

The Liftline

A Devil of a Good Time!



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Forty-seven Champaign Ski Club members took advantage of a beautiful weekend skiing and/or snowboarding in the Wisconsin Dells. The Sunset Lodge was our home for the weekend; trip coordinator was Marvin Bell; and Monticello Motor Coach Service got members safely to Wisconsin and home.

Friday afternoon, members met at the parking lot of Wild Country. The lucky forty-seven started their winter wonderland vacation with a group photo outside the motor coach, during a beautiful snowfall that set the stage for the weekend. We pulled away from Wild Country around 4PM, headed to the Sunset Lodge. Members had the opportunity to spending quality-time with family and friends during their six-hour ride. They sat back watching the movie Transformers and enjoying snacks & beverages. Arriving at the resort around 10PM, members were happy to see new snow blanketing the area! The group endured a short wait into the lodge entrance, while Mark (the motor coach driver) rocked the motor coach back and forth till he was unstuck from a large pile of snow which he could not avoid when turning into the lodge. A few members took a dip in the swimming pool and/or hot tub before turning in for the night.

Saturday started at 7AM, with members grabbing a quick breakfast in a private dining room. At 8AM sharp members were back on the motor coach dressed and ready to enjoy the winter fun that was ahead of them. The conditions were perfect that Saturday, the sunny was shining and the air was cool & crisp. Cascade Ski Resort

FIRST FRIDAY HAPPY HOUR

April 4th, 6PM

The Hideaway

at Lake of the Woods

Mahomet

was quaint, well groomed, and well managed. Our group arrived around 9AM, while very few other skiers were on the lifts and slopes, which helped the day start out fantastic! Members had lunch vouchers for lunch in the main dining room. The motor coach picked us up around 5PM to head back to Sunset, to swim, hot tub, take a shower, and attend the pizza party. Tired and sore members turned in early to prepare for Sunday's events at Devil's Head Ski Resort.

The next morning, members had an early start again. A quick breakfast and back to the motor coach dressed and ready to go at 8AM. The lucky 47 were in for another perfect day! The sun was shining, with a temperature of about 28 degrees. Devil's Head also had well groomed slopes and was well managed. Members were on their own for lunch with a beautiful view of the slopes from the dining room. The motor coach was back at 4PM to take our group home. During the ride home members were very patient while a small detour was taken to the airport to drop off a member who was heading out of town for work. **THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING SO UNDERSTANDING!** Members were able to sit back again and watch the movie 50 First Dates and enjoy the last several hours with family and friends. Snacks and beverages were provided for the ride home to ensure a great ending to a wonderful weekend. Arriving home around 11PM, members pitched right in helping to unload the motor coach. Skis were put in the back of Marvin's truck so he could return the rentals Wild Country the next day. **THANK YOU TO ALL FOR THE HELP!**

Champaign Ski Club's weekend at Cascade/Devil's Head Ski Resorts in the Wisconsin Dells was everything a skier could ask for: Beautiful weather, comfortable lodging, and two great ski resorts. But most of all, the LUCKY 47 Champaign Ski Club Members were the most friendly, respectful, and courteous group we all could have asked for to spend a weekend with!

Who Let the Dogs Out? Alyeska Trip Report by Maurice Bell

After an uneventful bus and plane ride, we arrived in Anchorage, Alaska at 12:30 am. Later that Friday, we wandered thru Anchorage, taking in the Alaskan displays at the Federal Building, searching thru local gift shops, and touring the museum displaying different aspects of Alaskan history.

Saturday started early and we found that large trucks had spent the night hauling in huge truckloads of snow to cover 11 miles of the main street thru town in preparation for the Iditarod parade of sled dog teams. There were a record number of entries this year, with a total of 97 racing teams entered in the parade and comprising a total of 1500 sled dogs. That's a lot of barking and hyperdog energy, my friends. A sled team left the start area every 2 minutes and took 3 ½ hours to get the last team started on the parade route. This was merely an exhibition run through town, prior to the actual race that is 1130 miles long and takes 9 days or more to run.

Saturday afternoon, we took a bus to Alyeska Ski Resort and we stayed at the Alyeska Prince Hotel. This hotel was a ski town in itself, housing swimming pools, clothing stores, a spa, ski rentals, restaurants, snow shoe rental, cross country skis, as well as helicopter and snowcat tour bookings.

Sunday morning started out with a free breakfast and orientation meeting, and we spent a great day on the slopes with plenty of sunshine and quite a few local people joining us.

Monday started out with great skiing and weather and all the locals were back at work. Later, it turned foggy and wet, but we continued to ski. Tuesday temps got up to 40 degrees. It snowed very hard at the top of the mountain, but rained on us all day at the bottom. Some folks went for a dogsled ride, and some visited the local wildlife park. Some diehards continued to ski of course, but others just took the day off. At 6:30 that evening we headed to the airport for our night flight back to Chicago, landing around 6am. It was an enjoyable ski trip to our 49th state.

Jackson Hole Photo Album by Paul Tenczar

Top to bottom: New member Greg Manzana with fellow Champaign policeman Brandon; Kyle Curry (Sue Ellen Finkenbiner's son) on a gondola ride up; Debbie Curcio and Ann Pollok at the top of the Après Vous quad-lift.

Top to bottom: One of the main attractions at the Mangy Moose pub at the base of the runs; the spectacular Grand Tetons, taken on the bus ride to the airport on the way home. They rise up 7,000 feet above us here; the Jackson Hole ski resort from afar; Barbara Minsker with a torn muscle from skiing too hard; Judy Tolliver and son Kyle; Jennifer and Brandon Thomas

Top to Bottom:

-Richard & Svetlana Sowers

-Rebeka & Veronika Sowers

-Bailey & Terri Reifsteck

-Terri & Scott Reifsteck (Trip Hosts)

-Scott Morris

-Terry & Barb Walker

-Peggy, Bob, & Dale Olson

-David Morse

-Ben Welch

The Envelope Please....



The Annual Awards Party and election of next years Board of Directors will be on Saturday evening, April 19, starting at 6:30pm, at the home of Greg and Vicky Smith, 1110 Davidson Dr., Champaign (turn north off Church St., 2½ blocks west of Prospect). The Smith's have once more allowed us to use their beautiful home to hold our party. Main course and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

If you were on a Club trip this year, you will definitely want to attend this party. You may receive an award: and even more important, you may want to be there to protect your reputation!!! There will be a short business meeting which will include election of next years Board of Directors, followed by a brief review of each trip, and presentation of any awards that were "earned" during the year. This is also a great opportunity to bring your pictures and share them with your ski buddies.

The paddling season is just around the bend! If you would like to canoe/kayak - no experience necessary - with other members of the club, get in touch with Mike Metz. 417-9595



If you are planning to have a garage sale or yard sale this summer, think again, there is a better option. The Ski Club will be hosting its biannual parking lot sale at Wildcountry in late summer. And please remember, this sale is not just for ski equipment, it's for anything that you want to sell (if it's legal, of course). We get great traffic at this sale and unless you live on a main artery, your private sale will not get nearly the turnout that this sale does. If you have a lot of stuff to sell, you can set up your own area, like at a flea market. If you have some big items to sell but don't want to have to be at the sale all of the time, you can sell them on consignment. And if it's just stuff that you want to get rid of but hate to see it end up in a landfill, donate it to the Club.

This is a great opportunity to clean out your garage or attic, to make a little extra money (for a ski trip, of course), and to benefit the Ski Club. So start saving all of those treasures and watch future Liftlines for more details.

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