

The Avalanche



MONTACHUSETT SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

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Bulletin Board

Thursday August 18, 2011 7 PM

August Membership Meeting

Wachusett Village Inn Westminster

August version of our Summer Series of Membership Meetings. Please come and participate in the club business and enjoy an evening with your ski friends. Good chance to look over the trip information and ask questions

Saturday August 20, 2011 10 AM

Essex River Kayak Adventure

Essex MA

This is what has quickly become an annual adventure because it is so much fun. We will gather and leave for Essex at 10 AM sharp on Saturday from the Border Bar and Grill in Leominster. Please send your fee to David as he needs to make the reservations with our guides. Don't miss this one. Go to the website for further information.

Saturday September 10, 2011 7 PM

Rockport Bicycle Ride

Rockport Ma

This is the ride that was previously scheduled in July but cancelled due to extreme heat. This promises to be another great day on Cape Ann and near the ocean.

Thursday September 16, 2011 7 PM

September Membership Meeting

Wachusett Village Inn Westminster

This is traditional the start of the club's ski season. Sign-up for the trips will be taken, final information on the Anniversary Party will shared and CSC information to be passed. Come get together with your ski buddies that you haven't seen all summer.

Saturday September 24, 2011 5 PM

40th Anniversary Party

1761 Old Mill Restaurant Westminster

This is the big event of the year. You don't want to miss this party. Make sure you have sent in your RSVP.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Hello my friends. I am actually going to title this message "Thursdays". I believe there is a purpose in why I call it this. Thursdays have brought together some very special friends and a whole lot of laughter through four ski seasons and we all hope for many more Thursdays to come. Whether the time is spent skiing, biking, sharing a golf game, perhaps a kayak trip, or a hike up a mountain - as easy as choosing an activity from a drop down box, Thursdays have become special days. You take your Thursday e-mail buddy list, type in when and where you are going to meet or you can perhaps use a phone, smoke signals or whatever method you like to accomplish the goal of getting together but no matter how it's done you do get together.

Then tragedy struck part of our Thursday group. We got together on a Sunday version of "Thursdays" for golf, only to hear the news of the day before. One of our Thursday Ski Buddies, Dave Carignan, was seriously hurt in a bicycle accident on Saturday morning while on a group ride with friends. Let me tell you, I was silenced. It was another reminder of how life can change in an instant. All I could think of was the snow from those damn twin tips blowing in my face, yes Dave's skis. It is an honor to follow this man down the hill (I have given up trying to pass him).

This accident makes me think how great it is to be associated with the people in the Montachusett Ski & Snowboard Club and also a part of the Thursday Buddies. These are *your* Thursday Buddies too and they are behind you all days of the week. So get your Buddies together any day or join us on a Thursday.

Dave, our thoughts and prayers are with you, Jan and your family. The whole club is behind you. Get Well - Lots of Rest and we will see you on a Thursday real soon.

Bill Cocci

FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

Well, August is on us and believe it or not, skiing is just a few months away. I know we still have a lot of summer left but we do need to start thinking about the club's trips and which ones you plan to go on. Check out the club trips later in this newsletter and on the website (www.montachusettskiclub.com) and start planning so come September you are ready to sign up.

But for the rest of the summer the club still has some good adventures ahead. We start with the Sea Kayaking Adventure on Saturday August 20, 2011 at Essex, MA. This activity is organized by David Anderson. It is the club's third year going on this trip. This is a day you don't want to miss. I have included a flyer on the event with the contact information.

Also sometime in September we are planning a casual bicycle ride around Rockport that was cancelled back in July due to severe heat. This too should be a good time. David has planned a wonderful loop taking us through some very scenic and historical neighborhoods....and who could pass up some shopping time on Bearskin Wharf?! The new date is September 10, 2011.

We continue the summer meeting series with the August Membership Meeting on August 18, 2011 at 7 PM at the Wachusett Village Inn. Hope to see you all there.

Let us not forget the 40th Anniversary Party on September 24, 2011 at the Old Mill. The ladies of the Anniversary Committee have planned a spectacular evening for all to enjoy. Please fill out your invitation and return it, you don't want to miss this evening of fun, reminiscing and laughter.

