

July 2014

THE SKIER



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Newsletter of the Winston-Salem Ski & Outing Club

2015 Ski Vacation Ready for Sign-up

Reminder from last month: Due to the recent IRS ruling in connection with the Chattanooga Ski Club's ski vacations (and until we learn anything to the contrary), we are suspending "reciprocity" with other clubs of the Crescent Ski Council. Members of other Crescent clubs will need to join W-SSOC for eligibility for our trips.

We've added a new policy change to our Terms and Conditions: "Use of Publicly-accessible Internet: W-SSOC shall not post on its publicly-accessible web site or publicly-accessible social media site(s), images or information enabling identification of Participant as a participant on Trip until the first day after the official end date of Trip." This is intended to avoid broadcasting to the anonymous cyberspace our participants' personal plans and while-away-from-home activities. We encourage our members to do the same with their personal social media, but we know it will be difficult to avoid uploading your favorite selfie from our trips! Just wait until you get home to do so.

[Here is a summary of 2014-2015 trips.](#)

[Check out details on the W-SSOC web site.](#)

2014:

Dec. 6-13

Crescent Ski Council's ever-popular Steamboat Race and Instruction Camp, Steamboat, CO.

Packages \$999 pp "Early registration" for first 72 registrants, or \$1,032 - \$1,211 for everyone else include lodging, lessons, lifts, some meals and parties. AIR NOT INCLUDED; ADD \$99 for ground transfer, DEN-Steamboat. This trip has been available since May 20. Check out the W-SSOC web site for the registration documents.

2015:

Jan. 11-16. Special Trip to Okemo + Killington, VT.

Trips dates were March 8-13 at the time this was mentioned in the June SKIER. Since then, it has become infeasible to offer those dates. New dates are January 11-16, but pricing and details are unchanged. [NOTE: The MLK Holiday is after this trip, on Monday, January 19, 2015.] \$589 pp includes 5 nights lodging, 5-1/2 day lift ticket valid at both resorts, welcome party, choice

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Heartfelt Thanks



I would like to thank all of you for your support this past month while I was dealing with my sister Patty's declining health. She had a difficult battle with breast cancer and ultimately lost

that battle in late June. We know that she is finally out of pain and at peace. The cards, messages, phone calls and prayers have all been welcomed and appreciated.

Patty was a National Park Service employee and worked at many positions in her 30 + years with the Park Service. She was connected to the outdoors and led many hikes on the trails that happen to be some of our Club's favorites. She was one of those lucky individuals whose job allowed her to do what she loved and was passionate about. She made a difference and we all benefited from her life.

Many Thanks! Kathy Furr

July Club Meetings & Socials

Last Friday Social

Friday, July 25 at 6:00pm

Westbend Corks, Caps & Taps

Contact Ken F. at kenf@wssoc.org

for more information.

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of two extra activities per resort (fun race, tubing, snowshoeing, mountain coaster). 5 nights lodging is split by your choice of 2 or 3 nights per resort. AIR AND GROUND TRANSFERS NOT INCLUDED. MEALS NOT INCLUDED. Contact Ken Lumsden ken@wssoc.org for details.

February 7-14. W-SSOC Steamboat, CO.

Our agent snared some seats for us when American Airlines changed to a larger plane flying from CLT into Yampa Valley Regional Airport (HDN, only about 25 miles west of Steamboat)! This enables us to REDUCE the price for that part of our trip. Unfortunately, we only have 14 seats into HDN (with 26 into DEN). If demand exceeds our supply for the HDN (or DEN) itinerary, we will conduct a lottery. Our vigilant agent also found seats into DEN with a much better flight schedule. Now, we arrive in DEN at 12:30 PM. With approximately 3-1/2 hr bus ride from Denver, this will allow arrival in Steamboat in early evening instead of the dead of night! Refer to the Trip Description on the W-SSOC web site for complete air itineraries.

Our packages include air, CLT-HDN or CLT-DEN, ground transfers, double occupancy lodging in 2BR/2B or 3BR/3B The West condos (about 200 yd. walk to the lift base at Gondola Square) and 5-of-6 day lift ticket, parties and W-SSOC Administration. Prices mentioned here supersede those mentioned in the June SKIER. We hold 3 ea. 3BR/3B condos and 7 ea. 2 BR/2B condos and 14 air seats on American into HDN and 26 air seats on Delta into DEN. Refer to the Trip Description on the W-SSOC web site for complete details. See, also, other Options in the Trip Description (e.g., extra lift ticket, no lift ticket, single occupancy room, etc.)

