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JANUARY MEETING . . . . White Elephant Sale, Telluride Movie,  
JANUARY 12 Beginner Skiers, Christi & Parallel  
Turn Movies, Ski Boot Demonstration  
by J. Rich (after Meeting)

FEBRUARY MEETING . . . . .Coors' Beer Movie, "Skiing  
FEBRUARY 9 American Style", Demonstration of  
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TOTAL . . . . .	1,201



# head of the lift line



By Bob Olsen

I am overjoyed to report that we have finally **LICKED THE NOISE PROBLEM** at our meetings. The combination of a powerful public address system and the division of the room into two sections at the

December meeting allowed the speakers to be heard, and the talkers to talk with a minimum of conflict. Someone made the observation that the sound system was so effective that he could carry on his conversation without missing what the speaker was saying.

We missed reporting on the visit of Rocky Mountain Division President Lou Bowlds in our last Sitzmarke. Lou's film and talk at the November meeting reaffirmed the interest of the RMD in serving the flatland skier. The efforts of RMD on behalf of skiers everywhere have been detailed in earlier issues. Your executive committee would like to know what you feel a national or regional ski association can do for you. In return, you can volunteer your efforts, especially in writing articles, to help USSA and RMD. The cost to join RMD is minimal and that \$5 cost may be refunded if you ski in Colorado or New Mexico on non-holiday periods. Sign up at the monthly

meeting or pretrip party.

Can we thank Ed Taylor's efforts as Safety Co-ordinator for an injury free Thanksgiving trip to Utah? Only time will tell as the season progresses. Let us all make this the best and safest ski season ever.

## had a ski injury lately?

In the next few weeks a Space City Ski Club questionnaire will be mailed to all members and past members on record as injury victims. Even though it may bring back uncomfortable memories, please cooperate with us, as we attempt to disclose any reason or contributing factor to any ski injury, by completing this questionnaire (with any other information that you may wish to add) and mailing it to:

**SPACE CITY SKI CLUB**  
P. O. Box 22567

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Attention: Injury Report

Each future injury will be accompanied by a request for a completed questionnaire. This is to initiate a new SCSC policy with hope that its analysis will lead to a reduced accident frequency.

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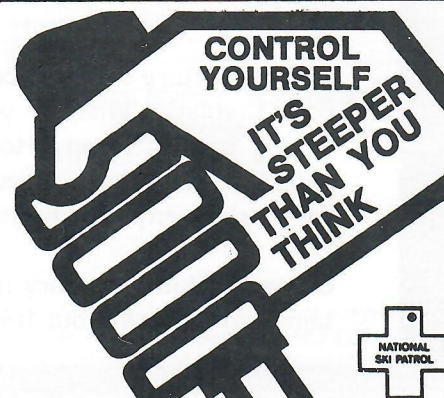
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# december meeting volunteers

by Sy Liebergot

Hi! Everybody,

It's time once again to report on our monthly madness called the **GENERAL MEETING**. 418 of you were processed into the meeting smoothly by Donna Berglund, Donna Lindsey, Susan Cotellesse, Wayne Ahrens, Chuck Dutton, Craig Shirk, Priscilla Volgman, Leona Allen, Sue Smith, Marilyn "Sue" Smith, Sandra Harris, Phyllis Coram and my Number One, Mary Riley.

And if that's not enough, our welcoming committee, called the Lift Liners create another small crowd when listed together: Bill Chalmers, Warren Cross, Margaret

Fraser, Diane and Pat McLaughlin, Dan Sebesta, Jini Blalock, Donna Hahus, Adrienne Lewis, Helen McAdam, John Sims and the dreaded "Easy" Thayer.

The business part of the meeting permitted a demonstration on how an extremely adequate audio system can transform the most timid voice into a lion's roar. The roar is being perfected by audio specialists, Ernie Howerton and Ray Coker.

Drink tickets sold by Linda Crawford, Harriet Waldvogel, Ron Hartberger, Peggy Widaman, all led by Jane Gustafson, allowed our members to better withstand the powerful speakers and the sober subject of the program.

The program, a continuation of Ed Taylor's Ski Safety Instruction, concentrated on the medical

aspects of ski injuries. It involved a movie (projected by Locked In Sports' Ruth Roy) and a question and answer period fielded by a panel of our doctor members consisting of Drs. Mike Kelly, Warren Cross, Ernie Howerton, and Jean Liles. Lighting was by Ken Cary.

