

The Liftline

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September

- 2** First Friday Happy Hour at El Toro II 6 pm
- 2-5** Youghiogheny River rafting over the Labor Day holiday.
- 9-11** France Park near Logansport Indiana. Camping, swimming SCUBA diving, bike trails, Frisbee golf, hiking, fishing, visit to Indiana Beach Amusement Park. For details, contact Mike Metz 367-2541.
- 14** Cubs Night Game in Chicago.
- 16-18** Golf at Alpine Valley Resort, Wisconsin.
- 20** Social and **Winter Trip Sign Up** at the V.F.W. Hall. Social events start at 6 pm, business meeting at 7, then Winter Trip Sign Ups begins about 8 pm.



Last Fun Friday of the year was a volleyball night at the Brickhouse on Aug. 19th. Shown here are Terry Johnson, Judy and Randy Haydel, Mike Metz, Kelli Morris and Ashley with Darlene Chirolas in back.

Winter Trip Sign Up

The most important meeting of our ski club year is coming up on Tuesday, September 20. Around 8 pm, you will get to sign up for the winter trips of your desire. This issue of *The Liftline* is dedicated to giving you all the information needed to make your choice. Six trips are offered with most for skiing but one is for those seeking a tropical respite from the coming cold weather. The skiing trips go from those nearby with terrain for beginning instruction to those in the mountains out west with challenging terrain for advanced skiers. Don't miss this meeting since many of the trips will immediately sell out.

SCUBA DIVING

Many club members are certified divers including your newsletter editor. Many of us hope that in the coming years the club will include a dive trip in the schedule. Steve Smith at WildCountry now offers diver certification training for those wanting to get to the bottom of this wet world. Please give this some thought. Age is no barrier. Shown below is Steve giving Advanced Open Water Training to club members Dennis and Eileen



Coleman on an August dive trip to the Bahama Islands.

And here's your editor diving off Bonaire in March.



Sign Up Night Tuesday September 20 V.F.W. Hall

- 6 pm**
Social time with beer and appetizers
- 7 pm**
Business Meeting
- 8 pm**
Trip sign ups followed by socializing until 10 pm.

The V.F.W. Hall is at 609 Edgebrook Drive. It is near the new Home Depot store. From Prospect Avenue, take Bloomington Road east, turn left on Hagan Street, then right on Edgebrook. Don't forget to bring your CHECKBOOK as you will need a deposit check for each trip.

Winter Trips Summary

Date	Location	Cost	Included	Slots	Trip Leader
Dec 30-Jan 2 New Year's Trip "Ski Into 2006"	Ski Brule Marquette Michigan	\$410 double \$380 triple \$365 quad	3 days lift tickets 3 nights lodging meals except lunch all transportation	50	Greg+Lynn Crawford greg@cfhins.com 762-7848
Jan 6-8 Instructional Clinics Trip	Shanty Creek (Schuss Mountain) Bellaire Michigan	\$335 adults \$215 kids 3-5 \$230 kids 6-17	2 nights lodging instruction meals except lunch all transportation	50	Milt Forsberg milt@uiuc.edu 352-5075
Jan 28-Feb 4	Telluride Colorado	\$1074	5 of 6 days lift pass 7 nights lodging no meals included group pizza party all transportation	42	Jerry Welch Gerald.Welch@ carle.com 359-2472
Feb 10-12 Ski Council of Illinois (SKI) Trip	Crystal Mtn and Caberfae Peaks Cadillac Michigan	\$250 double \$209 triple \$198 quad	2 day lift tickets 2 nights lodging breakfasts, one dinner food on bus back all transportation	50	Peter Haydel 898-7274
Feb 25-Mar 4 Warm-Climate Trip	Akumal Beach Yucatan Mexico	\$1295 double \$1195 triple	7 nights in superior rooms all food and drinks all transportation	42	Sheryl DeBarr DeBarr_S@yahoo.com 359-3837
March 18-25 Spring Break Trip	Aspen Colorado	\$1020 kids rate available	5 of 6 days lift pass for 4 mountains 7 nights lodging breakfasts, after ski wine and cheese all transportation	42	Phil Johnson LindaPhil.Johnson@ insightbb.com 469-7018

