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President's Message

Fellow PVS'ers

I have several items to bring to your attention:

- Those who have not paid their dues please be advised that it is time to do so.
- A number of PVS'ers have sustained injury, illness, or have recently undergone surgery. See the "Injured Reserve List" inside. We wish these, our PVS friends, our best wishes for a speedy recovery.
- PVS membership chairperson Wilma Sharer received a letter from PVS member Bob Grasley. Bob wrote to say that serious health problems prevent him from being active in PVS. Bob was a mainstay of PVS and a terrific trip leader-- he took PVS where they had not gone before (Czechoslovakia comes to mind). To you Bob we say please get well, we would love to see you, and, God willing, ski with you again.
- Please, please volunteer to open your house for a PVS meeting. You do not need to put on dinner or a fancy spread. We very much want to continue to meet in members' homes but we do not have sufficient people volunteering.

Happy end of summer '03

Reg

September Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2003 7:30PM
Home of Dorie and John Waddick
1605 North Howard Street
Alexandria, VA 22304
(703) 751-3143

Come join your fellow PVSers in this first meeting after the summer break at the delightful home of the Waddicks. Get the latest information on forthcoming ski trips and other PVS activities. Note: Snacks are available at monthly meetings (don't expect a dinner).

Directions: From DC and Montgomery County: Take Shirley Highway (I-395) south past the Pentagon (about four miles) to the Seminary Road EAST exit (exit 4). Go 5 traffic lights (about 0.7 mile) after the ones on the exit ramp. Turn left on North Howard Street (Alexandria Hospital is on the right). If the drive is full, take next right on Maple Tree Court and park.

From Reston and other areas normally using inner loop of Beltway: Try avoiding the Springfield Interchange (I-495 and I-395), which is under construction. Take Rte. 236 East (Little River Turnpike) from Beltway about 4.5 miles to Shirley Highway (I-395) and then go North on I-395 to next exit at Seminary Road East.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP, THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST ISSUE OF TOOT!

PVS Local Events



BIGGEST BIG PVS WEEKEND IN DELAWARE



Surf, Sand, Golf,
Friday-Sunday, September 12-14, 2003

WHERE: Four locations to stay with PVS member host/hostesses as follows:

- ☛ Don and Kathy Dillon's Homes, One in Bear Trap and One on a Canal in South Bethany. (302) 537-7878. ddillon39@mchsi.com
- ☛ Sue Walsh's New, Eclectic Digs in Rehoboth (302) 227-3171. azsuwal@hotmail.com
- ☛ Betty Lawrence's Charming Home in Bear Trap Dunes in Ocean View (703) 726-8165
(Sue Walsh's and Betty Lawrence's homes are now full)

HOW: Some space still available at the Dillon's homes. Contact Dillons by telephone or email.

WHAT: We usually have multiple venues for anything from laid back to active including beaching, shopping, golf, antiquing, walking, biking. Your choice of activities takes place in the morning and early afternoon.

HOW MUCH: We will have at least one dinner out and that charge will be passed on. Otherwise there may be small additional charges to share. We are planning several late afternoon or evening events where all attendees will be together.

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN. WE HAVE ENJOYED MANY PREVIOUS PVS OUTINGS AT THE DELAWARE SHORE AND WE HAVE ENJOYED RAVING REVUES.

MONTHLY MEETING Tuesday, September 16, 2003 -- See Page 1



BICYCLING GOURMET

Glen Echo to Potomac Village
Thursday September 18, 2003 10:30 AM



Route: Seventeen mile round trip from the Glen Echo to Potomac Village via MacArthur Blvd. and Falls Road bikepaths, Snack/rest stop in Potomac Village at the Vie de France bakery. Return via Brickyard Road. There is a one mile long hill on MacArthur Boulevard.

Directions to Starting Point: Glen Echo/Clara Barton Parking Lot: nearest major intersection - MacArthur Blvd. and Goldsboro Road.

Leader: Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737

Note: Starting time listed above is when cyclists actually depart; please arrive earlier to allow sufficient time to set up your equipment.

August Ride Review: Hot, humid 90F weather did not prevent participants from enjoying their ride from Vienna to Reston. Actually it was more comfortable riding than standing around.

October. Ride: W&OD Trail: Ashburn to Leesburg. Lunch at Old Dominion Brewpub in Ashburn on return.

