

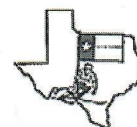


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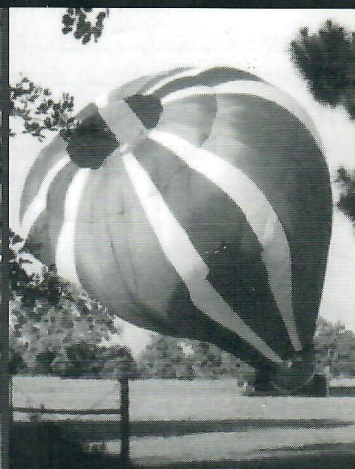
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Correction: Please note that the St. Moritz trip was incorrectly listed as a TSC Expedition in the August Sitzmarke.







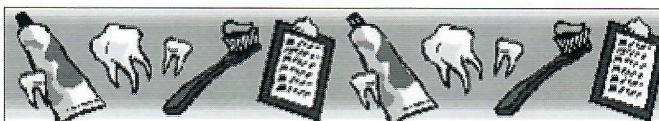
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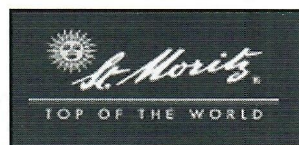
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I know that the first meeting of the season is something that everyone looks forward to with anticipation and excitement. To see what new trips are being offered and to see which trips your new and old friends have signed up for, so that you know which ones you might want to join. There will be new members and new friends, new places to go and new ski or snowboard techniques to master. But for the Trip Coordinators, the Vice President of Trips and all the officers it is a turning point after a long summer of hard work and wrangling. We have had fun times, organizing, agreements and disagreements, constructive suggestions and some not so constructive. It is just plain hard work especially because all of us have lives and jobs out there that we have to juggle to fit into

our ski club duties. I am telling you all this because it is important to know that all the people that put these great trips and activities together for you are volunteers, not professional planners. The reimbursement they get is miniscule in comparison to the hours and work they put in. You and your fun is why they have put aside their time, their lives and their energy. You are the beneficiaries of their best interests and best efforts.

So, when you sign up for that trip or activity and when they give you a call to thank you for signing up for a trip or to get your information straight, think about a thank you. Let them know your gratitude throughout the planning stages, the pre-trip meeting, the trip itself and the post-trip party. Do what you can to show your appreciation for them and what they are doing for you. Try not to be too hard on them if something isn't perfectly perfect. Perhaps offer to help with something. But most of all, have fun and help others have fun on the trip or activity. Bring in some new people into your usual group of friends. Then, when it is all over, let us know you enjoyed it. That is what we do it for.

BE A PART OF THE SCSC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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Invite your friends to join us at Space City Ski Club. If they join the club, not only will they have access to our exciting and affordable ski trips, but **YOU can also earn credit towards your next ski trip with SCSC!**

Space City Ski Club will provide ski trip discounts to current club members who are proactive at bringing new members into the club. For the 2004/2005 season, the following discounts will be offered on all SCSC ski trips:

\$100 for 7 new club members
\$200 for 14 new club members
\$300 for 21 new club members
\$400 for 28 new club members
\$500 for 35 new club members



Additional information, including a full list of rules, will be provided as the Membership Drive draws closer.

A "new member" is considered to be anyone who has never been a member of SCSC or has not been a member for any portion of the last two years.