See you at the August meeting.

SUMMER OUTING REVIEW

The summer outing was held this year on July 16th at the Swedish Social Club on Wyman's Lake in Westminster. This year's turnout was in excess of 65 people making it one of our best outings.

Weather wise it was a perfect day for an outing. There is nothing like spending the day on a lake with some good friends. The Social Club once again showed their hospitality to the club. The chefs cooked and served the traditional BBQ chicken with all the fixings and all I heard was eating sounds so that's proof it was delicious!

The ladies of the 40th Anniversary Committee put together a very impressive Chinese Auction to raise funds to support the party. We had a lot of fun drawing for each item, razzing each of the winners and the final picture taking of each winner (photos will be on display at the party). This committee is doing everything possible to ensure that the membership has the best celebration we can possibly have and one to remember for the ages.

The highlight of the day was the Dunk Tank. David and Gary donated the tank with Steve, David, Gary and I being the dunkees. We found out who our friends were as they lined up and *PAID* to throw balls at the target to dunk us. And some were successful! It was fun and lots of laughs.

All in all it was a great day and everyone had fun. Thank you for attending and participating in the activities. It sets the bar high for next year.

40TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE UPDATE

When the whole idea of the 40th Anniversary Celebration came up and the three J's (Julie, Jan and Janet) and the lone T (Teresa) signed on to the committee to steer it we thought we had plenty of time to plan because September was soooo far away....Well, we've been busy during these past months (as you all know from our constant requests and reminders) and now we find ourselves with little more than a month to finalize everything for the 24th of September. Things are shaping up extremely well and the Committee wants to thank so many of you for your generosity and help through these past months. The invitations have gone out and we have begun to receive returns - 47 so far. So if you haven't sent your reservation in yet (and there are quite a few of you) please do! The 24th of August is right around the corner and as Julie says, "We can't have a party without YOU!" *The more the merrier* and we do plan to have lots of fun at this momentous event!.

Just a quick reminder - the raffle for a 3 month membership at the Orchard Hills Health Club in Lancaster is still ongoing. Tickets are on sale (\$5 each) and the drawing will take place at the September membership meeting. It's a great deal and a good opportunity for the winner to get in shape well ahead of time to be ready for the ski season.

Again, thanks to the members of the club for your enthusiasm, support and generosity towards the many requests from the 40th Committee. We couldn't do it without all of you. There is no doubt that we are going to have a fantastic celebration!

DAVE CARIGNAN UPDATE

Dave has made very good progress over the past week and let's hope this trend continues. As you all know, Dave kept himself in great shape and this will be beneficial in his recovery. Plans in the near future are to move him to a rehab facility where he can begin his physical strength therapy.

Dave, Jan and their family knows that he has loads of great friends in this club and outside the club. He will need our further support and friendship as he takes the next steps in his recovery. Let's continue to send our prayers, thoughts and good vibes his way. I know you all stand with me when I say I am available to help in any way that Dave, Jan or their family feels they need help. As Bill put it we've got your back Dave.

If want to send a card or good wishes Dave's address is:

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Lunenburg, MA 01462

CLUB Get-A-WAY TRIPS FOR NEXT SEASON 2011 – 2012

Here is the lineup of trips for this year. As always, go to www.montachusettskiclub.com to get the particulars on the trip, answer any questions or get contact information.

January 6, 2012 – January 8, 2012

Attitash / Wildcat / North Conway

Contact: Art Pinsoneault pinson123@comcast.net

January 23, 2012 – January 25, 2012

Okemo Mid-week

Contact: Bill Cocci bcgoski@comcast.net

February 9, 2012 – February 12, 2012

Sugarloaf Mountain

Contact: Gary LaBell chutes1@verizon.com

March 10, 2012 – March 17, 2012

Alyeska, Alaska

Contact: Jack McCarthy yukonjax47@gmail.com

The CSC Appreciation Days list will be used by the BOD to determine the day trips for this year. This schedule is usually released by the council sometime in September. Watch this newsletter and the website for the list and the club's day trip schedule next month.



Strategizing - maybe club business, maybe golf

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