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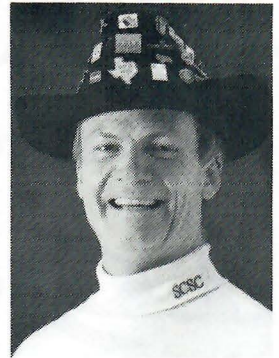
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## Head of the Liftline

by Ed Cain

**NOW YOU SEE IT, NEXT MONTH YOU WON'T,  
IF YOU DON'T RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP  
IMMEDIATELY!!!**



Well, I had to turn down the air conditioning before I lit the logs for our fireside chat this month. Pull up a chair. With the cold winds whistling from the air conditioning grilles and a blazing fire (*I've lost my mind, if you don't already know that*), we can dream of future ski trips. That is exactly what **Jim Edwards**, your VP of Trips is doing. See Jim's article about the exciting trip schedule he is putting together for us.

At this month's executive committee meeting **Karen Putney** and **Merrel Smith** were approved as Directors of Trips for the coming year. Congratulations! I'm sure the TC's and ATC's will enjoy working with Karen and Merrel.

The activities have been great! A special thanks to **Lorna Jones** and **Fred Arbuckle** for producing a hilarious Follies. This is the first time in eight or more years I've been in the audience instead of making a fool of myself on stage.

Master chef, **Jim McIntyre** was our fearless leader at the Rice Epicurean for a wok cooking class. A great time was had by all. It sounds like a wok of it to me!

A sway of the grass skirt to **Pat King** for the fun had at the Luau. Pat did a great job of getting 70+ people to attend without an ad in the Sitz. The Westside Tennis Club pool could easily handle twice as many. I hope we try it again.

**John Burk** reports that all on the Guadalupe River trip had a great time. I understand the lightning kept some people awake Saturday night, a little soggy too. The same storm threatened the Brazos Bend bike ride Sunday, however the rain let up and the bike riders prevailed. **Stan Broniak**, activity coordinator, reported that in true SCSC fashion even more showed up to EAT.

Attention Golfers! The Golf Tournament has been rescheduled to June. See the ad in the Sitz, the coordinator is **Stu Traver** 350-4839 call him immediately because you don't have much time. Each year everyone raves about the fun they have.

If you have not signed up for the 30th Anniversary Party, Saturday, November 5, I assume you haven't seen **Peggy Montgomery** or others on the staff lately. U'all are doing a great job. Be sure and sign up early, they have a great time planned and the space is limited.

I hope to see you again at the Happy Hours and at the TSC Summer Meltdown in Corpus Christi.

I enjoyed the chat. You bring the marshmallows next month.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED  
YOUR MEMBERSHIP...  
THIS WILL BE YOUR  
LAST ISSUE!!!!!!**

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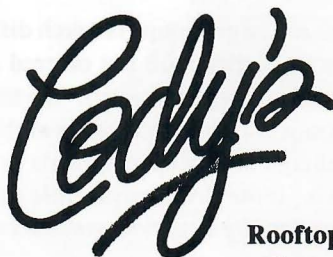
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**NO  
General  
Meeting**

**There will be no  
General Meeting in  
June, July or August.  
We'll see you at the  
Happy Hours until  
September 12.**



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## COMING EVENTS

### JUNE

- 4 THE HUNT FOR REDFISH SAIL
- 11-18 BONAIRE DIVE TRIP
- 12 GOLF TOURNAMENT
- 16 HAPPY HOUR-CODY'S
- 24-26 TSC SUMMER MELTDOWN MUSTANG ISLAND

### JULY

- 21 HAPPY HOUR

### AUGUST

- 18 HAPPY HOUR

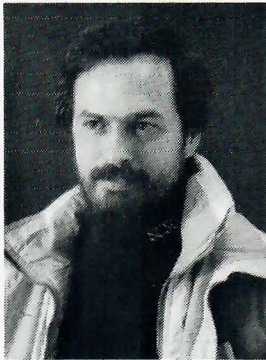
## AUDIT CHAIR NEEDED!

The Board is looking for someone to serve as audit chair for 1994-95. If interested, call **Tom Hogle** at 621-5348 (H) or 665-2755 (O).

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## From the Ski Desk...

by Jim Edwards, VP-Trips



First of all, thanks to all of you who have volunteered for Trip Coordinator and Assistant Trip Coordinator *and* to those of you who helped me in my "search & deploy" mission (*you know who you are*).

Second of all, the destinations for the Texas Ski Council trips for the coming year have been discussed, cussed, fussed over, and finally voted on by the various clubs in the TSC and the choices for the 1994-95 season are:

- **Fall Roundup (11/22-11/27)** Keystone, CO
- **Traditional (01/07-01/14)** Vail, CO
- **Winter Shootout (02/04-02/11)** Whistler, BC
- **Final Showdown (03/18-03/25)** Mt. Bachelor, OR
- **Texas Expedition (01/20-01/28)** Interlaken, Swi.

That's a really great roundup of trips, with many of them indicated as members' favorites on the latest skier survey. As a teaser, I'll tell you that some other favorites (*such as Aspen and Steamboat*) are also on the schedule, plus a few places we haven't been in a while, just for variety. The entire schedule will be published in next month's *Sitzmarke* (*if you haven't renewed your membership, do it now!!*).

The Trips Team (VP, DOTs, TCs & ATCs) has already begun to work hard to try and arrange the best travel and lodging arrangements possible for our groups. We have listened to the suggestions offered by members on this past year's trips and are doing our best to make flight times, buses, & lodging convenient while keeping an eye on trip cost.

Please understand that making arrangements for large groups is much different than for individuals. In particular, group fares on airlines are not offered on all flights, or the number of flights into or out of a destination are limited. We take the best we can get, after negotiating with all the airlines and/or travel agents at the time we book our trips. Also, we'll try to take advantage of any special deals or "fare wars" that erupt later in the season, *if we can (i.e., if the deal is available to large groups and we are not already into a cancellation penalty situation with the current arrangements)*.

As the year goes on, if you have questions or suggestions regarding our trips, please let me know. See me at meetings, call me @ 955-6675, or send a note to me at PO Box 843501-122, Houston, 77284-3501. Until next month, I hope to see many of you at the Summer Meltdown in Port Aransas and hope you have a great June.



