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President's Message

Hope everyone had a good summer now that we are heading into fall. As we exit the summer hiatus we can look forward to once again having in-person meetings.

Due to a number of circumstances such as Covid and the like, we weren't able to have several of our regular summer events such as SummerFest and the Annual Steak and Swim. But not to worry, thanks to Bob and Cara Jablon's flexibility we are turning Summerfest into – tada – FallFest! Look for the announcement later in this TOOT.

Don't know about anybody else, but I kind of look forward to the fall myself. Not only are the temperatures more to my liking, but just seems like there are fewer things to be on the lookout for. First, it is the summer storms, be they Hurricanes or Tornados, then it's the Deer and Lone Star Ticks, then the Copperhead snakes, and now it's the Spotted Lantern Flies. The Lantern Flies are particularly dangerous to us PVSers since some of their favorite food is the leaves of grape vines. I'd hate to think about what future monthly meetings would be like if we had to forgo wine as a beverage of choice. So, if you see them on your walk or the like, you are to squish them and report the location in which you "found" them to your local county or state agriculture departments so that their spread can be tracked and monitored.

I must say that the August weather has been a pleasant surprise with a lot less 90+ degree days, and a fair amount of them with more reasonable humidity levels. We can only hope that September brings more moderation in temperatures and humidity going forward.

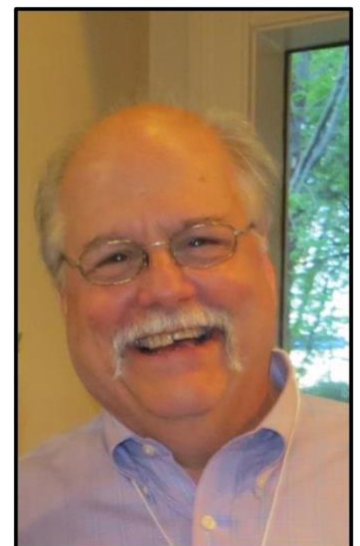
There was an interesting anniversary that happened last month – don't know how many remember it, but it was eleven years ago – August 23, 2011 - that we had the magnitude 5.8 earthquake! At least for me it was an unusual experience that was hard to forget. I was in my car sitting at a traffic light when it hit, and the effect that the ground shaking had on the vehicle was a bit disconcerting. Couldn't quite wrap my brain around what was happening. Anyway – hard to believe it was eleven years ago, time sure does fly by.

Since the last TOOT in June, the 2023 ski season went into hyper-drive, with the usual contract finalizations, participant sign-ups, deposits, and the like. Snowmass has seemed to go along pretty smoothly, and I believe that we have over 30 people planning to attend again this year. The BRSC Club Med Val d'Isère trip has had a few fluctuations both in the pricing for the main and side segments, as well with changes in air arrangements. There also have been some other adjustments take place, so look for the updated flyers in this TOOT.

Again, I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer, and look forward to seeing you all at the FallFest meeting this month.

If you feel comfortable in hosting a monthly membership meeting at your house, please reach out and let us know so we can start building up the calendar for the rest of the fall and winter meetings.

Cheers, Barry



FALLFEST----->

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September 18, 2022 at 1:00 pm
Home of Cara and Bob Jablon

After a summer of free time, travel, beach, lakes, mountains, tennis, baseball games and just walks around the neighborhood, we are gathering again as Potomac Valley Skiers to update each other on our lives and talk about ski trips to come. We know you are as eager to get together as we are!

Save the date of Sunday, September 18, 2022, 1:00 p.m. for lunch at the home of Cara and Bob Jablon, 4573 Indian Rock Terrace, N.W., Washington, D.C. Please call Cara at 202-333-5332 or email at rcjablon@aol.com to let her know you'll be coming and what you will bring. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Members and guests are asked to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert. Please rsvp by September 14.

If anyone would like to take a dip in the backyard pool, we all await in anticipation!