Full Package #1:

\$1,309 includes 3BR/3B condo and air via DEN

Full Package #2:

\$1,365 includes 2BR/2B condo and air via DEN

Full Package #3:

\$1,289 includes 3BR/3B condo and air via HDN

\$1,345 includes 2BR/2B condo and air via HDN



Full Package #4:

\$1,345 includes 2BR/2B condo and air via HDN

Land Only Pkg #5: \$832 includes 3BR/3B condo with ground transfer via DEN

Land Only Pkg #6: \$888 includes 2BR/2B condo with ground transfer via DEN

Land Only Pkg #7: \$784 includes 3BR/3B condo with ground transfer via HDN

Land Only Pkg #8: \$840 includes 2BR/2B condo with ground transfer via HDN

March 10 - 15, 16, or 17, Salt Lake City, UT

"Flexible Trip" identical to 2014's trip. Pricing here supercedes pricing mentioned in the June SKIER.

Package #1 \$620 pp (5 nights lodging/ski 4-day)

Package #2 \$671 pp (6 nights lodging/ski 4-day)

Package #3 \$784 pp (7 nights lodging/ski 5-day)

Packages include ground transfers from/to SLC airport, lodging at Crystal Inn-Murray in 2Q rooms with microwave and refrigerator, hot breakfast and light dinner daily, UT Super Pass bus/lift tickets, W-SSOC parties and administration. AIR NOT INCLUDED but available \$396 on Delta, CLT-SLC, if we get at least 10 people to choose this option. Super Pass includes ski shuttles (or to town) on Utah Transit Authority buses and lift tickets at any mix of Alta, Snowbird with Tram, Brighton and Solitude.

Options available (+ or - days of skiing; single occupancy room; air CLT-SLC). Please inquire. ken@wssoc.org.

Weekly Bike Rides at Salem Lake

Wednesdays, NEW TIME: 6:30 PM and NEW STARTING POINT

We are continuing our weekly bike rides at Salem Lake. Beginning July 23, we will depart from a more convenient spot. This, combined with the 6:30 PM start time, should make it even easier for those who don't get off work until after 5 PM to make the ride. Easy directions to NEW STARTING POINT from US 52:

- From Business-40, get on US 52 south.
- IMMEDIATELY exit at Stadium Drive.

- LEFT at light onto Stadium Drive.

- GO ONLY ABOUT 50 yd. Follow "Greenway Detour" sign and turn RIGHT onto Vargrave Street. Go to bottom of hill (see barricades due to new road construction).

- LEFT into parking lot of the Anderson Center of Winston-Salem State University. Park in the upper side of the lot because the lower side has been barricaded off for the Greenway detour.

[NOTE: If you miss Vargrave Street and drive another 30 yd. on Stadium Drive, you will come to Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and the W-SSU campus. OK to continue RIGHT onto MLK Drive. At the bottom of the hill where Reynolds Park Rd comes in from LEFT, instead, go RIGHT and enter the Anderson Center parking lot. This lot snakes around continuously all the way to the above-described lot off of Vargrave Street.].

Upcoming Hikes and Bike Rides-

**Thursday, July 24-Sunday, July 27
Camping at Big Meadows, Shenandoah National Park, VA.**

Contact Leanne Brendle leanne@wssoc.org for details.

**Friday, August 1
Pool party at the home of Member Margo Cooper, 6:30 PM.**

Bring swimming suit, towel, flotation rafts, lawn chair, and an appetizer to share. W-SSOC will provide beverages. Contact Ken Lumsden ken@wssoc.org for directions. This is a Members Only event. This is a "weather permitting" event. RSVP required.

**Wednesday, August 13
Adopt-a-Trail clean-up with Bike Ride at Salem Lake.**

Meet at the Linville Road parking area ready to ride by 6:30 PM. Contact Tree Bright Tree@wssoc.org for details.

**Friday, August 15-Sunday, August 17
Camping, mountain biking, whitewater rafting**



Good time camaraderie with our friends from the Palmetto Ski & Outing Club at Appletree Camp, Nantahala National Recreation Area. PSOC's ski racer, Trip Thompson, is leading the trip. Check the Crescent Ski Council's Facebook page, or PSOC's web site, for details.

Saturday, August 16
Hike on the Nuwati Trail at Grandfather Mountain State Park, NC to Storyteller Rock.

This is one of the easiest hikes at GMSP, less than 3 miles round trip with only moderate elevation gain. The trail is rocky underfoot and crosses a stream or two, but there should be no trouble stepping across. Storyteller rock is a prominent outcrop at the top of a cirque with great views of Calloway Peak and toward the Blue Ridge Parkway. We'll meet at The Oaks Shopping Center (Exit #244 off of US 421 N) for carpooling and ready to depart by 9 AM. Contact Ken Lumsden Ken@wssoc.org for details.