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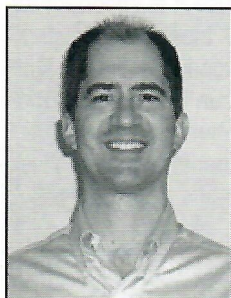
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Life begins at 40. It's really remarkable when an organization reaches this age and Space City members should be quite proud of their involvement in keeping the club alive and well. To celebrate this milestone, we are having the Snowball – SCSC's 40th Anniversary Celebration on Friday, November 19, at The Houston Club. This special dinner/dance in the heart of downtown Houston, in lieu of the annual Holiday Gala, follows in the tradition of other grand

parties honoring our growth, namely the 20th at the Magnolia Ballroom, the 25th at the Houstonian, and the 30th at the former Stouffers Hotel. Past officers were feted, festive toasts were made, fancy masks were awarded prizes – we have huge expectations to fulfill. Please contact Vicki Faulkner (713-863-0470, vicki.faulkner@shell.com) and/or Shirley Lang (281-218-8515, shirley.lang@ey.com) if you can help locate former SCSC members. Also, if you have special photos or videos (movies in the earlier days) that you would like to share, please let Vicki or Shirley know. And please plan to attend this soiree to see how SCSC's life is just beginning – at 40!

Our October 11 General SCSC Meeting will highlight past and future activities sponsored by SCSC. Come see yourself and friends in the videos, photos, and more from the 2003/2004 season of activities on an informal basis as you socialize with your friends. Do you have any photos or other mementos from these events? Bring them along! Did you pick up a t-shirt at an SCSC event? Wear it! Sign up for future activities already scheduled such as the 40th Anniversary Party, Jose's Games Night & Halloween Party, Sean's Football Tailgate Party, Grand Canyon Hiking, Trip to Hawaii, and more! Also, we will have a contest for suggestions for 2004/2005 activities. Just by making a suggestion for an activity adds your name to a drawing. Volunteer to be an AC, and you also enter into the drawing. Special awards will be given to encourage all your great ideas for the coming year. All your fellow SCSC friends will benefit by your ideas. Come to watch the fun! Contact our October Meeting Coordinator: Ellen Eastham (281-989-9935, eeastham@panhandleenergy.com) if you have any photos or anything else to contribute to this meeting.

General Meeting Big Woodrow's

3111 Chimney Rock

just north of Richmond

October 11 @ 6:30 p.m.

<http://www.woodrows.net/index.html>

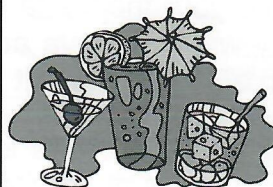
Come join us at 6:30

Business meeting at 7:00

Plenty of parking in the garage next door. Plan to stay after the meeting for drinks, conversation, and visiting with friends!

AGENDA

- **SKI TRIP AND ACTIVITY SIGNUP**
- **SPECTACULAR REVIEW OF 2003/2004 ACTIVITIES – video, photos and more**
- **PRIZE DRAWING: Earn tickets for your ideas or signing up as an AC or volunteer for future activities**



HAPPY HOUR

Thursday, October 21

5:30 p.m.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Coordinator	Phone	E-mail/Address
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10/2	San Marcos River Paddling Trip	Calvin Doody	(713) 686-4831	birdsguys@yahoo.com
10/2	Race for the Cure	Becky Hall	(713) 783-9990	becahall@aol.com
10/11	SCSC General Meeting-Big Woodrow's			3111 Chimney Rock
10/21	Happy Hour-Champps Americana	Deb Cini		1126 Uptown Park Blvd
10/30	Games Night & Halloween Party	Jose Araujo	(713) 541-6838	joseangel888@hotmail.com
NOVEMBER				
11/6	UH Tailgate Party & Football Game	Sean O'Brien	(713) 787-9762	sbobrien@trcsolutions.com
11/19	SCSC 40th Anniversary Celebration	Vicki Faulkner	(713) 863-0470	vicki.faulkner@shell.com

If you have an idea for an activity or would like to volunteer to be an AC or AAC, contact VP-Programs, Marc Fellows (281) 286-0503 mjfreb@ev1.net. For more information or to pass on ideas about the Happy Hours and Mixers, contact Deb Cini (832) 528-6125.

