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Mail application to:
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Name _____
Address _____
Work Phone _____
Home Phone _____
_____ Single \$20.00
_____ Couple \$25.00
_____ Family \$30.00

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Single = One Person
Couple = Husband and Wife, Partners sharing a single address.
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_____ Timken Company Associate
(Members under 18 must be accompanied by a legal guardian at all activities)

In consideration of the right to participate in the activities of The Timken Ski Club, I agree to assume full responsibility for my injury, misadventure, damage, or loss to my person or property while participating in any club activities, and hereby release The Timken Ski Club, The Timken Company (except to the extent of any insurance, medical, or hospitalization benefits that I may have as an employee) and their agents, from any claim that may accrue to me as a result of participation in the activities of the club.

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Signature(s) _____
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by Donna Brancifort

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Hello TSC Snow Lovers,

I am extremely happy to announce that the new CONSTITUTION was adopted unanimously! It made the over 4 months of its preparation worthwhile. Again, I want to extend a big thanks to Bob Capestrain & his team, Cynthia, Eileen, Mike & Al & of course all of the members who came forward with suggestions.

Al & I just returned from the Polar Bear Jump to benefit the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. Again, the Timken Ski Club can be very proud. 4 jumpers, Susan Shearer, Sherri, Michael & Jake Barth represented our club by raising over \$800 & jumping into the frigid water! We also got acknowledged because Al & I & Debbie Gorrell helped direct traffic prior to the event. Other members who supported us today were Ron Gorrell, Jim & Zee Kovach & Joann Schlue, who works for the Foodbank & sent the original email asking for possible support. On behalf of Michael & Jake, I want to thank all that gave them donations the other night at the meeting. Joann stated to us before we left that it is likely that \$30,000 was raised today & she was very happy for our participation!

Feb 28 is Hope on the Slopes to benefit the Kylie Jane Long Foundation. You can read all about it at www.Hopeontheslopes.com. You can also donate to our team on that website. Right now we are the #1 fundraising team! Thanks to all that have donated & signed up to be on the relay team.

Find in this newsletter, a trip report from Jim Kovach about his fam visit to Schweitzer Mountain. Mike Abrams will be attending **Mountain Travel Symposium** for me this April. He will be doing investigations about possible trips for next season. Also find in this newsletter, a survey about destinations & accommodations. We know that we will get many varied opinions but we are asking for input to see if there are trends. It is ultimately up to next year's president & the trip committee (if there is one) to decipher the information & decide where the club visits next year.

Please go on the website www.stoptheskitax.com to voice your opinion about a new proposed tax on lift tickets & lessons in the New York. We do not want the tax to be imposed!

Now it is time for some editorial comments. If anyone has opinions about how trips, whether 1 day, multi-day or week trips are priced or planned, please feel free to join a trip committee or be an officer! We do the best job we can to get the best value for all of the trip goers. If we had a crystal ball & knew how many people would be going on a trip, it would be easy to figure out the finances. There are bus contracts, cancellation fees, rising lift ticket prices & more to consider. My decision to run a trip as "no frills" (only means bring your own beverages) comes from the desire to run a trip rather than NOT run a trip when response is less than overwhelming. It removes one stress from the trip leader when the trip participant numbers might fluctuate by 20 people in a week! The decision is more for "hassle" reducing reasons than financial. I have taken a poll on the last 2 trips & have learned that folks on the trips do not mind bringing their own, (some even prefer it), as long as they know ahead of time.

Gone Skiing!

Donna

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 March 1st Saturday March 7th, 2009	Lake Tahoe	Trip leader Donna Brancifort
Saturday March 14th, 2009	Kissing Bridge	Joanna Chorak
Tuesday March 17th, 2009	Monthly Meeting 8 PM Social @ 7PM	Rafter's @ Meadow lake 39th St. NE, Canton
Tuesday April 21st, 2009	Monthly Meeting 8 PM Social @ 7PM	Rafter's @ Meadow lake 39th St. NE, Canton

Timberline / Wisp Recap

Just moments after we left Timberline I had turned to Jason and said, no injuries on our trip, hooray! Who knew that shortly, all 26 trip participants would be risking injury when our bus lost brakes towards the bottom of a steeply graded hill. Fortunately, after taking a couple curves and crossing the Yougheheny River, we coasted to a safe stop. I want to thank everyone on the trip for keeping their cool during this time!

Prior to this we thought the most exciting thing that happened on the trip was Ida getting locked in a restroom stall at Wisp.

We left Canton Thursday early morning during the wind storm that had knocked out power to several of our homes. We didn't know what conditions were going to be when we got to Wisp given the warm up and rain we had previously in the week and the wind that day. It turns out the wind had knocked a lift out of operation and closed the Eastern Ridge at Wisp. Morning slope conditions were icy but skiable and the wind could stop you in your tracks! Val even got swept backwards into a mud puddle! We offered something new this trip, lessons with a ski instructor. Donna and Val braved a lesson on the ice with Jason. Late morning the sun came out and there was a noon groom and conditions improved tremendously.

