

The **SitzMarke**

SPACE CITY SKI CLUB

MAY, 1986

UPCOMING

**Volunteer Appreciation
Party**

Guadalupe River Trip

**Follies - This Month
Dick Clark's
American Bandstand**

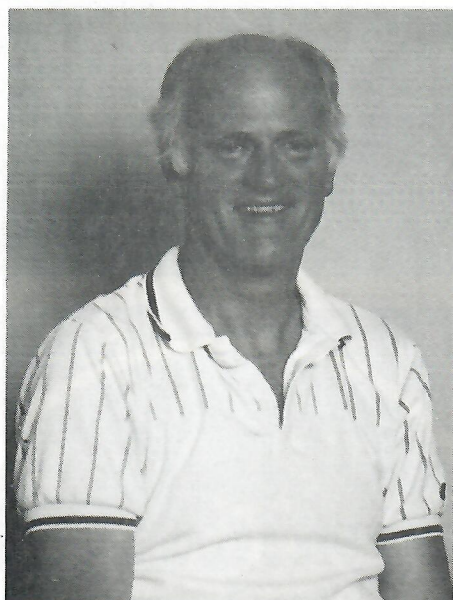
REPORTING ON

**Badgastein
Austria Trip**

Jackson Hole Trip

Banff Trip





SCSC UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF ACT OF 1986

HEAD OF THE LIFTLINE

Gordon Wise

Bitch bitch bitch...

One of the privileges of being an SCSC officer is in getting to read the trip critiques. (*You probably thought no one read them, but not so. We even read the requests for next year's trips, and no--whoever you are, we will not ski Deer Park in February*). Some are vanilla and of little critical value. And then there are those that are brutally direct and highly critical, some of which come with torn membership card attached and vows never to darken our door again.

Remember the Alamo

Well, this is May and a new bunch of fresh faced, eager officers have assumed the reigns of SCSC with all good intentions of making this the best year ever. The fact is that this year's group is just as preoccupied with marginal employment, soured relationships, tired blood and in general is just as much a volunteer as last year's crew. A logical question then is what can one reasonably expect of an all volunteer organization? Never mind that the Alamo was defended by volunteers, you have every right to expect value for your money, activities that are delivered as advertised, and commitment from those who volunteer. This, along with the proverbial chicken in every pot, is what your 1986-87 officer corps promises you, and if you don't get it, let me know (*a safe offer since I expect to hear about it anyway, but before 10:00 P.M., please*).

No Free Lunch

Now for your part. The first thing you must do is find the membership form which is enclosed in this month's SITZ, complete it and mail it along with the appropriate amount to the club's PO box. You will notice that the

form has been changed to include information not previously sought such as age, occupation, income and personal interests. Too personal? Perhaps. But if we can update our membership profile, it will assist us in marketing ourselves to improve advertising revenue and hopefully program. Secondly, the new form has a generic release making specific event releases unnecessary (*in keeping with the spirit of the Paper Reduction Act of '76*). Please read it, since by completing the form, you agree to its terms. Finally, as in previous years, it offers you the opportunity to volunteer. Take a minute to see where you can help and check a box or two, particularly if you have been in the club only a short time.

Gone With the Wind

Now, look around you at the withered forms of those who stood so proudly here at this time last year: **RON SMITH, JAN LIVINGSTON, BILL KIRK, LAYNA ADAMS, ED BARNETT and DIANNE TULLY**. Put a penny in their hat and tell them that they did a heck of a good job. It won't hurt you and it'll help us since we have to work with them because they're next year's Board. Also, look for the **VOLUNTEERS RECOGNITION PAGE** in this issue, and if your name isn't there, be sure it is next year. Become employed! (*Also, if your name isn't on the volunteers page and it should be, contact the officer that you worked for to get a party invitation*).

A Mystery Wrapped Enigma

Ever wonder what goes on at a **TEXAS SKI COUNCIL** meeting? Well, I have and I got to observe this past weekend in San Antonio. Believe me, it is a lot, and even a cynic like me has to be impressed. In the space of

just over twenty-four hours, delegates from a number (*unknown, but I'd guess 15 to 20*) of member clubs listened to bids from about twenty-five resort areas and management companies, deliberated on where to go for the various TSC sponsored trips, juggled dates, injected an entirely new trip abroad to next year's schedule, and did the whole thing with an amazing degree of restraint and sobriety. So next year we'll have Keystone at Thanksgiving, Steamboat for Texas Ski Week, Crested Butte for a short Winter Shootout and Heavenly Valley for the final showdown. In addition, thanks to a great presentation and priced-right bid from our Italian connection, we'll have a TSC sanctioned (*not sponsored*) trip to Cortina in the Italian Alps. Add to this the trips which V. P. Trips, **Cindy Garrett**, is working on and it looks like a really big season coming up. Volunteers anyone? Let Cindy know ASAP at 956-8092.