FROM THE SKI DESK

Lori Gilliland, VP of Trips



Several years ago at one of those Snowfest events at the George R. Brown, I was talking to some folks about our great ski club. They said, "Wow, we didn't know that there was a ski club here in Houston". But, then they went on to say that they really enjoyed skiing with their families including kids and grandkids so they didn't think they would fit in on one of our trips of what they perceived to be "wild" people, "single" people and "Geezers". Well, I told them "whoa now. Hold on just a minute, I don't know where the heck you got that idea, but really, all sorts of people go on our trips"... single and married, young and young at heart, 1st time skiers and lifelong skiers, doctors and attorneys, accountants and engineers, financial professionals and entrepreneurs. AND each year the

Club may offer up to three (3) "Family Optional" trips that are oriented toward family participation. Club members participating on "Family Optional" trips can sign up their children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or friends (under the age of 21) as participants (Costs will vary depending on the trip).

We have 3 family optional trips this year...Winter Park (our Thanksgiving holiday trip), Heavenly Valley (during Spring break for some area school districts) and Whistler-Blackcomb (our end of season trip). Contact the TC or ATC of these trips to find out how you can still enjoy a great trip with SCSC and also get your family in on the fun! Get those kids out on skis at an early age and you'll be creating a lifelong skier and a future member of Space City Ski Club! We really want to promote continued growth in skiing and snowboarding, so think about taking a "Family Optional" trip this year.

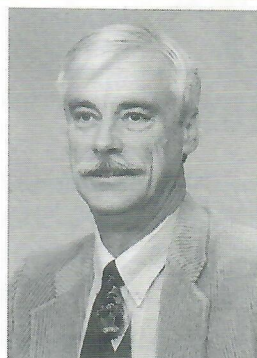


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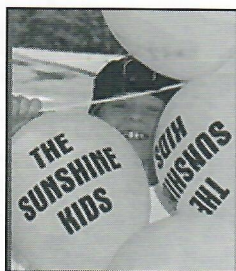
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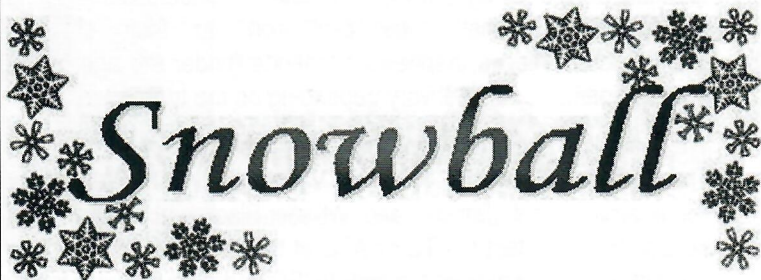
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★ Houston vs. E. Carolina ★
★ Homecoming ★
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★ Robertson Stadium Parking Lot ★
★ (Reserved Tailgate Space for SCSC) ★
★ Kickoff is at 4:00 p.m. ★
★ \$25 members/\$30 non-members includes: ★
★ Tailgate Party (food, adult beverages) & Game Ticket ★
★ For more information contact AC Sean O'Brien ★
★ (713) 787-9762 sbobrien@trcsolutions.com ★
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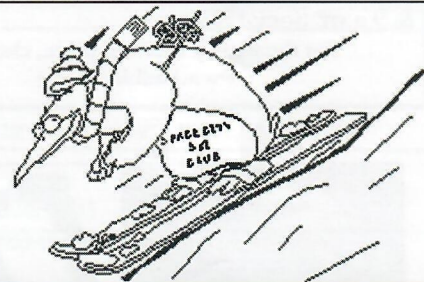
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★ **PARTY AT JOSE'S** ★  
★ Saturday, October 30 ★  
★ 4:30 p.m. ★  
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It would prove to be a day like no other. A sunrise full of promise greeted us as we made our way to Skydive Spaceland (<http://www.skydivespaceland.com>) on the morning of July 17th. The first confirmation that a very special day was in the offing was the sight of three



AC Chip Stokes Having an AWESOME Jump

brilliantly colored hot air balloons, piloted by Phil Bryant, Ann Kirby, and Brian Duncan, as they rose majestically into the morning sky.

