

EYE OF THE HAWK



Kittyhawk Ski and Board Club Newsletter

November 2016

The Prez Sez

November is here! The big event is the Presidential Election the day before our joint membership meeting with Dayton Ski and Board Club on 9 Nov at Walnut Grove Country Club. See VP Stu's input on the topic. November is the time (to me) when college football gets exciting as teams start to show their true talent. (I think OSU's loss to PSU was a fluke). For Kittyhawk Ski Club members (in the Miami Valley) the weather starts to get nippy, snow starts to fall at western ski areas, and hopefully Perfect North Slopes and Mad River Mountain. Yes, I think I saw where Rick DaPrato, our secretary, said snow fell at Holiday Valley NY. Did you sign up for that trip? Our Winter Trip Leader is working hard to make it a great mid-week ski trip.

November is the time we get the yard ready for winter and start getting our ski equipment ready for a great and safe season of skiing. With the expectation of cold weather and snow we need to also get the car ready to get us to the airport in time to make those flights to Big Sky and Banff or any other driving trip you will be taking this winter. For me and Judy it has been costly as both the van and my truck required new tires. Let's be safe and make sure our cars are ready to get to work, the gym, KSC meetings, stores and the airport to make those great trips. There are many articles on what to do to get the car ready. Besides the tires, I replace the windshield wipers, check the anti-

freeze quality, make sure brakes work (my truck rear tire kept locking-up in damp weather, making it hard to drive on wet roads), ensure the heater works, check the life of the battery (what may work in mild temps can fail below 32 degrees), insure all lights are working, fill the windshield washer fluid reservoir, and get the oil changed.

Thank you to the members that manned the membership table on 15 Oct at the Valleywood Ski and Snowboard shop annual ski and snowboard SWAP. Although we saw many shoppers I don't believe we drafted new members.

What do you do when you're not skiing?

Hey Kittyhawkers! We're looking to mix things up a bit next year and try some different activities as a group. We're looking to see what types of activities you would be interested in participating in. We're also looking for folks to lead up activities that they would like to share with others. Some ideas the board is thinking about are rock climbing, kayaking/canoeing, hiking, and laser tag. This isn't an exhaustive list by any means, we're looking for ways to involve our membership and their families in some fun recreational activities. What types of activities would you like to participate in? Send your suggestions to kittyhawk.ski.club.events@gmail.com.



Novemberfest football at Del & Janet's house

SPECIAL INVITATION TO NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Come have some fun and meet a bunch of us!!

Date: Sunday, 20 Nov 2015

Time: 12:30 – 6, Kickoff 1:00.

Main course served at half time

More football after Bengals game if you can stay.

Hot tub will be open, bring a suit & towel.

Location: 3152 Casler Ave, Beavercreek

Cost: FREE.

**Bring a side dish, appetizer, or dessert, and BYOB.
Ski club will provide the main dish. Promise it won't
be turkey!**

**RSVPs requested, 937-305-9496 (text ok). Name and number of
people. Please come even if you forgot to RSVP.**

**New members do not need to bring any
food but do BYOB.**

A Word From Our Vice President

Stu Anderson

It's Halloween! Time to be hideously frightened by ghosts, goblins, and the absolute mortal terror of only one more week until going to the polls....

So let's focus on the positive things like in only a few short weeks, snow will be upon us. And with snow comes ski trips! What could be better than getting the old equipment down, taking it over to Valleywood for a tuning and waxing, and remembering just how much fun it will be to carve that very first schuss on the slopes this winter!

For those who didn't make it to the October meeting (which was pretty much EVERYONE...) we had an amazing presentation from Dr. Jim Tytko of Kettering Sports Network on ski injuries, prevention, and exercises. Hint: Wall squats. Lots and lots of wall squats. If the exercises don't work out so well for you, I can highly recommend giving Dr. Tytko a call afterwards. What a great guy!

Our November meeting is coming up, and Hew Wells is coordinating a fashion fair with Dayton Ski Club to be presented by Valleywood. Come see the new clothes and get a leg up on the new ski technology. Remember when "Bluetooth" meant skiing with your mouth open too long? It's a whole brave new world now!

(And, if for no other reason, come out for the November meeting because the day after the election I promise that everyone will want to have a good stiff drink just to celebrate the damn thing being OVER.)

In keeping with my Presidential duty to provide you with the best Vice opportunities legally available, Middletown is having their First Friday Ale in Autumn on November 4 starting at 5PM in the downtown beer garden at Broad Street and Central Avenue. On November 18, the Dayton German Club is having their Fall Beer Tasting from 7 - 10 PM at the Dayton Liederkrantz Turner. Remember to recover in time for the football party at Del and Janet's on November 20! And it's all building up to the American Turkey Bacchanalia on the next Thursday. Carve on!

By the way, Killington in Vermont is showing 3 open trails and 12 inches of base. Life is GOOD!