Also, J. Rich Sports provided a dozen left ski boots and three right-handed men to discuss boot design. They (the men) were Bill Pennington, Bruce Bowen and David Farrell.

Penultimately, the RMD table was manned (personed?) by Harry Gaston and Bob Marwin.

Last, but not least were Jane McCormick and Catherine Porter selling pins, patch, decals and shirt transfers.

Thank you, all you volunteers!

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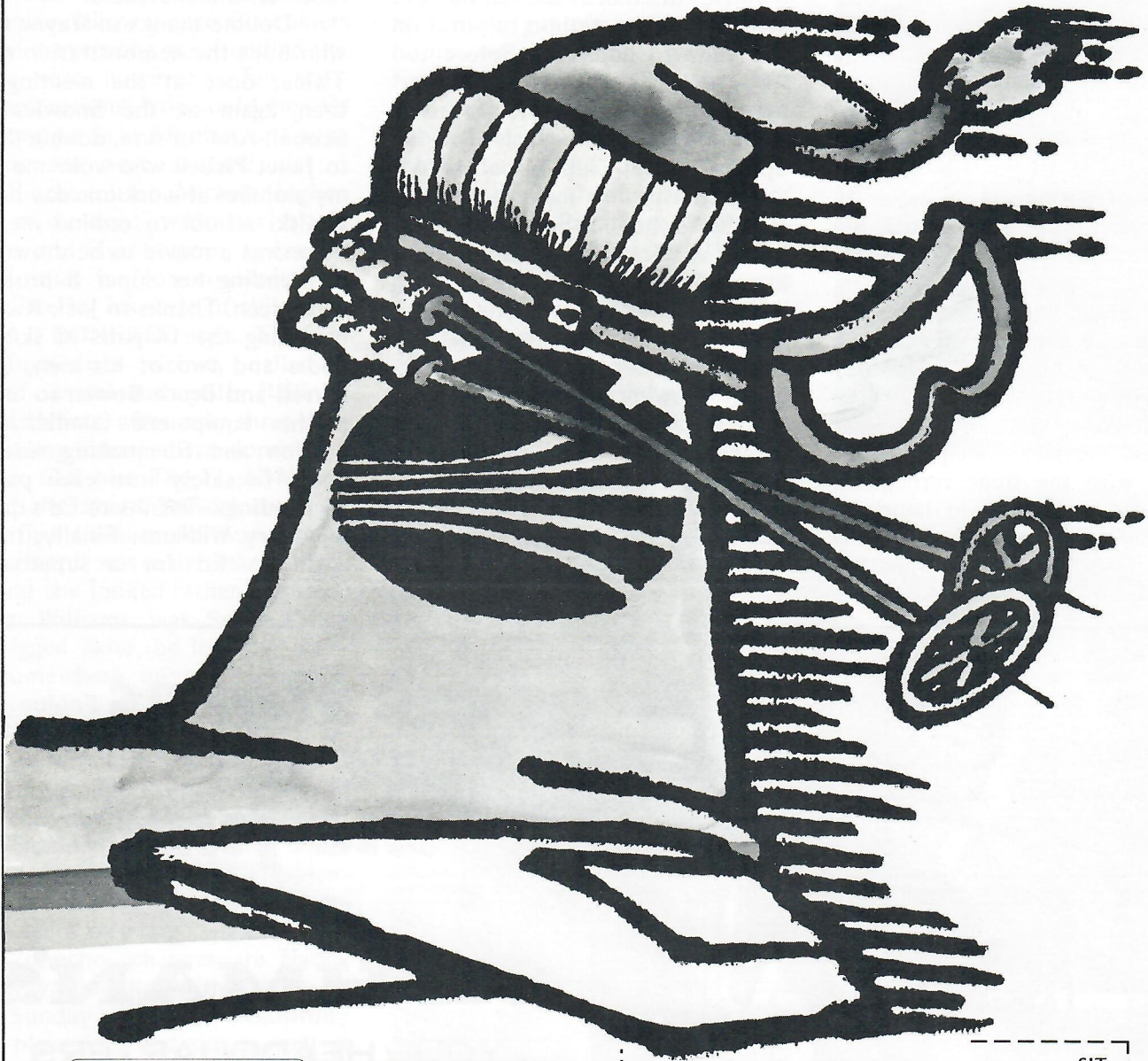
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# snowless ski school

TWO HOURS and TEN MINUTES  
by Ed Taylor

From 8:05 to 10:15 p.m. on the Monday before the Salt Lake Trip left, thirty-nine beginning and used-to-be beginning Space City Skiers got more than their money's worth. Ed Williams conducted the Snowless Ski School superbly with spellbinding instruction and demonstration. It was obvious that Ed had given quite a bit of his personal time in preparing his lesson plan, and those who signed up but did not attend missed more than can be described.

