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General Meeting

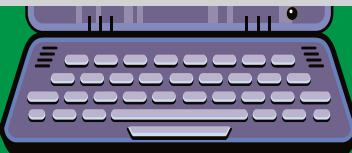
River City Brewery
(upstairs)

150 N Mosley

Tuesday, December 20th

Social Hour 6:30p.m.
Meeting 7:00p.m.

If you would like to submit an article for the newsletter, please email Misty Woodward at mistwoodward@yahoo.com



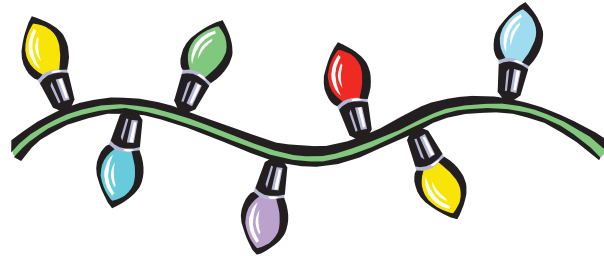
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Tuesday, January 3rd

Casey's Bar and Grill
3207 S. Oliver

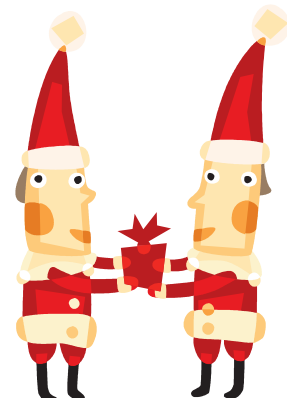
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White Elephant Gift Exchange

It is that time of the year!
We will be having a white elephant gift exchange at the December 20th General Meeting.

We will have a short meeting at 7. Gift exchange to start at 7:30
Please bring a gift (serious or gag) to participate in the exchange if you would like.





Membership Report

The Wichita Ski Club would like to welcome its newest member, Larry Branum from Ocala, FL. Scott and Denice Branum are continuing to recruit new members, and Larry is the third in two months. If every member recruited just one new member, we would double our membership quickly. And a big welcome and thank you to the three members who recently paid their renewal membership fees.

Here are a few statistics concerning the current WSC membership: 91 total members – 20 family memberships, 67 single memberships, and 4 lifetime memberships. We have members living in four states – Kansas, Texas, Florida, and Washington. And your club is international, with two members living in Germany,

And a reminder for those of you who collect books, magazines, etc., the 2012 directory is still available for paid members. Hurry in and get your copy before they are gone – please! John is tired of carrying them around and he already has three large bookcases full of books.

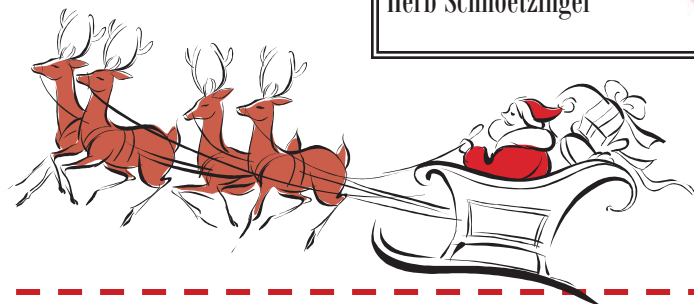
We had a full bus for the Christmas Light cruise and I think everyone had a great time despite the cold wind and rain. Be sure and join the WSC for its annual White Elephant gift exchange this month.

Check us out on Facebook and check the calendar of events regularly on the WSC webpage – www.wichitaskiclub.com.

Jane Moriarty
Membership Chair



The Wichita Ski Club
would like to wish
everyone Happy
Holidays and best
wishes for the
New Year!



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2011-2012 Officers:

President.....Michelle Grillot
Past President.....Paul Warren
Secretary.....Gayle Martin
Treasurer.....Brian Copeland

2011-2012 Committee Chairpersons:

Membership.....Jane Moriarty
Hospitality/Newsletter...Misty Woodward
Social.....George Stahl
Trips.....John Clark
Race Chair.....Herb Schnoetzingher
Summer Trips.....David Bosarge
Webmaster.....Dave Dodson

Wichita Ski Club Lifetime Members:

Virginia Chapman
Ileen Penna
Nancy Myers
Herb Schnoetzingher



Wichita Ski Club Winter Ski Trips – 2012

Winter skiers needed! Fun guaranteed!

Snow skiers – there is still time to sign up for the two Winter ski trips sponsored by the Wichita Ski Club.

The Flatland Ski Association trip is Jan. 24 through Jan. 30, 2012 at Crested Butte. Another ski trip is planned Feb. 29 through March 5, 2012 at Copper Mountain.

