

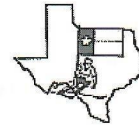


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MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN, CALIFORNIA

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*Space City Ski Club goes to Hurricane Preparedness School –
The humor side of skiing.*

First let me state that we had an awesome time in Mammoth. It definitely lived up to its reputation on being large. The skiing was great, although we did have to deal with windy weather. It turned out to be quite an adventure with a lot of humor along the way. So let us present you the humor side of skiing!

Upon arrival at the Reno Airport, the training began. We had to try to evacuate the airport with our normal complement of luggage in a small 24-passenger van/bus with limited cargo capacity for 23 ski club members. We made it with no room to spare, nor was there an aisle way left for the 4 hour evacuation.

By the way, Mammoth is known for its windy conditions, which made for a great hurricane training location.

The case of the missing Massage Oil? Check with Jessica, she was seen searching several condos late at night.

We had some warm up drills on day one seeing how far we could get in one day. At the end of the day we could not tell if it was Davis Tucker or Tuckered Davis. He earned his beer that day.

Rumor has it that George was out picking up guides while skiing. Unfortunately, he was picking up off duty ski patrollers, but of the male variety. We need to have a talk with George.

The whole group was seriously entertained by some of the drills that we created by accident:

The first drill was to grab whatever you can to stop; plastic fencing

seemed to work well. We volunteered 3 members of the group to try this. Dave Stotz attempted in a spectacular way by trying to



jump the fence and grab it with his skis, he succeeded. Sandy and Gail also tried to take down the fence. They were also successful in their attempts. All were done with large audiences.

The second drill was seeing if you could stop yourself in a freefall. Jessica managed to stop, but threw her ski down the mountain 100 yards. Butt slide city on this drill.

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A third drill was with George and Robert Knupp practicing emergency evacuations. They had difficulty sharing a ride on a lift. George made it, and Robert did not. It is unknown if they managed to shut down the lift line for this escapade.

The forth drill was hanging on to your equipment in high winds. Laura was last seen chasing her glove down the slopes.

The fifth and final drill was another evacuation drill. The Mammoth Mountain ski patrol did an excellent job getting us off the lift at the end. The wind was pushing skiers back into the lift. They were up standing in the cold and pulling skiers off the lift.

Drinking Hurricanes during a hurricane? We had a change of pace since it was California by utilizing Martinis. See the picture for our own version of Martini (Robert Samen) and (Jessica Halter) Rossi (Ross Baker). More than a few were consumed practicing for the drinking drill.

Sharon and Leyla arrived on Wednesday to play the part of FEMA. They could be found on many occasions playing chauffeur to the group, ranging from returning rental skis, shopping spree for birthday cake, late night party goers (10 p.m. is late for some of us)

and driving many to the group dinner. Speaking of the birthday cake, Janet had her 30th? birthday on the trip.

The missing massage oil case moved to unsolved mysteries.

Another unsolved mystery involved Gary and Maureen in a condo. All we could ascertain was that when roommates arrived back in the condo, Gary and Maureen were on the couch and Gary was complaining about a charlie horse. HMMM?

Now that it looked like the training was over, we had a 48-passenger bus on the return trip with plenty of room to spare. But no, when we tried to leave Mammoth, the bus turned the wrong direction for about 15 minutes. Things were looking better, but no, we still had to do some more training on the flight home. We took off in some rough weather and most of us were praying that the wing tips would not touch as we bounced out of the airport in high crosswinds. I was going to charge everyone the new Nevada entertainment tax of \$2 for the Roller Coaster plane flight from Reno.

All in all, it was a great trip. It really was only windy on two of the days on the trip, which made for the humorous portions of this article. It would be a great place to return to in the future. Excellent skiing conditions, and powder on a couple of the days.
