

# Snow Times

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## Upcoming Events

February 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday

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February 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>

February 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday

February 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

February 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday

February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday

March 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>

March 18<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday

General Meeting

Fat Tuesday

Mt. Bachelor Trip

Board Meeting (new location)

Winter Carnival

General Meeting

Beaver Creek Trip

Bar of the Month

Lodge Trip (Crazy Days)

OPSC Elections

## OAK PARK SKI CLUB

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## Oak Park Ski Club Board of Directors

### 2007-2008 Season

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Trip Director	Rose Bragdon	815-444-7783	<a href="mailto:roseb53@sbcglobal.net">roseb53@sbcglobal.net</a>

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### Our Meeting Location

#### Famous Freddie's Roadhouse

##### Meeting Information

Famous Freddie's in Mt. Prospect  
1799 S. Busse Road 847-593-2200  
Corner of Busse & Algonquin

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the Month  
7:30 pm for food & drinks, business  
meeting will begin at 8:30.

#### Oak Park Ski Club Website

##### WebMaster e-mail to

[oakparksclub@sbcglobal.net](mailto:oakparksclub@sbcglobal.net)

##### Web Address -

[www.OakParkSkiClub.org](http://www.OakParkSkiClub.org)

**Membership** - Requirements – at least  
21 years of age.

Dues - \$35 per year

#### Announcements and Condolence

Contact: Corresponding Secretary –  
Brenda Pawlak

### Changes (address, phone number, etc)

OPSC Membership  
P.O. Box 1162  
Des Plaines, IL 60017-1162

#### Lodge Reservations

Contact Rose Bragdon  
815-444-7783  
[roseb53@sbcglobal.net](mailto:roseb53@sbcglobal.net)

#### Lodge Address

Oak Park Ski Lodge 3050 State St.  
Boyne Falls, MI 49713

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#### Articles & Pictures for the Snow Times newsletter:

Please submit your contributions to the  
Snow Times by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the  
month. Please email all articles and/or  
pictures to:

[Jim\\_54@ameritech.net](mailto:Jim_54@ameritech.net)

Type in "SNOWTIMES" in the subject  
line.



## **From the Prez:**

### **Spring is around the corner, skiers are on their way to powder out West and I am.....**

thinking about next ski year for 2008-09 and who is interested in being a board member or committee person. Please get in touch with me or Rose Bragdon if interested in a position. Most positions on the slate are available. I am also still needing members from the General Membership for both the Slating Committee and the Election committee. The Committees will be responsible for working on the slate of candidates for 2008-09 elections on the board and tallying votes. Elections will be March 18, 2008 so please plan to attend to attain our quorum.

**Humbly Yours, Evon Solms**

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## **Rules for an Affordable Ski Vacation-(Winter, 2007-8)**

**Rule No. 1:** Do not book during peak weeks. For families, travel is most often dictated by the school calendar, and peak weeks just happen to be the ones schools are on vacation.

**Rule No. 2:** Don't pay for chic you're not going to use, which means we don't even look at places like Aspen or Vail with their gilded prices.

**Rule No. 3:** Fly as little as possible. The more planes you take, and the smaller the final airport, the more you're likely to pay. That took mountains like Steamboat and Crested Butte with their diminutive local airports and less-frequent nonstop service off our list. Flying to a city like Salt Lake or Denver can be relatively cheap.

**Rule No. 4:** Base-area development is your friend. The more rooms there are at the mountain, the more likely you are to find a deal.

The New York couple who followed all of the rules found the cost of a ski trip for 3 persons: 2 adults and 1 kid including round-trip airfare from New York to Denver; four nights of lodging in a one-bedroom condo within walking distance of the lifts; four days of skiing for two adults and a child; ski rentals for all of them; two days of ski school for kid; a night's stay out near the Denver airport; and \$72 in gas and taxes on our rental car because miles were redeemed to get the car free is \$2,641 plus the cost of groceries. The family paid \$895 for three round-trip tickets on bare-bones ATA. Throw in a couple of hundred dollars for groceries, and they were still under \$3,000 for the trip for 3 persons for 4 nights. Sure, every year resorts and airlines take out big ads proclaiming that Kids Fly, Ski or Stay Free, but a glance at the fine print reveals that

those promotions don't include the Christmas-to-New Year's or Presidents' Day weeks, when kids and their parents are actually free to fly, ski and stay.

