

New Mexico

Cross Country Ski Club



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2014 Bus Trips

By Celeste Taylor-Ryman & Bill White

The first bus trip of 2014 will be to **Crested Butte** over the Martin Luther King Weekend on **January 17-20, 2014**. We will stay at the Old Town Inn, which is located south of the main part of town and close to the Nordic Ski area. The Old Town Inn has a hot tub, a nice breakfast and freshly made cookies in the afternoon. We have stayed at this hotel in the past and they are very pleased that we are returning.



Crested Butte has great restaurants and numerous shopping opportunities. There is a shuttle to the downhill ski area and other parts of the town. The cost for this bus trip is \$276.

Many Club members have asked to go to our next location – **Steamboat Springs on February 21-24!** We will stay downtown, which will provide many options. We can walk to the Howelsen Hill Nordic Center to ski groomed trails, then walk to the Mahogany Ridge Brewery and Grill for dinner, and finish with a soak in the Old Town Hot Springs! Or step across the main street and take a shuttle to the downhill ski hill area. The most exciting part of going to a new location is discovering new ski terrain and trails. The Forest Service has created a network of cross country ski routes on the West Summit of Rabbit Ears Pass offering over 30 miles of marked routes, including an expert route that will take you to the top of the downhill area. Skiers can catch the shuttle back to the motel if they choose to ski this route! The cost for this bus trip is \$310.

Other details will be available along with the Trip Registration forms that will be sent with the October newsletter. **So keep these dates open!** ■

Ski Club BBQ & Pot Luck

Sunday, June 9, 2013

4- 7 p.m.

See enclosed flyer



Sarah Stout, Alan Shapiro and Cathy Eichel at last year's summer picnic.

Photo by Carl Smith



Steve Gendron, Marilyn Harper, Jean Hanson and Sara Friederich in Georgetown, 2/9/13.

Photo by Terri Elisberg

Hut Trips 2013!!

By Guy Miller

BETTY BEAR HUT

January 27, 2014 – February 1, 2014

(includes all 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.

Check out the hut:

http://www.huts.org/The_Huts/bettybear.html

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bShBIBH7VcY>

Several openings still remain so contact me to sign up for this hut.

BROOME HUT

February 8 – 13, 2014 (includes all 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.

Only two spots remain so contact me soon to discuss these hut trips at xcskiboy@aol.com or 294-7940. ■

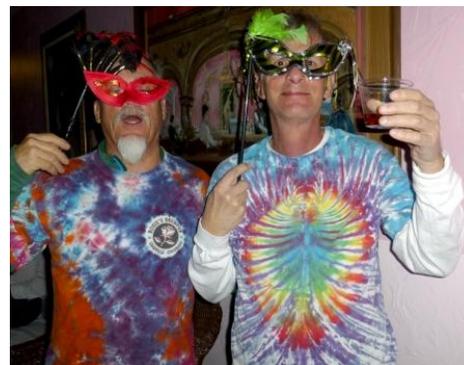


Carissa and Scott Mitchell in Georgetown, 2/9/13.

New Year's Car Trip

By Rob Suminsby

Lots of members who went on last year's New Year's Eve bus trip wanted to make it a recurring event (full disclosure: I'm one of those people!).



Bill White and Bill Savage celebrate New Year's in Silverton.

I would like to give it a go as a car trip that I will be organizing next season and see how many takers we get. The cost will be about \$240-\$300 depending on if we stay for 3 or 4 nights. So for now, mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 28 – Wednesday, January 1, 2014.** ■



Susan Williams in Georgetown, 2/8/13

Renew your Membership

Join or renew your NM Cross Country Ski Club membership now — see enclosed membership form.

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Cynthia Adams and Phyllis Pryor on the Georgetown bus trip, 2/9/13.