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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ASHEVILLE SKI CLUB

June 2015

President's Message

Greetings club members,

June marks the beginning of a new year for club leadership. Many thanks to John Hofler for his term as President and Wayne Bailey for his participation as a board member. He will be replaced by Paul Dobson. I would also like to welcome Bill Melton as Vice President and President-Elect.

The Asheville Ski Club is formally recognized as a 501 (c) (7) which is simply a social club organized for pleasure and recreation. One of my personal goals is to involve more club members in our social and recreational activities. If you have any suggestions please feel free to share them. As a club, we would like to provide more opportunities for involvement that would appeal to all members including our children and teens.

The club also has leadership positions that present a great opportunity for individual involvement. If you have any interest in publicity, socials or special events we would love to hear from you.

We are also going full steam ahead with our Tourists concession stand fundraising. Our next game is the All Star Game which is scheduled for 7:35 pm June 23rd. If you have any interest please let me know.

Finally, there are some great Crescent Ski Council ski trips to Steamboat, Mt. Bachelor and Big Sky this coming ski season. Detailed information follows with the newsletter. John Hofler is also busy putting together a club trip which will be available for our members in the near future.

Let's have a great year! I can be reached at JPKenrick@aol.com.

Jeff Kenrick



NEXT MEETING

Date: THURSDAY June 11, 2015

Location: Aloft Hotel WXYZ Lounge

Time: Networking 6:30pm / meeting 7:00pm.



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Our June meeting will be at the Aloft Hotel in downtown Asheville, 51 Biltmore Avenue. We will convene in the stylish uber-modern WXYZ Lounge on the second floor. The usual schedule of networking at 6:30 pm and meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

Upcoming activities and events



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Every Wednesday 5:30pm - Mountain Biking at Bent Creek.
Meet at Ledford parking lot. For information, contact Gary Swinea
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ASC Meeting Notes

May Meeting

Those of you who were lucky enough to be able to attend our May meeting must have been blown away by the tour of the Sierra Nevada Brewery. It is truly an awesome operation. And to think that it is still being expanded in order to reach full capacity!

It was a perfect place to hold our meeting.



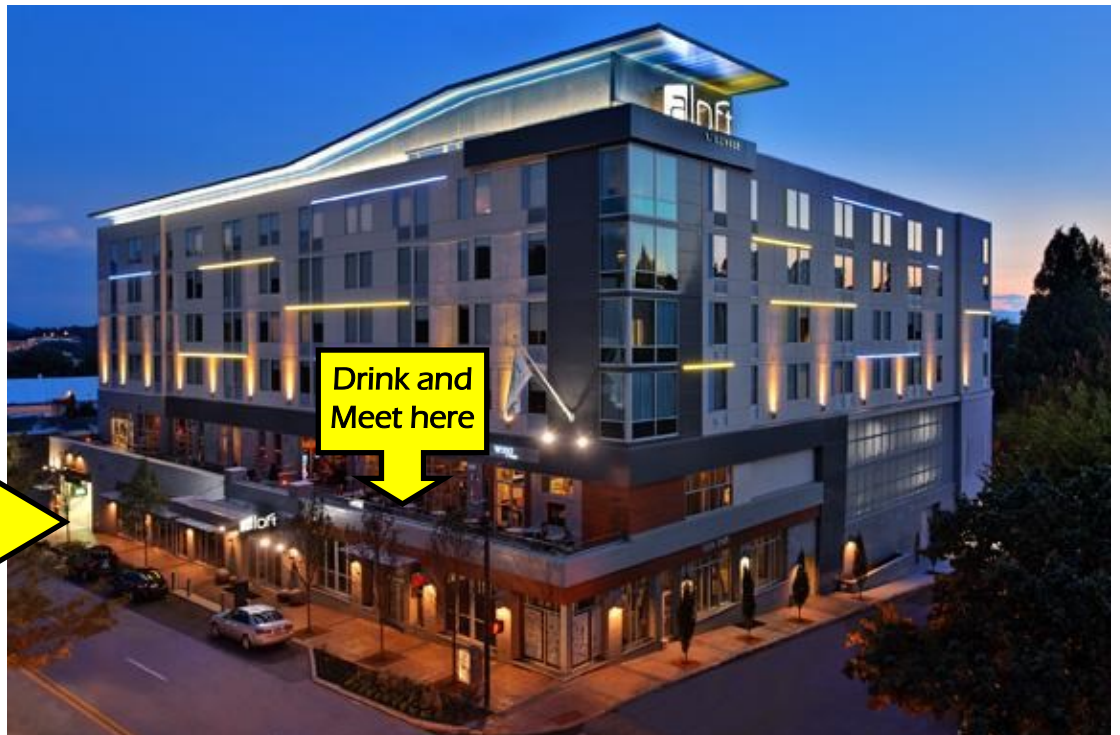
Mmmm....Tastes good!



