



Lift Lines

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Mountain High Snowsport Club, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208



Hi folks,

Our club has a lot to offer, but you have to make use of it! Sign up for a trip, come to a party, use our online Forum, our Bulletin Board. Get on our general email list, or our mid-week skiers' list (see page 10), use the resources on our site, such as the ski area listings, the articles on gear, travel, etc., check out latest photos, look up race results, and more. Start exploring at: www.mthigh.org.

PACRAT Racing - register now!



Five fun races, Jan.-March, 2 at Meadows, 2 at Timberline, 1 at Ski Bowl, open to everyone. Join a team before the end of November. It's a lot of fun! Make sure you know which team you are on. If not sure, contact us. See info on page 3.

Cascade Ski Club Open House



Heather & Jesse at Ski Fair

December 1 (Sat.)
6:00 - 10:00 pm

Cascade ski club invites you to an open house at their lodge in the heart of Government Camp.

There will be live music, door prizes, a raffle, food and beverages, a President's Award presentation, and opportunity to sign up as a Cascade club member and enjoy overnight stays for only \$12 a night. Yes, you can be a member of more than one club. It's allowed!

Oregon Cancer Ski Out



Russ

Bob

Nancy

March 2-3: Register your 5-person team now for this fun fundraiser for Cancer Research and hospice care. Two races are held, and only consistency counts; not speed. Team registration for 5 people is \$850. Contact **Russ Stanton**, russki2day@yahoo.com or **Dick Woolley** at

RGWoolley@comcast.net. Lots more information on our web site: [www.mthigh.org/Events.htm#Oregon Cancer Ski Out](http://www.mthigh.org/Events.htm#Oregon%20Cancer%20Ski%20Out)

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*Note the color code.
Our club is blue.*

2007 CALENDAR

Blue: Mountain High events
Red: NWSC/FWSA events
Black: General events

Dec. 4 (Tue) **Mt. High** Board mtg.

Dec. 7-12: **Silver Star** trip

Dec. 8-16: **Canadian Ski Safari**

2008

Jan.13 (Sun) **PACRAT** race Timberline

Jan. 19-26 **FWSA Ski Week** Whistler

Jan.27 (Sun): **PACRAT** race Meadows

Feb. 1-11: **Innsbruck, Austria** trip

Feb. 6-10: **Sun Valley** Family trip

Feb. 10-16: **Whistler** cabin trip

Feb.16-18: **Southern Oregon** bus trip

Feb.17 (Sun): **PACRAT** race Ski Bowl

Mar.1-2: **Cascade Lodge** Weekend

Mar. 2-3: **Oregon Cancer** Ski Out

Mar. 9 (Sun): **PACRAT** race Meadows

Mar. 14-16: **Mystery** bus trip

Mar.23 (Sun) **PACRAT** race Timberline

Mar. 29 - Apr.3: **Lake Tahoe** trip

Apr. 3 - 7: **FWRA** Championships
(Mammoth Mt.)

Apr.11 (Fri): **Rat Attack** Awards party

Mt. High

Ski Fair



Kurt & Sue



Fred

Gary

Nov. 1 (Thur.) It was a fun evening at the Ski Fair at the Monarch Hotel. Our club won the best decorated booth, beating the Skiyentes for only the second time in the history of this competition. Gary (our Prez) contributed to the festive look, by giving every visitor to our booth a balloon hat, which came in two versions: the "Indian brave" (pointed upward) or the "Davy Crockett" (pointed downward).

Mt. High Membership Party - Wed., Nov. 7



Gary shows Skiers' Directory

What a great party! Good turnout, the beer paid for by Vail Resorts, and everyone seemed quite happy, and we even managed to get around the bad acoustics in the room quite well this time, even without a loudspeaker, when Gary hopped onto that low table in the middle of the room. People really quieted down, and we could hear the speakers very well.

Gary masterfully wove together three separate issues:

- 1) Introducing Emilio as the next speaker (to talk about TRIPS);
- 2) Mentioning his own need to step down from being the club President (because "lamb-chop" has other plans for their golden years); and
- 3) Making a call to **everyone** to get more involved with the club.

He connected all this by first telling people how he remembers a time about 7 or 8 years ago, when Emilio was just a PACRAT racer, and not very much involved with the club otherwise. One day, he urged Emilio to get more involved with the club. And, "look at Emilio now!". And then, Gary iadded: "And, now, I am making a similar call to EVERY ONE OF YOU to get more involved with the club."

This last part really tied it all together very well, and drew everyone's attention to the fact that they could be the next Emilio, or the next Gary.



Blaise, Jax, Alice, Chuck



Mike & Diane



Marsha

Pat won the gondola

See more photos at www.mthigh.org/PhotosRecent.htm.

