

New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club

October 2013



Photo by Dave Saylor

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October's Program:

Winter Navigation

Presenter:

Michael Grady, Past Chair,
NM Mountain Club

When:

Thursday, 10/10 at 7 p.m.



Michael Grady

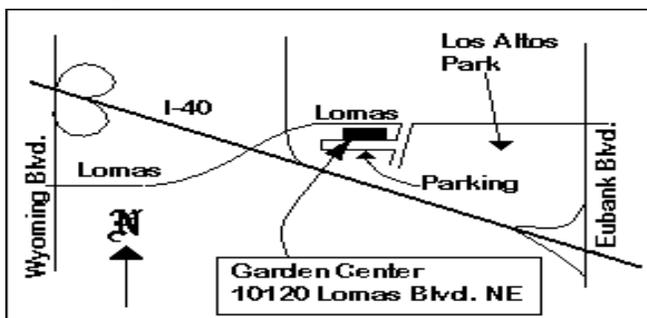
Navigation is the fundamental skill required for safe and successful recreation in the field. Once you forsake the comfort of your car how will you find your way back and what do you do if the conditions worsen or someone is lost or injured?

Winter changes the game drastically with early darkness and unforgiving cold. You must stay both warm and oriented to survive to tell about it.

This will be an abbreviated version of Michael's standard 3 hour introduction to map and compass, and GPS skills. ■

Bring ski equipment you want to sell or give away to the meeting.

Meeting location:



What's New for Bus Trips?

By Celeste Taylor-Ryman

Our first bus trip is to Crested Butte, CO, over the Martin Luther King holiday weekend on **Friday - Monday, January 17-20, 2014.**

Crested Butte has been a favorite for the Club! It offers numerous skiing opportunities for all skill levels, and Nordic and alpine ski areas. A bus shuttle will take skiers to the ski area and it has drop offs throughout the historic town.



Once again, we will stay at the Old Town Inn. It is within walking distance to the historic main street and numerous restaurants. It is also close to a ski shop that has great Nordic equipment. We will have a continental breakfast each morning, freshly made cookies after skiing and access to an outdoor hot tub.

A new destination this season is to Steamboat Springs, CO, on **Friday - Monday, February 21-24, 2014.** Steamboat Springs is a little further than our previous trips, but Bill White, Co-Bus Trip Chair, worked with the bus company to make this happen. We are excited because we have heard so many good things about the skiing in this area.

Bill made an exploratory trip to check it out and we found a great place to stay at the Nordic Lodge, located near the alpine ski area and within walking or shuttle distance to the hot springs. We will have continental breakfasts, hot tub access and friendly hosts. Steamboat is a historic town with shops, restaurants and great skiing.

If you have questions about these trips, please contact me at celestet86@gmail.com. ■

From the President

It looks like we are going to have a good ski season! With precipitation returning, we should be way ahead of the last two years. And with the promise of better weather, let's look at the plans and programs we have for the coming year.



First, with our ski activities, we again have a full house of activities. Keep your eyes open for more information on bus trips (Celeste Taylor-Ryman and Bill White), hut trips (Guy Miller), overnight car trips (Rob Suminsby) and, hopefully, day trips in the Sandia and Jemez mountains (Guy Miller). These activities form the heart of our program, but

there are quite a few things that we do to support these activities to make sure they succeed.

Second, we have an education and training program. We will have ski instruction (John Thomas) to help beginners learn how to ski and more advanced skiers learn how to ski better. We have an education program to help skiers of all levels learn what their responsibilities are so they can ski safely, secure with the knowledge necessary so that they will be able to return to ski another day. I think that's important! And we have a great trails program (Sam Beard) to keep the trails clear.

Third, we have informative programs at Club meetings (Terri Elisberg). These include a broad spectrum of programs to inform and entertain. We accompany these programs with refreshments (Marilynn Szydowski) to keep the meetings fun and social. So you also get to share these activities with friends you can bring along.

Fourth, we have a great communication program. This newsletter (Karen Leach and contributing members) keeps everybody up-to-date. Our web page (Bill Savage) is a good permanent record of Club activities. And we supplement this with an email system (by Bob Potter) to distribute the latest news and information.

And fifth, we have been growing our recruiting program. The thing that will enable us to keep our

sport going into the future is our Youth Movement. Two years ago I introduced this somewhat tongue in cheek program, for a septuagenarian. But it is important that if we believe in the value of our sport and want it to endure, we need to find some younger folks to join us. So....

Two years ago we started a MeetUp Group (Dave Gabel), which is primarily a way for younger skiers to go out in groups with last minute arrangements. Last year we added a Facebook page (Bob Potter and Dave Gabel). We are also looking into ways to more easily take payments for our activities. Technology has added all kinds of capabilities that we can use to our advantage to keep us strong in the future!

