

August 2014

THE SKIER



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Newsletter of the Winston-Salem Ski & Outing Club

Sign-ups for 2015 Ski Vacations Continue

Check out details on the W-SSOC web site and a summary in the July SKIER. On the front page of W-SSOC's web site (<http://www.wssoc.org>), click on "Docs" to pull up the respective Trip Descriptions and Trip Applications. We're holding 42 air and land spaces for Steamboat'15. Thirteen participants have paid deposits to date and another five or six are "in the mail". Salt Lake City'15 has attracted three sign-ups to date with another five "in the mail". We have an attractive airfare into SLC for the five-night version of this trip. We're hoping to attract at least 10 people to the 5-night version (6- and 7- are also available, sans air), so we can offer the air.

Upcoming Hikes and Bike Rides-

Thursday, August 21

Club meeting at Great Outdoor Provision Co. 7 PM.

Contact Ken Furr: KenF@wssoc.org for details.

Saturday, August 23

Grape Stomp Festival in Vale, NC.

Meet at Harris Teeter across from Tanglewood for carpooling with departure by 9AM. Contact Phyllis Hudspeth Phyllis@wssoc.org for details.

Friday, August 29, 6pm Last Friday Social at Carolina Ale House.

Contact Ken Furr KenF@wssoc.org for details. Carolina Ale House is located outside of Hanes Mall in the location formerly occupied by O'Charlie's

Thursday, September 4, Radical Reels Tour. Hanesbrands Theatre, Spruce Street. Doors open at 7 PM; films start at 7:30 PM.

Radical Reels comprises short, action-packed climbing, paddling, mountain biking, BASE jumping, skiing, snowboarding and other adrenaline sport films. We always keep an eye out for films that feature a fresh approach, a new sport, and a radically independent spirit. (But, we don't know anyone who has tried to fly in one of those "Rocky-the-Flying-Squirrel" suits!)

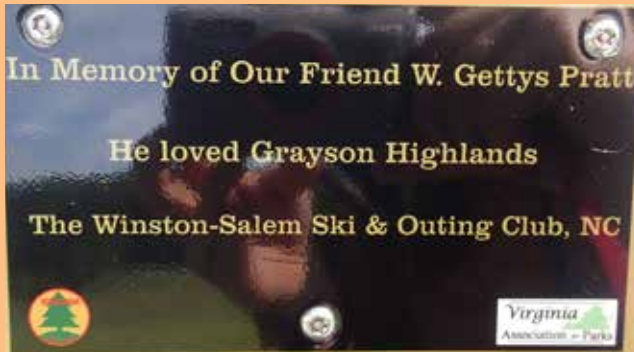
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In Memory of Gettys Pratt

On Sunday, June 22, 2014, we dedicated the new bench – funded by donations from W-SSOC friends – in memory of Gettys Pratt – at Massie Gap, Grayson Highlands State Park, VA. It is an excellent bench with a handsome plaque and sits at a prime spot at Massie Gap where hikers can rest a little and enjoy the beautiful scenery. Attendees included Barbara Braswell, Rick Brant, Tree Bright, Darla Goldfuss, Cammie Hale, Jonathan Hale, Ronnie Jones, Ken Lumsden, Pat Lumsden, Randy Reavis, Charles Reeves, Beverly Rockett, Brent Rockett, Ron Rumberger and Kathy Smith. Ken got too choked up during the dedication, so Kathy and Tree finished the speeches! See group picture in the July SKIER.



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Great Outdoor Provision Co. sponsors this event. Tickets are available in advance at GOPC for \$15 (tickets are a few bucks more at the door).

Get more info at GOPC 336.727.0906 or check out their web site greatoutdoorprovision.com/radicalreels

Saturday, September 6 Bike, Picnic & Music in Todd, NC.

