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## FROM MISSION CONTROL

BY BILL BOMBERGER, PRESIDENT

From the President

Here are some interesting statistics that we received from the survey we sent out to all of the members in Space City Ski and Adventure Club. Yes, that is right, we are a club that is managed by volunteers and not a travel agency.



### WE NEED

**VOLUNTEERS to run the club.** The level of activity depends on you volunteering.

Here are some of our club numbers:

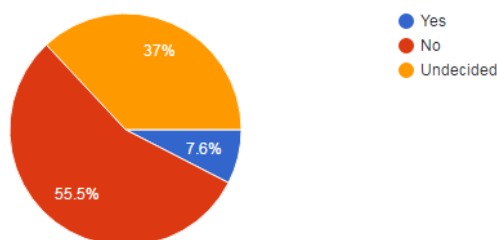
Membership:	480 people
Officers:	7
Directors: Max	5
Board Members:	8
Total:	20

This is only 4% of our total membership. Unfortunately we do not have enough volunteers to fill even just the officer positions at this time. We are short a VP of Marketing, a VP of Activities and a Treasurer at this time.

Now for the numbers from the survey that will give us a little more perspective.

One hundred and nineteen people responded for a 25% response rate which is well above average for a survey.

Would you be willing to run a Trip? (119 responses)



But only 9% of the survey participants said that they would be willing to run a trip. So with a membership of 480 people, we should have 43.2 people willing to run a trip for the club. If we include the 37% undecided in the calculation, we should have 221 people willing to volunteer!!! Where are all of you?

This current ski season, we struggled to get the 16 volunteers that became our trip leaders and assistants, and we are getting more requests for activities and non-skiing adventures in the future.

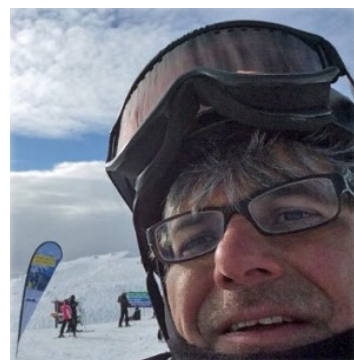
**This is our club.** We need members to step up and keep up

our previous successes. I do not like the alternatives if we do not increase our volunteer pool. Now, I will carefully climb off of my soapbox without getting hurt.

## COUNTDOWN TO LIFTOFF

BY CHUCK PENA, VICE PRESIDENT OF TRIPS

Hi all! We had a great January start to the ski season with over 150 people participating in at least one of the first three trips. Thank you to all who submitted the electronic trip survey you were emailed after the trip. These surveys are an important part of our improvement process to understand our training needs and your views on the resorts, lodging and trip logistics. Did you have FUN and should we go back again.



As most of you know, your Trip Coordinator prepares a trip article about the trip for our Sitzmarke. It will mention some of the highlights of the trip and some funny things that happened on the trip. Make sure you get your notes to them so everybody will hear your side of the story.

Due to cancellations we have a last minute trip opportunity: **Telluride** — Full package for a Single with a Single Supplement. Departs Feb 25 \$2436 (with non-stop United flight) Can also be purchased for 2 people with 1-Full Package and 1-Land Only Package at a cost of \$2601. See the website for additional information.

The March TSCYF Family Optional Spring Break trip (March 12-16) is sold out but spots may become available. Contact Cindy Moore at [Marketing@spacecity.org](mailto:Marketing@spacecity.org) for more information.

We increased the number of spots we sold on our trips by over 100 this year. But we can't keep offering this many trips if we don't get people volunteering to run the trips. We want to keep up this positive trend but we need to get people to step up and agree to run them. Please send your applications in ASAP (attachment below or [CLICK HERE](#)) or send an email to [trips@spacecity.org](mailto:trips@spacecity.org)

February will be equally as busy, with Heavenly Valley leaving on Saturday Feb 4th and then Park City leaving on Feb 11th and finally Telluride leaving Feb 25th. I hope everybody has a great rest of the season.

Watch your emails for the very important Trip survey that will be coming out near the end of February. We need to get input from everybody to make sure we offer the right trips next year. Also watch for information coming soon regarding TSC BidFest, April 7-9th, at the Drury Inn-Riverwalk in San Antonio.

Cheers Chuck Pena



## HAVING A BLAST

BY JO BARRIE, VICE PRESIDENT OF ACTIVITIES

Greetings All:

We started the new year with our January Happy Hour at Seasons52. We had a great group of people, including several new members that I and others had the pleasure of meeting.



We have added many new members and visitors recently! Please remember to invite these new faces into your conversations at our next event.

It was a full house for our Super Bowl 51 Watch Party! I wish to thank Stuart Traver for allowing us to invade his home, Rita Cardenas for running our football squares, George Sargent for providing margaritas, and everyone who contributed to the clean up process at the end. Cheers to you!

