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Yellowstone in Winter

By Ralph Heimlich

I've been to Yellowstone in winter three times now, twice with STS in 2007 and this year, and once with the Yellowstone Association (now [Yellowstone Forever](#)) in 2013. This wonderful habitat for wild animals rarely seen in the rest of the country is a consistently great place in Winter both because of the reliably ample snow and the chance to better see the wildlife against the snowy backdrop.

A few things have changed over the decade I've been going out there. Yellowstone, like everywhere else in the world, has been undergoing warming. On this visit, daytime highs were rarely below freezing, making the snow wetter ("mashed potatoes") and the layering for both cold and warmth harder to calibrate. I never remember working up such a sweat skiing at Yellowstone as this year.



Park sign at Gardiner photo by Ralph Heimlich



Snow along Spring Creek Trail, Yellowstone Snow Lodge area photo by Ralph Heimlich

There wasn't as much snow at lower elevations as I remember (see picture above), but once we climbed up the Golden Gate onto Swan Lake Flats, there was more than enough snow, and depths off the trails at Snow Lodge were 5 to 6 feet. The animals also didn't seem to be as abundant, especially at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge. There were ample Bison to be sure, but we saw no Elk along the Firehole River as we have seen in years past. There were a lot of Elk, Mule Deer and Pronghorn in the Paradise Valley outside Gardiner (and outside the Park), but not nearly so many inside the Park or around Mammoth Hot Springs. Maybe they were all hanging out in the Lamar Valley, which we didn't get to see this year.

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It has been an interesting winter for skiing. The New England and New York areas had heavy snowfall much of January and February. As I write this on March 2nd, the Jackson Ski Touring Center in Jackson, NH, is still going strong with 55 or 56 trails open and current snow depths of 10 – 24 inches. That town has had 100 inches of snow this winter.

The Osceola Ski Touring Center on the Tug Hill Plateau reports strong winds and blowing snow today with a temperature of 20 degrees. The center’s trails have a base of 8 – 9 inches, with total snow measured this winter at 269 inches.

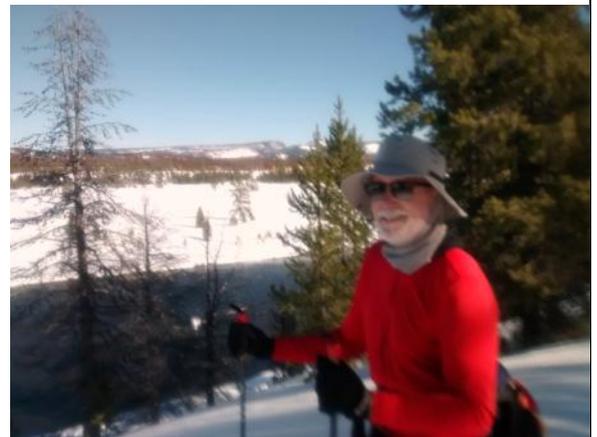
The White Grass Ski Touring Center report in Canaan Valley, WV, is not as rosy. No trails open and barely frozen surfaces. Chip at White Grass has had only 45 days this winter he would consider “skiable” at his center – the go-to place for Nordic skiers in the Washington metro area. He notes in his Daily Report on line: “CAUTION – losing faith”

We live in interesting times. And one of the variables we have to deal with is climate change. We have all read a lot about it, but it gets downright personal when it smacks you in the face. And for those of us who define success in the wintertime as the number of days we get out to ski, that’s where it’s impacting us. I’m not one inclined to sit around and moan “Where are the snows of the past?” That gets you nowhere. In these interesting times, if you want to ski, you have to be agile and realistic in planning your ski trips. If you really want to ski at White Grass, be prepared to hop into the car and go out there as soon as reports circulate that a skiable amount of snow is falling. That may mean taking off from work at short notice in the middle of the week. Develop a small cadre of like-minded friends so that you can all take off together. That’s one way of verifying that you are not the only one suffering with “ski madness”. It’s hard wired into those of us who are passionate about Nordic skiing. Many dedicated skiers in the mid-Atlantic region have their skis packed and ready in their homes or vehicles all winter long waiting for the fateful words to come by email or phone—“It’s snowing in ___!”

