



The CHAIRLIFT CHATTER

MAY 2008

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings SSC members! Spring is here and it's time for SSC to shift from our wintertime pursuits to our spring/summer social activities. Although skiing has just ended for this season, our trip leaders are already planning SSC's 2009 ski season.

I've just returned from the Mountain Travel Symposium with an abundance of information related to planning skiing, snowboarding and winter activities. One hundred-forty-one ski clubs and councils were present to network as well as share concerns and ideas in reference to their club. The most frequently mentioned issue was the decline in club memberships. From the 2006-07 membership year to the 2007-08 year, SSC had a 19.5% decline in members. Declining membership has a negative effect on our budget. SSC's dues have not been increased in many years, and the board and I prefer not to increase them. Therefore, we need a solution to grow our membership and stop the decline. Promoting the club through our activities, newsletter and website is a viable solution tasked to our marketing/publicity committee. This committee currently needs a chairperson. If you have the desire and experience to play an important role in promoting SSC, please contact me or a SSC board member.

I would also like to issue a challenge to each of you: promote SSC to one non-member and encourage them to join. Just imagine if every member brought one new member to SSC, our membership would double! Remember it's your club and each of us can help make it bigger and better!

Best regards, Joanne

2008-2009 TRIPS

SSC will host a great lineup of trips for the upcoming 2008-2009 ski season. The major trips will include: **Banff/Lake Louise, Canada, Steamboat Springs, Colorado, Sun Valley, Idaho, Park City/Deer Valley, Utah, Taos, New Mexico and Alyeska, Alaska.** Additional East Coast destinations will be finalized soon. Be sure to check out the June issue of the *Chairlift Chatter* for trip details.

CAPE MAY ~ SEPTEMBER 4-7

ATTENTION ALL SSC SUN WORSHIPERS! Join us for our annual weekend trek to beautiful Victorian Cape May, New Jersey, departing Thursday evening, September 4, and returning Sunday, September 7. We plan to stay at the oceanfront Atlas. Join us for three relaxing days filled with food, drink, tanning on the beach, sunset beach walks, bike rides and more. Check out Cape May's great shops and restaurants or just curl up for a nap alongside the hotel's pool. Final price is yet to be determined, but will include motorcoach transportation, double occupancy lodging, daily breakfasts, hospitality suite and more. Deposits of \$125 per person made payable to "SSC Cape May 2008" are now being accepted. Please mail your check to **trip leader Dianne Paukovits**, 720 Pine Tree Rd., Hummelstown, PA 17036. Contact Dianne at 717-566-7184 for details.

TURNPIKE TUNNELS BIKE RIDE Saturday, May 17

Come out and enjoy the one of coolest bike rides in the world! The temperature drops about 15 degrees and visibility is zero as you enter the tunnels. It's spooky, scary, chilling—but also a lot of fun! These tunnels are safe but DARK; bring a flashlight—you're going to need it! In 1968, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission rerouted a section of the turnpike. The old roadway is now a bike trail that includes 2 tunnels—one is ½ mile in length and the other is over 1 mile long. The road surface has some rough spots, so street bikes are not recommended. We'll park east of the tunnels, bike 10 miles to Breezewood, stop for lunch at a diner, then ride back to our cars. Meet us at 9am on Saturday, May 17 at the turnpike's Blue Mountain Service Plaza. Email questions to **Len Neidig** at lneidig@comcast.net.

SSC ANNUAL FAMILY SUMMER PICNIC & TRIP SIGNUP

Saturday, June 28, Noon-6pm

It's time again for SSC's summer picnic! This year's event will be held in a new location—the Harrisburg YWCA's Camp Reiley. The picnic will also be your opportunity to sign up for the 2008-09 SSC trips and meet the new trip leaders. Trip deposits will be accepted at the picnic after 12 noon. Don't miss out on great food, fun-filled activities and your best chance to sign up for the upcoming season's hottest destinations! SSC will provide pork BBQ, hamburgers and beverages. Please plan to bring a covered dish or a dessert. Activities will include swimming, volleyball, horseshoes, games, special musical entertainment and the 3rd Annual SSC Chili Cook-off.

