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ACE Ski & Board News

General Membership Meeting October 25

Kancamagus Highway, by Beatrice Chaney

LOCATION: The General Meeting of the ACE Ski and Board Club will be **October 25** at the **Chelmsford Elks Lodge** in Chelmsford, MA. Doors open at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:00.

Meeting Highlights: First in our 2011 author series, **Meghan McCarthy McPhaul** will discuss her latest book, "*A History of Cannon Mountain*. The book will be available for purchase and signing by the author.

*For an extra door prize ticket, bring at least two non-perishable **food items** which together can provide a meal for a family - for example, pasta and sauce, or a can of tuna and pasta sides.*

Best costume wins an extra prize!!

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Important ACE Club Dates 2011–12

General Meetings	Board Meetings	EICSL Races
September 15	September 1	January 7
October 25	October 11	January 28
December 8	December 1	February 11
January 19	January 5	March 3

Meeting Location

The general meeting on October 25 will be at the

Chelmsford Elks Lodge in Chelmsford

300 Littleton Rd
Chelmsford, MA 01824
www.elks.org - Lodge #2310

Directions from the North:

Take 495 South to exit 34, and then merge onto Rte 110 West/Chelmsford St toward Rte 4. Turn right onto 110 West/ 4 North/Central Square. Continue to follow 110 West. The Elks Lodge will be on your left in about 4 minutes.

From the South:
Take 495 North to exit 32 for Boston Rd. Turn right onto Boston Rd. After a few lights, turn left onto Rte110/Littleton Rd (signs for Chelmsford/Lowell) The Elks Lodge will be on your right after about 5 minutes.

From the East or West:
Get to 495 and then follow the above directions, or use your GPS ☺

ACE Club Officers

Jonathan Levy	President
Robin Temple Diamond	Vice-president
Betty Ann Tyson	Secretary
Dana Blanchard	Treasurer
Chris Gerber	Membership
Rob and Ilene Titus	Benefits Co-chairs
Dee McMaster	EICSL Rep
Gerry Welch	Racing Chair
Bill Tarkulich	Webmaster, Marketing Chair
Beatrice Chaney	Newsletter Editor

President's Message

The **nighttime temps** are dropping, the leaves are turning; can it be very long before the first snowflake falls?

The ***Boston Ski & Snowboard Expo*** dates have been announced. Do you have your ticket yet?

Warren Miller and TGR have announced local venues for the screening of their new films. Are you going?

The Club has discounted tune-up deals with both ***Bradley's*** *and* ***Ski Haus***. Have you brought your gear in yet for sharpening and waxing?

The white stuff will be here before you know it. Are you ready?

Jonathan Levy

Benefits Committee Update

In July and August 2011, the Club through Benefits conducted a ***mail sale*** of Vermont and New Hampshire/Maine Tickets. A deposit of at least 50% of the total price was due at the time of the sale.

The ***balance is due by November 1, 2011*** by check or money order made out to Ace Ski and Board Club, or it may be brought to the General Meeting on October 25th or mailed to Ilene Titus, P.O. Box 392, Southborough, MA 01772.

If you do not remember your balance due or what you ordered, email IleneTitus@charter.net and you will be emailed a PDF of your order form.

You may purchase ***additional tickets*** at the General Meeting on ***October 25, 2011***. Order forms for Vermont and New Hampshire will be available at that time. There are a very limited quantity of both Vermont and New Hampshire tickets remaining. Restrictions for Vermont are currently 16 ticket maximum with no more than 2 tickets from any one mountain. New Hampshire restrictions are 2 per person per mountain. Remaining tickets will go on sale during a November email sale and during the December 8th meeting.

Important Reminder! **Ace Ski and Board Club has gone Green.** In the past few years, members have been notified of the mail sale by email with sales on a first come, first serve basis by postmark. Other than those sales at General Meetings, all tickets sales will be noticed by email with instructions as to how to place an order; there will be no notices sent by regular mail, so keep your email current with the Membership Chair at membership@aceskiandboardclub.org

In addition to discount ticket sales, Benefits is participating in the **Wachusett Mountain GPS** "Greatest Possible Savings!" club.

To sign up for a Wachusett Mountain GPS Club – Century Pass, go to www.wachusett.com then Click on Group Sales - In the drop down menu - click on GPS Club - Move your cursor to right to click on GPS Order on Line - Click on the pass you want to purchase - Enter your information.

The Group Name is *Ace Ski and Board Club* and the Group Coordinator is *Ilene Titus*. The group early season rates are valid through November 16, 2011.

Robert and Ilene Titus
Benefits Co-Chairs
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Bring Food!

At the October 25th Club meeting, the Club will again be collecting food to benefit the ***Worcester County Food Bank.*** All contributions will be accepted, but to qualify for an extra door prize ticket, bring at least two items which together can provide a meal for a family - for example, pasta and sauce, or a can of tuna and pasta sides.