If the instant response mode doesn’t work for you, then consider some of the Ski Touring Section’s longer trips to more distant and snow-friendly locations around the country (and sometimes overseas). The trip leaders who arrange them know those areas and the odds of them having great snow. And they are aware of other winter sports activities (such as snowshoeing) that can be engaged in on days when the available snow is not ideal for skiing. That’s adaptability and flexibility of a different sort. So notwithstanding the climate change we are seeing, adapt your wintertime lifestyle to accommodate it in a way that gets you out on the skinny skis that you love.

And regardless whether your skiing this winter has been awesome or negligible, join the Section members at our annual Après-Ski Social later this month at Catherine Payne’s beautiful home in Great Falls. Many Section members DID enjoy great skiing this winter. Talk to them at the social and find out how and where!

Rob Swennes, Chairman



Chairman Swennes with custom-ordered snow at West Yellowstone, MT photo by Ralph Heimlich

2017 Après Ski Party



next winter!

The annual meeting takes place at 4 p.m. The meeting will include election of officers for the coming year. Any and all STS members are welcomed to attend and learn more about how the Ski Touring Section functions. If you are a skier interested in leading a future trip, please attend and discuss where you would like to go with the Section's Trip Coordinator.

Those with good digital photos of STS outings this past winter are encouraged to bring them on a disc to share with others. We will have a digital projector available.

Well, believe it or not, there WAS a WINTER this year, it seems to want to return lately. Winter is almost over, and Spring is just around the corner. That means it's time to wrap things up in our traditional STS way--with our annual après ski gathering, or end-of-season party and meeting, on **Sunday, March 19.**

In what has become a favorite outing for many of us, we are once again gathering at the home of club member Catherine Payne, just off the Beltway on the Virginia side near the Rt. 193/GW Parkway exit, abutting Scott's Run Nature Preserve in a beautiful wooded setting.

The après-ski social will begin between 5 and 5:30 p.m. It is a pot luck event, so please bring a dish of one of your favorite foods to share. The Section will provide the beverages. As has become our tradition, in addition to the good food, we'll enjoy the fun of reliving this year's trips, and a reunion with your trip participants. And there is always talk about what trips are likely to be offered



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You can also join our Meetup, Nordic Skiers of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club at <http://www.meetup.com/Nordic-Skiers-of-the-Potomac-Appalachian-Trail-Club/>

Yellowstone (cont.)

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This trip we stayed at West Yellowstone on the western edge of the park in Montana, whereas before I'd come in from Bozeman and stayed at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, which is currently under renovation. West Yellowstone had some nice trails along the Madison River just at the edge of town (talk about an urban trail head), and up Rt 191 into the Park on both sides of the Road (Bacon Rind Creek, Fawn Pass and Bighorn Pass). We had skied out along the Bighorn Pass Trail in 2007 from inside the Park, and it was interesting to see that destination from the "other" side this time.



The cats were really jumping at the Cowboy's Grill, Gardiner, MT (Jan Tucker) photo by Ralph Heimlich

West Yellowstone also has more restaurants, night life, and snowmobilers than other parts of the Yellowstone "people-system" I'd visited before. As much as we like skiing and snowshoeing, it is humbling to realize that both inside and outside the Park, if it weren't for people who like to snowmobile, the Park probably couldn't remain open for our enjoyment. Snowmobilers spend a lot more money, and there are lot more of them than XC skiers!

The means of getting around at Yellowstone have also changed. In 2007, some of us rode in the cramped, noisy Bombardiers (top) that have been completely phased out by Park concessionaires, although still used by some outfitters. In 2007 and 2013 we used the Matt-Trac systems of triangular treads bolted onto standard 10-passenger vans. (center). This time, almost all the Xterra trips were by large, low-pressure tired vehicles with higher roofs and bigger windows. Much more comfortable and quieter!

No matter what the changes, Yellowstone in Winter remains a magic place. Deep snow, lots of wild animals, the seclusion of being 50 miles from the nearest drivable road, and the novelty of being one of 5 or 6 for a command performance of Old Faithful (2 or 3 of the others being Bison) make it a wonderful time to visit the turbulent, dynamic place once known as "Coulter's Hell".



