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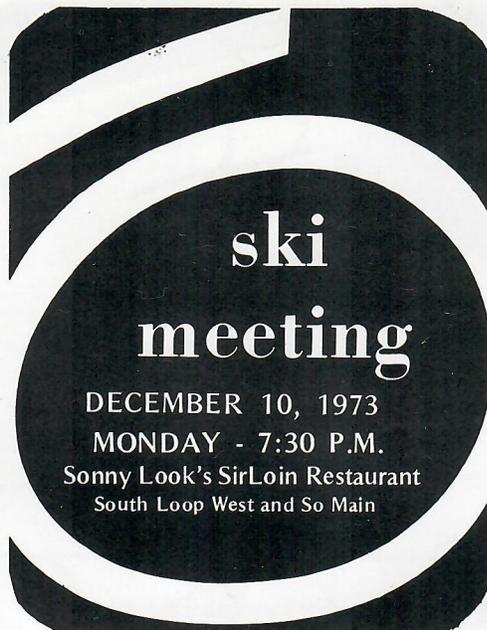
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ski meeting

DECEMBER 10, 1973

MONDAY - 7:30 P.M.

Sonny Look's SirLoin Restaurant
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program

by Jerry Kearby

MOVIE ON USSA SKI WEEK

If you did not attend the November meeting, you missed a beautiful show. Thanks again to *Jo Anne Reine* and her staff for all the work and talent - to Jack and Ingrid Rich for their ski apparel - to Les Cauthen and his "Jeremiahs" for their good music - and to all the people who volunteered to get "involved". Without each and every one of you, the show would not have made it.

DECEMBER 10th is the date of our next meeting which will have an excellent movie of "USSA Ski Week" shot last year at Snow Mass. If you have not been skiing during a Ski Week, this movie will give you a lot of information about the organized races and other benefits of a ski Week. SCSC will have two trips participating in such a week - USSA Ski Week during the Sun Valley trip January 4-12 and Texas Ski Week at Vail February 6-10. Join us at the December meeting to be entertained and informed.

We had 70 people sign up for ice skating parties! As soon as I find a "volunteer" to take charge of the program, I will have him call each

person, who left his telephone number about the first party. After that, the dates will be published in the Sitzmarke.

notices

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER 6
SUN VALLEY
PRE-TRIP PARTY
Swiss Chalet - 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 10
GENERAL MEETING

DECEMBER 12
STEAMBOAT SPRINGS
PRE-TRIP PARTY
Swiss Chalet - 8:00 p. m.

DECEMBER 26
JANUARY 1
STEAMBOAT SPRINGS
SKI TRIP

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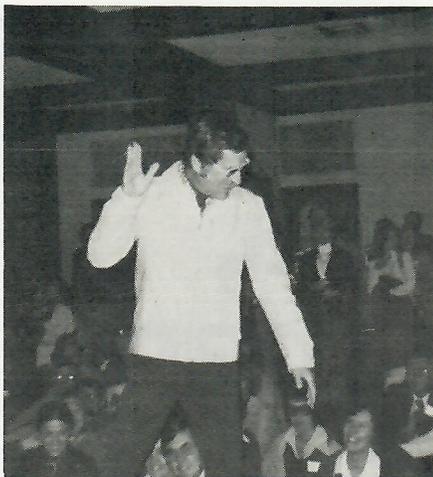
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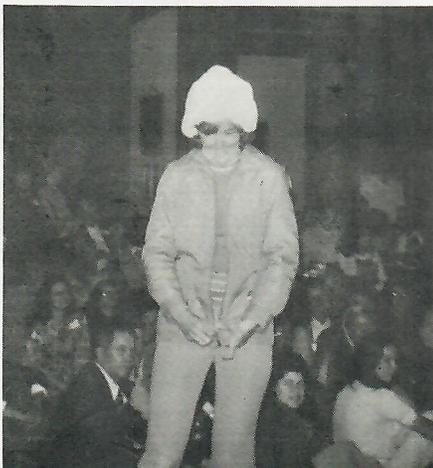
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style show



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By John Rainey



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By Jim McIntyre

from the head of the liftline

At the November meeting, Space City Ski Club did something it is not in the habit of doing. WE CANCELLED THE TAOS Ski Trip. WHY? Space City Ski Club has the enviable reputation of running first class ski trips. To have run the Taos ski trip would have lowered the standards to which the members have become accustomed. The crux of the problem was the accommodations. To continue to run the trip would have required crowding four adults into an apartment designed for a family with one bathroom. To put two adults into one unit would have increased the cost of this four day trip to approximately the cost of our eight day Aspen trip.

