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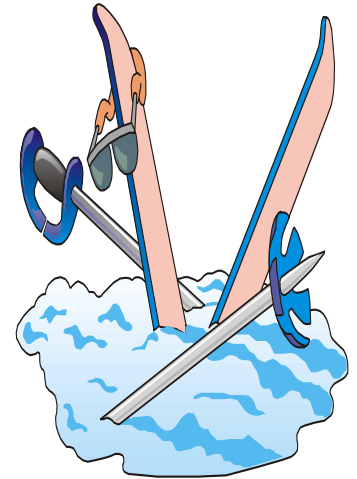
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View from the Top  
by Gail Vogt, President

Hi Everyone,

Well, we're on the down side of the season, and by the time you get this newsletter 23 of us will be skiing at Mt Bachelor. In addition, 40 plus will be getting psyched to ski in Aspen. Sorry, but our last planned one day trip was cancelled due to lack of people signed up by the cancellation date for the bus. The trip had to be cancelled on 2/12, and the next day Mike Wile started getting phone calls from people wanting to sign up for this trip. Next year's trip flyer will include a deadline date for signing up, and this date will reflect the cancellation date we have to work with for the bus company.

We have had some great times this year on the club trips. Weather only got us once, and for just part of the day. I just loved Fred Scherer's quote on his 7 Springs trip, "Everyone looked like a glazed doughnut when they came in from skiing". Yes it was wet, foggy, and some of the mountain wasn't open, but we made the best of it, and everyone had a good time. Fred's work and all of the others that lead trips this year - made our ski season for the club. Thanks to all of you - Scott Hunsinger, Donna Brancifort, Sherri Barth, Harold & Kathy Lewton, Fred Scherer, & Eileen Fricke for all the special efforts running a club trip. We are seeking feed back on the schedule and places we skied, so please contact any of the officers with your thoughts or suggestions. Also, a special Thanks to Mike Bishop for taking charge of loading the equipment on the bus in a very organized manner. His organizational skills saved all of us a lot of headaches when some of the luggage compartments were smaller than expected.

This year the club volunteered to be part of "Hope on the Slopes" event being held at Boston Mills and Brandywine, Saturday 2/23. We had 16 club members that took part in the ski marathon, and the team set their sights on the Black Diamond (\$1,500.00) fundraising level for the event. We gathered a lot of Timken merchandise from donations from the bearing and steel business. Eileen brought donations from Aultman, and Dave Regula donated a week parking pass for CAK. Donna Brancifort made several gift baskets with the merchandise including a golf basket, ski basket, motor sport basket, warm drink & sweet treats basket, and a M&M basket which was donated by a friend of Donna's. The golf and ski baskets were raffled off at the Feb 19th meeting. We held a 50/50 raffle and we then drew tickets to select from a table full of nice items. Thanks to our generous members at the meeting we raised \$500.00. It didn't stop there, for the company came forward and gave us \$750.00 to support our fund raising goal. Our team reached the goal, and we are now just waiting to see how far we exceed it. The baskets that were not raffled at the meeting were donated to the silent auction being held the day of the event. The company also donated a Timken logo golf bag for the auction.

For everyone that was on the Wisp/Timberline trip the president of Carnation Coach called me and apologized for sending the well seasoned bus used on this trip. He has promised to make it right with our club, and explained what had happened. The bus we were to have taken broke down in New York, and there was no replacement to send us. They sent what he called a line bus which is a bus that takes kids to Cedar Point and various other outings. Yes... it wasn't the type of coach we are used to, but it got us there... s l o w l y up the WV hills, and it got us home. Our driver was very pleasant to all and amazing to one. He helped to load and unload equipment at each stop. Bottom line: we got two great days of skiing in, a great hotel stay, no one got hurt, the food & conditions were great at Timberline, Wisp was ours for the day, and we got home safely. This is all that matters at the end :)

We are looking at some summer activities and the trips for next year... add your two cents to let us know what you want ... PLEASE.

Smile

gail



**WINTER PARK TRIP HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY 6 – 11, 2008 BY: TRIP LEADER MIKE WILE**

Finally, after a seven month wait from booking it was time for the TCSC to head west to Winter Park, Colorado. I was the last to board our jet after a small baggage problem, but I was glad to see that everyone had made the 6:20 AM flight. Frontier once again easily handled our ski group. Our direct flight to Denver was pretty much uneventful except for the beautiful sunrise coming up behind us. Once we had our bags we loaded a full size motor coach, piloted by Nick, who gave us a nice 2 hour tour to the Winter Park Mountain Lodge. At 5 PM the hotel provided a welcoming/information party for us, hosted by James, with beverages and munchies. After 2 hours, most were well tuned and psyched for our mountain holiday. Later that evening, one of us (redhead), found out how “relaxing” a hot tub can be when combined with alcohol and altitude.

