



December 2010 Update

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Trips Update

January 5-9 – Copper Mountain, Colorado – trip full
January 26-30 - Steamboat, Colorado, Flatland Ski Association – 5 spots left
February 9-13 - Wolf Creek and Purgatory, Colorado – 1 spot left
February 26-March 5 – Telluride, Colorado, CMSC – space still available
March 20-26 – Jackson Hole, Wyoming – space still available
Details on all of the trips are listed on pages 3 through 4 of this newsletter.

January 2nd (Sunday) 4 p.m.

Board Meeting

Quaker Steak and Lube

3320 Mid America Drive, Council Bluffs

A little west of I-80, exit 1B.

All members welcome.

January 2nd (Sunday) 5 p.m.

Social Gathering and Copper Mtn Pre-Trip Party

Quaker Steak and Lube

3320 Mid America Drive, Council Bluffs

A little west of I-80, exit 1B.

After the board meeting. Everyone welcome.

January 5-9 (Wednesday-Sunday)

Copper Mtn Trip

This trip is full. See page 3 for details.

January 16th (Sunday) 5 p.m.

Social Gathering

Copper Mtn Post-Trip Party

Steamboat Pre-Trip Party

Senor Matias, 90th and Arbor St

A little N of 90th and Center. Everyone welcome.

January 26-30 (Wednesday-Sunday)

Steamboat Trip

5 spots still available. See page 3 for trip details.

February 6th (Sunday) 4 p.m.

Board Meeting

Tanner's Bar and Grill, 15505 Ruggles St

A little N of 156th and Maple St

All members welcome.

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February 6th (Sunday) 5 p.m.
Social Gathering
Steamboat Post-Trip Party
Wolf Creek Pre-Trip Party
Tanner's Bar and Grill, 15505 Ruggles St

A little N of 156th and Maple St,
After the board meeting. Everyone welcome.

February 9-13 (Wednesday-Sunday)
Wolf Creek Trip

1 spot available. See page 3 for trip details.

February 20th (Sunday) 5 p.m.
Social Gathering
Wolf Creek Post-Trip Party
Telluride Pre-Trip Party
Bohemian Cafe, 1406 S. 13th St

Near 13th and William St, two blocks south of the main post office.
Everyone welcome.

February 26 to March 5 (Saturday-Saturday)
Telluride Trip

Space still available. See page 4 for trip details.

March 13th (Sunday) 5 p.m.
Board Meeting
Senor Matias, 90th and Arbor St

A little N of 90th and Center Rd
All members welcome.

March 13th (Sunday) 6 p.m.
Social Gathering
Telluride Post-Trip Party
Jackson Hole Pre-Trip Party
Senor Matias, 90th and Arbor St

A little N of 90th and Center Rd.
After the board meeting. Everyone welcome

March 20 to March 26 (Saturday-Friday)
Jackson Hole Trip

Space still available. See page 4 for trip details.

New and Renewal Members

The Omaha Ski Club welcomes the following new and renewal members:

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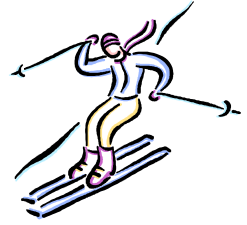
2010-2011 TRIPS

COPPER MOUNTAIN

January 5-9, 2011

Trip full

\$ 225.00 per person without lift tickets Drive-out



Join us as the Omaha Ski Club returns to Copper Mountain Resort, Colorado. Get your ski legs in shape for the Steamboat trip or come to practice. This inexpensive trip is a great way to start the season and relax after the holidays. The trip includes: .

- 4 nights of lodging at the Alpine Inn (hotel rooms with double queen beds) located in Frisco Colorado. Indoor hot tub and pool area
- Continental breakfast daily
- Welcome Party
- Lift-tickets for 4 days of skiing/snowboarding are not included in the cost. If you need lift tickets, discuss options with the trip captain when you sign up and arrangements can be made.