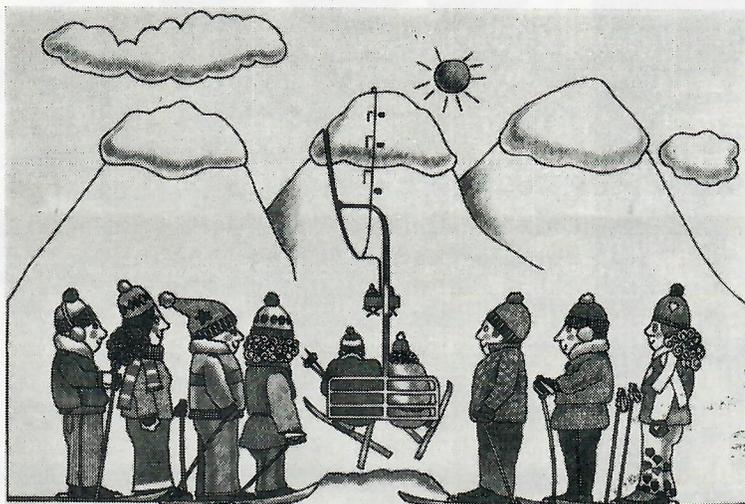
TAOS has traditionally been a family ski area. Most clubs that ski there stay in town and drive almost 40 miles round trip each day to ski. We thought we had beat the system but as the trip progressed it became apparent they were not interested in our club at the ski valley and false promises led to misunderstandings which resulted in cancellation.

Even though the decision to cancel may be unpopular I want to assure you that every member of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE swallowed a bit of pride and did what they truly felt was in the best interest of the club. There were no dissenters, the decision was unanimous.

Space City Ski Club does not make a practice of supporting someone else's trip but our sister club, the HOUSTON SKI CLUB (which publishes our schedule and sends us all their singles) has invited our club to join them in Europe for 16 days in March. Since we do not offer a ski trip to Europe this year and some of our members have expressed an interest in such a trip, I think it is a nice gesture on the part of the Houston Ski Club. If you are interested, call the Houston Ski Club at 228-4571.

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As of this writing, the SCSCers destined for Breckenridge have met at the Swiss Chalet for their pre-trip party. Bags are being packed, equipment waxed and oiled, and the enthusiasm is rising for this mid-holiday skiing encounter. We leave on Continental Flight No. 989 at 4:15 p.m., Wednesday, December 12. Bus to Four-O'Clock Lodge

in 1½ hours. We will have two parties - one wine and cheese party right after the lifts close Friday; and one "Let's Get Together Before Dinner" Saturday.

Breckenridge, Keystone and "Sunny" Copper are preparing for our arrival to insure our having the best possible of all times. After four days of excellent skiing and weather, we will leave the Four O'Clock Lodge at 4:00 in order to return on Continental's Flight No. 424 departing Denver at 7:05 p.m. and arriving in Houston at 9:58 p.m.

December 12 - 16

\$155.00

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"STEAMBOAT, WE'RE A-COMIN'

'Yes Sir!' Starting December 26th, the Ski Club's Greatest Trip of the Year, will be leaving.

Now for all the beginners, I know you've always heard, "You have to work your way to the top!" That's true, but with several ski lifts, your life is made simple. Once you're at the top, you will be passing the old pros on the terrific beginner slopes. For the old timers there are still plenty of slopes for the Intermediates and Experts so you won't have to worry about the beginners passing you.

The trip will be coming home in 1974 on January 1st. Start the New Year off with "Memories from Steamboat". The trip is filled, but the waiting list is small. Your chances of going are great.

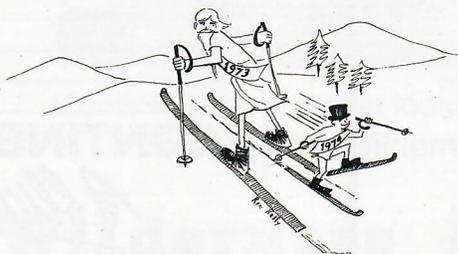
The Pre-Trip Party will be December 12th at the Swiss Chalet Club, 511 South Post Oak Lane, off Woodway, at 8:00 p.m. If you're a newcomer, this is the time to meet everyone and start the trip, as well as a new year, off right. See you there!