PACRAT News

Pacific NW Area Clubs Recreational Alpine Teams



Bruce Ellison
Mt. High Racing Director

Mountain High, the club that skis (and rides) now provides more than half of all the teams that participate in PACRAT Racing. PACRAT Racing is a recreational racing program on courses of 20 to 40 seconds long. We race on 5 Sundays each winter at Mt Hood ski areas. The afternoon after each race we have a dinner and drawing for prizes donated by our

sponsors. It's so much fun that there are folks who've been doing it for 20 years or more. At the same time it's very recreational. The courses are modified GS format and are skiable by most skiers. If you're interested in trying this out this winter please check out www.mthigh.org/Racing.htm.

Each year some of our skiers go to the Far West Ski Racing Association **Championship races**. Last year's race was held in Bend. We caught this photo of David Marshall stealing one of the Giant Slalom Gates (actually the gate got snagged by his clothing):



This year Mt High will be sponsoring at least 11 teams for PACRATS. That's two more teams than last year. **Mike Weber**, after a year's hiatus has returned with the **Rocket Dawgs**, and the **Infrarats** are undergoing binary fission to create a second team (our 11th).

If you haven't been assigned to a team yet, contact us. There's still room on the 11th team and a couple of spots on other teams! If you want to race, contact me at: Yuffiet@comcast.net or phone: 503-697-7892.

Come join the fun!

- Bruce, your Racing Director

2008 PACRAT Race Dates

Date	Location
Dec. 4	Mt. High teams signup deadline.
Dec. 12	Deadline to send all forms to Pacrats
Dec. 19 (Wed)	Team captains meeting -Round Table Pizza
January 13	Race 1: Timberline
January 27	Race 2: Mt. Hood Meadows
February 17	Race 3: Ski Bowl
March 10	Race 4: Mt. Hood Meadows
March 23	Race 5: Timberline
April 6	Make up race, if necessary
April 4-6	FWRA Championships, Mammoth Mt. (This great opportunity is optional.)
April 11 (Fri.)	Rat Attack.Awards Party
Summer Fun	RAT Party date and location TBA

Deadlines

Dec. 4 (Tuesday, our December Board meeting). -- Deadline for PACRAT signups (for our club) and for our team captains to send in their team lists to me, as we need some time to cross-check all the racing dues with our club's Treasurer.

Dec. 12 (Wednesday) -- This is the official deadline to send in all the paperwork to Dale Parshall.

Dec. 19 (Wednesday) -- Mandatory team captains' meeting, to pick up the racing bibs for their teams. Location: the **Round Table Pizza**, on Barbur Blvd., starting around 6:30 pm.

New racers

Please know that it is not enough to just send in your racing fee and the two PACRAT forms. You also need to find a team to join. You can find a list of team captains and contact info on our web site [Racing](#) page.

If you have not yet been assigned to a team, or if you don't know who your team captain is, or you haven't signed up yet, but would still like to join a team, please contact [Bruce](#) as soon as possible.

Your team captain will pick up all your team's racing bibs on December 19. Some teams gather socially for a "bib decorating party". Feel free to color your bibs if you like (optional). Otherwise, your team captain will distribute the bibs on the morning of our first race at Timberline.



Liability Insurance

We are looking for one or two more volunteers to join a 5-person committee to help us examine the issue of liability insurance for our club and our club members.

We are not rushing into anything, but it has been brought to our attention that our club has no insurance and none of our members are covered in any way.

We are in the process of forming a committee to at least take a closer look at all the issues involved and to report the findings to our Board.

If you would like to help, please contact us at: info@mthigh.org.

The Club Needs You

Get more involved with the club. Just come to our monthly planning meetings. Here are some needs:

- 1. Membership Benefits director.** Someone to update our benefits list, Call on the organizations that have offered us discounts last year, and see if those are still valid this year. Maybe also find new "sponsors" .
- 2. Entertainment/Content coordinator.** Someone to plan for guest speakers, audio/video presentations and other suitable content for our meetings & parties.
- 3. Social Activities director.** To plan and organize social functions, parties, TGIFs, bowling, movies, dinners. This could be divided among several people, each taking care of only one or two events.

Mt. High Forum

Our club's forum has come alive this season! Our members use it in various ways:

- To make announcements;
- To ask questions;
- To find partners for the 4x4 pass;
- To discuss gear & other issues.

Join in the fun. Check it out by going to www.mthigh.org, and clicking on the **Forum** button. Or, just click on the word **Forum** here.

Make sure to also look at the posted replies by clicking on the link in the bottom right corner of each message that has replies. Or post your own reply!

The Forum is for pure text only. If you want to sell an item and have a photo, email it to us, and we'll post it on the **Bulletin Board**.

Club logo



You can order any of these items imprinted with our club's logo:

- * **T-shirt** (\$10),
- * **Short sleeve polo** (\$16),
- * **Long-sleeve polo** (\$18),
- * **80% cotton 1/4 zip sweatshirt** (\$25), soft & suaded, in Red, Yellow, Mediterranean Blue, Navy, or Athletic Heather (light gray). Sizes: S - 3XL.

