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Election of Officers

This month we submit our ballot to elect a new slate of officers to lead the club to new and better opportunities for our membership. Before we travel down that road let us take a moment to thank our past officers for a job that was second to none. At our April 4th, meeting, take a minute to personally thank them. They did a job that few people would want to do.

With our April meeting we will be embarking on a new journey with new officers at the helm. To make the next year better than the last it will take good leadership and plenty of **membership Support.** Let's get behind our officers and make this coming year **the best it can be.**



40th ANNIVERSARY REUNION PARTY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SAVE THE DATE: **APRIL 22, 2006**

WHERE: THE BEECHES OF ROME

TIME: 6-7 COCKTAIL HOUR

DINNER: 7-- 8 BEECHES GRAND BUFFET

8-11 MUSIC & DANCING BY DON BROWN

Tons of surprises, great giveaways, and lots of memories. Tell All the old timers and new members

This will be the event of the year. Any **QUESTIONS** call :Kathy White 853-5946

Deadline for sign up and payment is **April 12, 2006** Check the web site : www.geskiclub.org



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HAPPY HOURS:

(Begin after work, although, many arrive after 6)

April 7th, Ground Round , Seneca Trpk. N.H.

April 21st, Cavallo's Genesee St. N.H.

May 12th, Rt. 69 Steakhouse, Whitesboro

May 26th, Knuckleheads , Westmoreland

**Newsletter Article must be received by
APRIL 26TH, to be in the MAY NL**

!!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!!

April 9th Bike ride with Tramp & Trail

**April 18th, Combined Board Meeting 6:30 PM @
Gander Mt. Hew Hartford**

Apr. 22nd, 40th anniversary party, Beeches, Rome

**Apr. 28th, Contra Dance & Dinner 6 PM Unity Hall
Barneveld**

May 6th, Highway clean up Zebb's 8:30 am

May 13th, Kayaking West Canada Creek 11 AM

May 19th, Ride for missing children

May 19th, thru 21st. Paddlefest Old Forge

NOTES FROM THE PREZ:

I would like to take a moment to thank the officers who for the last year have done a super job with little guidance from myself.

I have had several problems that have taken up a huge portion of my time and energy.

A special thanks to John McCabe for picking up the loose ends and presiding over several meeting that I was unable to attend. Hope to see you all at our 40th, and other events I know the club will organize in the future.

It has been a pleasure to be an officer in such a great club.

Sincerely, Randy

General membership meeting

Are held at the American Legion Post # 1113 in Whitesboro at 7:30 P.M. Meetings are Usually the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from Oct. to April. Guests are always welcome.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION / APPLICATION:

CALL OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS:

Donna Pratt) or

Roger Pratt—736-1206

ACTIVITIES OPEN TO ALL 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

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Telluride 2006 by Paul Parzych

From the time we got on the bus to the time we went through check-in in Rochester to get to Telluride, everyone was excited.

Upon arrival at the Telluride Lodge, lift tickets, and unit keys were distributed. After unloading the bus and getting settled in our condos, we were calmed by looking up the mountain and seeing “snow”, lot of snow! Everyone stretched his or her legs and the next stop was to the on-site grocery store and package store.

On Sunday, most of the group went up to the mountain. There was a chair lift (#7) about 200 yards from our home. Also available was a free shuttle available to take people to the gondola to get to the slopes or to wherever they wanted to go. The area had been blessed with three feet of snow prior to our arrival. The lift lines were short and the slopes sparsely populated which made skiing even more delightful. There were trails for every level of skier. Galloping Goose, a “green” cruiser from 11,850 feet to 9540 feet, is about 4.6 miles long. The experts had their blacks, double blacks, and double black X trails at 12,225 feet! The intermediate skiers had an amazing number of runs. The views from the top were awesome, the weather wonderful.

The restaurants at the slopes and in the two villages offered a wide variety of food selections, priced from reasonable to “high end”.

On Saturday we loaded the bus and said goodbye to a wonderful week of skiing.

Telluride – By Barb Kassel

I think that I shall never ski
With a group as neat as “GE”

We headed west to Telluride
For lots of snow and dark blue skies

A bumpy school bus from Montrose
But a much nicer coach brought the trip to a close

The rooms were fine except for the dump,
and that was changed after Marci busted her hump

Our party was huge success
Good food, conversation and western dress

Conditions were excellent, skiing was great,
No one was injured, restaurants first rate

So back east we went, with everyone pleased
A season completed – time to put away the skis

EMS Club Sale Days

Shop at EMS stores at their Outdoor Club Sale Days April 28-30th. Show your GE club Card and Get 20% off , Thursday April 27th after 4pm, Friday Apr 28 thru Sunday April 30th. Located in Fayetteville Town Center Mall. Call 315/637-9250 for more info or <http://www.ems.com/>



