



Ski Tales

Morris County Ski Club
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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Paul Van Duyne

As we approach the Labor Day weekend, we have already started selling some of our ski trips for the upcoming season. The New Year's trip to Park City, UT is on sale. We will be staying 4 nights and skiing 3 days at Park City Resort and one day at Deer Valley. We will spend New Year's Eve in Park City, which is a great party town. Our trip to Crested Butte, CO (Feb 21-28) is on sale and has over 40 sign-ups. This will be the first time the Club has been to Crested Butte in over 15 years. Currently there are still a few spots open for both trips.

Unfortunately, we will not be having a European Ski trip this year. We hoped to go to Three Valleys, France, but due to airline fuel surcharges, taxes and the weak dollar against the Euro, the trip became too cost prohibitive to run this season. We will try to have an international trip again next year. Our other scheduled trips are Waterville, NH (Mar 12-15) and Ogden, UT (Mar 25-29). It has been almost 10 years since we have been to NH, and Ogden is one of the upcoming ski towns. While in Ogden, we will ski Snowbasin (home of the 2002 Olympics Downhill and Super GS races) and Powder Mountain. We are in the process of booking a weekend ski trip in late January or early February and we should have more information by this time next month.

We had 3 successful social events in August. There was a day of kayaking down the Delaware River and a bus trip to Yankee Stadium for its last year to see the Yankees play the Angels (unfortunately for most of us, the Yankees lost). We also had about 35 spend a day biking, lying on the beach, swimming, eating and drinking at Point Pleasant. Thanks to Andy, Kim C and Deborah for running these events.

Upcoming social events include a bike trip in Gettysburg (Sept 12-14), a scavenger hunt in NYC (Oct 4), a challenging hike (Oct 11), and a night at Pegasus (Oct 25). In November, we are planning a

hike and bike ride on the Columbia trail, followed by a gathering at the Long Valley Brew Pub. Hope to see you at one of our events.



SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sal Rutigliano, Ski Director

Ski season is fast approaching, so if you are interested in enjoying some great skiing, now is the time to sign up. The Park City, UT trip (leader Anil Rastogi) is still available and the Crested Butte, CO trip (leader Ed Tideman) is almost sold out. Unfortunately, the 3 Valleys, France trip had to be cancelled due to lack of sign-ups. Instead, we are planning a local trip, which will most likely be Vermont. Hopefully, the Euro and fuel prices will come down and the European trip will be more affordable in the future. The Waterville Valley, NH and Ogden, UT trips will be going on sale Oct 13 and 27th, respectively. Anthony Riccardi is the trip leader for Ogden, UT, and we are still looking for a leader for the Waterville Valley, NH trip.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Tobi Klein, Membership Director

With summer coming to an end, it's time to think about the upcoming ski season and renew your MCSC annual membership. It's before Labor Day as I write this, and I already have about 50 renewals! Thanks so much to all of you who have sent me your forms and checks early. Remember, you must be an active member to go on the week-long and long weekend trips out west.

Dues are \$35 for the 2008-2009 season, which runs from Oct 1 - Sept 30. Forms are available on the Yahoo Group site (under Files / Renewal Form 08-09). You can email the form to Tobi Klein at JrsyGirl723@aol.com, or mail it along with your check



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to the address on the form. You can also give me your form and check at any membership meeting. Remember, if all your information is the same as last year, you only need to fill out your name, sign and date the form (your email will be your electronic signature if you are not printing a copy). If you would like me to mail your membership card to you, please

enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. I do not have the stickers yet to make up the cards for this year, so please be patient if you do not receive your card right away. After Nov 1, you will be charged a \$5 late fee in addition to your renewal fee, so don't procrastinate. Send in your membership check today.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Marty Schwartz	3	Claire Christjohn	22
Brian Baldwin	8	Paul Vovchansky	22
Mary Ann Murphy	9	Luico Hallman	23
Bill Oeschger	10	John Montagna	24
Blanche Hepplewhite	13	Keith Nicol	26
Deborah Schmitt	13	Jean Henry	27
Anne Barbaqallo	16	Bill Tompkins	27
Sandra Jarp	20	Glenn Schunkewitz	28
Lynn Mellor	20		