The four days of skiing at Winter Park was excellent with fresh powder each day and a total accumulation of 20 inches. Tuesday was the coldest day with a 0 degree temp. in the morning, but the low humidity and sun helped to make yet another beautiful day. Winter Park offers some the most diverse terrain, from rolling groomed cruisers, the daunting Mary Jane with all her bumps, and the best glade skiing I’ve had a chance to do. Even late in the day fresh pow could still be found in the trees. One of our high lights was to ski a gladed slope that warned of many hazards including rocks, stumps, and unexploded avalanche devices!

Thursday evening most of us met at the hotel for a mid week social gathering. A few bottles of wine, the Dwight Kline “Shot Ski”, and the comradely of your ski friends makes for a great evening. The Winter Park Mountain Lodge had everything we needed and was a short bus ride from the slopes. The only complaint for the whole trip would be the buses they use for the public transportation. School buses don’t get it for ski trips as we have found out for two years.

On Friday Nick returned with the bus to take us back to the airport. With some extra time available he took us on the scenic route. Wow, what an awesome ride through the mountains with views of people back country riding and ice climbing. We also got several views of wild sheep and deer along the rocky cliffs. The return flight went as well as our out bound one and again was high lighted by the sun, setting behind us. What a way to end a great trip.

Thanks to everyone who went along. You helped make this trip one of my most memorable.....Mike

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# WISP – TIMBERLINE

February 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008

With skis waxed and edges sharpened 28 eager skiers were ready to hit the slopes at Wisp-Timberline. The temperatures were cooler and snow was in the extended forecast for the next few days. Despite our early departure, we efficiently loaded our luggage and equipment onto the luxury motor coach and were ready to leave Faircrest by 4:30 a.m. Well...luxury motor coach may be a bit of an overstatement, but we did arrive safely at the resorts thanks to the efforts of Ken, our bus driver, who was complimented by Ida as being “amazing”.

We enjoyed a beautiful day skiing at Wisp – sunshine, bluebird skies and mild temperatures. As we skied at Wisp on Thursday, we had the entire resort to ourselves. The slopes were nicely groomed and ready for us to make first tracks. After a great day of skiing we departed Wisp for the Holiday Inn Express in Elkins, WV to enjoy après ski activities. Several of us took advantage of the pool/hot tub and “may” have ignored the no beverage in the pool area sign. Generally speaking our group tends to ignore these signs as they certainly cannot be referring to Jell-O and “other” beverages. However, Mike invited a casual onlooker in the pool area to join us who, unknown to us, just happened to be the Hotel Manager. The manager’s “no beverage” translation was slightly different than ours and, next time, we’ll have to be a little more creative with our beverage concealment.

Friday morning we enjoyed a continental breakfast before departing to Timberline. We experienced another beautiful day and were able to enjoy the WV scenery on the way to the resort. After all, the bus was only able to hit peak speeds of 20 mph on the hills so we had plenty of time to sightsee. Timberline had a nice variety of trails and was able to accommodate the skiers on the slopes with their 2 available lifts. A high speed chair would have been nice as the long lift ride did cut into our vertical for the day. The restaurant at Timberline was fantastic and best of all reasonably priced. If you did not have an opportunity to try the peel and eat shrimp - you missed out on some excellent seafood.

Thanks to all of you who went on the Wisp/Timberline trip. You are the ones who make this trip fun and a continued success. Hope to see you again next year. Think snow!

Eileen Fricke



## Bristol Mountain – Holiday Valley Trip Jan 25-27, 2008

If we could have kept all 49 participants injury free, we would say we had the perfect trip. Since we had 6 (count 'em - SIX) injuries, 5 from the ski slopes & 1 from the dance floor, we have to settle for almost perfect!

We had our traditional pizza party on the bus. All enjoyed plenty of pizza & beverages as well as a few jello & pudding shots. In the beginning, we were a little nervous about making the changes to this trip, but, now after it is over, we can look back & say it was a great decision. We've had wonderful feedback about the Bristol Harbour Resort from the accommodations, to the food, to the staff.. When we arrived on Friday night, Lynne (Marketing Director for the Resort), boarded the bus, passed out room keys, free drink vouchers, and she announced that the kitchen was open & they had asked the band to keep playing for an additional hour in the Tavern. Some folks decided to enjoy their cozy rooms, complete with fireplaces & heated bathroom floors, but those of us that went to the Tavern had a great time!

