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Midwest Sportster skiers and 'boarders lucky enough to visit Utah's slopes at any time during the year, but especially during spring, will find, in my opinion, some of North America's most excellent snow on those perpendicular playgrounds. Meteorologically and geographically, Utah's position on the continent allow it to enjoy more than average days of low humidity, more than abundant sunshine, VERY dry powder and skiable (and 'boardable) conditions that last even into early summer on some of those Wasatch Range mountains.

Whenever I hear the name Utah, the first thought that comes to mind is my very blessed friendship with the late, extremely great, Stein Eeriksen. As most skiers know, Stein's final affiliation was a Director of Skiing at Deer Valley, adjacent to Park City, Utah.

Stein and I first met when he was Director of Skiing at Snowmass-at-Aspen, Colorado, in 1968-69. Our friendship blossomed when he was a frequent guest on my KSTP-TV (Twin Cities) SKI SCENE program from 1971 through 1974.

When Stein knew he'd be helming Deer Valley's ski school, he invited me to test the runs there two years, and then one year, before it officially opened. He told me there were no "cat tracks" and wanted me to experience and report about them to my then Detroit SKI SCENE audiences, post KSTP-TV. I was transported to the top of the mountain on a groomer, both years. A photo was taken of me sponta-

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### SUMMER IN UTAH NATIONAL PARKS August 13-22, 2017

We're off to experience 4 of Utah's "Mighty 5" National Parks. But before that, we will enjoy the water activities of Lake Powell. After checking in to the Lake Powell Resort, we will enjoy a 2 hour dinner cruise and lake orientation. We will have 2 full days to enjoy the lake's activities, including skiing, jet skis, speed boating, kayaking and hiking. Tours of the Glen Canyon Dam and Antelope Canyon are

available.

We'll spend 3 nights in Moab, affording us 2 1/2 days there. We'll enjoy watching the sunrise over the towering depths of Canyonlands National Park, then watching the sunset through an impossibly delicate rock bow in Arches National Park. An all-day class III & IV white water rafting adventure is available in nearby Westwater Canyon. Hiking and mountain biking are favorites among visitors in Canyonlands and Arches National Parks.

The next 2 nights we will be in Springdale, located in Zion National

Park. We'll head to Bryce Canyon the next day and enjoy a variety of hiking trails, or horseback riding and gazing down at coral-hued rock hoodoos. The next day, we'll enjoy the activity of our choice in Zion National Park, including hiking, river rafting, biking, picnicking, exploring and gazing upward at the steep walls of slot canyon trails, or

tackling the advanced trails of Angels Landing.

We will freshen up at the hotel after the day's activities before we transfer to Las Vegas, spending some time there before our early morning flight home.

Trip cost is \$1625, including RT airfare to Las Vegas, lodging, transfers via rental vans, dinner cruise and admission to some parks. A \$300 deposit is due to hold your reservation. Please contact Dennis for any additional information. 952-239-9954, dennis@hometechniques.com

Dennis Sherwood

# 18th ANNUAL Tour D'Amico Ride

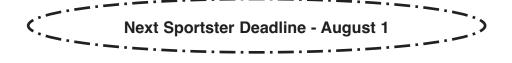
The Hiawatha Bicycling Club (*HBC*) is happy to announce that we will be conducting our 18th annual Tour D'Amico ride on July 4th. HBC co-sponsors this event with D'Amico & Sons restaurant. The starting location for the event is the Golden Valley Shopping Center, (*Hwy 55 & Winnetka Ave*) in front of D'Amico & Sons Restaurant. All ages and levels of experience are welcome.

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Registration rates for the 2017 Tour D'Amico remain the same as last year. Registration is now open, at www.tourdamico.org.

Russ Lothian



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*Yodelers at the Aspen Mountain Lodge, January 2017.* Photo courtesy of Carol Kraus.