December 26 - January 1

\$230.00

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Assistant Chairman:
Layna Adams
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Sun Valley



SCSC's trip to Sun Valley, Idaho departs in less than one month! This next meeting will be our last before departure, so don't delay! NOW is the time to send in your money for that swinging ski vacation that you have been contemplating all these months. We leave Houston, Friday, January 4, 1974 at 5:10 p.m. on a Texas International dinner flight for Sun Valley, arriving in

Elkhorn Village about midnight. There we will be staying in luxurious brand new condominiums from which we can walk to the triple chair lift which takes skiers to the top of Dollars Mountain.

Dollar is a superb teaching mountain with 13 beginner and intermediate runs. Baldy, with its three face exposure, 40 runs including 6 wide powder bowls, 11 lifts, and three restaurants, is comparable to three mountains in one. Sun Valley reports they are already receiving good snow, packing the slopes, and anticipating an early opening of their ski season.

The USSA '74 Ski Week activities, to be held in Sun Valley at the same time we are there, offer participants of this trip many exciting and fun things to do. We can enter the races, take part in the cross-country ski tours, attend the cocktail parties, and participate in any number of other special events. As a participant of the USSA Ski Week activities, our trip members must be members of the RMD of the USSA in order to get the discounts we are offered. We will be able to purchase lift tickets for \$5.00 per day, \$25.00 for six days, or \$30.00 for seven days, and group lessons will be offered at \$6.00 per day or \$25.00 for five days. In addition, we are getting our accommodations at a discount due to USSA Ski Week.

For your apres ski enjoyment, there are innumerable restaurants, nightclubs, and shops plus facilities for ice skating, swimming, and sleight rides. Our departure from Sun Valley after 7 full days of skiing and 8 nights is set for Saturday morning, January 12, 1974. More details will be announced at our pre-trip party scheduled for December 6 at the Swiss Chalet at 7:30 p.m. Total trip cost is \$305.00 with final payment now due. Sign Up! You'll have a swinging time!

January 4-12

\$305.00

Trip Chairman:

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Aspen Trip A

The Aspen "A" trip filled up during the September meeting and we have a waiting list of 30 people. We would still like to encourage interested people to get on the waiting list because we can always anticipate many cancellations for one reason or another.

We will depart Houston on a Texas International charter flight Friday, January 25 at 7:30 p.m. to Grand Junction, Colorado. From there, we'll take a short bus ride to Aspen and enjoy eight days of skiing and night life. We'll depart Aspen on Saturday afternoon about 5:00 p.m. on February 2 and be back in Houston for a good night's sleep.

While in Aspen, we'll stay at the Chateaux Eau Claire and Roaring Fork Condominiums. These are two bedroom/two bath apartments with four people to each apartment. The trip will be full of parties, ski races and happy people.

January 25 - February 2 \$230.00

Trip Chairman:

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Transportation only \$135.00

Assistant Chairman:

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TEXAS SKI WEEK

It is three months before departure, the snow has been falling for weeks, and the trip is little more than half filled. So, don't linger, send your deposit today. Finn Runfalo has done a great job for the big Texas Ski Week Race by obtaining commitments from five other Texas Ski Clubs. Everyone who attended the October Meeting saw the bright red wet-look ski jackets that Lone Star Beer Co. is giving to the skiers in the Saturday race. It really is a nice warm ski jacket and Lone Star is also providing a shrimp boil party Saturday night. For those going on their first ski trip, Vail offers one of the best ski schools and a very large Swiss-type village, where the pedestrian is king and not the car. The Clock Tower is a favorite spot each day after skiing to quench your thirst with your favorite drink (such as hot buttered rum). It is also time to start thinking about final payments which are due by the December meeting.

February 6 - 10 \$180.00

Trip Chairman:

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Assistant Chairman:

Jeanne Neu
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Those of you who were present at the November meeting heard the announcement that the Taos ski trip has been cancelled. The reason for the cancellation was accommodations. The resort told us Monday November 12th that they were not reserving one of the condominiums they had promised us. The decision to cancel the Taos trip was made by the Executive Committee after reviewing all details and discussing the alternatives. The ski club offers quality trips at reasonable prices. The

committee felt that a trip should not be offered if the accommodations would inconvenience the trip participants.

Deposits will be refunded to all participants with no refund charge. Participants may also transfer their deposits to any of the other trips, also with no charge. The Vail Texas Ski Week and the Vail Easter trip are not yet filled and many of the other trips have very short waiting lists and an excellent chance of vacancies.

We regret we are not able to ski Taos, but we still have nine other great trips. If anyone has any questions or comments regarding the Taos trip, transfers, or refunds, please contact Ann Cornish (661-4593).