- * **R-Tek polyestes 1/4 zip fleece** (\$30).

Most are available in yellow, royal blue, red, navy, and black. Ask about other colors. Choice of pocket-sized logo, or full-chest size (printed on front or back).

To order, call Emilio at 1-503-378-0171 or email: info@mthigh.org.

Please print the Garment Order Form at: www.mthigh.org/Documents/Order-Form-Ski.pdf



Mt. High Wall Calendar

A slick, customized, new 15-month wall calendar (from Oct. 2007 -- December 2008) is now available on our web site. It has most of the main ski trips and PACRAT races already marked. It's totally free! Just download it from our web site (Calendar of Events page) and print it 2-sided.

Two sizes are available: Tabloid and Letter size. Get it here: <http://www.mthigh.org/Events.htm>

If you'd rather not do it yourself, **Emilio** will print the Calendar for you, for a small fee, just to cover the expenses. Just call 1-503-378-0171 and tell him which size and how many copies.

1. Tabloid (11 x17) needs wide printer. Cost: \$8.00
 2. Letter (8.5 x 11" when unfolded). Cost: \$4.00.
- If you want it mailed to you, please add \$1.50 for postage. Send to Emilio Trampuz, 4742 Liberty Rd. S., #296, Salem, OR 97302.



Kimberley

New Glades at Kimberley

Kimberley ski area (British Columbia) has always been a good place for tree skiing, but it keeps improving on it every year, by clearing out brush in between the trees. The previous season, they cleared out 15 runs on the back side. This summer, they improved tree skiing on the entire front side of the mountain, with trees spaced on average about 20 feet apart. This makes tree skiing accessible to any intermediate skier.

New Glades at Heavenly

Heavenly is unveiling three new trails off of the new **Olympic Express** lift, on the Nevada side. Heavenly strategically thinned the trees to offer different levels of tree-skiing experiences.

1. **The Pines** is a groomed, intermediate-level trail that allows skiers and riders to cruise around islands of beautiful western white pines.

2. **Bohemian Grove** ratchets up the intensity one level. This advanced, gladed run is steeper, ungroomed and offers a more natural tree-skiing feel.

3. For the expert skier or rider **Nevada Woods** is the all-natural, full-tilt tree skiing that made this area a local legend.

It is encouraging to see that more ski areas are providing us with places to practice our turn skills, instead of encouraging speeding on boring, wide, perfectly groomed straight clearcuts. The new trend is to leave some trees standing, making it more fun for everyone!



New Trails at Timberline

The new Jeff Flood express lift opening this season provides access to several new trails in the Still Creek basin, all of them long and exciting, and some surprisingly steep. Check them out this winter. Here's our man, Kurt at the Timberline booth at the Portland Ski Fever Show. Kurt is also a Timberline. ski host.

Mt. Hood Meadows

If you want to **buy** an old yellow chair, email to: [mailto:tscully@skihood.com?subject=Yellow Chair Waiting List](mailto:tscully@skihood.com?subject=Yellow+Chair+Waiting+List)

Use or donate Warren Miller vouchers

Use the **10-digit code** received at the show on Warren Miller's web site to unlock & print your coupons for free lift tickets. The coupons are not transferrable. You have to register them in your name. If you want to give them to someone, give them the 10-digit code. It's all or nothing.

If you wish to **donate** your vouchers to the club, please email us the 10-digit code to info@mthigh.org, and we'll pass it on to someone who could use them.

NWSCC Cars for our club members

Remember all our members have access to **SPECIAL FLEET PRICES** on **Subaru, Chevrolet, or Suzuki** vehicles at **Carr Auto Group!** Fleet pricing on used cars too!

Simply call **Kalei Mau** at 503-672-3340 for an appointment. You can also email him at: kmau@carrauto.com. You can then select the car you want from a large fleet of brand new cars. You will receive the lowest wholesale price right away. No haggling; no hassles.

Mary Olhausen just did it. She says: "I am now the proud owner of a 2008 Subaru Forester. I dealt with our friend Kalei at CARR Subaru. What a delight!! No showroom sharks for me. The whole thing took less than 3 hours. My color of choice turned out to be Garnet Red. I got the panoramic sunroof (Kalei says the best thing is to drive around on a really cold day with the sunroof open and the heat turned up). This is truly, the only way to buy a car!!!!

Winter Trips

May trips are filling up fast. Don't wait too long to make up your mind. Trips are limited by the number of people we can fit on a plane or on a bus. For all Mt. High trips, please use the [Dough Transmittal Form](#) on page 11.



The following pages are trip summaries.

More info on our web site:

www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm.