June Meeting

We continue to explore new venues for our monthly meeting in June with a visit to the upscale digs at the Aloft Hotel's WXYZ Lounge. Being the sort of bon vivant people of the world that we are, it seems an appropriate venue for our new President, Jeff Kenrick to begin his term of office.

Keep in mind that the Aloft Hotel has enclosed parking on site, which helps when in downtown Asheville. See you there, and bring a prospective new member!



Parking entrance here

Drink and
Meet here

Asheville Tourists Concession Fundraising

The Tourists Concession Fundraising is underway and proving to be a lot of fun. A brief description of the two different opportunities follows.

Picnic: ASC gets \$100 for working a picnic event. Arrive an hour before gate opens which is two hours before the game starts. Set up buffet line with dogs, burgers, bbq chicken, beans, potato salad and cookies. Three people serve the food and replenish as needed. The fourth person serves soda from the soda station. About 30 minutes after the game starts break buffet line down and clean up. Workers can have any food left over as a meal. No food is allowed to be taken home without permission. Feel free to stay and watch the game in the general admission section.

Concession: ASC gets 10% of the concession proceeds. Arrive an hour before gate opens which is two hours before the game begins. Four people man the cash registers and the balance of the crew works as a team to fill the orders and bring them to the counter. As the game progresses the registers are closed one by one as the crowd diminishes. Runners are released as cash registers are closed. Remaining crew help clean up as directed. A meal is provided which will probably be a hot dog and bag of chips. No food can be taken home without permission and there is a strict inventory process in place.

Concessions dates: June 23

July 11

July 23

Aug 15

Aug 28

Sept 3

Picnics dates June 14

July 12 (No picnic booked yet)

Aug 16 (No picnic booked yet)

This is a great way to support your club.

Hope to see you there! Email Jeff Kenrick at JPKenrick@aol.com to volunteer.



Chattanooga Camping/Biking

This past weekend was (and still is) a blast for those who made the trip to Cloudland Canyon State Park in Georgia just south of Chattanooga. The park is on the western edge of Lookout Mountain and is one of the most scenic parks in Georgia, offering some stunning vistas.

Friday was an easy day setting up camp and enjoying the camaraderie of club members in a beautiful setting.



Saturday met all expectations with a fun but challenging bike ride at Raccoon Mountain which has about 30 miles of single track bike trails in the network. This is a stacked loop system with rides available for all skill levels. A review from the singletracks website sums it up... *This trail far exceeded my expectations, which were fairly high already. Probably one of the best trails in Eastern TN/North Georgia area. Very intimidating and technical in places, with plenty of large rock gardens to navigate.*

Steep switchbacks with concrete grading help minimize dirt and rock sliding. There are plenty of great areas with flowing downhill and rolling jumps, and awesome photo-ops around every corner.

Even if you find yourself needing a pit stop or hiking a bit, you'll never be disappointed with your surroundings.



As we go to press with this newsletter, there are still some there undoubtedly enjoying one or more of the many Chattanooga area attractions or getting in some more miles on some great single tracks.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Creeper Weekend

We'll be Creepin' on the Creeper!

Friday, June 26th – Sunday, June 28th

Ok folks. We've had a lot of folks asking about doing a Creeper Ride...

