

# New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club

## NEWS

Special Summer Edition

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## Bus Trips 2015

Celeste Taylor-Ryman and Bill White

### Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 16-19 January, 2015

Wolf Creek, best snow in Colorado, has the alpine ski area, and free-access, groomed nordic trails adjacent to the base of the Alberta Lift. Backcountry access is at the Pass, with Lobo Overlook offering beautiful 360-degree views and outstanding telemark opportunities as well as forest road skiing. A mile west of the Pass is Forest Road 725, offering varied terrain up to Treasure Pass or the

Rock Garden and delightful turning opportunities through glades on the return. Lower elevation skiing could be had on the East Fork of the San Juan River, or even groomed trails around Coyote Hill just 5 miles north of the motel in Pagosa Lakes.

We will be staying at the Pagosa Inn and Suites, uptown, offering a pool and hot tub, with restaurants and a brew pub within



*Bus Trips R' Us*

walking distance. Sunday night we will use the bus to take us downtown to The Springs and a different selection of restaurants and another brew pub.

### Frisco, Colorado, 20-23 February, 2015

We will be returning to Summit County and the land of the free ski shuttles! Nordic centers can be accessed in Breckinridge, Frisco and Keystone, as can the alpine ski areas (including Copper Mountain). Backcountry targets include Montezuma and Saints John Road,

Keystone Gulch, North Ten Mile, Wheeler Lakes, McCullough Gulch and many more options! As we all know, central Colorado sky-lines offer an abundance of snow-capped backdrops, and avalanche cautions!

We will be staying at Wilder-

nest Condos where we have previously stayed. Everyone has agreed these are comfortable condos with nice amenities and restaurant options within walking distance, or use the free bus!

Frisco is another Colorado town with the old ambience, great restaurants and once again great shopping for a break from skiing.

**Ski Club Summer BBQ and Pot Luck**  
**Sunday June 8th, 2014, 4-7pm**  
**Wildlife West Nature Park**  
**See enclosed flyer for details**



Pat O'Brien photo

# Hut Trips 2015

Guy Miller

For 2015, we have two hut trips, including one beginner trip, lined up to date, starting at the very beginning of the season, and ending right before things start warming up again. Please note that the trip dates include all travel time, including an extra day to get back home in the event of weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Trip costs cover only the stay at the hut, and group dinners at the hut. Transportation and meals on the way to the trailhead, and lodging the night before embarkation, are extra.

## Continental Divide Hut, January 14 – 18, 2015

BEGINNER TRIP ! Continental Divide Hut is located just off of Tennessee Pass, a few short miles out of Leadville. This new, modern hut houses eight skiers, and is accessed by skiing less than half a mile with no significant elevation change. However, this is a true back-country experience, and the day skiing around the hut will make one feel as if we were miles from the nearest road.

This trip is intended for skiers who are interested in doing hut trips but who lack the requisite experience to participate. If you are a Class II skier, and if you can carry a backpack, you will not be turned away from this event. There will be a trip planning meeting, and trip leader will be available to help beginners prepare properly.

**Cost: \$108**

Check out the hut: [http://www.huts.org/The\\_Huts/continental\\_divide.html](http://www.huts.org/The_Huts/continental_divide.html)



*Continental Divide Hut*

## Sangree M. Froelicher Hut, March 17–22, 2015

Situated at 11,630 feet, Froelicher (formerly known as Belvedere Hut) is a short, relatively steep, 3.5 mile ski in from the highway. This "stretch" hut sleeps 16 in spacious, comfortable quarters. The entire area around the hut is ideal for exploration, and day touring and turning opportunities abound.

This is a moderate intermediate trip, and would be ideal for those who participated in the January beginner trip, as well as for hut veterans. **Cost: \$143**

Check out the hut: [http://www.huts.org/The\\_Huts/sangrees.html](http://www.huts.org/The_Huts/sangrees.html)



*Sangree Froelicher Hut*

If you are at all interested in doing hut trips, please contact Guy for further details. Contact info found in the newsletter and on the Club's webpage. Let's GO !!!

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# New Year's Eve 2015 at the Silverton Grand Imperial Hotel

Rob Suminsby



Back by popular demand! Our first overnight car trip of the season will be another New Year's extravaganza in Silverton, CO. We have booked a large block of rooms at the historic Grand Imperial Hotel so that we can ring in 2015 with the right mix of attitude and altitude. Those who'd like to add a bit of challenging downhill can arrive early to ski at Silverton Mountain on Sat and/or Sun, Dec 27/28. Otherwise, plan to arrive Sunday for 3 days of skiing and New Year's celebration!

# New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club

## Membership Form

Send membership form and dues to:  
**New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club**  
**P.O. Box 51563**  
**Albuquerque, NM 87181-1563**

**Dues: \$20 for individuals or \$25 for families or 1<sup>st</sup> year free if 40 & younger.** Effective October of current year - November of the following year, covering all members living at the same address. For renewal, dues must be paid by the November meeting to receive newsletter and access to website.