If you travel to Canada or Europe, you will need a passport. See:

[www.mthigh.org/Articles/](http://www.mthigh.org/Articles/Passports.htm)

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NWSCC

Silver Star



Dec. 7-12, 2007. NWSCC trip.

4 days/5 nights at one of Canada's best ski areas for \$740. This includes ski-in/ski-out lodging with hot tub (Chilcoot Lodge), 4-day lift tickets, and airfare (Portland to Kelowna) and one group dinner!



Deposit due now to hold your place: \$100
 Additional Payment Due Dates:
 (New signups, send: \$740 now.) \$200 due 8/19/2007
 \$240 due 9/19/2007
 \$200 due 10/19/2007

Cancellation penalty \$25 up to 9/30/2007 assuming we can resell your spot. If we cannot sell your spot cancellation penalty is \$100. Cancellation penalty after 9/30/2007 is amount that NWSCC is out-of-pocket because of your cancellation.

Make all payments to NWSCC (Silver Star 07), PO Box 1915, Portland, OR 97207. Email: JohnOReinhardt@hotmail.com or phone: (503) 590-6901. Trip is limited to 20 people.

Silver Star has a great variety of terrain, including some very long blue cruisers, and lots of challenging runs on the back side.

NW Ski Areas Map

Use this map for basic orientation for any of our upcoming trips, especially Whistler, Silver Star, and the Canadian Ski Safaris.

After doing the classic 5-day safari to Canada for 4 years in a row, it's time to try something new, such as:

Instead of driving up I-5 and returning down Hwy 97, let's go up Hwy 97, visiting Silver Star and Big White, and then move further east and come back down Hwy 95, visiting Kicking Horse, Panorama, Kimberley, Fernie, and Schweitzer Mt.

We'll have to skip Revelstoke Mt. Resort this year, as they are still in construction and won't open until Dec. 22. But, this is a good incentive to repeat this same Safari next year! This year, they will open 4,700' vertical; next year, they'll have a full 6,000', the most vertical of any ski resort in North America.



More info on the TRIPS page on our web site www.mthigh.org

Canadian Ski Safari: Columbia River valley

Dec. 8-16, 2007. NEW & IMPROVED

NOTE: If you can't afford 8 days, take the **classic 5-day trip** around Canada, which we already did for the past 4 years in a row. You can find detailed instructions, phone numbers, addresses, maps, etc. on our web site. See the ARTICLES page (and then look for Canadian Ski Safari) at: <http://www.mthigh.org/Articles.htm>.

But, let's do an even better, extended ski safari this time. This is an 8-day road trip. Basically just a week, with both weekends on either end. We'll follow the Columbia River upstream, to its source. So, let's call this the **Columbia River Ski Safari**. See [map](#) on our web site.

Our original plan had to be delayed on the front end by 3 days, for two reasons:

- a) **Revelstoke Mt.** will have to be skipped, because it will open on Dec. 22, due to construction.
- b) **Kicking Horse** opens Dec. 14, 2 days after our planned visit.

To kill those 3 days, we'll leave a day later than planned, and spend one extra day at Silver Star and Big White. This means we'll have a leisure first part of the week, and then a very rushed latter half.

Here's how it could be done. Feel free to set your own itinerary for the first 2 or 3 days, but let's all gather at Silver Star and proceed together from there.

Due to the shifted schedule, we might not connect with the Silver Star group, as they are leaving on Wed., Dec. 12, and will not be skiing the day we arrive.

NOTE: Silver Star and Big White have a unique offer. If we stay in the mountain village (at either resort), and make our reservations for a minimum of 2 days through their central reservations number (see below), they will give us free lift tickets for all the days we stay there.

DAY 0 (Sat., Dec. 8): Not counting this as a real day, because you can leave in the afternoon and only drive half a day, for about 4 or 5 hours, to Ellensburg or Wenatchee (on Hwy 97). Or to Bellingham (on I-5).

DAY 1: (Sun., Dec. 9): Spend at least part of the day skiing somewhere like [Mission Ridge](#) or [Loup Loup](#), or [Apex](#). Then drive the rest of the way to Big White. Alternatively, if we go up I-5, we could ski [Mt. Baker](#), or [Grouse Mountain](#), and still end at Big White.

DAY 2 (Mon., Dec. 10): Ski [Big White](#). 1-800-663-2772

DAY 3 (Tue., Dec. 11): Ski [Big White](#).

DAY 4 (Wed., Dec. 12): Ski [Silver Star](#). 1-800-663-4431

DAY 5 (Thur., Dec. 13): Ski [Silver Star](#).

DAY 6 (Fri., Dec. 14): Ski [Kicking Horse](#). The first day of operation. Over 4,000 vertical feet in a single 10-minute gondola ride. 4 bowls. Great views of the Columbia River valley.

DAY 7 (Sat., Dec. 15): Ski [Fernie](#), a big ski area, offering 2,800 vertical feet and 2,500 acres, including 5 enormous bowls. 10 lifts, of which 2 are high-speed quads. 9 on-hill restaurants.