Onward & Upward

In addition to Cindy, this year's officer crew asks for your ideas. V. P. Program, **Ann Batten**, (558-0381) is preparing a potpourri of programs for your participating pleasure, but is always looking for new ideas. How about advertising? Whom do you know that has a message for about 1400 well educated, well paid, big spenders? Call **Bob Wilbanks** at 497-4418. Members? Talk us up! We can always accommodate a few more fun lovers. Call **Harold Eaton** (995-4710) for the necessary forms. And if any of these is unreachable, call Secretary **Pam Holder** (988-1075) or Treasurer **Pete Meaden** (784-5829). Finally, direct all praise and accolades to me (827-1443). See you at the Follies!

IT'S A DATE!

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MAY

- 2-4 Breaux Bridge
- 4 Follies Practice - Bald Eagle - 1 P.M.
- 6 Executive Meeting
- 11 Follies Dress Rehearsal
- The Grand - 1:00 P.M.
- 12 GENERAL MEETING - Follies
- 16 Theater Night in Chinatown (Cancelled)
- 18 Volunteer Party
- 22 Ski Group '86 - Holiday Inn
- (Crowne Plaza, West Loop South)
- 29 Happy Hour - Atchafalaya River Cafe
- 30-31 Lake Dive

JUNE

- 6-8 Guadalupe River Trip
- 9 No General Meeting
- 11 Board Meeting
- 19 Happy Hour - Boccacios
- 22 Scuba Refresher - YMCA

JULY

- 3-6 Cozumel Scuba Trip
- 14 No General Meeting
- 17 Happy Hour - West L.A.
- 26 Summer Bash

AUGUST

- 11 No General Meeting
- 15 Bluegrass Miller Theater - 7:00 P.M.
- 21 Happy Hour - Paradise Beach

*No General Meeting
June-July-August*

SITZMARKE LATE?

If you do not get your *Sitzmarke* by the Friday prior to the meeting date, please send me your *Sitzmarke* mailing label with the date received on it.

Bob Willbanks

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GUADALUPE RIVER TRIP

JUNE 6-8 • \$106



by Roberta Rambin

Late Friday afternoon, June 6, a group of SCSC'ers will be escaping to the Guadalupe River near New Braunfels, Texas to enjoy a weekend of river riding and camping.

The smells - fresh air, cedar trees, Johnson grass, bacon frying over an open fire in the early morning.

The sights - dense foliage, every shade of green imaginable, rocky cliffs rising up at the water's edge, clear blue skys, rolling hills. A soothing change to eyes worn by skyscrapers and traffic jams.

The sounds - rushing water, wind rustling through trees, laughter from river riders inebriated by the excitement of the river, by the beer hauled along in ice chests.

The touch - refreshing drenching in river waters.

Texas River Expeditions provided an excellent trip for SCSC last summer and will once more offer a weekend which includes: round trip bus service, delicious meals, campsites with facilities at Camp Huaco Springs, rafting instructions, equipment, and guides. Saturday night there will be hors d'oeuvres and Margaritas before dinner. After breakfast Sunday, we

will stop at Prince Solms Park in New Braunfels for a few hours of tube-chuting on the Comal River before returning to Houston.

All drinks will be provided for the weekend and there will be sandwiches on the bus. All you need to provide is a tent (optional) and sleeping bag.

The trip is almost full, so please call **Roberta Rambin** at 721-2819 for any further details.

JUNE 6-8 • \$106

Make check payable to SCSC and mail to:

ROBERTA RAMBIN

5806 W. Bellfort, Houston, Texas 77035

Phone: 713 / 721-2819

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: (Office) _____

(Home) _____

The first significant thought of the day when driving to Intercontinental was that 5:00 in the morning and driving is a hell of a way to start vacation. Fortunately all our skiers arrived (*slightly asleep but on time*) and we proceeded to Jackson without a hitch. We even got a rollercoaster approach into Jackson to liven things up. Speaking of ups, we should ask **Morna Raffel** how she won a bottle of champagne from Western Airlines.

It was raining when we arrived in Jackson but we soon discovered why THE BIG ONE has the reputation for extreme variance in their snow conditions. We had snow every day somewhere on the mountain. As one ski instructor told **Jim Raffel**, that due to the extreme elevation, one can expect winter conditions at the top, spring conditions in the middle, and summer conditions at the bottom. This mountain has the largest vertical drop and skiable terrain in the United States. If you were not in shape then you'd spend a lot of time in the hot tub. Special mention goes to **Steve Lavoot** for getting this ATC down a run he wasn't supposed to be on. I certainly wasn't in shape, so most of my time was in the hot tub.

Our get-together party was held in the TC Suite which **Sherry Lewis** had to get clean, and **Peb Rock** tried to top **Merlyn Harger** in the hat department with his hound (*puppy*) hat attire. This party was a warm up to a trip to Jackson where at the Cadillac Grille, **Michelle Lamb** showed everyone the fine art of Spoon-nosing. It was fight nite at the Cowboy so most went to the Rancher Bar and showed Jackson how to party. On the bus back a theme song was developed, "Ghostriders," by **Mike Moldofsky** and **Merlyn Harger**. We found out what a loud (*and offkey*) voice that Mike had.

