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By Sy Liebergot

Well, only one and a half months to go in the Year of the Rock. So far, with the Vail and Tahoe trips successfully getting launched, the score of canceled to "run" trips is Rocks $5\frac{1}{2}$ to SCSC $4\frac{1}{2}$ (the Breckenridge/Crested Butte trip was shortened to Crested Butte, only). Condolences to Judy Allen, who bravely accepted her second trip chairman job of the year as Telluride T.C. after her Steamboat Christmas trip was canceled, only to have the Telluride trip canceled, also. Judy now holds a dubious record of T.C.ing two trips in one season which were canceled due to no snow. Sadly, the rewards for her and the other trip volunteers of canceled trips are slim: frustration and a heck of a lot of experience. Hopefully, the experience can be tapped by the club needs at a later date.

Please note that we finally put together a new Mexico bus trip, but no one was willing to put up any

money, so it's no go.

I'm glad that 405 of you could come to my birthday party at the February meeting. For those of you that missed it, a few pretty thoughtful people, one in particular, floor-ed me with the surprise presentation of a very large birthday cake (commensurate with my age?) at that meeting. It has to be one of the nicest things that ever happened to this person. Thanks much. "Thanks" also to Jim Benefield, who managed to lay me waste later at Club Purgatory with a couple of atomic bombs consisting of a dubious combination of one shot Tequila chased by one shot Tia Maria. Oh pain.

Also on the meeting agenda was Allan Jacoby of the National Weather Service. Mr. Jacoby briefed the restless crowd on the reasons for the significant change in weather patterns in the west and what the long range outlook is for snow. In short and sweet (?) terms, he didn't foresee any major changes in wea-

Sy, Molly, Mike, Glen, Merlyn and Judy at the NASTAR Program.



Texas Ski Week Winners, June Russell and Ed Taylor.



ther patterns for the rest of the winter.

In order to inundate you all with even more information - a short panel discussion on NASTAR was held with yours truly, Merlyn Harger, Mike Birowski, Glenn Rieger, Judy Allen and M. C. Molly Rhodes contributing.

Finally, Miles Anderson formally presented the nominating committee's slate of candidates for 1977-78 officers. Nominations were closed with none additional from the floor. Formal acceptance of these candidates will be made by vote at the March (annual) meeting. In my opinion, SCSC's fourteenth year of business will be well conducted by this outstanding group of new officers. The March meeting program will also include some films on cross-country skiing.

For those of you that passed up the opportunity to attend the TUTS production of "Desert Song" and the subsequent dinner at Kaplan's with other SCSCers really missed out; the music and food were outstanding. Y'know, only 15 people signed up for this event even though there was plenty of advance notice. If anyone has some ideas how to better promote cultural events to SCSCers to bolster participation, we'd sure like to hear them. Later the same day, I attended the Musicfest '77 benefit for the DePelchin Faith Home (SCSCer Jay Castille was master of ceremonies) and bumped into a few other SCSCers there: Ed and Jennie Williams, Will Green, Charles Dutton, Merlyn Harger, Peggy Adams, Leona Schroder, and Jackie Mullis. The entertainment was outstanding with the likes of big bands of Ed Gerlach and All That Jazz (who entertained us at last May's meeting) providing sound. My most delightful moments of the evening came when SCSC member, Barbara Hoffman, a most accomplished soprano, thrilled the huge crowd with her solos and then duets with baritone Bill Gibson.

Last, but not least, I wish to extend heartfelt sympathies from myself and my fellow officers to Jack Spencer who tragically lost his son in an automobile accident last month.

markemaker

By Beth Nolen



Molly Rhodes

Another of the many Finn Runfalo recruits from Exxon, Molly Rhodes is completing her third year of membership in Space City Ski Club. During those three years, she has made Club trips to Steamboat for Christmas '75, Crested Butte and Breckenridge for Texas Ski

Week with a side trip to Keystone, and her favorite, Telluride. In the course of her skiing experiences, she has won a total of five NASTAR medals, and a third place trophy in the women's competition last year at Texas Ski Week. Beginners, don't despair! Molly has only been skiing a little over four years and began with a definite handicap. Imagine an opportunity to learn to ski in Davos, Switzerland, with a German-speaking instructor. The only words she understood were "up", "down", and "good"! Her accomplishments can be attributed to strong desire and as much practice as the budget allows. Between Switzerland and SCSC, Molly visited relatives in Vermont, skiing Mt. Snow and Killington, spent Spring break from Baylor at Copper Mountain and Winter Park, and the following year skied Vail and Aspen with her roommate.