"Aspen is a skier's town" . . . and SCSC has proven that statement with the Aspen "B" trip . . . it's full. Those of you who still wish to get on this trip might still do so by insuring a high slot on the waiting list . . . the higher priority you have on the list, the odds of your going are better as cancellations and transfers occur. So, if you wish to insure your "priority slot" on the trip waiting list without risking or losing any money, send in

your name, address and \$50. deposit. There are three trans only spaces available, but with the full package filled, these won't be available for very long.

Departure is 2:00 a.m. Saturday, February 23 via Texas International "party charter" with an expected 5:00 a.m. arrival in Grand Junction. Three buses will pick us up and deliver us in Aspen at approximately 8:00 a.m. Then it's beautiful powder skiing and parties, parties, parties. (Just in case you're interested, we have 17 married couples 28 guys and 26 girls - a great mixture for any Aspen trip and definitely a great mixture of personalities.)

Accommodations are at the Chateaux Roaring Fork and Eau Claire with full recreational and relaxation facilities available. Our condominiums are 2 bedroom/2 bath units (4 persons to a unit) with full kitchens, living room and fireplaces. After many parties, races and a full week of glorious snow, we'll reluctantly depart. Departure is scheduled for 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 2, with arrival in Houston around midnight. You'll have Sunday to recuperate! Our pre-trip party is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 1974 at the Swiss Chalet. Drinks will be \$1.25; complimentary cheese fondue will be served. This will be a super ski trip. If you're not on the waiting list, but would like to be, send in your name, address and \$50. check insuring your priority slot to:

February 23 - March 2	\$230.00	Transportation only	\$135.00
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The Banff trip is proving to be one of the most popular of the season. All forty-four places on the trip are taken, and we have about fifteen on the waiting list. However, with the trip still four months away, there is a good chance for people on the waiting list to get on the trip.

The forty-four who leave at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 8th, will enjoy seven full days skiing at Mt. Norquay, Sunshine Village and Lake Louise. We will be staying at the Ptarmigan Inn in Banff, which is only blocks away from the many restaurants and clubs in downtown Banff. We will return to Houston on Saturday, March 16. Sign up now. The chance to go on this great trip will be well worth the wait.

March 8-16 \$305.00

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Warm sunny days and fantastic skiing? It can happen to you, at Vail, during Easter. If you have never had a chance for spring skiing, now is the time and Vail is the place.

Eighty-eight skiers will be leaving Houston Wednesday, April 10, for the last SCSC trip of the season.

We will be staying at the Mountain Haus, one of the most luxurious spots that our Club has ever had the pleasure of settling into. Two and three bedroom condominiums with fireplaces and fully equipped kitchens await our happy skiers when they arrive. All night life is centered around and within walking distance of our accommodations. Spring skiing at Vail is an adventure in itself and we will have three and one-half days of it. Conditions during the spring can range from trusty hard pack, to fantastic powder, to thrilling corn. Our trip is filling up fast, but there are still a few spaces left. So to guarantee yourself a great Easter ski trip, sign up now.

April 10-14 \$177.00

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what's been happening...



By **Connie Hinshaw**
Nancy Winslow
Sally Riggs



Connie

Bob Mahlstedt and Patti Paine are among the Space City Ski Club newly-weds. They are planning an exciting honeymoon to Brazil during the Christmas holidays since they were not able to go on a honeymoon following their wedding. Joyce McCowen will also tie the knot with Randall Odom and Louise Taylor and Willie "Buhl" will also join the newlywed list . . . The Girls Cotillion Club had their annual formal dance Friday, November 16th at the Warwick. SCSC members seen enjoying the Rocky Mountain High were Jean Merrit, Toni Walsh, Jan Mason, Barbara Kendrick, Becky Pinckard, and their dates. . .



Nancy

The Snowbird Pre-Trip party was a fun way to start the ski season. Participants enjoyed themselves at the Forest Creek Apartments Clubhouse. Roy Gowell, our fantastic bartender and Kay Wolters helped to make the party a real success. We are at this time "praying for more and more snow" and are sure that in our next newsletter you will read about our fabulous, if not "famous" trip. . . . At the Houston Post Travel Fair, Dave Merrick



Sally

won a three day ski trip to Steamboat Springs, lodging included at the Stage-Coach Inn. Thanks to Woodmoor Corporation, he will be leaving on this fantastic trip January 4.

