

# New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club

## NEWS

Special Summer Issue

Photo: Carl Smith

May 2015



## Ski Club Summer BBQ and Pot Luck

Sunday June 7th  
2015, 4-7pm

Wildlife West  
Nature Park  
See enclosed flyer  
for details

## 2016 Ski Club Trips

### Bus Trips:

**Crested Butte  
MLK Holiday  
January 15-17**

**Steamboat Springs  
March 3-6**

*Celeste Taylor -Ryman  
Bill White, Bus Trip Organizers*

We have finalized our plans for 2016 bus trips.

Crested Butte over the Martin Luther King Holiday January 15, 16 and 17 and Steamboat Springs March 3, 4, 5 and 6 are our excellent choices.

Crested Butte is a longtime favorite for NMCCSC for many reasons. Once again we will be staying at the Old Town Lodge, located close to the Nordic Center, walking distance to amazing restaurants and close to the town shuttle (close means catching the shuttle from the Lodge parking lot). The groomed nordic trails are

### Hut Trips

**Francie's Cabin  
January 20-25  
(includes all travel days)**

**Cost: \$160**

*Guy Miller, Hut Trip Organizer*

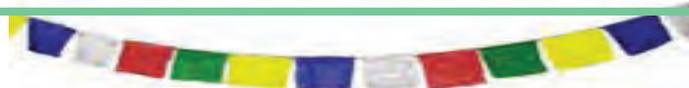
Our first scheduled hut trip for 2016 will be to Francie's Cabin, located near Breckenridge, Colorado. This "stretch" hut holds 20, and features indoor toilets and an outdoor wood-fired sauna. We have been to Francie's before, and have always found a variety of exciting day skiing opportunities. The area immediately around the hut world class Alpine terrain, featuring lots of turning opportunities, but venturing out away from the cabin, one can find moderate Nordic touring terrain.

And did I mention the sauna?

We will use the Burro Trail, which starts at the base of the Breckenridge Ski Area and climbs 1700 feet over

*More tantalizing details on page 2*

**Nepal needs our help  
Donation information on back page.**



# Bus Trips 2016

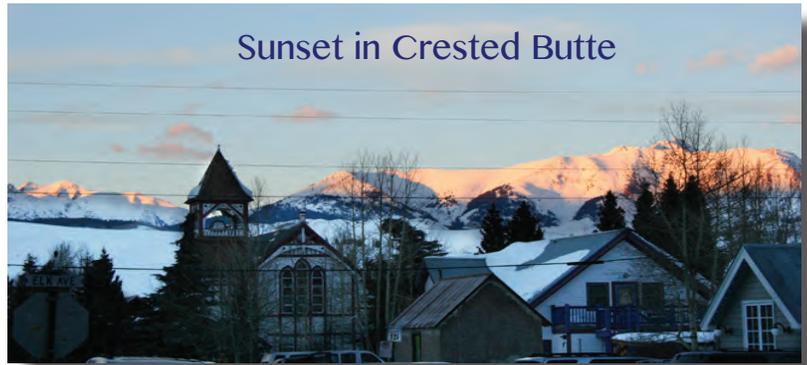
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truly fine: The Bench on the south side of town, the valley of the Slate River and Peanut Lake north of town, and Mordor (!) east of town provide variety and challenge! The backcountry is majestic: Gothic Road, Oh-be-Joyful Creek, and delightful tele on Snodgrass! There is a serious Class III from Red Lady Mountain to Oh-be-Joyful Creek that needs to be done, if the bus can get anywhere near the Kebler Pass .

Steamboat Springs was a fantastic trip in 2014. We listened to you and have booked the wonderful Nordic Lodge Motel again, this time for 4 nights! Yes we understand that if we are going to have a long bus trip, then we are going to stay and enjoy ALL that Steamboat has to offer. Steamboat's amenities to be enjoyed include two different hot springs, one in town and one that is in the hills that is not as developed. Restaurants are varied along Lincoln



*Thanks to Celeste and Bill who have been planning great bus trips for years*



Sunset in Crested Butte

Avenue including a brew pub! The bus will be idle Monday morning so that Yoga class, shop or bookstore/coffee shop can be enjoyed! Don't want to be idle? There's the Quarry trail across the Yampa River from the motel. Oh yes! The skiing! There's two Nordic centers in town, and two on the way to the beautiful backcountry trails along Rabbit Ears Pass, where the loops can be linked in different ways to make each day new! And that Hogan Park Route, 6.5 miles one way to the back side of the downhill area, a lift to a downhill run and shuttle back to Lincoln Avenue.