Old Faithful Snow Lodge area from above photo by Ralph Heimlich



Trail head for Madison River trails, West Yellowstone photo by Ralph Heimlich



Three forms of Snow Coach: Bombardier, Matt-Trac and Low Pressure Tired photos by Ralph Heimlich (1 and 3) and Ian Roberts (2).

Batting .500: Successful and Less Successful Local Trips

By Ralph Heimlich

While this may very well be the most truncated local snow season on record, there were a few opportunities to do some decent skiing in the Mid-Atlantic region. I led two local ski trips this season and batted a respectable .500 with regard to snow, and a more-than-acceptable 1.000 with regard to good outdoor fund with STC members.



Jody Blatt, Al Larsen and John Tichenor bask in Spring-like temps at Swallow Falls SP *photo by Ralph Heimlich*

Following the phenomenal Snowmageddon in January 2016 (see February 2016 UPSLOPE) at a cabin in New Germany SP, I recognized the need to quickly reserve a cabin there again for the next season. This time, I reserved Cabin #11, the largest in the park, sleeping 8. Unfortunately, as the date of this year's trip approached, it became apparent that no follow-on Snowmageddon would occur. In fact, there was no snow at all. None the less, I enjoyed a couple of days in the cabin with my wife, son and grand daughter (I had reserved from Tuesday to Tuesday) and welcomed several STSers who had decided to trek out to New Germany despite the lack of snow (Al Larsen, John Tichenor, and Jody Blatt). We had the very unexpected pleasure of hiking around New Germany WITHOUT the snow, something I had never done before. With the weather so Spring-like, we also ventured over to Swallow Falls SP and were surprised by how crowded the loop trail to the falls was with other winter hikers. Everyone else left on Sunday, and I had two more days of solitude in the huge cabin. As I prepared for bed on Monday night...snow started to gently drift down over everything! Mother Nature is nothing if not ironic. I left Tuesday morning with about an inch on the ground and roads...not enough to ski, but enough to know I was being chided for hubris in hoping for another massive fall two years in a row.

My second trip of the season met with markedly more success. I had a full house at a Deluxe cabin on Blackwater Falls SP's north rim in early February, and snow was on the ground and forecast for much more as we left. We had excellent snow right out the door of the cabin on Thursday night as we skied a brief loop on the north rim trails, arriving back at the cabin for soup, bread and wine after darkness fell. Snow held up all weekend as we skied White Grass, the Pendelton Overlook trail from the sled hill, and the trails across the dam to Pase Point Overlook on the north rim. Happy skiers Doug and Marcie Schubert, Mimi Zucker and Yvonne Thayer, Linda Bennett and Barbara Nathansen, and Beth and I departed Sunday having skied and snow shoed to our heart's content on this snowy weekend. Beth and I even discovered a "new" restaurant in our usual homeward bound stopover in Hancock, MD: BuddyLou's Eats, Drinks and Antiques. This place is part bistro and part antique warehouse and the menu was nice change from our usual stop at Weaver's. While the menu was more exciting, I still missed the home-made pies at Weaver's.

All in all, despite noticeably warmer temps and much less snow, it worked out to be a typical on-again, off-again winter season in the Mid-Atlantic. You have to like it, or leave it.



Skiers Beth Heimlich, Mimi Zucker, Ralph Heimlich, Marcie and Doug Schubert, and Yvonne Thayer *photo by A. Kind Stranger*



Yvonne setting up and executing a tricky downhill on the Dobbins House Trail loop *photo by Ralph Heimlich*

Riding The Clipper In the Highlands

By Greg Westernik

A group of 6 STSers (myself, Leigh Mariassy, Bela Mariassy, Monica Hanna, John Tichenor and Mark Schultz) braved the marginal snow of the last weekend in January, and were rewarded with plenty of gliding and soreness. A few of us found out the hard way that falling unexpectedly in low snow is not good for the backbone, for sure. We managed to slide around snow snakes, and avoided the rockier sections of trails at Laurel Ridge STC and Laurel Mountain in the Highlands.