DIRECTIONS:

From Northwest D.C.: Take Nebraska Avenue to the beginning of Foxhall Road. Go south on Foxhall Road one traffic light past the intersection of Foxhall and Reservoir to Q Street. Right on Q Street. Continue on Q Street for 1 block to the stop sign (45th St.) and make a right on 45th. Go two blocks and make a left (Q Lane). The street will dead end into Indian Rock Terrace. Make a right and go up the hill. The Jablons' house is the fourth house up the hill on the right (a red brick and frame contemporary house).

From Potomac/Rockville/Gaithersburg: Take 270 South to 495 towards Virginia. Exit at Cabin John Parkway and continue south on the parkway until Arizona Avenue (1st traffic light after light at Chain Bridge). Make a left on Arizona and a right on MacArthur Boulevard (1st light). Continue on MacArthur Boulevard for about 1½ miles past the Safeway on the left. Shortly after passing the Safeway, MacArthur forks to the right and Reservoir Road goes to the left. Continue on MacArthur to Q Street (the next light after the light at the fork). Make a left on Q Street. Go 1 block to the stop sign (45th St.) and make a left on 45th. Go 2 blocks and make a left (Q Lane). The street will dead end into Indian Rock Terrace. Make a right and go up the hill. The Jablons' house is the fourth house up the hill on the right (a red brick and frame contemporary house).

From Virginia (Chain Bridge): At the end of the Chain Bridge, make a right. Continue to the first light (Arizona Avenue). Make a left on Arizona and follow the directions immediately above from that point on.

From Virginia (Key Bridge): Stay in one of the left lanes at the end of the Key Bridge. Make a left at the end of the bridge to M Street (may be called Canal Road at that point). Get in the right lane and continue up the hill to the light at the beginning of Foxhall Road. Continue on Foxhall to the next light (Q Street). Make a left on Q Street. Go one block to the stop sign (45th St.) and make a right. Go 2 blocks and make a left (Q Lane). The street will dead end into Indian Rock Terrace. Make a right and go up the hill. The Jablons' house is the fourth house up the hill on the right (a red brick and frame contemporary house).



PVS - BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) group

Some PVSers have been reading all summer long in between our other adventures. Consider joining us! We meet on Zoom once a month, each person summarizing a book that he or she has been reading. Easy, a lot of fun, and a learning experience!

See the info at the end of the article for how to join in on September 8th, 2022.

Here are the books we shared this summer:

"My Shadow is My Skin: Voices from the Iranian Diaspora" edited by Whitney and Emery featuring stories shared about keeping secrets and assimilating into the United States.

"Peril" by Woodward and Costa. A well-documented discussion of democracy and the Trump and Biden White Houses.

"The Last Widow" by Karin Slaughter, a mystery by a writer with a prodigious gift for characterization.

Marianne Soponis

"The Plot" by Jean Hanff Korelitz, fiction about a failed novelist who stole the idea for his plot from a deceased writer.

Karen Zill

"On Friday the Rabbi Slept Late" by Harry Kemelman, described as a "ho-hum" plot but with good discussion of Judaism, the synagogue and the congregation roles.

"Kitchen Table Wisdom" by Rachel Naomi Remen about living life to the fullest even if ill.

Mary Ellena Ward

"Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer, a series of essays about the role of Indigenous knowledge as an alternative to Western methodologies.

"The Emperor of Ocean Park" by Stephen Carter, a kind of mystery set in Martha's Vineyard.

"Blacktop Wasteland" by S. A. Cosby a delightfully written mystery described as falling in the "noir" genre.

"One Shot Harry" by Gary Phillips, a detective story taking place in the Watts area of LA in the 1960s.

Karen Knopes

"What Doesn't Kill Us" by David Houseright in which the protagonist is put into a coma while his shooter is being sought.

"The Good Sister" by Sally Hepworth, fiction set in Australia in which twin sisters each share their perspectives.

Jan Marx

"The Kitchen Front" by Jennifer Ryan, a novel of 4 women in the 1940s in England and their efforts during rationing.

