

The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter

April 2022

NEXT MEETING:

It'll have to be a Tuesday night, once again this month, on May 3 at Park, the restaurant on the west side of Hwy 63, just north of the Discovery Ridge overpass at 6pm for drinks and conversation. Go to the exit ramp and go North on the west outer road (and boy do I know this confuses Bonnie....) . You cannot miss the place. (meeting info at 7). We'll gather at the long table in the northeast part of the place, since it seats 16, with 3 more tables along the window for use. Go in the front door and turn right and another right, by the fireplace. If you are in need of an address for those using GPS navigation (and I still cannot imagine "why?" for this place) it's 4380 Nocona Parkway.

NEWS:

There's this summer FSA meeting in KC that I'll have to attend on June 12 at 11 for Race, and Noon for the Board.

Topics will be mainly about the Jan trip to Montana's Whitefish Ski area, and accommodations, how many people are signed on from each club, yadda, yadda...

SOOOOO, one of our main topics for Tuesday meet will be: just who may be interested in an airline trip to Whitefish (near the gates to Glacier National Park) in upper Montana? Someone will be needing to organize this, and I'll have info on lodging, and just what Topeka has organized already thru Barb Wittmer, along with her contact info, so we could tag on or double up in their lodging. THIS will need some *quick* attention, IF there's anyone wanting to run a plane trip to a ski area in MT.

ASPEN / SNOWMASS Dec 11 – 16, 2022

OK FOLKS, we are set to go once more for another trip to Aspen. I have put together rooming arrangements (much the same as last year, with a \$20 increase per room per night on my reservations. We already get lodging at a much-below-the-norm pricing, so this isn't a big hurt. Last year it was an \$850 trip w/the 3-day lift ticket. I have to do my budgeting to get a fixed for the trip flyer, so that it can be posted, but I am close to using the same pricing. A full rooming situation is always the desire! For Saturday night, Dec 10th, we'll have the similar reservations at Starlight Lodge. Captain Ron, trip captain once more. 573-881-8861

FSA 2023 WHITEFISH TRIP

The current plan for next January's FSA ski event is go to Whitefish, Montana. The dates are the last week of January, from the 27th to the 3rd, 2023. We don't have to book the entire week, but it's available. Cannot stay past the 3rd, as that some sort of Winter Carnival that's already booked solid. Discussions promise to be forthcoming on this event.

HERMANN MAIFEST [Sunday May 22](#)

The Maifest is set for the weekend of [May 21st](#) & 22nd, but a train trip from Jeff City on [Sunday](#) the 22nd is more of the quieter part of the weekend, instead of dealing with the [Saturday](#) crowds. Get with AmTrak BY PHONE at [800-872-7245](tel:800-872-7245) to procure a ticket in advance on the River Runner (Jeff City has no attendant on duty - just ask Bonnie). AND you must do this by 24 hours in advance due to having to complete a 4-question form verbally about Covid 19.

The Runner departs the JC station at 11:25 and is only a 46 min travel time to Hermann, for a \$19 one-way ticket for an adult. Senior price must be a bit lower. NOTE that NON-user friendly AmTrak website is a pain to both get to and go thru, so get a ticket thru the phone by Noon [Saturday!](#)

Leaving a phone message will get an agent to respond back to you – I guarantee it. Just remember: it's impossible to get a ticket on the same day [Sunday](#).

It'll be the free trolley time, once we get there, from Aaron @ [636-575-6920](tel:636-575-6920) and he'll get us to where ever we wish. Just tip him. Won't even need to stay in a group to get to any of the area wineries.

NIANGUA RIVER FLOAT M-T [June 27](#) & 28

After a 3-year hiatus, it's back on for a two-day [Mon](#) & [Tues](#) float of the Niangua River. This is a 2-day float trip in conjunction with the Topeka Ski Club, starting with a Sunday evening campout ([June 26](#)). The standard 2 day float comes out of Bennett Springs State Park on Monday morning, and we'll float back to our usual campsites at Maggard's Corkery Campground. The current plan is for primitive camping in a group setting on Sunday and Monday nights, and electric hook-ups are available. [June 27](#) & 28 are the planned floating dates, with a bus ride back to the camp site on the 2nd day, a [Tuesday](#), and usually by 2pm or so. Camping is available at the State Park or make arrangements at the area's Sand Spring Motel, or the State Park even has cabins available. Call me and I'll get your spot in the campgrounds w/Topeka's planning dept. There's usually around a dozen folks taking part in this enjoyable float on one of Missouri's best float steams.

I'll need to know in advance just how many sign-ups for this Niangua River float by sometime soon in mid-June.

Ron Lueck – aka "Captain Ron"

CARDS or ROYALS GAME

It's been proposed for a ballgame trip to one side of the state or the other sometime soon. I would propose a weekday day game, as the upper seats at St. Lou go for \$4, as it's been advertised on TV. Bring a plan, be the organizer for this, or just participate. More to come from a person at the meeting (read in there: Karen P).

Ron Lueck – aka "Captain Ron"