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Doris Behlau	4	Mark Klingener	17
Mary Beth Gunstra	4	Stephen Slotnick	17
Tom Toth	6	JT Thompson	19
Lisa Kelly	9	Lynn Cohrs	20
Zina Holder	10	Maria Matarazzo	20
Debra Rieqert	11	Kevin Coughlin	21
Susan Smith	13	Penny Cappuccino	23
Myra McGinley	14	Beth Malkin	24
Debbie Meckbach	14	Kathy Caccavale	25
Joyce McGuire	15	Lisa Marqolis	25
Winifred Bunch	16	Elaine Collyer	27
Barbara Parzatka	16	Heather Welch	30



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MCSC CALENDAR UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETING DATES

MCSC Meeting	Sept. 9	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Bike Weekend	Sept. 12 - 14	Gettysburg, PA
AAF	Sept. 18	Vanderbilt's, Florham Park, NJ
MCSC Meeting	Sept. 23	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Scavenger Hunt	Oct. 4	NY, NY
Hike	Oct. 11	Bearfort Mountain, NJ
MCSC Meeting	Oct. 14	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Meadowlands racetrack	Oct. 25	East Rutherford, NJ
MCSC Meeting	Oct. 28	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ

Please contact Beth Malkin at bethmalkin@yahoo.com if you would like to lead an event. Please remember that you must lead an event before you can be considered to lead a ski trip.

Please contact Lisa at LisaSLP@aol.com with any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS



September AAF at Vanderbilt's in Florham Park

It is time to put away the beach chairs, towels and suntan lotion and head to our Fall happy hour on Thursday, September 18.

Vanderbilt's is looking forward to hosting our annual AAF at this popular and stylish bar from 5-8. There will be \$3 domestic drafts and \$5 house wine drink specials, as well as complimentary appetizers. Enjoy a game of pool or share summer stories with fellow and new members.

Gettysburg, PA Fall Bike Weekend

We will be heading to Gettysburg, PA on September 12-14 for a weekend of biking. The cost is \$230.00, which includes a group dinner on Saturday.

To sign up, make check payable to Morris County Ski Club and bring to a meeting or mail to Rob Geraghty at 17 Commonwealth Dr, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920. If you have any questions you may contact Rob Geraghty at 908-604-4689 or rgeraghty@alcatel-lucent.com



"Gangsters of New York" Scavenger Hunt, New York City

MCSC will be heading to New York City on **Saturday, October 4** for a "Gangsters of New York" Scavenger Hunt (start 5 pm). The cost is \$27 per person.

Discover the bygone haunts and battlegrounds of gangs and gangsters in Little Italy and Chinatown. Visit the notorious Five Points spot that inspired the book and movie *Gangs of New York*. You'll also discover cafes, bakeries, teahouses, stores, markets, historic buildings, TV and movie locations (*The Godfather*) and more! Along the way, you'll discover the answers to such questions as: What word got rubbed out where Joey Gallo ordered clams and got slugs? What place associated with Lucky Luciano and Jimmy Hoffa has traded mobsters for lobsters? What beasts stand guard where Don Corleone got shot? And at the Bloody Angle, what can you do with a "fun goon"?

For more information, contact Deirdre Murphy at (908) 419-1521 / redmurph7@hotmail.com or Mary Jo Murphy at 908-377-2575 / mojo6jojo@yahoo.com

Hike - Bearfort Mountain

Join the MCSC on a great hike through Bearfort Mountain on **Saturday, October 11**. This hike will be approximately 7.5 miles and have a 1000-foot vertical rise. It will be challenging and have many ascents and descents. The hike is highly rated for beauty and has many great views including those of Greenwood Lake and Sterling Forest. We will meet at **10:00 AM** at the A&P Shopping center (see flyer for directions) and car pool a short distance up the road to the hiking trail. The hike should take about 5 ½ hours.

For more information, contact Paul Van Duyne 973-473-1426 (H) or 973-882-0860 (W), p_vanduyne@yahoo.com.

Meadowlands Racetrack, East Rutherford, NJ

MCSC invites you to a night of Thoroughbred racing at the Meadowlands Racetrack on **Saturday, October 25** in East Rutherford, NJ. The evening will start at 6:00 p.m; post time is 7:30 pm and will include an extensive buffet. The price is \$50.00

Please send your check to Chris Billings at 14 Petersburg Court, Oak Ridge, New Jersey, 07438. Should you have any questions, you may reach Chris at 973-479-3772 (Cbillings@us.imshealth.com).