Ray Berg

Car Trips By Rob Suminsby

The new season is right around the corner, with a great selection of Bus and Hut trips to choose from. But what are you going to do on those weekends and holidays that are still uncommitted? Get outdoors, of course! As Overnight Car Trip Chair, I will be helping to arrange groups that want to fill in those gaps in the calendar with car trips to a number of locations.



Rich Besser, Dave Gabel and Phyllis Pryor, Georgetown bus trip, 2/8/13.

Photo by Cynthia Adams

First up on the schedule is a return to Silverton, Colorado, for New Year's! Everyone agreed that last year's trip was a big success, and lots of you have expressed an interest in returning. Tentative dates are **Saturday, December 28 – January 1**, and we have rooms reserved at the Grand Imperial Hotel again this year. Four-wheel or all-wheel drive vehicles are recommended, so if you have a vehicle that has room for an extra person or two, please indicate that when you sign up. Please watch for details in upcoming newsletters and group e-mails.

We'll also be looking at adding an early February trip to Pagosa Springs/Wolf Creek to reprise the very successful Telemark clinic from last year. More to follow on that.

If you have another destination in mind and want to recruit others to join you, please contact me at robert.suminsby@gmail.com, and I will help you get the word out. ■

Hut Trips 2014

By Guy Miller



BETTY BEAR HUT
January 27 – February 1
(includes travel dates)
Cost: \$ 141.00

Betty Bear is found at just over 11,000 feet near Basalt, Colorado. We last visited this unusual hut in 2003. Sleeping quarters are located

downstairs, which is heated by its own wood burning stove. The upstairs common area is spacious and sunny. Day skiing options around the hut include moderate Nordic touring as well as turning opportunities.

This trip is suitable for strong intermediate hut skiers. The first five miles are on a gentle road, but the last two miles go steeply uphill with many vexing switchbacks. As of press time, 7 vacancies remain.

Check out the hut:

http://www.huts.org/The_Huts/bettybear.html
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bShBIBH7VcY>

BROOME HUT

February 8 – 13 *(includes travel dates)*
Cost: \$146

Broome is a new hut that replaces the decrepit Second Creek Cabin. It is located at Berthoud Pass, which is north of I-70 and south of Winter Park, CO. The hut is accessed by a very short, but very steep trail. I have not been to this hut, but some of our skiers stumbled across it last winter on the Georgetown bus trip. It is reported that snow conditions are excellent and that day skiing in the area is challenging. How's that for specifics? This is an exploratory trip requiring a good attitude and strong faith. As of press time, two spots remain.

To find out more about the hut trips, contact me at xcski-boy@aol.com or call 505 306-2628. ■

Beginner Ski Class

Watch for details about this year's training for beginner skiers. It will involve classroom and on the snow instruction. To sign up, contact John Thomas at 298-5234 or jf87111@comcast.net.

Sign-up Now for Bus Trips

By Celeste Taylor-Ryman

Crested Butte, CO, January 17-20 (MLK Holiday)
Steamboat Springs, CO, February 21-24

Instructions:

- ◀ Before registering, please read the complete Club policy on long trips that is posted on the website (www.nmccskiclub.org) as well as the Bus Trip Guidelines below.
- ◀ Enclosed in this newsletter you will find registration forms.
- ◀ Registration form/deposit must be received by **Saturday November 16, 2014**. You can either:
 - Mail** to Celeste Taylor-Ryman, 701 Madison ST. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110
 - Bring** to October or November Club meeting
- ◀ Please bring separate registration forms and separate deposit checks for each trip.
- ◀ If you want a specific roommate, you must both register on one form and submit checks together.
- ◀ As long as the registration for bus trip seats exceeds availability, we will hold a lottery drawing for the seats. Board members are given first priority for seats as an incentive to serve this organization.
- ◀ After all seats for a trip are filled, we will place the remaining registrations in a "reserve pool" and their original checks will be destroyed. We will keep registrations for those in the reserve pool unless notified they are no longer interested in that trip.
- ◀ Once your registration has been accepted, you own the seat and owe the balance for the trip (*please note the balance due date on the registration form*).
- ◀ The roster of attendees for all trips will be posted on the website and listed in the newsletter.
- ◀ Complete details of the trips will be e-mailed to participants (*if they have e-mail*) four weeks prior to the trip, otherwise it will be snail-mailed.
- ◀ **If you do not receive notifications in a timely manner, it is your responsibility to contact us for the information at 505-366-4959 or celestet86@gmail.com.**

Guidelines:

Who may go: Paid up Club members (dues paid by the November meeting) at least 18 years old or at least 12 if accompanied by a paying parent/guardian/grandparent.