For a confidence boost, the group went to the Grand Targee Ski Area. This was a totally different condition from Jackson Hole. We had some interesting moments such as skiing powder in a WHITEOUT. This place was made for a "plow your own trail" trip. It was great fun. Special thanks to our bus driver, Larry, who at great risk, threw out a group of skiers trying



ROCK, ROLL, AND REMEMBER IN JACKSON HOLE

by Mike Rooney

to use our bus.

Some of us tried their hand at snowmobiling which turned into a real fun trip for everyone. The trip was to the local hot Springs, which was memorable if only for finding out about **Terry Comeaux's** talent for taking pictures (*has Sherry Lewis been given the negatives yet?*) and **Flo Prince's** non-talent for riding a snowmobile.

The Mangy Moose turned into our hangout where **Gloria Hodge**, **Debbie Starnes**, and **Ann Bertolet** went dancing most every night. Gloria Hodge and Mike Moldofsky gave new meaning to the term "TABLE DANCING." **Terry Anderson** and **Christi Sobotik** constantly tried to recruit members, but for some reason they were all male.

On the slopes **Gloria Abel** found that some guys ran into her just to get acquainted. Lucky she wasn't hurt. **Ann Bertolet** might not be able to get rid of the nickname "Cookies."

A large turnout for the NASTAR races at Jackson Hole and a good showing at the Grand Targee provided a total of fifteen medals. Those won at Grand Targee were all Bronze. The winners are:

Merlyn Harger **Glen Bishop**
Sherry Lewis **Peb Rock**

On the wearing of medals, **Peb Rock** took top awards by safety-pinning his (blown) skibibs. On the Jackson Hole race we had six silver and five bronze awards. **Sy Liebergot** is to be congratulated for winning a silver with a hurt knee. The winners of this race are:

SILVER

Bob Copple
Mike Moldofsky -
Fastest Male
Bob Fried
Sy Liebergot
Rick Murphy
Peb Rock

BRONZE

Diane Altrichter
Ann Bertolet -
Fastest Female
Merlyn Harger
Pete Meaden
Lauri Murphy

Bob Copple was surprised to find out he also won a Bronze for his second run which he never did take. (*Bob, did you give it back yet?*)

The Pub Crawl was laid out to find the one party animal who had the endurance and the perception to win the contest. Out of ELEVEN who finished - FIVE were winners. Good thing the ATC had enough prizes. **Bill Knoble** found out not to challenge **Ann Bertolet** in a game of Pool and **Cliff Budd** and **Gail Cummings** had a good time at the Cowboy although **Gail** was disappointed that she couldn't find the "electric saddle" that **Budd** told her about. **Sidney Delanny** tried to bring back a cowboy as proof that she was in the Silver Dollar (*sorry, Sidney, not valid*).

Small items turned up throughout the week such as **Bob Lipsich** can now tell you how not to ski cross country. **Kathleen McGruder** can tell us why its important to take ski school - she was skiing great, **Susan Rock** knows a good statement when she sees one (*ask about her T-shirt*), and **Bill Kirk** liked the Mangy Moose so much that he brought one home. **Eileen Kendrick** got a bit homesick but still had a good time and **Hall Goodson** found some jewelry but gave up getting one in her ring size (*under a size three?*). The trip back was restful with most of us sad that this vacation had to end.



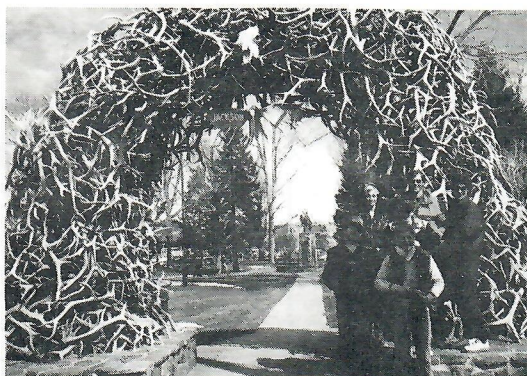
Left: NASTAR in Jackson Hole; Bob Copple, Terry Comean, Sy Liebergot and Pete Meaden. **2nd Photo:** At the Party, Peb Rock, Sherry Lewis and Mike Rooney. **3rd Photo:** Creative endeavors in Jackson Hole, Sy Liebergot. **Right:** Jim Raffel at the top.



Left: Patchwork on Peb Rock at Grand Targee. **Center:** At the Cowboy; Morna Raffel, Mike Dzuba, Ann Bertolet, Merlyn Harger, Bill Kirk, Mike Moldofski, Michelle Lamb and Sherry Lewis. **Right:** The Fearless Threesome - Glen Bishop, Bill Kirk and Sy Liebergot.



Left: At Grand Targee; Peg Rock, Sy Liebergot, Bob Copple, Merlyn Harger and Hall Goodsen. **Center:** 63 people in THAT thing? **Right:** Group shot at the Chispa below the Cowboy Bar.