Ready for a fun afternoon in Todd, NC? Meet at the Oaks Shopping Center (Exit #244 off of US 421 N) ready to depart via carpool by 12:30 PM for the 1-1/2 hr drive to Todd. We will park in the lot at the South Fork Baptist Church in Todd, then ride toward Fleetwood, NC. It is an out-and-back bike ride. Railroad Grade Road is a paved road parallel to the S. Fork of the New River most of the way, and is open to traffic, so care is needed for biking and driving. We will return to Todd in time for food and music at the Cook Memorial park. Music by Melissa Reavies – known for her rock, funk and rhythm & blues sound starts at 6 PM. The Ruritan clubs will have food, snacks and beverages for sale beginning at 5PM. or you can bring your own picnic. In addition to your bicycle & helmet – bring water, lawn chair, change of clothes and money for food or refreshments. If you want to meet us there, just let Pat know so she can be on the lookout for you. Contact Pat Lumsden Pat@wssoc.org for details.

Saturday, September 13 New River Challenge bike ride. Allisonia to Pulaski, VA (with time at the Pulaski Fest), and back on the New River Trail.

Contact Tree Bright Tree@wssoc.org for details.

Stokes Stomp, Sunday, September 14

Pat Lumsden is coordinating our excursion to the 40th Annual Stokes Stomp at Moratock Park, on the Dan River, Danbury, NC. Music, vendors and activities for kids are scheduled for both days. There is even a mini zip line!

We're goin on Sunday. Meet at 1:30 pm at North Point in the parking lot at SAM'S near the gas pumps if you wish to carpool to Danbury. Bring a chair to carry to the park. Sunday's main stage entertainment begins at noon. John Cowan, John McFee and Friends are scheduled 4:15

August Club Meetings & Socials

Club Meeting

Thursday, August 21 at 7:00pm

Outdoor Provision Company
Contact Ken Furr at kenf@wssoc.org
for more information.

Last Friday Social

Friday, August 29 at 6:00pm

Carolina Ale House
Contact Ken F. at kenf@wssoc.org
for more information.



to 6:00 pm. The festival is free. Check it out at stokesarts.org. Contact Pat@WSSOC.org for more information.

Dan River at Moratock Park, 1077 Sheppard Mill Road
Danbury, NC

Directions to the Park:

52N toward Germanton

Exit Hwy 8 (exit 114)

Follow Hwy 8 thru Germanton

8 will merge with 89

Follow 8/89 toward Hanging Rock State Park & Danbury

Turn right on Sheppard Mill Road

Thursday, September 18, 7PM, Club Meeting

Winston-Salem Wine Market, 1231 Creekshire Way.
W-SWM is located in the newly developed stretch of
Hanes Mall Boulevard between COSTCO and Wynnsong
Theaters. Contact Ken Furr KenF@wssoc.org for details.

Friday, September 26, 6-9 PM

Last Friday Social & Picnic at Brighthill Farm

Contact TreeTree@wssoc.org for details.

Saturday, October 4

Kathy Smith's Chicken Stew and Fun'd Raising event in support of the Lymphoma Society.

Watch for details in the September SKIER or contact
Kathy KathyS@wssoc.org for details.

Saturday, October 11, 2014

The Tanawha Trail at Linn Cove on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Our favorite Fall Foliage hike. Watch the September SKIER,
or contact Ken Lumsden Ken@wssoc.org for details.

Saturday October 18, 2014, 10:30AM

Picnic on the Parkway at Doughton Park

Pack your picnic basket, bring a blanket or chair and
come to the mountains for a relaxing afternoon. We had
a great time when we went in 2012. Doughton Park,
located at Mile Post 241 on the Blue Ridge Parkway, has
open meadows with shade trees and rock outcroppings
that are great spreading your blanket and enjoying the
mountains. If you want some exercise, Bluff Mountain,
Wildcat Rocks and Fodder Stack are modest trails that of-

fer scenic vistas. All are within in a short hiking distance
of the meadow.

This outing is family friendly and suitable for kids of all
ages. We'll meet at the Oaks Shopping Center in Lewis-
ville for a 10:30am departure. This will get us to the park
around noon with only a short walk to a picnic site. To
get to the Oaks, take exit 244 off of US 421 and turn right
at the top of the ramp. The shopping center is on the
corner of Williams and Shallowford Roads.

