

The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter

October 2021

Next meeting: October 4, 6pm on the patio deck at Woody's in Ashland, along the west side of Hwy 63

NEWS:

Brenda's Bash was a good one, but as we age, it seems that these end too soon in the evening. Many thanks to her hosting the season's monthly meetings kick-off!

Well, if you've not heard, Bus lines have eliminated their sleeper coaches, due to Federal safety regulations. So, now, only sitting busses are available for that long ski trip. I've been told that KCSC has eliminated ALL of their bus options on their 6 trips - theirs are to be either drive out or fly. It's probably the main reasons for our club's dis-interest in the long January ride to Telluride this time. Topeka is having an emergency meeting on Wednesday & as I write this about just what to do on their FSA trip to Telluride. Seems the bus price from just 2 years back was at \$5500, and this January's pricing *was* to be \$9500. Well, that got bumped this month to \$14,000 ! or about 3x the price from last time around. And the Topeka gal in charge has thrown in the towel on organizing their FSA trip, so it's back to Patty Bottorff to do *something*. They've been asking me about Aspen.....

ASPEN / SNOWMASS Dec 12 – 17, 2021

Aspen is still completely open for business. And now, we've got 18 signed on for this 16th annual Aspen/Snowmass trip, set actually for the 3rd week of December, with four newbies on the trip, from Massachusetts and Copper Mtn. Great deal, there, and good to have them join in. We're up to three studio units being filled now, along with two 2 bedroom condos and a 3 bedroom condo (that will double as a "party room" for a couple of nights. There's more 2br condos and studio units reserved, and this trip is open ended on attendees (to a point of availability). This trip covers 5 nights at Aspen Square Condominium Hotel, starting on a Sunday afternoon, and with a 3-day lift ticket included. I'm looking at the pricing at \$810, with a non-skier price set at \$555. For Saturday night, Dec 11th, I've got reservations at Starlight Lodge for a dozen or more, mostly in the 2 room suites in the rear of the place, to get acclimated to the mountains at Glenwood Springs, and mainly in that BrewPub on the south side of I-70 in downtown Glenwood Springs. It's a short walk over the pedestrian bridge to the Canyon Brew Pub or Juicy Lucy's Steakhouse, both across from the AmTrak Station, and on 7th Street & just a few blocks to the southeast. On Sundays, it's usually a dip in the hot springs or Iron Mtn. Hot

Tubs, followed by a leisurely drive to the Frying Pan River Outfitter's bar with drinks, lunch, and NFL games. Then a short jaunt to Aspen Square.

1st payment of \$270 is now due for the trip. Seven have paid in full and many thanks to those having done so. Rooming is being set now. Wait last minute until November & you may not be on board this year. (Read in there: Mike C. & Mihail P.) As always, lift ticket arrangements will need to be secured by weekend prior to Thanksgiving or before, so after that, you'll be on your own for getting lift tickets.

To see the condos, go to <https://www.aspensquarehotel.com> and preview the rooms, pool, workout room (as if needed), hot tubs & courtyard. There's about 6 webcams available on their site, for viewing downtown, lower Aspen mtn., the courtyard, etc. These condos are a mere 64 steps to the gondola from our units! An extended 4th day lift ticket can be purchased for \$75 at the windows. We just may get back to having a welcome party on one of the earlier nights, hosted by the hotel, and a full dinner with plans under way for the final nite there – both are included in the cost. On the other 2 nights, we'll likely have some group dinner or a trip to the BBQ joint on the main hwy into Aspen. Captain Ron, trip captain once more. [573-881-8861](tel:573-881-8861)

FSA 2022 TELLURIDE TRIP

The current plan for next January's FSA ski event is back to Telluride, with the same officers in place for FSA, with the exception of Secretary (now Kelli Kinnamon of OKC taking the place of Mary Lou Herring). The dates are the third week of January, from a Sat the 22nd to the morning of Wednesday the 26th, 2022. Placement on this trip would be needed with another Missouri club, likely St. Louis.

As a reminder: If you're included in the dues paying roster, you have an automatic \$3000 policy toward Accidental Death & Dismemberment with American Income Life Insurance. Those having paid up their memberships, are included totally free and at no cost to the members! IF you should feel like listening to the agent, just by talking with her virtually, there's additional discounts to be added to your policy such as vision, dental, and chiropractic options. These benefits are also at no cost to you. BUT A PAID MEMBERSHIP in the club is the simple requirement. We've had this insurance since 2009, but it was suspended in 2016. No worries – those having paid in last year in Sept. are good for this.

Ron Lueck – aka "Captain Ron"