

Four ski areas in a day (all free)!

by *Emilio Trampuz*

April 30, 2006. (Sunday) On Saturday, I found out and immediately notified all our members that 2 ski areas on Mt. Hood were offering free skiing on Sunday:

1. Ski Bowl celebrated it's last day of the season.
2. Timberline commemorates the passing of Dick Kohnstamm (see page 4).

I proposed that we ski *both* of these in the same day. Within an hour, Linda McGavin notified us all that Mt. Hood Meadows was also offering free tickets. Half an hour later, I got an email from Meadows, confirming that.

In my opinion, Meadows didn't really need to do this. It's hard to pry people away from Meadows. Some won't ski any place else. Most have a Meadows pass. The few people that had made plans to go to Meadows that Sunday went to Meadows anyway, despite the news of free skiing elsewhere.

But, to me, the choice was obvious: ski all 3 ski areas. In fact, do fact, do the Summit ski area as a 4th one too! Nobody responded, or stopped in Sandy on Sunday, so I went alone.

I started at **Ski Bowl**. The very bottom looked a bit sad, but the snow in the upper bowl was amazingly good. I skied the ungroomed right under the upper bowl chair, through small trees, and had a great 6 or 7 runs. Around 11 am, had a quick lunch in the cafeteria, and proceeded on to Meadows.

Violet, Gordy, Elaine, and a few others were at **Meadows**, celebrating Violet's birthday on the mountain. I heard Gordy on the radio, but they disappeared into Heather Canyon before I had a chance to catch up. I skied HRM, the Texas trail, the "I hear Cars" trail, and a run into Shooting Star, and ended it with a run into Heather and Clark Canyon, which I then skied all the way to the HRM parking lot (where I had left my car).

I drove to Government Camp and left my car at the Summit ski area, then hitchhiked to **Timberline**. That's where I found the best, totally untracked snow, on skier's right of the Palmer chair. I took dozens of photos especially during a single 4,500' vertical descent, from the top of Palmer, past Stormin' Norman and then down the Alpine trail to the **Summit** ski area in Government Camp. What a day! Skied a total of 25,000 vertical feet. Not bad.

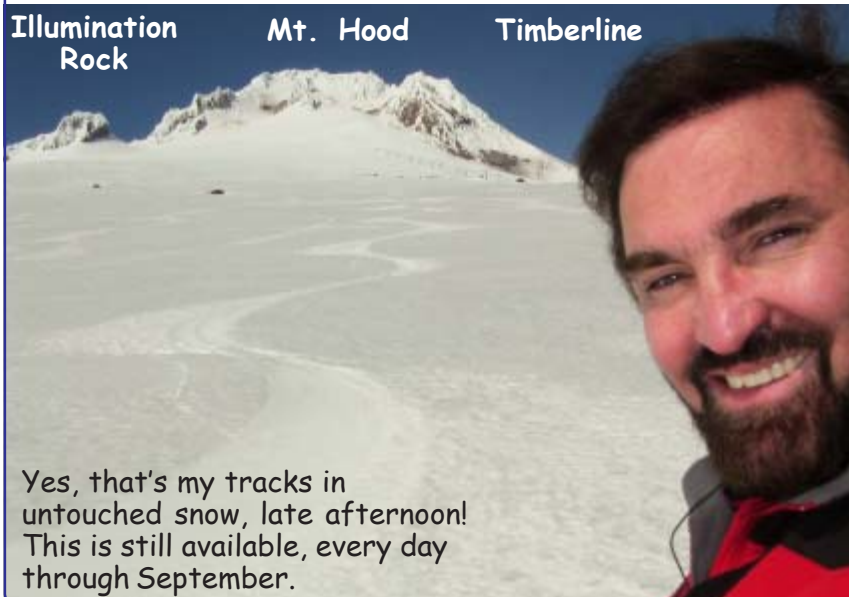


Ski Bowl with view of Mt. Hood.



Meadows

Will the snowboarder guy help the lady that's bent over? Answer on page 11.



Illumination Rock Mt. Hood Timberline

Yes, that's my tracks in untouched snow, late afternoon! This is still available, every day through September.



Alpine Trail, with a view of Ski Bowl

Yes, he helped!

This young lady had been struggling and sliding back for a while. See Meadows photo on page 7, where the guy is still wondering if he should step in. After some thought, he found a pleasant way of helping her out.

Who says that chivalry is out of style?



Mountain High Meeting

First Tuesday of the month.

June 6 (Tue.): Open to all who want to get more involved with the club. This is an organizational meeting to plan future events. Gather at 6:30pm. Start at 7pm.

Location: **Round Table Pizza**, 1007 SW Barbur Blvd., Portland, near corner of Capitol Hwy. (behind McDonald's).

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