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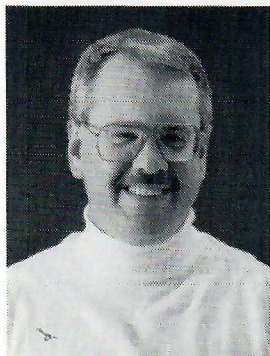


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## Editor's Page



One down and eleven to go! That's the attitude your editor could be taking. However, I see it as one accomplished and eleven to be improved upon. Are you

taking a similar attitude in what you promised to do for the club this year?

The success or lack of it in the Space City Ski Club this year will depend on the attitudes (*and efforts*) of a lot of ordinary ski bums who put their bibs on one leg at a time. That includes those of you who make co-ordinated assaults on getting into stretch ski pants. Whether we have a year of gold, silver, bronze or a giant sitzmarke in the snow covered slopes of life depends not on great socioeconomic, geo-political or other hyphenated trends, but the attitudes (*and efforts*) of alpine buffs like you.

Yes, our greatest assets are tucked in under ski hats. No, I don't mean that extra pair of glasses you don't want to get crushed in your suitcase. Sorry to disappoint those of mountainous ego who think their greatest assets are covered by their thermal underwear. Yes, we can have a winning year if all of us have a winning attitude! Remember what President Ed says--"Yes, I Cain."

### ■ EXTRA PROTECTION

Don't you think you should put a little extra protection in your wallet or purse before going on an SCSC trip this year? Membership V.P. Mel Tawney says you never can tell what fate is in store for you. That's why he is advising every SCSCer to have his or her 1994-95 membership card safely placed in that wallet or purse. While there is no such thing as absolutely safe membership, a SCSC membership card provides excellent protection against venerable dissociation.

Current members can renew for as little as a double sawbuck (\$20). That's only \$1.67 per editorial. So, as they say in the Prague gay community--Get those Czechs in the male!

### ■ GUARANTEED SNOWFALL

V.P. of Trips, Jim Edwards, has taken steps to see that SCSC will see more flakes fall this year than in many years. He has scheduled a trip to California! Since this is an election year, we may see a real blizzard. Let's get some air, dudes.

*Travel Tip:* Texans traveling to the Land of Fruits and Nuts should keep in mind that reference is to her agricultural output.

### ■ JOURNALISTIC GRATITUDE

In addition to our regular stalwart helpers--Jim Edwards, Nolan Badeaux, Terry McGuinness and Peggy Montgomery--our staff has been strengthened by the addition of Edna Ashby and Christine Lloyd. We look forward to working with them and others who wish to join our staff.

### ■ AUDIT CHAIR NEEDED

Chairman of the Board Tom Hogle is actively looking for an audit chair--preferably red cherry. Seriously now, we're talking about someone to audit the books to see if anything is irregular--other than the chairman. Anyone who is interested, or has a good supply of laxatives, should contact Chairman Tom at Pets America, 665-2755, or his home, 621-5348.

By the way fellow snowplowers, the Pets Tom handles are the cute, adorable, furry little critters eager to please you rather than the kind found in Penthouse magazine.

### ■ NEW FEATURE

Look for a new feature in this and all subsequent editions of Penthouse, I mean the *Sitzmarke*. What used to be Mel's Volunteers is now Terry's Tidbits. Terry McGuinness has not only taken over this popular column, but amplified and expanded it. We're sure you will enjoy reading it as much as we enjoy bringing it to you.

Editorially speaking, it proves Art Linkletter's old maxim--People Are Funny!

### ■ DEDICATION

This month's edition of the Sitz is dedicated to my great-great aunt and

by Craig Campbell, VP-Publications

literary giant, Harriett Beecher Campbell.

She just missed being the greatest female writer of the 19th century by about 30 feet. Her anti-bellum classic about animal rights abuses in the South, "Uncle Tom's Barn", was way ahead of its time. The B.S. the other animals had to take off of the oxen was deplorable. Hens laying for chickenfeed gave exploitation a bad name. She hounded the plantation owners by exposing the whole fowl pigs' sty.

Who knows how far Harriett's career might have gone if women had studied architecture in those days. Perhaps I can carry on her tradition by describing the animal behavior in certain ski condos this year.

## EDITORIAL

### SCSC AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Have you noticed some SCSC outings treat our environment as something we have more than one of? Are recycling and other energy and environmental factors considered in trip planning? Are the environmental records of the companies we buy from and have as sponsors closely scrutinized?

There are proposals to expand existing ski resorts and build new ones in allegedly environmentally sensitive areas. Should this be a factor in trip selection?

What about ski resorts and/or events owned or sponsored by companies with deplorable environmental or public health records?

On a personal level, how many of you set condo thermostats like you're a major shareholder in the gas company?

How many use electricity and gasoline like Desert Storm was a crusade to restore democracy in Kuwait? Will the next such crusade be more like Vietnam or World War II than Desert Storm?

I have strong opinions regarding some of these Questions and am still undecided in others. What are yours? Let's hear from you.

Nobody should go through life checking his conscience at the chairlift!

# Paradise in Purgatory was Perfect!!!

by Ann Clinton

Forty two Space City skiers headed for the gorgeous snow-covered San Juan Mountains of Purgatory in the middle of a warm, muggy spring day in Houston proving that spring skiing is indeed a great escape! Upon our arrival in Denver, Continental Airlines, unlike the Boy Scouts, were not prepared for our arrival with the earlier promised courtesy suite for our layover, however, the quick thinking negotiating team of Huey, Dewey and Luey, or was that Huey, Clinton & Dalehite? -- landed free dinner for all!! Hey, airport food tastes pretty good when it's free!

As our group boarded buses for our short trip into Purgatory, specially created bandanas displaying a sombreroed skier holding his margarita high were distributed to all to identify all our SCSC buddies. Veteran mischief-maker **Jean Graves** led our pack off the bus and into City Market for a quick grocery stop wearing their bandanas in every imaginable way. Our babushka-bonneted babes really made heads turn as they strolled the aisles looking like a wild and crazy Easter bonnet parade!!! **Dean and Kay Michaels** favored the classic turban look while **Nils Fyske** sported the always popular "Little Red Riding" look, tied sweetly under the chin. Durango won't soon forget us!!!