*ULLRs enjoying Park City in February.* Photo courtesy of Pat Fitzgerald.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Midwest Sportster Readers:

On Saturday May 20, 2017, the MSC is again hosting an amateur golf putting get-together Spring Fling Party at the Oak Marsh Golf Course. The attendees last year had a lot of fun at this event. You must be pre-registered to attend. See the ad located in this issue, and view all the details on the MSC website at www.midwestfun.org.

Our next MSC Winter Carnival will be held **January 5-7, 2018**, at Big Snow Resort (Indianhead & Blackjack) in Michigan's U.P., with Chairperson Bryan Stadtler negotiating the details. Our last three Winter Carnival events were held at Giants Ridge, where we were treated very well. The location was moved to provide a change of venue, and the date moved to later in the season to ensure better snow conditions. There will also be access to the ABR cross-country ski trail area, with free transport by Indianhead.

Recent changes have been made to our new website that went online last fall. There were thousands of hits on it last month, and it is still a work in progress.

Alice Williamson, our longtime editor, is retiring soon. Alice has done a remarkable job for our publications. She has kept me on track, and helped me out numerous times. We will miss her, and wish her well in enjoying a retirement free of all the work that was required of her position.

Jerry Schuster, MSC President



3M Ski Club at Whistler, BC, Canada Photo courtesy of Cindy Giefer.



Traverski Winter Olympians, Paul H, Jennifer H, Chris S, Jeff M. Photo courtesy of Connie Sherman.



ULLRS on a winter hike at Richardson Nature Center. Photo courtesy of Pat Fitzgerald.



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#### ZeVan, Cont'd from page 1.

neously and elatedly raising both hands in the air with thumbs up and a big smile after finishing a run. That photo was used on Deer Valley's postcards announcing the opening of the resort, initially unbeknown to truly, but it was flattering to have that card become part of Deer Valley's archives.

Stein and I subsequently skied alone together one pre-opening morning through deep powder. I had never skied powder that deep, but just as playing tennis with a better tennis player improves one's game, skiing with arguably the world's greatest skier improved my powder prowess to the degree I was actually keeping up with him. We paused halfway down the hill (Stein's choice to do so) and he said "What IS this ——? Why do people think it's so hard? Easy, huh?", followed by a big smile on his face. He then took off like a lightning bolt down that run and I didn't see him again until lunchtime. Sadly, after he left me standing mid-run, I started to try to resume skiing the powder, but didn't do even on-fourth as well as when he was in front of me, inspiring me to ski better than I ever had, powder or no powder. His death a couple years ago was personally devastating to accept of fathom, but indeed, when I think of Utah, I think of Stein, that true and dear friend, and always will.

Even though Utah's most popular areas, from Alta and Park City to the afore-remembered Deer Valley, Snowbird and Sundance are the most

publicized,

Any skiers or boarders who might be visiting Las Vegas (Nevada, of course) or St. George (Utah), should try the runs at Brianhead, near Cedar City. While not one of the behemoths of the previously mentioned ilk, Brianhead's runs and size are more than respectable and also provide warmer temperatures than its counterparts closer to Salt Lake City at any time during the ski season. Southern Utah's Brianhead, during ski season, is most always more laid-back and definitely prone to more suntans.

To not offend Colorado, or those who go there to ski that state's outstanding ski areas,

I would strongly recommend exploration of Utah's skiing and boarding mountains, too, if you've never tried them. One of the benefits to skiers who want to get to the mountains faster after they've deplaned is Salt Lake City's airport proximity to the previously-named Wasatch Mountains which house Utah's most popular areas, also previously named. From the time one leaves the Salt Lake City airport to the farthest-away Wasatch resort is 45 minutes by car. Good incentive, in my opinion, for wanting to give Utah a try.

Happy spring skiing, possibly in Utah!

Barry ZeVan

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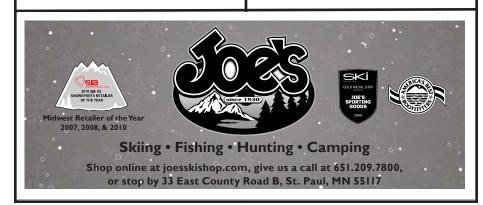
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# SITZMARK NORWAY/DENMARK June 2018

Imagine yourself at the top of an Olympic ski jump ready to take to plunge. This is only one of the places you will find yourself during our trip to Norway and Denmark after ascending up a chair lift in Lillehammer, site of the 1994 Winter Olympics. We'll visit Norway's Olympic Museum and dine in an old brewpub cellar.