In addition to skiing, Molly has contributed her talents in various capacities toward several non-ski Club activities, including coordinator for last year's ice-skating party

and organizer of a portion of the '76 Spring Follies. Her latest contribution was her presentation on the NASTAR program at our February meeting.

As well as working as salary coordinator in Exxon's Employee Relations Department, Molly is also an active participant in their Singles Club, serving as last year's Vice President, receiving a promotion to President, thanks to past-president Layna Adams Taylor who had herself ousted by marriage! Molly, unlike Gerald Ford, has been re-elected on her own merit to serve another term.

If not busy enough, Molly spends as much time as possible jogging (ambition set at two miles a day), and playing lots of tennis. Not only is she a regular at the Tuesday night matches at the Bubble, but as a member of the Greater Houston Tennis Tournament Association and Memorial Park Tennis Association, has competed in various competitions in and around Houston, and has been awarded numerous trophies to acclaim her efforts.

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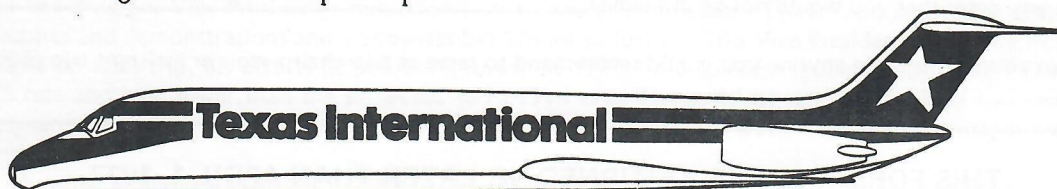
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JIM BENEFIELD . . . PRESIDENT

Jim is from Oklahoma where he received his undergraduate college training. He moved to Texas in 1966 as a Shell Oil Company employee. He attended South Texas College of Law while working for Shell and after becoming a member of the Bar went into private practice, and is currently practicing with SCSC member Ted Widmer.

Jim has been a member of SCSC since 1971 and has participated on nine Club trips. He was Trip Chairman on two of these trips. Jim had the interesting duty during this year of Vice President of Trips on what may go down in history as the greatest no snow/rock season in history. His luck was better on the Steamboat Christmas Trip in 1975 when he met Anne Connard who became his wife in May. He has yet to decide which of the two is the better skier.

During the next year, Jim hopes the Club can be operated at a continued healthy financial position with more emphasis on skiing during skiing months. His experience seems to indicate more but smaller trips may be the solution. He also desires that a workable solution

be sought to the By-Laws relating to membership limitation and activity participation which is weighted toward skiing but allows due regard for work in the Club and/or peculiar snow conditions.

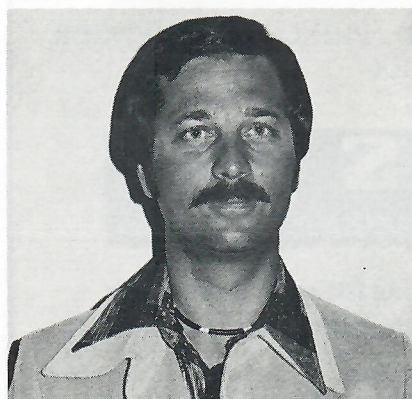


LINDA MacFARLAND . . . VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS

Linda is originally from the East Coast where she first learned to ski in Pennsylvania and later spent much of her time on the slopes of Vermont. She graduated from Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Pennsylvania with a major in Chemistry. After graduation, Linda was active as an officer in her college alumnae association while living in Pennsylvania and working for the University of Pennsylvania. She was involved in research on amino acids and its nutritional aspects with surgery.

Linda's original plans called for her to spend six months in Houston, setting up new research facilities for amino acid analysis at the University of Texas Medical School. That was 4½ years ago. SCSC was a major factor in Linda's decision to make Houston her new home. She joined the Club in September of '74, went on three ski trips that first winter and was "hooked" on the Colorado snow. In addition, she participated in non-skiing activities and organized a Club party to Bavarian Gardens. The following year, Linda made three more trips including one to Park City on which she was the Assistant Trip Chairperson.

This season Linda skied Aspen, Lake Tahoe, and soon, Mt. Hood on which she is Trip Chairperson. Since this winter has been so disappointing for so many skiers, she hopes to organize a large variety of off-season activities to help everyone keep in top condition, both physically and socially for next winter.