"Premonition" by Michael Lewis, non-fiction that reads like a thriller about pandemic research.

Bonnie Sweeney

"The Undertaking: Life Studies from the Dismal Trade" by poet Thomas Lynch, a series of essays related to his life as a mortician.

Mike Strand

"Such a Fun Age" by Kiley Reid, a lightly written novel that raises a number of current social issues.

"Under the Skin: The Hidden Toll of Racism on American Lives and on the Health of Our Nation" by Linda Villarosa about systematic racism in health.

Trilogy by Elizabeth Strout: "My Name is Lucy Barton"; "Anything is Possible"; and "Oh William."

Nancy McKinley

The next BYOB Zoom call will be held on Thursday, September 8th from 4 to 5 pm. Let Marianne Soponis know at marianne.soponis@gmail.com if you're interested in joining us and she'll put you on the list to get the link to the Zoom call. No commitment! Questions or comments? Contact Nancy McKinley at nancymckin@gmail.com or 703 595 8375.



SKI TALK

September 2022



Dick and I joined PVS in 1999. Our first trip was to Sun Valley. Since that time, we have been on numerous ski trips with PVS, usually two or three a year. We have gone to Canada, France, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Slovenia, Andorra, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana and Pennsylvania, to name a few places. Through the years we have been in awe of the “older” skiers, those in their 80s and 90s and still on skis. They have been our role models. Now that we are the “older” skiers, we are still in awe. Peter Russell, who passed away a few weeks ago at 102, was a legend. I skied with him in Austria when he was a mere 95. I also skied with him at Snowmass when he was only 99! While he walked rather cautiously, once he was on skis his whole demeanor changed. He was a fluid, elegant presence on the slopes. He will certainly be missed. I will also miss Marvin Hass. While I did not ski with him, he regularly sent me articles about skiing to incorporate in Ski Talk. He must have read everything in the press about skiing. I will certainly miss getting those articles.

As I mentioned in previous columns, skiing has changed over the last couple years. Covid has changed so many things about the way we live our lives. More flexibility in the work schedule has meant more people on the slopes. The other big change has been the entrance of the ski passes which has gradually taken hold. The ski passes have changed the way skiers choose resorts. Once you have invested in a season pass, it makes sense to go to resorts that will accept that pass. The Epic Pass will get you into the resorts owned by Vail. There are all kinds of options: yearly, 7-day, 4-day, etc. With the day passes, you can choose the number of days you want to ski and then use the pass at different Vail-owned resorts. Vail says they are limiting the number of lift tickets this coming season. If you don't have a pass, you may not be able to get lift tickets for the time you want to ski! So, be aware of this if you plan on skiing at Vail-owned resorts, including our local resorts: Ski Liberty and Whitetail. Passes go up in price September 5 so you may want to check them out very soon.

It is now time to prepare for the 2023 ski season. Fortunately, we are still going to Snowmass to the Mountain Chalet. I more and more appreciate being able to ski-in ski-out. Carrying skis and getting on and off buses is no longer what I want to do. PVS is also joining the BRSC trip to Club Med at Val D'Isere. Club Med is on the slopes, and not only can you ski out the door, but you will have a guide/instructor who will go with you! It cannot get more convenient than that. See the fliers in this TOOT. Take note that there has been a change in trip leaders for the Club Med trip. Barry and Kathy Lake will lead the Club Med trip, in addition to the Snowmass trip. They stepped in to replace Mary Ellena Ward.

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Potomac Valley Skiers

2023 Snowmass, Colorado Ski Trip

Wednesday - Wednesday
January 11 – 18, 2023

ONLY 2 ROOMS REMAINING!