Ed began with a silent instructional movie on beginning skiing. Then he passed out photocopies of your right or left ski with all of the parts labeled. From that he went into a Ski Glossary to help us Houstonians with the slope vernacular. With skies and boots in hand, he progressed from just what a ski is into a sequence that imparted

about three times the knowledge that the first day of skiing for the beginner brings.

He discussed the equipment and the proper method to put it on and how to adjust it. Before too long, he had half of the class wearing skis and boots. Thanks to J. Rich Sports, Ltd. which lent the Space City Ski Club 14 pair of skis and boots just to make our Snowless Ski School realistic. Next, Ed had the entire class walking around in skis and boots and side stepping up and down our no longer "suicide" demonstration ramp that was first seen at our November meeting.

Following that, Ed side stepped up the ramp several times himself to demonstrate what the snowplow run and turns would look like. Also he demonstrated and instructed some intermediate level techniques such as proper body twist and ski

weighting and unweighting for parallel turns.

For closing, he let his students in on some of his physical fitness routines. Unbelievable!

Double thanks to Wayne Cook who built the demonstration ramp. Twice, once at the meeting and then again at the Snowless Ski School. And for sure, double thanks to Janet Pickell who woke me from my slumber at work one day before the ski school to remind me that there was a movie to be shown and for lending her super 8 projector and screen. Thanks to Jack Rich for providing the 14 pairs of skis and boots and two of his men, David Farrell and Bruce Bowen to aid Ed in his equipment familiarization portion and for making sure the boots fit safely into each pair of ski bindings. Thanks to Ed's daughter, Mary Williams. Finally, thanks again to Ed for a superb job!



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# ski injuries

by Ed Taylor

The December meeting's program was another phase of our effort to reduce Space City's accident frequency by presenting skiing realistically and showing how you may have an injury producing accident. Needless to say, the program was not presented to frighten skiing fledglings, but to depict what may lie ahead and the reason for concern about physical preparation, sking level and equipment condition.

This year, the Space City Ski Club has taken steps to reduce the probability of a special study team having to record our falls and injuries, such as the team which we saw in the December meeting's film that made the hidden camera B&W movies of the 2,100 falls and the four excruciating, injury producing falls.

All of this **PHYSICAL FITNESS** that we have twice covered in our meetings and twice attempted in **SPOTTS PARK** was the second step. The first was realizing that we have to prepare ourselves for skiing just like any athlete participating in his sport. The **SNOWLESS SKI SCHOOL** was another. The **EQUIPMENT FAMILIARIZATION AND DEMONSTRATION SERIES** that we are having run for us before or after the meetings (Bindings in November, Boots in December, Skis in January and all three working together in February) and some real **SKI INSTRUCTION MOVIES** are yet to come.

The importance of each of us insuring that our equipment is properly adjusted before we make that day's first run along with some other basic rules for you to follow cannot be over emphasized.

(1) **DO NOT SKI WHEN TIRED OR EXHAUSTED.**

(2) **DO NOT TRY TO SKI WITH YOUR FRIENDS WHO MAY BE MORE ADVANCED THAN YOU.**

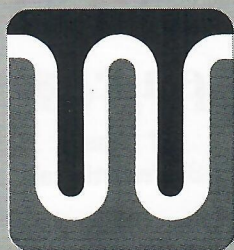
(3) **DO NOT SKI THE MOST DIFFICULT RUN THAT YOU HAVE ATTEMPTED AS THE LAST RUN OF THE DAY.**

We also recommend that **IT IS BETTER TO RENT YOUR EQUIPMENT IN HOUSTON:** Both **LOCKED IN SPORTS'** and **J. RICH SPORTS'** Ski Shops are staffed by factory trained men and equipped with sophisticated machines to properly set your ski's bindings for you and your boots. Not to mention that they are Houstonians and Space City Ski Club members renting to Ski Club members.

