

The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter October 2024

Monday Night SNO

Ok folks, it's time once again for a gathering. Monday evening, Oct 7 at 6pm, is same time, same place for this 2nd fall meeting of Columbia club members (and others going on the Aspen trip at PARK, the restaurant at Discovery Ridge along the west side of US wy 63. Address is at 4380 Nocona Parkway. Just go to the Discovery Ridge exit ramp and go North on the west outer road. You can't miss the restaurant (a meeting can should take place at 7). Grab a seat at the long table in the northeast part of the place, since it seats 16, with 3 more tables along the window for our use. Go in the front door and turn right and another right, and grab a chair at the table by the fireplace.

NOTE: It's time for the 2nd of the three payments for the Aspen trip, so either bring it to PARK, or mail it asap to the address on the flyer (attached). Note that the PO Box is no longer in use. And if you're waiting to tag on later, I'll be releasing any unspoken-for condos at the end of OCTOBER, so as to not incur any penalty. If you're planning on going, better get with it and send in the bucks! I cannot make the monthly pymt to the Condominium Hotel w/an I O U, to be paid later. So, in order to be on board, you'll need to get 2 payments in by this month.

And there's a needed commit to the Red River area ski trip. See the note below on that.

ON THE WEBSITE

Notice a change of address on the membership application located on the website. To get most updates, view the website for the club at <http://columbiajeffcityskiandboard.org/>. There's plenty of past ski trip pics for memories & viewing, plus the Aspen ski trip flyer, the club application, other FSA club's trips and general news. Please send any old pics from ski trips past to Bill Harris, our webmaster at his email of comoskiclub@gmail.com. If you've not visited this site, it's a trip down memory lane. You can get to the other 8 clubs in the FSA thru this site of ours, too.

ASPEN / SNOWMASS Dec 15 – 20, 2024

HEY folks: This trip is set up for five nights at the Hotel on the dates noted above at Aspen Square Condominiums, with arrangements to be made for however many are staying the Sat evening at Glenwood Springs. I made the standard rooming request (5

studios, 3 two br condos, and the three br condo), with those annual increased costs coming into play. The price for the five night stay with a 3 day lift ticket comes to \$1100, with a price for just the rooming and party being set at \$900. Most using this \$900 price will have an IKON pass and not needing that 3-day lift ticket. We already get lodging at a much-below-the-norm pricing. And on the preceding Saturday night of Dec 14th, those that wish to use reservations at Starlight Lodge in Glenwood Springs on the north side of I-70, can get in touch with me and I can make that happen. Note that this is not included in the trip pricing. Captain Ron, trip captain again. 573-881-8861

To see the condos, go to <https://www.aspensquarehotel.com> and preview the rooms, heated pool, a workout room (if needed), hot tubs & courtyard. These condos are a mere 64 steps to the gondola and across Durant Ave. from our units. A group dinner is in the plans for the final nite there – and (this time) is included in the cost. On the other 2 nights, we'll likely have some group dinner arrangements, with maybe, a trip to the Hickory House BBQ joint on the main hwy coming into Aspen.

FSA 2025 @ TELLURIDE, COLORADO

The current plan for next January's FSA ski event is to return to Telluride for a week-long trip. Cost will be a bit on the steep side, rather than our standard 4 day ski trip. The dates are the last week of January, from the 25th to the 30th, 2025, and the other clubs are much farther along on planning than we are. The lodging at Telluride deals only with week long bookings, so this one now becomes a longer trip - hence, a more expensive trip, too. Plan to be a \$1500 to \$1900 trip cost. Discussions promise to be forthcoming and plentiful on this event. As requested before, we will need a trip captain to present this, organize and run the thing, if we are to participate. Get in touch with me or Jim Henley, if you are interested in running an FSA trip for this Columbia/JeffCity Ski Club. This trip has 4 to 5 deadlines to meet in January, with deposit and full payment commitments. As an offering, anyone interested in attending this event can always tag on with another FSA club, such as St. Louis, KC or Topeka, to go. You are urged to see just what their trips are costing and how much is included in their pricings. Just check their websites, of which most can be viewed thru our own website of <http://columbiajeffcityskiandboard.org/> by clicking on "links".

RED RIVER, NEW MEXICO w/Topeka Ski Club Feb 19 – 23, 2025

The Topeka Ski Club has invited us to join in a 5-nite stay at the Red River ski area in Northern New Mexico next February . NOTE: if you're planning on using these really low priced lift tickets at \$225 for 3 days, there's a need to get on board in OCTOBER (actually, by Oct 15) to get the lift ticket price quoted for this ski mountain just north of the Taos, NM area. You can see the flyer, the dates of Feb 19 to 23, and the lodging set up is for 25 people. It's a VRBO 9br house, w/8 baths. The attractive item is there's free skiing for 70 year-old folks (of which a lot of us are currently in that age range). Rentals are \$30 per day at the slope (much cheaper than Colorado sites). Now, it's a get-yourself-out-there type of trip, so you'll have to drive out. This offer for another ski

trip has been to Columbia/Jeff City Ski Club to join in, so contact Topeka Ski Club, or me, or better yet, Eric Wenrich of Topeka at 785-215-8215 ericwenrich@live.com would be best. This comes in at about a third of most FSA trip costs. A flyer for this is attached also.

See ya Monday at PARK, for a gathering and watching the KC games, both baseball and football, at 6:30 and 7:30 on their big screen.

Ron Lueck – aka “Captain Ron”