Several of our skydiving "early birds", led by Dick Carter, had arrived at 6 a.m. and assisted the

balloon pilots in launching their multi-colored craft. Once the balloons were on their way, the team of Dick, Patti Maudslay, John Tulloss, Tor Lileng, Sue Radoff and Ellen Eastham jumped into their vehicles and the "chase" was on. One of the participants, Bill Cockrill, had an opportunity to ride in a balloon. Aided by a gentle morning breeze, the flight lasted approximately 45 minutes and ended as the three craft landed gently in an open pasture just West of Alvin. After assisting the balloonists with the re-packing of their craft, the team returned to Skydive Spaceland. Thanks to the Lone Star Hot Air Balloon Association (www.lsballoon.org) for providing the ballooning experience.

While the members of the "chase team" were providing a very welcomed helping hand to the hot air balloon pilots, the members of the group now officially recognized as the "Super Seventeen", had begun to gather in the "ready room" for the second phase of our morning adventure. Brenda Soileau, Penny Chancey and Christina Anderson were among the first to arrive and began to complete the lengthy liability release forms. We had a number of individuals in our group who choose this activity as their first with SCSC. These team members included Linda Alardin, Michael Figaro, Elizabeth McClurg and Patti Kanakis. John Burk invited another potential member, Joe Michaels, to join us and together with Lida Sadler and Adrienne Barnett, our "Super Seventeen" contingent was ready for action!

As the morning progressed it was getting busier and busier around the hangar. We had selected one of the very special days in local skydiving to make our first jump. An annual event known as "Skyfest" (<http://www.skyfestboogie.com>) was in full swing. Dozens of parachutists in jumpsuits of every color and design were scurrying from one place to another, practicing multi-individual formation jumps, re-packing their chutes and boarding the two aircraft in service for another ascent into the morning sky. After the members of the balloon "chase team" joined us and completed their paperwork, it was time for us to go to skydiving school.

We were ushered into a classroom on the second floor of the aircraft hanger and were taught the finer points of exiting "a perfectly good airplane" in the proper manner by a very

entertaining (and very experienced) member of the Skydive Spaceland staff. From there it was off to the flight line where, in groups that totaled ten to twelve (including instructors, students and videographers) individuals, we all took our turn boarding a twin engine Otter aircraft for our ascent to 14,000'.

Freefall from our jump altitude of 14,000', to chute deployment at 6,000' took approximately 60 seconds during which, each of the "Super Seventeen" reached speeds of 120 MPH! It was truly, a "thrill of a lifetime". Some of us opted to have our jump videotaped. We may even see a few of these tapes during SCSC meetings this Fall. I can tell you this, nothing you have ever done in your adult life (unless you have jumped previously) compares to seeing mother earth from 14,000' with nothing beneath you! After the ripcord was pulled, some of our group floated leisurely to the ground beneath their winged shaped canopies. Others among us decided to emulate some of the more experienced jumpers on hand that day and accelerated our rate of decent by manipulating the risers that control the canopy. In each case, our very competent instructors were in complete control as the ground rushed up to meet us. We all landed safely with not a single bump or bruise sustained by anyone in our group. Kudos' to Eric Boyd and all of the Skydive Spaceland personnel that provided assistance to our group!

For each of us; from jump school to the excited reunions on the ground that followed our controlled landings, it was truly a memorable experience. Everyone, from Adrienne Barnett who had a large group of family members accompany her, to John Tulloss, who received special recognition from the Skydive Spaceland staff, had a terrific time. Six of the Super Seventeen have already purchased their next ticket to jump. We will most likely make our next jump in mid October. For those of you who would like a second chance to join us for a "Thrill of a Lifetime," you are welcome to join our group for the next jump. Contact me for details.