Then off to enjoy Norway's famous fjords and premier hiking trails with Norway's most iconic and aweinspiring landscapes. Mighty glaciers carved Norway's epic landscapes and the grand-scale majesty is everywhere, from soaring, snow-capped peaks to plunging river valleys, roaring waterfalls, and cobalt-blue fjords.

Dangling 600 meters over the waters of the Lysefjord, vertigo-inducing Pulpit Rock is one of Norway's premier viewpoints. Opportunities for kayaking and cycling are also available.

The scenic city of Bergen offers rewarding sightseeing and a visit to the home of composer Edvard Grieg. A trip on the scenic Flam Railway follows.

In Oslo, we will be hosted to a private tour of the Nobel Peace Museum and an opportunidns1.registrarservers.comty to attend an opera at their magnificent waterfront facility.

Some will fly home from Oslo and others will sail to Copenhagen onboard the overnight "party" ferry and there we will visit Tivoli Gardens, the museum of Hans Christian Anderson and his famous statue of the Little Mermaid. A vibrant nightlife awaits us there too.

This trip is planned for June 2018 and is 10 days in duration, in Norway, and the anticipated cost is \$2500, including airfare, transfers and lodging and breakfasts, and \$300 for extension to Denmark.

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# What is ULLR Ski, Bike and Social Club?

ULLR is more than a ski club! We offer year-round activities such as hiking, bicycling, and social events, as well as downhill & cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

The ULLR Ski, Bike & Social Club was founded in 1950 with "downhill skiing" being the primary focus. Today our club offers a variety of activities for singles and couples. These events include western ski trips, cross-country and downhill ski weekends and day trips, social events, golf outings, day and weekend bike trips, and many activities just for the singles in our club. Membership numbers around 240 and the age range is 50 and up.

Our extensive biking program is planned with nearly weekly rides. The first ride of the season is May 6th, biking from Hopkins to Minneapolis. The annual Lanesboro trip will take place at the end of August. Our other getaway is to Nisswa at the Good Ol' Days resort for golf and biking on the Paul Bunyan trail June 12-15.

A night at Sommarfest is planned for July 21st and a matinee is scheduled at the Old Log Theater also. Card parties, dining out and other social events are planned throughout the summer. Some events are singles-only but

Some events are singles-only but the majority of events are for the whole membership.

Find out more at www.ullr.org or come to our twice-monthly summer picnics at Brookview Park in Golden Valley. The June picnics are the 7th and 21st, starting at 5:00 pm. They continue through the summer until September 6th. Hope to see you there!

Sandra Shearer

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#### **2017 WHITEFISH RECAP**

**MOUNTAIN RESORT** 

34 of our 37 Mountaineers converged at St. Paul Union Station on Friday Night, March 3rd, ready to embark on a 23 hour joy ride West through America's Heartland. Upon boarding the Empire Builder Train most of us dropped our backpacks in our sleeper compartments and immediately converged on the 24-hour lounge car next door. In the lounge car we talked smart, drank beverages, played games, and enjoyed the evening scenery in the glass domed car.

The next day we enjoyed three delicious meals in the dining car as we sped (trundled) westward. Jerry R. never made it to the lounge car because he was too busy meeting everyone and room hopping all day long. The

helpful dining car staff broke their rules for Jerry and we were able to enjoy dinner as a group.

Arrival at Whitefish went without a hitch even though we arrived at the train station at 9 PM. The Bus Company and Whitefish staff were very efficient and after a grocery stop we were happily ensconced in our well-appointed and rustic condos by 10:30 PM. We were treated to unbelievable snow all week. We awoke every day to a few inches of fresh powder. It was unbelievable!