CONTRA DANCE WITH THE TRAMP N TRAIL CLUB

A Contra Dance will be Held again this year Sponsored by The Tramp N Trail Club on Friday, April, 28th at Unity Hall in Barneveld. There will be a pot luck dinner at 6 PM and the dance will start at 8:00. Cost is \$10/person. Coffee and cold water will be served and plates, cups, napkins and plastic eating utensils will be provided. Please be sure to bring serving spoons/forks for your dish and remember to take them when you all leave. We need donations of soda and other cold drinks for thirsty dancers. We were told last year that we could have beer and wine but only inside the building. Checks should be made out to the Tramp & Trail Club and sent to me (Janet Morgan, 7040 Glass Factory Road, Holland Patent, NY 13354). If you have other questions please call (315-865-8559) or e mail - janetmorgan72@hotmail.com. We look forward to seeing you all there.



July Camping Trip

We're Camping this July at Moffitt Beach State Park On July 21st – 23rd. We have 6 Lakeside sites. Moffitt Beach is just outside of Speculator located on Sacandaga Lake. It has a Sandy Beach and all the other amenities found on recent camping trips. There will be a full Write up in the next Newsletter. Mark your Calendars

Paddlefest 2006



May 19-21, 2006 in Old Forge, NY. Mark your calendar today so you don't miss the fun and savings!

The 2006 Adirondack Paddlefest and Outdoor Show is growing!
We're moving the show to Old Forge, NY! And it's getting better!

- More Boats, More Beach, and More Vendors!
- This year the show will include **Outdoor Gear**: hiking, backpacking, camping, and more! Industry Representatives will be on hand with Special Sales and to answer all your questions!
- **RAIN OR SHINE!** This year we'll have a 10,000 square foot convention hall available in case of bad weather.

Telluride Trip members Feed back

Once again Marci & GE ski club found ideal ski conditions. The Telluride ski trip turned out to be a spectacular week. Upon arrival the heavens blessed the gorgeous San Juan Mt. range with 3 ft. of snow. Turns out it had been snowing since Thurs. 3/9/06. Up to then the snow Gods were not very generous with cold white fluffy stuff that we love.

So needless to say the group {all 30 of us} were ecstatic all week long

Our Mt. side condos at the Telluride Lodge were quite nice, one of the nicest I've stayed in. At first we had a few glitches in rooms but even the unsettled got fast results with management. Speaking of the locals, they couldn't have been nicer and more helpful to us. The town was easy to get around especially with the FREE public transportation, the Galloping Goose bus system and the Gondolas that connected the town to the mountainside ski area & village. Boy was it pretty taking the Gondola up the Mt. side village for dinner one evening. The sky was bright blue with a huge full moon and the glistening town of Telluride below us. Quite breathtaking and they ran till midnight every night.

If any of your friends took this trip please take the time to ask them about their experience here. Cause I can only begin to scratch the surface this fabulous week.

Fondly,
Donna Sambor-Pratt

2006 Trips

We, the GE Ski Club of Utica, NY had four successful trips this year - New Hampshire, Jiminy Peak, Quebec City, and Telluride. Chuck Balser and I spent many hours planning and working on these trips for the members to insure they would be fun and affordable. I've had excellent feedback on the choices, which were made by members and the leaders. So, be sure to fill out the trip survey on the back of the ballot when you vote at the April 4 meeting for next year.

Thank you,

Marci Green



Bike Ride

This is a tramp and trail bike ride on April 9. It is a dual easy and moderate bike ride starting at the same time in Verona Beach with two leaders.

Hike #5349 Sat., April 9, 9:30 AM
North Oneida Lake Bike
Chuck Balser 797-3069

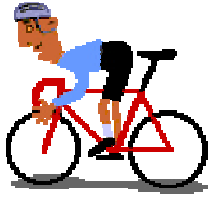
Short Bike loop

Meet at McDonalds on Erie Blvd in Rome at 9:30 AM. Drive to Verona State Park.
Bike to lock 20 and return
BD: 20 mi. DD: 40 mi. Difficulty: Easy

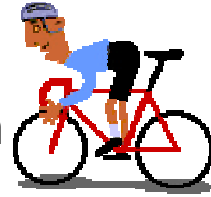
Long Bike Loop

Meet at McDonalds on Erie Blvd in Rome at 9:30 AM. Drive to Verona State Park.
Bike via McConnellsville and Elpis Rd. towards Cleveland and return.
BD: 25-30 mi. DD: 40 mi. Difficulty: Moderate

BD is bike distance and DD is one-way drive distance from Utica
chuck



Ride for Missing Children



Once again Jim and I will be doing the Ride for Missing Children scheduled for Friday May 19, 2006. This will be my 5th year as a rider and Jim's 7th. Along with 4 other member of the club, we begin in Oneida and continue our journey for 110 miles stopping at area schools and finishing at the New Hartford Rec Center. What a Cause and a fantastic event ,raising awareness and raising poster for distribution of missing and exploited children. As always we appreciate the support of the GE Ski club and its members.

