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Skiing around Summit County, Colorado in February

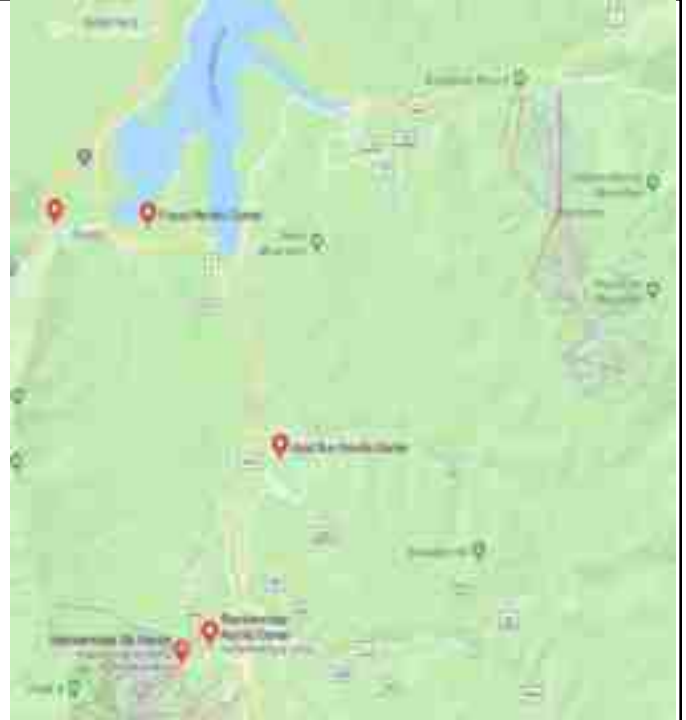
By Rob Swennes

This week-long Ski Touring Section trip to Colorado created a wealth of memories for the nineteen STSers who participated. Notwithstanding the difficult flu season, all those signed up made it to Colorado and stayed healthy. Our lodging was in the Best Western Ptarmigan Lodge in Dillon, Co. It's a four-building complex, but we learned to make it around to the needed spaces pretty quickly. The lodge's jacuzzi and sauna were used by many of us after a day's sporting in the winter snow.

The drive up from the Denver airport was a smooth one. That was one of the reasons the trip was scheduled from Wednesday to Wednesday -- to avoid the difficult Denver traffic on the weekends generated by so many people driving into the mountains on Friday and returning to the city on Sunday.

Unlike some of the Section's more recent trips to Colorado which were rugged in nature, this trip had all of the modern conveniences -- plus a wealth of Nordic ski centers to choose among. Many back-country trails also were an attraction to those so inclined. And several people with us chose to do Alpine skiing one or more days of the week. The trip participants broke down into at least three different groups each day based on where they wished to go and what winter sport they were interested in for the day. Each person's skiing level also factored in. And we did have snow, notwithstanding the variable conditions for XC skiing in many parts of the U.S. over this winter. With a base elevation of 9000 feet in Summit County, the great ski conditions were not surprising. The downside of the high elevation is the thinner air and the resulting difficulty in breathing. All of us experienced that, but it was a price we were willing to pay to get beautiful skiable snow. No one developed altitude sickness on the trip.

Most of the group skied the first day at the Breckenridge Ski Touring Center (STC). It has a lovely rustic lodge. The snow conditions were excellent that day. Most of us skied up to a high warming hut called Hallelujah Hut at
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APRÈS SKI PARTY NOW ON

Sunday, May 27, 2018

Meeting at 4PM Potluck at 5PM

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And once again the great seasonal cycle has been completed from spring to summer, fall, winter and back to spring again. It’s the cycle we follow from our birth to our death. It’s like the pulse in our veins, always with us. But the skiers in the Ski Touring Section have one thing (actually many things!) that set them apart from much of the population: We love all of the seasons for what they bring.

The season at the top of most people’s “do not like” list is winter. The thousands of flights in the fall and winter from colder regions of the U.S. to Florida, Southern California and other more temperate climates testify to the pull and push that send millions each year in search of a warmer sun. We do not. And indeed, we may be on the less crowded return flights heading up to the snow-covered regions that we seek.

I had intended to write this column about life sports, and the fact that cross-country skiing is hailed as one. But unfortunately when I googled the subject, I had trouble finding anything about what I learned years ago about life sports. Life sports in the context I know is sports that you can participate in from your first decade of life till you pass on. Unlike the popular (and revenue generating) sports like football, basketball, and soccer, those enjoying life sports don’t usually have to give them up as they age due to physical injuries or worn out joints. People who focus on life sports (which include rowing and swimming, among others) can enjoy those sports for decades longer than the more “shooting star” sports that crowd the TV screens.