PVS Local Events

MOROCCAN Dinner

Thursday September 25, at 7:00 pm

PVS is going to Morocco and Spain to ski with the McKinleys next February. In keeping with that theme, we invite all PVSers to sample traditional Moroccan cuisine at Casablanca Restaurant in Alexandria. Our host is Hassan Samrhouni, president of Casablanca Travel and Tours, Inc.



Plan to come if you're interested in a delightful Moroccan dinner with PVS friends at the area's best Moroccan Restaurant. You may also want to come if you're signed up for or interested in joining us in Spain and Morocco next February.

Location: Casablanca Restaurant: 1504 King Street Old Town Alexandria, Virginia (703) 549-6464.

• To reserve a spot, call Ray or Nancy McKinley at (703) 527-7126. Deadline is Monday September 22, 2003. Price per person: \$25.00 including all taxes & tips

Menu includes: assorted salads; seafood appetizer; your choice of entrees including beef kabob, poached salmon, lamb machoie, couscous with lamb; fruit basket, Moroccan pastries; soft drinks; tea or coffee

Directions: *By Metro:* Take the Yellow or Blue Line to King Street Metro. Walk two blocks east along King St. Casablanca is located on your right at 1504 King Street (street numbers should be decreasing as you walk)

From Montgomery Cry & McLean: Take your usual route via to National Airport via GW Parkway and continue south past airport to Alexandria (Parkway becomes Washington St. Turn right at King St. (major east-west St) and proceed seven blocks to intersection with West St. Street parking is normally available at this time.

From Reston area: above directions probably best; avoid Springfield interchange.

OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 4, 2003

When: SATURDAY, October 4th, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine

What: 25th annual PVS Oktoberfest featuring beer, sausages, sauerkraut, pretzels, potato salad, & pflaumen kuchen. Oompah music, too, for dancing of feet, clapping of hands, and cavorting of spirit.

Call: Mary Ward & Jim Slack at 703-754-8814 by Tuesday the 30th of September to reserve your place (limited to 60), to choose low-fat or high-test wurst, and to sign up for bringing a potato salad, kuchen, or other Bavarian delectable. No-shows will be responsible for their share of the cost.

Cost: Approximately \$8.00 per person.

Bring: Your own eating utensils and plate. Your favorite beer mug is, of course, always welcome.

Optional: Lederhosen and Dirndl. Even Pferdekleidung.

Where: Mary Ward & Jim Slack's Termineigh Horse Farm, 4580 Sudley Road, Catharpin, Va.

Directions: Take I-66 west from the Beltway. Exit at 47B (Manassas Battlefield) onto Route 234 North (Sudley road). Go 5 miles to downtown Catharpin (check out Alvey's Community Store). At the guard rail 0.5 miles later, turn left onto the (paved at the beginning) gravel driveway. (If you get to Old Field Drive on the left, you just went by our driveway. If all else fails, call 703-754-8814 from the payphone at Alvey's and we'll come get you.) We are the brick house at the end of the driveway.



Blue Knob - Seventh Fall Foliage Weekend - Fri-Mon Oct. 10-13

WHEN: Fri-Mon October 10-13, 2003

WHERE: Betty Lawrence's lodge at Blue Knob, Pennsylvania

Hiking, flea markets, RR museum, Spa, skiing (if early snow)

COST: approximately \$10/person/night, two nights minimum. Accommodations limited

HOW: Call hostess with the mostest Betty Lawrence at (703) 726-81



Major Ski Trips

COPPER MOUNTAIN

Trip Cancelled

December 6-13, 2003

I am sorry to say that the PVS Copper Mountain ski trip has been cancelled due to lack of interest. The trip was scheduled for December 6-13, but not enough people have signed up and paid at this time to go forward with the trip. Hopefully we can try again next year with better luck for an early season ski trip.

Dottie Villers, Trip leader

SPAIN and MOROCCO

(Only three spaces left)

Feb 13-29, 2004

Flyer on PVS Web Site or use express link: www.homestead.com/pvskiers/Spain04.html

16 days, 2 continents. 4* and 5* luxury accommodations. Skiing at Sierra Nevada in Spain and Oukaimeden in Morocco. Touring through Andalusia, Spain and Morocco. 6 nights in Granada, 2 nights on Costa del Sol, 1 night in Tangier, 1 night in Fez, 3 nights in Marrakesh. Includes all breakfasts, 14 dinners, tours or skiing, airfare, après ski, pre and post trip parties, baggage handling, transfers, gratuities. Full trip \$2894. Land only \$2395. To reserve a space, send your check for \$650 per person, payable to Ray McKinley and send it to McKinleys, 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045. Please call us for lots more information at (703) 527-7126. Or you can e-mail us: nmckinley@convera.com *(Just three spaces left)*

SNOWMASS

(Space may be available)

January 15-22, 2004

Although this trip is currently near capacity (over 40), we can probably accommodate those who wish to join us at this skier nirvana as there are often cancellations and possibility of extra rooms.