Our first day in Purgatory was indeed a day in Paradise with the slopes bathed in sunshine and covered with lots of fresh powder. **Ladye Freitag**, **Elaine Austin**, **Ernie Hill**, **John Baron**, **Judy Kirby** and **Austin McCracken** headed off for professional help (ski school - that is) to work on their skills while hard-core skiers **Nils Fyske**, **Kevin King**, **Bob Knappe**, **Herb Kirby**, **DeDee Dowlin**, and **Jenny Stevens** found deep powder skiing was great. Rumor has it that Jenny goes down easy -- does that mean fresh powder can be tricky or what???

End of the first day found some of our group shopping end-of-year sales at the bottom of the slopes. It wasn't hard to imagine why **Cherokee Dalehite** was able to find a ski hat with red braids hanging down on each side - and ohhhh he looked so cute with braids flying as he flew down those slopes!!

The ending to our first perfect day came with a Margaritaville Party - ummmm, margaritas mixed the old-fashioned way - gallons at a time. TC and hostess patrol, **Barbara Huey** watched over the margarita bucket while stories flew a mile a minute. **Trina Hamby** and **Angie Dalehite** meanwhile followed up with popcorn clean-up duties - messy, messy, messy!

## SCSC 30TH ANNIVERSARY BASH! 1994 FALL

The Anniversary Committee would like to use various door prizes contributed by members for this event and a couple of committee members have already started the contributions by donating a "MOONLIGHT SAILING CRUISE" and a "COMPLIMENTARY MAKE OVER". Please join us and let COMMITTEE PERSON **DENISE LOOS (#896-4265)** know what service or gift item you would be willing to contribute to your fellow SCSCers!!!

Saturday brought more fantastic sunny weather and beautifully groomed slopes and NASTAR races led by **Terry McGuinness**. Gold metals were awarded to **Nils Fyske**, **Larry Christie**, and **Kevin King**. **Ray Davis**, and **Jeff Walne** landed silver metals. Bronze metals were awarded to **Ward Jones**, **Ray Davis**, **Herb Kirby**, **Barbara Ehrlich** and **Angie Dalehite** and **Dean Michaels** and 1st time ever racer **Pam Smith**. Congratulations ya'll!!! **Shadow trippers**, **Don Crabtree**, **Charlotte Lynn**, **Carolyn Burris**, **Susan Wakefield** and **Tom Austin** joined us on the slopes to add to our fun.

Super shoppers **Petra Luchesa**, **Jean Graves** and **Jim and Rita Arket** headed into Durango early Saturday night to find all the best bargains and were followed later by our whole crew. Boot-scooting scout and TC **Barbara Huey** found the Marlboro Man had "rhythmn" and sure was cute - whew whee!! while stompers **Rod Hope** and **Barbara Ehrlich** kicked up their heels.

Special recognition awards were handed out amid lots of giggles on our final evening in Paradise but not before **John Wenck**, **Dan Conery**, **Bobbie Sellers**, and **Freida Plemmons** worked frantically to complete our bingo mixer. **Deborah Purdin** got the "pole" award after getting poled on the slopes - talk to her about the details, -- we have pictures, but it's an ugly story! **John Schneider** ended up with the "Whoa Dammit" award as our trusty trail scout and veteran of the Purgatory slopes. **June Levy** took her "Snail" award in stride honoring her time on the NASTAR course while **Nils Fyske** cherished his "Faster than a Speeding Bullet" award. **Ken Shapley** and **Barbara Ehrlich** shared the "Glow-in-the-Dark Band-Aids" award as those most in need or likely to be in need of patching up. **Ladye Freitag** won the "Watch Her Go" award for being our best never-ever skier while **Ernie Hill** arrived in the nick of time to receive his prize Compass, a needed item after trying to check in at the International gate at the airport in Houston (yes, **Ernie**, **Colorado is in the U.S.**)! "Miss Congeniality", **Deedee Dowlin**, sported miniature sunglasses as she was honored for having such a great smile and a contagious giggle although **Bobbie Sellers** sure smiled a lot on this trip too! **Roger McKillip** landed the award for being our most "Senior Tripper" while **Anne Nettles** took the "Injured In Action" award. **Cherokee Dalehite** accepted the coveted "Milk Duds" award for biggest crash on the NASTAR course as he tangled with one of the gates but rose on the proper side of the gate and finished the race! **Terry McGuinness** took home a Continental Airlines tote bag for his efforts in leading NASTAR for us -- thank goodness for willing volunteers!!! After the awards ceremonies, the party moved to our own private hot tub with synchronized??? foot ballets provided by party animals **Larry Christie**, **Deborah Purdin**, **Nils Fyske**, **DeeDee Dowlin**, **Kevin King**, **Bob Knappe**, **Karin Torvbraten**, **Jeff Walne** and **Jenny Stevens**. Enterprising **Don Crabtree** wheeled and dealt with the resort maintenance crews to bring over their own personal beer supply for the late night party on Sunday --allright Don!

**Kevin King** and **Larry Christie** shared last-day-laughes and wipeouts as they flew down "Dead Spike" becoming airborne only to find their landing strip was all moguls!

Meanwhile our lazy ladies, **Deborah Purdin, Pam Smith, Jean Graves, Ladye Freitag, Petra Luchesa, Elaine Austin and Jenny Stevens**, took a break from skiing on Monday and savored lunch immensely with **Woody**, their server. You'll have to ask them why he was under their table grinning from ear to ear!! Determined to succeed, **John Baron** headed to the slopes and finally discovered the joys of skiing which wife **Carol Cain** had been trying to explain for years. Hurrah! - another happy ski couple in SCSC! Speaking of happy couples, does it sound wierd to you that **Cherokee Dalehite** and new bride **Angie Westergren Dalehite** honeymooned in Purgatory????!!

Well, we may have had "Paradise" in Purgatory but no doubt some thought our return home was hellacious as weather delays landed us home in time only to shower, shave and head off to work -- long night!!! As we sat (or dozed) in Stapleton, cool-as-a-cucumber card players **Rita Arket, Trina Hamby, DeeDee Dowlin, Nils Fyske** and some other guy passed the time playing cards while **Larry Christie** led a prayer circle in hopes that our plane would arrive soon! Be sure to ask Larry and Deborah Purdin how they made out on the return flight (no, we're not talking about the Mile High Club, -- but money was involved)!!!