Mountain tours were a hit the first morning and others took fresh powder lessons the next day to hone our skills. One evening almost all of us converged on Bonny Lynn's condo and we were treated to a fantastic spaghetti dinner. We packed her condo with assistant cooks, food, laughter, and tall tales.

On Wednesday, 18 of us took a break from skiing and journeyed to nearby Glacier National Park. We were treated to wonderful vistas of waterfalls, majestic mountain views and wildlife on a 6 mile snowshoe tour. We were able to save funds by locating a

local that was originally from Minnesota who was a very fun and interesting guide. On the way back to Whitefish we stopped on a colorful motorcycle dive bar and enjoyed adult beverages, good grub, and the local characters.

The next day Sally Hed took a group of eight to the challenging ski resort called Fernie two hours north of us in British Columbia. It was a stellar ski day and they all came back with smiles and returned home in time to enjoy a showing of the Telluride Film

Festival at the local Cultural Center.

The picturesque little town of Whitefish with their cute shops, great restaurants, and wonderful railroad museum drew some of us

away from the slopes in their free convenient SNOW bus. One night we went to the Great Northern Bar for ping pong, drinks, conversation and appetizers thanks to our trip organizers. We HAD to have ping pong as the ping pong tables were unavailable at our first evening at St Paul's Train Depot due to a huge dance party in the Great Hall. Our skiers were sharing which runs they liked and kept talking about how friendly and affordable the town is Whitefish was.

Sadly our time came to an end at our wonderful ski in-ski out resort and we headed out to Kalispell for our flight home. We had some baggage challenges at the airport with an overzealous Delta Airlines Representative but most of us were able to get refunds after the trip. Special thanks to Kelly from Whitefish Resort and Tom Gray from Ski Adventures for their coordination and attention to detail. Both Chris & Jerry also want to thank all the great people on the trip for being so gracious, fun, and helpful. Great trip!

Chris Mickman Jerry Ratliff

#### **TUESDAY WIPE-OUTS**

Whoopee! I had my best winter of skiing ever! Thank you to all my TWO friends (and to my Epic Pass) for getting me out skiing for WAY more days than I have ever skied in a single season! And now we've got a whole list of activities set up for our spring and summer fun....

It's time to find your newsletter

and send in your RSVP (by May 9th) for the SPRING LUNCHEON which will be held on May 16th at the Lilydale Pool and Yacht Club. Karen and Ruth have planned a guided SPRING HIKE/PICNIC for us through Caponi Art Park in Eagan a week later on May 23rd.

Wipeout fun in June includes the TWO SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNA-MENT at Applewood Hills Golf Course in Stillwater. Pat and Robin are hosting, and would like your RSVPs in by May 31st. Our annual CANNON RIVER VALLEY BIKE TRAIL RIDE will be June 13th starting in Welch, lunching at the St. James Hotel in Red Wing, and back to Welch....where I like to reward myself for all that biking with the yummy ice cream at the Trout Scream Cafe. June 20th is the MIN-NEAPOLIS LAKES BIKE RIDE with a potluck lunch afterwards on Sandra and Kay's lovely deck.

July only has one activity on the calendar, but the POOL PARTY AT MARGE'S is always fun, and the potluck (yes, we love potlucks!) is always great.

We will do our canoeing in August. CANOE THE NAMEKAGON is set for August 7-9...and it's not just canoeing. We stay two nights, go out to eat, canoe most of the day on Tuesday; some of us go biking on Wednesday, or shopping, or hang out on the beach... And did I mention the dessert potluck? Your trip reservation form is due by August 2nd...it's in the newsletter. The following Tuesday we will CANOE

THE ST. CROIX RIVER from Interstate Park to Oseola, WI, stopping mid-way for lunch (pack your own) and a swim!

There is still room on the LANESBORO BIKE TRIP September 11-13 for a few more TWOs to join me and the rest who have already sent in their deposits. We love staying at the Cedar Valley Resort in Whalen...plenty of room for us, and two big kitchens for ....you guessed it...potluck dinners. We ride out in groups that travel about the same speed and stop for lunch at a restaurant or cafe in one of the towns along the beautiful bike trail.