We left Wisp for Elkins, WV and the Hampton Inn. We were a little disappointed to find out the hot tub was closed but the rooms and breakfast the next morning more than made up for that. Some were brave enough to get in the "heated" pool but mostly it was social hour around the pool.

The next day at Timberline was near perfect conditions! They were blowing snow in the morning but the sun was shining, the slopes were groomed nicely and the crowds were slim. It was a good day at Timberline.

Jennifer Stephen

2009 Timken Ski Club Single Day Trip List

Trip #4 Sat. Mar. 14 Kissing Bridge, NY Trip leader Joanna Chorak
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jchorak@neo.rr.com

Load bus at 4:45AM,
Depart from Faircrest lot at 5:00 AM.
Depart ski area 4:30PM? with

No Dinner Stop

Home at PM?.

Cost: \$ 40.00

Please use these trip numbers on the applications when you are signing up for a one day trip.

Queen Pageant

We are looking for a female club member to represent TSC in the CMSC 2009-10 queen pageant. The member that takes this honor on will be asked for these sacrifices:

Attend the TSC monthly meetings and functions, represent TSC at as many CMSC club functions as possible (summer picnic, Warren Miller Film Fest, and Christmas party), attend the CMSC club queens pageant prep meeting and the pageant, and promote club attendance for the pageant (sell lots of tickets). If you would be lucky and be chosen CMSC Queen - you would be asked to attend more CMSC functions, and visit other CMSC clubs. There is time involved in this honor.

The club covers the entry fee for the pageant, but the queen will be required to fill out her entry application and write a short biography about herself - you'll get help from the past TSC queens, and have a picture taken to send in with application.

Overall - as the TSC Queen - we want you to have fun with this - wear your tiara and sash anywhere you want - work - out for the night - to club functions. You will become a Goodwill ambassador for TSC.

Officers for 2009/10

We are looking for volunteers to step forward and offer their services as TSC officers. President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Also side positions that help the club keep moving - Trip Committee, Social Committee, and News Letter Editor, CMSC Representative, CMSC Rep Apprentice, and Web Master. The people in these current positions are eligible to maintain these for the new year at their choice if no one shows interest in seeking the spot. Web Master - must be a Timken employee with access to Outlook and the time to maintain the site. President or Vice President - According to the Constitution, the president & one other officer must be an active Timken associates to maintain communication between the club and company, if needed.. CMSC Rep - must be able to attend meetings at locations between Akron and Cleveland. Please contact Donna if you are interested in supporting the club by taking on a leadership position.

Kissing Bridge Trip

Wow - Thanks to everyone that has shown the interest in this trip - THE BUS IS FULL - we have a 55 passenger bus and we sold 54 seats. This means all boot bags will be stored in the luggage compartment under the bus - no exceptions. "Hint on keeping your boots warm for the trip up" - buy hand warmers and place one or two in the foot bed of your boots, and then stuff an extra sock in each boot. This will keep you boots warm during the trip to the resort, and make it much easier to put them on.

We also would like to make this a fun trip - everyone will be celebrating St Patrick's day, so join in on the holiday when everyone is Irish for the Day. Dig out a Halloween wig, silly hat, the wildest ski outfit you have, just something to make our group stand out for the day.

Remember - this is a no frills trip - small coolers for beverages and bags for snacks are recommended. We will supply water for the bur ride up and back. Please also - bag you skis - this is for your and everyone's equipment protection.

Thanks
gail

Timken Ski Club Meeting
February 17, 2009
Rafter's – Meadowlake Golf Course

48 individuals were in attendance. Tickets were on sale for 50/50 raffle and door prizes before the meeting.

Action Items

- Donna called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Susie gave the report.
- 2 Guests were introduced, Janet and Susan from the Fagowees Ski Club
- Sherri Barth gave a BIG thank you from herself and her boys, Michael and Jake who are representing the club during the polar bear jump into the Portage Lakes to benefit the Akron Regional Food Bank. They collected donations from club members prior to the meeting.

Old Business:

- Jim Kovach thanked the blood donators again for last months blood drive.
- Read about past trips in the newsletter.

New Business:

- **February 21 Portage Co. Polar Bears:** TSC has put a team together for the polar bear jump into the Portage Lakes to benefit the Akron Regional Food Bank. Jumping for our club is Sherri, Michael and Jake Barth and Susie Scherer. This is a free event to watch. There are also volunteers from the club who will be parking cars. A club social will follow at Howie's. \$1 donated feeds 7 people in the Akron/Canton area –what a great cause!
- **Hope on the Slopes, February 28.** Don French is chairing this event. The 50/50 raffles held at recent meetings are going towards the club's donation. We are currently tied for 1st in fundraising. There are 12 members signed up for the event and more would be welcome. If you can't make it but would like to make a donation, please go to www.hopeontheslopes.com.
- **Calling All CMSC Queen Candidates:** The Club is looking for the next Timken Ski Club Queen Representative. Ida Lesh has been approached and we are awaiting her answer. If you have an interest in being considered for this position in the future, please contact Gail.
- **Officers:** We are also looking for volunteers for the upcoming ski season Club Officers. If you have an interest in any of the offices, please contact Donna or Gail. Again, it has been approved by the Timken Company that the TSC President and one other officer have to be Timken employees. Previously, both the President and Vice President had to be employees. It has been brought up several times, why keep the affiliation at all with Timken Company and perhaps the most important of many reasons, **SECURE PARKING**
- **Constitution Vote:** Donna thanked Bob Capestrain for his leadership, Eileen for her advice and typing skills and Cynthia, Mike and Al for all their help! Bob read his submission of the motion for the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws. The motion was brought before the membership for a discussion. There was no move for discussion, the vote was taken and passed unanimously! Again, we thank the committee for all their hard work!