People who cross-country ski may get slower as they age and ski (O.K., they WILL get slower), but they can relive in their minds and bodies many of their experiences on the snow in the years and even decades gone by. The old football or basketball players may be fit enough to sit in the stands and cheer on the players several generations younger than themselves. But they are essentially out of the game.

We are not. We view each winter and a beautiful snowfall as a clarion call to once again pull the skis and poles out of the closet, don the protective clothing that has kept us warm on snow-covered trails in the past, and launch again into our special white universe of adventure, discovery, and a touch of risk that is little known to most.

The Section’s annual après-ski social is an opportunity for the Nordic skiing community in the Washington region to gather for food and drink, renew friendships, tell skiing stories, see photos of the past winter’s trips, and press trip leaders to plan even more exciting excursions for next winter. The beat goes on.

Please join us!

Rob Swennes



2018 Après Ski Party



Well, believe it or not, there WAS a WINTER this year, although long gone. Spring is almost over, and Summer 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, May 27**.

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 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.

The après-ski social will begin between 5 and 6:30 p.m. or later. 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 next winter!

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

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If you haven't joined Yahoo Groups, make sure to do it.
Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PATC-STS/>
Ask to join the group. You will get a confirmation message in your email.

FACEBOOK: Please sign on to the STS Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ski-Touring-Section-Potomac-Appalachian-Trail-Club/226549600733615> and "Like" us. You can easily locate it by putting the phrase "Ski Touring Section" into the search box at the top of the Facebook page. "Likes" are critical for getting status on Facebook and thus for helping others find us when they want information on Nordic skiing.

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/>

Summit County (cont.)

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about 10,000 ft. elevation. There was some serious wind up that close to the mountain top, but after enjoying the heated hut, we trekked on till we were in tree cover again. Daytime temperatures that day and through most of the week were in the 20's.

While most of the STS skiers skied most days at various STCs in Summit County, Barry Weston and Joy Saari instead trekked backcountry trails, passes and wooded ravines in the area. Rich Galloway and Steve Miller joined them on one or more days. They generally arrived back our motel later in the afternoon, tired but happy.

Our second day some of us checked out a few of the other listed STCs before deciding where to ski. The Frisco STC had an impressive multi-run tubing hill that was very popular with many in the area. But its Nordic trail system seemed deficient in mature trees, which made it susceptible to winds. Since the Frisco STC lay on a peninsula jutting into the large Dillon Lake reservoir, the chances of wind were high. More attractive to us was a relatively new skiing center called Gold Run. It is located on Highway 9 on the way from Frisco to Breckenridge. Like so many STCs around the country, it is based on a large golf course with supplemental trails extending into the backcountry. Gold Run offers many panoramic views. Also of note were the many multi-million dollar homes surrounding the golf course. It was a fascinating window into how the "one percent" vacation. The Gold Run Nordic Center is named for the many mines and related mining towns that thrived in this part of Colorado in the 19th century. The blue-rated Gold Run and Peabody Placer ski trails climbed gently into the surrounding hills. Dotted along the way were the remnants of mining operations from over a century ago. The Jumbo Overlook gave an impressive view of the broad area that this STC occupies.



Vista over Breckenridge photo by Marcie Schubert



Trail signs photo by Marcie Schubert

On day three some of us returned to Gold Run and tried some additional trails. I skied one of the two black-rated trails that make up the center's Hoodoo Voodoo network. So far as I could tell, only skate skiers had been up the trail earlier that day. The grooming was excellent, as was the soft snow cover. And there was a remarkable lack of tree detrius on the trails, which was much appreciated. The Gold Run STC does cater to dog owners, and we saw many canines each day enjoying the snow with their skier owners. The center does restrict some trails to skiers only. Snowshoeing and fat tire biking were also allowed on some of the trails.

On day four half of our group opted to snowshoe in the Gold Run area. Barry Weston led the way. We took the Dry Gulch snowshoe trail up to an impressive overlook with little tree cover. Given the high elevation throughout Summit County, that ascent was for all a series of short treks upward punctuated by pauses to catch one's breath. On the ascent we often said "Oh, I have to take a picture," which really meant that we had to catch our breath. But the views were breathtaking -- in more ways than one. Just beyond the summit we stumbled upon the old town of Dry Gulch. We suspect that many of the buildings in that "town" were reconstructions of the types of shelters that were built in the area in the 1800s. But in that high elevation it does not take long for wooden buildings to look 100 years old.