We left town with no idea if any additional snow would fall on the weekend. We prayed and did snow dances. Fortunately for us, an Alberta clipper huffed and puffed all weekend, refreshing the trails every day beginning on Friday with 3 inches of new snow on top of 2 inch base, then with 3 more inches on Saturday, and finally a dump of 9 more inches by the end of Sunday such that there was around 11 inches of snow on the ground by Monday.



Monica, Mark and John photo by Greg Westernik

John Tichenor provided his usual skiing nuggets to our lone beginner, Monica. We found on Sunday that no snowmobiles were riding on Laurel Mountain, leaving their 40 km+ of the best graded trails available for our gliding pleasure. We chose instead to tour the J.E. Miller road to Wolf Rocks overlook and back, avoiding most of the snow snakes except on the Bobcat trail. Four of us started out at the parking lot off Summit Road, as seen in the first picture. Monica on the left with Mark in the middle and John on the right.

This trail is so wide that you can easily ski 4 persons alongside each other. Our group was the first to break trail on Sunday. The falling snow and wind were in fine form on the way out to the Overlook as Monica and John were gliding along this trail. Rarely we hit a wet spot requiring some scraping. The trail is largely flat



Monica and John photo by Greg Westernik

with 4 or 5 gentle rolling hills and is well graded, a condition missing on most XC ski trails of Laurel Mountain.



John and Mark photo by Greg Westernik

In the next shot, at the intersection and beginning of the Bobcat trail, we expected it was time to work on our snow snake avoidance skills.

I think most of the time all of us had a good time. Let's do it again!

Mark and John were waiting for a scouting report from Monica at this point on the trail conditions on Bobcat. Monica found plenty of snow snakes. Notice how J.E. Miller trail kind of narrows at this western point of the trail.

After sliding and hopping around the snow skates on Bobcat, at the intersection of Wolf Rocks and Bobcat trails, you are greeted with the Overlook sign. At this point you had to detach from your skis and walk 5 minutes to safely reach the overlook as seen in the next shot. No one had been to the overlook this Sunday yet.

By the time I reached the Overlook, the snow gods had lifted their smiles high enough to get part of the 200 or so degree views of the drop off into the valleys of neighboring hills. There was too much snow on the rocks to hide the crevices between the rocks. Yikes!



Wolf Rocks Overlook photo by Greg Westernik

Sun Valley Idaho Nordic Skiing

By Dick Simmons



Sun Valley Nordic, snowshoe and downhill photo by Dick Simmons

In early February, my wife Linda and I took a downhill ski trip to Sun Valley Idaho. We had no idea that the area near Ketchum, Idaho, has expansive nordic and snowshoe trails. The Big Wood River creates the valley that runs from Galena in the north thru Ketchum, Hailey and Bellvue in the south. For most of the 40+ miles, a Nordic trail parallels the river. Much of that is track set and skate groomed. Scenery is always good and often outstanding. The northern side extends into the Sawtooth mountains with big peaks of pristine snow and wide open areas with few roads or structures.

Galena Lodge (Galenalodge.com) is on the site of an extinct town. The lodge is a high timber structure with a large stone fireplace and lots of atmosphere. They serve great food, soups and pastries. We skied and snowshoed there one day and totally enjoyed wonderful scenery, grooming and isolation. When you pause skiing, your ears

strain to hear anything –it’s dead silence. A light snow made it even more ideal. For a longer stay, yurts are available for rental – they are roomy, basic and isolated.

Down the river a bit is the Sawtooth Natural Resources Area. They have guided snowshoe nature walks and Nordic trails. Just after our visit they held the Boulder Mountain Tour, a 35k Nordic ski race from Galena to Sawtooth NRA with 1000+ entrants.

Ketchum is a classic western ski town developed in the 1930’s to encourage passenger traffic on the nearby railroad. This was the rich and famous playground for the next several decades and there are plenty of old photos of movie stars around. We were told Bruce Willis still has a home in the valley. The town is just big enough to have many lodging choices and all varieties of food as well as ski shops and outfitters. The Sun Valley Lodge is the original lodge built at the same time as the downhill area. Adjacent is the Sun Valley Nordic Center with 43k of Nordic plus snowshoe, dog and fat tire bike trails. They also offer horse drawn sleigh rides



Galena Lodge photo by Dick Simmons

Numerous other Nordic centers are located thru the valley most connecting with the river side trail (known as the Harriman trail for the northern 31km).