There are also opportunities to take lessons at the resort if needed (not included in trip pricing)

Trip Captain: Dave Burden 712 527-5980 (home), 712 527-0740 (cell) dburd@mchsi.com

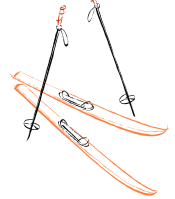


Steamboat, CO (Jan 26-30, 2011)

Drive-Out Trip

5 spots left

\$527.00 per person (\$375.00 per person without lift-tickets)



The Omaha Ski Club and the Flatlands Ski Association (FSA) annual FSA Trip will be at Steamboat Springs, Colorado. The trip includes:

- 4 day lift tickets (Wed 26, Thur 27, Fri 28, Sat 29) If not skiing on 1/26 this can also be used for Sunday 30th. It is a 4 of 5 day lift ticket. Additional days are available if purchased with trip package.
- 4 nights of lodging in 2BD/2BR condos at the Timber Run Condos located on shuttle route near the base. These condos feature wireless internet access, outdoor heated pool and hot tubs, and parking. We will all be located in the same condo complex. (If you plan to arrive a day early, check with the trip leader as we will have one condo available. Additional cost TBA) (Check in @ 4PM check out @ 10 AM. This condo complex has a clubhouse area and front desk staff.)
- FSA Welcome Party
- Awards Banquet on Saturday
- Racing opportunities for anyone who wishes to participate
- Après ski parties

Steamboat Resort has terrain for all levels of skiing/snowboarding. There are also opportunities to take lessons at the resort if needed. (Cost not included in trip pricing)

Trip Captain: Teri Hammon (Home) 402 571-4517 (Cell) 402 680-0971 Email: dragonsrock@cox.net



WOLF CREEK & PURGATORY

February 9-13, 2011

1 spot left

\$380.00 per person Drive-Out



Join us as the Omaha Ski Club for a great adventure to southwestern Colorado. The trip includes:

- Lift-tickets for 3 days of skiing/snowboarding. (2 days at Wolf Creek 2/11 & 2/12, 1 day at Purgatory 2/10)
- 4 nights of lodging at the Oak Ridge Lodge (Deluxe hotel rooms 2 queen beds, Dbl occupancy. Units include refrig, microwave). The hotel is located in the town of Pagosa Springs for greater dining/shopping options in the evening.
- Welcome Party
- A long drive with great ski buddies
- 24 hour hot tub and pool at the hotel
- Daily continental breakfast

There are also opportunities to take lessons at the resort if needed (not included in trip pricing)

Trip Captain: Ben Novograd 402 291-5704(home), 402 212-4274(cell), benjamin.novograd@cox.net



Chicago Week @ Telluride CO

February 26-March 5, 2011

Space available

\$940.00 per person Drive-out

\$1390.00 per person with R/T Airfare



Join the Omaha Ski Club and the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (CMSC) as they host the annual CMSC Week to Telluride, CO. The trip includes:

- Lift-tickets for 5 days of skiing/snowboarding. Optional 6th day ticket available. Cost TBA. Needs to be purchased with package.
- 7 nights of lodging at Etta Place Condos (2 bed/2bath condos) walking distance to the lifts.
- Round trip airfare from Omaha including ground transfers is available with purchase of complete air package.
- Travel Insurance (*optional*)
- Welcome Breakfast
- Welcome Reception
- Après ski parties
- Racing opportunities for all who wish to participate (experience racing without being pressured to win!)
- Mountain Picnic
- Farewell Party

There are also opportunities to take lessons at the resort if needed (not included in trip pricing)

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Jackson Hole/Grand Targhee WY

March 20-26, 2011

Fly-Out

Space available

\$1150.00 per person



Join us as the Omaha Ski Club returns to Jackson Hole for a fun filled week in this quaint Western town. The trip includes:

- Lift-tickets for 5 days of skiing/snowboarding. (4 days at Jackson Hole, 1 day TRIP to Grand Targhee)
- 6 nights of lodging at the 49er Inn and Suites (standard hotel rooms with 2 queen beds, 2 people per unit). These are located in town for greater dining/shopping options in the evening.
- Round trip airfare from Omaha to JAC-Jackson WY on United Airlines including ground transfers per Chartered Bus
- Travel Insurance (*optional*)
- Daily hot breakfast at the hotel
- Welcome Party
- Free daily ski shuttle transfers to the mountain
- *Optional* payment by credit card for this trip (3% charge will be applied)

There are also opportunities to take lessons at the resort if needed (not included in trip pricing)

Trip Captain: Phil Bintz 712 483-2668 (home), 402 630-4753(cell), Email: pbintz@fmctc.com

Everyone is required to be a member of the Omaha Ski Club. If you are not a member of the club, please fill out a membership application and return it to the address below with your membership fee. New members are WELCOME!

