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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### SKIING

When you get right down to it, skiing is what PVS is all about. February is the month for skiing; locally, in the northeast, in the west, and - in Europe. While the rest of Washington is complaining about the weather, skiers enjoy it. Because, our lousy local weather likely means SNOW in our favorite area. So, file those edges, check those bindings, and get out and SKI. And, for those of you who are around in February, Malle and I hope to see you at the February PVS meeting which we are hosting at our house.

*Ray McKinley*

Ray McKinley  
President

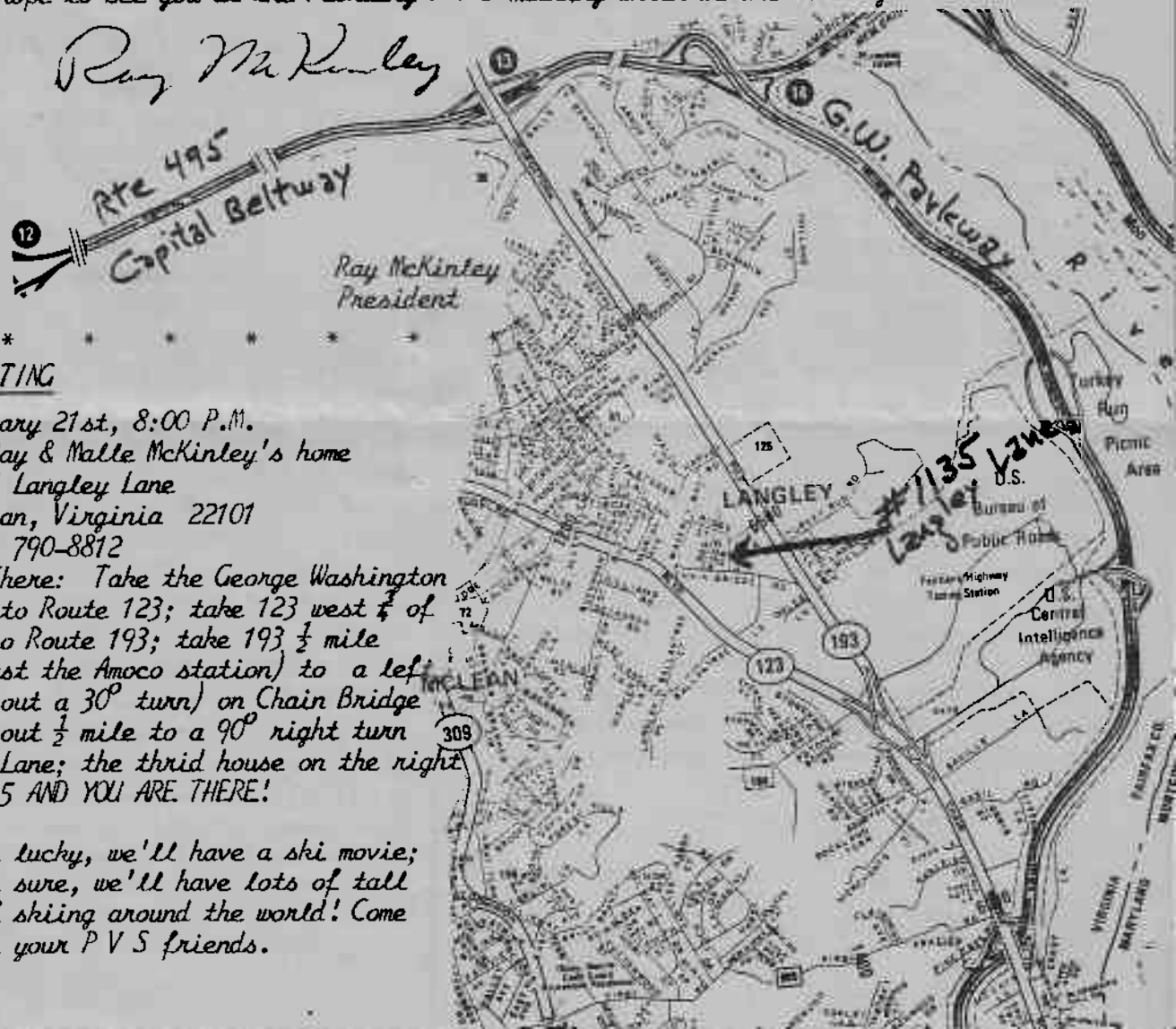
## FEBRUARY MEETING

When: February 21st, 8:00 P.M.

Where: At Ray & Malle McKinley's home  
1135 Langley Lane  
McLean, Virginia 22101  
Tel. 790-8812

How To Get There: Take the George Washington Parkway to Route 123; take 123 west  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile to Route 193; take 193  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile (just past the Amoco station) to a left turn (about a 30° turn) on Chain Bridge Road; about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to a 90° right turn on Langley Lane; the third house on the right is # 1135 AND YOU ARE THERE!

If we're lucky, we'll have a ski movie; and, for sure, we'll have lots of tall tales of skiing around the world! Come and join your PVS friends.