A map of the park is available at this link
<http://www.virtualblueridge.com/maps/doughton-park-trails.asp>. For more information contact Karen Vohs at
karen@wssoc.com

Report from Club Meeting

River Ridge Tap House, Thursday, July 17

W-SSOC VP-Outings, Karen Vohs, led the meeting. Ken
Lumsden showed a video of recent W-SSOC events and
began taking sign-ups for the W-SSOC Steamboat'15 and
Salt Lake City'15 Ski Vacations. Thirty attendees enjoyed
good food, good drink and good company. New mem-
bers who joined at this meeting were Rod Edens, Helene
Elbein and Jeannette Romaniello. Welcome to W-SSOC!

Report from Tuesday Night at the Movies

July 8-August 12

This continues to be a fun and inexpensive event. Ad-
mission is \$2 and a medium popcorn with drink is
\$2. Hard to beat! Watch W-SSOC's Constant Contact
email notifications for reminders. Recently our viewers
enjoyed: BLENDED (an amusing diversion); CAPTAIN
AMERICA-THE WINTER SOLDIER (second viewing – great
special effects, complex plot wraps up neatly); MILLION
DOLLAR ARM (an enjoyable true story about two cricket
pitchers from India who are recruited to pitch in major
league basebal – based on the real story of two pitchers
in the Pittsburgh Pirates organization) and GODZILLA
This remake was slow to reveal Godzilla and had hokey
special effects – especially the bad guy – MUTO (for
“Massive Unidentified Terrestrial Object”) who looked to

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some of us like a guy in a costume rampaging though a kids' miniature train set! Otherwise, for \$2, it was enjoyable. WALKING WITH THE ENEMY is an ultimately (it was slow at first) gripping story about the fate of the Jewish population of Budapest, Hungary as Hungary went from ally to enemy of Nazi Germany in WWII. Two Hungarian Jews, dressed as Nazi SS, manage to save many of their fellow citizens (the two Hungarian Jews are based on true heroes of WWII)). In EDGE OF TOMORROW, ("humans vs. alien invaders" story) Tom Cruise Cruise accidentally acquires the aliens' power to redo the past and, with Emily Blunt, repeatedly returns to the past to gradually improve the humans' resistance, and ultimately achieves victory over (Oops! – didn't mean to ruin the plot for you!!) the aliens. X-MEN DAYS OF FUTURE PAST had a plot that relied on time travel, as well. Hugh Jackman (the X-Man, Wolverine) is sent back to 1973 as the Nixon administration is extricating the US from Viet Nam with a mission to stop a fellow X-(Wo)Man, Mystique, from assassinating a key high-tech researcher, which leads to all kinds of misery for the X-Men of the future. A parallel attempt by X-Man Ironman to fix the past with his vision of the future fails to derail Wolverine. This installment ends happily every after, with clear hints of future plots. Karen judged X-Men "Stupid and boring". Kathy would rather have seen THE FAULT IN OUR STARS. Others of us thought X-Men ROCKED! Recent viewers have included Peggy Carter, Margo Cooper, Tammy Cooper, Ken & Kathy Furr, Bob & Phyllis Hudspeth, Anne Ingram (another new member in W-SSOC, who joined on the night of a movie!), Ken & Pat Lumsden, Vance Parker, Randy Reavis, Brent & Beverly Rockett, Robert & Jeannette Romaniello, Norman Stommel, Karen Vohs and Sharon Watson.

Report from Trip to Big Meadows, Shenandoah National Park, VA Thursday, July 24-Sunday, July 27

We enjoyed a gorgeous Thursday evening, Friday and Saturday. Thursday night's moonless night sky featured a stunning view of the constellation Cygnus the Swan/ Northern Triangle and the Milky Way Galaxy. Temperatures on Friday peaked at about 70 deg F, and on Saturday at about 72 or 73 deg F. Beautiful! On Friday

morning, Tammy Cooper, Margo Cooper, Ken & Pat Lumsden, Jeannette Romaniello and Karen Vohs hiked to Dark Hollow Falls. Pat and Karen completed the circuit via the fire road while Tammy, Margo, Jeannette and Ken extended the loop to include Rose River Falls – where teens were jumping from a 20 ft cliff into the 5-ft deep pool at the base of the falls – with return to Big Meadows via the Appalachian Trail. The rest of our group: Mike, Leanne and Wade Brendle, Darla Goldfuss and Charles Reeves and Marc, Sam and Max Pearce all arrived Friday afternoon/evening, in time to cook out at Margo's site.