Call Wilma at 301-975-9411 or email Wilma@sharerassociates.com to make your reservation.

Snowmass and Steamboat can be combined

STEAMBOAT

(Space may be available)

January 22-29, 2004

PVS will be doing a prime-time trip to Steamboat on Jan 22-29 2004. We will stay at the Sheraton and fly via Eagle-Vail airport. Cost will be about \$1700 for those under 65. Deduct \$28 for those 65-69, \$128 for those over 70, \$228 for nonskiers. The trip includes airfare, hotel rooms, ground transfers, and a 5 of 6-day lift ticket. There are also 3 group dinners and after ski parties. The optional full breakfast package is an additional \$112, including tips and tax. The single supplement is \$699. Deduct \$399 for land only. Call for combination cost with Snowmass trip.

A deposit of \$200 should be send to David Lerner, 1809 Midlothian Ct., Vienna, VA 22182

[email: dslerner@ieee.org]. David Lerner and Sally Finan are your trip leaders. The airport and schedule are arranged to permit a back-to-back trip with the Snowmass trip. Separate deposits are required for each trip.

Call Dave at 703-281-6923 or Sally at 703-716-9023 for more information. *Space available.*

CORTINA d'Ampezzo (Venice and Vienna Options)

Feb. 28 – March 10 (with options)

(Space may be available)

SKIING IN CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, ITALY

TOURING IN VENICE, ITALY AND VIENNA, AUSTRIA

VENICE – Wednesday, February 25, 2004 to Saturday February 28, 2004

CORTINA – Saturday, February 28, 2004 to Saturday March 6, 2004

VIENNA – Saturday March 6, 2004 to Wednesday, March 10, 2004

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS: Fly from Washington Dulles Airport to Vienna on Austrian Airlines with connecting flight to Venice. Return from Venice to Vienna and then to Washington

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Major Ski Trips

HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS:

- VENICE – 2 Nights at the HOTEL BOLOGNA in Venice, Mestre (A four star hotel, breakfast included).
CORTINA – 7 Nights at the HOTEL ANCORRA (A four star hotel, breakfast and dinner included).
VIENNA – 4 Nights at the HOTEL OPERNRING (A four star hotel, breakfast and dinner included).

INCLUDED IN PRICE: Pre Trip Party, Round Trip Air Fare from Washington to Venice, all airport taxes, Transfer to and from all hotels, All Local Transfers, Apre Ski Parties, Portage of All Baggage, Post Trip Party, Medical Insurance and Trip Cancellation / Interruption Insurance.

TOTAL PACKAGE PRICE – CORTINA+VENICE+VIENNA \$ 2325 (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

Optional Venice tour: \$ 225, Cortina Trip: \$ 1700, Optional Vienna tour: \$ 400

If you are interested in joining us: please call Glade Flake at 301-762-6890 for more information.

To reserve a place send a deposit of \$100 made payable to: CORTINA TRIP (*Space probably still available*)

SEND TO: Glade Flake, at P.O. Box 60347, Potomac, MD. 2085

PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE PROGRESSING

Our full committee has met and considered its course of action. We're unanimous about launching a member survey to get the input the club needs to possibly reorient, if not reinvent itself. Committee members' contacts with club members have clearly confirmed what might be *changing tastes*. There's a reflection of members' aging, of newcomers different expectations of a ski club, perhaps of new things to do in people's leisure time. So, we hope to find out, comprehensively. Indeed, that's the keyword. Comprehensive in terms of survey content, and member participation.

We're planning to launch our questionnaire both the old-fashioned way, on a sheet of paper, and in a contemporary way, as an Email to those who have given us their Email addresses. Our hope is that everybody will respond, thoughtfully, and fully. So please look for it in your mailbox very shortly. And, please, do respond.