DAY 8 (Sun., Dec. 16): Ski [Kimberley](#), in the Purcell Range. Just an hour south of Invermere is the charming

Bavarian style town of Kimberley. The ski area is just a mile or two above town, with its own mountain village. This is B.C.'s sunniest ski resort. 2,465 vertical feet, 1,800 acres, served by 1 high-speed quad on the front, and a triple and a double chair on the back. The back side has lots of tree skiing.

This modified itinerary skips [Panorama](#) and [Schweitzer Mt.](#)

We can visit Panorama on next year's Canada Safari. As for Schweitzer, we already have plans for a club trip to this Idaho resort next winter.

DRIVING HOME. Kimberley and Fernie have been switched around, because Kimberley is just slightly closer to home. It's at least 10 hours of driving from Kimberley to Portland. If we leave Kimberley at noon, we could be back in Portland by 10 or 11 pm. If we ski a full day at Kimberley, till 3:30 pm, we could still be home by 2 am, if you need to be at work Monday morning. Or, stay the night in Sandpoint, Coeur d'Alene or Spokane, and drive home on Monday.

We could even ski a day at [Bluewood](#) on Monday. This is in south-east Washington (straight south from Spokane). If we still have any energy left by then!

This is a very informal trip. Just drive up, possibly carpool, and let's ski! If we share lodging and gas expenses, the trip can be quite affordable. For details about this road trip, and for help coordinating the carpooling, contact **Emilio Trampuz** at: 1-503-378-0171, or Emilio2000@earthlink.net.



Euphoria at Kicking Horse
(This is mid-mountain.)

FWSA Far West Ski Week: Whistler/Blackcomb

Jan. 19 - 26, 2008. The biggest ski party in the West is the annual Far West trip, involving dozens (if not hundreds) of ski clubs throughout the Western States.

Whistler/Blackcomb is a perfect winter vacation: two side-by-side mountains rising from a picturesque pedestrian village. Experience in 2008 what the world will discover in 2010 at the Winter Olympic Games! Whistler/Blackcomb is unchallenged in sheer size, variety of terrain, choice of on-mountain and après ski activities. 13 bowls, 3 glaciers, and more than 200 marked trails, secluded

tree skiing and groomed-to-perfection alpine runs.

Whistler's après scene is legendary. Pubs, clubs, cinemas, shops, art galleries, hot tubs, and more.

* Lodging (dble occupancy); * Welcome Party, * Après Ski Party,
* 6-day lift ticket, * Mountain Picnic, * 3 Races (optional);
* Council Night Event, * Farewell Party-

Price: Without transportation:

\$999 for lodging in condos or
\$1059 for luxury hotel.

Bus transportation from Eugene and Portland will be arranged and is encouraged. Parking at Whistler is \$7-15 per night, even at condos. Call or e-mail for bus details. Seats on bus limited to first 50 sign-ups.

Flight from Portland: \$355 (From Eugene: \$433)

Bus transportation from Portland: \$120 - \$135 p.p.
(22 person minimum)

UPDATE: There will be no bus, because not enough people signed up for it. People will either drive or fly.

This trip is practically full. There may be room for more people if someone cancels. If you want to join the trip, a \$100 check will place you next in line on the waiting list. Any cancellations from the trip will be replaced from the waiting list, in the order that checks and sign-up forms are received. Your check will be returned if a spot does not open up.

Payment Schedule: \$800 due now,
: Remaining balance due November 1st.

Trip cancellation policy: Cancellation before June 30th is fully refundable. Cancellation from July 5th until September 5th will result in a \$25 cancellation fee, cancellation between September 2nd and November 15th will result in a \$100 cancellation fee. NO REFUNDS after November 15th.

Click here for the [Flyer and Signup Sheet](#).

Original deposit was \$100. Now it's up to \$800. Make check payable to: **Northwest Ski Club Council**, P.O. Box 1915, Portland OR 97207.

Contact: **Barbara Bousum**, 503/224-3584, BBousum@gmail.com.

Much more info on these and other trips on our web site: www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm.

NWSCC Sun Valley

February 6-10, 2008.

A family trip to **Sun Valley**, organized by the Skiyente Ski Club.

This will be a driving trip, open to everyone, including skiers under 21, so this is a great trip to bring your kids and grandchildren on.

Price: \$488 - \$688, depending on type of lodging. Send \$100 deposit to Skiyente Ski Club, P.O. Box 56342, Portland OR 97238.

Contact: **Colleen Walter**,
colleenski2002@yahoo.com
or **Sheri Parshall** at:
cougskier@aol.com.

**Mt. High Whistler cabin**

February 10-16, 2008.



6 nights lodging / 5 days skiing,

Carpooling.