Finally, **TAKE LESSONS!** Snow skiing is different from water skiing. Learn it from a snow skiing instructor.

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# 11 remaining ski trips ...1975-1976 ski season

By Bob Allgeier

Once again, this column will serve as a forum to laud the enthusiasm of this year's membership. As of the close of business at the December 8 meeting, a startling 82% of the available trips to the mountains are sold out! As most of you know, this season started out with a resounding clash of overcrowding in September and has set records ever since. One wonders how many of us would ski this season if we didn't have an economic recession to slow us down.

Again, it is very gratifying to see this response and again, thanks for your support. You have all made this Club a source of pride and a greater source of fun and good fellowship. Especially on the hill.

But on to the reporting — elsewhere in this issue, Lee Grona will tell you how she and her unruffled

assistant, Ron Free led 72 skiers to Salt Lake City and partook of a blizzard, at least several small glasses of wine, powder snow up to their waists, terrific accommodations (for a grateful change — we're going back there!), a couple of long waits, and the fabled runs of Snowbird, Alta, and Park City. Mores the pity we couldn't all go but don't forget an opportunity comes up next month if you haven't signed up. That's Bobbet's and Ed's adventure to Telluride. As of this writing, she and the Mt. Hood trip still have a few places.

Due to the terrific response mentioned earlier, a problem for your officers was posed for the first time. It went something like "If you are supposed to promote skiing, why are you going to leave all those folks at home after the existing trips are full?" Really, SCSC's shouldn't have to settle for second

best, so two additional trips will be run and in different ways, they're both zingers.

The first one will be an economy trip to Taos, N.M. on March 10, 1976. One busload of skiers will depart in the afternoon, travel all night and hit the hill before noon on Thursday, March 11, 1976. Lodging is tentative at this time, but it looks like 3 to a bath. Hope not, but it sometimes happens when we really want to go somewhere at the last minute.

The second trip to be added is called the Spring White Sale and is to Steamboat on April 3-10, 1976. This is a special deal and is being partially subsidized by the lodge operators, one of which is where we're staying and is new to SCSC. We will be staying in sumptuous splendor at Steamboat Village Inn and you will be amazed at the low, lifts included, price.

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March 10  
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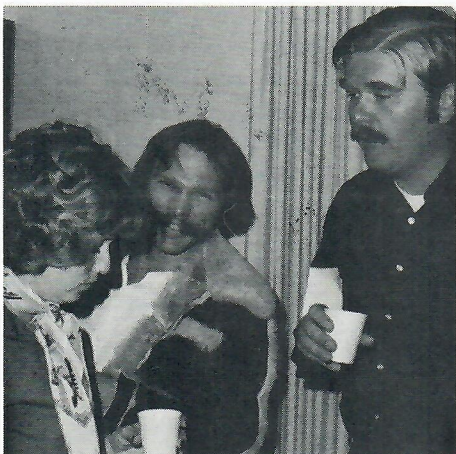
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SKI PATROL



Right: Left to right, *Bob Sheridan, Patty Free, Milton Howe, Ron Free, Miles Anderson and Rick Flammer* at lunch. Below: Top to bottom, *Jon Williams, leaving Park City Ticket Office. Nancy Parker, John Scahill and Bob Marwin* tasting *Ron Free's* hot spiced wine. *Ann Renstra and Charles Smith* at the first cocktail party.



by Lee Grona

Seventy-one skiers prayed for snow in Utah, and it snowed, and it Snowed and it SNOWED, seven feet in all during the time Space City was there.

The trip left Houston on Wednesday, November 26 only one hour late. The ticket agent is still trying to figure out why **Bob Neiman** needed two boarding passes. The accommodations and the staff of Rodeway Inn of Salt Lake were swell. Thursday, 9:00 a.m. we left for Alta and Snowbird and found twenty-nine inches of new snow when we got there. No rock skiing this year! Those skiers who had never skied much powder before found out there was a lot to learn. That evening at the "Party that almost wasn't", because **Layna Adams** locked up all the liquor and lost the key (she finally jimmied the lock), it was discovered that SCSC skiers had left items on the bus that returned early from the mountain. **Jerry Boldra** was missing three pairs of shoes??? and his skis??? What did he do on the mountain? **Miles Anderson** also showed up sans shoes, but they were on the bus too. It was noted that girls turned up the lost shoes for these two guys!