Trip Details

Once again, we will be staying at the [Snowmass Mountain Chalet \(SMC\)](#), which offers a convenient ski in, ski out location. Check the web site at www.mountainchalet.com. The “**LAND ONLY**” package includes: transportation to and from Aspen airport (7am -11pm); 5-day Senior lift pass ([good for all four ski areas in the Aspen complex, free shuttle bus](#)) with option for extra days; 7 nights lodging (double occupancy); daily breakfasts; soup lunches; luggage handling; a welcome reception, a pizza party and a farewell group dinner to celebrate our trip. Additional nights at Snowmass are an option **based on availability**. **Trip insurance is available through Encompasse Tours and is [highly recommended](#)**. For trail information check www.aspensnowmass.com.

The basic package (Room price varies for King vs. Double Queen) includes a 5-day lift pass for skiers 65 and over. Skiers under 65 will have to add \$103.00.

<u>Costs:</u>		<u>K-Price</u>	<u>QQ-Price</u>
Basic Land Only Package (65 and older)		\$2,060	\$2,102 per person
Under 65	add	\$ 103	\$ 103
Single Supplement	add	\$1,418	\$1,459
Extra hotel night (pending availability)	add	\$ TBD	\$ TBD
Non-skiers	deduct	\$ 360	\$ 360
Extra ski days (65 and older)	add	\$ 102	\$ 102 6-day Senior pass
Under 65	add	\$ 174	\$ 174 7-day Senior pass
Under 65	add	\$ 208	\$ 208 6-day pass
Silver Pass (70+ skiing 8 or more days)	add	\$ TBD	\$ TBD

Payment Schedule

Final payment is due October 1st

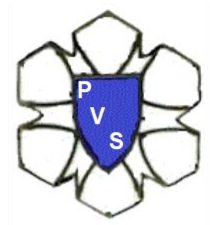
To sign up please send:

- (1) the [Application form](#) -- one per person or one per couple residing at the same address
 - (2) a [Deposit of \\$1,250 per person](#), and
 - (3) the [signed Waiver of Liability Agreement](#) by each party taking the trip
- Checks should be made out to **Kathy Lake** and mailed to 11677 Fox Glen Drive, Oakton VA 22124 (put [PVS Snowmass 2023](#) on the check memo line).

Kathy and Barry Lake are the trip leaders. For more information, feel free to contact us at 703-625-2715 or kathylakehomes@yahoo.com

VAL D'ISÈRE—2023

BRSC Eurofest at Club Med's Flagship Resort



Price Includes:

- Ground transportation in France
- All lodging, food & drink in Val d'Isère
- 6 day lift tickets
- Daily guide/ski instructor

Club Med has announced plans for its first **Exclusive Collection** mountain resort in Val d'Isère. The new five-star property will open on December 18, 2022 following a major renovation and expansion of the brand's existing hotel.

Saturday 11 March 2023 - 19 March 2023

The slope-side location provides ski-in/ski-out access. Mountain guides/instructors are available each day at no extra charge to take participants to the best runs on the mountains.

Rental equipment is extra. There are many options in the village.

Final prices are now available for this trip (double occupancy):

- Land only:** \$3,050/person (includes ground transportation between Geneva & Val d'Isère as long as you synchronize arrival & departure times and your flight is not delayed.)



**Make checks payable to:
Barry Lake**

**Mail to: Barry Lake
11677 Fox Glen Dr.
Oakton, VA 22124**

FINAL FULL PAYMENT is due November 1, 2022.

Note—New Trip leaders for the final portion of this trip: Barry and Kathy Lake.

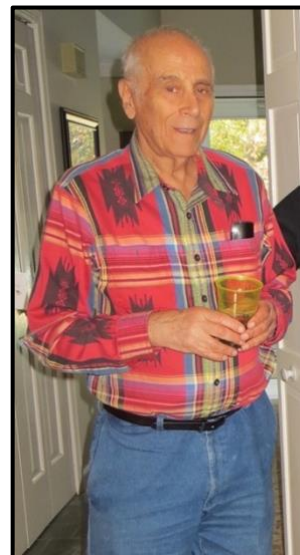
For info or questions you can contact us at Barry_lake@yahoo.com, or via phone at (703) 929-1545.