SKIER'S CHECK LIST

- . skis
- . bindings
- . poles
- . safety straps
- . ski boots
- . boot bag
- . boot tree
- . ski bag
- . hat
- . gloves or mittens
- . underwear
- . glove liners
- . socks
- . sock liners
- . turtle necks
- . sweaters
- . parka
- . ski pants
- . warmups
- . sun glasses
- . goggles
- . sun screen
- . wind shirt
- . face mask
- . apres' ski boots
- . apres' ski wear
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By **Ed Williams**

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ski tips

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At higher speeds there is very little unweighting that is required and you can turn your skis in most instances by merely changing the edge of your skis. This can be accomplished by moving your knee from side to side or by banking your entire body. When the edge is changed with the use of the knee, additional turning power can be utilized by pressing your knee towards the tip of the ski to apply pressure to the front. Depending on the terrain or the snow conditions you might need some down unweighting to change the edge of the skis.

The skis turn because of two factors; resistance of the snow against the ski and the design of the ski. Everything else we do with our body is designed to balance over the skis and to assist in applying the pressure

to change the edge and resistance of the snow against the ski.

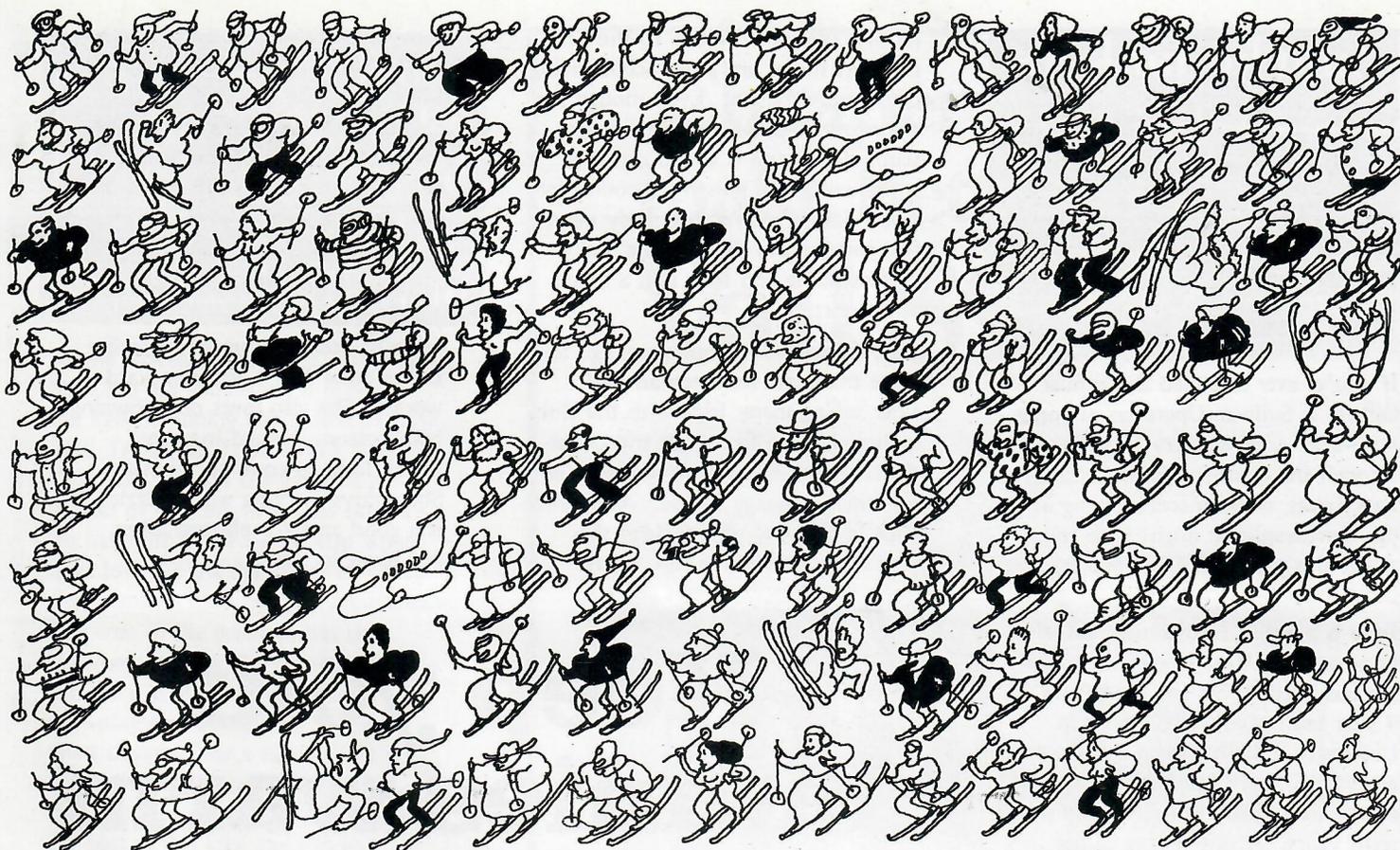
If you can get over the fear of going fast, you will find you ski with less effort, better control and above all more safely. If you do fall and the bindings need to release, they operate more efficiently with speed.

