

# ***Jackson Hole Trip Report -***

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For the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year, the Red Eye's brought the snow with them to the Rocky Mountains. After a relatively sparse January snowfall, it snowed for 6 straight days during our stay at Jackson Hole, totaling 41" at Jackson, and significantly more at Grand Targhee. The locals are wishing we would visit more often. It was a winter playground for sure...

Every Red Eye ski trip winds up being unique in its own way, but this trip was one for the record books. Eight Long Standing Red Eye Ski Trip Records that were shattered at Jackson Hole -

- Most new ski boots purchased by Red Eye members during a club ski trip – 7 pairs
- Most Red Eyes "Texas 2-Step Circle Dancing" at the same time, during a club ski trip – 16
- Longest flight delay to start a Red Eye Club ski trip – 5 hrs. 43 min.
- Most documented skiing "incidents" by a trip leader during a club trip – 8 (that we know of...)
- Highest percentage of club members to report lost airline bags during a club trip – 47%
- Most "Red Eye Binding Checks" performed on complete strangers, during a club trip – 5
- Most Red Eyes seen standing barefoot in the snow on the same day – 16
- Most 18" Pizzas consumed at a Red Eye Après ski party – 17 (Pinky G's)

There are obviously a tales to be told with each of the new records, but neither time nor space permits those details to be revealed here. You'll just have to ask somebody that was there. ☺ Likewise there's a story behind each of the 5 awards that were issued following the Jackson Hole trip. Those included -

- Airline most likely to disappoint – United
- Red Eye most likely to kill them self while skiing off a cliff – Eric W.
- Most miles skied at Grand Targhee – Paul F. (12.8)
- Most promising new Iditarod dog musher prospect – Mr. Big
- Best "Scavenger Hunt" team players – Mary E., Sue G., Mollie S., Susan E., and Dan C. (1,120 pts)

The "Scavenger Hunt" was a new group event that we added to this year's trip, and let's just say – the results were spectacular. With \$100 cash prize incentive, the Red Eyes proved to be willing to do almost anything to win. It was obvious to the locals that the Red Eyes like to have fun on the mountain, but prior to the Scavenger Hunt, they didn't realize just how crazy this bunch of Midwesterners really were. While some may consider standing in the snow barefoot, and performing Red Eye "binding checks" on complete strangers, to be way over the edge – it's all in a day's work if you really want to win \$100.

Our accommodations at the Parkway Inn came highly recommended and proved to be outstanding. The comfortable rooms, complimentary breakfasts, and easy walking access to an abundance of dining, drinking, dancing, and shopping options in Jackson were unbeatable. In my book, the town of Jackson Wyoming tops any cowboy ski town I've ever stayed in, including the likes of Aspen, Steamboat, and Breckenridge.

It was an incredible ski trip with lots of new friends, stories to tell, laughs to be had, and plenty of pictures that we'll be sharing on both the club website and at the annual spring banquet.