Cost = \$235 includes lodging, daily breakfast, lunch & dinner. Everyone

is encouraged to cook a dinner.

Lodging in a cabin 5 minutes north of Whistler village. Shuttle bus to the lifts every 20 minutes.

Discounted tickets are additional at \$65 Canadian (the best internet price next year will be over \$67)

There will be a pre-trip meeting in January. **This trip is full! Waiting list only.** Contact **Bill Leeper**: 503-639-2603.

Mt. High Sunny South Oregon bus trip 

February 15-18, 2008.

A fun 3-day/3night trip over Presidents' Day weekend, where you can really get to know other club members, both on the bus and on the slopes. Our bus trips are among

the most fun and the least expensive trips. We'll leave Friday around 5 pm.

Saturday: **Warner Canyon**, then go to Shasta City.

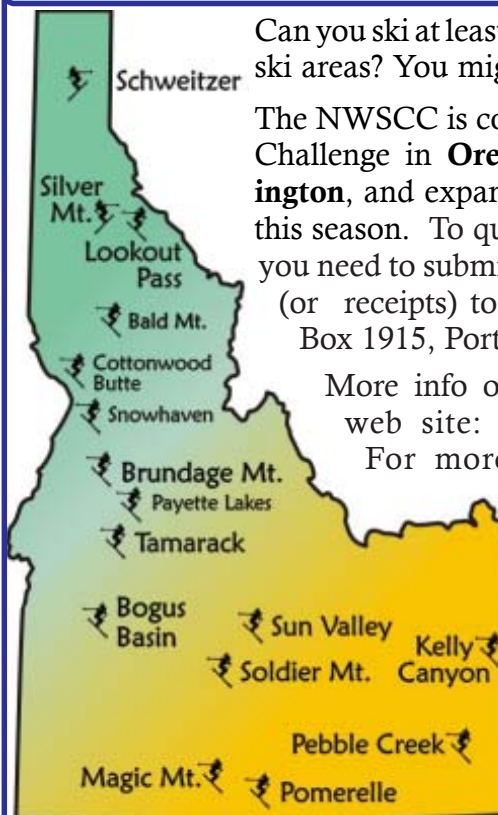
Saturday: **Ski Mt. Shasta**, then go to Ashland.

Sunday: **Ski Mt. Ashland**, then drive home.

Price: \$250 (lodging & transportation, and continental breakfasts), plus approx. \$90 for all 3 lift tickets. Trip price is based on 30 people. For each additional 2 people, the price for everyone will go down by \$4 .

Contact: [Linda McGavin](#) or [Emilio Trampuz](#).

Reservations: Send a \$100 deposit made out to Mt. High Snowsport Club, and mail it to PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208. Use [Dough Transmittal Form](#).

Mt. High NW Ski Challenge (Idaho)

Can you ski at least 12 of Idaho's 16 ski areas? You might win a prize.

The NWSCC is continuing the Ski Challenge in **Oregon** and **Washington**, and expanding it to **Idaho** this season. To qualify for a prize, you need to submit your lift tickets (or receipts) to: NWSCC, PO Box 1915, Portland OR 97207.

More info on our Council's web site: NWskiers.org.

For more info, contact **Steve Coxen**, 503-679-9022, or by email to: sacoxen@aol.com.

See the [Articles](#) page on the Mt. High web site for last year adventures.

Mt. High Mystery trip 

March 14-16, 2008.

A fun 2-day/2night bus trip to a mystery location. Bring some mystery food to share on the bus! We'll leave Friday around 5 pm, and get back Sunday, abt. 8 pm.

Skiing: Lots of variety, long meandering cruisers, scary steeps, and easy tree skiing.

Lodging: We'll stay in one charming place both nights. Continental breakfast included.

There are other eateries nearby too.

Bus ride: Fun and games, prizes, jokes, etc.

Price: Approximately **\$200** (lodging & transportation, plus approx. \$70 for 2 lift tickets. Trip price is based on 30 people. For each additional 2 people, the price for everyone will go down by \$4 .

Contact: [Linda McGavin](#) or [Emilio Trampuz](#).

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Mt. High Lake Tahoe / Heavenly  

Mar. 29 - Apr.3, 2008 A 5-day trip (Saturday - Thursday).

Skiing: Heavenly is our main destination, with 4,800 acres and 3,500 vertical feet, and slopes in both California and Nevada. But, we'll visit other places too.

Lodging: Lakeland village condos, 1-4 bedrooms, full kitchen, hot tub, heated pool, sauna, free shuttles, 1 mile to the lifts.

Fly to Reno (on your own), or drive, or rent a car. (You can link this trip with the Far West Championships at Mammoth. **Gordy** will have a bus for us from Reno to Mammoth and back.)

Price: \$400 includes:

- * 5 nights lodging, in shared condo.
- * 2 of 3 days lift ticket to Heavenly
- * Wine and cheese welcome party
- * Breakfast
- * Shuttle around town and to Heavenly gondola or tram.