Winter Trip

“Ski Into 2006” at Marquette, Michigan



New Year's at Brule

Historic Ski Brule, one of the Midwest's oldest ski resorts (1956), is usually the first resort in Michigan to open and the last to close. Five double-chair lifts serve 17 runs with 420 feet vertical. About half are rated intermediate. The Homestead Lodge, located mid-mountain, is a 19th century structure where skiers can relax and catch a bite to eat.

Marquette Mountain (1957) is one of the Midwest's highest points and features a 600-foot vertical drop accessed by three double-chair lifts. Until 1982, it was known as Cliff's Ridge, because it was located on land leased from Cleveland Cliffs, the local mining company. There are 25 runs, two gladed, and features night-skiing and a large terrain park. Runs are about a third beginner, intermediate, and advanced.

Marquette Mountain and Ski Brule, Michigan
December 30–January 2, Friday-Monday

New Year's weekend

- 3 days of lift tickets (2 at Marquette, 1 at Brule)
- 3 nights lodging at Ramada Inn, downtown Marquette, with heated indoor pool and hot tub
- NASTAR race
- Breakfasts and dinners
- After ski party
- New Year's Eve celebration
- Transportation by bus, with beer, water, boxed lunches, munchies, pop, and juice

Double	\$410
Triple	\$380
Quad	\$365

Deposit \$50

Trip leader Greg Crawford, 762-7848
greg@cfhins.com



www.marquettemountain.com



www.skibrule.com



View of Lake Superior from Marquette Mountain



Downtown Marquette



Slopes at Brule

Winter Trip

Instructional Clinics at Shanty Creek



Schuss Mountain



www.shantycreek.com



At the Instructional Clinics



Schuss village

Take your skiing to the next level

Shanty Creek is a resort in Michigan, with 47 trails that wind over two distinctive ski areas. We'll be staying at Schuss Mountain, where five quad and two double chairs serve 450 feet of vertical. A glade run has recently been added. Runs are about a third beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Most of us will take part in the Instructional Clinics that are offered this weekend.

The Instructional Clinics trip is one of the best ways to learn to ski, but it's not just for beginners. All levels are welcome – polish your skills, push yourself beyond your comfort zone, or learn to ski from the very beginning. In addition to alpine skiing, the clinics also offer instruction in racing, snowboarding, and nordic skiing (cross-country). The emphasis is on skiing, but there's plenty more in terms of food and festivities. This trip is one of the most popular trips the club offers, and we have been using the Instructional Clinics as our Learn-to-Ski trip for a decade.

Shanty Creek, Bellaire, Michigan Instructional Clinics January 6-8, Friday-Sunday

- 2 days lift tickets
- 2 nights lodging
- 8 hours of instruction by PSIA certified instructors (all levels – recreational, racing, snowboarding, nordic)
- Video analysis
- Breakfast buffet and dinner
- Day care for non-skiing children
- NASTAR race with awards
- Saturday night banquet and party
- Prize drawing and great door prizes
- Transportation by bus

\$335 adults
\$215 children 3-5
\$230 children 6-17

Deposit \$50

Trip leader Milt Forsberg, 352.5075
miltf@uiuc.edu

Winter Trip

Telluride, Colorado

Nestled in a box canyon surrounded by majestic, 13,000-foot peaks of the San Juan Mountains, the Town of Telluride is filled with colorful legends, over a century of history and Rocky Mountain spirit. The twin towns of Telluride and Mountain Village are linked by a spectacular 13-minute ride on the free gondola, making it easy to enjoy both worlds without ever getting in the car. Together, these two towns offer over 50 restaurants and bars.



1,700 skiable acres and 84 trails with a vertical drop of 3,530 feet are divided among 24% beginner, 38% intermediate, and 38% advanced/expert runs served by a total of 16 lifts, including two high-speed gondolas and seven high-speed quads. The Telluride Lodge offers condominium accommodations and is located 200 feet from Lift #7 (Coonskin Lift). The gondola and downtown Telluride are three blocks away from the Lodge.