TC **Barb Huey** and ATC **Ann Clinton** swear that SCSC saved the BEST trip for the last one of the year - and are sure sorry some of you all missed such a grand time with such a great group of folks -- but of course there is always next year!!!

**Bob Knupp** brought along his camcorder and has a great video for all to view. Some people didn't even know that they were being photographed. You might want to ask **Ann Clinton** what the subject of conversation was while she and Bob were going up the lift. I know for a fact that it was about certain body parts being injured while skiing. Ouch!



## V. P. Programs

by Nancy Sarff



### **HOW 'BOUT T H A T FOLLIES!!!!**

Everybody's talking about it!! **Lorna Jones, Fred Arbuckle and Gary Butler** many thanks go to you and your creative

genius...what a G-R-E-A-T job you and your many helpers did to make it a truly memorable time! *(There were times when we were unsure WHO was enjoying it more...the cast or the audience!)*

Thanks also go to the following Activity Coordinators for completing

successfully run activities and creating more friendships and memorable "Kodak" moments: Road Rally, Eric Prentis; WOK Cooking Class, Jim McIntyre; Luau, Pat King & Bill Horly; Guadalupe Raft Trip, John Burk; and the Brazos Bend Bike Ride Stan Broniak.

Upcoming events for June are: the Annual Hunt For Redfish Sail with Ron Brandow; Bonaire Dive Trip, Sy Liebergot; the postponed Golf Tournament now June 12 at Woodlands North Course, Stu Traver; and the TSC Summer Meltdown, Jeri Hartman.

The "Long Hot Summer" of July and August and September have the following events planned: Summer Bowling, Vickie McLaughlin; Imax

Theater Dinner — John Weber will take us on a Safari to Africa; Ice Skating Party, Joe Giammarco; Boliver Beach Blast, Susan Wicker; and Bill Kirk is planning a Volleyball Tournament.

The VP of Programs is always looking for V-o-l-u-n-t-e-e-r-s to coordinate activities. Following are just a few activities looking for coordinators: BGNO (*Bad Girls Night Out*), BBNO (*Bad Boys Night Out*), Horseback Ride / Dinner, Halloween Party, Sam Houston Race Track (*fast horses, don't you know*) and/or Greyhound Race Track (*fast dogs, that is*), Messina Hof Winery Tour, and a cruise on the Texas Star. If you do not approach me, I WILL approach you!

...

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## Thank You

The following members were volunteers for our April meeting and happy hour. Thanks a million!!!

### Ambassadors

Ivan Butterfield

Jimmy St. Clair

Dennis Stockton

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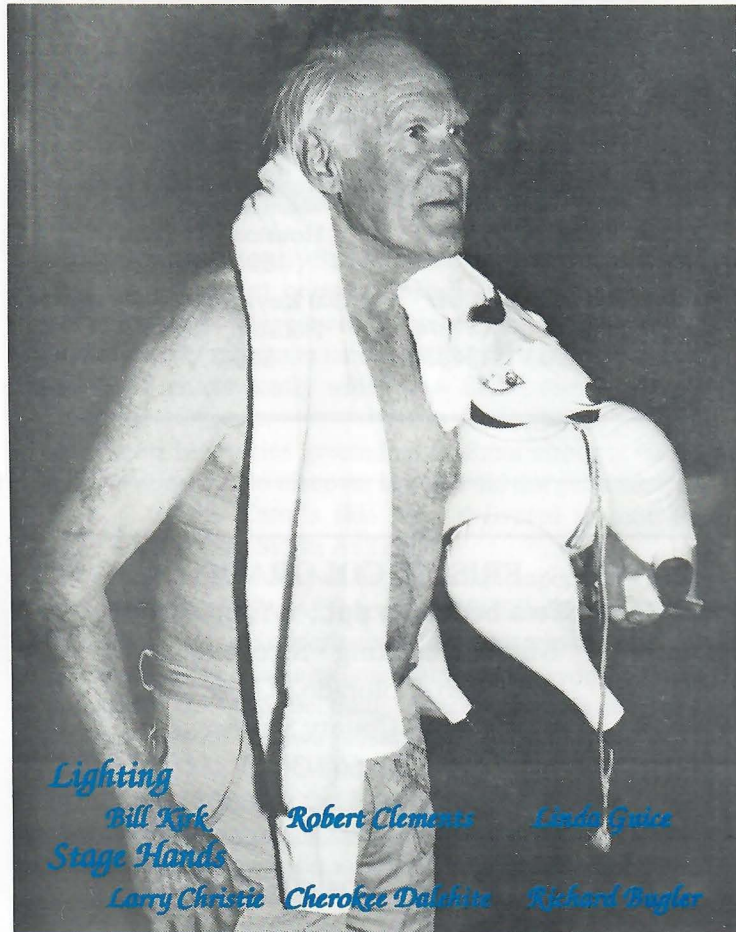
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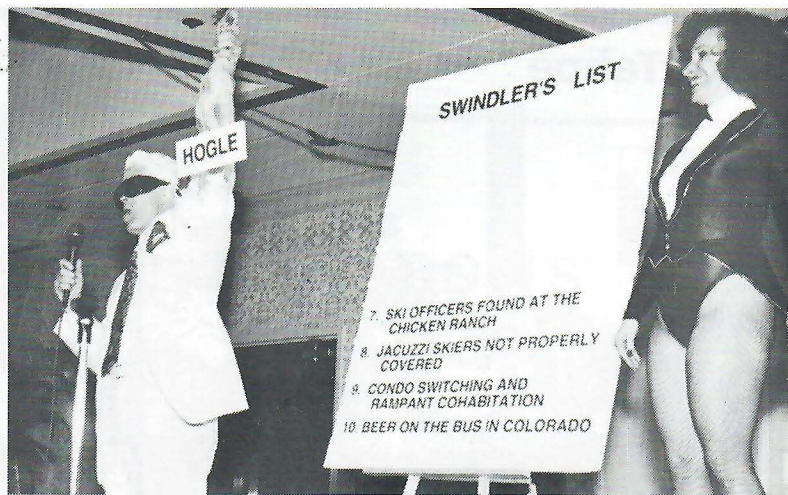
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# Lake Tahoe

by TC Karen Putney & ATC Susan Wicker



Bets were placed early Sunday morning as to who would be the last person to board, or worse, miss the plane. Even money easily picked **Ken Moredock** as the late arrival, and true to form, Ken barely arrived in time to board. Then a short stop at Dallas DFW conveniently added new SCSC member **Gaile Locklear** to the group.