new members

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| Jack L. Barnes | Halina Koziell |
| Elizabeth A. Bennett | David L. Lancaster |
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| Sandra D. Blumenaus | Robert E. Lynch |
| Karen K. Branch | Louelle McAfee |
| Norma J. Bujnoch | Robert H. McLean |
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| Lawrence A. & Loretta Friedman | |
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| Walter B. & Becky Kint | |
| John W. & Lucy Mitchell | |
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SUMMARY

7 Couples	14
38 Singles	38
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	52



We're on our way to Colorado, Utah and New Mexico. Ski along.

Texas International flies you to the big ski-port cities—Denver, Salt Lake City, and Albuquerque. Then you pick up ground or air transportation on to the deep snows and a fresh skiing adventure.

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You decide where you want to ski. Then start with Texas International. Call us or your travel agent for flight schedules and package plan information. And make your reservations early if you want to go for the season's best snow. If possible, consider some during-the-week trips to miss the crowds.

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Texas International  **We're on our way.**

marke makers

By Janet Pickell



If you've ever attended the annual Gilbert & Sullivan Operettas at Jones Hall, been cross-country bicycling through the countryside of Central-East Texas, or been scuba diving in the Carribean, you might have run across this month's Marke Maker, Judy Allen.

Judy is a native Houstonian, actually a native of West University where she has lived all her life except for a 4 year tenure at Texas Christian University. She has been a performer in the Gilbert & Sullivan Operetta, a type of political satire, for the past eight years. At the urging of her choir director, who incidentally also directed the singers of the Operetta. Judy auditioned and was chosen to perform with the Gilbert & Sullivan group. In addition to the annual Operetta performed every July, the group puts on special performances of these political satires in the winter months. Judy recalls a show for the Junior League and recently a benefit performance in Galveston. Practice for the summer Operetta usually takes six weeks of Judy's time as the rehearsals normally begin in early June.

Some of Judy's other spare time is devoted to another interest, cross-country bicycling. She does not really enjoy riding on the crowded streets and freeways of the city, but prefers to transport her brand new ten-speed bicycle to the country side of East Texas. She normally bicycles at least 40 miles on a trip fending off the farm dogs. Otherwise she enjoys every minute of these treks. She also bicycles to the Medical Center daily where she is employed as a medical writer in Cystic Fibrosis research at the Texas Institute for Rehabilitation and Research. In the past Judy has also delved in scuba diving. After taking lessons

locally, she joined a trip to the British West Indies and went scuba diving off Grand Cayman. Even though she has many pleasant memories from scuba diving and is a well qualified swimmer, having passed the course for Water Safety Instructors, Judy never felt quite secure diving. She really prefers skiing and feels it is a much safer sport.

Judy joined SCSC four years ago and since that time has been an avid skier taking many trips with the club, including three European trips. Incidentally, she is currently enrolled in a French language course. After three trips to Europe, she decided she would like to be able to converse

somewhat with the natives. As a member of SCSC, Judy has been an active participant in many club activities having modeled in two style shows, taken part in two of the Spring Musicals, served as a Lift Liner, and sold drink tickets.

Other pastimes that Judy enjoys include "puttering in the yard." Judy explains, "I like the instant sense of accomplishment of seeing things done that I get from yard-work." She also loves dogs, owning two Dotson's named Inga and Fritz, likes to cook occasionally. She enjoys working word puzzles, is a good amateur photographer, and loves to travel.

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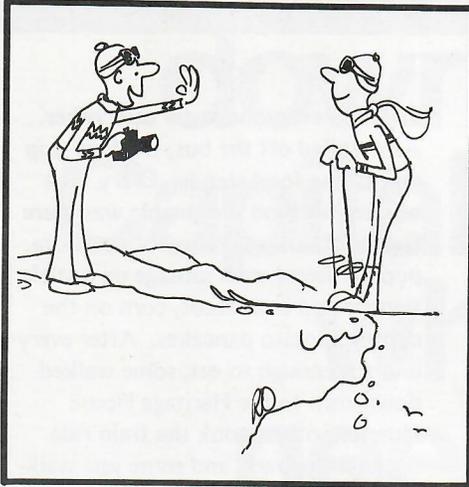
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A Beginner's Course in Photography

by Willi Buhl

(continued from October SITZMARKE)



The trip was a success! Your skis are back in the closet and the man at the drugstore has just handed you three dozen glossy prints. You are now ready to remember those wonderful moments. Lay all these photographs on a large table, and pick a few of them which you like at first sight. They might very well be your best pictures.