For more info, see: www.tellurideskiresort.com

Interesting fact: the Bank of Telluride was the first bank robbed by Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid.

Telluride, Colorado
January 28 - February 4, Saturday - Saturday

- 5 of 6 days lift pass
- 7 nights lodging at Telluride Lodge condos
- Wine and cheese reception,
Pizza party at end of first day skiing
- No other meals included
- All transportation (BUS-PLANE-BUS)
plane between Chicago and Montrose, Colorado
- Donuts and coffee for early departure

\$1074

Deposit at signup	\$200
By Oct 4	\$400
By Jan 16	\$474 (balance)

Trip leader Jerry Welch, 359-2472
Gerald.Welch@carle.com



Telluride Lodge:
www.telluridelodge.com

Winter Trip

Crystal and Caberfae near Cadillac, Michigan Ski Kouncil of Illinois (SKI) Trip



The trip leaves on Friday with skiing for 2 days and then returns on Sunday. An excellent and exciting weekend trip. Two great resorts with new runs, and over 280 acres of skiing with over 850 feet of vertical drop (by combining the two resorts). We will be staying at the Hampton Inn in Cadillac, Michigan. A beautiful hotel with pool and hot tub (see photo below), continental breakfasts, and very comfortable and accommodating rooms. There will be a dinner party Saturday night at the hotel.



This is a joint SKI trip with groups from Bloomington, Peoria and Springfield. You will meet some new people and have a great time. NASTAR races and lessons are available at both places with sign ups being done on the bus. We have lift tickets, hotel rooms and most meals included in the price making for a great bang for your buck. The bus will be packed with snacks, beer, pop and we'll have Subway food on the way home. Movies, games and shenanigans will be played on the bus. An exciting trip with great people. It will be a lot of fun, so we'll see ya on the slopes.



See: www.caberfaepeaks.com Top 3 photos
See: www.crystallmountain.com Bottom 2 photos



Crystal and Caberfae near Cadillac, Michigan
Ski Kouncil of Illinois (SKI) trip
February 10-12, Friday-Sunday

- 2 days lift tickets
- 2 nights lodging at Hampton Inn in Cadillac
- Continental breakfasts
- Joint club trip (SKI) with Bloomington/Peoria/Springfield
- NASTAR race
- Lessons available
- Saturday night Pizza Party
- Transportation by bus, dinner in bus on way home
- Games, movies, snacks, pop and beer on bus

\$250 double
\$209 triple
\$198 quad

Deposit \$50

Trip leader Peter Haydel,
898-7274



Winter Trip

AKUMAL BEACH RESORT MEXICO

in Riviera Maya on the Yucatan peninsula

What's there to do? Snorkel in natural lagoons (like the one at the resort). Swim in the Caribbean sea or the resort fresh-water pool. Golf. Tour the Mayan ruins (this is very cool). Enjoy nightly entertainment and dancing whenever. Go deep sea fishing. Shop till you drop. Relax on the beautiful beach. Scuba dive on the world's 2nd largest barrier reef! Experience underwater cave and cavern tours. ENJOY MEXICO!



For info on the Akumal area:

<http://www.locogringo.com/akumal/>

For resort info:

<http://www.locogringo.com/akumal/akumalbeachresort.html>

Akumal Beach, Yucatan, Mexico
February 25 - March 4, Saturday-Saturday

- 7 nights lodging in superior rooms
- All food
- All drinks (alcohol too!)
- Non-motorized watersports
- All Transportation (BUS – FLY – BUS)

Double	\$1295
Triple	\$1195

Payment Schedule:

Deposit at signup	\$300
By Nov. 1	\$500
By Dec. 10	\$495 or \$395 Balance

Trip leader Sheryl DeBarr, 359-3837
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Club members dancing at previous warm-climate trip to Puerto Vallarta in February 2004.