It was Wade's first National Park visit. He and Max had a lot of fun and were a lot of fun – whether tasting hot peppered dips for the first time, pushing Wade's Big Truck or playing "Where's Max?"

Friday was another beautiful night as some of us went stargazing again. Saturday's hike featured Blackrocks, the Appalachian Trail, and, at least for those who did not miss the turn, Lewis Falls. We got back in time to head a short way up Skyline Drive to Skyland, for the Blackberry Festival, where we enjoyed blackberry wine, beer and smoothies. We cooked out again at Margo's site on Saturday night. During the Ranger's talk about the Wilderness Act that evening, thunderstorms began to rumble. It wasn't long after we got back to our tents that the skies cut loose. Most fared OK in the storms, but Jeannette's tent got flooded by early Sunday and Margo's had a few drops inside. The rain quit by 8 AM Sunday. After breakfast, everyone broke camp (except Darla and Charles, who were headed to Watoga State Park, WV the next day) and headed home. The southward return on Skyline Drive was a scenic series of mountain peaks and valleys with clouds still settled in the lowest points. Wildflowers bloomed in profusion – especially Turk's Cap Lilies along Skyline Drive and saw plenty of deer over the course of the weekend – even young bucks still with the velvet on their antlers. Several deer ventured into camp; others spied us from short distances off of the trails. Oh, did I mention BEARS??? Just about everyone on this trip, except Ken, Pat and Karen, saw at least one bear – several, including Mike, Leanne and Wade, saw FOUR. On the return drive, Margo reported that a bear crossed Skyline Drive in front of her. This was a great trip – definitely we all would repeat.



Report from Pool Party/Social at Margo Cooper's House Friday, August 1

Unlike our good fortune at Shenandoah National Park, rain definitely dampened things for the Pool Party. We had only one swimmer – Ken L – who floated in the pool amid a steady sprinkle of rain. Everyone else stayed inside (and Ken soon joined them) and enjoyed the excellent hors d'oeuvres – especially Bob's specially marinated 100% Angus Beef meatballs – and conversation. Attendees included Peggy Carter, Margo Cooper, Tammy Cooper, Ken & Kathy Furr, Bob & Phyllis Hudspeth, Ken & Pat Lumsden, Karen Vohs and George Wunker.

Report from Weekly Bike Rides at Salem Lake/Adopt-a-Trail Cleanup Wednesdays, 6:30 PM; 6PM starting Sept. 17

The public parking behind the Anderson Center at Winston-Salem State University continues to work well as our starting point, enabling us to avoid the hilly detour, while construction on US 52 disrupts the Salem Creek Trail between Vargrave Street and S. Main Street. Starting at the Anderson Center yields a round trip ride of about 12 miles. Recent riders have included Ken & Kathy Furr, Ken & Pat Lumsden, Preston Myers and Karen Vohs.

On August 13, Ken & Kathy Furr and Ken & Pat Lumsden donned the latex gloves provided by Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful, and picked up eight bags of trash along the trail from the Anderson Center to the parking lot on Linville Rd. This sounds like a lot, but it is mostly bulky stuff like Styrofoam cups and plastic water bottles--- most of which can be found where the Salem Creek Trail crosses roads, or drainage ditches (e.g., at Linville Rd.) dump stormwater runoff from the road into Salem Lake. It worked well to ride our bikes while swinging trash bags from our handlebars. This enabled us to cover a lot of territory. Watch for announcement about the Fall Cleanup—probably on a Saturday in November? At that time, we'll concentrate on our official segment of the Salem Creek Trail (from the dam, around the trail on the N side of Salem Lake, to the parking lot at Linville Rd) and pick up more of the items that have found there way into the lake via the drainage ditches.