If you talk to our participants about their SCSC hot air ballooning & skydiving adventure that Saturday morning in July, each will offer a unique perspective of our event with one common denominator; it was a day like no other.



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Nov 23-28, 2004 (Tues—Sun)	5/4 Hotel	WINTER PARK Colorado (TSC Fall Roundup) Family Optional	9/20/04	\$742 L\$433	Diane Baker John Sims (KK)	713-690-1443 713-914-0761	diane@rossbaker.com jasims@att.net
Dec 7-12, 2004 (Tues—Sun)	5/4 Hotel	** SNOWBIRD, UT ** <i>TSC - "Learn to Ski"</i>			Contact TSC Rep Sean O'Brien	713-787-9762	sbobrien@trcsolutions.com
Jan 8-15, 2005 (Sat—Sat)	7/6 Hotel	SNOWMASS - I Colorado (TSC Traditional)	10/11/04	\$998 L\$652	Bill Bomberger Gary Ladd (ML)	281-495-8668 281-265-6233	bbomberger@satake- usa.com mbasrld@aol.com
Jan 11-16, 2005 (Tues—Sun)	5/4 Hotel	SNOWMASS - II Colorado (TSC Traditional)	10/11/04	\$785 L\$439	Bill Bomberger Dana Wardell (ML)	281-495-8668 281-497-8552	bbomberger@satake- usa.com dwardell@stalkerenergy.com
Jan 21-29, 2005 (Fri—Sat)	7/6 Hotel	ST. MORITZ Switzerland	10/11/04	\$1,798 ***	Carmen Mikhail David Eickhoff (KK)	713-664-7522 832-593-7620	mikhail@bcm.tmc.edu eickhoff@hal-pc.org
Feb 5-12, 2005 (Sat—Sat)	7/6 Condo	PARK CITY Utah	10/28/04	\$866 L\$585	Jeannine Jiral Pat Piech (ML)	281-776-0424 281-531-7650	jeannine@ev1.net ppiech@ikon.com
Feb 12-19, 2005 (Sat—Sat)	7/6 Condo	COPPER MTN - I Colorado (TSC Winter Shootout)	11/08/04	\$806 L\$532	Angie Westergren Marnie Lamb (ML)	281-589-2884 713-825-1161	angie-westergren@mac-haik- ent.com mlamb1@houston.rr.com
Feb 15-20, 2005 (Tues—Sun)	5/4 Hotel	COPPER MTN - II Colorado (TSC Winter Shootout)	11/08/04	\$718 L\$440	Angie Westergren ATC-TBA (ML)	281-589-2884	angie-westergren@mac-haik- ent.com
Feb 26-Mar 5, 2005 (Sat—Sat)	7/6 Condo	VAIL Colorado	10/18/04	\$855 L\$586	Kathy Young Arlen Isham (KK)	281-497-5339 713-455-4858	snowvixen@houston.rr.com isham@kmgbernuth.com
Mar 12-19, 2004 (Sat—Sat)	7/6 Hotel	HEAVENLY - I Nevada (TSC Final Showdown) Family Optional	1/07/05	\$747 L\$408	Barb Ehrlich Bruce Baird (ML)	713-868-2470 281-496-4661	barbehrlich@houston.rr.com bruce2skis@aol.com
Mar 15-20, 2005 (Tues—Sun)	5/4 Hotel	HEAVENLY - II Nevada (TSC Final Showdown) Family Optional	1/07/05	\$669 L\$309	Barb Ehrlich Jan Ferrell (ML)	713-868-2470 281-799-0001	barbehrlich@houston.rr.com ferrellj@sbcglobal.net
Mar 26-Apr 2, 2005 (Sat—Sat)	7/6 Condo	WHISTLER Blackcomb BC, Canada Family Optional	12/13/04	\$985 L\$550	Steven Teoh TBA (KK)	832-298-2893	steventeoh@remax.net

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