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Dates to remember

May 6 General Social Mtg.

May 6 First Trip Committee Meeting at Famous Freddie's

May 20 General Social Meeting

Oak Park Ski Club Board of Directors 2007-2008 Season

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Vice President	Vince Campofiore	773-775-9580	campo@netscape.com
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Trip Director	Evon Solms	847-837-1789	eesolms@earthlink.net

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

1st and 3rd 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

oakparkskiclub@sbcglobal.net

Web Address -

www.OakParkSkiClub.org

Membership - Requirements – at least
21 years of age.

Dues - \$35 per year

Announcements and Condolence

Contact: Corresponding Secretary – not
yet filled - until this position is filled
please send information to the Snow
Times Editor.

Changes (address, phone number, etc)

OPSC Membership
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Lodge Reservations

Contact Rose Bragdon
815-444-7783
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Lodge Address

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

Articles & Pictures for the Snow Times newsletter:

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

Jim_54@ameritech.net

Type in "SNOWTIMES" in the subject
line.



From the Ex-Prez:

I am the official ex-Prez as of May 1, 2008. Its been a great year and thanks to my entire Board for their hard work and dedication. Everyone on the Board was committed to this Club and I hope you will buy them a beer and thank them for working so hard for you. We also elected our new Board on March 18 and the results are set forth below.

As a Board member, I am reflecting back on the accomplishments of the Club. First, we dealt with the emergency at the Lodge and had the old furnace replaced with two furnaces for about \$5,000. You should know that we ran two successful fund raisers for the Lodge: the Aug 11th garage sale of almost \$800 worth of junk and the Christmas Party of almost \$660; we ran a social agenda with Board members hosting a bar of the month each month and Sherri Butler ran 2 parties: the Christmas party and the April BOM at America's Bar; Kathy Mitchell ran a successful New Year's Eve party and a Crazy Days weekend at the Lodge, and several sporting events through out the year, with the Lodge increasing in its checking account to more than \$5,000. Good job Lodge committee and Kathy! The Long Term Planning Committee met from July-September, 2008 and came up with some recommendations for the Club. Dennis U, Vince C and myself will continue some of that work and pass the recommendations on to 2008-09 Board to see if they want to act on some of those recommendations.

Lastly, something we are not proud of but more confused about than anything. Our trips did not meet our expectations. Only 45 persons went out on trips when we had planned for 120 persons. We need to hear from you folks and maybe you can find some time to fill out the trip survey for this year and give us some feedback. If the Board is not meeting your needs then we need to hear from you.

I would request you fill it out and return to me by May 6. I will be attending the CMSC Trip Seminar on May 17th and must hear from you before that date. Plan on coming to the trip committee meeting with your ideas and pick one you really support and get others to agree too. That's one way to make it successful for you and for the Club.

Humbly Yours,
Evon Solms 847-837-1789
1020 Kasting Lane
Mundelein, IL 60060

New Board to be seated May 1, 2008:

President:	William Campbell
Vice Pres:	Vince Campofiore
Treasurer:	Mary Campbell
Exe. Secretary:	Mary Smith
Ski Master:	Dennis Uchimoto
Parliamentarian:	Kevin Smith
Lodge Pres:	Russ Butler
Corresp. Sec:	OPEN

Proposed Committee persons:

Membership:	Dave Breyer
Trips:	Evon Solms
Newsletter:	Jim Pfeiffer
Webmaster:	John Bragdon
Social:	OPEN
PR:	OPEN
Advisory Board:	??



In the back, Vine, Sandy, Carol, Susan, Bill, Keith, Karen, Larry, and sitting in the front is Janet, Evon and Jenny. Eleven? Where in the world is Ed? Oh, is that him hiding behind the camera lens? How come?

2008 OPSC SURVEY

1. **VACATION TIME:**

- (i) How much vacation time do you have between Dec, 2008 and April, 2009? _____
- (ii) How many ski trips do you anticipate taking for 2008-09? _____
- (iii) Will they be long weekends or week long trips? _____
- (iv) In order of priority, 1 being the most important, rate the following you take into account when picking a ski location:
 - _____ Inexpensive
 - _____ Destination of trip
 - _____ Ski in-ski out lodging
 - _____ hotel accommodations vs. condos
 - _____ Quality of skiing
 - _____ Group of friends to ski and party with
 - _____ Night life/restaurants at ski resort
 - _____ Time of trip, whether Dec, Jan, Feb, or incorporating holiday
 - _____ Length of trip

- (v) When it comes to destination, what is most important, 1 being the most important:
 - _____ New destination, some place you have never visited before
 - _____ European/foreign destination
 - _____ Ease of travel, short plane ride, short ride to lodging
 - _____ Most desirable destination according to the "Experts"
 - _____ Inexpensive

- (vi) Would you be interested in a OPSC non-ski trip such as a bike tour of US or Canada or other type of trip: ___ YES ___ NO.
Suggestions: _____

2. **SKIING:**

- i. Where would you like OPSC to go for 2008-09 ski season?