Friday morning everyone woke to more snow. At Alta the lifts opened late and closed about an hour later. Those who tried to

ski found 40-60 mph winds and a total white out. We were in a blizzard. The slope refunded the lift tickets and the buses tried to leave. Would you believe a three hour bus trip to go twenty-eight miles? **Bob Olsen** saved the day for many by putting the "closed for the winter" restroom back into operation. **Greg Thompson, Tom Mercer and Robert Copple** managed to get snowed in a bar halfway between Alta and Snowbird, a Space City dream come true, because the bus was forced to leave them there! On the way down, bus no. 2 picked up seventeen kids who were stranded on the mountain and gave them a ride to their hotel. While the last bus was struggling down the mountain, **Ron Free** was making hot spiced wine for the second party. We understand that the kitchen help at the hotel wasn't the same after sampling and tasting until it was Just Right. The wine was swell, Ron, and ready just in time for the last bus riders to walk in and enjoy. Later that evening **Vic and Miriam Peterson, Penny Chancey, Les Bennett, Ron and Patti Free, Ed Taylor**, etc. were seen enjoying a superb Italian dinner in an old church.

Saturday morning when the buses arrived at Park City, everyone was told "Frostbite warnings are out." You could tell, too because **Jim Plummer, Ed Taylor and John Scahill** sported 3 foot icicles on their respective moustaches.



# thanksgiving trip-utah

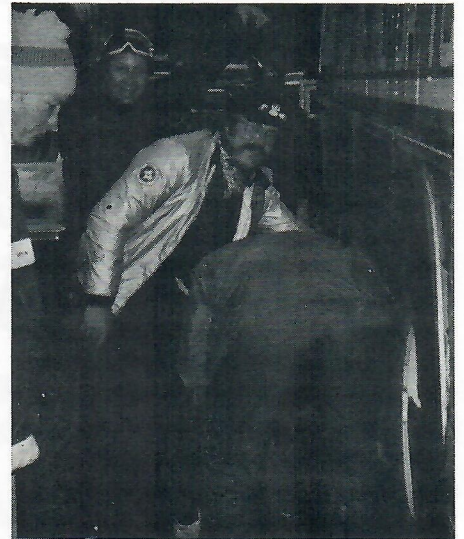
The high temperature for the day was zero at the **BOTTOM** of the mountain. It was impossible to recognize fellow Space City skiers the way everyone was bundled up. There were, however, a few notable exceptions. Who could miss **Ed Williams** suede and fur hat, or **Layna Adams** red nose mitten? Yes, a **REAL** nose mitten. **Michele Hughen** was a standout with her black, yellow and blue bottom, to her ski outfit, that is. You couldn't miss **Ron Free** by his style of skiing. He called it **RONFREE** style. Those in the immediate vicinity called it 'out-of-control with poles flailing!' **Eddie Hebert**, after only three days, was skiing intermediate slopes with a flair. Call him **The Flash**. **Milton Howe** and **Sherri Prewitt** could be identified because he was always telling her it was easier than it looked, and she looked rather skeptical. **Roger Williams** was Space City's one-legged skier, he lost the other ski somewhere on the mountain. One couldn't miss **Rick Flammer** in his \$6 bargain wild ski pants, although he almost missed the bus going back. He claimed he was in the store buying bread and cheese! **Bob Sheridan's** Bi-centennial outfit should be preserved for President Ford to wear skiing! If you happened to see a very large tan and white plaid poncho, chances are **Nancy Parker** was huddled within.

Sunday dawned beautifully with blue skies and sun as well as several inches of new snow. The majority of the Space City crew voted to return to Park City, with loud vocals by **Bob Marwin** for a "really early" bus. The crowds thinned at noon and we had a full day of great skiing. The buses took us to the hotel to change clothes (**Charles Sander-son** couldn't seem to tell the girls change room from the boys) and then to the airport where the usual wait began. Bridge games, sleeping, drinking warm Coors, and finally a pool to determine out exact departure time helped to pass the hours.

**Darolyn Butler** arranged with the pilot to announce the exact time of "lift off" to determine the winner. We finally got off at 11:58, three hours late, and the big winner was **Les Bennett** with 11:55 p.m. Just don't ask **Miles Anderson** to do a snow dance, you will get seven feet in no time.