2014 Calendar: What's Happening

August 2014					
Date	Day	Time	Event	Meeting Place	Leader
1st	Fri	6:30 PM	Pool Party @ Margo's	A Member's Only Event; Directions provided upon your RSVP	Ken Lumsden
2nd	Sat	8:30 AM	Bike Ride-New River Trail, VA	Parking lot at Sam's on University Parkway, near the gas pumps	Tree Bright
5th	Tue	Approx 6:45 PM	Movie Night	Marketplace Cinema See web site & Facebook for details	Kathy Furr
6th	Wed	6:30 PM	Board Meeting	TBD	Karen Vohs
12th	Tue	Approx 6:45 PM	Movie Night	Marketplace Cinema See web site & Facebook for details	Kathy Furr
13th	Wed	6:30 PM	Bike Ride-Salem Lake & Adopt-A-Trail clean-up	WSSU Parking Lot – Anderson Center	Ken Lumsden
15th	Fri	6:30 PM	GalFriday Southern Rock & Newgrass	Statesville Concert Series	Linda Ortiz
16th	Sat	8:30 AM	Hike to Storyteller Rock	The Oaks Shopping Center, Lewisville (US421 North, Exit #244 Williams Rd/Lewisville)	Ken Lumsden
19th	Tue	Approx 6:45 PM	Movie Night	Marketplace Cinema See web site & Facebook for details	Vance Parker
20th	Wed	6:30 PM	Bike Ride-Salem Lake	WSSU Parking Lot – Anderson Center	Ken Lumsden
21st	Thu	7:00 PM	Club Meeting	Great Outdoor Provision Company	Karen Vohs
23rd	Sat	9:00 AM	Grape Stomp Festival in Vale NC	Harris Teeter across from Tanglewood	Phyllis Hudspeth
26th	Tue	Approx 6:45 PM	Movie Night	Marketplace Cinema See web site & Facebook for details	Kathy Furr
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3rd	Wed	6:30 PM	Board Meeting	TBD	Karen Vohs
4th	Thu	7:00 PM	Radical Reels Tour	Hanesbrands Theatre 209 N. Spruce Street	Kathy Furr
6th	Sat	12:30 PM	Fleetwood to Todd Bike Ride and Music in the Park	The Oaks Shopping Center, Lewisville US421 North, Exit #244 Williams Rd/Lewisville)	Pat Lumsden
9th	Tue	Approx 6:45 PM	Movie Night	Marketplace Cinema See web site & Facebook for details	Kathy Furr
10th	Wed	6:30 PM	Bike Ride-Salem Lake	WSSU Parking Lot – Anderson Center	Ken Lumsden
13th	Sat	8:30 AM	Bike Ride-New River Trail Challenge Segment #4	Parking lot at Sam's on University Parkway, near the gas pumps	Tree Bright
14th	Sun	1:30PM	Stokes Stomp, Danbury, NC	Depart Sam's, North Point, 1:30 PM	Pat Lumsden
16th	Tue	Approx 6:45 PM	Movie Night	Marketplace Cinema See web site & Facebook for details	Kathy Furr
17th	Wed	6:00 PM	Bike Ride-Salem Lake	WSSU Parking Lot – Anderson Center	Ken Lumsden
18th	Thu	7:00 PM	Club Meeting	Winston-Salem Wine Market	Karen Vohs
23rd	Tue	Approx 6:45 PM	Movie Night	Marketplace Cinema See web site & Facebook for details	Kathy Furr
24th	Wed	6:00 PM	Bike Ride-Salem Lake	WSSU Parking Lot – Anderson Center	Ken Lumsden
26th	Fri	6:30 PM	Last Friday Social	Picnic @ Brighthill Farms	Tree Bright
30th	Tue	Approx 6:45 PM	Movie Night	Marketplace Cinema See web site & Facebook for details	Kathy Furr

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