Left: At Jackson Hole, Flo Prince, Terry Comeaux, Mike Moldofski and Gloria Hodge. **Center:** Who's Horny? Sy Liebergot, Hall Goodson, Jim Raffel, Morna Raffel, Susan Rock and Mike Rooney. **Right:** Why is Glen grinning? Sherry Lewis, Gloria Hodge, and Glen Bishop.

Volunteer Appreciation Party

Sunday, May 18, 1986

Abel, Gloria
Acree, Karen
Adams, Layna
Addicks, Glynnnda
Allbritton, Dale
Ames, Becky
Andrasko, Tania
Barnett, Ed
Barnett, Elaine
Batten, Ann
Benefield, Anne
Bergeron, Ted
Bergeron, Debbie
Bishop, Glen
Bonnert, Sue
Boland, Michael
Bowers, Barbara
Brooks, Bill
Cain, Edward
Cameron, Scott
Cameron, Kitti
Carpenter, Janet
Carter, Billy
Chaddick, Darlene
Chandler, Cynthia
Clary, Brenda
Clements, Cheryl
Cole, Elaine
Craig, Charlie
Cruse, Bob
Danhauser, Lynn
Davis, A. G.
Dutcher, Cissy
Eaton, Harold
Emerson, Terri
Febles, Carlos
Felden, Mike
Fitzpatrick, Andy
Frazier, Bob

Frazier, Melissa
Fred, Lucy
Friedsam, Karen
Furth, Richard
Garrett, Cindy
Gaston, Harry
Gaudet, Ron
Gerstenberger, Mike
Gibson, Karen
Gill, Glen
Ginn, Chris
Goodrich, Chas.
Goodson, Hall
Granda, Mo
Griffin, Sharon
Guerrero, Blaise
Guerrero, Margaret
Guerrero, Rudy
Hall, Becky
Hankins, Derek
Hanks, Floyd
Harger, Merlyn
Hartman, Jeri
Hemsworth, Doris
Hemsworth, Tonia
Henderson, Bob
Hinssaw, Connie
Hoffman, Jon
Holder, Pam
Holm, Eric
Howard, Richard
Howard, Virginia
Hughes, Rodney
Hughes, Bonnie
Jackson, Joe
Kahrs, Fred
Kieley, Donna
Keitt, Dick

1985-86 VOLUNTEERS

To thank all of the volunteers of the 1985-86 season, the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors invite you to an Appreciation Party, Sunday, May 18. If your name has been accidentally left out, or if you have not received your invitation by May 16, please call Margaret Guerrero at 466-4802 for specific information.

Without you, we wouldn't have a Club!

Plus all the cast, stage crew and helpers of the 1986 Follies. We want to thank and offer a special invitation to the ladies from AAAA Printing; Carolyn Frazier, Marian Koch, and Betty Winborn

Kempler, Debbie
Kirk, Bill
Lamb, Michelle
Lang, Shirley
Lawson, Adera
Levens, Linda
Lewis, Sherry
Liebergot, Sy
Livingston, Jan
Ludiker, Terry
Margraves, Glenda
Marshall, Clara
Maugh, Bruce
McAnelly, Robert
McIntyre, Jim
McDowell, Joel
McDowell, Barbara
McLane, Peggy
Meaden, Pete
Mercer, Tom
Meyer, Craig
Meyer, Ginny
Mills, Diana
Mosier, Kathy
Moldofsky, Mike
Monroe, Linda
Montgomery, Jerry
Moore, Chuck
Morgon, Charles
Morgan, Kathy Myers
Murphy, Joe
Naquin, Rudy
Naudin, Ray
Nolen, Beth
Nowak, Billie
Olson, Robert
Osborn, Joanie
Page, Trish

Paillet, Pam
Palmer, Sandra
Peavy, Brenda
Perkins, Karen
Plummer, Jim
Poythress, Marianne
Prince, Flo
Pyle, Pam
Rambin, Roberta
Rambin, Ron
Rice, John
Reisenberg, Frank
Roberts, Barbara
Rock, Peb
Rock, Susan
Rooney, Mike
Ross, Rhoda
Simpson, Linda MacFarland
Schroeder, Leona
Smith, Cecil
Smith, Ron
Speck, Gayle
Sysak, Phyllis
Tawney, Mel
Thayer, Easy John
Tully, Dianne
Voulgaris, Mike
Walke, Jean
Walker, Sue
Wardell, Dana
Werlin, Betty
Wiedeman, Don
Wilbanks, Bob
Wilkins, Rick
Wise, Gordon
Woody, Jim
Wuensch, Joyce
Yarberry, Diane
Zerner, Kathy

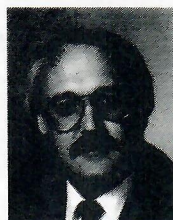
RSVP A MUST!

In the past, many of our volunteers have not shown up for the Volunteer Party - causing a waste of food and booze. Therefore, the Executive Committee is requiring an R.S.V.P. for the Volunteer Party this year.