David G. Abraham

ALL SKI TRIPS PARTY Saturday, August 8, 2003

The arrival of midsummer means that it's time for the annual All Ski Trips Party, and this year is no exception. The event took place several weeks later than usual, but the delay failed to dampen the enthusiasm of those who gathered at the Reston home of President Reg and Jean Heitchue.

The threat of rain never materialized, so that everyone could enjoy the view of Lake Audubon from the deck. Several boatloads enjoyed tours around the lake on a neighbor's boat.

After the usual tasty food, dessert featured a birthday cake for Lu Beale. Then leaders of the ski trips gave their presentations. Dottie Villers gave information on Copper Mountain, Wilma Sharer talked about Snowmass, and Glade Flake and John Smith told about Cortina. President Reg gave an update on Steamboat, and Ray and Nancy McKinley told us about Spain and Morocco.

With darkness about to fall, everyone left for the drive home. Once again, our thanks to Reg and Jean for hosting this fine event. *Submitted by Shirley Rettig*



President Reg assisting Lu in cutting the birthday cake.

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Review of Previous Events

PVS GOES TO THE THEATER—AND MORE (Sun Aug 3)



When Dr. Frankenstein tried to flee from the horror of the monster he had created, where did he go, only to find the monster there? CHAMONEX!! 'Tis true (in the original)—and he may still be there.

All of this comes up because of the Olney Theater presentation of "Monster" which is an adaptation of the Frankenstein story.

As also in the original book by Mary Shelley, the story begins in the Arctic—a surprise to several of the PVSers. The sets were fascinating, and the acting excellent—and we all survived the monster, even those PVSers sitting on the front row.

As soon as we arrived at the evening's restaurant, every one was eager for a libation to recover from the sad events we had witnessed. Followed by delicious Italian dishes.

Another delightful afternoon put together by Jeannette Albersheim. We thank her—and hope for another such treat next summer. *Submitted by Jessma Blockwick*

PVS Member News:



Bob Harmon will participate in a group art show at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, in Old Town Alexandria. He will have only one to three paintings in the show, but would be happy to see any

PVSers who might care to attend the opening reception on Sunday, September 7, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The show will run through November 2.



Injured Reserve List: A number of PVSers have undergone medical procedures recently or have been recovering from previous operations.

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Below are some of those that have been called to our attention.

Glade Flake had hip resurfacing surgery at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore. It was a success and no more pain. He will be home Tues.(Aug 26th) after a short stay at their rehab facility. (message from Joan Flake) Bob McNeill will be on crutches for 6 more weeks after surgery to repair injury to earlier hip replacement. John Pulos' surgery was one of those TURP's, dealing with enlarged prostate. He called us this morning from the hospital and is doing well. (message from Sara Huggins)

Penny Hanshaw reports from Colorado that she has been recovering a bad fall several months ago and is now home. She hopes to be walking by late October. (letter from Penny dated August 4)

Bill Matzkin had a pacemaker installed to correct an irregular heartbeat. He has largely recovered and has not let a little thing like that prevent him from continuing his artistic endeavors in creating mobile sculptures and displaying them at various galleries around the area.

We also wish Emmi Plowman and Judy Jones a speedy recovery.

Message from the Summer Editor

Fellow PVS'ers:

The regular TOOT Editor, Jan Marx, and the Chair of the Trips Committee, Bob Marx are expected to return from South Africa on September 4. We all await to hear of their adventures.

Membership: The new membership Chair, Wilma Sharer, has been well occupied dealing with both the chores of biennial renewal as well as those involved in transferring member information into a new expanded database. A lot of these computer-based operations are new to her. However, with the aid of Gene, she appears to be doing very well at it. A member roster is expected to be available shortly as the renewal period ends. Furthermore, more frequent updates of the email address list are expected to be issued by email.


The August issue of TOOT set a new distance record. The computer file was accessed in Australia by PVSer David Lerner, who was there on business.

Marvin Hass, Summer Editor

The KNEE

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by
Ray McKinley



Here we are smack in September. The frost is on the pumpkins and fall is near. Last week Gaithersburg had three inches of pristine white snow. All right, so it melted in 12 hours. Big f----- deal. (Editors note: the "f" word is fluffy.) Let's all think skiing.