All prices stated above are subject to change or cancellation if participation is not adequate. The Omaha Ski Club is able to offer our members great trips because of the member participation. Please support your Club.

For information on any trip, please contact the trip captain or Teri Hammon Vice President of Trips

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SEND YOUR DEPOSIT AND A COPY OF THE TRIP APPLICATION FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE
WWW.OMAHASKICLUB.ORG TO: OMAHA SKI CLUB TRIPS, P.O. BOX 3104, OMAHA NE 68103-0104

Union Pacific Railroad Invention Still Takes Skiers To The Top

2010 Ski Season Marks the 75th Anniversary of the First Chair Lift Operation

The 2010 ski season marks the 75th anniversary of the world's first chair lift operation.

Skiers riding the chair lifts over the glistening fresh powder at Sun Valley, Idaho, might be surprised to learn Union Pacific Railroad invented the chair lift in Omaha, and introduced it in 1936 at Sun Valley Resort.

Why would a railroad invent a chair lift? To provide a service, a "transportation" service, for its customers.

During the 1930s, Union Pacific Railroad Chairman W. A. Harriman saw Americans beginning to embrace winter sports and knew his railroad operated through some of the most scenic and mountainous territory in the western United States. His vision – develop a world-class winter sports facility served by Union Pacific.

Harriman enlisted Austrian sportsman Count Felix Schaffgotsch to find land for such a facility. In the winter of 1935, Count Schaffgotsch discovered the area that would become Sun Valley Resort in south central Idaho, about 100 miles northeast of Boise.

"Among the many attractive spots I have visited, this [location] combines more delightful features than any place I have seen in the United States, Switzerland or Austria, for a winter sports resort," Schoffgotsch wrote to Harriman.

The original 4,300 acres, adjacent to the Sawtooth Mountain National Forest, was the perfect spot. The Sawtooth Mountains, running east and west, protected the future resort area from northern winds. The mountains surrounded a small basin, with the hills and slopes largely free of timber. Snowfall and sunshine were abundant. And natural hot springs would provide outdoor swimming year round.

Construction began on the lodge, and other facilities, in April 1936.

Meanwhile, nearly 1,200 miles away in Omaha, at Union Pacific Railroad's headquarters, members of the engineering department were designing various ways to transport skiers up the slopes. Several mechanical engineers considered adapting rope tows, J-bars and cable cars. One young engineer had a different idea.

Jim Curran had worked for an iron works company in Omaha as a structural engineer prior to joining the railroad. His concept was to adapt a system used to load bunches of bananas onto boats into a "transport" system to move people up slopes. Curran's design called for replacing the hooks for the bananas with chairs for skiers to sit on, while wearing skis! The chairs would be suspended from a single cable running above the chair. His co-workers thought the idea was too dangerous.

Charlie Proctor, a consultant brought in by Union Pacific to help with the design of the resort, was a famous skier from Dartmouth College. He saw Curran's plans and the rest is history.

Soon, prototypes of the chair lift were being built and tested at the locomotive and railcar repair shop complex in downtown Omaha.

After the chair design was established, the next step was to determine the speed the chairs would travel.

A lift chair was attached to the side of a truck for the test. Because it was summer in relatively flat Omaha, engineers wore roller skates to simulate skis running over snow. It was determined that between four to five miles per hour would be a comfortable speed to pick up and drop off a skier.

When Union Pacific Railroad opened Sun Valley Resort in December 1936, the world's first two chair lifts were put into operation. As with anything new, skiers had to get used to these new contraptions. Although Union Pacific sold Sun Valley on November 15, 1964, the adapted banana-loading system changed the sport of snow skiing forever.

German dinner – Friday, October 22

On Friday, October 22, fifteen Omaha Ski Club members convened at the Zum Biergarten restaurant in northern Bellevue for an evening of unusual, exotic and tasty German food and beer. We also took advantage of the occasion to celebrate Roger's birthday. Some pictures from the dinner are shown below.



Discussion at the long table, part 1



Discussion at the long table, part 2



Zigeunerschnitzel with German noodles and beer



Bratwurst, sauerkraut, pork and gravy



German dessert



Roger with birthday cake

**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2010 – MAY 2011**

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: NEW ____ RENEWAL ____
Through September 30, 2010: FAMILY \$25 ____ SINGLE \$22 ____
After September 30, 2010: FAMILY \$30 ____ SINGLE \$27 ____

MEMBER INFORMATION - - - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Alternate Phone: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Check this box if you are 21 years or older. For family membership, list all dependent minors on back of application.