Winter Trip

Aspen, Colorado

Aspen truly is one of the crown jewels of Colorado (God's Country). The price that we have is a bargain for this area (thanks Mike). We will be staying downtown where all the action



Aspen Mountain



Snowmass



Lodging: www.limelite-lodge.com

takes place.

There are over 100 restaurants and bars in Aspen serving everything from pizza's to five course dinners. We will have interchangeable lift tickets that are good for all four ski areas. All of them are within 10 miles of our lodge and we pickup the shuttle within a half block of where we are staying. Between the four resorts there are 335 trails and 13,338 vertical feet. I'm sure everyone will find enough trails that are suitable whether you are a beginner or an expert.

Four Mountains	Lifts	Vertical Rise
Snowmass	21	4,406
Aspen Mountain	8	3,267
Aspen Highlands	4	3,635
Buttermilk	9	2,030



Aspen Highlands

For more info on the mountains: www.aspensnowmass.com

Aspen, Colorado
March 18-25, Saturday-Saturday

- 5 of 6 days lift pass for 4 mountains
- 7 nights lodging in Limelite Lodge with heated pool and spa
- European breakfasts and after ski wine and cheese, all other meals on your own in this town of fabulous restaurants
- All transportation (BUS-PLANE-BUS) plane between Indianapolis and Denver

\$1020 (call about child rates)

Deposit at sign up \$200
By Nov 4 \$400
By Jan 16 \$420 (balance)

Trip leader Phil Johnson, 469-7018
mojo51@prodigy.net

Club calendar

First Friday Happy Hours

- Sep 2 6 pm – El Toro II, 1805 S. Neil, Champaign
Oct 7 None due to Pig Roast previous Saturday
Nov 4 6 pm – Brickhouse (formerly Wendl's)
Dec 2 None due to DeBarr's house party following day

Fun Fridays

Appear over for this year.

Parties and Events

- Sep 20 Winter Trip Sign Up and Social
6 pm social, 7 pm meeting, about 8 pm sign up
at V.F.W. Hall, 609 Edgebrook Dr., Champaign
Oct 1 2 pm – Pig Roast at Maloneys
Oct 18 7 pm – General Meeting and SCUBA diving
discussion at WildCountry by Steve Smith.
Oct 22 Hayride, weiner roast and campout at the
Crawford farm near Sullivan, Il.
Dec 3 House Party at DeBarrs
Dec 13 Christmas Pary

Summer/Fall Trips

- Sep 2-5 Fri-Mon – Rafting trip on Youghiogheny River,
Ohiopyle State Park in Pennsylvania, contact
Dennis Coleman for details: 352-8011.
Sep 9-11 France Park near Logansport Indiana. Camping,
swimming in crystal clear water, SCUBA diving, bike
trails, Frisbee golf, hiking, fishing, visit to Indiana
Beach Amusement Park, watch go-cart and micro-
midget races, lots of fun. Motels nearby. For more
info, contact Mike Metz 367-2541.
Sep 14 Wed – Night Cubs game in Chicago. Contact
Mitch Cohen for details: 773-348-5898.
Sep 16-18 Fri-Sun – Golfing at Alpine Valley Resort,
Wisconsin. Contact Judy Haydel for details
352-7254.
Oct 28-30 Shawnee Weekend

Winter Ski Trips

See page 2 for summary.



Volleyball and Bocci ball
starts at 2 pm. **Eat** porker
at around 4 pm.

At the home of
Steve Maloney,
1408 Maple Crest Dr.,
Champaign.

From Kirby and Prospect
go west to Mayfair, turn
north (right) on Mayfair,
then left on Westlawn then
right onto Maple Crest .

Contribution of \$6 for
adults, \$3 for children
under 12, is appreciated.

Provided will be pork,
beer, wine, soft drinks,
and table service.

Bring a side dish, dessert,
or snack to share, and
lawnchairs.

Lost? Contact Steve at
355-0534.

Margaritaville 2005 Revisited...