So don't let the leaves get you down. Just blow them into the street and retreat back to football and wings. Until then....

Boyne

Report

We are three-quarters of the way to a full party on the greatest bus trip in the Midwest! According to the ever reliable Farmer's Almanac: "Exceptionally cold, if not downright frigid weather will predominate over parts of the Northern Plains, Great Lakes, Midwest, Ohio Valley, the Middle Atlantic, Northeast, and New England this winter." That sounds just PERFECT to head up to Michigan and head down the slopes! We have the bus, the lodge, the omelets at breakfast, the hot tub, the dinner coupons, and the after parties all lined up. The human slalom will proceed down Amy's Run on Monday. Come see if I can top last year's showboating wipe out!



Don't Miss Out on Kittyhawk Events!

A Google Calendar is now available that contains the times, dates, and locations of all Kittyhawk Ski Club Events.

Use [this link](#) to view the calendar in your web browser.

If you are already a Google Calendar user, you can integrate the Kittyhawk Ski Club Events calendar into your personal Google Calendar. Open your Google Calendar on your computer, and enter the email address kit-tyhawk.ski.club.events@gmail.com in the box labeled "Add a friend's calendar", and click the enter key. Once you have successfully added the calendar, you'll be able to see Kittyhawk events alongside your personal calendar entries.

We'll keep the calendar up to date with the latest club event details.

Banff Report

Temperatures are falling in Banff, and things are looking good for this coming ski season. Lake Louise is getting set for a November 10th opening day. As we get closer to the trip, we need to make some tough decisions. One of those decisions is how many airlines seats we think we can fill. We'll be dropping open spots on the trip on November 7th so the club won't incur any penalties. If you've been on the fence about the Banff trip, now is your last chance to secure your spot on this trip. If you want to go to Banff, you need to call Janet at 937-305-9496 prior to November 7th. You can contact the trip leaders

at mark45305@mankins.us or jj@thefitlife.us. We'll try to respond as quickly as possible, but we will be traveling and our email access will be spotty. We also won't be able to check our mail between now and the 7th, so you must call Janet if you want to reserve your spot. [Take a look at what Banff has to offer](#) - this is going to be a great trip - don't miss it!!!

We encourage you to look into trip insurance for all ski trips. Check out: insuremytrip.com for some options.

Holiday Party

This year's holiday party will be on Sunday, Dec. 11th at 3pm. Jim and Barb Frank have generously offered to host the gathering. If you went to our kick-off party—same beautiful house! We will send out address information to members via email a bit closer to the date., but put it in your calendar. The club and the Franks will provide two main dishes. Please bring a side or dessert to share, and your own beverages. So that we can get an idea of attendance, please RSVP to jj@thefitlife.us by Dec. 5.



BIG SKY, MT

January 22 – 29, 2017

REDUCED PRICE...\$1590

I knew that you'd be sorry you didn't sign up early! THE TRIP IS SOLD OUT!

However, don't lose hope. If you are still interested send a \$900 check payable to Kittyhawk Ski Club and you'll be added to the Wait List. There's always the possibility that someone will have to cancel.

As I announced last month, we will be staying at the Big Horn Condos. While it's not ski-in/ ski-out, it's just a short pommel lift ride to the two high-speed quads that will take you to the tops of the mountain to begin exciting, fun-filled days of skiing 5,800 acres of terrain. There are 300 named runs on four connected mountains with 4350 feet of vertical. Now if that doesn't get you interested...



If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me.

We encourage you to look into trip insurance for all ski trips. Check out: insuremytrip.com for some options.

Trip Leader:

John Kalaman

210 Snow Hill Ave

Kettering, OH 45429

287-1641 cell

jellybean.pjk@sbcglobal.net

What's Happnin' In the Real (???) World???!!!

Hew Wells

To facilitate après-ski/fire-side conversation some poop (tidbits?) regarding what's happening in the grand scheme of things in the skiing-boarding industry (mined from the latest 'National Ski Club News'):

> **VAIL RESORTS TO PURCHASE WHISTLER BLACKCOMB** –

Not a done deal, but if approved by Whistler Blackcomb shareholders and Canadian courts, will happen this fall. Whistler Blackcomb would be included in Vail's Epic Pass for the 2017-18 winter season. The 'Epic Pass' is '**huge**' and (IMO) an incredibly astute marketing (ad)venture (ploy?). FWIW: Whistler offers more than 8,000 acres of terrain on 200 trails, 14 alpine bowls and three glaciers, and is consistently voted a #1 destination resort. KSC doesn't get very excited about it ... weather vagaries seem to be an issue ... but aren't they (wx vagaries) always an issue wrt winter activities??? (*Into each life a little rain must (will) fall.* Think about the great snow and great fog and snow ghosts last year at Whitefish.)