Best Halloween Costume

Feel free to dress up in your favorite Halloween costume. There will be a **special prize** for the best costume!

Thanks for the School Supplies!

The backpacks and school supplies collected at the September 15th meeting were donated to the **Set for the Success School Supply Drive** which each year benefits approximately 2,400 Worcester school system students classified as homeless, including those in shelters, and many of whom are in foster care.

This annual effort, cosponsored by the Worcester Public Schools, the Worcester Fire and Police Departments and the Junior League of Worcester, has to date assisted over 10,000 students.

Recap of September's General Meeting

The evening's featured speaker was ***Kris Noel***, manager of the Burlington, MA and Salem, NH **SkiHaus** Shops (http://skihaus.com) .

Kris reviewed the latest trends in skiing equipment; He demonstrated skis of many different shapes and properties, suitable for different conditions, and for people of different abilities, including kids' skis, and some amazingly wide powder skis! He explained what a ski's 'rocker' is.

In discussing helmets, he advised that they had to be discarded after a crash, even if no apparent damage was visible, as they are designed for single impact only.

As for boots, his recommendation: try them! Everyone's foot is different. Boots designed for touring now allow unlocking the heel cuff. For downhill boots, a new trend is to use a power strap instead of a 4th buckle, which provides better insulation and warmth.

SkiHaus staff test all the equipment they sell; they have a variety of abilities among employees in the store, from beginners to advanced skiers. SkiHaus was founded in 1965; Kris currently runs it with his brother.

Kris Noel from SkiHaus

ACE members receive a 15% discount in the Burlington and Salem NH store, as well as 10$ off on tune-ups. Kids' equipment can be brought back in trade-in.

Members of the board reported on club activities such as membership, benefits, racing, trips, and more.

Ilene Titus

Chris Gerber

Bill Tarkulich

Dee McMaster

Like Justice, Fairness has to be blind!

Mary Sue shows off her goggles

Gerry wins the grand prize – skis and bindings!

October 2011 Door Prize Winners

Kelley Gage	2 Waterville Valley tickets
Dee McMaster	Socks
Chuck Riley	2 Magic tickets
Ken Koznick	Gloves
Chris Gerber	2 Burke tickets
Jean O'Donnell	2 Bolton tickets
Jon Levy	Socks
Marcia Ruklic	2 Smugglers tickets
Linda O'Clair	Mittens
Mary Sue Ankner	Goggles
Mike Mullins	Base layer bottom
Ivo Mesnik	Base layer top
Marge Kilgore	Ski poles
Linda O'Clair	Nike jacket
Gerry Welch	Skis and bindings

Mike likes his base layer bottom

Jean O'Donnell wears her vintage club shirt

Marge can't wait to try her new ski poles

Ivo will be warm with his base layer top

Members listen attentively

Linda shows her trendy new Nike jacket

Member Stories

Members, send us your stories and pictures!

Beatrice Chaney

newsletter@aceskiandboardclub.org

News, deals, tips, …

by Bill Tarkulich
Webmaster and Marketing Chair

Survey

We are in the process of reviewing the many forms of communications the club uses. We are conducting a survey to understand our members' interests and preferences. Please respond to the survey and make your opinions count:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/T77LJGV
We most certainly will share the results once the survey closes.

Thanks!

Off-piste Event, Ski Show and a Movie

Would you like to attend the ***Boston Ski Show*** or the ***Warren Miller*** movies?
We'll be at the ski show on Saturday November 12th 10-4pm. Right after the show, we'll be heading over to the *Berklee Performing Arts Center* at 6 PM to see the 2011 film *"Like There's No Tomorrow"*. Come and join us for one or both!

Contact ***Bill Tarkulich*** for more information.

Deals …

If you were at the last club meeting, you know that **Ski Haus** (http://skihaus.com) is offering discounts to ACE members!

2011-2012 Author Series

We're excited to present two of the newest Ski History authors, ***Meghan McCarthy McPhaul****: "History of Cannon"* and ***Jeremy Davis****: "New England Lost Ski Area Project"* at our October and December meetings. There will be a presentation followed by a book signing at each meeting.

For details, see the club's web site at
www.aceskiandboardclub.org

Meetings

Make sure you bring canned goods enough for a meal to the October meeting and get an extra raffle ticket! Also, best costume gets an extra prize!

Trip to Mad River/Sugarbush

by Michèle Grenier

Winter approaches and The Mad River/ Sugarbush Vermont trip is **February 2,3,4,5**; some of us will be there on the 2nd.

We are staying at the **Mad River Barn** www.madriverbarn.com. The rates are by room and include breakfast. Everyone is encouraged to share a room!

We are all signing up on our own and some of us will be up Wednesday, others Friday.

If you are interested, email ***Michèle Grenier*** at mgski@verizon.net for more details, and go to www.madriverbarn.com to make your reservation.

The plan includes all meeting Friday night by the fireplace, whenever you roll in, we'll find out where we want to ski and who wants to ski together. We'll meet at 7AM Saturday for Breakfast then head out.