Lastly, our winter ski trip to SNOWMASS will be January 20-27, 2018. All the information is in the newsletter, and sign-up forms will be available at the TWO Spring Luncheon.

We are a women-only ski club with lots of fun activities all year long! Contact us through the MSC website (www.midwestfun.org) for more information!

Colleen Belgum



*Traverski members Tim T. and Jana M. celebrating St. Pat's Day.* Photo courtesy of Connie D. Sherman.

#### **TRAVERSKI**

#### Ski, Sports & Social Club

TRAVERSKI

At our December Christmas Party, the board announced that Liz Johnson was this year's recipient of Traverski's Most Valuable Member Award. Liz has been the club's social chair for the past two years, organizing all of our social events each month. Congratulations, Liz, well deserved.

Traverski hosted a Meet & Ski event at Welch Village for all MSC club members on Saturday, February 4th at Madd Jaxx, the adult chalet, just east of the main chalet.

Twenty-one members traveled to Steamboat Springs for a wonderful week of boarding and skiing. Those attending reported several days of fresh powder.

Traverski Winter Olympics were held March 12th at Brian and Margaret

Simonson's and as per tradition, there were opening ceremonies and Olympic medals given out. Needless to say, in Traverski tradition, some of the goings on were not your typical Olympic events. All we are saying is that a toilet bowl plunger and toilet paper make for an interesting venue.

It is that time of year to transition over to a new board after our March elections, and the Board Bash took place in April. Jorja Middendorf volunteered to be our winter trip coordinator.

In May, our meetings move outdoors at Cooke Park and soon after, Welcome Summer Campout will take place, an event that brings out the eager campers for a weekend of games, beverages, great food and conversation.

Jodi Whitcomb

#### 3M SKI, SNOBD & SOCIAL CLUB

The 2016/2017 season is almost over and the 3M Ski Club had great events during the last season. Summer Gala at a private lake, Summer Patio happy hour events at venues, Thirsty Thursdays twice a month, our annual curling event with a large group of people, just to name few. The board did an outstanding job of planning all the events and the fantastic trips. Our last season was very successful. A few people went to Giants Ridge in December, thanks to Gary for managing this again.

For the trips west, we went to Whistler, BC, Canada in February After few weeks of no

Whistler, BC, Canada in February. After few weeks of no snowfall, we received many inches of new powder and had unbelievably great ski conditions. The trip was wonderful and with 34 people, a great suc-

cess. For the second trip, a group of 28 people went to Steamboat, and although the snow conditions were not the same, everybody also had a great time. The trip leaders Denis, Heather, Char, and Karin did a great job.

The 3M Ski Club will have its traditional year-end banquet in May, and I hope that most of our members will be able to attend. This event is always very fun, with very cool entertainment, award presentations, photo slideshow, and of course the silent auction. Although we officially end the old and start the new season with this event, we already have our new board elected for the upcoming 2017/2018 season.

Several new and some previous board members had the hand-over on March 24, 2017 at the president's house. A nice taco bar and other great food was served while the out-going people handed over information, papers, jump drives, etc.

After 2 years of being president of the 3M Ski Club, I decided that it is time for somebody else to lead our ski club and to hand over this position to a new president. I want to thank the board members for all of their hard work, the time you guys spend volun-

tarily to the ski club and its members to ensure that people have fun, can attend great events and of course have wonderful trips. A special thanks to the people who leave the board and also thank you to the board

members who will remain on the board. Great job everybody. Welcome to some new (or returning) board members for 2017/2018. Have fun and good luck. The new board will be posted on our website <a href="https://www.hootline.com">www.hootline.com</a>. The new board already started on planning for the new season events and trips. Check the Hootline for updates and new information.

This is my last MSC letter, thank you all for the fun and exciting seasons. I will still be around, I hope to see you at some of the great ski club events.