Group the remaining pictures to see how many different titles you have. Ten, five, three or just one big soap opera. The more different groups you have, the greater your pleasure should be.

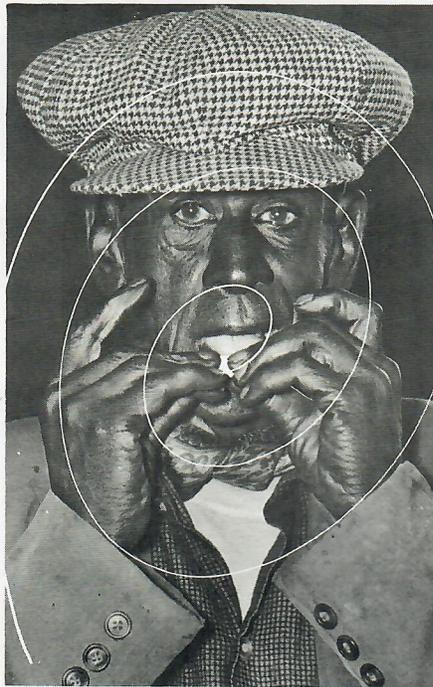
FOREGROUND and BACKGROUND

Whenever you intend to take a picture you must give it a title that will clearly describe it. Anything conflicting to this title must be eliminated by going closer or changing your camera position. Very often a carefully chosen foreground or background enhances the picture substantially. An old town or a group of houses looks more complete if a gate or a typical fence in the foreground leads the viewer's eye to it. Flowers in the foreground of any scene, sharp or unsharp, add comfort and warmth.

OPTICAL CENTER

Unlike the camera, the human eye cannot see a certain size area at one time. The eye tends to scan a picture in the motion of a spiral and will thereafter rest in the center of the

spiral. If that center is somewhere close to the center of the picture, then the picture is called optically balanced.



Optically Balanced



Not Optically Balanced

A good picture is good at first sight because the viewer's eye doesn't run into any obstacles and enjoys a perfect optical balance.

Whenever two or more people or subjects make up your intended picture, there is a movement toward a certain direction most of the time. Here the rule of optical balance has to be applied seriously to avoid disappointments. Most pictures require a certain amount of free space to emphasize their direction such as:

- Someone skiing from left to right needs space on the right.
- Someone looking up needs space above him.
- Someone pointing or looking to the left needs space on the left, etc.

EQUIPMENT TO GET STARTED

It takes a camera of your liking to get started in photography. The quality and value is of no major factor. To conquer the laws of photography, technical ingenuity has come a long way and your investment should not be a burden. If you are a beginner, choose a less complicated camera which you can take anywhere you would like to take it.

Better a sturdy and inexpensive camera on the slopes than a gold-plated masterpiece in your safety deposit box.

Be always ready; be thrifty with snapshooting and be proud and confident that you're getting better all the time.

Remember:

- A good picture is simple;
- A good picture is good at first sight.

Billy the Kid

wurstfest

WURSTFEST, here we come!

As all 35 of us assembled at the Windsor Plaza air terminal Saturday morning at 9 a.m., we were anxious to get on our way to New Braunfels and a day of eating, drinking, and dancing to the oompah bands.

Unfortunately, Larry Henderson the trip chairman was unable to make the trip at the last minute, but he had done such a good job making all the arrangements that it was no problem for Jim McIntyre and Kay Nevels to take over the rest of the way.

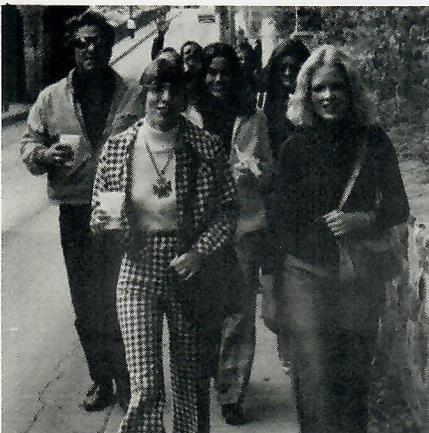
We left Houston at 9:30 on a charter bus and drank beer, bloody marys and screwdrivers all the way to the Wurstfest. Since about half the bus was standing in the aisle meeting everyone, it was tricky trying to get a refill. By the time we reached New Braunfels



at 12:30 everyone knew each other. As we piled off the bus, the first stop was all the food stands. Every type of German food imaginable was there for the choosing. A few of the more popular items were sausage on a stick, sausage and bean tacos, corn on the cob and potato pancakes. After everyone got enough to eat, some walked downtown to the Heritage House Museum, others took the train ride through the park, and some just walked around the beautiful grounds. Later it was back to Wurst Halle or off to the melodrama. At one time or another, just about everyone could be seen dancing a polka or a waltz to the oompah bands.