EXCOM REPORT

The first EXCOM meeting was held on January 22nd, and there was so much snow around, we lacked a quorum to vote for any official business. That is OK since the reason we lacked the quorum is that officers were off skiing! The McKinleys were in Europe with the Wyckoff trip. Bill Hagen was out west (Aspen and Vail) with Donna. Gail Gell was also on the Wyckoff trip; and the Deightons were snowed in! The meeting was held at the Clark home with Vice President Marilyn as our hostess. Attending were Marilyn Clark (of course), Pat Cope, Julie King and Bob Marx (as EXCOMers), and Dick King, TOOT Editor.

Items discussed were as follows:

1. As announced in last month's TOOT, the Killington weekend trip has been cancelled. Now there are tentative plans for a trip to either Canaan Valley or Seven Springs. A trip leader is still needed. Anyone interested please contact a Club officer.

2. Bob and Jan Marx have agreed to take on the function of serving as the Activities Answering Service (that's the A A S!). Any Club members wishing up to date information of Club activities can call the Marx's (451-9158) to get the word.

3. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee was contacted for a report of his Committee. They had completed their work and the results of their consultations are printed elsewhere in TOOT.

4. The P V S agreement to act as host Club of the Third Annual Blue Ridge Ski Council Tennis Tournament was discussed. Since the Club has agreed to take on this task, organizational work will have to begin soon.

The EXCOM meeting was adjourned early after completing the above business items.

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JANUARY MEETING, or, A Frustration of Reality!

Our annual On-The-Hill meeting met a fate not worthy of Club goals! WE WERE SNOWED OUT! (or IN, as the case may be). That's right -- the one thing we need to ski kept us all at home: S N O W! If any P V Sers made it to Ski Liberty, TOOT would like to have a report of your trip. As of right now, TOOT is not aware of any P V Ser who made it out on that wild and snowy night. BETTER LUCK NEXT YEAR!

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 1

As required by our Club By-Laws, the results of the Nominating Committee are presented in publication two months before our Annual Meeting in April. Chairman Geoff' Wadey reports that the Committee has offered the following individuals to fill the related offices:

- President - Ray McKinley
- EXCOM - Gail Gell (nominated for a full term, Gail is currently completing the unfinished term of Penny Richards).
- Geoff' Wadey (our most recent Past President and current EXCOM member Ex-Officio and Secretary)
- Mary Ward (one of our active and interested members).

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 2

Another name is added to those members who are interested in skiing with other P V S members on one day, local, short notice trips. That is Doris Mair. Repeated from last month's TOOT is the list of others with the same interest:

- Kirk Burns
- Marilyn Clark
- Norm Engleman
- Vicki Latham (365-1496)
- Ray McKinley
- Geoff' Wadey
- Jim Wingrove
- Bob Wyckoff

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 3

For the benefit of Club members the following toll free number is listed as provided by the West Virginia Dept. of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Division, in order to serve skiers interested in current ski conditions in the state of West Virginia:

Dial 1-800-642-9059.

This service will serve well those skiers planning trips to Canaan Valley, Snowshoe and other areas in West Virginia.

IMPORTANT NOTICE # 4

Don't forget, we vote at the March meeting on the decision of whether or not to remain as a 100% USSA-EASTERN ski club or not. Think this issue through, discuss it with your friends, and be prepared to vote on it in March.

WISP TRIP REPORT

by Trip Leader,  
Gail Gell

1978 WISP TRIP,

or

The Water Was Limited, But The Snow  
Was Plentiful!

The P V S 1978 WISP trip got off to a good start with several inches of snow on Friday morning, January 13th (school was out for the day). But, by the time most of us got started toward Deep Creek Lake, the snow had turned to freezing rain. The first of the group to reach Wisp was Geoff' Wadey who, after an early A.M. departure, got in a good half day of skiing on Friday. Next to arrive was Otto Wildensteiner who drove to Wisp following a week of business and skiing in Charlottesville, Virginia. Bill Hager, along with passenger Kathy Quinlan - and the key to the Lodge - arrived about 8:00 P.M.; only to find Timberlake Lodge FROZEN! It turned out that the previous tenants had, contrary to written instructions, turned all the heat OFF. Bill, Otto, Geoff' and Kathy had to heat up the whole Lodge and warm up the valves to turn on the water. Trip Leader Gail Gell, with her children Greg and Angela and their friend Lisa Collins, arrived -- just in time for the broken pipes to thaw and leak! Greg's not quite accurate comment: "Why is the shower on now, Mommy?" (it was a broken pipe in the bathroom) became a key phrase for the weekend. The final arrivals Friday night were Tom Aguilar and Joyce Sundry, who adjusted to enjoying the now warm but waterless Lodge.