Year **2014 - 2015**

**If new, how did you hear about the club?**

Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_

Meetups \_\_\_\_\_ Current member \_\_\_\_\_

**Any changes (email, phone, address...)?**

Web site \_\_\_\_\_ Ski shop/store/ad \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Business Card \_\_\_\_\_ Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip + 4 (please) \_\_\_\_\_

Check to exclude email address from group email list (for trip announcements, last-minute changes, other general-interest info)

Check to exclude email address from membership list

E-mail addresses (up to 3) \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional ADULT names (include children 18 & older):

First & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Additional family member names under 18 and ages: \_\_\_\_\_

The membership list will be printed in a newsletter and will appear in the members-only (password protected) section of the Web site. Please indicate if you want to be included in this (email addresses will be handled as you've indicated above):

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No (not even my name) \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, but omit my address \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, but omit my phone number \_\_\_\_\_

★ I will download my newsletter from the Web site rather than having it mailed. \_\_\_\_\_ (*This saves the Club money.*)

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY:**

I know and expressly assume the risk that a cross country skiing activity scheduled by the New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club, a New Mexico nonprofit corporation, may be dangerous or hazardous, and may result in loss or damage of property, physical injury, or even my death. I understand that neither the trip leader nor any trip participants are required to have any training or to have any experience or expertise with respect to any activity or in any aspect of safety or first aid. With full knowledge of these dangers, I RELEASE the New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club and its officers, directors, members, vehicle drivers, leaders, trip participants, guides, representatives, employees, or agents (collectively, The "NMCC Ski Club") from liability, claims, or demands and agree NOT TO SUE OR OTHERWISE MAKE ANY CLAIM against the NMCC Ski Club that may arise during my participation in any activity.

This RELEASE OF LIABILITY will be effective whether or not any loss, damage, injury, or death RESULTS FROM THE NEGLIGENCE of the NMCC Ski Club. I understand that negligence means a failure to do an act which a reasonably careful person would do, or the doing of an act which a reasonably careful person would not do, under the same or similar circumstances, to protect himself, herself, or others from injury or death. I expressly assume the risk of loss, injury, or death suffered by me as a result of participating in any activity. I am voluntarily participating in the activity. I am solely responsible for my own equipment, safety, first aid needs, and medical needs. I will take every precaution to provide for my own safety and well-being while participating in any activity.

This release is binding on me, my heirs, and my personal representatives. I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE BEFORE SIGNING IT.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**IF UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST READ AND SIGN BELOW:**

I am the legal guardian of the above minor and have read the above RELEASE. I hereby consent to the terms of the RELEASE on behalf of the named minor(s) and give my consent to their participation in all activities of the NMCC Ski Club on the terms stated.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent or Legal Guardian)

**The NMCC Ski Club operates by the volunteer efforts. Please indicate the activities in which you may be willing to participate:**

Day Trip Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Refreshments \_\_\_\_\_ Trail Maintenance & Development \_\_\_\_\_ Club Officer/Board Member \_\_\_\_\_

Instruction \_\_\_\_\_ Program Presentation/Topic \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Date Dues Received \_\_\_\_\_ Paid in Cash/Amt \_\_\_\_\_ Paid CC \_\_\_\_\_ Paid by Check \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

# Ski Club Summer BBQ and Pot Luck

at **Wildlife West Nature Park**  
Sunday June 8th, 2014, 4-7pm



**The club provides** hamburgers, veggie burgers, condiments, bottled water, soft drinks, lemonade, and entrance into **Wildlife West Nature Park!**

**Members bring** a dish to share, jacket and an adult beverage (*optional*).

Children and Guests are welcome, but no pets please  
**RSVP by June 4 to Bob Potter: 505-831-9779 or hvac87108356@yahoo.com**



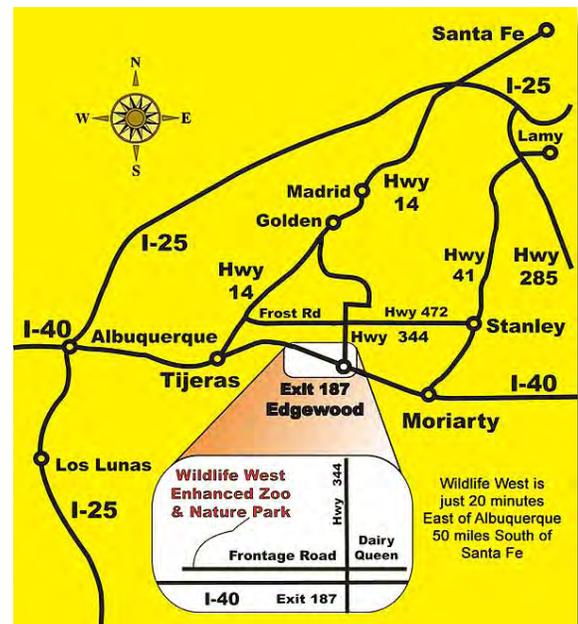
## Getting There: We Encourage Car Pooling

Driving Directions from Albuquerque:

Take Interstate 40 to exit 187 (Edgewood). At the end of the exit ramp, turn North. Turn left at the Conoco station heading West on the North Frontage Road. Continue until you see the entrance to the park on the right.

Approximate driving time from Albuquerque:  
20 minutes

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*Joy of snow: Crested Butte Bus Trip, January, 2014*