On Saturday, we ran two bus runs to the mountain in the morning & two runs back to the resort in the afternoon. That had a very positive response. Upon returning in the afternoon, some enjoyed the hot tub while Anthony Ranalli built a fire in a portable fire pit on the patio for others to enjoy. Marty, from the resort, lit some outdoor heaters for us too. It was very beautiful, overlooking the lake & enjoying each other's company.

OK, here's one thing we would have changed...no snow guns or race clinics at Bristol Mountain. They technically did not lie when they said there were no races that day, but they just omitted the part about trails being closed for a race clinic. Besides these issues, the temperatures were perfect & the slopes away from the snow guns were very nice. The most serious of our injuries happened at Bristol Mountain on Saturday. Sharon Blackstock fractured her pelvis in 2 places & Jeanette Mullane has a torn ACL & meniscus.

We enjoyed an awesome buffet dinner in the dining room. We really had a lot of positive feedback about the food & the fact that we were all together. After dinner, there was some pretty wild dancing going on in the Tavern to the sounds of a DJ ...hence 1 injury. All that stayed up had a great time. Even some of the staff joined in on the fun!

We took off early Sunday for Holiday Valley....note to trip leaders: remind everyone of the departure time, especially Gail!!! When we did get to HV, the conditions & the temperatures were great. We had 3 more injuries for some unlucky reason! We adjusted our dinner stop to Cadillac Jack's instead of in town so that our wounded wouldn't have to walk. With only an hour's notice they did a pretty good job, not perfect, but ok. It served the purpose that we were looking for. The management sure appreciated us! We ended up leaving there about 6:15PM. With the new rules about "comfort stops" for the bus drivers, we made a short stop on the way home. We arrived back at Faircrest about 10:30PM. Note to trip leaders: Remind everyone to clean up their area of the bus. There were some very messy areas. Thanks to Mike, Al, Mike Wile, Eileen Fricke, Mike Bishop, Gail Vogt, Tom Burkhart & we're sure others. THANKS for pitching in!!!

The following is courtesy of Sharon Blackstock and it summarizes the trip very well....

**Having survived this weekend, I want to share with all of you not only "what I love about the Timken Ski Club" but the top ten things I learned as a result of this weekend:**

- 10 - Parents do not always watch their toddlers, and lift operators do not always watch their lift
- 9 - It is possible to stomp your crutch in frustration if your foot is not painlessly available
- 8 - Red wine helps oil the way for Darvocet
- 7 - It really hurts to miss an opportunity to dance
- 6 - Overindulging in alcohol is not the only reason to crawl up the stairs after an evening out
- 5- I am not the only person who carries pictures of her dogs in her wallet
- 4 - My husband truly is a wonderful helpmate
- 3 - I can still consume several kinds of liquor (jello shots, soaked cherries, and pudding shots among them) and not vomit
- 2 - It is possible to fracture your pelvis and still have a wonderful weekend and.....
- 1 - The members of the Timken Ski Club are kind, generous and very supportive people

Looking forward to next year,  
Donna & Sherri

# Timken Company Ski Club Meeting

February 18, 2008

Rafter's at Meadow Lake

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Gail Vogt at 8:00 p.m. Thirty-four (34) individuals were in attendance.

## Action Items

- Gail Vogt thanked everyone for coming and said it would be a short meeting followed by raffle drawings to help the clubs fundraising efforts for Hope on the Slopes
- **Treasurer's Report:** Donna Brancifort noted there is \$43,854.36 in the club account with money coming in and out.
- **Secretary Report:** Please see the newsletter.
- **Website Report:** Dwight was not in attendance to give report
- **Newsletter Report.** Mike Bishop is in the process of eliminating a step so that our newsletters will now mail directly from the mailroom.

## New Business:

- 17 Club members are registered to participate in **Hope on the Slopes** on February 23 from 10 am to 10 pm. There will be a DJ, lunch, giveaways, silent auction, wine tasting and more. The club reached Black Diamond status in their fundraising efforts. Thanks Gail, Donna and everyone that helped with that.
- **CMSC Report:** Jim Kovach, our CMSC Representative, reported that he missed the last meeting and he will get the information for his report in the newsletter. He did mention a Thanksgiving Cruise and if you are interested, more information can be found at skicleve-land.com
- The Blue Knob trip was canceled. Please remember it is important to sign up for trips early because we have bus contracts with cut off dates that we have to cancel by if necessary. Unfortunately, many people expressed interest in this trip after it was canceled.