Trip Reviews:

- **Holiday Valley, February 20.** Trip Leader Ernest Ward reported that 24 were confirmed and this trip is going with no frills.
- **Tahoe, March 1 – 7.** Donna reported she had travel documents ready for pickup.
- **Kissing Bridge, March 14. \$40!** 39 people signed up at time of February meeting.

Meeting Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Kovach; seconded by Jim Shear. Raffle and door prize drawings followed the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennie Stephan - Secretary

Schweitzer FAM Trip Report:

On January 22, 2009, I left CAK airport at 6:30AM headed for Detroit. Next stop was Seattle, Washington, then on to Spokane, Washington. Lovely Tara from Schweitzer met me at the airport to provide transportation to Schweitzer Mountain. An hour and ½ later, we were at Schweitzer. The staff at the Selkirk Lodge was extremely friendly and took my luggage to my deluxe room, while I meandered down to a refreshment party and check-in to get our schedules and lift passes. That evening we were treated to a Welcome Party from 7-10PM to get to know our hosts and meet the other FAM's. There were 14 people in our FAM group. They were from Chicago, Philadelphia, Knoxville, Austin, Minneapolis, Red Hawk (Canada), New Jersey, and **BOISE**, Idaho! On Friday morning, we put on our free Demo Skis and went out to enjoy Schweitzer Mountain. The area consists of Schweitzer Bowl and Outback Bowl. Within those two areas there are 92 trails, 2900 acres of varied terrain, and 12 lifts. There is nice cruising, tree skiing, steeps, and bowls. There are no moguls! Sorry, spell check won't let me spell it with an 'o'. The normal amount of snow they get and the lack of heavy ski traffic do not normally allow the formation of 'bumps'. So, if you like steep and don't like bumps, this is a good place to ski. There are very few people here during the week. No lift lines and hardly anyone on the slopes. That evening, we dined in the Selkirk with a "Chef's Special" dinner and made a trip into Sandpoint to see what the locals do on a Friday night. There are lots of nice bars and some great restaurants. We visited two wine bars; one makes their own stuff-nice, casual place with music, and the other is part of Coldwater Creek stores. Good music too and a nice looking place. We got special deals on goods at Coldwater Creek. We then headed back to party on the Mountain at "Taps" and at Pucci's Pub, another local haunt. We didn't get to the St. Bernard (as a group). Some of us made the quarter-mile hike to see another restaurant/bar/dance place. The food is supposed to be good. There are two restaurants, three bars, two pizza shops, two breakfast shops, 3 ski shops and two demo centers right at the base. Trips to town can be arranged when anyone tires of the base area entertainment.

On Saturday, we did "first tracks" and beat the locals out. It did get more crowded late as the Spokane and Coeur d' Alene skiers filed in. Still, never a crowd, we just didn't have the slopes to ourselves. After skiing, we went 'tubing', drank some warm drinks at Hermit's Hut, and went Sam's Alley for a Pizza Fest. After dinner we worked up our dance moves at Tap's with a live band of Reggae.

The next morning we loaded and headed for Spokane and on to our journeys home.

I would recommend Schweitzer Mountain for a 5/4 trip. Accommodations were great. The Selkirk is hotel style. That's where the FAM group stayed. The Chimney Rock Grill and Pub is attached to the Selkirk and is a nice place to dine and wine. The White Pine Lodge was very nice and is Condo Style. The two bedroom units would be excellent for those who want the full kitchen. The Deluxe room at the Selkirk has a King or Queen bed, microwave, coffee maker, and under-counter refrigerator. The Standard room has two queen beds. Various combinations of participants could be accommodated. Both White Pine and Selkirk have pools and hot tubs. There are lots of other activities including Snowcat skiing. Schweitzer is guaranteeing us 2009 rates for lodging and skiing for next year.

Jim Kovach

Trip # _____ Destination: _____ Deposit: _____ Full Payment: _____

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ St. _____ Zip: _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____

Rooming preference: _____ **If rentals are needed Please contact trip leader**

I (we) have read and agree to the terms and conditions set forth in the Trip Agreement and waiver statement.

Signature(s): _____

Make checks payable to "**Timken Ski Club**"; send to check and application to trip leader.

Survey for TSC Week Long Ski Trips

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

Do you prefer hotel or condominium? _____

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

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? _____

Additional Comments / Considerations _____

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