Club Med Val d'Isère

IN MEMORIAM

Marvin Hass (1930 - 2022)

Dr. Marvin Hass of Alexandria, VA, died on June 26, 2022, at the age of 92. He was born in New York City as the fourth child of Abraham and Jean Hass. Marvin received an award as the best chemistry student at Christopher Columbus High School in the Bronx, where he graduated in 1947 and then attended the City University of New York. A life-long bicyclist, Marvin cycled from New York City to the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, to attend graduate school where he earned his PhD in Physics in 1953. After graduating, Marvin worked at the Behlen Laboratory of Physics at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. He then spent his career as a research physicist at the Naval Research Laboratory in various laboratories, including the Condensed Matter and Radiation Sciences Division, Radiation Matter Interactions BR, and Optical Interactions Section, from 1955 until his retirement in 1983.



A search of public records of peer reviewed research shows at least thirteen peer reviewed research papers that are still being cited today. His published works discuss the use of Raman and infrared spectroscopy to disclose the properties of various materials and their lattice crystalline structures. Along with coauthor Dr. James Harington, Marvin received the Navy Publication Award from the Naval Research Laboratory for the 1973 paper, "Temperature Dependence of Multiphonon Absorption."

Marvin met his partner of 40 years, Betty Byrne on a Potomac Pedalers ride. When other cyclists hopped back onto their bikes after a quick lunch, Betty and Marvin decided to add some wine to their meal and enjoy the setting while relaxing. They both continued bicycling until recent years; up to the age of 87, Marvin would cycle daily 17 miles roundtrip from his home to National Harbor, Maryland. Although he had no children, Marvin became a close friend to Betty Byrne's adult children and was a beloved uncle and cousin to many in his large family. He was a cherished member of his generation's "Cousins' Club" and continued to participate in the younger generation's annual event at a family gathering of members from far and wide. Marvin's broad knowledge and interests, including in the sciences, history, the financial markets, and travel, made him a sought-out relative and friend to many, and he regularly sent articles and research reports reflecting their interests.

Marvin is survived by his long-term partner, Betty Byrne and by her three sons – Clyde, Clay, and Adam; by seven nieces – Debbie Auerbach, Nancy Cooper, Amy Hass, Nancy Hass, Lisa Goldberg, Naomi Goldberg, and Karen Goldberg; and by countless friends and family members. Services were held at the Jefferson Funeral Chapel in Alexandria VA on June 28, 2022.

Published by The Washington Post on Aug. 23, 2022.

Marvin's family is having a small outdoor social gathering in Alexandria, VA in mid-September to remember him, and share stories about how he impacted each of us. I plan to go and if 2 or 3 others would like to attend, please e-mail or call my cell: 703-314-7361 or jebbmarx@aol.com. Jan Marx

Reminiscences collected by Jan Marx:

For many years, Marvin was part of the rotating TOOT staff. He usually served as the layout editor for the extralong edition that touted the upcoming ski trips, often with their lengthy flyers. I appreciated his dedication and expertise, and he was a pleasure to have as part of the TOOT staff.

Ellie Thayer

-The last mention of Marvin in the TOOT was in 2020. The mention stated that he had just celebrated his 90th birthday

-Marvin and Betty Bryne, his long-time friend, joined PVS in 1995 (no sponsor listed) and immediately began leading hikes and bike rides. They led many over the years.

-A fun fact from the 50th anniversary TOOT is that Marvin was actually on the disastrous European trip that led to the founding of PVS in 1965. It just took him 30 years to get around to joining!

-Marvin was the first PVS webmaster, starting in 2000! He was also a member of the TOOT committee spanning many years.

-Marvin put together the slide show for the 45th anniversary dinner in 2005.

-Marvin must have been the most well-read person in PVS. He used to send me articles about horses from papers as diverse as Haaretz, the Aspen Times, NY Times, and the Times of London. I think he did the same for other PVSers who had particular interests.