Reserve your seat early for the SSC picnic! Prices will be higher after June 18 to ensure we'll have enough food/beverages for everyone. Send your checks made payable to "SSC" to **Pam McKechnie**, 204 Hollywood Circle, Camp Hill, PA 17011. If paying for multiple attendees, please include their names and ages (to qualify for free or youth admission, if applicable). Contact Pam at 717-507-7196 or pam.mckechnie@comcast.net with your questions or to volunteer.



2008 Picnic Prices

Children 8 and under—free

Members ages 9 to 12—\$10 up thru 6/18; \$15 after 6/18

Members ages 13 & up—\$15 up thru 6/18; \$25 after 6/18

Non-members ages 9 to 12—\$12 up thru 6/18; \$17 after 6/18

Non-members ages 13 & up—\$17 up thru 6/18; \$27 after 6/18

Non-members can renew their membership or join SSC the day of the picnic at the registration table.

HIT THE DECK!!

It's time to enjoy some great weather on the decks of local pubs with your SSC friends. Show up around 5pm and look for table tent cards with the SSC logo. You're on your own for food and beverages, but SSC will supply the great people to socialize with!

- May 16 Duke's Riverside, Wormleysburg
- May 3 El Rodeo, Rte. 22, Colonial Park
- Jun 13 West Shore Hardware Bar, Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg
- Jun 27 Tom Sawyer's Diner, 2nd St., downtown Harrisburg
- Jul 11 Flinchy's, Hummel Ave./Gettysburg Rd., Camp Hill
- Jul 25 Duke's Riverside, Wormleysburg
- Aug 8 TJ Rockwell's, Elizabethtown
- Aug 22 Dockside Willie's, Wormleysburg
- Sep 5 Scott's Grille, Locust St., downtown Harrisburg
- Sep 19 Duke's Riverside, Wormleysburg

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 30** Board Meeting @ Giant Community Center, Camp Hill
- May 10** Swatara State Park Bike Ride/Picnic—contact Dyan Yingst
- May 16** Hit the Deck @ Duke's Riverside, Wormleysburg
- May 17** Turnpike Tunnel Bike Ride—contact Len Neidig
- May 18** Poker Run—contact Jay Doherty
- May 18** Central PA Blues Society Festival/Picnic @ 40 & 8 Club, Harrisburg—contact Barb Crout
- May 28** Board Meeting @ Giant Community Center, Camp Hill
- May 30** Hit the Deck @ El Rodeo, Rte. 22, Colonial Park
- Jun 13** Hit the Deck @ West Shore Hardware Bar (aka Wanda's), Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg
- Jun 25** Board Meeting @ Giant Community Center, Camp Hill
- Jun 27** Hit the Deck @ Tom Sawyer's Diner, 2nd St., downtown Harrisburg
- Jun 28** SSC Annual Summer Picnic @ Camp Reiley

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SWATARA STATE PARK RIDE/PICNIC Saturday, May 10

Great bike riding can be found in Swatara State Park, so join us on Saturday, May 10 and we'll show you around! We'll meet at 9:30am in the Appalachian Trail parking lot at the intersection of State Routes 443 and 72 in Lebanon County. We'll pedal a 12-mile loop on some old bumpy paved and gravel roads along the scenic Swatara Creek—mountain bikes or hybrids are definitely recommended! After the ride, we'll picnic at the home of **Dyan Yingst**, so please bring your favorite dish to share. For more info, contact Dyan at skierdyan@comcast.net or 717-979-4152.

SPRING ROAD TRIP ~ Sunday, May 18

You ask? We deliver! Several fall road trip participants requested a springtime Poker Run for motorcycle and sports car enthusiasts. To accommodate that request a ride is being planned for Sunday, May 18. This ride is a weather-dependent event; if rain is forecast we may have to reschedule. We'll meet for breakfast at the Rockville Diner in Marysville, starting the ride about 9am. Last fall we overwhelmed the Rockville Diner staff with an unanticipated number of riders. This year, please email or call **Jay Doherty** (jdoherty155@comcast.net, 717-579-5365) a few days in advance if you are thinking about going so breakfast and lunch plans can be made.

