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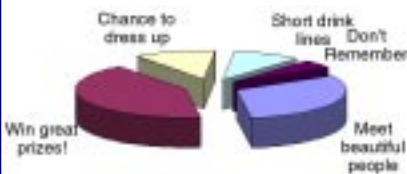
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**fall line fact:**

**What makes the SnoBall great?**

Last year's attendees were asked what they liked most about Fall Line's famous SnoBall party:



**The Two-Nation Vacation: An Adventure to The Big Mountain, MT and Fernie, BC**

by *Bob Suravage*



If you yearn for something new, something different, something a little on the wild side for this upcoming ski season, then this may well be your ticket: one week, two ski areas, three bus rides...

“Wait a minute! You mean I gotta pack my stuff mid week and get on a bus again?”

If you whine when you read this, well, this trip isn't for everybody. But if you often say “...been there, done that...” along with “...wouldn't this be great without the entire Texas ski counsel!?!”, here's your opportunity for a new adventure out West in two huge, uncrowded ski areas.

How big? The Big Mountain, located in northwestern Montana (not to be confused with Big Sky, Montana, located in southwestern Montana, where Fall Line traveled to in February 1998) boasts 3000 skiable acres and 2500 vertical feet, while Fernie, located in the southeastern corner of British Columbia, offers 2500 acres and 2800 vertical feet. And both areas sit amidst the same Northern Rockies “snow belt”, averaging 350 inches of snowfall per season!

The trip opens on Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> and will run March 11<sup>th</sup>–18<sup>th</sup> next year.

“So,” you ask, “how's this gonna work?” First off, as remote as Big Mountain appears on your trusty Rand McNally, it's only 19 miles from Glacier International Airport, Kalispell, MT, and near the real mountain town of Whitefish. We'll be staying four nights at the Kandahar Lodge, “a classic ski lodge of great warmth and charm, with an excellent restaurant” (quoted from *Inside Tracks*), and explore the vast ski area with a 3 of 4-day lift pass.

On the “optional” day, you can go snowmobiling (Glacier National Park is right next door!), ski another day on the lifts, OR take advantage of the Big Mountain's cheap (\$40 for about six runs) snowcat skiing right off the summit!

Wednesday late afternoon, we head north on a two-hour party-hardy motor-coach ride I'm sure we won't soon forget to Fernie Alpine Resort and the Timberline Village Condos. That's right... you'll have one roommate half the week, and two more the rest of the week!

“It just keeps getting better!” you exclaim. Well, Fernie, this past season, underwent the “largest terrain expansion in North America” (again, quoting *Inside Tracks*... I'm not making this up), adding two more quad chairs that access increased vertical and 1,565 new acres in three bowls for a total of five bowls.

There're plenty of glades, ridges, chutes, gullies and powder—an average of 29 feet annually!

Here we'll spend three nights in two-bedroom condos with fully-equipped kitchens and indoor/outdoor hot tubs, ski our butts off for two more days, before returning to Kalispell for our end-of-the-week reality check.

Oh yeah, one more thing. You may ask yourself how the President Ex-Officio gets to run a Winter trip. Well, that's because the week before the opening of this trip, I will exercise a new option in the by-laws and step down from the Board, after serving a two-year term. I'd like to thank a terrific and understanding Board for letting me have the honor of leading this trip. See you at sign-up on August 17!

# Ted's Topics

by Ted Sommers, President

Summer 1995, where were you? I was busy trying to find people who wanted to do something, anything? Where were all the active, alive people in this area who wanted to enjoy living? I was soon to learn that they were in Fall Line Ski Club.

The best part of Fall Line for me is the friends that I've made. The official trips and scheduled events are great, and a wonderful way to meet new people. However, there are many unofficial events hosted by Fall Line members that make this club unique.

Summer is a time to kick back and enjoy a few cold ones. In the past three weeks I've had the opportunity to do just that. The Fall Liners in the 82nd Street house in Avalon hosted a 4th of July bash. Two hundred of us watched fireworks from the deck, went through a few kegs and laughed all night.

The next weekend Rick Ferrera had his famous Sand Bar Party. Four Fall Line boaters shuttled 65 landlubbers to an island in the middle of the bay. The volley ball net went up and at least 40 coolers filled with sandwiches, sodas and beer were cracked open. The only thing that could stop this party was a rising tide. With the wind kicking up some Fall Liners thought

we were soon to be on the lost island of Atlantis.