But first let's think about ubiquitous PVS. Sue Walsh now has a magnificent, new *faux* Victorian beach home in Rehoboth Beach—complete with lavender trim. It was rebuilt on the site of her old cottage. After arrival, Sue decided to try her hand at duplicate bridge. She went to the local game, and who was there as a visitor—ex-PVS secretary, Alice Swalm.

But probably the ultimate in ubiquity happened in South Africa. Janet and Bob Marx were there for a five-week business/vacation outing. Whilst there they had dinner with Mike Hatanaka, who was also in Jo-berg on business. As they say in the jungle, safari, so goody. Ouch!

Roslyn residents Rosemary and Dick Schwartzbard celebrated their thirty-fourth ankneeversarknee in a ukneeque way. They bicycled 34 miles along the C & O Canal! Thereafter, they had a dinner of multiple-pound lobsters at The Palm. Right on!

Many worry about skiing in Europe after their dreadfully hot summer. Not to worry, according to information from Marvin Hass. Some report that the Matterhorn is sans snow. But at the top of the Matterhorn's smaller sibling, the Klein Matterhorn, mountain thrill-seekers carve down pristine white pistes.

Some are worried that the record run of warmer weather is taking its toll on the Klein Matterhorn's blue-gray Theodul glacier and that summer skiing could be heading um "downhill." (Concerns were raised in July after chunks of the glacier at Grindelwald dropped into the Luetschine river after hot weather, causing significant flooding.). However, Zermatt's marketing director says the glacier has always fluctuated in size.

"There has always been a change in terms of warmer and colder periods in the last centuries," he said. Surprisingly, summer skiing still operates at a loss.

Some of us travel for vacation; others travel on business. Gene Scharer goes to Hong Kong and then to Seoul, Korea. While there will he have Seoul Food? And trip leader Dave Lerner is just back from a trip to Australia's out-back. The Knee had a business trip to Gaithersburg—to check out reports of 3 inches of snow. Snow joke.

Long time member Jan Phillips has left the area and is now living in Southern California. However, son Dave Phillips has now taken her spot as an active member.

Sometimes I can't remember if a certain item has been in the Knee. I call it amkneesia. My solution is to use a lot of kneemonics.

Sadly, long time member, ski trip leader and friend Bob Grasley is resigning from PVS. Bob has significant heart problems that will soon require major surgery and a long recuperation. He can't imagine being cooped up and reading about skiing. It's been a great schuss, Bob.

Former member and Colorado resident Huey Roberts has been doing a lot of Mountain biking—including a stay doing the slopes at Steamboat. Sounds like fun. (Not true—biking sounds like liking—or hiking.)

Perspicacity: The morning after hosting the wonderful All Trips Party, Reg and Jean Heitchue left for a family vacation in Connecticut. Seems the trip was planned before the date for the Party was changed several times. Thanks, guys!

Jim and Charlotte Kline now have the final plans for their new home at Ford's Colony, just outside of Williamsburg.

Several of us had late summer vacations, into early September. Serge and Liz Triau are in France. Applicants (perhaps because our membership is limited, all applicants should be called supplicants?) Ivan and Marlene Bekey are finishing a multi-month trip in Alaska. And Barb and Fred Leonhardt were in Whistler, B.C. They were there for golfing, not skiing. Good thing—Gaithersburg had more snow than Whistler..

CALENDAR

September 12-14	Fri-Sun	Delaware Beach Weekend (page 2)
September 16	Tuesday	Monthly Meeting at the Waddick's (page 1)
September 18	Thursday	Bicycling Gourmet- Glen Echo to Potomac Village (page 2)
September 23	Tuesday	ExCom at the Strand's
September 25	Thursday	Casablanca Restaurant Alexandria (page 3)
October 4	Saturday	Oktoberfest – Termineigh Horse Farm, Catharpin, VA. (page 3)
October 10-13	Fri-Mon	Blue Knob Fall Foliage Weekend (page 3)
October 16	Thursday	Bicycling Gourmet – W&OD Trail Ashburn to Leesburg
October 21	Tuesday	Monthly meeting at ??? Can you host this? Call Ray McKinley at (703) 527-7126
October 28	Tuesday	ExCom at Dottie Villers'
November 16	Sunday	Chili Hike (call McKinley's at 703 527-7126 for info)
November 18	Tues	Monthly Meeting at ?? Can you host this? Call Ray McKinley
December 16	Tues	Monthly Meeting at ?? Can you host this? Call Ray McKinley
January 18		WISP Demo Day

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