Contact **Janice Jessen**: jessen@iinet.com

Send \$100 deposit. Use [Dough Transmittal form](#), p.11.

FWSA Mammoth Mt.: Far West Championships   

April 3 - 6, 2008. Our PACRAT racers can participate in the usual Slalom and GS races, for an additional \$45 fee. But, even without racing, Mammoth Mountain deserves to be visited !



This trip will be coordinated with the Lake Tahoe trip (see page 9).

Each trip is independent, but if you are already as far south as Lake Tahoe, might as well go a bit further south and visit Mammoth Mt.

Gordy will organize a **bus** from Reno airport (for both people flying in just for this event, as well as for those extending their trip after the Lake Tahoe trip. Contact **Gordon Lusk**: GordyLusk@hotmail.com.

Make your own room reservations before March 5, 2008 for special group rates at The Village at Mammoth, Juniper Springs Resort, and the Mammoth Mountain Inn. For reservations, call **1-800-626-6684**, and mention group rates for **Far West**.

You can also book online at: www.mammothmountain.com. Use group ID: 2725, Password: 370004430, Password: Far West.

Bergfreunde Innsbruck - Austria Sampler trip   

Feb. 1 - 11, 2008. All NWSCC club members are invited to join the Bergfreunde ski club on this trip to Innsbruck, the capital of the Tyrol region. Cobble-stone streets, castles, palaces, museums. Ideal sightseeing vacation, with optional downhill or cross-country skiing.

There are seven ski areas around Innsbruck, with free bus transfers included. A total of 63 lifts. Also 12 nearby cross-country ski areas with 110 miles of prepared trails.

Accommodations at the 4-star Hotel Maximillian, near the Old Town of Innsbruck.

Price of **\$1,424** includes the following:

- * Round trip airfare from Portland, on Lufthansa.
- * Private group bus transfers from airport to htoel.
- * 9 nights lodging in 4-star Hotel Maximillian, in Innsbruck.
- * Breakfast daily, plus 2 dinners, one of which is a Tyrolean mountain hut party night.
- * Club Innsbruck Card: free bus to ski areas; ski pass discounts.
- * Escorted from Portland by Bob Burns.

Trip Capt. - **Bob Burns** at **503-524-5261** or bob@inkjetman.com (put Innsbruck in the subject line)

FWSA Les Trois Vallees 

March 7 - 15, 2008.

This is a Far West trip to France, to the 3 Valleys: "**Les Trois Vallees**", offering 200 lifts, and 540 sq. miles of terrain.

Optional Aix-en-Provence (3 nights) and Paris (4 nights) post-trip, extends it to March 21.



Basic Ski Week package **\$1390** pp double occupancy, which includes:

- * Round-trip Air-France non-stop flight from Seattle, SFO or LAX.
- * 7 nights lodging at the ski-in/ski-out 3-star Hotel Montana - Breakfast and dinner daily;
- * Hotel features sauna, fitness gym and indoor pool.
- * All European air and ground to & from hotels and airports. All local city taxes, resort fees and all other known fees in all hotels.

This is an incredible deal you don't want to miss!

Not Included: Int'l Departure taxes and fuel surcharge - around \$270.

Post extension trip \$895 (optional).

For more details go to: [http://www.fwsa.wbees.com/f/2008 European Ski Week.pdf](http://www.fwsa.wbees.com/f/2008%20European%20Ski%20Week.pdf)

Deposit: \$200 to Far West Ski Association, c/o Norm Azevedo, 901 Sousa Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94597-2922.

Contact Norm at 1-925-944-9816 or fwsatravel@sbcglobal.net.

Mid-week skiers!



George Yun has just volunteered to take over maintaining our mid-week skiers' list from Harry Scribner, who originally started this list a few years ago. Thanks, Harry!

People on this list will be notified when there's a good powder day and when we are planning to gather on the mountain mid-week. To get on this list, simply email George at: boar2m@msn.com.

Mountain High Meeting

Usually 1st Tuesday of the month.

Dec. 4 (Tue.): Open to all who want to get more involved with the club. This is an organizational meeting to plan future events.

Gather at 6:30 pm. Start at 7 pm.

Location: **Round Table Pizza**, 10070 SW Barbur Blvd., near Capitol Hwy.

