



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

With Thanksgiving Day already in the background and the Christmas Season upon us, I wish to express my thanks to every club member for his and her participation in our activities. My special thanks to the Executive Committee for their service and to the other Club officers for their wonderful assistance and guidance in running our various programs.

As we near Christmas, I wish to say to each and every one: A MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR, and may you all have the BEST SKIING, EVER!

*Max*  
MAX E. BUNNELL

DECEMBER MEETING

A Glen Wine Holiday meeting!  
 When: December 10th, 1974. NOTE: This is one week earlier than usual; due to the approaching holiday season.  
 Where: Mike and Penny Wiederhold's home. 7214 Delfield Street, Chevy Chase, Md.  
 Directions: North from Chevy Chase circle on Connecticut Avenue; turn right on Thornapple Street (half way between W. Bradley Lane and East/West Hiway), two short blocks to a jog left on Brookville Road for a few feet and right again on Thornapple; two short blocks to a right turn onto Delfield; and you are THERE. It's EASY!  
 Time: 8:00 P.M. 'til it's over!

COMING EVENTS

- 6-8 Dec - Killington, Vt. bus trip (See Ski Trips).
- 10 Dec - PVS meeting. See separate notice.
- 17 Dec - EXCOM meeting. 8:00 P.M. at Peggy Burns house. Call Peggy for directions.
- 21 Jan 75 - PVS meeting. At Dick & Marilyn Clark's house. Directions in next month's TOOT. 8:00 P.M.
- 25-26 Jan - Blue Knob trip (See Ski Trips).
- 18 Feb - PVS meeting. Dinner meeting. Locale to be announced.
- 22-23 Feb - Wisp trip (See Ski Trips).
- 1-2 March - Ski-O-Ree at Canaan Valley (See Ski Trips).
- 16-23 Mar - Mt. Sutton, Canada (See Ski Trips).
- 18 March - PVS meeting date.

## EXCOM REPORT

The monthly EXCOM meeting was held early this month, to avoid conflict with the Thanksgiving Day holiday. The meeting was held at Dick and Julie King's house. Attending were President Max Bunnell, EXCOMers Peggy Burns, Dick Clark, Bob Gell and Geoff Wadey; and TOOT editors Dick and Julie King. Refreshments were served as usual, but with EXCOMer Art Topping missing, there was lots of Budweiser left over! Art was sick that evening (November 21st) and Andy Anderson was absent due to a conflicting schedule. Matters discussed at the meeting were:

1. A financial report was submitted by the Treasurer. All treasury records are available to the membership with the Treasurer at any time any member (s) wish to audit the records. We are in a satisfactory financial condition.
2. A variety of ski trip pamphlets are available as received by our President from the Eastern Ski Association. Good bargains can be found among these various trips and package deals. So see Max if you are interested in selecting a good ski vacation.
3. PVS has a new secretary! Member Joyce Sundry has agreed to serve the Club in that capacity and her contribution and lovely presence will be most welcome during official meetings.
4. A By-Laws committee has been selected. The Chairman is Geoff Wadey. Members are C. Brooke Armat and Art Topping. An update of our By-Laws has been long needed. Our dues structure has not changed since the Club was formed in 1965. Other matters of detail are currently out of date and need to be made current. Thus this committee. Members are invited to participate in committee discussions and/or raise pertinent questions in general meetings.

## NOVEMBER MEETING REPORT

Twenty-nine members and six guests (not counting our Indian guest, Mr. Singh) showed up and had a marvelous time. Our host, Jack Lilly had everything organized in his apartment rec room and, with the help of Art Topping, held his always successful and happy annual Wine tasting meeting. Members and guests roamed from Station 1 to 6 enjoying the varieties of white and red wines available along with the many different cheeses provided by our host. Certainly our hat is off to our host for this unfailingly successful event. President Max seemed almost hesitant to interrupt the festivities for the movie and slides of skiing in India as presented by Mr. Singh of the Air India travel bureau. Mr. Singh showed us many of the attractions of a tour in India which, believe it or not, includes skiing in January and February in the state of Kashmir in the Himalayas. Mr. Singh was happy to speak to PVS and any questions PVS members may have on skiing in India may be addressed to Bob Gell who is in contact with Mr. Singh.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE # 1

MEMBERSHIP This subject always rates #1 under the Important Notices column; simply because it IS # 1 in importance. PVS had a very successful renewal campaign and nearly all of last year's members renewed by the 1 November deadline. Additionally, we have several new members currently enrolled in the APPLICANT member status. First, and most important of all, TOOT and EXCOM want to warmly welcome the new members into our midst. We hope you enjoy a most pleasing, warm, and long association with PVS. You are encouraged to jump right in to Club activities and you will find the happiness that comes from both giving and receiving in the atmosphere of good fellowship. You will find your PVS membership most rewarding thru the efforts of participation in Club activities. So WELCOME; and come on and join in.