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 starts at 6 PM. She is known for her rock, funk and rhythm & blues sound. The Ruritan clubs will have food, snacks and beverages for sale beginning at 5 PM. 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.

Report from Club Meeting
Clemmons Bicycle, 7 PM, Thursday, June 19

Josh Tucker introduced us to the latest hybrid bikes and generously offered two valuable door prizes: 20%

off any purchase over \$50 (won by Tree) and free bike maintenance (won by Ken L. and transferred to Karen). Attendees included Rick Brant, Tree Bright, Peggy Carter, Tammy Cooper, Shirley Fly, Ken Lumsden, Pat Lumsden, Leah Shipko, Mike Shipko and Karen Vohs.

Report from Tuesday Night at the Movies

June 17 and 24 and July 1 (group split)

Watch W-SSOC's Constant Contact email notifications for reminders. It's a busy time for everyone in the summer, however, we're still going to the movies on Tuesday nights. Since the last report, movies have included "DIVERGENT" (an interesting take on futuristic organization of society), "BEARS" (a wonderful, mesmerizing film!!), "CAPTAIN AMERICA—THE WINTER SOLDIER" (definitely the leading edge of high-tech film-making!, with a good plot to boot!) and "HEAVEN IS REAL" (a heart-warming story). Recent viewers have included Peggy Carter, Margo Cooper, Tammy Cooper, Ken & Kathy Furr, Ken & Pat Lumsden, Vance Parker, Randy Reavis, Sharon Watson and Karen Vohs.

Report from Hike to Swimming Hole on North Harper Creek, Pisgah National Forest, NC

Saturday, May 17, 2014

Wow! What a perfect day at this swimming hole! The temperature was warm, skies mostly sunny, humidity low and the water levels just right and water refreshingly cool. We enjoyed paddling in the upper pools, dipping our heels in the middle outflow and enjoying a slide down the lower falls or natural massage in the hole in the middle of the lower falls. We were (not a little concerned and) amazed to see teenagers jump from the rock face next to the upper falls into the upper pool. This spot is only accessible following a climb up the side of the upper falls using a rope that aids the ascent, crossing the creek at the top, and then inching down the rock face to the jumping spot. Participant included Tammy Cooper, Roxanne DeJames, Roxanne's son, Brandon DeJames, Ken Lumsden and Sharon Watson.



Report from New River Challenge Bike Ride

July 12, 2014

The weather cooperated and it was a pleasant day for a ride on the New River Trail. We shortened this leg, riding from Galax, VA to Fries Junction and back (about 24 miles round trip), instead of all the way to Fries (which would have made it 34 miles), and this helped make for a pleasant ride, too. Riders included Rick Brant, Tree Bright, Roxanne DeJames, Ronnie Jones, Ken Lumsden, Don Miller, Lynn Miller and Karen Vohs.

Report from Bike & Hike & Wine & Dine, Damascus, VA

June 20-22, 2014

We weren't immune from rain on this trip (at least not until Sunday), but it definitely did not dampen the fun! Kathy Smith and Ron Rumberger finished their ride on the VA Creeper Trail to Green Cove and returned before the afternoon thunderstorms. Brent & Beverly Rockett, Ken Lumsden and Randy Reavis weren't so lucky. It was a cold rain and it rained steadily for the last 10 miles of our descent from Whitetop. Ken and Randy had to stop and seek shelter under a trestle during the worst of the storm at the beginning. We were chilled after that, but made it back to Damascus, OK. Shannon, our host at the Dancing Bear B&B, helped us recover—he sprayed us with the garden hose to clean off all of the railroad grit, then said we could warm up in the outdoor hot tub. That night, we enjoyed Mexican food at Hey, Joe's, where we walked from the Dancing Bear.

On Saturday, it was déjà vu all over again (as Yogi Berra would say). We didn't even make it to the Alvarado Store before we were drenched by thunderstorms. Fortunately, we were better prepared this time, having bought out the Dollar General's entire stock of polyethylene pullover parkas for \$1 (not a misprint: one dollar) each. The rain didn't last long and most of us rode on to Abingdon. The new trestle, destroyed by tornadoes in April 2011, has now been rebuilt. It is not as high or long as the original one, but appears much more able to withstand any more tornadoes! That evening, most of us, again, went to Hey, Joe's for dinner.