BLUES FESTIVAL/PICNIC ~ Sunday, May 18

Come join your SSC friends at the Blues Society of Central Pennsylvania's Eleventh Annual Treasurer's Picnic, on Sunday, May 18 (noon 'til ?), on the grounds of the 40 & 8 Club on Chambers Hill Road in Harrisburg (not at Steelton's Cibort Park as previously printed). Due to overwhelming turnout in previous years (over 600 attendees), ticket sales are limited to the first 500, no exceptions. This year's ticket price has yet to be determined, but in prior years, the \$15 ticket price included barbequed chicken, an amazing array of other culinary delights and an unlimited supply of draft beer. And of course, the best Blues bands ever will perform for your listening and dancing pleasure! Bring a side dish or beverage (other than beer) for our SSC picnic area. Please contact **Barb Crout** at 717-329-0972 to arrange to purchase your tickets or for more information.

SSC TEAM FOR THE MS 150 ~ Saturday-Sunday, July 19-20

All cycling enthusiasts! We need you! SSC is forming a team again this year for the MS 150, held July 19 and 20 at Millersville University, in Millersville, Pennsylvania. Enjoy a scenic ride through the peaceful Amish farmlands, covered bridges and historic landmarks of Lancaster County. You have the choice of riding one or two days. Each day you can choose between 25, 50, 75-mile route options, with an additional 25-mile option on Saturday for a total of 100 miles. Come out and enjoy a great ride while raising money to fight the devastating disease of Multiple Sclerosis. For more information, contact **Brenda Bent** at 717-921-2575 or pinkcamo@comcast.net.

HAS YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED?

The SSC membership year runs from April 1 to March 31. Your current membership expired on March 31. If you haven't renewed yet, please do it today, then watch for your newsletter to have a "09" after your name. Remember, your membership must be current to receive a monthly newsletter and to be eligible to sign up for our trips. The membership renewal form is part of this newsletter. Please fill out completely and send it to the SSC P.O. box with your check. Please make sure we have your current information including name, mailing address, phone number and email address on your application. Also consider volunteering for a club activity. Hurry and renew now so you don't miss a single newsletter or event!

2008-2009 Susquehanna Ski & Snowboard Club Membership Application / Renewal Membership Year Runs April 1 to March 31

Last Name: _____ First: _____ MI: _____
Preferred Name: _____
Spouse: Last: _____ First: _____ MI: _____
Preferred Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____
Email: _____
Spouse's Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

DEPENDENTS UNDER 18 (Only those with name & birthdate will be included in your membership)	
_____	Birthdate _____
_____	Birthdate _____
_____	Birthdate _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual - \$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family - \$35.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Junior (18-20) - \$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	List Birthdate _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	NEW MEMBER
Sponsor _____ optional	
<input type="checkbox"/>	RENEWAL
Last year of membership _____	

FOR PURPOSES OF PLANNING SSC ACTIVITIES,
PLEASE HELP US DETERMINE THE
DEMOGRAPHICS OF OUR CLUB.

- 1) _____ Single? _____ Married?
_____ Do you have children? Ages _____
_____ Do the children ski? _____ Snowboard?
- 2) Number of each skier type in your membership:
_____ Non-Skiers, _____ Beginners,
_____ Intermediates, _____ Advanced Skiers
- 3) Number of persons in your membership in each age range:
_____ Under 18 _____ 18-25 _____ 26-39
_____ 40-49 _____ 50-59 _____ 60+
- 4) Do you snowboard? _____ XCountry Ski? _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

I/we would like to volunteer to help with:

____ (1) Membership ____ (2) Meetings / Programs ____ (3) Social Events ____ (4) Publicity

Please make checks payable to: **SSC**

Mail to: SSC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR, P.O. BOX 60713, HARRISBURG, PA 17106-0713