A special thank you to **Miles Anderson** and **Patti Free** who helped with all the parties, to **Mike Gay** for lending us his car, and to **Penny Chancey** and **Gordon Walker** for minding the luggage from hotel to airport on the return trip. And **THANK YOU** to all the participants who helped make this the best trip ever!

Below: **Dr. Gordon Walker**, **Greg Thompson**, and **Joseph Potvin** loading the bus. Left to right: **Miles Anderson**, **Lee Grona**, **Bob Sheridan** and **Les Bennett**. Bottom left: **Roger Williams** leaving a typical Utah convenience center. Bottom right: **SCSC's** wait for the plane home to Houston.





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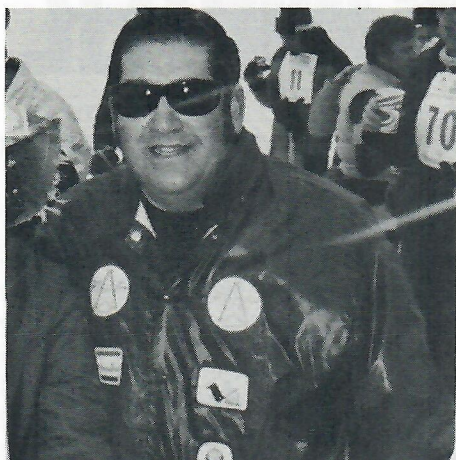
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# markemaker

by Ann Cornish



**FINN RUNFALO**

People oriented and hard working — that's **FINN RUNFALO**. Lengthy tenure as a director and service on various Houston Exxon Employee Club committees paid off for Finn when he was elected president of the Houston Exxon Employee Club by a landslide vote in 1971. Finn, a supervisor in general services at Exxon Production Research Company, was a familiar name to voters because he had previously served four years as a club director, three years each as director or co-ordinator and membership chairman, and eleven years on the picnic committee.

Finn is also credited as being one of the organizers of the Exxon Singles Club and has served as its president for the past three years. The Exxon Singles Club makes trips similar to many of our SCSC treks (Lafayette Horse Races, Hill-top Herb Farm, Padre Island, etc.) In the past six months, Finn has gone on one-half dozen of these side trips sponsored by either Space City or the Exxon group. "It's a great way to meet many interesting people" says Finn. Next year he will relinquish his presidency to our Club's Vice President of Programs, **Layna Adams**. He says it will be a pleasure to watch the Exxon Singles Club continue growing under her direction.

The first time Finn ever skied was at Snowmass with the Exxon

Club. He says he remembers he and other first timers going out to the ski school and the ski instructor saying "All right, you Texans. Take off some of those clothes so you can ski!" They were so bundled up sweat was rolling off their brow! His second ski trip was Space City's most unforgettable Vail trip. That was in '72 when a blizzard closed Loveland Pass. The group, led by **Jimmy St. Clair**, left Vail at ten o'clock in the morning and reached the pass by one o'clock. Traffic was bumper to bumper. The bus inched along in a tedious nerve wracking fashion, but Finn says they had a ball. One girl got off the bus and was running alongside it scooping up snow so she could build a snow man inside the bus! Finn claims that she wasn't drunk. It was just that she was from Florida and went "bananas" over snow. Anyway, after 12 hours on the bus, our fighting 86 arrived in Denver aboard the very last vehicle to get through the Pass before it was closed completely.

Other areas Finn has skied include Steamboat Springs (three times) and, of course, Park City which is the trip he will lead this February. His favorite of all ski trips, however, was the second time he went to Vail for the first Texas Ski Week. Finn was the first Race Chairman of the Texas Ski Council and also served as race co-ordinator for SCSC. That was the year Space City won the silver cup. Fifty-two out of a trip of eighty-eight participated and really racked up some points. Our Club also had the top three women racers. Finn is already

planning to ski Texas Ski Week next year.

In his spare time, Finn enjoys playing tennis. In fact, you may have noticed the tennis roster he put together for the **Sitzmarke** - 50 names and growing. He also enjoys playing poker, golfing, deer hunting, and reading. Recently he bought a ten-speed bike and intends to make the Space City bike trip this spring. In the past Finn always followed in his pick-up truck picking up stragglers. Fair and faint heart, take heed. You'll not have Finn to bail you out anymore! He'll be peddling along right with you!