Why is a ski club president publishing this article from the New York Times (1/18/08)? Because if you follow all the rules, work really hard, you can save some money. But that means you are in the few crowded resorts with lots of rooms near Salt Lake City and Denver, with lots of other folks trying to save dollars, you have to drive yourself and follow map quest directions hoping you don't get lost or skid off the road in a snow storm, you need free mileage from your credit card to help offset some of the expenses and you have cook all your meals in the condo. And with children, the added aggravation of having to drive — or ride a bus — to the base every morning? Sound like a vacation? Maybe for the kids but **DO YOU** want to be burdened? Do you have the time to research and plan this out? If this sounds like a lot of work for the parents, it is. Want to travel with the kids then use the 4 rules to obtain affordability.

Why a ski club? Because the trip director does all the work for you and can take you to ski resorts for less money than you can book for yourself. You don't need miles, you don't need to cook in everyday unless you want to, and its truly a vacation with **YOU** in mind. Next time someone tells you they can do it cheaper on line, just smile and say no I have a really good ski club that I prefer to work with. Maybe you want to give them a ski tip-it's a vacation and you want to enjoy it. **See you all August, 2008 at the trip table!**



### February Birthdays

Carolyn	Kahler	2/8
Kathy	Mitchell	2/11
Rose	Bragdon	2/13
Deborah	Ulrich	2/16
Dennis	Peterson	2/17
Scott	Swing	2/18
Adrian	Bruno	2/21
David	Breyer	2/23



### RAM Restaurant & Microbrew

1901 Mc Connor Parkway  
Schaumburg

**Saturday Feb 23 @ 7pm**

### I Need Help, from the editor

I realize everyone is busy with work, family, and literally dozens of other activities and responsibilities. **BUT**, on occasion you may find an article in the newspaper or something on the internet that would be of interest to the members of our ski club. Articles concerning the Boyne area, (where our Lodge is located) an article about a restaurant or lounge at one of the Western destinations that we will be going to. Please, email the article to me or if it's a newspaper article, let me know what paper and the date of publication.

If anyone would like to write an article for the Snow Times, I promise it will be included in the next month's issue. Digital pictures of any club trip or activity are always appreciated and would go nicely with your article. Please don't send digital pictures in PDF format because I'll probably need to resize them and that is beyond my abilities.

### Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
The meeting will be held at the **BLUES BAR** in Mt. Prospect. 2 West Busse Ave., a half block north of the train station on Elmhurst Road.

# LODGE NEWS



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## Directions to the Lodge

Take I-94 East into Michigan. Then I-196 to Grand Rapids, to 131 North. The lodge is about 6 hours from Chicago. After you pass Cadillac, there's about another hour to go. When you see the Boyne Mountain entrance sign on your left, slow down and turn right before the Boyne Vue Motel sign. The lodge is just past the tracks on your right.

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Hello All, It's me again with more lodge happenings.

**February:** By the time you read this we will have had our outing to the Chicago Wolves game. Thanks to all who made this a successful event.

**March:** The annual Crazy Days ski weekend is the weekend of 3/14 – 3/16. This is always a fun weekend. We are organizing a self-drive trip. The price is \$75. This includes two nights at the lodge, a hill party and dinner Saturday night.

**Also:** For those who enjoy sledding, one of our new members discovered that there is a **FREE** sledding hill not far from the lodge (thanks Bev). They have a few sleds on hand or you are welcome to bring your own.

We will put directions from the lodge to the sled hill on the website and eventually post it at the lodge.

We are also still trying to find a place to hold a Candle light bowl. I hope to have more details on this in the next issue. Also in the next issue, I will try and find some information on things to do by the lodge during the spring months.

Contact me or Rose, our reservationist, for more details on these events.

If none of these fit into your schedule, please feel free to book your own trip up to the lodge to enjoy the many things that go on during the year. There is a link on our website to many of the great activities that happen up there.

For reservations, contact Rose Bragdon by phone at (815) 444-7783 or email [roseb53@sbcglobal.net](mailto:roseb53@sbcglobal.net). She will be glad to provide you with what ever information you will need to set up your stay.

Hope to see you at the lodge.

*Kathy*

## Pictures from the New Years Lodge trip.





**AIRLINE REGULATIONS ON BATTERIES:** Effective January 1, 2008, you may not pack spare lithium batteries in your checked baggage – that is, the baggage you give to the airline for handling.

