

2023 Holiday Valley Trip

WOW! Just WOW! A good trip with good friends!

Fifty people in the Human Slalom on the Morning Star run!
We took up the length of the entire run!

OK – that wasn't the only notable moment, but I know we gave everyone there something to look at.



Fun bus ride up with a "Welcome Reception" in the lobby of The Inn at Holiday Valley. It cut into some nighttime skiing time, but Steve and Steve managed to do both. Raymond also went out after the reception and tore up the slopes – they don't see much snow in Florida...

We had several new skiers. Alicia, an exchange student from Germany, had never skied before. She took one 90-minute lesson and navigated both the human slalom and a black run like a pro – all with a great, big smile on her face! Rene taught his young niece Ary to ski, and she also looked like she had been skiing for a lot more than 2 days – doing both the slalom and blue runs with no trouble at all! Way to go, Rene! His great-nephew Gian was back for the second year at Holiday Valley skiing with "Tio Rene", while Mom tried to keep up with them!



The Depot! Yup, we were back at the Depot for the Famous Kittyhawk Happy Hour for pizza, salad, quesadillas and chicken wings complete with silly ski stories and silly ski songs and a lot of camaraderie and fun talking about our day on the hill. And beer – did I mention beer? We gave awards to our new skiers and roasted a few others! John played the guitar while brother Tom looked on in amazement – he didn't know that his brother even played guitar!

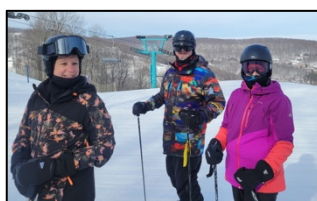


Ah, the things you learn on a ski trip!

We had a lot of new members on their first bus trip with us. Kelly and Glen had smiles on their faces the whole time, Gretchen dominated the card game in the back of the bus, and Kevin tore up the Human Slalom on his board. Steven and Susan were back with us, Bettina showed us what great skiing looks like, Peter and Sally outskied all of us, and Rob and Tim (both on their first trip with us!) were a fun addition to our group.



We checked out of our rooms and skied the last day with our luggage being held in the breakfast room of The Inn. You haven't lived until you have changed your



clothes, dried off your skis, and packed up everything with 40 other people in one room. Pick up lunch on the way out of Ellicottville, drop off the group we picked up in Columbus, and back to Dayton on a bus with a lot of happy, lively people.

A fun trip. A fun bunch of people. And a great big "Thank You" to everyone who made it a blast! Until next year....

THINK SNOW!