Cost of the Flatlands' trip is \$560 and for Copper Mountain \$250. Skiers must be members of the Wichita Ski Club or another organized ski club.

For more information, contact John Clark, trips captain

Trip Captain (both trips): John Clark, Wichita Ski Club, 316-838-0160; tank.jclark1@yahoo.com

Crested Butte, Colorado

Flatland Ski Association Trip

January 24 to January 30, 2012

Depart Wichita: 6 p.m., Tuesday, January 24

Return to Wichita, 6 a.m., Monday, January 30

Trip price: \$560 per person (not including discount)

Accommodations: The Grand Lodge

Bus beverages and a club evening wine and cheese party are included along with an evening pizza meal on the bus during return trip.

FSA activity ticket: \$85 per person (includes social activities, races and awards banquet)

Lift tickets: 1 day \$37

2 day \$74

3 day \$111

4 day \$148

5 day \$185

Copper Mountain – Colorado

Wichita Ski Club Trip

February 29 to March 5, 2012

Depart Wichita: 6 p.m., Wednesday, February 29

Return to Wichita: 6 a.m., Monday, March 5

This trip has been changed to a drive out and will be priced accordingly.

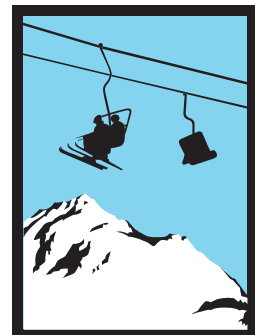
There will be a change room available the morning of March 1 and a late departure room on March 4

Trip price: \$250 per person (subject to confirmation).

A club evening wine and cheese party is included.

Lift tickets: See John Clark for price

All trip prices subject to change.





Avoiding Labor in Red River

Last winter was miserable, and everyone I knew was looking forward to a warm spring. But, definitely not a summer loaded with 100+ degree temps! The altitude of the Rockies would be a welcome relief. And, after a summer of promises and disappointments, Fri. Sept. 2, car pools of Ski Clubbers headed for the mountains of Red River, New Mexico and relief from the heat. Owning a sporty new, to him at least, Infinity G35, Ken Steffens and Kathy Brown were the first to make it to the condos. And as the rest of the group showed up here and there, the party started and moved along till late into the evening.

Taos was only 30-45 minutes away, so next morning, while Ken and Kathy took the long drive and headed for the artsy, celebrity capital of Santa Fe, the rest took off for the northern limits of New Spain. Taos is smaller than Santa Fe and a onetime time Spanish frontier town, but still has many sights to see. My car load first stopped at the famous Taos Indian Pueblo, made up of apartment like dwelling that were homes before Columbus brought urbanization to America. The downtown Plaza was full of art galleries and tourist shops eager to "separate a fool from his money." We made a few donations to the Taos economy, then watching our dollars, we headed to a place Ileen Penna had suggested to us all, the headquarters of the Earthship Homes. We had to cross the Rio Grande (Rio Bravo del Norte to those living to our south) to the west to get there and as we drove we keep seeing these strange structures spread out across the desert floor. Finally we got to the headquarters of the Earthship Biotecture, who build self-sufficient, low-impact homes all around the globe. Made out of earth and discarded materials, these homes are built for around \$400,000, but only use about \$100 worth of utilities a year. There were about a hundred of them scattered about the desert, and we were allowed to visit one that appeared unfinished. Novel architecture and construction, but I would see it hard to convince your neighbors in Andover or Maize that it's 'the house' they want built next to them.

Sunday was a relaxed day of local exploration. Red River is a low key family oriented ski town with a very Western atmosphere. Everyone seemed to go different directions to find the bargains and a place to 'hang' for the day. As evening came it was time to get the gourmet dinner of Spaghetti al Carbonara 'a cookin'. There were lots of hungry eyes, and thanks to Ileen and Charlotte's help, good wine to go around, and lots of socializing, supper was finally served. Dessert consisted of a good soak in the hot tubes.

Monday, George Stahl, Pam Brown, and Ileen Penna had to head back to the Wichita, while the rest of us stayed to explore the mountains from 'jeep back.' Mike Lietz, Deb Taylor, Charlotte, Ken, Kathy Brown, and myself, rented open jeeps and bounced around on very rough trails for the day, in search of the perfect mountain peak. New Mexico surely is a Land Of Enchantment, in addition to having jeeps with eight hours of the hardest seats my backside had ever experienced!