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By Bob Neiman



**Aspen**

For those of you lucky enough to be going on the Aspen Traditional Trip, the following comments by Marilyn Geller should be helpful in deciding where you want to spend your money apres ski.

The **Crystal Palace** has a choice of four entrees. The waiters and waitresses do a complete show which is a musical spoof. The place is fairly expensive. **Andre's** has super brunch and is very good for dinner. The **Golden Horn** is expensive but excellent. Reservations are required at both the Golden Horn and the Crystal Palace. The **Shaft** is inexpensive, has excellent barbeque and no reservations are required. **Galena Street East** is a good steak house with moderate prices and no reservations are required. **Alice's Alley** is one of the many pizza places. The **Village Pantry** is unbelievable for a hardy lumberjack type breakfast. The **Chart House** is another Victoria Station type restaurant with good food. **Shannon's Galley** is an expensive French restaurant; reservations are required.

Check **Don Giovanni's** for a full seven course meal with a different menu each day of the week. Crepe lovers try the **Magic Pan**. **Little Annie's Eating House** is a place for a fast inexpensive dinner with the barbeque chicken recommended. The **Great Gorge** has 'two for one' meals at various times during the week. The **Steak Pit** will be two blocks from where Space City skiers will be staying. The **Steak Pit** is recommended for king crab legs, steak and has a good salad bar.

**Ken Cary** likes the **Copper Kettle** at Aspen, which he describes as hard to get into and expensive. However, each night they have a different national menu. Ken also likes the **Shaft** and the **Magic Pan**. As you have probably surmised, Aspen is a gourmet's delight. However, if you have any problems finding a good place to eat, check with **Jim Plummer** or **Bob Olsen** as they have both been to Aspen many times and will be glad to recommend a good place to eat.

**Bars** - If you had rather drink than eat, the **Space Lodge** at Aspen Highlands has a band with dancing apres ski. At **Snowmass**, the place to drink and dance is at the top of the first lift. Watch out coming down afterwards.

**Mt. Hood**

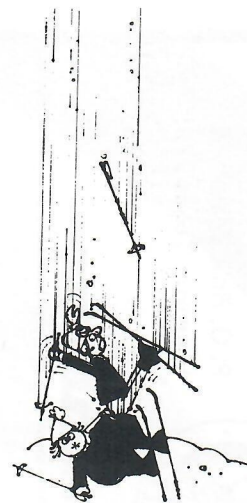
## MT. HOOD

According to **Jim Benefield**, there is only one place to eat at Mt. Hood. Benefield's trip will be staying at the **Timberline Lodge** which is 4½ miles from the nearest civilization. I'm not sure whether you eat the bears or the bears eat you! However, there are two spots on the access road to the mountain where beer, pretzels and drinks are available. At the **Timberline Lodge** you will find the **Blue Ox Bar**, **Ram's Head Bar**, plus two restaurants - one is for intimate dining while the second restaurant is a family style affair.

Here is wishing Aspen and Mt. Hood skiers good snow, good skiing and good eating.

*Next month:* Telluride and Park City.

## How to fall safely



Any person who claims that he's never taken a fall is: 1) not telling the truth, 2) not really putting any challenge into his skiing. Bear in mind that spills happen to every skier from the novice to the expert. They are just as embarrassing to the great as they are to the rest of us—and they can be just as dangerous.

One thing is different: pros and highly conditioned racers are physically stronger and therefore more responsive than the recreational skiers. So, the answer is that when you know you are going to fall — fall. Don't fight it when you have begun to lose your balance. Melt into the snow as softly and compactly as you can. By resisting, you exert muscle effort to overcome the impending disaster. Your body becomes contorted to regain balance. If the fall comes at this point, you are in no condition to prepare yourself for the impact and you risk one of those falls called "egg-beaters" or "cart-wheels". In short, you may wish you had gone down at the first opportunity, rather than prolong and possibly intensify the agony.

An appropriate axiom is "Those best able to recover from trouble are seldom in it." A time proven method of falling is to collect yourself into a compact ball. Tuck in elbows, hands and draw your knees up close. Be sure that knees, boots and skis are as close together as possible. Never sit back on the tails of your skis, for they will keep running after you fall. In unity there is sometimes another chance.





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