Beautiful blue skies greeted us at Reno airport. **Carol Weise** was surprised to discover her skis did not get loaded on the bus. Luckily, Carol's skis were delivered in time for Monday's bus trip to Sierra At Tahoe.

Monday brought sunny skies, and mild temperatures as 21 skiers departed for Sierra At Tahoe. New SCSC member **Glenn Goode**, whose only ski experience prior to this trip was one day on skis and one day on a snowboard, amazed everyone with his snowboard style. **Joe Selle**, taking advantage of the mountain tour, ended up with his own personal tour guide.

First time skier **Shar Whorton** took lessons at Heavenly Valley. **Carolyn Burris** and **Bobbie Proctor** hit the slopes, literally. Hot doggers planted **Bobbie Proctor** face down in the snow, but didn't get away because they were trapped under her. Unfortunately, this was the first of several mishaps involving those crazy California skiers.

After the first ski day, the hot tub was quickly taken over by SCSC'ers **Jimmy Licari**, **Chris Sheehan**, **Bill Cochran**, **Gaile Locklear**, **Doug Nordhaus**, **Valerie Vaughn**, **Karen Putney**, **Glenn Darrah** and **Glenn Goode**. Iced, cold beer was liberally dispensed. Self appointed "Conversation Police" **Glenn Goode** began monitoring all conversations to ensure they did not overheat beyond hot tub temperature. Was **Valerie Vaughn** bordering on hot tub arrest?

Tuesday brought another sunny, mild ski day at Heavenly Valley. Lunch at the Top-of-the-Tram was highlighted by **Nolan Badeaux** pointing out the five distinctions between a coonass and a red neck. Apres ski Wicked Winter Ales and Goldschlager at the California Base made the shuttle bus rides interesting. Care to explain, **Chris Sheehan**? The hot tub

heated up really fast with SCSC once again commandeering the hot tub. Ask **Danny Cutchshaw** how much wine he used to cool down **Susan Wicker** and **Valerie Vaughn**.

**Don and Pati Eckhardt** opted for a non-ski day as they rented a car and visited old friends and took in familiar sights. Don and Pati lived in Lake Tahoe a few years ago while Don was writing a novel.

Wednesday morning started early as 26 skiers boarded the Tahoe Queen paddleboat for a trip to Squaw Valley. **Danny Cutchshaw** had planned to join the group and had even rented skis the night before, but missed the boat. It seems he hurt his back the night before when he leaned over to get a beer out of the refrigerator. Danny returned his skis that afternoon and resumed his casino

activities. **Deborah Cutchshaw**, Danny's sister, jumped ship as well. Deborah, quickly establishing herself as a serious, late night gambler, could be found at a hot blackjack table, giving sage advice to anyone "doubling down" to "don't look" at the card. Rumor has it that **Debbie Cutchshaw** packed a ski outfit, but she was never sighted on the slopes.

The paddleboat trip to Squaw Valley provided spectacular scenery. After a great buffet breakfast, most took in the view from the top deck. **Keith Eastin**, a past SCSC member currently living in Lake Tahoe, met us on the slopes. Keith says it's tough working in the mornings, then spending the afternoons either skiing or playing tennis and he may have to trade it all in and move back to Houston.

All to quickly it was time to catch the shuttle back to the Tahoe Queen for the return trip. While waiting to board the

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Tahoe Queen, **Bobbie Proctor** demonstrated a perfect snow angel, then started a rousing snowball fight with **Shar Wharton** and **Carolyn Burris**. Once aboard, the return Tahoe Queen trip was everything we were warned about, and more. **Jimmy Licari** and **Chris Sheehan** did the "fried egg" in the aisles, **Lynne Hester** demo'd silly sixties dance moves, **Glenn Darrah** led the conga line through the crowd, and **Susan Wicker** table danced. Ken, what were you doing with Susan's shoe? New SCSC members **Gaile Locklear**, **Chris Sheehan**, and **Betty Norris** were initiated into the club, giving a whole new meaning to the term "kissing ass". We competed with the Old Farts On Skis (OFOS) Club for most disreputable performance, and won!



Photographers **Bill Cochran** and **Chris Sheehan** caught these "Kodak moments" on film as they developed. In fact, Chris' camcorder seemed to be rolling all the time. He was even seen holding his camera on his shoulder while skiing down the slopes.

Thursday brought the prospect of new snow. **Betty Norris** signed up for more lessons, but probably wished she hadn't. While following her ski instructor, she was run over by a thoughtless skier, injuring her knee, and requiring hospital x-rays. By evening, Betty was ready to party, complete with a full leg brace. Betty was quickly nicknamed the "energizer bunny" as she was always ready to party and nothing seemed to slow her down.

**Lynne** and **Walter Hester** claim **Valerie Vaughn** has the "magic eye" when it comes to 3-D pictures but is blind as a bat when it comes to finding her skis. It seems Valerie mistakenly took **Walter Hester's** skis. Valerie claims that **Walter** should not have put his skis in her slot on the bus!

Thursday evening about 20 "patrons of the arts" were entertained by **Harrah's** glitzy Hollywood review, then later regrouped for dinner. **Robbie Adams** was looking gorgeous in yet another smashing outfit. Robbie, how many suitcases did you pack? Non skier **Paula Selle**, relaxed all week by reading and working out in the hotel's health facilities.

Thanks to **Bobbie Proctor's** advice on which nickel slot to play, **Ann McIntyre** played \$4.00 worth of nickels until the "JP" light started blinking. Thinking the slot machine had broken, she asked the attendant what JP meant and was informed she had won the jackpot! **Ann** quickly converted her winnings into a stunning ski outfit complete with fur trim.