PAST EVENT SUMMARIES

Kayaking on the Delaware (Paul Van Duyne)

The Morris County Ski Club's annual kayak trip down the Delaware River was held on Sunday, July 27. I am happy to say that all 22 trip participants arrived at Cedar Rapids Kayak Center in Barryville by the scheduled reporting time of 9:45 AM. By 10 AM everyone was loaded into 3 vans and transported upstream about 9 miles for the start of the trip.

We had our first swimmer as we were just getting started, as Jim managed to tip his kayak as he tried to get in it. We helped drag his kayak to shore and empty it and now it was time for everyone to start going down the river. There had been quite a bit of rain the week of the trip, so the river was fairly high. As a matter of fact, all rocks were covered, so we did not have to worry much about getting stuck. We had a couple of good stretches of rapids, with the best rapids being right before lunch. In these rapids we had our second swimmer. John M had a bit of water in his kayak when he entered the rapids, which allowed him to get more water in his kayak. Eventually, John wound up out of his kayak and had to swim his boat to shore.

After lunch, what had been a somewhat sunny day turned cloudy with some thunder. After a mile of



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paddling, we reached the Zane Gray (a western author) museum, where a park ranger advised us to get off the river. A few people used the facilities at the house while others went on a tour of the museum while we waited out a brief downpour with a little thunder mixed in. After the rain stopped, it was back to paddling to finish the trip. We finished our day with food and drink at the kayak center bar.

Thanks to everyone who went and I hope you enjoyed yourself.

Yankees Game (Andy Modale and Kim Castellucci)

On July 31st, 40 MCSC members and friends embarked to the House that Ruth Built for its final season. Some were big Yankee fans, while others just enjoy MCSC events and maybe a chance to view famed Monument Park.

Attendees met in the parking lot of the Ramada at around 3 pm and were greeted with some margaritas or "Yankee-ritas", as we referred to them. We never did find the "Yankee" navy blue margarita mix so the drinks were green...maybe we'll just leave them described as "plain old" margaritas.

We left the Ramada at 3:30 sharp; it still amazes me that 40 people could get out of work early for this event! Our on time departure and with Joe "DA" Bus Driver at the wheel all but assured us that we would arrive in time to tour Monument Park. On the way to Yankee Stadium we hit very little traffic and we all munched on sandwiches and finished up the last of the "Yankee-ritas".

Joe dropped us off at the stadium and most of us began to wait in the long line for Monument Park. Others went to the local bars around the stadium, and as we waited in the 90 degree heat, we began to wonder if that was an option. After around 30 minutes, we were lead into the stadium through the blast furnace (at least it felt that way) and

eventually to Monument Park. There we viewed historic statues of many great Yankees of the past.

We all began to assemble into our "front row seats" and prepared to watch the game. We were treated to a really inspiring national anthem by some of our service people just back from overseas, then sat back to watch a challenging game with the Yankees (keep in mind that this game took place just after the all-star break when the Yankees were "on fire").

After a few innings, the Yankees were in trouble, but the beer was cold...well, expensive anyway. After a few beers and a few more innings, it was inevitable that our perfect MCSC record with the Yanks was over.

All in all a good night, thank you Paul "V" for getting the tickets and all of you for joining us!

Beach Bike Ride (Deborah Schmitt)

Based out of Risden's Beach in Point Pleasant, the Beach Bike Ride was a fun and friendly day. Our only significant 'mishap' occurred before the ride even began, when a guest discovered that his wheel had 'warped' (for lack of the technical term, which I do not know). Some quick thinking solved this - he 'limped' to the Brielle Bike Shop (which is along the route of the ride), while the rest of us were still gathering and we 'picked him up' on the way - the timing was just perfect.

About 35 members and guests went on the ride, with other members making surprise appearances throughout the day. 12 people opted for the short ride; the rest toughed it out for almost 34 lovely miles. The day was perfect - sunny, but not too hot or humid. The rest stop was appreciated by most, and many of us discovered delicious chocolate treats in the back of the store to re-energize us for the final 8 or 9 miles.

Many went to Jenk's for lunch, then to the beach. The water was warm and calm -with a few jelly fish at



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the wave break line, but once past those, the swimming was fantastic. A change and shower later, many regrouped at the Wharfside for Happy Hour, with the last of the party breaking up around 8:30 pm.

If you couldn't join us this year, we look forward to seeing you next year! All in all, it was a superb day.

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