Departure: Times will depend on the trip so check the individual trip descriptions. The bus departs from the parking lot on the west side of the Target at I-25 and Paseo Del Norte. The Bus Trip Chair will be in the parking lot one hour before departure to load the bus and pass out boarding passes in the order of your arrival. You may reserve one seat per pass. The bus will

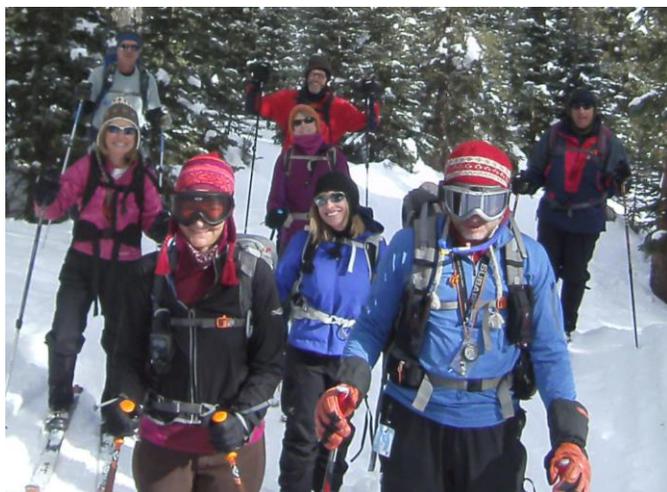
board ½ hour before the scheduled departure time. If everyone is on the bus ahead of departure time, we could leave early!

Bus Ride: The Club supplies cold sodas, water, wine, beer and light snacks on the bus. There is a restroom on the bus; however, use is up to the discretion of the driver.

Luggage: Pack your skis in a ski bag. You are allowed one large or two small suitcases per person. Cargo area is at a premium so please pack minimally and be considerate of others. You may bring a six pack cooler (*no larger than 8-1/2"Wx12"Lx9-1/2"H*) that must fit under your seat.

Clothes: "Casual, warm and layered" are the key words. We often walk to dinner so bring warm clothing for evenings. Slip-on crampons (*Yak traks*) are useful.

Meals: Meals are provided as outlined in each trip description. All other meals are your responsibility. Cooking is not allowed in hotel rooms. You may bring breakfast and lunch foods in your cooler. You must bring your own food and water when going out to ski. On ski days, the bus normally leaves the hotel at about 8 or 9 a.m. and returns to the hotel in the late afternoon.



Dave Gabel, Phyllis Pryor, Kim Feldman, Cynthia Adams, Sarah Stout, Scott Mitchell, Guy Miller and Alan Shapiro, Georgetown bus trip, 2/2013.

Photo by Bob Potter

Skiing: We attempt to go to a variety of areas to accommodate skiers of all abilities. There will be set-track areas and/or downhill skiing available in both locations, but our main pursuit is cross-country skiing.

Cost: The cost of the trip is derived from the estimated cost of the bus, hotel, drinks, snacks, included meals, club surcharge, and bus driver's tip divided by the number of people on the trip. Once you have paid your deposit you are on the trip. The balance is due by the dates given on the trip reservation form.

Payments are not refundable: If you cancel, you must find a substitute (*same sex member of the*

Club) and settle the payment with that person. You will get names of people in reserve pool.

Reserve: The "Reserve Pool" will be started once a trip is full. It costs nothing to be on "reserve status".

Club Cancellation Policy

In the event that a bus trip cannot be completed due to events beyond Club control, such as weather, road conditions, mechanical failure, etc. any money that is not already committed will be equally divided and distributed among trip participants. ■

Vote on Proposed Budget

Vote at the Club meeting on **Thursday, October 10th** on the proposed budget below:

2013-14 Proposed Budget

Income:	
Membership	\$ 3,785
Bus Trips	28,827
Bus Trip Surcharge	980
Hut Trips	3,469
Interest	5
Total	\$37,066
Expenses:	
President	\$ 100
Vice President	75
Treasurer	50
Secretary	50
10 th Mtn. Division Hut Assoc. Dues	25
Chama Valley Outdoor Club	150
Corporate Report	10
Programs	50
Membership	258
Newsletter	1,200
Refreshments	450
Trails	300
Instruction	500
Day Trips	100
Bus Trips	28,827
Hut Trips	3,469
Scholarships	1,000
Meeting Facility	1,125
Insurance	1,200
Summer Party	500
Club P.O. Box	124
Website	100
Total	\$39,663
Surplus/Deficit	(2,597)

2013-14 Officers and Board

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Susan Corban, Silverton bus trip,
1/1/2013.

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