On Friday, the small, but enthusiastic group of **Doug Nordhaus**, the two Glenns, **Bob Porter**, **Jimmy Licari**, **Lynne Hester** and **Kevin Bishop** bused to Kirkwood for another great ski day. On the bus ride **Lynne** was recognized by another skier as being one of those "Spaced" City partiers on the Tahoe Queen. **Walter Hester** stayed at Heavenly and took a snowboard lesson, thoroughly enjoying the experience. Is snow boarding the next wave of the future?

At Heavenly Valley, **Nolan Badeaux** served as trail guide

through the Nevada fog as the group skied behind him. By the end of the week **Kevin Bishop** and **Susan Wicker** skied black runs and it was only their second ski trip; and, **Glenn Goode** was snow boarding on black runs after only six days ever on a snowboard!

**Gaile Locklear**, taking a day off from skiing, put her great organization skills to work by making dinner and "Twist and Shout" show reservations for the group. From the TC/ATC, thanks!!

Lifts on the California side of Heavenly were closed Saturday morning due to strong winds. Those electing to ski braved the crowds and wind and headed for the Nevada side. **Doug Nordhaus** changed his ski plans after seeing the Nevada lift lines and returned to join the roving band of last minute shoppers. That evening, a large contingent met for dinner at The Greenhouse, followed by dancing at Nero's 2000, where **Bob Porter**, **Jimmy Licari**, and **Chris Sheehan** were busy dancing with all the ladies.

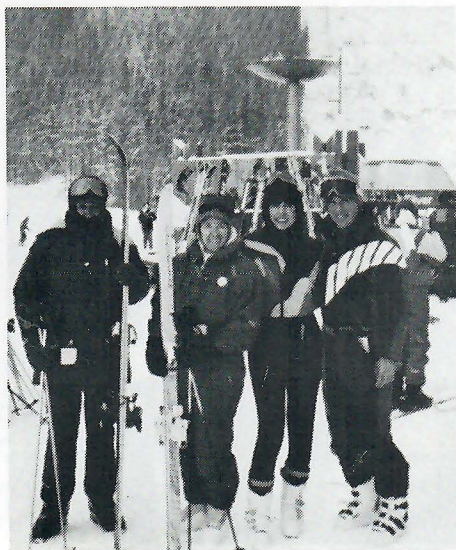
**Lynne Hester** and **Bill Cochran** finally got their chance at the Blackjack table. Their consultants, **Walter Hester**, **Karen Putney**, **Doug Nordhaus**, and **Debbie Cutchshaw**, provided excellent advice on how to play each hand. The group decided to forego "doubling down" as this consistently resulted in mucho loss of chips!! Beginners luck held out though, as both walked away with winnings!

**Ingrid Forrest**, another new SCSC member, booked her own reservations so that she could stay an extra week. **Ingrid** skied and partied with the group until we had to leave. Apparently we left in time, because the strong winds kept the Heavenly Valley lifts closed for a few days longer.

While waiting for the bus to arrive, **Bill Cochran** won \$100 and **Gail Locklear** won \$125 on the quarter slots. **Shar Whorton** was lucky all week playing Craps and slots. **Shar** arrived in Reno ahead of the group and promptly won more \$\$\$ at the Reno Hilton before catching up with the group at the airport. There were some big "winners" returning with extra cash in their pockets, but for my money we were all "winners". Thanks to everyone for making this a great trip to remember!

# Banff The Beautiful, Banff The Bountiful

by George Flournoy



"There's gold in them thar hills" was the rallying cry as 33 SCSC racers brought home the 1st place trophy and 26 NASTAR medals from the TSC Winter Shoot-out held in Banff, Canada. Led by TC Cheryl "Tellmemoe" Houge, ATC George Flournoy, and Race Directors Mark and Dee Russek, 1376 net points were earned above closest rival Los Amigos. A total of 8 gold, 14 silver and, 4 bronze medals ...an amazing success rate of 78.8% ..... a SCSC club record!!!!

**Gold medal winners** were Lotty and Karl Gautschi, Cheryl Houge, Rodney Hope, Dave Whitehead, Mike Rothermund, Harry Gaston and John Brescian. **Silver medals** went to Barbara Ehrlick, Greg Lester, Robert Todd, aka Todd, Tom Holder, Wayne Stiner, Larry Kevan, aka cowboy, Gunnar Heyne, Robbin Anderson, Mark Russek, Jim Edwards, Klaus Praschker, George Flournoy, Keith Kirkman, and Mark Vela. **Bronze winners** were Sandi Preston, Mark and Pam Taylor and Jerry Atkins. Participant medals were won by Dee Russek, Denise Loos, Pam Lester, Kay Steiner, and first time SCSC trip participant Beverly Oberlin. Congrats to first time racer Dan Connery who won a Black Participant medal.

"Racing Intelligence Awards" go to Judy Stringer, Ann Abernathy, Lis Kinne, and Pat Mc Laughlin for not exposing their bodies to the minus 26 degree weather on race day. Lee

Swords, a potential Gold medal winner, had to cancel due to injuries sustained by performing somersaults while skiing.

The trip began as Linda Licarione and Shirley Lang greeted the group with Mimosas at the 6:30 a.m. flight check in. They had just left the Big Mountain post trip party along with 5 of the Banff trip participants!!!! Helen (Magellin) Shilling and Gary Pfeffer arrived early to insure that *NO ONE THEY KNEW* missed the flight. Special kudos to Eugene Soo for all of the check-in help. SCSC Denver member John Brescian joined us in route, while the Potters, Alex and Louise drove, meeting the group and daughter Sharman in Banff. However, first place for the longest distance traveled goes to Dave Whitehead, who departed from London.

TRIP TIDBITS..... On Monday we went to Sunshine Mountain where Gunnar Heyne distinguished himself by falling off the first lift. Gunnar also managed to collide with wife Renate. Exceptional feat when you consider they were the **only two** on the slope. That evening at the Banff Springs, nature's natural hot tub, steam combined with cold air turned everyone's hair a frosty gray, except for Harry Gaston and Klaus Pratschker....(Harry and Klaus are bald) NOT!!!

NEW TRICKS FOR DR. RUTH....Sue Edwards, *claimed she missed the seat*, and had to ride the handle part of the chair lift at Nakiska.