Mary Ellena Ward

I [was sorry to hear] about Marvin passing. I was not close to him at all, but I remember that he was a great computer whiz, and I know some people consulted Marvin when they had computer problems.

Liz Triau

Marvin's role in physics studies, as described in his obituary, is amazing. He knew of my dad who did a lot in the development of mass spectrometers, so I felt we had a special connection. Over the years I received links to numerous articles geared to my interests and appreciated everyone. The last one was in this past February. He was generous with his time and willing to help with numerous club activities.

Jan Marx

-When first beginning as a TOOT Layout Editor, Marvin was extremely helpful to me in increasing my knowledge of graphics layout and of Microsoft Word usage. I also enjoyed his PVS bicycle trips around the DC Metro area over the years.

Dave Warthen



MEMBERS' CORNER

By guest columnist Ellie Thayer

As a high school graduation present, my grandson Perry chose a trip to Copenhagen. We traveled in June and my son and I were the lucky two who traveled with him on a short, but awesome trip. SAS messed with us by canceling our original flight and shortening our trip by one day. On the bright side, the forecasters predicted some rain each day, but not a drop fell on us. Temps were perfect between 55 and 70 degrees.

We arrived early in the morning, took the metro into the city, and rolled our bags to the Airbnb on the busy and picturesque Nyhavn Canal. We were soon off to the Glyptotek Museum.



Nyhavn Canal – our Airbnb in one of those houses



An unusual Picasso in the Glyptotek

The museum was incredible. It housed a private collection of the heirs to the Carlsberg Breweries fortune. It held many sculptures, including *The Thinker* and one of the 12 original castings of *The Burghers of Calais*. My favorite section was the vast collection of French art including all the usual suspects: Manet, Monet, Morisot, Cassatt, Toulouse Lautrec, Degas, Renoir, and Gauguin. And, of course, as any great art museum should have, there were a number of paintings by Vincent Van Gogh. Next stop was the nearby Danish War Museum.

The Krigsmuseet was vast, vast like a football field vast and on two levels. I confess that I sat for part of the time while Perry and Michael checked out some of the cannons, guns, swords, pikes, chainmail, cross bows, lances, bayonets, armor, uniforms, model ships, tanks, and much much more. They covered a lot of Danish military history while covering a lot of ground. Next – our food walking tour designed to keep us awake and serve as dinner on the first day after the overnight flight.

We met up with Jeff, who was a native Copenhagener and very knowledgeable about its history. He led us on a merry chase all over the city (20,000 steps that first day) and everything we tasted was exceptional quality. First stop was an organic hot dog stand. The hot dog was more like a sausage with mustard, remoulade sauce, onions, and pickles on a delicious bun. The stand was out of the elderflower juice, but we had some later in the trip. Next stop was tasting the Danish national dish (maybe) often served at Christmas, flæskesteg, roast pork with crackling. Utterly delicious. We sought it out later in the trip for dinner, but it seems like we ordered the OTHER Danish national dish, stegt flæsk, grilled pork belly with parsley sauce.



Hot dog stand



Hot dog



Flæskesteg

On to the central market, which was housed in two buildings. We sat at a bar on stools and ate a delicious fiskefrikadeller (fish cake) with a Classic Mikkeller beer. We were having a good time! Our guide routed us through a serene park (with a name that I cannot remember) to a Smørrebrød deli near Tivoli Gardens. Perry was hearing peacocks screech in the background. Perry and I split the chicken salad. Good, good. Jeff the guide showed us Copenhagen's long pedestrian street, which we used later quite a few times, and where we ended our food tour in a bakery, Lagkagehuset. Ooh la la. We returned to this bakery on another day ordering the Viennese – not called Danish – pastries.