## Fantastic opportunity for two talented people

The Ski Club will have two openings for Bus Trip Planners at the end of 2016, as our brilliant and charming organizers, Celeste Taylor Ryman and Bill White will be retiring. We are therefore looking for two apprentices or understudies to work with them during the 2015-16 season in order to learn the trade. If you are interested contact Bill or Celeste or both (contact info on last page of newsletter) to find out more.

# Hut Trips 2016

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**Francie's Cabin**  
(sauna not pictured)

four miles, the last mile of which is the steepest (isn't it always?).

Contact Guy Miller for further details. Signup has already commenced.

## Mystery Second Hut Trip

We're going to start to break away from the 10th Mountain huts on occasion, and plan a trip to one of the lesser known huts in Colorado. We are looking with great interest at one particular hut located near Salida, as well as some of the small huts in northern Colorado which are suitable

for novice hut skiers. Reservations will not be taken until later in the year. Skier input is welcome. Stay tuned for further details.

Contact Guy Miller to find out more about hut trips.



# New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club

## Membership Form, Year 2015 – 2016

Print clearly. \*Asterisk\* anything you DO NOT want listed in the Member Directory.

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

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional ADULT name: First & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional family members (up to college age and ages): \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply:  New Member  Under 40, 1<sup>st</sup> Year  Renewing Member  Address/phone Changes

New? How did you hear about us? Current member \_\_\_ Meetup \_\_\_ Website \_\_\_ Flyers \_\_\_ Business Card \_\_\_ Newspaper \_\_\_

Amount

Single Membership (\$20 per year), Adult Member Under 40 (Free 1 <sup>st</sup> year)	
Family Membership (\$25 per year)	
Paper Newsletter US Mail Subscription Fee (\$5 per year)	
Total submitted*	

\*Payments submitted through the new Square Charge Card System will have 2.75% service charge added.

Dues are due October of current year, must be paid by the December meeting to receive access to website and participate in club trips. The **Membership Directory** will appear in the members-only (password protected) section of the Web site. Newsletter subscription fee of \$5 per year must be paid prior to receiving the Paper Newsletter by US Mail.

**APPLICANT and SPOUSE (or CO-APPLICANT) and ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS MUST READ RELEASE of LIABILITY and SIGN IT.**

**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. (If you need more space, please use the reverse side for additional signatures and dates.)

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

**FOR FAMILY MEMBERS 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 7th, 2015, 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**  
(please specify whether you want a hamburger or veggie burger)



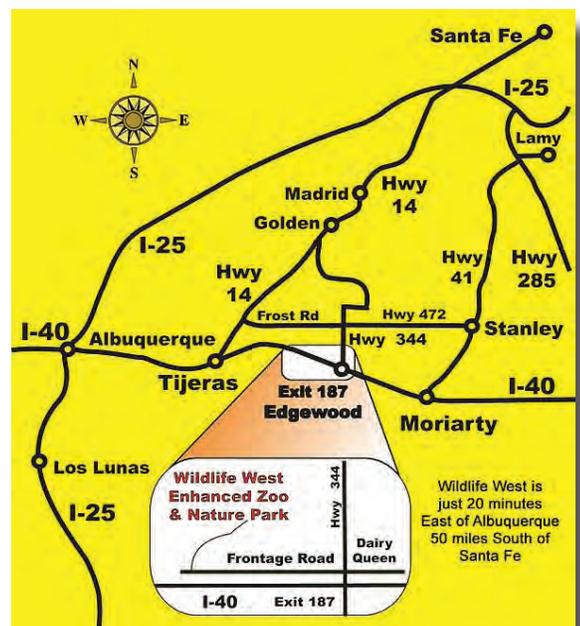
## Getting There:

### We Encourage Car Pooling

Driving Directions from Albuquerque:  
Approximate driving time from the Big I: **20 min.**

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.

[www.wildlifewest.org](http://www.wildlifewest.org)



## 2015-16 Officers and Board

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You can also write your Congressperson and government representatives asking that our government continue and increase support to Nepal with (1) material aid for water purification, sanitation, shelter and medicine, and (2) helicopter and/or drone aid delivery service. Helicopters are the only means besides porters of getting needed supplies into the remote hard-hit village areas that have no road access.

## Nepal needs our help

If you want to donate, here are some suggestions:

- The Mountain Fund  
<http://www.mountainfund.org>
- REI, Inc. (through Mercy Corps)  
<https://www.mercycorps.org>
- Oxfam:  
<http://www.oxfamamerica.org>
- Namlo International  
<http://namlo.org>
- Chandra Gurung Conservation Trust  
<http://www.chandragurungtrust.org/index.htm>



The NMCCSC does not endorse any particular charitable organization-- these are a few that are set up to collect donations now but there are others.

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**FaceBook:** <https://www.facebook.com/nmccskiclub>  
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