After a beautiful day, buckets of beer, lots of food and a wonderful time, a very tired group of people got back on the bus at 9:30 to head home.

We really had a great time and everyone is looking forward to next year.



that first of everything

By John Boynton

Author of "Love Is Lasting"

*A first junket
into snow-capped mountains
En masse with other
displaced lift-lovers
Is an awesome
and ominous voyage into beauty
As I was first enveloped so completely
by majesty
And humbled by the sheer magnitude
of God's great mountains
I swallowed once for courage
and wept twice for new-found
freedom
'Twas Christmastime with festive lights
and wassail everywhere
And Europe's charm right here
amidst Americana
Buying gifts and tipping ruddy-faced
clerks, I forgot to ski again that
day (my first "impression"
lingered)
Nonetheless, I rejoiced warmly, within
Tired from hours of chatting, a day of
walking and the touching of many
happy lives
I quietly napped, as tiny frostflakes
closed my chalet to a sinking
orange sun
And slept heavily past midnight
dreaming of another day's beauty-
thrust*

*My shadowed stranger confronted
me with a warm smile and wel-
come eyes
Sharing immediately the true beauty
of being alone in a crystalline Eden
For longer than either of us remembers
We talked not of skiing or sinning
but of whipporwills on windowsills
And children playing on far-off beaches
who love puppies and like people
All the while holding happy hands
not wanting to reinvade
the village*

*The handholding lasted one fantastic
week but the meeting shall last
a lifetime
For now, committed to sharing
we often return to our sacred
winterland
The site of that first of everything
Thankful of our chance holiday
rendezvous and its Christmas
gift of love
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an awesome and ominous voyage
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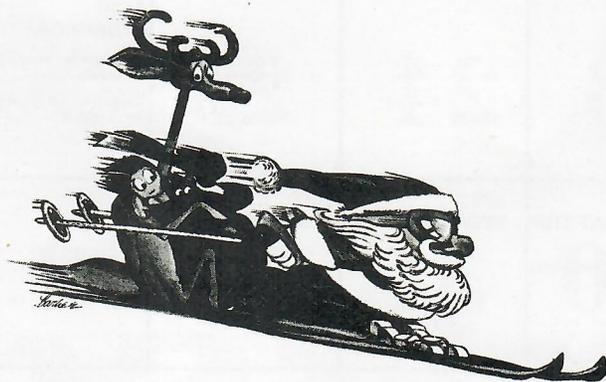
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*Awakening at an unknown hour
The lightshafts reflecting from new-
fallen snow
Warmed my way to the glistening street
below empty of the busy-ness,
hours before
And lured me into a lampost forest
and Aspen garden
Covered by an infinite blanket
of pinpoint stars
Walking softly through sheer silence
save only the sound of crunching
snowdrops
I listened for a long time to laden
branches unload their snow-burden
to earth
When sometime later, two more foot-
steps interrupted the absolute
solitude*



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Houston Symphony, Foster/Zukerman-Zukerman, JH, 2:30 My Three Angels, DGDT, thru January 5	SCSC MEETING Look's Sir Loin Inn, 7:30	Houston Symphony, Foster/Zukerman-Zukerman, JH, 8:30	SCSC BRECKENRIDGE TRIP, thru Dec. 16	SCSC BRECKENRIDGE TRIP Ah, Wilderness, Alley, thru January 6 Christmas Star, BBP, thru December 31	SCSC BRECKENRIDGE TRIP Scrooge, TS, 8:30 Rockets vs. Boston, HP, 8:00	SCSC BRECKENRIDGE TRIP Scrooge, TS, 2:00 & 8:30	
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NOTES: DGDT, all productions, performances daily except Monday, buffet begins 6:30, curtain 8:30. BBP, performances Monday-Friday 2:00 & 4:00; Friday and Saturday 8:00; Saturday and Sunday, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00. ALLEY performances Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00, Thursday and Friday 8:30, Saturday 5:00 and 9:00, Sunday 2:30 and 7:30. WDT, all plays, performances daily except Monday, buffet begins 6:00, curtain 8:30; Sunday buffet begins 12:30 and 5:00, curtain 2:00 and 7:30.