This year central Idaho (and a good bit of the western US) has experienced record snowfall. (It has to be somewhere; it’s certainly not in the mid-Atlantic). Most roofs had 4+ feet of snow accumulated and many were being shoveled including the Galena Lodge. See photo. So conditions were and as of this writing continue to be excellent for any snowsport.



Galena Snow Shoe trail photo by Dick Simmons

consolidated trail map and many other resources. See <http://wintertrailink.bcrd.org/>

The Blaine County Recreation District (BCRD.org) promotes skiing and other outdoor activities in the area. They provide a



Dick and Linda photo by A. Kind Stranger

Membership Listing

A membership listing of all those members and contact information (less those who opted out of the listing) will be available from Membership Secretary Doug Lesar by email request only.

Moby Slick: Quest for the Great White Whale (of a Good Time)

by Al Larsen, with apologies to Herman Melville



Call me "I'm Al". Some weeks ago--never mind how long precisely--having little or no money in my purse and nothing particular to interest me in DC, I thought I would see the wintery part of the world...

As the whole PATC-Ski Touring Section knows, this winter has been largely a bust in the Mid-Atlantic region (Sorry Chip; we feel for you). My wife and I considered flying West for snow, but the prospect of packing for plane travel and paying baggage fees for ski gear plus winter clothing, and having to tie down travel dates with no flexibility rendered that option less than desirable. Then an amazing confluence presented itself: all the online weather forecasts, the Farmers Almanac and our son who lives in Boston all announced that there would be a series of snow storms hitting the Northeast around February 10 and continuing for about 10 days. Who could resist a quest for the Great White? As the estimable Mr. Melville said, "then, I account it high time to get to sea [snow] as soon as I can." Where? The Adirondacks and the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

Some Great White at Jackson, NH photo by Al Larsen

Our three seers were more accurate than we could have guessed: 5 major snow storms hit in 9 days. The first hit on a Thursday, but fortuitously we drove the next day across bare roads surrounded by newly fallen snow, north, north, north, through the Poconos of Pennsylvania, the Catskills of the Hudson region of New York, and then to home of the Great White himself--the Adirondacks. Arriving at our first destination, Garnet Hill Lodge on the eastern side of the ADK (www.garnet-hill.com), we checked in and hit their trails for a few hours of single digit temps gliding over perfect snow. We had tracked down and found the elusive Great White. Skiing right back to our room at the lodge (we did have to walk 10 feet after doffing the skis) we relaxed with a hot drink and cookies in front of the huge, rustic fireplace. Then it was a gourmet-level dinner, served right there at the GH Log House. Having parked and settled in for xc skiing right out the door, we didn't fear, and in fact giddily welcomed, the forecast for more snow that evening and a "true Adirondack blizzard" as they described it, for the day after that.



More Great White in the ADK's Garnet Hill photo by Al Larsen

With 55 km of groomed GH trails, as well as numerous back country trails in the adjacent state forests, there were more options available than time to do them--and the conditions were the best they had seen in many years. And that was before we got walloped with another 14 inches the next night. The GH groomers did a great job of (mostly) keeping up with it. While it made for amazing skiing conditions, no one was driving up to GH for day trips--that was understandable: driving would be horrible; skiing was fantastic. So, less understandable was the fact that Anne and I had the trails almost totally to ourselves as the other guests who were already onsite apparently chose not to go out during the snow fall. For us, it was a reminder of the outings we used to have in the Cascades in Oregon. One day we skied to the old sugar house and had pancakes served up to us from the wood stove in the warming hut. Hard as it was to break from the skiing, another day we did a late afternoon snow shoe outing through about a foot and a half of powder to an old mine site. Another off-site option that we and a group of STSers did a few years ago is a nearby 10 mile roundtrip ski into Great Camp Santonini [See [March 2012 UPSLOPE](#)]. No need to go offsite this trip, however.