On Sunday, we headed to Grayson Highlands State Park, VA. The storms had moved on and it was a gorgeous day at the park. We dedicated the new bench—paid for by donations from W-SSOC members—in memory of Gettys Pratt at Massie Gap. See article elsewhere in this SKIER for more about that. We saw more horses, and more baby horses, than we have ever seen at GHSP and the Mt Rogers National Recreation Area—something over fifty adult horses and, it seemed, nearly that for babies, scattered over many areas of the GHSP and MRNRA. Later, we headed to Sparta where—whaddaya know--it stormed briefly!!—we enjoyed Mexican food at Mis Arados before heading home.

Weekend participants included: Barbara Braswell, Rick Brant, Tree Bright, Cammie Hale, Jonathan Hale, Ronnie Jones, Ken Lumsden, Pat Lumsden, Don Miller, Lynn Miller (Don & Lynn--Saturday ride, only), Denise Norrell, Randy Reavis, Beverly Rockett, Brent Rockett, Ron Rumberger, Kathy Smith, Charles Reeves & Darla Goldfuss.

Report from Classic Car Cruise-In, Pilot Mountain, NC:

Saturday, July 5, 2014

It was a great evening for looking at classic cars and listening to the music provided by The Fantastic Shakers in Pilot Mountain. Bob, Phyllis, Don, and Deni showed off their shagging steps while Ken walked around looking at the classic cars (he learned some interesting things talking to the owners; for example, the best car wax is Turtle Wax spray). It really was a fun event — lots of interesting cars, good food and good music for dancing (shag, line dances and Texas Two-Step). Just about any car that you remember could be found: Chevy Novas, Chevy Biscaynes, Chevelles, Mustangs, Camaros, a few Stingrays, Pontiac GTOs, Cadillacs, Studebakers, Ford Fairlanes, numerous jalopies and older vehicles, even an American Motors Co. Javelin, and, last, but not least, Don's own 2000 Chevrolet Camaro Super Sport — “an entry level show car”, Don says. Attendees included Peggy Carter, Bob Hudspeth, Phyllis Hudspeth, Ronnie Jones, Ken Lumsden, Pat Lumsden, Don Miller, Lynn Miller, Frances Mundy, Deni Stewart, Don Stewart and Karen Vohs.

2014 Calendar: What's Happening

| July 2014 | | | | | |
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| Date | Day | Time | Event | Meeting Place | Leader |
| 1st | Tues | Approx 6:45 PM | Movie Night | Marketplace Cinema See web site & Facebook for details | Kathy Furr |
| 2nd | Wed | 6:30 PM | Board Meeting | Kat Walk at the Furr's | Ken Furr |
| 5th | Sat | 5:30 PM | "Hot Nights, Hot Cars, Beach Music" | Pilot Mountain, NC | Phyllis Hudspeth |
| 8th | Tue | Approx 6:45 PM | Movie Night | Marketplace Cinema See web site & Facebook for details | Vance Parker |
| 9th | Wed | 6:30 PM | Bike Ride-Salem Lake | Salem Lake Parking Lot – Lower Level | Ken Lumsden |
| 12th | Sat | 8:30 am | Bike Ride-New River Trail, VA | Parking lot at Sam's on University Parkway, near the gas pumps | Tree Bright |
| 15th | Tue | Approx 6:45 PM | Movie Night | Marketplace Cinema See web site & Facebook for details | Kathy Furr |
| 16th | Wed | 6:30 PM | Bike Ride-Salem Lake | Salem Lake Parking Lot – Lower Level | Ken Lumsden |
| 17th | Thu | 7:00 PM | Club Meeting | River Ridge Tap House | Karen Vohs |
| 22nd | Tue | Approx 6:45 PM | Movie Night | Marketplace Cinema See web site & Facebook for details | Ken Lumsden |
| 23rd | Wed | 6:30 PM | Bike Ride-Salem Lake | WSSU Parking Lot – Anderson Center | Ken Lumsden |
| 25th-27th | Fri-Sun | | Camping/hiking | Shenandoah National Park | Leanne Brendle |
| 25th | Fri | 6:00 PM | Last Friday Social | Westbend Corks, Caps & Taps | Ken Furr |
| 29th | Tue | Approx 6:45 PM | Movie Night | Marketplace Cinema See web site & Facebook for details | Kathy Furr |
| 30th | Wed | 6:00 PM | Bike Ride-Salem Lake | WSSU Parking Lot – Anderson Center | Ken Lumsden |



2014 Calendar: What's Happening

| August 2014 | | | | | |
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| 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 | Mock Orange Bikes | 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 |
| 27th | Wed | 6:30 PM | Bike Ride-Salem Lake | WSSU Parking Lot – Anderson Center | Ken Lumsden |
| 29th | Fri | 6:00 PM | Last Friday Social | Carolina Ale House | Ken Furr |

For more photos, see our online photo galleries.

Thanks for a great club event Clemmons Bicycle!





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