The conclusion of our snowshoeing trek was punctuated by an encounter with a female moose and her calf. We were close enough to snap some photos of the two, but we were wise enough not to move forward until the two had migrated well off the trail. The mother did chase off a dog while we were waiting and showed that her speed was much greater than we would have if forced to ski away.

Our fifth full day in Colorado some of us tried the Keystone STC in the nearby town of the same name. Again we recognized the formula of a posh summer golf course repurposed for Nordic skiing in the winter. All such centers have impressive main buildings which are pleasant to stay in while waiting for companions to finish their day's skiing. In early afternoon it began to snow with significant winds as a cold front moved in.



Gold Run Moose photo by Marcie Schubert

Our final day of skiing was a great one of fresh snow and excellent trails. Most of us chose to return to the Breckenridge STC, which probably has the most extensive groomed trail system in the county. The temperature when we set out from the ski center was 4 degrees. When we returned to the center in the afternoon, the temperature was 10 degrees. By bedtime that evening it was - 4 outside and fortunately calm.

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Summit County (cont.)

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This area of Colorado has not only excellent snow and a wealth of STCs and backcountry trails. It also has a large number of quality restaurants, including several brew pubs. None of us suffered from poor dining on this trip! The only negative on the trip, the high elevation, is also the feature that made this a successful trip with plenty of snow. And all taking part gained the added benefit of a thorough cardiovascular workout! I don't think it will be long before we return to Summit County again.

Besides those mentioned earlier, the trip participants included Mary Bielefeld, Marti Snyderwine, Brian O'Konski, Doug & Marcie Schubert, Ashok Sharma, Andre Lang, Ann Hitchcock, Diane Weil, Elisabeth Lejman, Agata Marriott, Ron & Jan Tucker, and Rob Swennes.



Snowshoeing STSers near the abandoned gold mines near the Gold Run Nordic Ski Center *photo by Rob Swennes*



Snowshoers at the Breckenridge overlook: Ron and Jan Tucker, Elisabeth Lejman, Andre Lang, Mary Bielefeld, and Barry Weston *Photo by Rob Swennes*



Skiing back to the Breckenridge Nordic Center *photo by Rob Swennes*

White Grass Work Trip Pictures



Getting our assignments *photo by Ralph Heimlich*



Slackers *photo by Doug Lesar*

Notes from All Over

November 18-19 Whitegrass Work Trip—8 participants did yeoman service on trail work: Peggy Kenney ; Douglas Lesar; Bill Wright; Craig Offutt; David Adams; Ralph Heimlich; Edna Trimm. Cold and blustery conditions, but we braved the weather (see pics here)—**Bert Finklestein**

January 5-7 Laurel Highlands—This trip was cancelled due to poor snow conditions and very low temperatures. The trip had 13 very disappointed skiers. 13 participants paid in advance. When trip was cancelled, one participant wanted their check returned, one paid by PayPal which was returned via PayPal, others wanted check destroyed which I did. Participants: Janis Tucker, Peggy Kenny, Bertaut family: Clara, Richard, Scott, and Cindy, Maryanne Sacco, Susie Etcheverry, Mary Bielefeld, Susanne Farace, Kathy Bine, Alan Kurzweil. Econo Lodge, Somerset PA, was chosen. Reservations for 6 rooms were cancelled when trip was cancelled. While I did not personally see this motel, due to feedback from other STS members about rooms and poor quality breakfast I will look for another place next time. Reservations were made two weeks in advance for Friday and Saturday nights. Friday was at Pine Grill and Saturday was at Ruby Tuesday. Reservations were cancelled when trip was cancelled.

Skiing locations near Somerset, PA. Plan was to ski at Laurel Ridge State Park on Friday and discuss skiing options during breakfast on Saturday and Sunday.