More Great White in New Hampshire photo by Al Larsen

Not to overdo the Moby Dick analogy, having found the Great White, the question became, uh oh, now what--as another epic storm moved in the day before we had planned to travel from the ADK to NH--and that storm was to continue all night into the next day, across our entire travel route. What a dilemma--a harrowing travel day or staying put for another wondrous day of skiing. Yes, we chose wisely and enjoyed some of the best skiing we've ever had in the East--and then travelled the following day.

Again, clear roads surrounded by snow, as we travelled in sequence, through the ADKs, Champlain Valley, Green Mountains of Vermont, and White Mountains of New Hampshire. Somehow, despite the every-other-day snow storms, we managed to drive right by the majestic, snow covered Mt. Washington, highest of the White Mountains, with blue-bird sky and afternoon lighting that was stunning. Then the quest for the Great White repeated itself: we arrived in Jackson NH (where many STSers have enjoyed Club trips over the years), checked into the Inn at Jackson b&b (www.innatjackson.com) only a few blocks from the Jackson Ski Touring Foundation ski center (www.jacksonxc.org). We literally had one of the town ski trails head off the parking lot of the b&b, where it became part of

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Great White (cont.)

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the approximately 130 km of trails that are part of the foundation's system. For those not familiar with Jackson, the non-profit organization maintains those trails through, surrounding and heading out well beyond the village center. Like at GH, we parked the car when we arrived and never got in it again until we left 4 days later. Two more major snow storms hit while we were there, and we just skied in the midst of it all in epically grand conditions. We walked two blocks to dinner in the village center. They had 36 inches of snow in Jackson in the course of the 9 days and 5 storms. As in the ADK, all the locals were declaring this the best snow situation in many, many years.

There are many places that cater to Alpine skiers who drop tons of money to make themselves welcome: Vail, Aspen, Sun Valley. Nordic skiers are, shall we say, more frugal as a group, so it's amazing to me to find a place like Jackson that has so fully embraced cross country skiing and its participants, for the sheer joy of the sport, and provides a venue that works so perfectly for our crowd. Had we wished to get back in the car (seemed a silly idea on this trip) we could have driven a short distance to the xc trails at historic Bretton Woods Hotel up the Crawford Notch, Great Glen up Pinkham Notch, nearby Bear Notch, among numerous other xc options. And that's without mentioning many more miles of trail accessible via the Jackson trails, if one wants to head further out from the village.

Unlike Ahab, we escaped our encounter with the Great White. But, just like Ahab, we're now obsessed with finding the Great White again-- and we know where that monster of the deep (snow) dwells.

