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# THE TIMKEN SKI CLUB

# Tips & Tails

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View from the Top  
by Donna Brancifort

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Hello TSC Members!

I am going to try a new format for my "View from the Top". It has become very apparent that only a few people actually read what is written, so I am going to streamline the text & see if it is easier. I, and all presidents before me, have taken the time to communicate through this article & it is very clear that there are too many misunderstandings because people aren't reading this communication. Thank goodness for email & the more personalized approach that we have added to keep you informed! Also read the minutes of the meetings for information & topics that were discussed.

### FOLLOW-UP SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER:

- Mike Abrams will be attending **Mountain Travel Symposium** for me in April. He will be investigating possible destinations for next season.
- Thanks to all who filled out the "Week Trip Survey". Please fill free to give us your suggestions or comments on any trip or activity if you give the input in a positive manner & realize we are trying to please the majority.
- Thanks to all that participated in Hope on the Slopes. We came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place fundraiser for turning in over \$1700. Gary Pavell, President of CMSC, presented Gail with the trophy at our meeting this past Tuesday.
- Kissing Bridge trip on Mar 14 was a huge success! All who attended had a great time! Thanks Joanna & Gail. We've been given the suggestion to go back there again

### LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO GET INVOLVED:

- Want to be an officer, any officer? Elections will be at April meeting. Contact Gail or I if interested. (President must be an active Timken associate).
- After election, contact President if you would like to get more involved! IE, trip committee, trip leader, social director, etc.
- TSC Ski Queen – contact Gail, Eileen or Jenny if interested.

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# THE TIMKEN SKI CLUB

## 2009 Ski Club Schedule

**All trips  
depart  
from Timken  
FAIRCREST**

**Please load  
bus 15  
minutes prior  
to departure.**

**All departure  
times are  
EXACT, but  
return times  
are  
approximates.**

Non members add  
\$10 for each day  
trip and \$20 for  
each two day trip.

\*Timken Ski Club Trip Agreement Refund Policy: A full refund will be made to the applicant if the trip is cancelled by the ski club due to poor snow conditions or other circumstances. If the applicant cancels and the trip departs filled, the applicant will receive trip amount less \$10 service fee. If the applicant cancels and the trip departs unfilled, the applicant will be refunded the amount of lift tickets. Transportation, lodging and other special costs may NOT be refunded. Specific trip circumstances will determine if any refund of these costs are possible.

Sunday April 19th, 2009 & Sunday April 26th, 2009	8AM - 10AM Both Days	<b>Bicycle Maintenance Class</b> North Canton Ernie's Bike Shop <b>BRING YOUR BICYCLE</b> \$20 per person (Min 5 - Max 10) 20% Discount on tools bought that day & 15% off of bike stands <b>RSVP &amp; or questions:</b> donna.brancifort@timken.com & mabrams@wilkshire.net
Sunday April 19th, 2009	Noon - 3PM	<b>Earth Day Tree Planting Project</b> <b>Canton Garden Center</b> (at Stadium Park) Contact: dwight.kline@timken.com Would like a count prior to event if possible
Tuesday April 21st, 2009	Monthly Meeting 8 PM Social @ 7PM	Last Meeting of the Season Meadowlake - Rafters <b>Election of Officers</b>
Sunday April 26th, 2009	4PM - ?	<b>Social @ Fox &amp; Hound</b> <b>\$3:00</b> 2 Hours of Pool & Appetizers Cash Bar RSVP to <a href="mailto:jdstephan@neo.rr.com">jdstephan@neo.rr.com</a>
Sunday May 17th, 2009	TBA	<b>Spring Party</b> <b>Details L8ter</b>
Monday May 18th, 2009	6PM	<b>Start of Summer Biking</b> Contact: <a href="mailto:albranci@sbcglobal.net">albranci@sbcglobal.net</a>

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### COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Check out the calendar for upcoming events & more details about the following:

- Bike Maintenance Workshop – Sundays April 19<sup>th</sup> & April 26<sup>th</sup> – 8AM-10AM  
Ernie's North Canton – Min 5 – Max 10 participants \$20
- Earth Day Tree Planting – Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> - Noon – 4:00PM
- Fox and Hound Social – Sunday Apr 26th – 4:00PM
- Spring Party – Sunday May 17th
- Biking to begin – Mid May. If you were on the bike email list from last year – you're in! If you'd like to be added, email Al Brancifort at [albranci@sbcglobal.net](mailto:albranci@sbcglobal.net).
- **NEW !!** Summer golfing – Friday evenings. Zee Kovach & JoAnn Schlue are organizing. More Details Later