- * The Kooser system. Fee. These areas are not far from Hidden Valley Resort Ski Lodge with food and warm restrooms.
- * Kooser State Park: It only had a 1.5 mile ski trail, but it is an easy trail good for beginners.
- * North Woods. This is almost across the street from Kooser. It has 13km of well-marked, challenging trails, and some are groomed if conditions permit. Intermediate to advanced skiers. I have not been there, but it says you may need 4-wheel drive.
- * Roaring Run Natural Area. This is next door to Kooser. 26km of rustic trails for intermediate and advanced skiers.
- * Laurel Ridge State park. Fee. This has about 25km of trails with about 5km of easy trails. The nice thing here is all their trails are groomed and there is a small lodge.
- * Laurel Highlands State forest/Forbes State Park. They have about 35 miles of trails but they are not groomed, range from moderate to expert (no easy), and some are shared with snowmobiles.
- * Laurel Hill State Park. This is listed as having ski trails on some web pages, but the park's brochure only says snowmobiling and ice skating. I do not plan to go there unless I hear the park has good skiing.

—**Ron Tucker**

January 28-31 Canaan Valley Cabin Trip—Was not able to fill one space. As you can imagine, it was mainly a hiking and downhill skiing trip. Wished the trip was going on now (Canaan is getting significant snow at the moment). I made a reservation for a deluxe cabin for roughly the same time next year.—**Doug Lesar**

February 9-11 Laurel Highlands, Econo Lodge—Nine participants signed up for this trip. Three were newcomers to the STS: Val's friend Alla Dvorkin who had not skied since she was a young woman in Russia decades ago, and two people referred by Ralph Heimlich who knows them from kayaking, and who had also skied in the past. Unfortunately the weather forecast called for rain starting on Saturday afternoon and continuing through the weekend, as well as warm temperatures, so decided on Thursday evening to cancel the trip. Four participants (Greg Westernik, John Tichenor, Alla, and Val) got together for an abbreviated trip, skiing Friday afternoon at Laurel Mountain and Saturday morning at Laurel Ridge to take advantage of the remaining snow.

As a first-time leader, I found it simplest to follow the time-tested model of other Laurel Highlands trips. I hadn't been on one in several years, so I participated in Steve Jarvis's trip three weeks earlier than mine. I'm very glad to have done so, to re-familiarize myself with the available skiing and dining venues. It was tricky to arrange carpools since some participants were working on Friday while others had the day off and wanted to go up earlier, but we finally settled on an arrangement that would have been satisfactory.

It was also tricky to decide on cancellation. I gather that might be the toughest job of the trip leader, especially in today's warming climate. I had several discussions with Greg and found his advice to be very helpful, though he was advocating for a Friday morning decision while I felt that under the circumstances I needed to call it on Thursday night, given the number of people who were planning to drive early on Friday. I invited all the participants to consider doing the informal one-night trip, which is how we got our four-person group together.

I found the Econo Lodge to be adequate for the money; the climate control in the rooms is primitive, the beds got mixed reviews. The staff is pleasant. The breakfast is, unsurprisingly, heavy on white baked goods; I had advised participants to be open to going out or bringing their own breakfast foods. I think a big disadvantage of the Econo Lodge is the lack of a comfortable space where people can gather in the evening; by comparison the more expensive Comfort Inn that Steve chose for his trip has a very nice lounge (and a much better breakfast).

Having a hotel with a last-minute cancellation policy is very important; if this had been a no-cancel trip it would not have been pleasant to hike in the rain in slushy snow and mud, and even a 24-hour policy would have meant an agonizing decision about whether to run the trip. In my experience as a business traveler, the last-minute cancellation policies are starting to disappear; hopefully that won't happen at the Somerset hotels.

I made the acquaintance of Route 31 Bike, Board, and Ski on our informal trip, since Alla needed to rent skis. They were pleasant to deal with and provided her with an adequate skinny-ski outfit. It's good to know they carry all sorts of clothing and accessories that the forgetful traveler might need.—**Val Matthews**

February 16-19 Blackwater Falls Lodge—11 participants signed up (Dave and Cathy Collins, Leigh and Bela Mariassy, Fran and Maureen Wright, John Tichnor, Peggy Kenney, Edna Trimm, Greg Westernik). I rented an additional room to accommodate another couple. Trip cancelled due to lack of snow and all rooms cancelled.—**Ralph Heimlich**

Mainely On Snowshoes

By Ralph Heimlich

A couple of years ago, I ran across an article about the Maine Huts and Trails, an organized set of huts and connecting trails for wilderness adventures (<https://mainehuts.org/>). I thought about organizing an STS ski trip up there, but got distracted, so it didn't happen. Fortunately, this year Joe Bachman, who's family has a cabin in the Rangeley Lakes region, didn't get distracted and organized a snowshoe and skiing trip to the area. While we did a lot of snowshoeing, we also hit some skiing venues and explored the area pretty well.