Thanks to Edna Pirok and Paul Tenczar for all the pictures.



Joan Sargent, Linda Johnson, Bonnie Briscoe; Dale Tolliver, Gary Elvers, Judy Tolliver, Joyce Goggin; Todd Mowry with the flames; Susie Dueringer, Neil Wilkins, Judy Nagy, Pat Elkins; Mike Sargent, Dave Briscoe, Sheryl and Joe DeBarr; Faith and Scott Dahman; Paul Tenczar having yet another Margarita; Sheryl DeBarr; Judy Tolliver and Joyce Goggin (past editors of this Newsletter); Kim, Sam and Todd Mowry; Greg Crawford; Gayle Jannusch; (Rev.) Reed Berger, Peg Olson; Mel's daughter Karen and her husband Jim Mosstz, Darlene Chirolas, and finally Mel Ehrhardt

WILDCOUNTRY October Discount 10% Entire Month



That's right. For the entire month of October, you can walk into your favorite outdoor sporting goods shop and get a 10% discount on all your purchases and that is on top of any other sales promotions. But only for Champaign Ski Club members. Previously, Wildcountry gave ski club members only one night to consummate bargain purchases. Steve Smith, owner of Wildcountry and Champaign Ski Club member, says that the new offer should allow everyone ample time to satisfy their skiing needs.

Wildcountry is the only place in our community selling skis. The closest place outside Champaign selling skis is the Wildcountry shop in Bloomington/Normal which is run by Steve's dad Dick Smith. Otherwise, you have to go to Chicago, St. Louis or wherever.



Steve mentions that parents should start thinking of Junior leases, which is not a discount item, to assure a good fit for all your family needs in the coming season.

See web site: www.wildcountry4fun.com



Nikki Holzbauer

Steve about 40 feet below the surface during a night dive off the island of Bonaire, Mar 05

Trip report...biking Wisconsin

by Judy Haydel

On Friday, Aug. 12, we had ten ski club members, and four future ski club members venture to southern Wisconsin for a campout along the scenic Sugar River. The purpose of this trip was to explore a new bike trail. The Sugar River trail runs 23 miles from Brodhead to New Glarus, Wisconsin and crosses the river 23 times. The campground was unknown to all our members, and did not live up to our usual standards. We were camped out at the riverfront with a nice campfire and our tents/campers all nearby. If you could ignore the loud country music and late night fireworks, you could have enjoyed the setting. This was not forest camping..... too many trailers (with porches and patios), too many dogs off the leash and too many motorized vehicles (jet skis and ATV's in the river).

On Saturday, after a leisurely breakfast, we packed up for the trail which was just across the road from the campground. We were waiting for Chris to get back for a 5K race in Brodhead that he ran twice and won. Eleven people headed north to New Glarus, Phil and Linda went hiking and looking for a better campground, and Linda Blaine took care of Jessica and Chris' dog. Judy, Jessie, Ashley, and Josh went 7 miles out and back and then brought a car up to New Glarus to pick up anyone who was not riding back (Mike, Kelli and Tyler). New Glarus turned out to be an interesting town, we did the cow scavenger hunt while Mike and Kelli checked out some local breweries. Randy, Dani, and Ron went both ways and only got sprinkled once in a while. It was a perfect day for riding and very scenic. The crushed limestone surface made this rails-to-trails bike path relatively easy. Saturday night found us back around the campfire with more loud music. Sunday was a lovely day. Phil and a friend from Rockford did the trip from New Glarus to the campground. The rest of the group headed down the bike trail to Brodhead where they were celebrating Covered Bridge Days where we enjoyed the festival parade (tractors and each towns "Dairy Queens").

This was a new place and would warrant a return visit for the biking. We did locate a nicer wooded camping area closer to New Glarus where we will plan to stay next time. It was nice to see some old ski club members, Ron and Dani Bellamere, who drove down from Medford, Wisconsin to stay with us. In spite of the campground, it was still a fun trip. ●



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The board meets at 7 pm on Tuesday following
the second Monday of the month.
All are welcome.