Mark your calendar for February's Happy Hour at Post Oak Grill, 1415 S. Post Oak Lane, on Thursday, February 23rd. Post Oak Grill has been a favorite upscale location for many years and many glasses of wine! They have recently completed a makeover to the bar area. Join us between 5:30pm - 8:30pm. Valet parking available or self-park in the rear but do be sure to avoid the reserved spaces.

March will bring a different Buffalo Bayou walk event to our club; details to be announced soon! We will also be offering an April event that will take you up in the air, parachute not needed.

Now it is YOUR turn to host an event! Talk to me about an activity you would like to lead. It takes a couple months of lead time to get an event approved and promoted so jump on your idea now and tell me all about it!

Until next month,

Jo Barrie

VP Activities

[activities@spacecity.org](mailto:activities@spacecity.org)



### FEBRUARY HAPPY HOUR

On

Thursday, February 23, 2017

5:30pm - 8:30pm

(Happy Hour Specials until 7pm.)

JOIN US!

POST OAK GRILL

1415 S. POST OAK LANE

HOUSTON, TX 77056

(Valet in front or Self-Park in rear garage.)





## RECRUITMENT UPDATE

BY LESLIE CASHIO, VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP

We met our membership goal of 480 active members as of January 23, 2017! Yea! We all know that there is, however, always room for more! Please invite your friends, family and co-workers to check out our website or, better yet, bring them with you to a meeting or a happy hour. As we are so much more than a snow ski club, I am sure we have activities and adventures to interest everyone, both skiers and non-skiers.



Remember, if you bring a guest to a meeting or happy hour, both you and your guest will get a Space City Ski Club koozie. And, you never know what kind of wonderful door prize we might be giving away at a general meeting.

It is easy to become a member. Simply go to [www.spacecity.org](http://www.spacecity.org). Click "join" then "membership".

All new members after February 1st will get the rest of this membership year (3 months) plus all of the next membership year for the current dues price! If you have any questions contact me at

[membership@spacecity.org](mailto:membership@spacecity.org).

Leslie Cashio  
VP - Membership

## MEMBER PROFILE

NEIL JOLLY

My husband and I had the distinct pleasure of rooming with Neil Jolly on the Vail Traditional trip January 7-14, 2017. Neil is a new member of Space City Ski & Adventure Club. Since his family decided that they would rather go on a "warm" vacation during Christmas break, a time when Neil and the family usually ski, Neil decided after the family trip was over he needed to find new friends to ski with. The Vail trip is the first he has taken with the club but he is also going with the club to Heavenly and Telluride in February. Neil is a custom home builder and although originally from Chicago, he has made Houston his home for the last 38 years. Please help me welcome Neil to our great club! We are certainly glad to have him as a member.



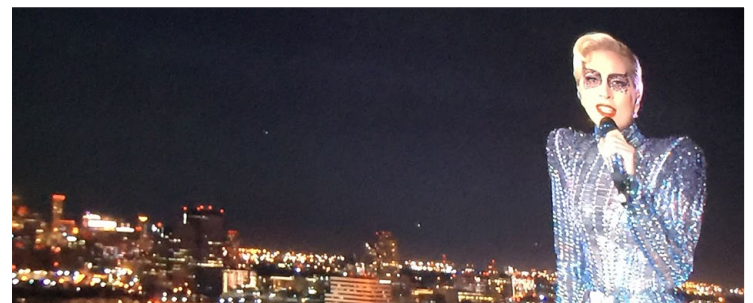
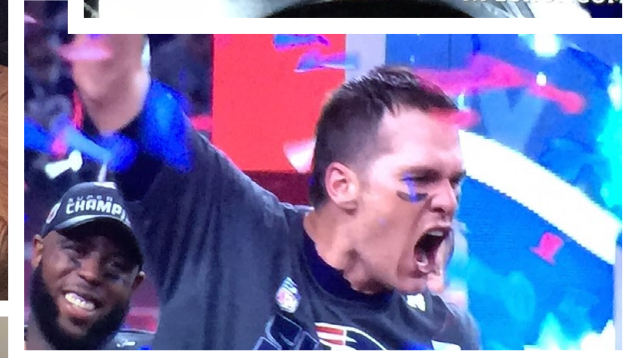
Leslie Cashio  
VP - Membership

## SUPER BOWL PARTY

PHOTOS BY JO BARRIE, ELLEN EASTHAM, ROSS BAKER











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### LONG TRIP:

FEBRUARY 11-18, 2017

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS ON THE LONG TRIP](#)

### SHORT TRIP

FEBRUARY 11-15, 2017

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS ON THE SHORT TRIP](#)