The Party list will be revised from the R.S.V.P.'s only. Members and Guests not on the Party List will be charged \$10.00 at the door. Absolutely no exceptions. RSVP to Margaret Guerrero at 466-4802 by May 15, or your written reply may be sent to SCSC at P. O. Box 22567, Houston, Texas 77227. It must be received no later than May 15.

THEATER NIGHT IN CHINATOWN
Friday, May 16 • 6:30 P.M. - Dinner
SILVER HOUSE CHINESE
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On Friday, February 28, our SCSC'ers departed for Austria by way of four routes. The majority of us traveled on KLM Royal Dutch Airlines. Dick Howard took charge of a group of 14 that traveled via Lufthansa, unfortunately sans baggage, which arrived on Monday. TC Bob Cruse livened up the KLM flight when he changed into his flannel nightshirt in an unsuccessful attempt to coax everyone into getting some sleep during the long ride. Joe Murphy acquired the title of Captain Cognac, for obvious reasons. We were joined in Munich by Bill Brooks, who arrived a few minutes after us from Tokyo. The breathtaking, scenic 3 1/2 hour bus trip to Badgastein gave many their first glimpse of the magnificent Alps.

Upon our arrival in Badgastein, we soon learned that a change in hotel rooms from the Hotel Haus Hirt was necessary. It was a relief that 10 of our members were willing to accommodate this hotel change. The 18 people in the Hotel Pavlick quickly discovered that no one in the hotel spoke English. Roy Schmidt was able to save the day with his fluent German. On Saturday evening Jerry Montgomery issued lip balm and Heath bars to all SCSC'ers in the lobby of the Hotel Germania before we scattered to the local pubs for our first lesson in German - "Ein Bier." Adapting to the Austrian ways became a source of curiosity and amusement for all: rushing into the "toilette" (WC) only to find you don't have the proper Austrian change to use the facilities; finding that the white linen napkin that you smeared your brightest red lipstick on was going to remain yours for the rest of the week; climbing the walls in the unisex bathroom trying to find the flush mechanism (*is it a pedal on the floor, a pull cord, a tiny button on the wall or is it "flush" with the top?*); learning the Austrian crawl after downing beer steins laced with peppermint schnapp's--jigger and all were dropped into the steins.

Sunday was our first skiing day and a vast number of SCSC skiers were said to be "fog bound." Everyone enjoyed the opening ceremonies on Sunday night, complete with fireworks, music and Austrian dancers. Monday brought great skiing and the beginning of the many side trips which were offered throughout the week. Kathleen (*Bus Butt*) LaFlore never missed a side



We even raced!

Texas Ski Council - The Final Showdown
Badgastein, Austria - Feb. 28-March 9, 1986

EUROPE INVADED BY 1400 TEXAS SKI COUNCIL SKIERS

SCSC TOOK 88 PARTY ANIMALS

by Bob Cruse, Melissa Frazier and Becky Hall

trip and reportedly wore two holes in the seat of her pants. Many SCSC'ers found that they logged more time sleeping in a vertical position (*bus, train, gondola, etc.*) than they did in a horizontal one. Our master shoppers reaped the rewards on their visits to Venice, Vienna, Munich, Salzburg, Innsbruck, Tarviso and the other various destinations. B. J. Scott seemed to have bought every teddy bear in Austria and Rosalie Holt acquired a fur coat in Munich.

On Tuesday night Jan Livingston (*alias Goldbody*) and most of our group was found in the local Casino attending Casino night. After serving free champagne, the casino was able to break most of us, however Marsha Lutz was able to retaliate and then break the casino's....slot machine.

Wednesday night found most SCSC'ers at the Felsenbad, a huge indoor/outdoor pool facility. The sight of everyone wearing the required bathing caps (available for rental) may start a new SCSC tradition.

While the Texans discovered Austria, Austria also discovered us. Bob Olsen led a contingent of SCSC'ers thru the middle of town at 3:30 A.M. playing kazoos and harmonicas and singing such songs as "The Eyes of Texas." Glynnnda Addicks, Woody Shiflett, Dee Dee Randall and Marsha Lutz were heard practicing yodeling on their hotel balcony with the help of three locals.

Perhaps it was the champagne. We are told that Rick Wilkins became quite proficient at snow etchings--Janet Pickell and several others can verify that he even dots his i's.

Thursday's club race brought SCSC 14 medals. Bill Vasen did an excellent job as our race director. Woody Shiflett completely blew out his ski boot, but amazingly managed to finish the race. The longest time went to Elaine Siebe. Congratulations to our medalists:

Gold: Tom Wright, Craig Folsom

Silver: Bob Davis, Melissa Frazier, Dick Howard, Andrew Johns, Scott Peterson, Roger Wintle, Easy Thayer

Bronze: Bob Cruse, Ron Flowers, Pam Logsdon, Ann McIntyre, Jerry Montgomery.