Add this new member to your address list: Gorman Young  
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Washington, D. C. 20016  
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### IMPORTANT NOTICE # 2

CHANGES. We have received two changes to be made in the PVS address list:  
Ray and Malle McKinley live at 2405 Carey Lane;  
Joyce Sundry's office telephone is 223-3800.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE # 3

#### SKI TRIPS

As announced in last month's TOOT, TOOT will include a PVS Ski Trip Schedule thruout the winter. Last month's list has been supplemented by two additional trips, announced here for the first time, which were approved at the November 21st EXCOM meeting. They are the Wisp area trip and the Mt. Sutton, Canada trip. Details below.

- 6-8 Dec - A bus trip to Killington, Vt. Sanctioned by BRSC, this trip is being run by SCHWDC member, Gene King. Anyone interested call Gene at 379-8362.
- 25-26 Jan - Blue Knob car pooling trip. **THIS TRIP IS CURRENTLY FILLED!** Trip leader Don Cope reported at the November meeting that he is now taking names on a stand-by basis; that is, in the event any confirmed members cancel out for conflicting schedules. If interested in being wait-listed, call Don at 836-5436.
- 22-23 Feb - Wisp Ski area car pooling trip. Trip leader is Joyce Sundry. This trip will be to the same lodge where Gervy and Sandy Deighton led a trip last winter. Gervy reports the accomodations surpass the A-frame house at Blue Knob. The lodge will accomodate fourteen so the first 14 to sign up with Joyce will be confirmed. As with the Blue Knob trip, a stand-by list will be maintained. Call Joyce at: H: 223-6961, or O: 223-3800. Dick and Julie King will be assisting Joyce with this trip.
- 1-2 Mar - Ski-O-Ree at Canaan Valley. A trip leader and PVS coordinator has come forward and volunteered to lead this weekend. He is Gervy Deighton. Gervy has taken charge and contacted the Ski-O-Ree Chairman and requested additional bed space for this weekend. In addition to the ten beds already reserved, Gervy has requested two cabins (holding either 4 or 6 persons). Thus the capacity bed space available to PVS is now doubled to 20 or 22 beds. Reserve early with Gervy - because this will be a fun-filled weekend; and we may even have some snow, too!
- 16-23 Mar - A Mt. Sutton, Canada car pooling trip. Trip leader is Bob Gell. Bob has arranged with Kirk Burns the use of Kirk's lodge at Mt. Sutton, and many PVSers know this lodge and mountain well. It is a highly recommended trip. Both for excellence of accomodations and skiing. The number of openings are not known to TOOT but may be limited; so get your reservations in early for this first rate trip. Call Bob Gell at: H: 942-2979.

The EASTERN ALERT, published by Eastern Ski Association, reports that there is no truth to rumors that the ESA flight program is full. Flights 5A and 5B to France and Italy are full; as is Flight 14 to Sun Valley, Idaho. Flight # 2 to France is cancelled due to lack of reservations. Other flights to Avoriaz France, Courmayeur Italy, Flaine France, Vail Colorado (USSA Ski week), Lake Tahoe, Park City and Snowbird ARE STILL OPEN. See your Eastern SKIER for further details on these various flights, including trip leaders. Eastern reports that the ESA flight prices have remained constant and are not expected to go up in the wake of the Civil Aeronautics Board ruling raising the minimum rates it allows for transatlantic charter flight fares. The owner of the travel agency organizing this season's flights reports that prices of the flights are already in line with the new minimum and are not expected to need readjustment.

And now, TOOT TIDBITS!

Who has been seen riding around town in the yellow Chevrolet with a rear bumper sticker extolling the virtues of western skiing with the words "SKI HAWAII" ?? None other than P/Ser Hank Thomas, recently returned from that jewel island in the Pacific. Also recently returned from a two week vacation on the several Hawaiian islands are the Deightons: Gervy, Sandie and young Trevor. Gervy says they enjoyed seeing Honolulu but had greater enjoyment travelling thruout the outer islands for nine days. And tenting, at that. Trevor took to the travel like a true Deighton trooper.