After another evening of good food and conversation, the packing for the next day' departure began. That night we all got a well deserved, and good night' sleep. And, the next morning it was the road trip home to the High Plains of Wichita. Have you ever noticed that on road trips, the venture home always seems to take much longer than the trip out, and sleeping takes priority over sightseeing? All-in-all, New Mexico was a welcome change from the long hot summer in Wichita. Maybe next summer, you'll be that someone to step up and captain a trip to say, Canada, or any creative place that's cool!

Captain, Juan
AKA: John Hough








Christmas Lights Tour Update

Ivan's Party Bus picked up 35 Ski Club members and friends at 8:15 pm on Friday, December 2, 2011, a somewhat cool and wet night. The crowd was excited and thirsty. We had a variety of domestic and imported beers, two types of wine, Christmas cookies, snacks and such. Our travels took us to the west, north, and east sides of town. Some dazzling light shows, some synchronized to music, several nativity scenes and others with yard ornaments and characters. The lights were beautiful and the drinks were cold. The bus driver, Liz, was a little nutty. We made it around town with a safe return to Old Town. Perhaps more members and their friends will join us next year. It is a fun and truly inexpensive trip.

George Stahl
Social Chairman



**Super Bowl
Party!**
Sunday, Feb. 5th.
Party starts at 3:00pm
Kickoff at 5:30
George Stahl's House
7512 E. 17th Street N
989-450-8399
for directions
Please bring a food item,
BYOB and a chair

More Wichita Ski Club Memories



Taos Taos New Mexico 1963



Wichita Ski Club Membership Application

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Instructions:

Print this form, fill it out and bring it with you to our next **SNO** or general meeting or mail along with check or money order to: Wichita Ski Club, P. O. Box 2451, Wichita, KS 67201.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ M F

Spouse (If Family membership) First Name: _____ M F

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone: Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____

Cell (____) _____

E-Mail _____

Please list children / grandchildren to be included under this membership

Names: First _____ Last _____ Date of Birth: Month/Day/Year

Have you or your spouse ever been a member of the Wichita Ski Club? Yes No

Signature _____ Date _____

Single or Family Membership
Amount Paid : \$ _____

Excerpts from the **WSC** bylaws that apply to membership:

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

- A. CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP
 - 1. A **fully qualified member** shall be a member 18 years or older who fulfills all requirements of Qualifications for Membership as elsewhere provided in these Bylaws. He/she shall be entitled to all privileges of membership, including the right to vote as a part of the membership where provided, to serve in an official capacity for the Club when so designated.
 - a) A family membership includes husband, wife, and all children and grandchildren age 20 and under. Persons included in family membership that are under the age of 18 do not have voting privileges.
 - b) A single membership includes a single person or parent and all children and grandchildren age 20 and under. Persons included in single membership that are under the age of 18 do not have voting privileges.

- B. MEMBERSHIP YEAR
The membership year shall be from the first day of May through the 30th day of April of the following year. (See Article III: Dues and Assessments)

ARTICLE III: DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

- A. MEMBERSHIP DUES
 - 1. Membership dues will be determined by the Board of Directors at the March Board of Directors meeting and subject to the two-thirds approval by the voting members of that Board.
 - 2. Dues paid on the first day of February and thereafter, shall apply on the remainder of the current membership year and the following membership year.
 - 3. Dues for First time ever members will be prorated (single / family membership divided by 12). An example: May payment (30/50). November payment (15/25), single / family dues respectively.
- B. RENEWALS
Each member shall be notified by mail or email of his/her status of membership and the appropriate payment of annual renewal dues at the last known mailing address.
 - 1. The annual renewal dues shall be payable on the first day of May of each year and become delinquent on the last day of June of the same year, at which time if dues are not paid, the members shall lose privileges of a fully qualified member and be dropped from the mailing list.
- C. ASSESSMENTS
The Board may from time to time levy assessments on the members of the Club when in their judgment it is required by the financial condition of the Club.
- D. READMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP
A former fully qualified member whose membership lapses may be reinstated as a fully qualified member upon the payment of the required initial dues to the membership committee.

Excerpts from Bylaws approved 2009

Membership Price List Renewal

Single	Family
\$30	\$50

New Member Prorated Membership Fee

Only New Members are eligible.
You must never have been a member before.

	Single	Family
May	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00
Jun	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00
Jul	\$ 27.50	\$ 45.83
Aug	\$ 25.00	\$ 41.67
Sep	\$ 22.50	\$ 37.50
Oct	\$ 20.00	\$ 33.33
Nov	\$ 17.50	\$ 29.17
Dec	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00
Jan	\$ 12.50	\$ 20.83
Feb	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00
Mar	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00
Apr	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00