Last night I had the great pleasure of attending Mark Goodman's Luau, hosted by Steve Archibald and Lisa. Mark, you and your team put on a phenomenal party. The menu included things like a roasted pig, crab claws and shrimp. We danced all night under 12 ft palm trees. I never seen so many Hawaiian outfits.

So how do you go from social obscurity to a full packed calendar? Three words: Go on trips! I have met new friends on every ski trip. Get out to the meetings, talk to members who have been on the different trips and sign up on a few. You won't regret it.

Do you feel lucky? Our 16th Annual SnoBall will take place on Friday, September 10th. This year's prizes include Snowbird II, Utah, Sun Valley, Idaho, Mt. Tremblant, Quebec, Sunday River, Maine, two round trip airline tickets and 90 other prizes which include things like shirts, caps, etc. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. I'd like to see everyone there, making new friends and partying at the Four Points Sheraton on Rt. 70 Cherry Hill, NJ.

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# Membership Information

Fall Line Ski Club membership begins May 1 and ends April 30. Membership applications for renewals and new membership are accepted any time in the year. The membership fee is \$20 until September 11 and \$25 afterwards. Members have the privilege of attending all Fall Line Ski Club activities during the summer season as well as next ski season. Membership applications may be obtained at any Fall Line Ski Club general membership meeting, on the penultimate page of most newsletters or through the mail by contacting:

Robyn Taddei  
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Philadelphia, PA 19115-2801  
215-969-4736  
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The membership application should be completed in a legible manner to ensure the proper forwarding of all club correspondence. Any member not receiving the newsletter should stop at the membership table during a General Meeting.

Changes in address or phone numbers should be reported as soon as possible so that you may remain informed of all Fall Line events and activities.

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# The SnoBall

by Harry Gould

Look out, Fall Liners! *SnoBall comin' at ya.*

That's right. SnoBall '99, Fall Line's biggest and baaddest annual meet-and-greet party event, is just around the corner. Be sure to mark Friday, Sept 10th on your calendar and get your dancin' shoes ready to party hearty at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel on Rt. 70 in Cherry Hill from 8:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m.

So what's in it for you? Let's see...

You can drool over new ski fashions and equipment and talk with dozens of ski resort reps. You can rock the night away with our fabulous DJ. You can enjoy our famous cash



bar and food service, see familiar faces and meet lots of new people.

Best of all, you could win a free ski trip!

Now we've got your attention.

Every ticket you buy give you a shot at winning up to \$12,000 in door prizes, including six grand-prize trips to:

- Snowbird, Utah (2)
- Sun Valley, Idaho
- Mt. Tremblant, Canada
- Sunday River, Maine
- Anywhere (Two round-trip airline tickets)

In addition, you also could win lift tickets to area ski resorts, ski equipment or weekend trip packages donated by a variety of resorts, retailers and equipment manufacturers. Drawings are held every hour on the hour.

What a deal, right? So what are you waiting for? Get your SnoBall tickets right away.

The price is the same as in years past: one ticket for \$5 or five tickets for \$20 in advance and \$10 apiece if you buy them at the door on Sept. 10. Buy early and often; the more tickets you purchase, the more you improve your chance of winning a prize. Portions of the proceeds will be donated to the U.S. Ski Team.

You can obtain tickets by calling Nona (856-778-1942), or Brad (215-969-4462), or by seeking out any Fall Line board member at the regular Tuesday night meeting (Aug. 3, Aug. 17 or Sept. 7).

# Sun Valley

by Mike Gilbert

On Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, you will have the opportunity to sign up for a special Idahoan Potato Tasting Trip. Yes, Sun Valley is located in the midst of the best potato fields in the world and we will begin our trip (Feb. 19-26) by rushing off the plane to try those ever-delightful airport French fries.

Oh, by the way, when we're not eating potatoes there are a few other items to fill our day.

Skiing, for example. Sun Valley boasts two huge mountains—Baldy for intermediates and experts and Dollar for beginners—with 18 lifts providing access to 77 ski runs and over 2,000 skiable acres. Forty-two percent of the mountain is designed for intermediates and about 22 percent for experts.

Sun Valley is a great place to ski, party, eat potatoes, entertain and be entertained. I welcome all members who have all ready experienced Sun Valley as well as any first-timers. The early sign-up price will be \$1219.

See you on August 17<sup>th</sup>!