- **Spare batteries** are the batteries you carry separately from the devices they power. When batteries are installed in a device, they are **not** considered **spare batteries**.
- **You may not** pack a spare lithium battery in your **checked baggage**
- **You may** pack spare lithium batteries in carry-on baggage – see our spare battery [tips](#) and [how-to](#) sections to find out how to pack spare batteries safely!

For personal use, there is generally no restriction on the number of spare batteries allowed in carry-on baggage. That includes cell phone batteries, “hearing aid” button cells, and AA/AAA batteries available in retail stores, as well as almost all standard laptop computer batteries. However, you may carry no more than two larger batteries, in the range of 100 – 300 watt hour rating. These include some extended life laptop computer batteries, such as the “universal” lithium ion battery pictured below.

### “Larger” Batteries

**Examples of larger rechargeable lithium batteries (more than 8 but not more than 25 grams of equivalent lithium content):\***



**160 watt-hour lithium ion battery for professional audio/visual equipment**



**130 watt-hour “universal” lithium ion battery**

*\* Equivalent Lithium Content (ELC) of 8 grams is about 100 watt-hours. ELC of 25 grams is about 300 watt-hours. [Click here for more on ELC.](#)*

**Rules for larger batteries (these apply for all larger batteries, whether spare or installed, in either carry-on or checked baggage):**

- Larger lithium metal batteries have over 2 grams of lithium. You may not carry any of these. These larger lithium metal batteries are not used in consumer devices.
  - *Almost all lithium metal batteries are non-rechargeable batteries which are disposed of once the initial charge is gone*
- larger lithium ion batteries have over 8 grams equivalent lithium content for any number of lithium ion batteries (about 100 watt-hours)
  - *Lithium ion batteries are rechargeable batteries, such as those found in laptop computers and cell phones*
- You are allowed up to 2 larger lithium ion batteries, **in addition to** any regular lithium ion batteries, such as cell phone batteries, or most laptop computer batteries.

**Power limit rules (these apply for more powerful batteries, whether spare or installed, in either carry-on or checked baggage):**

- For a lithium metal battery, the limit on lithium content is 2 grams per battery.
  - *Almost all lithium metal batteries are non-rechargeable batteries which are disposed of once the initial charge is gone*
- Up to 8 grams equivalent lithium content for any number of lithium ion batteries (about 100 watt-hours)
  - *Lithium ion batteries are rechargeable batteries, such as those found in laptop computers and cell phones*

- Up to 2 other lithium ion batteries with an aggregate equivalent lithium content of up to 25 grams, (about 300 watt-hours), **in addition to** any batteries that fall below the 8-gram threshold.

	<b>Type Of Battery/Batteries</b>	<b>In Checked Baggage</b>	<b>In Carry-On Baggage:</b>
	Lithium Metal Battery, Installed in a Device (up to 2 grams lithium)	Permitted <sup>1</sup>	Recommended <sup>1</sup>
	Spare Lithium Metal Battery (Not Installed In a Device) (up to 2 grams lithium)	Forbidden	Permitted in carry-on baggage <sup>2</sup>
	Lithium Metal Battery, Spare or Installed (over 2 grams lithium)	Forbidden	Forbidden
	Lithium-Ion Battery Installed in a Device (up to 8 grams equivalent lithium content)	Permitted <sup>1</sup>	Recommended <sup>1</sup>
	Spare Lithium-Ion Battery (Not Installed in a Device) (up to 8 grams equivalent lithium content)	Forbidden	Permitted in carry-on baggage <sup>2</sup>
	"Special Case" Up to 2 Lithium-Ion Batteries, Spare or Installed (between 8 and 25 grams aggregate equivalent lithium content)	Spare Batteries: <b>Forbidden!</b> Installed in Devices: Permitted <sup>1</sup>	Spare Batteries: Permitted <sup>2</sup> Installed in Devices: Permitted <sup>1</sup>

1. Although you may carry some devices and installed batteries in checked baggage, carrying them in carry-on baggage, when practicable, is preferred. In checked baggage, ensure that devices remain switched off, either by built-in switch/trigger locks, by taping the activation switch in the "off" position, or

by other appropriate measures.

2. Be sure to take protective measures to prevent against short-circuits. See our spare battery [tips](#) and [how-to](#) pages.

The words "The End" are displayed in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Each letter is filled with a different color from a rainbow spectrum: 'T' is pink, 'h' is red, 'e' is yellow, 'E' is green, 'n' is blue, and 'd' is purple. The text has a slight 3D effect with a grey shadow cast to the left and slightly behind the letters.