Speaking of the EPIC Pass:

> **VAIL'S EPIC PASS VALID IN FOUR EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FOR 2016-2017** Vail Resorts announced that it will add [Les Trois Vallees](#), [Paradiski](#) and Tignes-Val d'Isere in France, [Skirama Dolomiti Adamello Brenta](#) in Italy, [4 Vallees](#) in Switzerland, and [Arlberg](#) in Austria to the 2016/2017 Epic Pass lineup.

HOLIDAY VALLEY, NY. Feb 26– March 1 (Sun – Wed)

\$500 including bus transport.

NEED A MINIMUM OF 35 FOR THE BUS.

\$400 drive yourself if trip participation is inadequate to support the bus. Space for 60 people. Trip Leader: Janet Wentworth, 937-305-9496. Lodging at Holiday Valley Inn (double queen hotel rooms) next to the Sunshine chairlift. Trip includes bus transport, 3-nights lodging with breakfast buffet every morning, lift ticket good Sun. 4pm to Wed 4pm, and Kittyhawk Happy Hour. Holiday Valley Inn has an indoor/outdoor pool and outdoor hot tubs. Nearby village of Ellicottville offers many different dining options. No reduction for seniors. Combined trip with Dayton Ski & Board Club.

Update: We are hoping to have enough people to take the bus to Holiday Valley. Please sign up now if you want to go on this trip.

Cancellations: If we do not have a minimum of 35 for the bus by 15 January we will cancel the bus and the trip will be drive yourself at price of \$395. Full refunds will be given if the bus is cancelled and you are unwilling to drive or carpool with somebody.

Call Janet Wentworth, 937-305-9496 with any questions.

Kittyhawk Ski Club – Trip Sign Up Form Complete and provide to Trip Leader. If not a member of KSC, provide the name of the OVSC club with which affiliated: _____

Trip: _____ Dates: _____

Name: _____ DOB: _____

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If this is trip involves airline travel, the name(s) must be the same as on Driver's license or government-issued ID

Address: _____

Phones: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail(s): _____

Emergency point of contact: _____

Room-/Condo-mate preference(s) _____

I understand that I will be responsible for costs incurred by KSC on my behalf. Initial: _____

Initial: _____

Trip Liability Waiver To be submitted with Trip Sign Up form.

Trip Name: _____ Dates: _____

Neither the Kittyhawk Ski Club nor its tour operator, if any, will be responsible for any personal injuries, property damage, or loss, or costs incurred due to delay or change in itinerary arising out of an act of negligence of any direct or supplemental air carrier, hotel, or any other person rendering any of these services, nor will Kittyhawk Ski club or its tour operator, if any, be responsible for any injury, death, damage, loss, or delay in any means of transportation, including bankruptcies, cancellation, schedule changes, strikes, work stoppages, storms, inclement weather, or by reason of any event beyond the actual control of Kittyhawk Ski Club, its tour operator, if any, or any of their officers, agents or suppliers or any act of God. By signing, I hereby waive all claims that may arise out of any of the foregoing described events which I may have against Kittyhawk Ski Club, its tour operators, their respective officers, agents, and suppliers, and further agree to indemnify and hold harmless each of them from any claim that I may bring against any of them.

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

KITTYHAWK SKI CLUB, INC. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____ Spouse/Significant Other Name _____
 Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Addresses:

Please print carefully!!

<i>INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION</i>		<i>SPOUSE INFORMATION</i>		<i>Type Membership</i>
Nickname: _____		Nickname: _____		FREE 1st YEAR
Birthdate: Month _____	Day _____	Birthdate: Month _____	Day _____	Individual (\$25)
Work Phone: _____		Work Phone: _____		Family (\$30)
Level Skier: _____		Level Skier: _____		Referred by: _____
Hobbies: _____		Hobbies: _____		

Children's Names and ages: _____

I am interested in working with the following club committees:

Ski Trips _____ Social _____ Membership _____ Programs _____

Biking _____ Golf _____ Newsletter _____ Other (write-in) _____

I hereby declare that I am at least 21 years of age or active duty military and agree to subscribe and support the constitution and bylaws of Kittyhawk Ski club and will abide by the rules and regulations of the club.

I hereby assume all the risks and accept all responsibility for any injuries or damage which may result in my or my family's participation in Kittyhawk Ski Club, Inc, the Ohio Valley Ski Council, and/or affiliated ski club activities and further release said organization from any and all responsibility for any and all claims of damage or otherwise that may be brought about by myself or my heirs.

I authorize release of my contact information (Name, address, e-mail, phone numbers) to other members of Kittyhawk Ski Club. I agree to only use other's contact information for ski club related activities.

Write YES Or NO in the box to the right.
If box is left blank, assumption is release is authorized.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Make checks out to Kittyhawk Ski Club. Do NOT combine trip payments with membership payments.

Send to: DEL THOMAS; 3152 Casler Avenue, Beavercreek, OH 45434 Contact him at DelThomasRocket@sbcglobal.net



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