## Signup Rules

by Kathie Read

The first of the winter trips for the 1999-2000 season will open at the general meeting on July 20, 1999. To ensure a fair and efficient sign-up process, the rules for this year are as follows:

**You must be a member of FLSC to sign-up for a trip.** If you are not a member, be prepared to purchase your membership on the night you sign-up for a trip. You must be a member of FLSC by the end the general meeting on the night you sign-up. If you are not a member by the end of the meeting, you will be put on the waiting list until such time as you become a member.

**You may sign-up only yourself and one other member for a trip.** If you are not participating in the trip you may sign up 2 members. See paragraph on membership requirements. This paragraph will apply to anyone signing up other people who cannot attend in person.

**The doors to the Garden Room will not open until 6:00 pm.** Inside the meeting room deli style numbers will be available for each trip that is opening that night. You must stay in the room until your number is called and you sign up for your designated trip. The bar will be open and we will make every attempt to have the trip leaders available to take sign-ups earlier than 8:30 pm.

If have any questions, or need further clarification please contact Kathie Read at (daytime) 609-795-0882 or (night) 609-694-5328 or e-mail [kgreen@bellatlantic.net](mailto:kgreen@bellatlantic.net).

# Snowbird II

by Barb Vergagni

Don't miss the best snow on earth for only \$699!

With Utah's hosting of the 2002 Olympics and prices rising rapidly, you will never see another deal like this. When the state of Utah gets one of its famous light, dry powder snowstorms, the north-westerly weather path funnels it right into Snowbird. The resort averages an annual snowfall of over 500 inches and has one of the longest ski seasons in North America.

We'll be leaving March 30 and returning on April 4, 2000. We've pushed the normal spring trip date back a week to ensure recapturing that ear-to-ear grin I've seen on so many at Snowbird and Alta.

The trip opens August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Snowbird is a definitely a skier's paradise, and it's easy to get to—only 29 miles from Salt Lake City Airport. You'll be sure to make the most of your extended weekend vacation. We'll be staying slopeside at the fantastic Lodge at Snowbird, which features a year-round heated pool, steam room, whirlpools, laundry facilities, a lounge/bar, two restaurants, and a sushi bar.

Within walking distance is the spectacular Cliff Lodge/ Spa and the Snowbird Center that houses the tram, specialty stores and many eating establishments.

So if you thought the early season was great, just imagine it with a 500-inch base! This trip is sure to sell out at the early sign-up price of \$699.

The package includes:

- \* Round-trip air transportation between Philadelphia to Salt Lake City.
- \* Round-trip motor coach transportation between Salt Lake City and Snowbird.
- \* Five nights slope-side accomodation at **The Lodge at Snowbird**
- \* Four-day lift ticket: two days at Snowbird and two days at Alta.
- \* All current taxes and service charges, plus round-trip baggage handling at the Lodge.

## The New Fall Line Calendars are Ready!

See you and other Fall Liner's at play in the new full-color club calendars! Only \$10!

# Europe 2000

by Pat Maguire

*How much fun can you have when Fall Line invades Italy?*

Seventy-four lucky Fall Liners will be able to answer that question in February of 2000. This is the trip you have been asking for. It is bigger and with more choices.

On February 25, we will follow the sun and snow to Val Gardena, Italy, to the winter wonderland in the heart of the Dolomites. Variety is the spice of skiing and the choices are many on the slopes of Val Gardena. Whether you are a novice or a connoisseur, there is a trail for every taste and ability, from plain heavenly to hellishly difficult.

This is Italy's biggest ski-area interconnect with 750 miles of trails and 464 gondolas and lifts. Apres-ski abounds in our village of Ortisei — just ask any Fall Liner from the Italy '96 trip. Mention SIGLU or MAURITZ and watch their reaction.

We have combined the best of two trips into one with your choice of last-day touring. #1 is Munich, Germany, with its famous Fasching celebration and Hofbrauhaus. #2 is Venice, Italy, with its colorful Carnivale, Piazza San Marco and gondolas.

Sooo, you know the drill—early sign-up for the trip is on Tuesday, August 3. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Be there, be early, bring your checkbook (\$400 deposit required) and have your membership current. Please be sure to bring your PASSPORT with you to the first-night sign-up as names must match for ticketing. The trip includes:

- \* RT air transportation from PHL 2/25–3/5.
- \* RT motorcoach from airport to hotels and excursion from Ortisei to Cortina.
- \* Seven night's lodging in Ortisei.
- \* Daily breakfast and dinner in Ortisei.
- \* Six-day Dolomite Superski Pass, w/one day skiing in Cortina.
- \* One night lodging in Venice, Italy or one night in Munich, Germany w/Sunday morning breakfast & transfers.

