

New Mexico *Cross Country Ski Club*

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2013 Bus Trip Season

By Angela Welford

Anyone still thinking snow? Randy Simons and I are. That is, we are thinking towards the **Bus Trips for 2013**, and here's what is in the works: something NEW this year — a NEW YEAR'S EVE trip! That's right, we are planning a bus trip to **SILVERTON** to bring in the New Year, **December 29 - January 1**, coming home on New Year's Day. The Grand Imperial Hotel is hosting a New Year's Eve party in their bar, so you don't have to go anywhere except downstairs for a fun celebration. If you sign up for this trip, the New Year's party may continue late into the night; however, you can catch up on your sleep on the bus as we drive home!



Next up will be a longtime favorite ski area, **LEADVILLE**, over Martin Luther King Day weekend, **January 18-21, 2013**.

Something else NEW this year, a NEW location for a third trip this season, to **GEORGETOWN**, **February 7-10, 2012**.

Providing we get good snow, all these locations should have ample skiing opportunities for all levels of skiers (*except rank beginners*) and be fun places to stay.

Prices and other details will be available along with the Trip Registration forms that will be sent with the October newsletter. So keep the dates open! ■

Ski Club BBQ & Pot Luck ***Saturday, June 2, 2012*** ***5 p.m.***

See enclosed flyer



Sam Beard at last year's picnic
Photo by Carl Smith



Skiing Chama, 2/11/12: Marcia Congdon, Terri Elisberg, Kim Feldman, Norma Perez, Thea Berg, Don Schmaltz, Ray Berg, Diane Owens and Susan Harris.

Photo by Dave Gabel

Hut Trips 2013!!

By Guy Miller

As of press time, we have two hut trips scheduled for next season:

Peter Estin: January 22-27, 2013

Harry Gates: February 24 - March 1, 2013



We will visit **Peter Estin Hut** at the end of January, and we will go to **Harry Gates Hut** at the end of February. Cost for both trips is \$140. Trip dates include all travel time, including an extra day to get back home after skiing out of the hut.

Peter Estin Hut, located near Eagle, Colorado at 11,200 feet, is one of the 10th Mountain system's older huts. It is most noted for having an ample supply of tele opportunities, but there are also intermediate level Nordic touring options as well. We last visited this hut in 2006.

Harry Gates Hut is found near Basalt, Colorado. At under 10,000 feet, it is at the lowest elevation of all of the 10th Mountain huts. Nevertheless, the ski in to the hut is no cake walk. However, the day skiing around the hut is primarily of the Nordic touring variety, with the exception of Burnt Mountain, which rises to over 11,000 feet, providing wonderful glade skiing opportunities. Hopefully we will be able to stay at the wonderful Diamond J Ranch, near the trailhead, the night before hitting the trail.



Ray Berg, Bet Gendron, Kim Feldman and Guy Miller leaving the Fowler-Hilliard Hut, 3/7/12.

Photo by Carl Smith

Trip sign up will commence at the time of our summer picnic. Contact Guy Miller for further details or to discuss hut trips in general. ■



Left: Scott Mitchell, Carl Smith and Bet Gendron prepare to leave from the trailhead for Fowler-Hilliard Hut. Above: Kathi Ritchey on top.

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Eric Russell at Fowler-Hilliard Hut,
3/5/12.

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