LONG:  
\$ 1,507 Full  
\$ 1,134 Land

SHORT:  
\$ 717 Land Only

Trip Coordinator:  
Melinda Hughes  
[melinda@spacecity.org](mailto:melinda@spacecity.org)



Assistant Trip  
Coordinator:  
Sandy Schneider



February 25, 2017 – March 4, 2017

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\$1628 Full per person  
\$973 Land per person

Trip Coordinator:  
Betty Donellan  
[bettyrelaw@spacecity.org](mailto:bettyrelaw@spacecity.org)





Photographer: Jack Affleck

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FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

March 12-16, 2017  
\$504 per Adult  
Land Only

SCSC Trip Contact:  
Cindy Moore  
[marketing@spacecity.org](mailto:marketing@spacecity.org)  
713-393-9588



August 23-31, 2017  
\$3098 Full per person  
\$2283 Land per person

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Photographer: Dieter Schweizer



Trip Coordinator: Jan Ferrell  
[Jan@spacecity.org](mailto:Jan@spacecity.org)



Photographer: Diego Delso



Assistant Trip Coordinator:  
Ellen Eastham  
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Space City Ski and Adventure Club is a proud member of the Texas Ski Council and the National Ski Council Federation.



# TEXAS SKI COUNCIL





# FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

6:30-8:30pm Monday  
February 13, 2017

LIVE OAK BAR AND GRILL  
10444 Hempstead Road  
Houston, Texas 77092

Don't miss the February 13th General Meeting at [Live Oak Bar and Grill](#). Mingle, eat and drink with your friends and possibly win a great gift card door prize!

Easy to find outside of the 610 Loop, West of Hwy 290, on Hempstead Road just west of Dacoma.



## EXTRAVEHICULAR ACTIVITIES

### UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 13  
GENERAL MEETING - LIVE OAK GRILL

FEBRUARY 23  
HAPPY HOUR - POST OAK GRILL

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## Trip Coordinator (TC)/Assistant Trip Coordinator (ATC) 2017-2018 Application

Do you love to ski or snowboard? Do you enjoy working with people and making new friends? Are you good at planning and organizing? If your answer is YES to these questions, SCSC needs YOU to join the great team of Trip Coordinators and Assistants running fun ski trips to exciting destinations.

Please complete this form and return to **2016-2017 V.P. of Trips, Chuck Pena** send email to: [trips@spacecity.org](mailto:trips@spacecity.org)

Name:	Telephone-Home:
Address:	Telephone-Work:
	Telephone-Cell:
Preferred contact type: (circle all thzt apply) Telephone: Home Work Cell e-mail	E-Mail Address:
Occupation:	Year you joined SCSC (Approx):

Position you are applying for: \_\_\_\_\_ TC \_\_\_\_\_ ATC \_\_\_\_\_ Either

(Note: In order to serve as an ATC, you must have taken at least one ski trip with SCSC. In order to server as a TC, you must have served as an ATC on at least one SCSC ski trip or an AC for a large activity or experience running trips with other organizations.)

What type of SCSC ski trip do you prefer to run?

\_\_\_\_\_ TSC (Texas Ski Council) \_\_\_\_\_ Club (SCSC) \_\_\_\_\_ Either

What length of SCSC ski trip do you prefer to run?

\_\_\_\_\_ Long (week long) \_\_\_\_\_ Short (4 or 5 day) \_\_\_\_\_ Either

Where would you like to run a trip (Destination/s)?

**Availability:** Dates that you are *Unavailable* to run a trip (If any):

*Preferred* dates (If any):

Are you available for monthly SCSC meetings usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month? (August-May)

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Are you available for monthly SCSC happy hours usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Are you available to attend 2 to 3 training sessions?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

(Training sessions likely will be May, June or July 2017)

On what side of town do you live/work? \_\_\_\_\_



**Prior SCSC Volunteer Experience: TC/ATC/AC-Activity Coordinator /AAC-Assist. Activity Coordinator/Officer  
(Start with most recent)**

Year	Trip/Activity/Office	Year	Trip/Activity /Office

**SCSC-Ski Trips Taken**

**Non-SCSC Ski Trips Taken**

Year	Trip	Year	Trip	Year	Trip	Year	Trip

**Other Volunteer Experience: (Start with most recent)**

Year	Organization/Office	Year	Organization/Office

**Computer experience:**

\_\_\_\_\_Microsoft Word \_\_\_\_\_Microsoft Excel \_\_\_\_\_Other

Do you have access to a computer at home or work? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

Do you have access to a fax machine at home or work? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

Can you make & receive SCSC related phone calls at work? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

Can you send & receive SCSC related e-mail at work? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

What other experience/skills can you bring to the position of TC/ATC?

Why are you interested in running a SCSC ski trip?