Have a Great Month!  
Donna

## Lake Tahoe – March 1–7, 2009

Well this was my first attempt to run a week long trip! I received a lot of input from others who have run trips before, others who have been to Lake Tahoe before & of course Bill Fry (Welcome Aboard Travel). After a group of us mulled over the options last summer, the basic trip details were laid out & all I had to do was get people to come along & then do an awful lot of record keeping! It was all worth it when the “plan came together”.

There were 44 of us, literally coming from coast to coast! Many of us spent the night of Feb 28 in Cleveland at 3 different locations where rates were negotiated to include parking for the week. Not sure what happened in the other 2 locations, but there was a little wine tasting going on at our hotel! Others enjoyed the car show being held at the IX Center. Although a CAK departure is preferred, we made the best of the situation created by where airlines will fly with groups. United waived the baggage fees for those traveling in the group. At 1<sup>st</sup> we thought it was a mistake, but hey, we took it as a gift of \$40 each. On the way home, we were told it was part of the package for the group....cool...that saved each person \$80 from the posted baggage rates!!! We had good flights to Sacramento, on time, with no lost luggage. The bus was waiting for us to take us to South Lake Tahoe. There was only one small problem with the bus, one of the cargo bays, had a wheelchair lift, so packing the luggage was tight but with everyone's help, it all fit. It was sort of a messy, wet, slushy drive but the driver did a good job getting us to our destination. We arrived at the Horizon Casino & had a get together in one of the lounges to meet each other, discuss the week & pass out some of the lift tickets.

Monday, we headed to Kirkwood. They had 2 mini-busses pick us up. Our drivers, Snowshoe & Nevada Smith, did an awesome job with the conditions of the roads. Since we had 2 vehicles & the weather was predicted to deteriorate as the day went on, we decided to have one bus return at 2PM & the other at 4. It was snowing, but it was the wettest snow a lot of us had ever seen! Well, we all ended up hanging out at a tavern near the base, & the decision was made for one bus to leave at 1 & the other as soon as we could find everyone! We had one missing skier, Roger. He was seen, called in & the 2<sup>nd</sup> bus was on its way back by 1:30!

Tuesday was our day at Northstar. There was about 2 feet of powder on the ground & still snowing! Many said it was their best day of skiing ever!

Wednesday, we skied at Heavenly which was right down the street from the hotel. Most took a more leisurely start for the day. Some that went out early stood in line for the gondola for over an hour until they dug out the lifts. There had been another 2 feet of snow overnight & not many trails had been groomed. It took awhile for some of the lifts to open. Would you ever think there could be too much snow? I thought that it was really cool to be skiing in Nevada & then part way down the trail you see a sign that says you are crossing into California! The views from the top of the mountain, looking over Lake Tahoe were spectacular. Actually, it turned out to be a great day of skiing. At 3:00 a group of us met with Brian Flickinger from Vail Resorts at the hotel. We have skied at all of the Vail Resorts this year & he wanted to acknowledge that. At 5:00 we had a cocktail party in Al's & my room, I mean suite. We had a wonderful room on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor, overlooking the lake. Being the trip leader does have some advantages. I was told that, quite often, the trip leader's room gets upgraded & I really enjoyed that perk!

Thursday, we went to Squaw Valley. We took a bus in the morning, skied until 4:30 & then took a bus to the boat dock & rode on the Tahoe Queen, a paddle boat, back across Lake Tahoe to a dock near our hotel. The bus picked us up at the dock & took us back to the hotel. One big change that was noted by those that have done the trip before was that we could leave all of our ski equipment on the bus rather than have to take it on the boat. We had a wonderful buffet style meal that was included in the trip. There was a great band on the boat & we really had a good time dancing & spending the evening together.

Friday was a free day. Some returned to Heavenly to ski. Some shopped. Some gambled. Some went to a movie. We departed the Horizon at 4PM on the biggest bus many had ever seen! No problem this time with space for luggage! We spent the night in Sacramento at a Fairfield Marriott. That hotel contracted a bus to take us to the airport rather than all of us going on shuttles. It was a nice touch.