Maine's Carabassett Valley doesn't feel very close, but when you consider it is only a 2-hour flight from BWI, plus a 3 hour drive from Portland, ME, it is actually closer than many (snowless) locations within driving distance of home. Most of us (Joy, Rich, Barry, David, Ann, Jane and I) caught the same Southwest flight from BWI and arrived in Portland at the same time. Joe, who'd Amtrak'ed up to Boston and rented an SUV (actually, upgraded from a RAV4 to a Mercedes GrosseDeutscheKommandoKar), met us at the airport. We rendezvoused at the baggage claim, sorted out rental cars, and agreed to meet at a local supermarket for provisions.

Unlike many excursion trips, Joe left car rentals to individuals, but covered all the food, so we went on a shopping spree with folks rushing hither and yon for beer, lobsters, fruit, and cereal. I hoped we weren't breaking Joe's budget, but soon all of food was loaded into our cars and we headed up the highway toward Kingsland and the Sugar Loaf ski resort. Bela and Leigh Mariassy were driving up and met us at the cabin.

The cabin, rented from Homeaway, was a funky, family-style vacation house, obviously built on over the years (see https://www.homeaway.com/vacation-rental/p3843998?uni_id=4217518). It had 5 bedrooms, capable of housing the two couples, two single ladies, a bunk room full of three guys, and a separate room for Joe. The living room was cozy and the kitchen was ample enough to accommodate us all at breakfast and other times without too much head-butting. Leigh, who has tender ankles from previous injuries, wasn't skiing, so took over the role of house mother (Wendy to the Lost Boys), and quickly had us organized.

With all the provisions, we were amply supplied, from a porch step full of cooling brews to 10 lobsters and a couple of bags full of mussels, which we dealt with in shifts due to lack of a really big lobster pot. A number of gourmet-style meals were prepared in shifts by various chefs, mostly under Leigh's supervision.

We had high hopes of snow materializing from a massive Nor'easter descending on the Mid-Atlantic and New England, but alas, we were just a bit too far north for another snowy infusion. There was a good 18" to 2 feet of icy base, however, and with a dusting of new snow on top, we had ample scope for our winter sports.

We concentrated on three venues in the Carabassett Valley: The Maine Huts and Trails, mainly the trail up to and out from the Poplar Hut and the Flagstaff Hut; the ski and snowshoe trails of the Sugarloaf Outdoor Center; and the Rangeley Lakes Trail Center.

While the trails up to the huts (<https://mainehuts.org/our-huts/poplar>) could be done on skis with better snow, most of us opted for snowshoes on the icy, crusty base up from the trailhead near the fire station on the Narrow Gauge trail paralleling Route 16/27. At about 3.3 miles, and 500 feet of elevation gain, the trip to Poplar Hut was interesting for a short round-trip loop and rewarded us with a nice warm lunch spot



Waterfalls on trail to Poplar Hut featuring Joy
photo by Barry Weston



Ralph, Leigh and Jane in the kitchen photo by Jane Wholey



Lobstahs photo by Jane Wholey

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.

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(we were the only ones present on a weekday). Poplar Hut has room for 44 people in two private rooms sleeping 4 each, and 5 shared bunkrooms sleeping 36. The main hut has the kitchen and dining rooms and showers and toilet facilities. We speculated that perhaps next year we would organize a winter trek, skiing or snowshoeing in with the option of slackpacking the luggage.



Approach to Poplar Hut photo by Maine Huts and Trails

The Sugarloaf Outdoor Center (<http://sugarloaf.com/activities-and-nightlife/outdoor-center>) nestles at the foot of Sugarloaf Mountain (elev. 4,237 feet with 2,820 feet of vertical drop on 162 trails and glades) and provides a Nordic counterpoint to the predominantly Alpine venue farther up the mountain. The Outdoor Center has 90 km of trails, mostly groomed, for XC skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating and the novelty of “fat tire” snow biking, all within a couple of miles of our cabin. While I had never been here, I felt at home because my Nordic Track ski machine came with VHS tapes of famous trail systems, including this one. I’d skied here in VR for several years. The Bull Moose Café in the center’s lodge is a good lunch spot, whether buying from their menu, or just to sit down and eat your home-packed goodies.