Contact Michelle Shuford for details and to make your SHUTTLE/BIKE reservations and camping reservations:

[828-768-0120](tel:828-768-0120) or skibumlong@aol.com

Camping: Bear Tree Campground: Friday, June 26th - Sunday, June 28th

It's about 7 miles out of Damascus, East on Hwy 58.

You will need to make your own camping reservations. Don, Margaret, & I will be camping on Chipmunk Loop Site #4. Go to www.recreation.gov and look up Beartree to reserve your site...you will need to set up an account if you don't already have one. There are lots of sites left right now but you need to book early.

Lodging: MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS: You have many choices.

The Holiday Inn Express in Abingdon, VA: reservations can be made at [276-676-2829](tel:276-676-2829).

There are also many other hotels in Abingdon or B&B's in Damascus: go to www.damascus.org/lodging

Here are some other lodging suggestions:

Creeper Trail Cottages

P.O. Box 1085

Damascus, VA 24236

[276-492-6207](tel:276-492-6207)

Creeper Trail Cottages website

E-mail: smithprs@naxs.com

Downtown Damascus: 1/4 mile.

Friday & Saturday Campfire Social Time:

We will be in a 3/4 moon phase with an early rise time so if anybody is interested in a night ride, we can make plans to ride on Friday or Saturday night! Otherwise, we will plan on cooking out at the campground. Folks staying off site can come. Bring something to grill. You will have to check in and pay (\$3?) per car so you may want to carpool. Tell them you are going to the Crum/Shuford's site. Gate will close at 10:00 pm. There is a great swim lake too... you can swim on Friday or Saturday afternoon.

Saturday Shuttle & Bike Rentals: MEET @ 10:30 am @ Sun Dog

I have made reservations for 5 bikes and 14 shuttle spots for Saturday, June 27th at 11:00 am to go to Whitetop Station under Asheville Ski Club. Please contact me for those spots...however here is the phone number for Adventure Damascus: [276-475-6262](tel:276-475-6262).

Bike & Shuttle: \$25


Shuttle Only: \$12

Crescent Trips Signups Start Online May 20



1. CSC Trip to Steamboat Springs: Dec. 5-12, 2015— Early Bird Pricing: 1st come/1st serve with only 72 spots available at the \$1029 price. See details on separate pages. Contact: Margaret Crum: mcum211@charter.net
2. CSC trip to Mt. Bachelor: Jan. 16-25, 2016: Contact Wayne Bailey: wayne_bailey642@hotmail.com
3. CSC trip to Big Sky: March 12-19, 2016: Contact Michelle Shuford: skibumlong@aol.com

Note: See separate detail flyers on each of these trips.

Mail to:		Asheville Ski Club Membership Form		
Membership P.O. Box 211 Asheville, NC 28802 www.ashevilleskiclub.com Payment Method: ___ Cash ___ Check		Membership Type: ___ \$35 Single ___ \$60 Family ___ \$15 Junior (18 or under/not with family) ___ \$35 Racing Fee \$_____ Total		
Last Name Do you understand and agree that the information given here will be shared in the Asheville Ski Club Directory? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		First Name 		
Address 				
Home Phone 		Cell Phone 		Work Phone
E-Mail 				
Spouse's Name 		Cell Phone 		Work Phone
E-Mail 				
Children (if members) 				
WAIVER <i>By signing this Application for membership in the WNC Skiing and Outing Club, I agree and understand that the Club is a voluntary organization, composed of and run by volunteers. I also understand that the Officers and the members have no professional or special training in conducting Club activities and do not hold themselves out as having such. I acknowledge that the skiing and outdoor sports have certain innate dangers and I understand these risks. I hereby release the Asheville Ski Club and the WNC Skiing and Outing Club, Inc. from any and all liability for any injury that I, or any member of my family, may incur as a result of participating in any Club activities, including economic loss. I understand and agree that the information given here is truthful and honest to the best of my knowledge and will be shared in the Club Directory.</i>				
Signature: _____ Date: _____				
Signature (spouse if also joining): _____ Date: _____				
Guardian (if child is under 18 years old): _____ Date: _____				