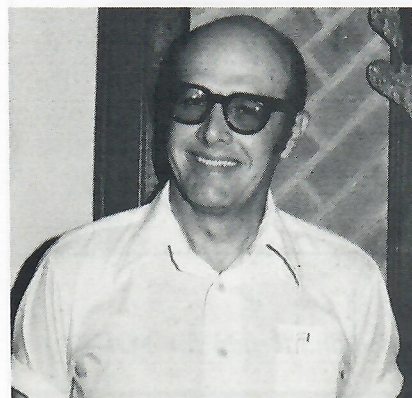


KEN DOMINY . . . VICE PRESIDENT OF TRIPS

Ken Dominy, nominee for Vice President of Trips, is a native Texan and five-year Houstonian, arriving by way of Austin. He is employed by Exxon Company, USA in the Aviation Department, where his primary duty is piloting a Lockheed Jetstar. His hobbies (besides skiing) include tennis, boating, and sport aviation.

Having discovered skiing recently, Ken has been active in SCSC for the past two years participating in many summer activities and four SCSC ski trips. This year's club activities have included the canoe trip, assisting with the luau, participant on the Vail ski trip (where he won a bronze medal in the NASTAR) and serving as the Trip Chairperson for Winter Park.

As Vice President of Trips, Ken wants to encourage all members to be active participants in the trip selection process by contributing their ideas and their time to enable planning of next year's trips to begin now.



FRANK RIESENBERG . . . VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Frank was born in Peoria, Illinois and raised in Texas. He is a graduate of Rice University, and is employed as an Electrical Project Staff Engineer by Brown & Root, Inc.

Frank's hobbies include swimming, tennis, volleyball, bicycling, musicals and theatricals. Frank has performed in over fifty stage productions of musical comedy, opera, operetta and drama, as well as soloist in various churches and with the Houston Symphony.

A member of Space City Ski Club since its' second year, Frank has participated in every Spring Follies and in musical style shows. Frank was a Markemaker in 1976.

Frank has just completed a term of office as Membership Vice President in a local singles organization.



DIANE YARBERRY . . . VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLICATIONS

A native Houstonian, Diane first became interested in skiing her senior year in high school and has skied every year since. She has been a member of SCSC for four years and has participated in numerous ski trips and activities such as canoeing, iceskating, bicycling, picnics and trips to the horse races.

Diane is the department secretary for Respiratory Therapy Services, Inc., a subsidiary of Medenco, Inc.

She attended Texas Christian University and received a B.F.A. degree in Secondary Art Education. While at TCU, Diane was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and held the offices of Editor and Archivist. She is active in the Houston alumnae chapter and devotes her time to the Theta Charity Antique Show every year.



BEVERLY UNDERWOOD . . . SECRETARY

Bev, a native of Midland, attended Baylor University where she received a degree in Elementary and Special Education. She taught school in Texarkana for two years, then moved to Houston in 1968 and went to work for a brokerage firm where she obtained her stock brokers' license. Later she returned to teaching with the Aldine School District until she was enticed into a legal assistant/secretarial position.

Bev became a member of SCSC in 1975; she worked closely that year on the Vail December Trip with Ted Widmer. Bev is now associated with both Ted Widmer and Jim Benefield. Subsequent to the Vail trip, Bev worked on financial matters of the Club and the Summer Bash. This year Bev was appointed Assistant Trip Chairperson on the Winter Park Trip until her schedule could not permit her to participate on the trip.

Bev has been heavily involved in SCSC during the past two years because of her business associations which has led to her personal involvement in the Club. She views her business associations as a benefit because of the information and feedback at her disposal. She

feels that any decisions made as an officer will be for the best interest of the entire membership, rather than because of any influence on her business associates.



ED TAYLOR . . . TREASURER

A native North Carolinian, Ed received his engineering degree from North Carolina State and lived two years in Europe, compliments of the U.S. Army. While in Europe, he was a member of the Heidelberg American Ski Club.