Mountain High snowsport club contacts:

- President:** Gary Stevenson, H: 503-257-6368,
- Vice-President:** Terry White, H: 503-781-4558,
- Secretary:** Sue Snelling, H: 503-774-8747,
- Treasurer:** Kurt Krueger, H: 503-625-1492,
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DOUGH TRANSMITTAL FORM

For all Mt. High activities, make check payable to: "Mountain High Snowsport Club"

Mail to: Mountain High Snowsport Club, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY: New membership Renewal

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone (Hm): _____ Phone (Wk): _____

Email (Hm): _____ Email (Wk): _____

Whereas the Mountain High Snowsport Club ("Club") is an organization of fun loving ADULTS whose events are organized by members who volunteer their efforts for the enjoyment of their fellow members and friends, please remember when I participate in Club events I do so at my own risk. Sporting activities, indeed, any activity, includes inherent risks. I will evaluate my own abilities and responsibilities and join in the Club fun as a responsible and considerate adult. I will not hold the Club or any Club officer liable for the consequences of my decisions and my behavior. The bottom line is, stuff just happens sometimes and the club volunteers are not to be blamed for helping us have fun. Besides, the Club has no assets, except for a leftover banner, some balloons, or a couple of empty beer bottles with the Club's name on them.

- Email Preferences:**
- Newsletter (once a month): yes, link only yes, complete file no
 - No changes - Club news & events (between newsletters): yes no
 - (same as last year) - Other ski news (NWSCC, FWSA, ski areas, trips...): yes no

Please take my money, and apply it toward the following Ski Club fun stuff: Deposit? Paid in full?

Membership Dues (Oct. 1, 2007 - Sep. 2008): Single (\$25); couple (\$40) \$ _____

PACRAT Racing 2007/08 Total: \$85 Team name: _____ \$ _____

Sternwheeler cruise (September 30, 2007) \$ _____

Southern Oregon bus trip (Feb. 15-18, 2008) Total \$250. Deposit \$100 \$ _____

Mystery bus trip (Mar. 14-16, 2008) Total \$200. Deposit \$100 \$ _____

Lake Tahoe trip (Mar. 29- Apr. 3, 2008) Total \$400. Deposit \$100 \$ _____

Other: _____ \$ _____

Comments (For whom you are paying. Roommate requests,...): _____

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

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Club membership = 221 Newsletter Distribution

The Nov. 2007 issue is posted on our web site, and also:
269 copies sent via email
25 paper printed copies sent via US Mail.
Copies are sent to potential members, other clubs, etc..
Please help us minimize the cost of mailing paper copies.
Send your email address to: info@mthigh.org.

New Weather Blog

Drew Jackson, meteorologist at **KPTV-12**, has started a new blog, where he writes interesting comments about snow conditions from a skier's perspective. Check it out at: <http://oregonskiing.blogspot.com/>. Thanks to **Peter Wiessner** for alerting us to this. We'll add this link to our web site.

Skiing "next" year

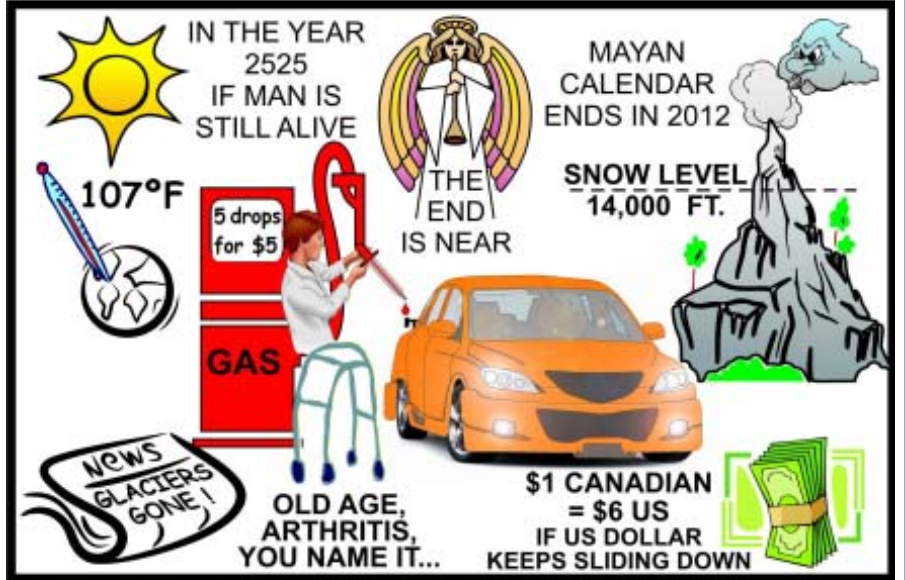
A famous saying by **Warren Miller** goes like this: "If you don't ski it this year, you'll just be a year older when you do!"

This may have been true up till now. But, consider all the threats to future skiing: old age, achy joints, the rising cost of gas, the sinking value of the dollar, global warming, glaciers melting, ... and even the possible and much predicted end of the world (like that Mayan calendar ending in 2012).

Bearing all this in mind, it seems more likely that the new saying should be: "If you don't ski it this year, you might never ski it at all!"

So, sign up for a ski trip right now!

THREATS TO SKIING IN THE NEAR FUTURE



IF YOU DON'T SKI IT THIS YEAR, YOU NEVER WILL

Emilio Trampuz
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