Central market



Smørrebrød deli

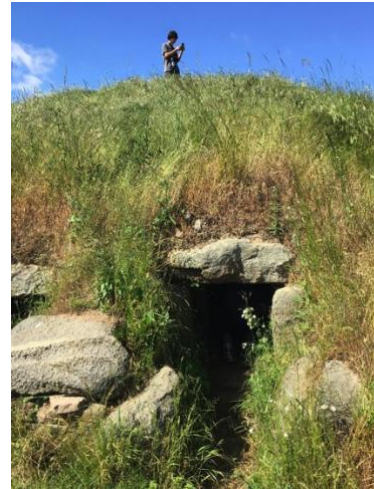
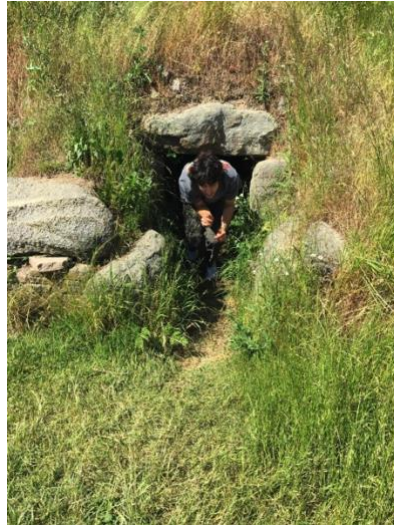


Viennese pastry

We stumbled “home” in a jetlagged state, crashed, and were asleep by 7:30. Great first day.

As we are wont to do on these short trips, we scheduled one daytrip out of town. Most fortunately all three of us were up for some Neolithic scouting in the countryside - as in one lane roads leading to parking lots for three cars, leading to off-the-beaten trails to grass covered passage graves covered by hilly mounds and one lonely dolmen. All on Møn Island. After, trudging through 5,000-year old remnants of the past, we hiked around the chalk cliffs of Klint at the far eastern edge of Møn.

We rented a car in downtown Copenhagen and headed out with Perry navigating. First stop was Klekkende Høj, a 5,000-year old passage grave in a farmer's field. The passage was so low that Michael had to crawl through the passageway to enter into the central room. I reluctantly decided not to do the crawl, but had better luck at the next stop.



Klekkende Høj

The next stop was Kong Asger Høj and the nearby Sprovedyssen dolmen. I hunched low and followed the leaders into the passageway and central room. Very very cool. I would still be kicking myself if I had missed it.



Kong Asger Høj



Passageway



Sprovedyssen dolmen

The final stop on our day trip was the chalk cliffs of Møn Klint, a six-kilometer stretch of beauty in the Baltic Sea. The hike to the cliff tops looks down on clear blue and green water. The photos do not accurately reflect the whiteness of the cliffs or the distinct color differentiations in the water.



Kong Asger Høj



Chalk cliffs of Klint Møn



After a great day communing with nature and the ghosts of the long ago past, we hustled back to Copenhagen to dine at a one-star Michelin restaurant, Kokkeriet. It was a six-hour meal

with 10 courses and wine pairings. The restaurant clearly was short staffed as evidenced by the length of the evening, but we talked and laughed and enjoyed.

We had a slow start the next morning, but after a restorative coffee we made the obligatory visit to the Little Mermaid. Along the way we detoured to the Amalienborg and Frederiksstaden complex. As we had learned from our food tour guide, all Danish kings since 1513 have assumed the royal names of Christian or Frederick. There is a very occasional Margaret in there too. One Hans slipped in a time ago, but the powers-that-be stopped that independent streak dead in its tracks in 1513. The complex housed three palaces, a few top-heavy hatted guards, and a central statue of either a Christian or a Frederick on a horse in the center. At the other end of the street the dome of the beautiful marble church could be seen. There were a series of beautiful churches on the street, including a Russian Orthodox Church and a Catholic Church. I love to see brides when I travel and more often than not, I do. This trip I saw the bride and groom at the altar of the Catholic Church through a window in the closed door. Perry accused me of photobombing the bride, but...