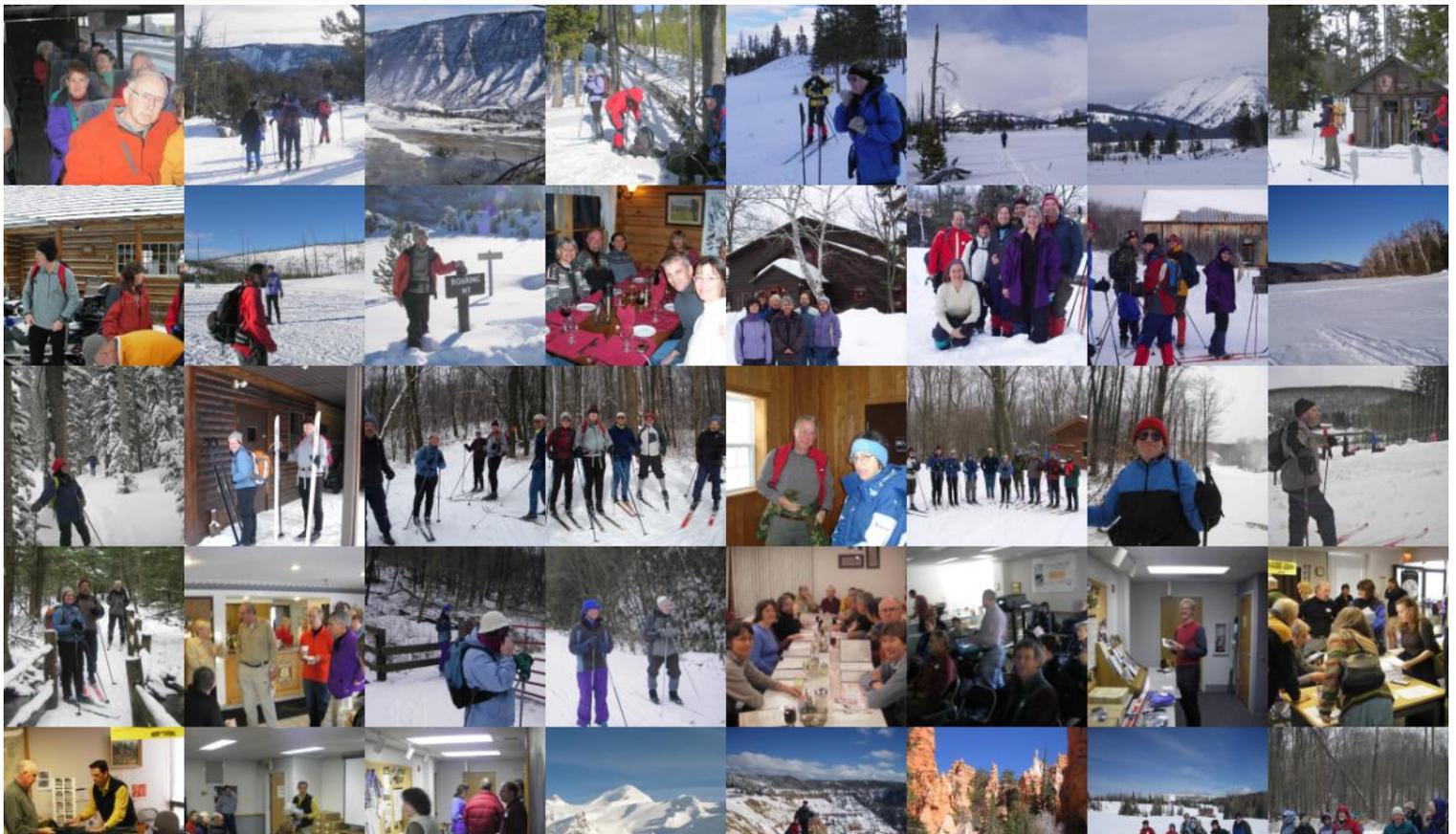


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Skiing Bacon Rind Creek Trail in West Yellow-
stone photo by Ralph Heimlich

To:

PATC Ski Touring Section Membership Form

The PATC/STS provides quality services and benefits to its cross-country skiing members while promoting and supporting the PATC and cross country skiing in general. Whether a novice, recreational, citizen racer or telemark skier, STS has something for every XC skier. Imagine yourself floating on the snow, climbing across hill and dale in the quiet of winter, stopping for lunch in brilliant sunshine on a vista with a view of snow-covered ridges and valleys stretching to the horizon, and then making a descent back to home. Our membership enjoys ski touring in the hills with the comradeship and safety of a group. When you become a member, you receive all issues of the club's newsletter UPSLOPE and other useful information. UPSLOPE is published six times a year by PATC/Ski Touring Section, a non-profit, educational and recreational group of cross-country skiing enthusiasts based in the Maryland, DC, Virginia, PA and West Virginia areas. UPSLOPE provides information about STS trips and events (e.g., Learn-To-XC-Ski weekends, Telemark instructional clinics, and mini-week ski trips). One year membership runs from October 1st through September 30th of the next year. If you join in April or later, your one year membership will run through September of the next year. To insure uninterrupted membership for more than one year, you may provide advance dues for up to three years. To join, select your desired membership category and term from the table below, complete this Form legibly, and send it with a check appropriate to your membership choice (payable to PATC Ski Touring Section) to:

PATC-Ski Touring Section, c/o Doug Lesar, 2507 Campbell Place, Kensington, MD 20895

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- If checked, add me to New Yahoo Group so I can get infrequent, adhoc announcements of local XC Ski activities: ___
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