Cheers,

Silvia Fousters 3M Ski Club President



ULLRs enjoying Granite Peak in February.

Photo courtesy of Pat Fitzgerald.

### SITZMARK SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

Spring is here to stay and summer is not too far away.

Sitzmark has a full schedule of events. May 13th, we have our **TGIS** (Thank God it's Saturday) happy hour. May 20th is Randy Gilbertson's annual golf event.

Our annual biking weekend is June 2-4. This year, we are going to **Lanesboro**, where we have the cabins reserved at Eagle Cliff Campground, and will bike the Root River Trail. Our June TGIS will be at Lord Fletcher's, June 17th.

In July, we will have a cruise, either in Stillwater or on Lake Minnetonka, and Sitzmark's annual trip to the **North Shore** is July 21-23. Lodging is at the Lutsen Sea Villas. Hiking, golfing, kayaking and a bonfire on the shore of Lake Superior are

always highlights of the summer. The following week, Sunday, July 30th, is our summer picnic in Minnetonka. In August, there's a trip to **Utah** for fun on Lake Powell and hiking in the many national parks Utah has to offer.

Mark your calendar for our fall Kick-off, Friday October 13...and the next ski season is never far away!

Jan 25, 2018 we will depart for the **National Interclub Winter Carnival at Breckenridge, CO**. Later in February is a trip to the **French Alps** for a week of skiing at Val d'isere, France.

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### **YODELERS**

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As everyone knows, the season started out pretty slow in both the Midwest and out west. But by the time we left for Aspen, the snow in Colorado had started to fall. You would think that after 42 years of going to Aspen, it would just be the same old thing. Not so this year! We had 5 out of 6 days of glorious weather. The sun shone brightly and the temps were in the high 30s and low 40s every day but one. Slopes were groomed, and on those bright sunny days the skiing was ideal. I have to say those who wanted powder may have been just a tiny bit disappointed. The one day we did have snow, the winds really picked up and the temps dropped. Not a pleasant day for skiing.

We were also pleasantly surprised to find that Gwen's High Alpine Restaurant at Snowmass had been completely remodeled. The addition of restrooms and a bar on the main level was a welcome change. No more walking down two flights of stairs to get to the restrooms. And the food service area had been changed to a "market" design so that customers can go directly to what they want rather than standing in a line - welcome changes.

We stayed at the Aspen Mountain Lodge, which always provides us with nice rooms and great service – not to mention the wine and cheese happy hour every day - a great way to end a good day of skiing.

Mid-February, the Yodelers boarded a bus headed for Giants Ridge. What

a treat it was to find that a brand new chalet had been built since our last visit two years ago. If you haven't been there since the renovation, it is definitely worth the trip. While the weather was not as ideal as we experienced in Aspen this year, it sure beat the highs of only 10 degrees above zero when we were there in 2015. No matter what the weather, it is always fun to visit Giants Ridge.

The last outstate trip of the season was to Big Sky and Bridger Bowl in Montana. We stayed at Buck's T-4 Lodge which is located in the Gallatin Canyon and just a fifteen minute drive to Big Sky. The lodge provided beautiful accommodations with a full hot breakfast every morning and a restaurant on site that has been recognized as among the finest in Montana. There were also a number of other restaurants within easy driving distance from our lodge. With 7,800 acres of skiable terrain between Big Sky and Moonlight Basin, there were plenty of runs to explore.

After returning to Bozeman early on Friday, several Yodelers wanted one last day of skiing at Bridger Bowl. While not as vast as Big Sky, Bridger provides a landscape of wide-open slopes, glades, chutes and gullies - a nice way to end the trip. We will all be welcoming summer and more fun Yodeler activities.

Carol Kraus



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### **MSC Spring Fling Party!**

Open to all MSC





#### Saturday May 20, 2017

Oak Marsh Golf Course, 526 Inwood Ave. N., Oakdale, MN 55128

12:00 Noon Golf tee times available (by a separate reservation)
Party starts at 4:00 pm - Socializing and Cash Bar
5:00 pm Putting Green **Mixer** (Putters provided)
6:30 pm Dinner

Admission is \$20 by Reservation Only. You must be pre-registered to attend.

Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> is the **deadline** for receiving your check.

Reservations not accepted after that date.

FMI, see the MSC website www.midwestfun.org



#### LAKE POWELL (4 nights & 3 full days)

Rent speedboats, jet skis and water toys. Swimming, hiking, skiing, kayaking. Boat/hiking/kayaking tours. Grand Coulee Dam tour. Golfing, fishing.

MOAB (3 nights & 2 full days)

Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Dead Horse Point

One of the country's premier white water rafting centers.

Hiking, paddleboard, kayaking, canyoneering, mountain biking, horseback riding, rock climbing, ATV/Jeep tours.

SPRINGDALE (3 nights & 2 full days)

Zion National Park and Bryce Canyon National Park

Hiking, canyoneering, mountain biking, road biking, horseback riding.

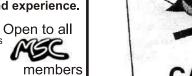
Activities available throughout the trip for all fitness levels and experience.

Trip price: Estimated \$2100 - \$2200

To include non-stop RT airfare MSP/Las Vegas, lodging, dinner cruise, pre & post parties

Trip Chair:

Dennis Sherwood 952-239-9954, dennis@hometechniques.com







#### SKI HAWKS

The local ski season has slalomed by. The Telluride trip was an adventure in airline travel with fabulous skiing. The Hawks headed to Keystone, CO in April for spring skiing. If you crosscountry ski, consider bringing or renting skis during your next trip west. The trails seemed endless, the scenery was breathtaking and the sounds of nature

soothing.

Ski Hawks are ramping up for the next season of fun. Be sure to check out our calendar of events at <a href="mailto:mnski-hawks.org">mnski-hawks.org</a> or <a href="mailto:meetup.com/MN-Ski-Hawks">meetup.com/MN-Ski-Hawks</a>.

Join us for fun! Whether your ski/board or not.

Marcia Woodward



#### THANK YOU, ALICE!!

So...after 30-plus years of producing publications for the MSC, Alice Williamson's computer is going dark. She's found new pursuits to enjoy while she's still able.

Alice goes way back to when the ski council was named the Association of Twin City Ski Clubs (ATCSC), which morphed into the Minnesota Ski Council (MSC), which is now known as the Midwest Sport/Ski Council. I'm not sure of the years when these changes happened, but I believe the whole thing started around 1963.

The newspaper we know as the *Midwest Sportster* started out as the *Twin City Skier*, which became the *Minnesota Skier* when the Council became the MSC. The change to *Sportster* came about within the last decade when the Board opted to broaden the reach to include clubs representing sports other than snow sports, and to extend beyond Minnesota's borders to represent clubs such as Red Eye and

Slope Slurpers, based in Eau Claire, WI

I became friends with Alice back in the 90s when I answered her call for a volunteer to help her with the *Skier*. At that time, the paper was published six times a year. A couple of times every other month, I drove from south Minneapolis to Alice's place near White Bear Lake to

type-set the Club News articles. We didn't have today's technology back then. The clubs snail-mailed their articles and I re-typed them on a little Macintosh that had a built-in screen measuring about 7 inches. I finally bought my own Mac, so I could do my work at home, and put it on a diskette for Alice.

Alice was a member of the North American Snowsports Journalists Association (NASJA) and she would take these fantastic trips to ski resorts all over North America and beyond. Of course, I was wishing I could partake of these adventures. She told me I could join NASJA if I wrote a certain number of published snow sports articles a year. That's when I started writing this column and from then on for the next dozen or so years (until I had to give up the sport I love), Alice and I traveled to the annual NASJA meetings at various ski reports. Those trips gave me lots of writing material.

Alice also led ski trips for Élan Vital Ski Club, so thanks to her, I have had a whole lot of wonderful ski experiences. She has given a big chunk of her life to producing the newspapers and directories over the years, and it's going to take a little getting used to no longer having Alice at her keyboard.

Carol DeVore