Jim and Kathy White

ITEMS LEFT AT TONY AND JAN'S SKI PARTY ; SARANAC MITTENS, BLACK,
LADIES MEDIUM REEBOK NYLON SHELL PANTS, NAVY BLUE, MEDIUM
LIZ CLAIBORNE TURTLENECK, WHITE, MEDIUM CHAMPION SKI PANTS,
BLACK, MEDIUM

THANKS, TONY BARTOLOTTI

Highway clean up

Once again we are gearing up to have our semi- annual highway clean up of Middle settlement Rd. from Zebb's Grill to Rt. 12B. Hopefully the weather will co-operate this year and we will have a bright and sunny day. After the clean up we usually go to Dunkin Doughnuts to clean up and have a little treat. It is a nice get together to talk and walk. Come join us May 6th, at 8:30 AM in Zebb's parking lot. All Hardhats, vests, and gloves will be provided.

SHOW YOUR CARD AND SAVE

BIKE AND BOARDS at Surf 'N Ski located at 4980 Commercial Drive in New Hartford is having a Spring Clearance Sale with many items 40-60%. GE Ski Club members will get an additional 10% off any orange tag item by showing their GE Ski Club Membership Card.

Meeting speaker

April 4th General Membership meeting we will have a speaker from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, and members can bring a dish of food to pass?

For Sale GE SKI CLUB SHIRTS

We have Maroon color shirts in all sizes that have a skier logo and club name on the front and on the back they have our 40th anniversary logo with 40 years and still going downhill in writing.

Golf shirt does not have anything on the back. Sweatshirts are \$ 17, Short sleeve tee shirts are \$ 8, and golf shirts are \$ 13. Place your order now before we run out of your size.

Contact DAVE BARR @ 859-1167

Boilermaker Waterstop

Anyone wanting to work the boilermaker waterstop this year let Andy Reath know A.S.A.P. as in immediately. If nothing has changed; as in Address, T-shirt size; just E-mail or call and leave name. If you are a first timer wanting to help, I will need - Name, Address, Phone, T-shirt size(sm, med lg, ex lg, 2x).

Call 735-0349 or E-mail andy@ugefcu.net to sign up or for any questions.

Boilermaker race is Sunday July 09. Water station is on Whitesboro St, Utica at the corner of Cherry St by Heintz funeral parlor. Be there 6:30-7 AM as they shut off a lot of the roads in the area quite early on race day.

Andy



Kayak & canoe day on the West Canada.

Well it's time for our annual trip down the raging class .5 rapids of the West Canada to Newport N.Y. on Saturday May 13th. We will be meeting at the public fishing turn off on Rt. 28, 3 to 4 miles southeast of Mappedale, at the bottom of Putnam Hill Rd. (same place as always) at 11:00 A.M. Once we have gathered we will take cars to the Newport end, so we have a way of getting people back to get the cars we left. The trip is aprox 3 to 4 hours and we stop for a lunch break, so pack some vittles (food) & drink. There is about a mile and half of rapids about 2/3rds of the way, so spray skirts and P. F. D's (life jackets) are required. Boats have been known to flip in this area, so make sure your gear is tethered (tied down) in or on your boat. Prepare for the weather also. We've had 85 and sunny and 40 and rain on this trip over the years. When we are done and all packed, we will head back to Barneveld to Vans Tavern for some after trip stories, cold beer, and some of their Saturday food specials.

Any questions call Andy at 735-0349. Hope to see y'all there. Andy

April

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2	3	4 General Membership meeting Elections of officers-----	4th , Continued: Am. Legion 1113 7:30 PM Whitesboro	6	7 Social Hour Ground Round New Hartford	8
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16	17	18 Meeting Combined Board Gander Mt. 6:30 Pm	19	20	21 Social Hour Cavallo's New Hartford	22 40 th Anniversary Reunion 6 PM The Beeches, Rome
23	24	25	26	27 EMS Sale 27 th thru 30 th	28 Contra Dance Unity Hall Barneveld 6 PM	29
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May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2	3 Dinner El Paso Restaurant Old grand Union Plaza Genesee St.	4	5	6 Highway Clean up 8:30 AM Zebb's Parking lot
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Kayaking West Canada Creek 11AM Putnam Rd
14	15	16	17	18	19 Bike Ride For missing and exploited children	20 Paddlefest, Old Forge also 21st
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American Cancer Society's Annual Telethon

At our March 21st, General Membership meeting, Marty Baca organized a collection for the American Cancer Society's annual **Telethon**. Just from the people attending the meeting we were able to raise \$ 58.00.

Thanks to all who donated and thanks to Marty for organizing the collection.

All you can eat Breakfast

When: April 1st, 8 AM to NOON

Where: 40 & 8 Club (corner of Judd and Halsey Rd.)

Cost: \$ 6.00 Includes Champagne

More Info: Call Marty Baca @ 768-2331