Because of weather in Chicago, our 1:30 departure, turned into a 5:00 departure. We had contingent plans for flights but we didn't need them. They held our flight in Chicago & we ended up only getting into Cleveland less than 2 hours beyond our original arrival time. All in all it was a good trip home.

I want to thank all of the trip participants for making my 1<sup>st</sup> week trip leader experience a good one!

Donna

**Timken Ski Club Meeting**  
March 17, 2009 – Happy St. Patrick's Day  
Rafter's at Meadow Lake

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Donna Brancifort at 8:00 p.m. Thirty-two (32) individuals were in attendance. Donna thanked Ernest Ward and Joanna Chorak for being new trip leaders this year.

**Action Items**

- **Treasurer's Report:** Susie gave her report, there are a few refunds still pending.
- **Secretary Report:** Please see the newsletter.

**New Business:**

- Plans are for The Spring Party to be held again at Lake Mohawk. More details will be coming.
- **Club Officers wanted** – please contact Donna or Gail if you are interested in holding a position.
- Mike Abrams will be going to the Mountain Travel Symposium this year. Please get your trip survey turned in so that Mike knows specific ski areas of interest.
- We still need a TSC Queen Representative for the CMSC Queen Pageant. This year's pageant will be on November 14 at the German-American Cultural Center in Cleveland.
- If enough interest the club may add some golf dates to the schedule this summer.
- It's time to start thinking about bike season. If you weren't on last years email list and would like to be included on this years, please contact Al or Donna with your email address. Anyone who was on last years list will already be included in this year's emailing of biking and social venues.
- There will be a Bike Maintenance Workshop on April 19 from 8 am to noon at Ernie's in North Canton. If at least 6 people participate, Ernie's will offer 20% off tools and 15% off bike stands.
- **Bike the Trail/Ride the Rail.** This will be a CMSC sponsored bike ride with a tentative date of May 30 – look for details on the CMSC website.
- **CMSC Report:** There will be a travel symposium at the Marriott in Cleveland on May 9. Annual CMSC golf outing at Punderson State Park on July 19. You can find out more about these and other CMSC events at [www.skicleveland.com](http://www.skicleveland.com). One trip to report for next year from CMSC. Aspen/Snowmass, February 12. 6 nights, 4 day ski with a 5<sup>th</sup> day option add on. Price is \$829 plus air which is currently being negotiated on. Accommodations will be 2 bath/2 bedroom and there are 130 spots.

**Old Business:**

- CMSC President Gary Pavell and his wife were at the meeting to present a trophy to TSC for their 2<sup>nd</sup> place fundraising effort for the Hope on the Slopes benefit. Thanks to everyone who participated and/or donated money to help us give \$1,700.
- Polar Bear Jump for Akron/Canton Regional Food Bank. TSC jumpers made over \$1,000! We also had volunteers parking cars for the event. It's possible that the event got more exposure in Canton papers due to the ski club's participation. Debbie Gorrell read a thank you note from the food bank.
- Watch for Donna's article in the Sitzmark regarding our charity involvements this year.
- Blood Drive – Jim Kovach reported that out of the blood drive the club netted \$300 in vouchers. This can be broke down into gift certificates from Ernie's Bike Shop and Buckeye Sports.

**Trip Reviews:**

- **Tahoe and Kissing Bridge were the final ski trips of the season.** Please read the trip leaders reports to find out about all the fun!

**Meeting Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m

Motion to adjourn was made by JoAnn Schlue; seconded by Mike Larson

**Door Prizes:**

St. Patrick's Day inspired door prizes were given out.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennie Stephan - Secretary

## Survey for TSC Week Long Ski Trips

Do you have a state or resort or mountain that you would like to visit? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you prefer hotel or condominium? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you prefer accommodations right at a mountain or do you mind a drive? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you mind paying extra for door to door transportation to mountain vs cheaper public transportation? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you like to ski at one mountain or multiple on one trip? \_\_\_\_\_

Is cost a concern? \_\_\_\_\_

As a cost concession, what are you willing to give up? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the most important factor(s) to determine if you go on a trip or not? \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional Comments / Considerations \_\_\_\_\_

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Realize that airlines & transportation to & from the airport is mostly determined on price & availability. You may comment on these but they are usually results dictated by the answers to the questions above.

Please email results to Donna.Brancifort@timken.com and mabrams@wilkshire.net and huns@roadrunner.com.

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Please consider responding  
By March 25th