As we promised in last month's TOOT, we now publish Aase Berling's trip report from the west and the Far East.

CHRONICLE ON THE FAR EAST . . . . . by Aase Berling

I have just cashed in on a million dollars worth of pleasure, fun, interesting experiences and educational benefits - in a trip to the Far East including Tokyo, Kyoto, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Seoul and Honolulu. The trip left from Los Angeles, so I spent a few days in Albuquerque, San Diego, and Tijuana, Mexico while enroute. San Diego's zoo and Marineland are fascinating and beautiful. A walrus (that's right, a walrus) and I became close friends. I am now the proud possessor of a snapshot showing my new friend resting his head on the edge of the pool, eyes closed, with a self-satisfied look on his bearded face as he obviously enjoys my tender touch. Tijuana surprised me with its clean streets since I had heard that this was a dirty border town. The city has a new tourist policy starting with cleaning up its streets and the results are apparent. Driving north from San Diego to Los Angeles, I took a moment to peek thru the gates of Richard Nixon's estate at San Clemente; and also spent a few hours at Disneyland in Anaheim.

Our group flew from Los Angeles to Tokyo on a luxurious Korean Airlines flight that had the most gracious flight personnel. Tokyo? Interesting, but frightfully expensive; and has maddening traffic problems. The people all looked neat, well-dressed and orderly. Never once did I see a sloppy looking Japanese. In Kyoto, I felt I could get a taste of the real old Japan; and I had a closeup look at the famous beer fed carefully massaged Kalu cow! And here, of all places, I ran into a new friend, a handsome male Swede. (Editor's note: Ah, the wonderful pleasures of world travel!). The Japanese Crown Prince and Princess arrived at my hotel while I was there and I got a chance to see them. It was interesting to observe the hotel staff practicing the correct way to greet royalty in the days and hours before the couple arrived. The trip to Nikko, Japan - the pilgrimage center of Japan - is beyond my description; perhaps because I have not yet recovered from the multitude of sharp curves and turns as we drove up and down the mountain roads. I sat on the out side of the bus, and when I looked out (or rather, down), I could look directly down to the valley floor thousands of feet below; there seemed to be just ONE FOOT between me and eternity! What a THRILL! Yet, the trip was worth all my terror and agony. Nikko is certainly worthy of its reputation as the pilgrimage center of Japan. During our excursion there, we even came upon an old fashioned wedding and I had the pleasure of kissing the groom!

In Bangkok, richly ornamented city buildings contrasted starkly with the home and living conditions seen along the canals, where the world famous floating market is located. However, the people looked happy in spite of their living conditions. As we left Bangkok for our twenty mile ride to catch our flight to Hong Kong, our taxi began to smoke badly and finally just completely gave up. The driver hailed a passing truck and all of us, including the driver, got on board the truck for the remainder of the trip. And what a ride! The truck driver got us to the airport in time only by breaking all speed limits and putting any and all slalom racers to shame. Oh yes, the driver was handsome, as well as daring.

Hong Kong is one of the most fascinating and pulsating cities I have ever visited. I must have crossed the harbor on the ferry between Kowloon and Hong Kong island at least fifty times. I also rode the English style double decker buses (yes, they drive on the left side of the street) to the "Suzy Wong District" of Hong Kong, visited the "Peoples Nightclub", the Refugee Resettlement area, the Jai Po and fishing villages, the border of Red China, the Kan Tin ancient walled villages and many other interesting places. I also visited a girl friend here whom I had not seen in TEN years! In many ways, Hong Kong is my kind of town. Something happened that perhaps prejudiced me. I half-way lost my heart there. The sum result is an increase in the telephone and mail service workload between Rockville and Hong Kong!

In Seoul, we did not have much time. But, I saw one of the best shows there that I have ever seen. It was at the Korea House, and the performers were students who volunteered their services for the benefit of their country's cultural advancement. This show is something one should not miss if ever in this capital city. Among the spectators was a young G. I. with his newly adopted Korean baby girl. His fatherly concern and tender love for this child reflected such pride and joy that it touched my heart.

On our return flight, we stopped in Honolulu and then, while enroute to the U. S. mainland, were diverted to San Francisco because Los Angeles was closed in with fog. From there, it was a long flight back to Rockville. All in all, I can only describe the entire trip with whatever superlatives I can muster. I certainly recommend it to anyone who can make it; and look forward to a return visit some day in the future.

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