboat. March is prime time for Steamboat, featuring sunny days and snowy nights... We're planning a welcome party, margarita party, mountain picnic and a possible trip to the hot springs.



There are only 8 spots left. Send deposit of \$525 per person to **trip leader Scott Henne** at 206 Cumberland Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013. Contact Scott at shenne@skissc.com or 717-448-9877 or **trip leader Dave Timothy** at dtimothy@skissc.com or 717-834-3361.

ALYESKA, ALASKA ~ March 21–28

Glaciers, Northern Lights and the beauty of Alaska make Alyeska a winter wonderland. Alyeska is where Olympic Gold Medalist Tommy Moe trained. There are two certified (International Ski Federation) downhill courses. Your 4-out-of-5-day lift ticket is an activity pass which can be redeemed for cross-country ski rentals for two, lunch for two, spa services and much more. There have been many changes and upgrades since our ski club was there 8+ years ago. Alyeska offers 1,400 skiable acres and over 630" of annual snowfall. We'll stay 6 nights at the ski-in/ski-out Hotel Alyeska Resort & Spa and 1 night at Captain Cook's in Anchorage with daily breakfasts. Hotel Alyeska has a fitness center, a 16-person saltwater whirlpool and a saltwater lap pool. We'll transport you via bus from Harrisburg to BWI, fly through Minneapolis into Anchorage, with a 45-minute bus ride to the resort. Optional add-ons include (prices TBD): a 5-hour snowmobile journey to explore glaciers and ice caves, and a Resurrection Bay glacier and wildlife dinner/cruise. Double occupancy prices are \$1,932 per person (ages 14-69) and \$1,804 per person (age 70 & over), and include roundtrip bus and air, lodging, breakfast and vouchers. Discounted prices are also available for junior and child. Send your deposit of \$500pp payable to "SSC Alyeska 2009" to **trip leader Sherry Predix**, 307 Doe Run, Marysville, PA 17053. Contact Sherry at spredix@skissc.com or 717-957-2925.



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MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Win great prizes totaling over \$300 by sponsoring new members:

- 1st Prize – Ski Roundtop Advantage card
- 2nd Prize – Your choice of any SSC day trip
- 3rd Prize – One 4-hour flex lift ticket to Ski Roundtop

Contest Rules:

1. Contest runs from April 1, 2008 through December 1, 2008.
2. 1st prize awarded to member sponsoring most new memberships (minimum of 5).
2nd and 3rd prizes awarded to next two highest recruiters (minimum of 3).
3. In case of tie, prize winners determined by drawing.
4. Officers, board members and staff are ineligible.
5. Recruiter is responsible to ensure they are named as sponsor on membership application before it is submitted.

Recruit a friend, neighbor or family member today!

2008-09 MEMBERSHIP CARD

If you're a current SSC member (your mailing label includes APR09 after your name), you should have received your 2008-09 membership card by now via email—look for an email from "SSC Newsletter Editor". If we don't have a valid email address for you, you will soon receive your membership card via the U.S. mail. Please cut it out and carry it in your wallet to qualify for discounts at local ski shops.

If you have yet to renew your SSC membership, you'll obtain your membership card directly from our Membership Chairperson when you renew. Otherwise, this is the last issue of *Chairlift Chatter* you will receive.

2008-2009 Susquehanna Ski & Snowboard Club

Membership Application / Renewal

Membership Year Runs April 1 to March 31

Last Name: _____ First: _____ MI: _____
 Spouse: Last: _____ First: _____ MI: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____
 Email: _____
 Spouse's Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

DEPENDENTS UNDER 18

(Only those with name & birthdate will be included in your membership)

_____ Birthdate _____
 _____ Birthdate _____
 _____ Birthdate _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

- Individual - \$25.00
 Family - \$35.00
 Junior (18-20) - \$20.00
 List Birthdate _____

NEW MEMBER
 Sponsor _____ optional

RENEWAL
 Last year of membership _____

FOR PURPOSES OF PLANNING SSC ACTIVITIES,
PLEASE HELP US DETERMINE THE
DEMOGRAPHICS OF OUR CLUB.

- 1) _____ Single? _____ Married?
 _____ Do you have children? Ages _____
 _____ Do the children ski? _____ Snowboard?
- 2) Number of each skier type in your membership:
 _____ Non-Skiers, _____ Beginners,
 _____ Intermediates, _____ Advanced Skiers
- 3) Number of persons in your membership in each age range:
 _____ Under 18 _____ 18-25 _____ 26-39
 _____ 40-49 _____ 50-59 _____ 60+
- 4) Do you snowboard? _____ XCountry Ski? _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

I/we would like to volunteer to help with:

____ (1) Membership _____ (2) Meetings / Programs _____ (3) Social Events _____ (4) Publicity

Please make checks payable to: **SSC**

Mail to: SSC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR, P.O. BOX 60713, HARRISBURG, PA 17106-0713