Saturday morning, we awoke to the sounds of Geoff' Wadey bringing in snow to melt for coffee and for washing up. We did not quite make the first ride on the lifts but we were all out by 10:00 A.M. The snow was super and the lift line long. At the end of the day, we found the Lodge still waterless. The group was undeterred by this inconvenience and a dinner of Beef Burgundy salad, rolls, wine and chocolate cake was enjoyed by all. A late arrival (who got there in time for leftovers) was Larry Pease who had arrived after attending the National Ski Patrol System Junior Jamboree at Bryce Mountain. One of the topics of conversation around the fireplace was sore backs; (What's that about shoveling snow before leaving, Tom ??).

Sunday morning brought clearing skies, and shorter lift lines; - but still no water. The skiing was again excellent. Lisa Collins made great progress as a skier. Angela Gell learned how to use the rope tow and the Poma lift by herself. The squirrel cage made for fun in skiing by young and old alike. After a thorough cleanup, the group headed back home after a good weekend of skiing - and in time to watch the Super Bowl!

SKI THE RIVIERA Trip Report

The early but incomplete report on the Wyckoff trip to Isola and Auron in southern France is in. The trip went off well and on schedule. A quick but close glimpse of Queen Soroya (of Iran) at Dulles departure lounge, a glimpse of Prince Rainier and Princess Grace in a restaurant in Monaco, a visit to the Rainier palace in Monaco, and OUTSTANDING snow conditions were highlights of the trip. The snow conditions were so good, in fact, that the bus transit from Isola to Auron was delayed a day and caused a substitute of 8 passenger buses for the larger bus originally planned. It was, without a doubt, one of the BEST Wyckoff trips in recent years. A full trip report will be published in a later TOOT. Two trippers suffered injuries: Betty Walker dislocated her left shoulder (but was later seen riding the Poma lift up - and skiing gingerly down!) and Trip Leader Bob Wyckoff dislocated his right shoulder on his third day there (but was later seen dancing up a storm at the local apres-ski events). The snow conditions varied from excellent to excellent to excellent! A GREAT time was had by all!

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- OFFICERS
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|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| President                     | Ray McKinley                     |
| Vice-President                | Marilyn Clark                    |
| Secretary                     | Geoff' Wadey                     |
| Treasurer                     | Margaret Wyckoff                 |
| <u>EXCOM Members</u>          |                                  |
| Second Term:                  | Pat Cope                         |
|                               | Gerry Deighton                   |
|                               | Gail Gell                        |
| First Term:                   | Bill Hager                       |
|                               | Julie King                       |
|                               | Bob Marx                         |
| Program persons:              | S. Deighton and<br>P. Wiederhold |
| TOOT Editors:                 | Dick & Julie King                |
| Activities Answering Service: | Bob & Jan Marx                   |

COMING EVENTS

- Feb 21 - February P V S Meeting. Full Details on page 1.
- Feb 28 - EXCOM Meeting, at Bob Wyckoff's home at 7:30 P.M.
- Mar 2-17 - Ski trip to Spain. Trip Leader, Bob Crasley, Tel. 460-3167.
- Mar 5-11 - Ski trip to Mt. Sutton, Canada. Trip Leader Gerry Deighton, Tel. 424-5707.
- Mar 21 - March P V S Meeting. At Aase Berling's apartment rec hall (Crosvenor Apartments on Rockville Pike). 8:00 P.M.
- Mar 28 - EXCOM Meeting, at Don and Pat Cope's home, 7:30 P.M.
- Apr 18 - Annual P V S Meeting, at Kirk and Peggy Burr's home.

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SKI TRIPS

- Feb 24-26 - Weekend car pool trip, either Canaan Valley or Seven Springs.
  - Mar 2-17 - Ski trip to Spain.
  - Mar 5-11 - Ski trip to Mt. Sutton, Canada.
- Blue Ridge Ski Trips for which P V S members are eligible:
- Mar 25-Apr 1 - To Banff, Canada. Trip Leader is Jane Scott, Telephone 379-1762.

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AN EXTRACT

The following paragraph, first published in the monthly newsletter of the Goddard Ski Club, is repeated here in TOOT with the permission of the Editor of the Goddard Ski Club newsletter, Mr. Cas Ferenc, for the understanding and comprehension of P V S members:

MASSANUTTEN VERSUS BLUE KNOB, JANUARY 1978

We had just received reports of excellent skiing at Blue Knob, so we quickly switched our plans to go to Massanutten, and proceeded to Blue Knob with happy anticipation. As reported, the conditions WERE EXCELLENT - none of the usual icy spots! Wind and severe cold temperatures were missing. Two feet of newly fallen snow made the slopes just magnificent! Unfortunately, the vision was marred by obvious poor slope management. We found a variety of unprotected hazards on the slopes, including an abundance of BEER CANS! When the lift lines became unusually long, it took management hours to prepare another lift for operation when, in fact, it should have been ready with the turning of a switch. A light snow fell during the day and collected on the empty chairs on the lift. I witnessed two skiers fall off their chairs; AND SKIERS BEHIND THEM FELL ON THEM, yet the lift was NOT stopped. The operator merely told them to get out of the way! One chair lift has no safety bars at all. SUCH LACK OF RESPONSIBILITY - WE DON'T NEED!