

The Avalanche



MONTACHUSETT SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

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Thursday January 19, 2012 7 PM

Membership Meeting

Wachusett Village Inn Westminster

This is the first meeting of the New Year and the first meeting of the club's 41st year. Make history and be at this meeting. The usual business will take place with raffles and signups for the upcoming day trips. Maybe if a huge group shows up the snow gods will notice and finally dump a ton of snow on us! SEE YOU AT THE MEETING.

Sunday January 22, 2012

Day Trip to Stratton Mountain

Pickup Fitchburg and Winchendon

The second day trip of this ski season - Stratton is a great cruising mountain. The cost is \$41 and this is a CSC Appreciation Day. This should be a great day of skiing.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday January 23-25, 2012

Mid-Week Get-Away to Okemo Mountain

Also known as Bill & Eileen's Excellent Adventure...these three mid-week days at Okemo Mountain are almost like having the mountain to yourself...no lift lines and hardly any people on the trails. This trip was a lot of fun last year and should prove to be as much fun again this year.

Saturday February 4, 2012

Day Trip to Mount Snow

Pickup Fitchburg and Winchendon

This will be the third day trip of this ski season. The cost is \$46.

Friday February 17, 2012

Loon Mountain Day Trip

Pickup Fitchburg and Townsend

This Friday trip has become a club favorite. Loon is a good ski area but way too crowded for a weekend day trip. Friday's have proven to be good days to ski Loon. The cost is \$33.

Thursday-Sunday February 9-12, 2012

Weekend Get-Away

Sugarloaf Mountain

This is the second get-way weekend to one of the club's favorite mountains.

FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

Welcome to the Montachusett Ski & Snowboard Club's 41st year. This is the start of another decade of skiing, snowboarding, friendships and fun. Here's wishing everyone a great 1st year!

I am not sure what has angered the snow gods but they certainly are not smiling down on us this season. This year has been a bust so far. I am researching as to what sacrifice can be made to the gods to get them to dump some of that white gold on us. I'm open to any ideas. We did all the things we are suppose to do; planned skiing trips in July, went to all the ski shows, participated in ski swaps and ski sales and went to the Warren Miller Movie. I spent my last 6 months thinking about nothing but snow. Keep having those positive vibes and JUST KEEP THINKING SNOW!

Despite the snow drought the club has done some skiing. In December the first day trip was held and 30+ members went to Okemo Mountain. The day had its share of experiences of skiing on manmade snow with hoards of other ski enthusiasts (or crazy diehards). There were 4 other bus loads of people all from the Connecticut Ski Council. It was an interesting experience and I must say, I had a good day because I was on the slopes.

The club's first weekend get-away took place on January 6 through January 8 to North Conway to ski Attitash and Wildcat Mountains. Due to the lack of snow, the members on the trip decided that we would forego Wildcat and ski both days at Attitash, which had far more terrain open then did Wildcat. Most folks skied the majority of the day as the conditions held up until mid-afternoon. The lodging and food was wonderful. I would like to be the first to applaud Art Pinsoneault for coordinating this trip (this was his foray into running trips). Despite the lack of snow we had fun and that is what it is all about.

I have skied up at Wachusett Mountain on a couple of mornings and there is always a good contingent of club members there. It is good to see people are getting out and skiing. Also the race season has started so I see the club's racers every Wednesday night. I hope to see more members on the mountain as the season progresses. The mountain is doing a great job at providing some fine surfaces to ski on so get up there and enjoy it.

Get Out and Ski with Someone

DAY TRIP SCHEDULE

Here is the list of planned Day Trips for the upcoming 2011-2012 Ski Season. These trips were planned based on the Appreciation Day List from the CSC. These dates are also listed on the club's website. Blitzes will be sent out for each trip and to announce when sign-ups will begin for each day trip.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Jan 22, 2012	Sunday	Stratton Mountain	\$41
Feb 4, 2012	Saturday	Mount Snow	\$46
Feb 17, 2012	Friday	Loon Mountain	\$33
Feb 26, 2012	Sunday	Stratton Mountain	\$41
Mar 25, 2012	Sunday	Okemo Mountain	\$37 (Busgate Party)
Apr 7, 2012	Saturday	Mount Snow	\$38

DECEMBER MEETING

It seems like this happened so long ago but just last month we held the club's December Membership Meeting / Christmas Party / Yankee Swap. We did not have the traditional pot-puck dinner affair but chose instead to have a buffet at the Border Bar & Grill in Leominster. This was a hit. Everyone who attended (and that was

80+ members) said this was a great way to have our annual party. The food was good and plentiful. It really was a great party. Not much club business got conducted but so what...

The Yankee Swap was a hoot as it always is. Coordinating 80 people through the gift selection and swap process was like herding cats but our President, Bill Cocci showed off his leadership skills and directed the night's activity from high on his perch on the stage. Good job Bill.

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next membership meeting will be held on Thursday January 19, 2012 at 7 PM at the Wachusett Village Inn in Westminster. The normal club business will be handled along with signups for the Stratton and Mount Snow trips. YOU should plan to attend.

PARKING AT THE INTERMODAL CENTER

I know some people like it and others wish there was somewhere else to park but it is the club's current arraignment. I think it provides a rather safe place for us to board and un-board the buses. It also provides a covered area to park your car.

The cost for parking is \$3 per day when parking Monday through Friday. The cost for Saturday and Sunday parking is free. Example – the upcoming Sugarloaf Weekend Trip will cost \$6 for parking on Thursday and Friday with Saturday and Sunday being free. The ticket machine for paying is located at the stair wells. The process is pay at the kiosk at the stair well on the floor you're on, get your ticket, place it on your dashboard and park. MART has asked on the week trip that we park on the third floor leaving the second floor for the daily commuters.

CLUB Get-A-WAY TRIPS FOR THIS 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 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

- *Jack wants to remind those going on the trip that the last payment is due at the January Membership Meeting on Thursday January 19, 2012.*



Pray to Ullr the Snow God



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