With last night in Munich:

- \* Hotel Genziana (superior) in Ortisei; Hotel Platzl in Munich: \$1429/\$1469

With last night in Venice, the options are:

1. Hotel Genziana (superior) in Ortisei; Hotel Malibran in Venice: \$1529/\$1569
2. Hotel Posta Cavallino (deluxe) in Ortisei; Villa Soranzo (outside Venice): \$1429/\$1469

Trip Leaders: Patricia Maguire: 856-772-1120; Ann Marsteller: 856-772-9414; Betty Taylor 856-231-0997.

# Fall Line People

by Harry Gould

Well, after that big lavish Luau party at Steve Archibald's Cherry Hill home on July 17, it's fair to say we'll never look at coconuts in quite the same way.

Once you've seen two of them strapped on Brad Land's naked chest, a coconut just isn't a coconut anymore.

Can't picture it? Guess you had to be there.

And at times it seemed as if everyone

WAS there. This was not an official Fall Line event but, nonetheless, chief organizer Mark Goodman figured there must have been at least 150 assorted folks — Fall Liners, friends of Fall Liners, neighbors of party hosts Steve A. and Lisa Rovens — a

veritable universe of wild, crazy party animals.

And party they did - some until 2 am. The DJ blasted out song after song as revelers cavorted under swaying faux palm trees and flaming torchlights. An open bar kept the party well-lubricated while the tables on the porch groaned under the weight of freshly roasted pig, cooked shrimp, steamed crabs, roast beef, salads, fruits, desserts and other sinful delectables.

A handful of special guests showed up, including Lisa's father, mother and aunt — and a surprise appearance by Denese Gilliland, a longtime Fall Liner who suffered a stroke last September but who gamely mingled with the crowd reacquainting herself with old friends. And who could forget little Christina Kerr, just two months old but dressed to the nines in her miniature "grass" skirt. Just when you thought Marcy and Dave's little girl couldn't get any cuter.

And speaking of costumes ...

This was a Luau party after all. With co-organizer Janice Lynch threatening to "dress" anyone who failed to arrive appropriately coutured, the guests managed to put on quite an exhibition of bold Hawaiian shirts, exotic grass skirts, leis worn 'round the neck, the head, the waist, the ankles — you name it, we saw it.

All this sartorial creativity was duly acknowledged in the form of prizes for best male costume, best female costume and and best-dressed couple. And the winners ...

Best male costume: Brad Land (he of the aforementioned coconuts on naked chest, wheat-colored grass skirt,

crown of laurels on head). We hope he wore pants underneath that grass skirt but we maybe we shouldn't even ask...;

Best female costume: Joani Craig (Lisa Roven's aunt), looking fine and foxy in that skimpy hot pink bikini;

Best-dressed couple: (ahem) a certain newsletter columnist accompanied by his honeybun, the lovely and talented Sandy Brockington of Philadelphia, PA and ... well, enough said about that. You hadda be there.

Oh, baby... This just in: sources tell Powder Express that Sue Hoffman showed up for a July 8 softball game, ready as always to jump into the batting order.

Big deal, you may say.

Here's the catch. Four days earlier, Sue gave birth to a baby boy, Jonathan Robert Hoffman.

Four days post-partum, she's back on the softball field.

Take that, South Jersey. Are we tough, or what?

It's also worth noting that Sue's baby boy was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. That makes him a Yankee Doodle Dandy.

*If you have news you'd like to share with other Fall Liners, contact Harry Gould at 215-922-0244 or email him at [gouldh@phillynews.com](mailto:gouldh@phillynews.com). Space is limited and the appropriateness of any item received will be the sole discretion of the newsletter editors.*



## Club Meetings

**General Meetings** are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Garden Room of the Day's Inn, Route 73 and Fellowship Road, Mt. Laurel, NJ. Meetings are from 8:30 until 11:00 pm for trip sign-ups, announcements, information and socializing. Please bring a friend, for newcomers are always welcome.