Ed came to Texas as part of the Pulp and Paper Industry in 1968 and attended the May meeting of SCSC. Repulsed by the mandatory coat and tie, and reverence in straight back chair customs, he did not return until October, 1973. In 1974 he participated in his first SCSC trip. A statement by Harry Gaston during the February, 1975 meeting concerning the alarming, unexplained increase in the Space City's accident rate caught his attention. Recalling the Heidelberg meetings where the programs were founded on instructional lectures, demonstrations and films, Ed analyzed the increase to be caused by the false ease and simplicity of skiing as portrayed to beginners by the repetitious free style skiing movies. After sending a letter to the President, he found himself volunteered to assist in the 1975-76 programs in the unofficial capacity of Instructional and Safety Programs Director. Providing

more gasoline for the Program Vice President's reduction in the number of "Fantasy Flicks", an innovative series of ski equipment familiarization lectures and demonstrations and a Snowless Ski School to fuel the Trip Vice President's monthly hot exhaust about the number of accidents on each trip, his efforts helped bring down the 1975-1976 accident rate lower than the 1972 rate and one lower than the 1974-75 rate and nine lower than the projected 1975-1976 rate. The accident rate had doubled each season beginning with 1972-1973. This year he served as Trip Chairman of the Crested Butte - Texas Ski Week Trip and is serving as husband of last year's Program Vice President.

Ed spends his work hours as a Project Engineer in Southland Paper Mills' Corporate Engineering Department. His recreational activities are the outdoors type: canoeing, a member of one of the several canoe clubs in the area; camping, sailing and some tennis.



ABOVE: The Aspen Traditional Group at Buttermilk Mt. BELOW: Gourmets Unruly at it again!



A·S·P·E·N

By Sy Liebergot

The Aspen Traditional trip left Houston with great trepidation of no snow, only to be greased with 6" - 8" of new snow the night of arrival. Needless to say, the trepidation dissolved. However, the new snow did not preclude a trip nickname from developing — *"The Sunshine Concrete and Dirt Company"* — ably led by Trip Chairman Warren Cross and Assistant Sallye Stapleton.

The "Gourmets Unruly" rode again, this time composed of Sy Liebergot, Warren Cross, Jim Plummer and Jules Glogovscan. The three emergency room doctors on the trip were able to ply their trade on the medical collateral ligaments of Sy Liebergot, Cynthia Lackey, and Gloria Peacock. Then came the dislocated shoulder of Maurice Brown and the torn shoulder liagment of Craig Wallis, surgically repaired and Larry Samuelson, dog bite.

Patti Sammons won't forget her birthday cake on the return flight and NONE will forget the Huevos Rancheros breakfast put on by Sallye and Warren. Burp!

Ruth Roy lost her bikini in the coed sauna. How do you explain that, Ruth?



ABOVE: Patti Sammons and her beautiful birthday cake! BELOW: Huevos Rancheros anyone?

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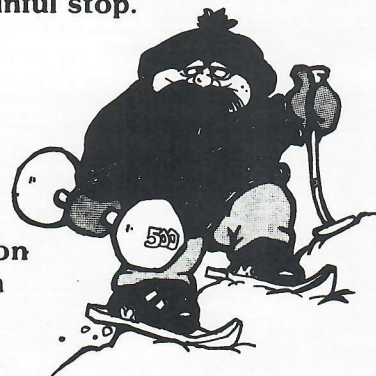
ABOVE: Sy Liebergot, Linda MacFarland, Janet Pickell and Jim Plummer at the top. BELOW: no comment required here.

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THE VAIL FAIRY

as told by
Mary K. Nicholson & Martha Huebel



TOP: Rock Island Line minus 1 girl - Richard Fussell, Mary K. Nicholson, Joe Mayeux, Barrett Penick and Roy Schmidt. NEXT: NASTAR winners, bottom row, Ken Dominy, Karol Klopp Terry Chamness, James Dixon. Top Row: Gary Elston, John MacDonald, George Hirasaki. NEXT: Carol Sidman, Debbie Hagan, Janis Walker, Ruby Summers, Tania Andrasko and Bob Marwin enjoying a good party. BOTTOM: the Oriental Express with Bob Marwin, George Hirasaki, Carol Schmidt, James Dixon, Martha Huebel and Lou Erdelyan.

Once upon a time, 48 little boys and girls gathered at the big airport in Houston to fly away on Texas International to Colorado, and fly high they did! - for 7 whole days. A great big bus picked them up at another airport in Denver and whisked them away to Vail. They all smiled and kept their juice glasses filled for the whole ride. Little Anne McGown explained to innocent Mike Birowski the difference between wet and dry!

The nice people at the Mountain Haus in Vail had more juice and cheese for the children when they arrived. Mary Scotty had gone skiing before this party and already had a bo-bo on her knee. Out of control again, Mary? The little skiers then went up to Bobby Marwin's room with their own bottles filled with juice and had themselves a tea (?) party. The door to door serviceman from J. Rich, Malcolm Carpenter, took lots of the children to a local playroom called Garten's where they danced the Hokey-Pokey and met lots of new friends. Martha Huebel discovered a new game called "Limbo" and won 3rd prize in the contest. Congratulations 'Lil Marth'!