Since SCSC'ers were located in three hotels, Thursday night's club party at the Pavlick Hotel brought many of our 88 participants together. Harold Eaton and Lynn Dannhauser taught the polka to us and swing dancing to their new Austrian friends.

On Friday Andrew Johns, Tom Wright, Scott Peterson, Bob Davis, Ann McIntyre and Becky Hall raced the 32 gate course set up for the individual races. Tom Wright had to purchase a new pair of skis Friday morning just before the race, when he discovered that one of his skis was broken.

The Friday night awards ceremony provided a great time for all of us. Melissa Frazier was honored with a trophy for being the third fastest female in the Thursday race. SCSC'ers that stayed late enjoyed several bottles of champagne that were purchased for us by the Director of Tourism for the city of Badgastein. On Saturday morn-

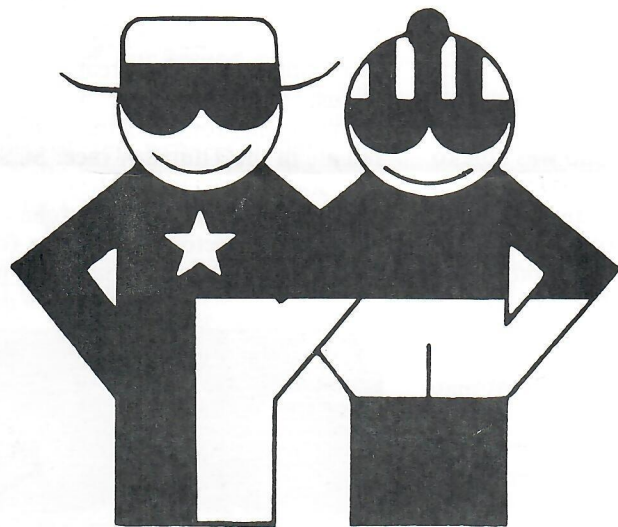
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TC Bob Cruse with ATCs Melissa Frazier and Becky Hall.



Grüß Gott Y'all!



TEXAS SKI COUNCIL
Final Show Down March 1986
Badgastein Austria

Welcome Texas Skiers

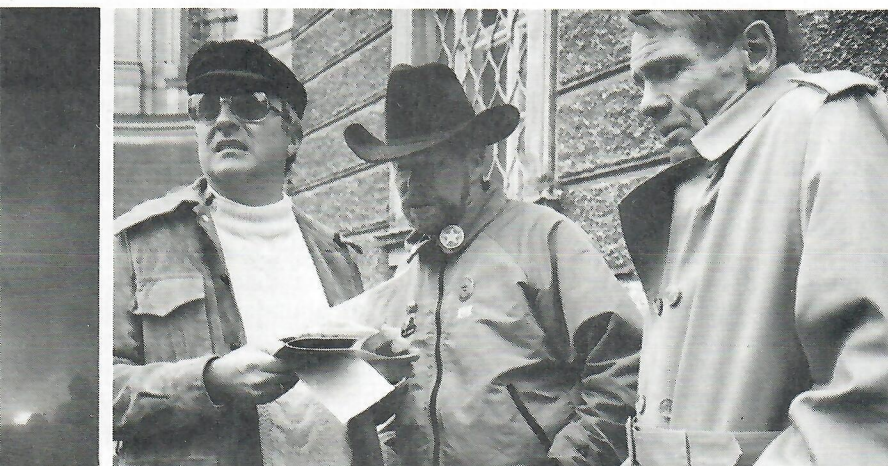


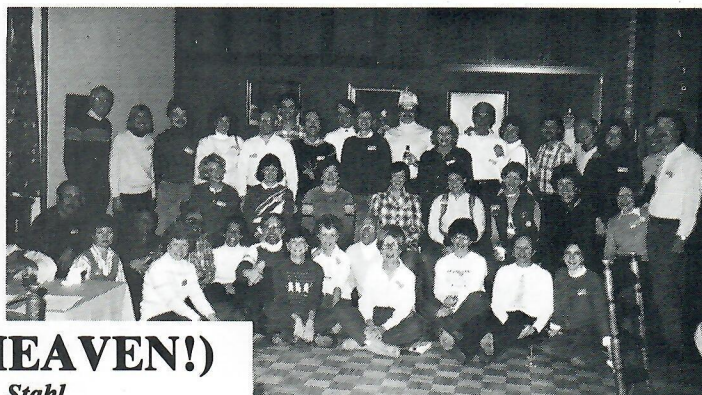
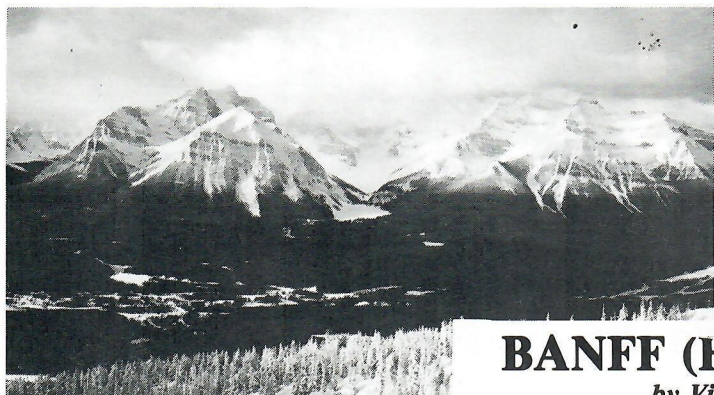


ABOVE: Collages of good times being had by all.