**Board Meetings** are held the second and fourth Tuesday each month, where the club's formal business is discussed and enacted. Members are welcome to attend. If you have something you would like to discuss, just ask any board member and it will be put on the next meetings agenda. Meetings are held from 8:00 to 11:00 pm, and locations rotate amongst board members' houses, so ask any board member for the next meeting location.

**Winter Trip Committee Meetings** are conducted by Kathie Read Lizotte, board member and Winter Trip Committee Chairperson, and occur monthly throughout the entire year. October begins the process for the following season. Please see Kathie if you are interested in attending or participating.

For more info, call the FLSC Hotline at: 609-931-4462

# Halterman Golf Outing

by Sheila Wilson



Well, those of you that missed the golf outing weekend at the Halterman lakeside estates missed more than just great golf and great weather, but also missed some serious entertainment! I must begin by thanking Patty Phleger, my wonderful assistant, who did just about everything except plan the foursomes (Dennis and Sue Babe took care of that detail!). Thanks Patty; I truly couldn't have done it without you!

This year, Friday night was much more rowdy, as everyone arrived at the cabins to drop off gear, set up shop, mix and mingle. For the few, the proud, the brave, A.J.'s was the port of call. For those of us without the enthusiasm for A.J.'s, the cabins became a cozy place to catch up. For those of you going to the Halterman resort next year, the main cabin got a face lift in the form of a new bathroom; it's ALMOST a four-star resort!

Saturday morning started out with breakfast on the course — a great way to motivate weary golfers out of bed and moving first thing in the morning. As Sue Babe and Dennis finished mapping out the foursomes, we made some changes of our own this year. We did a shotgun start on the first four holes so that we didn't end the day so late into the drinking hour. And so the day started with these words of wisdom from yours truly: "No Mulligans, No Gimmies, No Bull@#&, just play good golf!" and off we went!

The afternoon turned out to be sunny and hot and full of surprises. After dinner and drinks, I had the honor of emceeding the evening's awards ceremony — some people were very deserving of their prizes this year, both on the golf course and off.

Scores and the scoring system were done under the supervision of the Halterman and Halterman accounting firm and all decision of the judges were, and still are, final. Low Gross for men went to the junior barfly, Keith Halterman (75), while Low Net went to the senior barfly closest to all our hearts, Dennis Halterman (71). Low Gross for women went to Terry Corbo (95) (hats off Terry for a great round of golf!) and Low Net to Sue Babe (73). Longest drive for women this year went to Patty Pfleger, who took great pleasure in out-driving Nancy Aquadro with great finesse and form!

Closest to the pin on hole number 6 went to PacMan (Jack Paczewski), closet to the rock on hole number 7 went to Kathie Read. On hole number 8, closest to the pin for men, there was a bit of confusion. It seems that this is a modest group, for not one man wanted to stand up and be recognized for his accomplishments! Of course, there were a few good excuses, like Bob Miller, who couldn't tell where his ball landed all day since he lost his glasses the night before! Kathy Levin won closest to the pin on hole number 11, and I

won closest to the pin on hole number 14.

A note should be inserted here that Kathie Read took great pleasure in beating poor Kathy Levin (who had the misfortune of going first) out of most of the prizes, so we made Kathie Read take a back seat, just this once — Judge's Rule! Marge Gilbert and Melanie Sawicki both played some serious golf and scored 2nd and 3rd for Low Net for women (76 and 77); Nancy Aquadro and Janice Lynch also took their games pretty seriously and scored 2nd and 3rd Low Gross for women with 99 and 105 respectively. For the men, Mike Gilbert, Joe Durkin and Steve Comroe had Low Net scores sooo close together, they must have been playing with the same clubs and on the same score card! 2nd and 3rd Low Gross went to Steve Archibald and Doc Mancuso.

Mr. Chris (Nast) came this year without Mrs. Chris and with all his teeth; Siobahn Michuaud survived a golf outing without Scott the golf pro to help her caddie; Cory Glenn still won as the best caddie even though he chose to golf this year and not assist the Sawicki sisters in searching for lost golf balls! Ann Marsteller ended the weekend with a personal best score. Lisa Rovens completed her first tournament and came in with scores to be proud of! Some Fall Liners seemed to think that Mike Stavola surviving a weekend without Marie was one of the most newsworthy occurrences all weekend! Glen Mace chose to spend his birthday weekend with the group of us rather than brooding over his misspent youth! And then there is poor Ed Piasecki who needed two golf clubs to protect his soft smooth hands; Kim sprinted through the shops and stores in the downtown area (Ed, you're in trouble when the bills come in!)