## Trip Reviews:

- **Bristol Mtn/Holiday Valley, January 25-27.** Donna Brancifort reported that they were very pleased with the new accommodations, specially the heated bathroom floors. See her trip report for all the details.
- **Seven Springs, February 1.** Fred Scherer had 29 people go on this trip. Please see his trip report as it sounded like quite an adventure.
- **Holimont, February 8.** Scott Hunsinger had 33 people go on this trip. It was Ladies Day at Holimont and TCSC was stationed at the Race Lodge. There was one injury.
- **Wisp/Timberline, February 14&15.** Eileen Fricke had 28 people go on this trip, which exceeded her expectations. She would like feedback if you liked this combination. Read her trip report for all the details but we heard Wisp had no lines!
- **Aspen, March 29 – April 5.** Carol Main reported that the trip is sold out with a waiting list. There will be more to report at the March meeting.

## Meeting Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m

Motion to adjourn was made by Harold Lewton; seconded by Scott Hunsinger

The meeting was followed by a raffle drawing where over \$400 was raised for Hope on the Slopes. There were two theme baskets (golf and ski), a 50/50 raffle and many miscellaneous items donated by Timken, Aultman, and individuals, including a week's parking pass for CAK. Very nice items, thank you everyone who donated and spent their money!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennie Stephan - Secretary

“Hope on the Slopes” for the Kylie Jane Long Foundation – Held Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

16 of us took part in the relay team & 4 more club members plus 2 guests of the club joined us for the wine & cheese party in the evening. We turned in \$1745 & we donated 5 Silent Auction items. Our team “won” 2<sup>nd</sup> place for our fundraising efforts! We attained the Black Diamond Level of sponsorship & got lots of recognition all day. We had a great time, the weather was awesome & we helped out a good cause! Participating club members were: Mike Abrams, Mike, Sherri, Becca, Michael & Jake Barth, Al & Donna Brancifort, Tom Burkhart, Sarah Donohoe, Eileen Fricke, Valerie & Scott Fuller, Cindy Horger, Dwight Kline, Tom Sinacore, Jennifer & Jason Stephan, Gail Vogt & Mike Wile. An interesting note, we were the only ski club represented at the event.

## Seven Springs Trip 2008

It all started on that Friday morning when I had high hopes of a small amount of foul weather and a strong possibility of snow at the Seven Springs slopes. There was a weather front approaching, but I thought we might miss bulk of it by going to a higher elevation at Seven Springs. Well, that all blew up in my face; I knew I was in trouble when I pulled the car out into the driveway and got out to load some things, I discovered about 3" of slush in the driveway. It was mostly freezing rain with traces of sleet mixed in. I thought, " this is great, hopefully, Seven Springs isn't this bad?"

I got up to the bus and to my surprise everyone showed up that was listed for my trip, none cancelled out! What a bunch of hearty souls! We were loaded up and on our way in no time. The roads weren't really in very good shape, but Tom (our bus driver) plowed through anyway. At times, I thought our windshield was going to end up in the back seat of the bus; trucks were spraying gobs of slush and ice everywhere!

We got to Seven Springs in good time but I noticed as we pulled in that we were basically the only people here and nobody was skiing on the slopes! As I got the lift tickets, I asked sales rep," How about a discount today for nothing more than ' showing up with pure guts ready to take on the world!" He laughed and charged me the full group rate! I said, "Thanks a lot!"

Skiing was more of a challenge than I could have imagined? North Face was closed most of the day and some of the chairlifts were also closed, so it made it hard to get around. Two of our club members found the chairlift situation more interesting, Tom Sinacore and Ron Gorrell found themselves being lowered off the lift by rope and not skiing off the lift. All the lifts had tons of ice on them and must of shut down this particular lift because of conditions. They also got a free lift ticket out of the ordeal!

As the day went on, the weather would change from sleet, to rain, to snow etc. Everyone who skied and came inside looked like a large 'glazed doughnut'! People were using clothes driers to try to dry out their clothes and gloves. Really, there is a Laundromat at the base!

As the day ended, everyone made it back to the bus in one piece, which amazes me! As we headed back to the parking lot and everyone headed home, I actually had people tell me," Thanks Fred, we had a good time!" That made it all worth it! Thanks, to everyone that made this trip possible!

The Seven Springs trip leader,

**Fred Scherer**