LEFT: Some people did ski!. **CENTER:** King of the Pillowheads (Bob Davis). **RIGHT:** Layna Adams and Joe Murphy's group the second week.

BELOW, LEFT: Bathing caps only - Felsenbad. **CENTER:** Lost in Salzburg. **RIGHT:** Who's napkin is in my envelope?





BANFF (HEAVEN!)

by Vic Stahl

Departing for anywhere early on a Sunday morning is very painful....unless, of course, you're **Jeri Hartman**. The smile on Jeri's face early that Sunday morning told the story. No one missed the plane, no one was late, everyone was eager to get going. Everything went very smoothly on our way to Winter Wonderland. Everyone was well behaved....was this a Space City trip? Was there a reason for this unusual behavior? Upon our arrival in Calgary, we boarded the bus for Chateau Lake Louise. On the bus, things began to get appropriately less civilized thanks to **Stan Kuper**, **Vicki Faulkner**, trivial pursuit and intoxicating refreshments! Naturally, all of the fun seemed to be going on at the back of the bus. Stan and Vicki made sure of that, while the "Cheshire Cat" grin of **Tony Clikas** suggested that the fun had only begun.

Our only major concern was the weather. We were worried that it would be too warm and that the snow showers would turn to rain. Luck was with us, after our second day of wet snow on the mountain, conditions improved and became ideal for the remainder of the week. On day two, **John Kelly** made a startling discovery regarding Canadian skiers. The posh, trendy, brand name ski wear that Canadians prefer is none other than **HEFTY!** That's right, Hefty....as in plastic bags....twist ties....Steel Sak....multiple sizes....etc. The snow was so wet on day one, that, on day two, the Lake Louise ski area sold plastic bags for skiers to wear. John's outfit looked great! Where else but Banff can a person wear black plastic and look sheik? There aren't enough words to appropriately describe those plastic clad skiers making their way down the mountain. Most of the group missed this sight, however, because roads were closed and bus schedules were questionable on this second day of uncertain weather conditions.

The day finally came when we

packed up and moved from Chateau Lake Louise to the Banff Springs Hotel to enjoy the second half of our trip. **Linda Kuper**, **Debbie Kelly** and **Karla Stockton** weren't skiing that day and were supposed to catch a transfer bus to Banff....no such luck, the bus came and left without them. They had to rent a car and find their way to Banff, arriving safely as did **MOST** of our luggage. Yes, that's right, most of our luggage. **Brenda Peavy**, **Bill Peavy**, **Tony Clikas** and **Vic Stahl** had a great day skiing only to find no luggage when they arrived in Banff. Both eloquent and not so eloquent means of persuasion quickly rectified the situation.

Eloquent is a very good word to describe **Claudette Stewart**, her appearance....mannerisms....taste....etc. Most people went to Canada and brought back Canadian souvenirs, **Claudette** went on a Hayride in Banff and almost brought back a tall blond Canadian!! **Susan Guidry** and **Donna Fulton** will attest to having enjoyed the hayride also. Sue became intoxicated from stargazing while Donna was singing her little heart out with some folks from the neighborhood. Fortunately for **Zeb Alford**, his wife **Joan** arrived in the nick of time to catch the last haywagon as it was leaving. Walking was definitely not an option because it was a long journey over the river and through the woods.

The award for the most exciting day goes to **Greg Roberts** and **Lanny Kirkpatrick**. From Banff they took a one-day excursion to go helicopter skiing. While describing their day to the troops that evening, we found the summation of their enjoyment permanently etched on Lanny's face....a big smile! That same day, **Gwen Conner** had a collision with a hit-and-run skier on the slopes. While the mystery person skied off, Gwen was left with an injured knee and a pair of crutches. We all wondered where **Jennifer Majors** was at the time and why she didn't get the license number of the hit-and-run

skier.

Our Banff group definitely participated in a wealth of diversified activities. While **George McLean**, **Shirley Lee**, **Marguerite Fanette** and **Jessie Smith** were quietly having the time of their lives....**Joe Jackson**, **Gerry Simpson**, **Sandi Golden** and **Kay McKeough** were not so quietly having a BLAST! The big question was: What did **Bob Allgeier**, **Colette Waugh**, **Ron Kahl** and **Pat Biddle** have in common?....We didn't know either! We think that they were sent on this trip by the Space City Board of Directors to make sure everyone had a great time. Thanks....it worked!!!