This year, A.J.s was NOT the place to be on Saturday night, but the fire pit at the cabins was the happening spot. For the rest of the evening and well into the morning, we sat, chatted, pondered and pontificated over the day and various topics of discussion. The fires lasted long into the night, and I am sure that some flames are still being fanned as this heads to print!

Sunday morning started out with a Fall Line ritual up in the backwoods of Pennsylvania: breakfast Joe Durkin-style: eggs, bacon and grease cooked just the way you like them as long as they're scrambled! The Durkin Classic had a good turnout this year for golf on the way home. Clean-up this year was a breeze again (who says good help is hard to find?)

And thus ended another year for the Fall Line Golf Classic and an end for me as your host. It has been a joy and a charm but it would be a crime to prevent another dedicated Fall Liner from having the fun and the experience that I had the last two years; so I bid you a fond farewell as your Julie McCoy and will see you on the links as just another amateur with high hopes and dreams of par!



# Sizzlin' Summer Stuff

## Softball

Every second and fourth Thursday of the Month.  
Admission is \$6 per person for hotdogs, beer and insurance. There's also softball every first and third Thursday at the Barclay School. Call Dennis Halterman at 609-429-9780 for more information.

## Happy Hour

Every Friday at the Rock Lobster on Delaware Avenue.

## Tennis

Every Monday until September 27<sup>th</sup>. Call Lou Fiume at 609-727-1602 for information.

## Special Summer Activities

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Placid Hike (and Bike)

By Jim Morris

To keep you coming back to enjoy the mountains of New York State, we've added—to paraphrase your favorite politician—some **new ideas**. At the end of the trip on Sunday, **Mike Stavola** will be leading a 30- to 40-mile bike ride for those of you who have energy left. Details will be forthcoming.

Once again we are fortunate to have two of our favorite trail guides for the intermediate hikes. **Cara Marella** will guide a group of hikers up Hopkins Mountain for a six-mile round trip past a 50-ft. waterfall, with an option to summit a 2<sup>nd</sup> peak and another 2 miles of hiking. **Mike Gramsammer**, who has been leading Fall Line hikes for longer than anyone can remember, will escort a 2<sup>nd</sup> group of hikers on a 12-mile round trip where you will see the one-thousand foot cliffs of Wallface Mountain and perhaps snow from last year.

I will again lead the advanced hike; this year to Gothics Mt., an intimidating looking peak with a cable bolted into one side of the mountain to assist hikers up and down the steep incline. Weather conditions will dictate if we go down that side of the mountain. Sofia Dobkin and Tammy McCoy picked this mountain as we passed by it last year so I hope they will join us on the hike.

Saturday evening we have the possibility of being entertained by our own very talented **Cara Marella** and **Steve Wright** after dinner, that is, if Steve decides to join us on the trip. We have received the OK to use the private dining area or the new outside deck at the Cascade Inn. This year our overflow group will be staying at the Jack Rabbit Inn across the street from the Cascade. I think those of you who stay there will like the rooms.

After 5 years we've finally had to raise the price to a still very reasonable \$100 for 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts and Saturday night dinner. For safety's sake, don't forget to follow the Fall Line Hikers guidelines for required hiking gear. We don't want to have to roast anyone in the follow-up newsletter article for coming unprepared.

Date	Event	Leader	Cost	Opens
Fri. 8/6 to Sun. 8/8	Whitewater Rafting (cost includes rafting camping and breakfast!)	Tony Robideau and Jennifer Mehalick..... 856-704-0325	\$110	Open
Thu. 9/16 to Sun. 9/19	Sailing on the Chesapeake	Bob Schmidt..... 856-983-6887	TBD	7/6
Sat. 9/25	Biking	Mike Stavola..... 856 985-4605	TBD	8/17
Fri. 10/1 to Sun. 10/3	Lake Placid Hike	Jim Morris..... 856-795-2446	TBD	8/3
Sat. 10/9	Fall Foliage Hike	Mike Gramsammer... 856-810-1196	TBD	8/17
Fri. 10/15 to Sun. 10/17	Halterman's Fall Getaway	Pat Corrigan ..... 856-654-4131 Joanne Vecchio..... 856-953-0639	TBD	8/17
Fri. 10/22	Valley Forge Brewing Co. Tour	Jeff Carter..... 856-764-7856	Free	9/7
Sat. 10/23	The Big Bang Road Rally	John Kennedy..... 856-784-5114	\$19.99	9/7
Fri. 11/12	Pool Tournament	Bob Miller ..... 856-232-8366	TBD	9/21

## The Big Bang Road Rally

by John Kennedy

It's relative. It's what you make it. It's money. It's a-wastin'. It's a magazine. It's on my side. It heals all wounds. It flies. It waits for no man (but it might slow down for a woman!)