The Rangeley Trail Center (<http://rangeleylakestrailscenter.com/>) is a bit farther afield (40 miles and about an hour away), and more rustic (the trail center is in a yurt on a wooden



Joy at a cave on the AT photo by Barry Weston

platform), this site offered a different prospect, looking out over Saddleback and Rangeley Lakes, and rugged, but flatter terrain. With 47 km of trails, including broad groomed thoroughfares for classic and skate skiing and narrow, twisty snowshoe trails over rocks and glacial terrain, there was something for everyone. Several of us skiing and snowshoeing found each other for lunch in the sun down by frozen Saddleback Lake.

Joy and Barry went off-piste a bit and skied farther and higher than most of the rest of us, including a section of the AT that crosses the Sugarloaf property.



Poplar Hut Dining Room photo by Maine Huts and Trails



Ralph, Joe and Bela having Lunch near Saddleback Lake at Rangeley Trail Center photo by Jane Wholey

I congratulate Joe for his daring in taking off for a completely new ski location. He picked the right place and the right time. I’m looking forward to returning.



Bunkroom photo by Maine Huts and Trails

SEASON TRIP RESULTS

STS Report 2017-18 15 ski trips and one work trip scheduled. 8 were cancelled and 5 completed, 2 unknown status.

STS 2017/18 Trip Status

Date	Place	Leader	Status
Nov 18-19	Work Trip, Whitegrass, WV	Bert Finkelstein	Completed. 8 participants.
Dec 28-Jan 1	Tug Hill, Rome, NY	Peggy Alpert	Completed. Need trip report
Jan 5-7	Laurel Highlands, Somerset PA	Ron Tucker	Cancelled
Jan 11-15 MLK	Jackson, NH White Mts. No cnx.	Rob Swennes	Completed. 6 participants.
Jan 12-14 MLK	Learn to XC, Laurel Highlands, Somerset, PA. Free XC instruction. Cnx no snow	Greg Westernik	Cancelled
Jan 19-21	Laurel Highlands. Cnx no snow	Steve Jarvis	Cancelled
Jan 19-21	Canaan Valley Snowshoe	Bert Finkelstein	Cancelled.
Jan 25-28	Canaan Valley Cabin Deluxe, WV. No cnx	Doug Lesar	Completed. Report received
Jan 26-28	Laurel Highlands, Somerset, PA	Greg Westernik	Cancelled
Feb 2-4	Blackwater Falls Lodge, WV. 4 rooms will be reserved by TL	Brian O'Konski	Cancelled
Feb 2-4	Blackwater Falls Cabin, WV. Deluxe 8 cabin will be reserved by TL. No cnx	Bert Finkelstein	Unknown
Feb 14-21	Summit County, CO. No cnx.	Rob Swennes	Completed. 19 participants.
Feb 16-19 Pres Wkn	Ski Dance, Camp Sequanota, PA	Applestein/Mathis	Unknown
Feb 16-19 Pres Wkn	Blackwater Falls Lodge, WV. 4 rooms will are reserved. Cnx no snow	Ralph Heimlich	Cancelled.
Feb 23-26	Tug Hill or Lake Placid/ Adirondacks, NY. Cnx no snow	Greg Westernik	Cancelled
Mar 1-5	Maine ski and snowshoe	Joe Bachman	Completed. 10 participants.

More White Grass Work Trip Pictures



Bert and friend *photo by Peggy Kenney* ←



Clearing trail *photo by Peggy Kenney* ↓



Peggy and Edna *photo by Doug Lesar* ↓

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Rob Swennes, Elisabeth Lejman, Marti Snyderwine, Steve Miller, & Rich Galloway in Summit CO *photo by Rob Swennes*

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

Membership Classes

<u>Membership Categories</u>	<u>1 Year Only</u>	<u>2 Years</u>	<u>3 Years</u>
Individual	\$ 9	\$17	\$25
Family	\$13	\$24	\$35

PLEASE PRINT or TYPE THE INFORMATION BELOW !!!

Name(s): _____ Request is for: - NEW Membership: _____

Address: _____ Today's Date: _____ - New Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - Renewal: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

- Add me to Annual member directory but do not list my: Home Ph.: ___ ; Work Ph: ___ ; Email: ___; Postal Address: ___
- If checked, add me to New Yahoo Group so I can get infrequent, adhoc announcements of local XC Ski activities: ___
- If checked, send my UPSLOPE only electronically (no paper copy) to save the club copying and postage: ___

STS is an all-volunteer organization. We cannot function without the assistance of our members. If you are interested in volunteering to help STS in any of the following areas, please check the box and you will be contacted:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> STS Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> XC Ski Instructor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Web Content Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Ski Trip Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events Coordinator |