The next day they all bundled up and went up on the big mountain. They skied and fell, and skied and slid on ice, but some smart ones took lessons on how to do this. Some children, like George Hirasaki even took a lesson on how to race, so they could go faster and faster. Why didn't they win a medal, too? Along with George, Karol Klopp, Terry Chamness, Ken Dominey, Gary Elston and James Dixon won pretty bronze medals. John MacDonald won a Hi-Ho Silver medal! Good show, kiddies!

The NASTAR races were neat, but the choo-choo races were for everyone! After milk and cookies on the hill, everyone formed choo-choo trains. Each choo-choo had an engineer, a coal car, a diner, a pull-

man, a freight car and a caboose. They raced from the top of a hill to, an emergency telephone. Richard Swartz, Gloria Hodge, Mike Birowski, Mary Scotty, Dave Reitze and John Erb were named choo-choo "Number 97". The "Snowball Express" had Ron Smith, Thelda Craven, Ron Honefenger, Donna Bergland, Gary Elston, and Lee Bowman on it. Richard Fussell, a new friend of the children was the engineer for the "Rock Island Line". On his train were Mary K. Nicholson, Barrett Penick, Cathy Smith, one race, and Dixie Lee Emmanuel, another race, Joe Mayeux, and Roy Schmidt. One other choo-choo was called the "Oriental Express." Captain Bob Marwin drove George Hirasaki, Carol Schmidt, James Dixon, Martha Huebel and Lou Erdelyan down the hill. The choo-choo races were a bunch of fun, but lots of strange poeple on the mountain thought the children had wierd minds!

The kids had lots of good times off the mountain too. "Rocky Raccoon", Richard Schwartz had a swimming party for some of his friends one night. It's too bad Nancy Ainsworth had drunk too much of her juice and had to take a nap in the sauna. Ron Honefenger gave lots of parties that all the boys and girls enjoyed. It's so much fun to plan parties, isn't it, Ronnie! He had lots of help though, especially from great big Ronnie Smith who made all the other kids stay out of the kitchen. Meanie! Bobby Marwin helped him too. He cooked great chili. He also turned into Aunt Jemima in the mornings. He made sure lots of the children had a good breakfast in their tummies before they went out to ski all day. Roy Boy Caviness snored in the kitchen while he washed the dishes.

The little Frenchman, Joe Mayeux, got homesick for southern fried chicken, so he went to talk to the colonel. The colonel killed lots of chickens so the children could

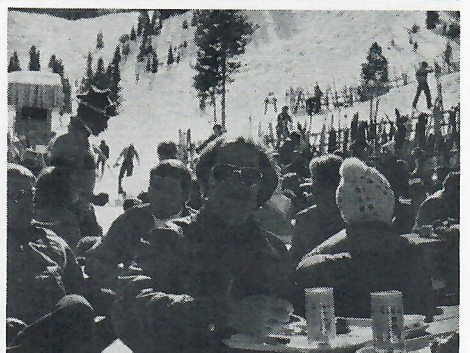
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have lots of cheap eats. Connie Mayeux, Cathy Smith and Carol Schmidt can cook too and they made a whole bunch of potato salad. Everyone brought their own juice and it was a very nice party. After the party, Frenchy took the children to a night care center. He had lots of paper tickets in his hand to get free juice for the kiddies. The children sang and danced. Miss Dixie Lee Emmanuel won the wet head award! Several other awards could have been given that night as everyone

certainly enjoyed themselves. Monkey Mike Birowski even did a trapeze act on his way to wash his hands in the fountain. He certainly used a lot of soap!

All in all, the children had many happy adventures in this place called Vail And everywhere they went up there, people were quite aware that the kids were from Space City. Their voices are still heard singing "I Was Born Under A Wandering Star".

LEFT: Arty Allen, Dixie Lee Emmanuel, Ken Dominy, Richard Schwartz and Gloria Hodge. CENTER: Donna Bergland, Gloria Hodge, Nancy Ainsworth, Mel Gross and Thelda Craven RIGHT: Top: Mary Scotty and John MacDonald. Center: Richard Fussell and Dixie Lee Emmanuel. Bottom: Ron Honefenger, Assistant Trip Chairman.



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