- ii. Rate which resort you would prefer to visit for 2008-09, 1 being the best:
 - _____ Vail if a _____ week long _____ long weekend
 - _____ Keystone if a _____ week long _____ long weekend
 - _____ Lake Tahoe if a _____ week long _____ long weekend
 - _____ Beaver Creek if a _____ week long _____ long weekend
 - _____ Breckenridge if a _____ week long _____ long weekend
- iii. Would you go on CMSC Chicago Week trip to Lake Tahoe in March, 2009? ___ Yes ___ No
- iv. If you go to Lake Tahoe rate the following, 1 being the highest priority:
 - ___ proximity of lifts to lodging
 - ___ proximity of lodging to night life
 - ___ lengthy of trip getting to lodging (from airport to lodging)
 - ___ proximity to casinos

3. **MIDWESTERN TRIPS:** Where would you like to go in the Midwest? _____ Would you use the Lodge: ___Yes ___No If a bus were provided, would that impact your decision? ___Yes ___No Would the cost of a Midwest trip impact your decision? ___Yes ___No
4. **COST:** How much do you intend to spend for 1 week? _____ How much do you intend to spend for a long weekend? _____
5. **SOCIAL:**
- i. Do you enjoy a ski club for socializing with Club members? ___yes ___no
 - ii. Would you like the Club to have more parties? _____
 - iii. Would you prefer cash bar or fixed price events? _____
 - iv. Would you attend dinner events? _____
 - v. Would you prefer Club events on Friday night or Saturday night? ___Friday or ___Saturday ___ During the week ___No opinion

Other comments: _____

Return form as soon as possible to:

Evon Solms
 1020 Kasting Lane
 Mundelein, IL 60060
 Or email to eesolms@att.net

FRENCH QUARTER FESTIVAL 2008 NEW ORLEANS

As they say in New Orleans-- "Laissez les bon temps roulez" and we did. Everyone on the trip has committed to going back to New Orleans FQF for next year so plan on April 17-19, 2009. We all acted at least 10 years younger in that City. The days were not long enough and thank god they closed the bars so we went back to our french quarter chateau before day break.

What can I say--the music was exquisite, the food was delicious, the weather was stupendous, the City was delightful, the chateau was clean and beautiful and the French Quarter is like no other place in the World. Since what happened there stays there, I can't say exactly what happened but you can ask

- Ed what he did to the young mechanical engineer chic who wanted to stick a pencil in his neck or about the two chics at the Big Band stand on Royal ST, or
- Keith how much money he won in New Orleans, or
- Larry or Karen Commander's Palace reservation list, or
- Janet about the 'chef and the fatman', or
- Susan how she got the black eye and toe, or
- Evon the name of the Casino in New Orleans, or
- Ed why he doesn't like his picture taken in costume, or
- Sandy about the ride on the Natchez, or
- Vince about the slime on the monster at Mardi Gras World, or
- Carol about her suitcase rolling down the streets of New Orleans without her

... but, oh heck, they really had a good time. Unanimously written to protect the author from retaliation by the group!



Ed is a little camera shy.

Our Condolence to Dennis Uchimoto on the passing of his Father-in-Law, **Leonard Gallen, 97**. Mr. Gallen was the father to Elisabeth “Dottie” Uchimoto , Dennis’ late wife.

Our Condolence to Sue Schnur on the passing of her father, **Clarence Peskac**. Mr. Peskac was just sly of his 95th birthday. Coincidentally Mr. Peskac died exactly 8 years to the day after Sue’s mom.

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Happy Birthday

Swanson	Curtis	5/7
Butler	Russel	5/13
Kelly	Lawrence	5/18
Campofiore	Sandra	5/24
Larocco	Robert	5/25
Mitchell	Pat	5/27
Zak	Richard	5/27
Ryan	Kathleen	5/30
Schneider	Ron	5/31



New Orleans, trip



Oak Park in New Orleans





LODGE NEWS



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.

Hello All,

My name is Russ and I'll be your Lodge president for the next year.

Even though winter is saying goodbye for the season, that doesn't mean that the lodge is shutting down. There are plenty of things to do up in the lodge area during the other seasons of the year.

Here are a few events coming up this spring.

May 17th Zoo-de-Mackinaw Bike Tour

Location: Harbor Springs to Mackinaw City
The Zoo-de-Mackinac is a weekend of huge parties with great bands, one of the most scenic bicycle rides in the country, a lot of sunshine, views of the mighty Mackinac Bridge, and one magical island.

www.zoo.de-mack.com/

May 31st Harbor Springs Cycling Classic

Time: 8:00 am

Location: Harbor Springs Birchwood Inn
Bike tour beginning 3 miles north of Harbor Springs. Tour on famous "Tunnel of Trees" route - 20 or 42 miles or 100km routes. This

is a gorgeous ride - don't miss it! Come spend the weekend in our neck of the woods.

www.birchwoodinn.com/

For more information on the spring events above, check out the websites shown.

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 up there during the year. There is a link on our website to many more great activities that happen up there.

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

Lastly, my term as lodge president is coming to an end and I would like to thank everyone for their support during my year as president. Due to the great support the lodge received for the various trips, social events, work weekends, fund raisers, etc, the lodge had a good year.

Russ Butler

The End