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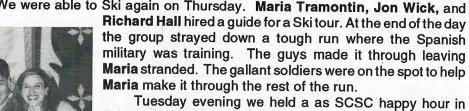
The rain in Spain fell mainly on our heads. However, this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the participants for making this a great trip. The renegades got the trip off to a rousing start by leaving one full week early. Gai-Lynn Marshall came from Norway to meet the group in Barcelona and got into trouble right away by showing up at the wrong hotel. She called her favorite trip coordinator back in Houston at 4-a.m. Central Time to find out where the rest of the group was. Charles Miller and Linda McCall Williams went on their own renegade Pre-trip at the same time. Linda had difficulties when she accidentally brought the wrong passport to the airport. Lee Swords, Sandy Cox, Steven Teoh, Diane Keane, Joe Walker, and Linda Beebe ran into Julio Iglesias at dinner in Madrid. Julio thought Steven



was Jackie Chan. Special thanks goes to Lynda Henry for the outstanding job she did organizing the renegade schedule.

The first day of skiing were canceled due to high winds. Stan Broniak, Pam Smith, Steven, Diane, Gene Soo, Paul Ginzburg, and Olga Krivosheina went in search of the gypsy section of Granada. Susan and Frank Stanley joined us when we stopped for Tapas. Richard Hall and Jon Wick stopped and had Tapas with us on their way back to the hotel. We made our way to the gypsy caves where Diane met her dream man (a.k.a. the Cave Man), a bongo player from Australia. Stan and Gene caught the bus back to the hotel while the rest of the group walked back led by Steven and Pam. Steven rescued Claire Finn and Helen Jones when they were found after getting separated from the Granada City tour. That evening, the Texas Ski Council in conjunction with the Granada Chamber of Commerce put on the best party ever! We were treated to Bull fights, Flamenco dancing, several live bands, appetizers, Cava(Spanish Champagne), and an open bar. The mayor of Granada and the president of the Chamber of Commerce were on hand to welcome us. Suzanne Byrd, Susan Wicker, Linda Beebe, Dona Ayre, Cookie, and Gai-Lynn traded dollar bills for kisses from a troop of college minstrels. Cookie was giving Gene dance lessons. Ted Bergeron was video taping the whole event from all angles.

The weather conditions were dicey on Tuesday but we were still able to ski. Lee Swords and Kevin King snowboarded. Bob Gottlieb stood in the cash lift ticket line(posted in Spanish) with his credit card for over an hour until he found out he was in the wrong line. We were able to Ski again on Thursday. Maria Tramontin, Jon Wick, and





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hotel, Diane, Bruce, and Joe pretended not to know him. We had so many leftovers after the second party, that there was enough to feed everybody on the bus ride from Granada to Torremolinos. Ted and Debbie Bergeron were having

a real good time during the bus ride.

Rosalina's friend Remo came from Italy and met us in Granada. Louella Steller and James Barbee had friends that joined them from Saudi Arabia. Harry and Rubye Gaston, Jeane Neu, Janet Pickell, and I teamed up to go shopping in Gibraltar. Jeanne and Janet made some good deals on Lladro.

The last big excursion was to Tangiers, Morocco. We had to switch to a ferry rather than the planned Hydrofoil due to the rough wave conditions. Richard Hall was detained shortly because the officials did not stamp his passport properly. We were graciously treated to a sitdown Moroccan lunch including live entertainment. A belly dancer lured our ATC Lee Swords to the stage and dressed him in one of her costumes. If Lee loses his day job, he could probably make a pretty good living as a belly dancer. After lunch, our hosts put on an Arabian Horse

show and we were able to take camel rides. For the rest of the afternoon we embarked on a shopping spree through the Bazaar. Manolo Valle, Anne Odegard, and her daughter Suzi Prince got separated from the main group. Suzi and

> sold into white slavery but the three of them managed to find one of the tour guides and made back to the bus. Steven, Diane, and Don Crabtree overslept and missed

> their bus back to the airport for the return flight home. They managed to cram four people and all of their luggage in a small Taxicab and made it to the airport in time for their flight.

Several of us went on to Seville to start the post trip.

Manolo Valle's cousin Jesus led several of us on a private guided tour of Seville that was better than the professional tour. Manolo's second cousin Manuel entertained us at the 5-star restaurant that he is the accountant for. Many thanks for their gracious hospitality.

Patty Baker and Tommy Thompson did a wonderful job hosting the post trip party at her townhouse.

Additional thanks go to Linda and Alan Simpson for shepherding the Pre-trip.

New members:

Claire Finn, Helen Jones, Rosalina Birkinshaw, Cookie Nguyen, Paul Ginzburg, Olga Kriyosheina, Suzi Prince, Susan Fairfield, Debbie Johnson, Michael Murphy, & Jon Wick.

Long distance participants:

Gai-Lynn Marshall — Norway.

Jon Wick — North Carolina.

Suzi Prince — New York.

Susan Fairfield — San Antonio.

Debbie Johnson and Michael Murphy - Dallas

Renegade Pre-trip:

Don Crabtree, Gai-Lynn Marshall, Cookie Nguyen, Lynda Henry, Jim McLaughlin, Linda Beebe, Joe Walker, Bruce Kilgore, Marsha Kilgore, Steven Teoh, Lee Swords, Sandy Cox, Rosalina Birkinshaw, Diane Keane, Tommy Thompson, Patty Baker.

Other Participants not mentioned in the article:

Eric Prentis. Mary Anne Harrell, Cheryl Harland, Lynn Burch, Robyn Shaw, Don Ballentine, John Brescian, Barbara Johnson Brescian, Janis Miller, David Barker.