The Kastellet is a star-shaped earthen citadel/fortress with walking paths, old barracks, an old windmill, and ponds with swans, geese, and ducks. It is a great walkable site and a perfect peaceful segue to the harbor and the iconic mermaid. We had been advised to walk back to Nyhavn along the harbor after taking a picture of the Little Mermaid (among the throngs) and it was great advice. We found an outdoor café and I had my mandatory travel Aperol Spritz. In that café, as in many places, the service was slow because of staff shortages. We didn't care. Perry, Michael, and I got into a discussion about the Enlightenment, Voltaire, Thomas Jefferson, and much more. One of the great pleasures of this trip was traveling with Perry who is now a plebe at the US Merchant Marine Academy. I am a fortunate grandmother, indeed.



In Memoriam – Peter Russell

Peter Russell, a centenarian plus two; a colorful raconteur of old and new tales; debonair and always well-dressed; an elegant skier into his late eighties; a lively presence wearing his hat of ski memorabilia; a Mazda Miata owner that he sometimes drove to ski vacations; and a longtime member of Capital Golden Skiers and Potomac Valley Skiers, passed away on August 12, 2022, with family near his side. His love of life and eagerness to enjoy life's many adventures is a memory to recall when one thinks of Peter, as some members have recently done in emails to the membership.

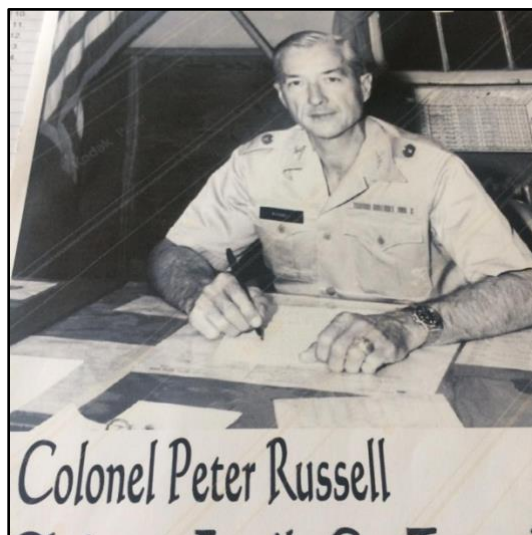


The club feted Peter on his 100th birthday at the home of Kal and Nur Nossuli, at which time many stories were told by members, guests, and by Peter, of course! The writeup and some pictures are in the November 2019 TOOT. His was a long life with a healthy diet, lots of activities and laughter, and sharing time with friends. He took many domestic and international ski trips through the years. In his personal travel, he often took the bus or local trains to better understand the country and people he met.

Peter was born in 1919 and married Nancy Forsythe in 1948. Graduating from the United States Military Academy in 1942, he was with the Allied Forces Headquarters in North Africa and in Italy during World War II. In his thirty-year career with the Army, he also served in Germany, France, Portugal, Vietnam, and Thailand. From the summer of 1967 to the summer of 1968 at Fort Knox, Kentucky, he lived in the same quarters that his father-in-law had lived in during the 1940s. After retiring from the Army, Colonel Russell moved to Washington, D.C. where he lived for the rest of his life while still traveling. He lost his wife in 1996 and is survived by two sons and two grandchildren.

This past May, Peter attended his 80th reunion at West Point with his son and grandson, where he was the oldest cadet present. A service at West Point is planned for a future time.

Submitted by Marianne Sponis (parts taken from Peter's obituary in the Washington Post)



Calendar:

Thu Sep 08 BYOB-ZOOM, 4:00-5:00 pm, N. McKinley, Hostess-M. Soponis
Sun Sep 18 FallFest, 1:00 pm, Jablons, Washington, DC

2023 Ski Trips:

January 11-18, 2023, Snowmass, Colorado,: K. & B. Lake
March 11-19, 2023, BRSC Club Med to Val d'Isere,: K. & B Lake

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and Committee Chairpersons**

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