Sure Sue. Barbara Ehrlick enjoyed her first poma lift so much she "forgot" to let go of the poma, going completely around the release area. Meanwhile Dee Russek, Race Director Extraordinaire, taught racing technique *sans skis* by demonstrating a body slide at Lake Louise. The rerun, *with skis*, was only 10 seconds faster!!! Jim Edwards the new VP of Trips and *trick skier*, ejected from his skies at the top of Paradise Bowl, in order to demonstrate to a large gathering how to climb up steep mountain slopes.

MAS DIRT.... It is rumored that Kay Steiner is distressed regarding husband Wayne wearing very feminine earrings at the TSC party. Why the concern? Did Wayne take the earrings with him on the six week trip to the Russian oil field camp? While tree skiing, Jerry Adkins tangled with a tree and sustained injury to his nose. But he got revenge. How? He taught the tree a lesson by bleeding all over its limbs. After heli-skiing Terry Hesse refused the traditional snow cone claiming she had eaten enough snow for one day. By the way, who was that handsome devil seen in Barbara Johnson's company?? Tom Holder announced his recent engagement at the end of the trip...smart planning TOM!!!!

NEWS FLASH....Anne (Party Puppy) Flournoy, aka Jackpot Anne, was seen on the ski slopes, however this is an unconfirmed sighting. Most improved skier goes to Pam Lester,





second time skier, seen negotiating serious moguls. Next challenge for husband Greg....teaching elementary map reading. **Mark Vela** and **Sandi Preston** were forced to relocate hotel rooms. Race morning they discovered that they had left the race bibs under

the bed in the old room. Mark pantomimed their needs, to a Japanese couple occupying the room, thus opening a new era in Sino-American relations.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Mark Taylor** and **Pam Dugas Taylor** who

were honey-mooners on this trip. Additional kudos to **Denise Loos**, dart champion and to **Todd**, 2nd runner up, who won the opportunity to pay for the taxi home. Also to **Larry (Cowboy) Kevin** who almost won the calf roping with that macho, cowboy-like (ha,ha,) underhanded throw. Fastest Individual Ski Council Male Skier goes our own **Rodney Hope**, while **Lotty Gautschi** won gold in the ladies senior division. Husband **Karl** claims his accent is pure **EAST TEXAS**. Go figure. SCSCs own, **Kim Page**, the TSC Representative, orchestrated the trip for all of the clubs and awards party. Our special thanks to Ms Page for a great job!!!!

**BOTTOM LINE.....It was a great trip!!!!**

## Wok Cooking Class

On Tuesday evening, May 3rd, 19 of us showed up at the Rice Epicurean Market Cooking School for a WOK cooking class taught by the renowned Chinese Cooking Instructor, **Dorothy Haung**. **Maggie Paull**, **Tom Campbell** and **Sandy Washauer** were the first to show up and their enthusiasm even got me excited about the class! We started the class a little late because **Linda Gulce** and **Dee Barales** went to the w-r-o-n-g Rice Market!!

**Dorothy Huang** started by explaining how to season and prepare your wok before using it. She then explained the menu and had us all wash our hands for some hands-on cooking. Dorothy demonstrated how to make Chinese dumplings (*Pot Stickers*) and had us begin making them. **Maggie**, **Marty Toomer**, **Sandy**, **Tom**, **Jerry Montgomery**, **Ray Naudain** and I quickly proclaimed ourselves experts and promptly sat down! Soon to follow as proclaimed experts were, **Nelda Thomas**, **Jean Graves** and **Maxine Kellogg**. As there were more dumplings to make, **Layna Adams**, **Darlene Hirasaki** and **Gloria Rooney** among others, were delighted to finish up. After the dumplings were made, Dorothy began cooking the with the aid of **Maggie** and **Tom** as assistant chefs.

*By Jim McIntyre*

The next course was **Beef Fried Rice** and **Tom** again, volunteered to assist in the cooking. This was followed by **Kung Pao Chicken** and **Jeri Hartman** was selected to be Dorothy's assistant. The final course was then started. Dorothy explained the **Stir-fried Vegetables** were cooked last because they needed to be served immediately after cooking, but the other courses could be kept war or warmed up if necessary. **Linda** served as assistant chef for the **Stir-fried Vegetables**.

We then sat down and enjoyed a delicious and ably prepared Chinese dinner, complete with a white wine. After dinner, Dorothy autographed books for all who bought her cook book. The class was so popular, it filled up the first night it was offered. During the next two months prior to the class, there were only two cancellations which **Billie Nowak** and **Ted Widmer** were more than delighted to fill!



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# Jackson Hole TSC Final Showdown

by Merrel Smith



Our trip really got started Sunday morning at 7 a.m. TC Merrel Smith and ATC Maggie Paull hosted a breakfast with the help of condo-mates Karen Geiger, Calvin Doody, Tommy and Vicky McLaughlin and Sharon Smith. Most everyone came by for some good eats and to get their lift tickets. The warm weather made the day skiing very comfortable.

Monday morning at 6 a.m., 33 sleepy SCSCers arose to be shuttled into town for breakfast and snowmobiling. With guides Ron and Bob our 19 snowmobiles were split into two groups and headed into Yellowstone. Other than Cathy Storey needing braking instructions and a broken belt on Sandy Lloyd and Barbara Lyons machine there were no problems and we all got back together for lunch. Gay Fly said that eating a hot lunch on the back of a snowmobile with silverware and linens was really unique. After lunch we all gathered to watch Old Faithful. Then our guides took us on an excursion around the Geyser Basin. Civile Brown was overheard telling Denna Barousse that she didn't think snowmobiling involved so much walking. The smart ones Larry Fly and

Marianne Pearce turned back early and met us at the snowmobiles.

Our trip out of the park was highlighted with a stop at a Lake Lewis where David Widerman abandoned co-rider Elise Shepard for Christine, the anatomically correct snowwoman, only to be rejected. Randy (Kamikaze) Fly perfected his long-range snowball toss on unsuspecting victims. After this stop, Ron's group lay in wait as the rest of us rode unsuspectingly into a snowball ambush, Pam Holder, surely out of concern, videotaped the whole spectacle for future evidence. I bet Laurie Linden was glad husband Jeff insisted on driving to help deflect some of the barrage.