If new member, how did you hear about the club? _____

Ski/Snowboard destinations you're interested in: _____

Activities you're interested in: Biking____ Bowling____ Dinners____ Other____
(please list)

Other Interests: (please list) _____

NOTE: BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION I RELIEVE THE OMAHA SKI CLUB, INC. (OSC) OF ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCIDENT OR INJURY I INCUR WHILE PARTICIPATING IN ANY OSC ACTIVITIES. I ALSO CERTIFY THAT I AM OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA.

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

(Must be signed and dated)

[OSC USE ONLY] MEMBERSHIP NO. _____ BD. _____ TR. _____ NL. _____

Mail to: Omaha Ski Club, P.O. Box 3104, Omaha, NE 68103-0104



TRIP APPLICATION

(Required for each individual on the trip) (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Trip Destination _____ Trip Dates _____

FIRST NAME _____ M.I. _____ LAST NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ SEX _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PH. _____ WORK PH. _____

E-MAIL _____ CELL PH. _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

I Prefer to Room With _____ OTHER INFO _____

THE OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBER SIGNING THIS APPLICATION AGREES AS FOLLOWS

The member has read the OSC trip policies on the bottom of this application and understands and agrees to be bound by them as a condition of participation in this trip. The member further agrees that the club, its directors or committee chairmen shall bear no financial responsibility to members in the event of a delayed departure or return of a trip, or for cancellation of a trip except as provided in items 7 through 10 of the trip policies, nor shall they be liable for any bodily injury, property damage, loss of personal property, or death sustained by or caused by any member on a trip. Those individuals causing property damage at the lodges, condos, busses, ski areas, etc. shall bear the full legal and financial responsibility for the damages. It is a condition of membership in the club that any individual shall be deemed to have accepted these responsibilities and limitations of liability as a consideration of joining the club and participating in this trip.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

[osc use only] deposit: amount paid _____ date _____ ck or rpt no _____

OMAHA SKI CLUB TRIP POLICIES

- 1) Trip captain is the final authority on and during the trip.
- 2) Club members will conduct themselves in a mature manner at all times.
- 3) There will be a \$28.00 charge on any returned check.

TRIP SIGN-UP, DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS

- 4) Only members in good standing with dues currently paid to the Omaha Ski Club may sign up for a trip. Children under the age of 19 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian on the trip. A trip application for a child under the age of 19 must be signed by a parent or guardian of the child.
- 5) By signing up for a trip a member agrees to pay the Club the full cost of the trip applied for, subject to the provisions for timely cancellation in item 7). Each trip will have its own trip deposit and payment schedule to be set by the trip committee. A deposit is required to sign up for a trip. Failure to meet the payment schedule may result in automatic cancellation from the trip subject to the cancellation fee in item 7).
- 6) When a trip is full the trip captain will start a waiting list. To be placed on the waiting list a member must fill out and sign a trip application and pay the standard deposit for that trip. Waiting list members must meet the payment schedules when moving to the confirmed lists.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

- 7) Unless otherwise listed in individual trip information, cancellations prior to 60 days before the trip departs will result in a cancellation fee of \$50.00; cancellations less than 60 days before the trip departs will result in a cancellation fee of \$100.00 if the trip goes full, or liability for the full cost of the trip if the trip does not go full. Any cancellation fees or penalties may first be deducted from payments the member made for the trip.
- 8) Transferring from the waiting list on one trip to a confirmed list on another trip will be done with no cancellation fee. Refusal to move from the waiting list to the confirmed list will constitute automatic cancellation subject to the cancellation fee in item 7) above.
- 9) If a trip is cancelled by the club, all money paid to the club by a member for that trip will be refunded.
- 10) All members on the waiting list when the trip departs will receive a full refund.
- 11) No refunds will be made until after the trip returns.

BUS TRIPS

- 12) Smoking on buses is prohibited.
- 13) Any time the bus stops en route to its destination, passengers leaving the bus will do so at their own risk.
- 14) The Omaha Ski Club will not provide alcoholic beverages for any bus trip. If any members wish to consume alcoholic beverages on the trip, they can do so at their own expense, and assume all risks and liabilities associated with such consumption.