As the trip progressed at Lake Louise and in Banff, **Cathy** and **Mark Travland**, and **Norma** and **Bud Dealy** always wanted to know what everyone was doing and where. Cathy and Norma made sure that Mark and Bud didn't miss anything; the four of them could be seen almost everywhere. Not to be outdone was the ubiquitous **Dieter Finch**. He was seen everywhere, and did everything, and took a million pictures to prove it! Dieter and his camera were inseparable. Most of us wondered what **Neta Latham** and **Tom Fleps** did, they were continuously asking questions and gave few clues as to their activities.

If talking to a Banff trip participant doesn't conjure up visions of Heaven, you probably weren't speaking to **Adera Lawson** and **Ales Soudek**. They mysteriously experienced all the sights, sounds and flavor of the majestic Canadian Rockies. Canada, however, is more than just tangible pleasures, Banff radiates a warmth that one might describe as Heavenly!!! Of course, the complete experience should include an abundance of angels ... that's okay ... we brought our own.

Many thanks to all participants for making this year's Banff trip a pleasure. Your cooperation and patience was greatly appreciated.



Linda Kuper and Jeri Hartman.



Left to right: Greg Roberts, Tony Clikas, Lanny Kirkpatrick, Sandi Golden, Claudette Stewart and Linda Kuper.



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George McLean and Shirley Lee.

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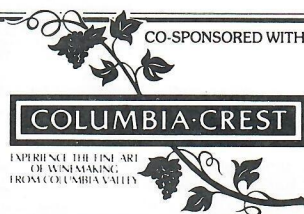
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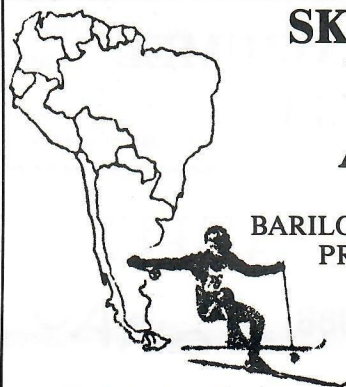
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ON BEING AN OFFICER OR I WANT TO WEAR A WHITE BADGE

by Tom Mercer

Have you ever wondered just who are these people behind those little white badges? Permit me to use a couple of paragraphs and attempt to give my view of these people.

Where do I begin??? Let's see - are you willing to meet for 4 to 6 hours on a beautiful Sunday afternoon and discuss problems, concerns, and the business of the club? Would you drive two hundred miles to a Texas Ski Council meeting, pay for it out of your pocket, just to be sure our club's interests and views are expressed and understood. Or - burn a vacation day, just to insure a meeting was ready and set. How about answering the phone at midnight on a Wednesday to listen to the problems of a member?

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There is a fair amount of frustration that accompanies these positions so if at times they seem a little hard or demanding, it's because they have By-Laws and Standing Rules to follow and deadlines to meet.

In the twelve plus years I've been in this club, I have yet to meet an officer who did not do their damnnest to do the best job possible. The other quality I've seen in these people, no matter what position they held, is that they are always working for the good of the club. We have different personalities, views and ways of performing our duties in our offices, but these dedicated people are working for you so you can enjoy our Club. I truly believe each officer - past, present and future - should be thanked for a job well done!



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and grow,
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Bless my homeland forever.*

(REPEAT)

*Blossoms of snow, may you bloom
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Ron Smith hands over the gavel to
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ing some of our group (led by Melissa Frazier) caught a train for Munich for a tour of a concentration camp, dinner and a visit to a German Beer Hall. The group spent the night in Munich and met us at the airport the next morning.

Sunday our SCSC'ers headed in different directions. Layna Adams and Joe Murphy led a group of eighteen for an additional week in Europe. Others traveled in small groups to various destinations. For those skiers returning with the trip, Sunday lasted 2 1/2 days. Most of us never went to bed Saturday night because we had to catch a bus at 3:30 A.M. for Munich. Unfortunately, Charles Goodrich and Craig Folsom took a different (and extremely long) route home when they were bumped off our flight in Amsterdam because they wanted to see the town. Our flight home saw the birth of the SCSC "pillowheads" led by Bob Davis. It was the first time any of us had seen

the flight crew taking pictures of the passengers! In true SCSC style, we drank the plane dry.

A special thanks to the wonderful people of Badgastein, Richard Davidson, Oshman's, Purdue Sports, Tennis & Ski Warehouse, Sporthaus Lindner of Aspen, Delta Airlines, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Lufthansa German Airlines, Harold Eaton and Bill Kirk.

Everyone has now returned home, but there are still some unanswered questions:

1. Will everyone recover from the 180 proof rum?
2. Can Bob Cruse be surgically removed from his briefcase?
3. Will Houston bars understand the meaning of "Ein Bier?"
4. When can we go again?

Each of us brought home fond memories of the Austrian people which will remain in our hearts forever--we now know why the hills are alive with the sound of music!

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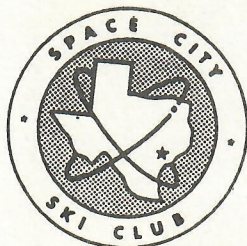
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