Tuesday brought another early bus ride, this trip to Grand Targhee, where Walt Schroeder decided to test his knee and skied for the first time since his injury, ask him - I know nothing. Diane and John Wilhite decided not to make this sidetrip but Diane's skis did. Thanks to a sleepy mistake by Marianne, while on top of the mountain Sonja Davis and Mary Linden enticed Merrel out of bonds on the pretence of getting a picture of Tetons.

Wednesday was NASTAR race day

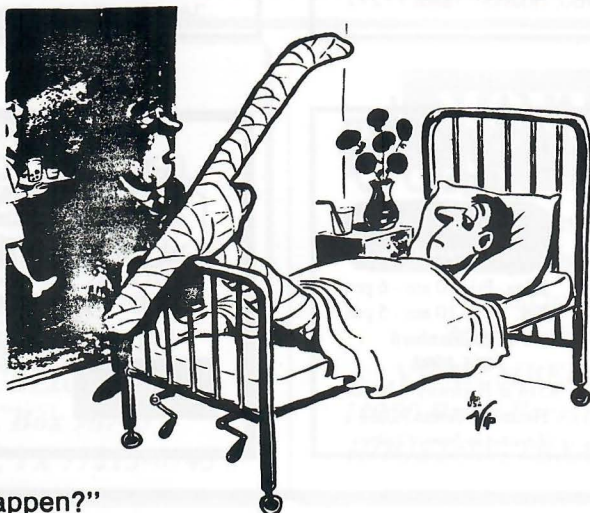
with a silver medal going to Tom Mercer, the fastest in our club followed by Bronze medalists Calvin Doody, Gary (Demolition Skier) Fly, Bruce Lowther and Marty (I didn't see that pole) Matras. Alana Glass was our fastest female racer, but then she and husband Sherman left that afternoon to return to Houston. Joe Daleo came back home at the same time, but for more romantic reasons. Romance must have been in the air, just ask Larry Edelblum. After the races we enjoyed a bar-b-que at the Casper Restaurant, everyone except for Stan Broniak that is. The third time

might have been the charm Stan.

Thursday was St. Patrick's day and green beer was a plenty. Before the Space City party Barbara Johnson found husband Chris with Eric Prentis, Maria Tramontin, Bruce Lowther and Lori (I'll never tell the tale of how I got this tail) Matthews in the Mangy Moose in time to talk him out of bungee jumping from the balcony for beer. Chris wasn't able to make it to the party, but most everyone was back in time for ATC Maggie Paull's St. Patrick's day fajita spread. Pam Holder's Yellowstone video was a big hit as well as Ivan Butterfield's race footage.

Friday, our last full day of skiing was capped off with a rousing final awards party. Susan Bloome won the group with her dance steps and everyone cheered when Race Director Bill Kirk accepted our second-place trophy, implying we had secured the cup for the year.

Saturday's later departure made it possible to do some last minute skiing and shopping with everyone making the bus. Even though Davis Tucker had to do a quick change out of ski clothes after a morning on the mountain.



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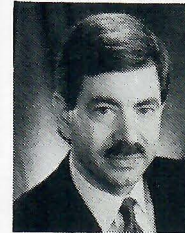
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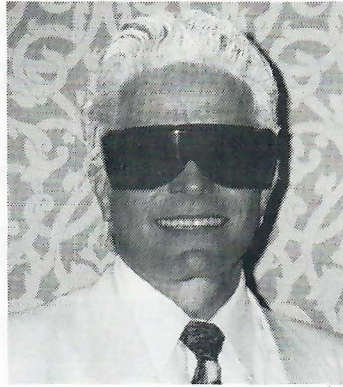
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# TERRY'S TIDBITS

A monthly profile of SCSC members highlighting interesting and sometimes obscure facts in their background. The theme of this month's tidbits is the club Follies. Four stars of the show were asked how they prepared for their roles.



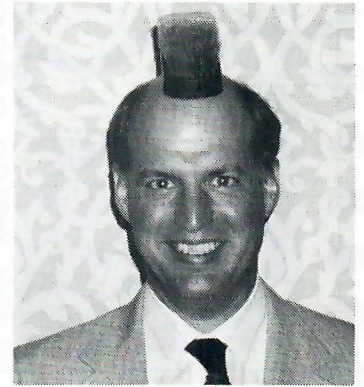
**Kim Page**



**Dell Davidson**



**Elyse Turla**



**Milt Kramer**

A native Texan, Kim claims to be Thirty-something and single. During the day, Kim enjoys her secretarial job but really would rather be travelling, gardening, making crafts and of course skiing. Since joining SCSC in 1986, she has gone on many trips and has served many leadership roles (TC) including ExCom Secretary and TSC rep. To prepare for her role as Rosanna Rosanna Danna, Kim just grew her wild hair for 30+ years to start looking the part. Then one of her "friends" told her she had to be in the Follies. The rest is history, as she gave a great performance!

Dell came to Houston via So. CA, but was born in Lawrence, Kansas. He professes to be "older than dirt" but sure doesn't look it. Ask him about his genes. He is a genuine rocket scientist, working for the past decade on the Space Station. Since joining SCSC in 1990, Dell has played a lot on many activities and taken photos for the *Sitzmarke*. Hobbies are photography, gourmet cooking, rollerblading, skiing and learning Russian. To get into his role of Marvin Swindler in the Follies, he watched Marvin Zindler on TV very carefully to emulate his hair, blue glasses, pronunciation, and style. It showed!

Elyse, that crazy church lady in the Follies, is in real life a native Houstonian, 40, single and proud of it! Since joining SCSC in 1983, this systems administrator has been on a dozen trips, some as a TC or ATC and many activities. Would you believe Elyse loves to read, go to the theater and garden? There is a serious side to her! But for the Follies, Elyse readied herself for her role by quickly downing three beers to relax and then got herself into the Saturday Nite Live mood. Looks like the beers worked as her acting was great!

Milt is a native of Allentown, PA, being born there 37 years ago. He joined SCSC in 1992 and states that his marital status is wavering between: never again and maybe. He will respond to all calls! His profession is a financial systems programmer, but what he really likes to do is cycling (ask about the 1,000+ mile rides), golfing, hair restoration (jokingly) and spoiling his dog. To play his role as Dr. Neal Frankless in the Follies, Milt wrote and rewrote and rewrote... his script after watching the weatherman on TV. It worked, as his role was a big hit.



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