It's TIME, baby, and if you think you have it to spare, spend some of it travelling through the autumnal countryside in search of the answers to life's great mysteries such as: Why are we here? Where are we going? and, What WAS the greatest thing before indoor plumbing?

The 1999 Big Bang Road Rally gets underway at 9:00 am on Saturday, October 23. Crank up your (search) engines and get your team together for a surrealistic trip through history as you determine the exact date of the beginning of time (there are several), Y2K-type stuff, the definitive cure for the millennium bug, and several events that Nostradamus somehow failed to predict (go figure!)

For the uninitiated, the road rally is a mobile scavenger hunt. In this event, the journey is more important than the destination. The objective of each team is to travel by car along a route that has been laid out in advance. You get points by finding landmarks, gathering objects at checkpoints, and answering riddles; these are the sources of your directions. Each team must be at least 2 people, the driver and at least one navigator. (Note: no 2-person team has ever won my road rallies; none has even finished in the top 4. The more eyes, the better.)

The rally is NOT a race. You will not be timed. You are expected to obey all speed limits and traffic signs. If there is a tie in points, lowest mileage to the finish line will break the tie. The top four teams are awarded prizes at the road rally "banquet" that night.

The cost is \$19.99 per person (Whoa! How symbolic is that!), which goes towards the prizes, the banquet, and rally necessities. Opening date is Sept. 7. There is no limit to the number of signups but due to the preparations required, I would like to close signups after the October 5 meeting. If you have any questions, call John Kennedy at 856-784-5114. That's it. I'm out of time



## Mike's Bikes do the Princeton Double Double Dozen

By Mike Stavola

Come join Fall Line Ski Club on Saturday, September 25th, for an interesting bicycle (tandems welcome) tour close to home.

The terrain is mostly flat with some small hills. Traffic will be light and you can tailor your trip to one dozen, 2 dozen, 3 dozen or 4 dozen miles. We'll be starting at Rosedale Park (located 1 mile south of Centerville, 1.5 miles east of Pennington, 2 miles north of Lawrenceville and 1 mile west of Rosedale) on Federal City Road.

Highlights of the trip include the Princeton University campus, Colonial Park, Delaware and Raritan Canal, historic towns, the Millstone River, and Lake Carnegie. Many of the quaint, quiet towns you'll be visiting on this trip have changed very little since 1777 (222 double double double years ago), when Washington and his troops passed through. We'll get an early start (9:12 am) so we can visit the many historic sites and interesting locales along the way as well as linger alongside the three serene bodies of water mentioned above.

Upon reaching Colonial Park near the village of East Millstone you may wish to visit the arboretum and adjoining award-winning one-acre Van der Goot Rose Garden (FREE) which features more than 4,012 rosebushes, dwarf conifers, lilacs, and Japanese flowering cherries.

Additional details as well as directions and cue sheets will be available at the signup table—or you may contact me via e-mail me (preferred) at [mstavola@csc.com](mailto:mstavola@csc.com) or call me at 609-985-4605.

Following our bicycle tour, all bicyclists are invited back to the home of Mike and Marge Gilbert in Medford, NJ to rest and relax as we partake in a Wine and Cheese Tasting afternoon hosted by a local winery. The exact starting time will be determined by how long we spend in Princeton.

Please note that we may adjust the time and itinerary for the biking portion of this fall day in order to dovetail our wine and cheese afternoon. We'll provide additional details, directions and costs for the wine tasting at the signup table.

The trip opens the second meeting of August (the 17<sup>th</sup>). The bicycling only rain date will be Sunday—same time and place.

**For Rent:** Lovely 2B/2B second-floor condo. Larchmont, Mt. Laurel location. Available after August 1st. Call Stacey 609-983-2019.

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- ✓ Halterman Getaway

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- ✓ Lake Placid Hike
- ✓ Val Gardena, Italy