Saturday night we'll have dinner together at the Barn, and it is a delicious dinner after a great day of skiing.

It was a great snow storm and such a great day !!!

If you have skied these mountains you are sure to return! if you've never skied them – you must!

Update on the Quebec City trip

by Jon Levy

Airfares are available for about $580 on the weekend the Club is going, the first weekend of **Carnaval, January 26th – 29th, 2012**. We are staying right in the Old Town at the four-star **Hotel Manoir Victoria**. The hotel offers complimentary Wi-Fi, and complimentary access to an indoor pool, sauna, and health club. Spa services are also available. The trip includes 3 days of skiing (at Mont-St-Anne, Le Massif, and Stoneham), 3 nights of accommodation, and a Carnaval All-Access Pass.

The price is $499, double occupancy, and does not include any meals. A huge buffet breakfast is available for about $20, or over 50 eateries are steps from the hotel's door.

The alternative to flying is a 400-mile drive from Boston. Plan on 7 hours, without stops or border-crossing formalities. The hotel offers indoor parking for about $22/day. For those flying, airport-hotel transfers are on your own. **Mont-St-Anne**, **Le Massif**, and **Ski Stoneham** can all be reached via shuttle bus from the city.

Any questions, contact Jon at trips@aceskiandboardclub.org

Membership Update

To keep current with all the great deals that ACE membership offers you need to be a current member. Membership for the 2010-2011 ski season **expired on 9/30/11.**

Membership forms are available via the club's website: www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership.html

Please bring the completed form and your dues (checks no cash) to the ACE meeting on 10/25/11 at the Chelmsford Elks. Forms and dues can also be mailed to:

ACE Membership
43 Ashcroft Rd
Medford, MA 02155

Membership cards are distributed at the club meeting but if you need your card mailed to you, send email to membership@aceskiandboardclub.org.

*If you are already a member, please make sure you are signed up with our **Yahoo group:***
http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/AceSkiandBoardClub/
See detailed instructions on how to sign up on the next page, or send email to the membership chair at: membership@aceskiandboardclub.org.

***New members** will be signed up with the Yahoo group automatically unless the '... do not add me to the Yahoo Groups ...' box is checked.*

Brief History of the Club

- 25+ years old – the former Digital Ski Club
- Became the ACE Ski & Board Club, a Compaq employee club, in 1998
- Became a MA Chapter 180 non-profit corporation, and an IRS 501(c) 7 organization in 2003
- Members are adult fans of skiing and snow boarding in the greater New England area including some former Digital, Compaq, Intel, Cabletron, and Hewlett Packard employees
- An original EICSL club (Eastern Inter Club Ski League)

What ACE Ski & Board Club Does …

- Encourages camaraderie and enjoyment of skiing and riding
- Encourages and promotes an active recreational race program
- Provides availability of reasonably priced tickets
- Encourages participation in skiing in new and exotic places
- Promotes a greater knowledge of ski/board techniques, ski resorts, and technical knowledge of skiing and boarding

Benefits of Membership

- Bimonthly newsletter
- Free classified ads
- Discount lift tickets
- Social meetings with presentations on aspects of skiing and boarding
- Active race program at: the White Mountains
- Occasional ski trips to the west or Europe and to Northern New England or
- Member organized day trips to New Hampshire / Vermont
- Some shop discounts
- Cross-country skiing outings
- Summer activities: of cycling, hiking, and camping trips
- Yahoo!Groups distribution list: AceSkiandBoardClub@yahoogroups.com
- Optional EICSL membership
- Opportunities for family member racing
- Eligibility to win gear worth over $ 2,000 at general meetings

For details of our winter trips, tickets, EICSL, racing, meeting, and membership, look at the club website:

www.Aceskiandboardclub.org

Chris Gerber, Membership Chair
membership@aceskiandboardclub.org

YAHOO! GROUPS

The club uses a Yahoo list distribution as our means of communicating with members. It is necessary that you be on the list to hear about the benefits that the club offers, but you can also communicate with each other. You can ask if others want to organize a last-minute ski trip, find some extra ski tickets, or pass on tickets that you cannot use.

Signing up with the Yahoo Group

NOTE: New members will be signed up with the Yahoo group automatically unless they check the *'Please do not add me to the Yahoo Groups Email distribution'* box on their membership application form.

It's very easy; all you have to do is send email to:

ACESkiandBoardClub-Subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Or go to our website www.AceSkiandBoardClub.org . At the bottom of the home page, type in your email address.

Go one step further and create a YahooGroup UserProfile by going to www.YahooGroups.com and clicking on "click here to register". With a YahooGroups Profile you'll be able to post photographs of your latest ski trip and view other members' photographs and documents like the membership form (also available on the website). We are using the YahooGroups Calendar to send out reminders to members about upcoming meetings and trips.

Once you have a YahooGroups Profile, you can also choose how you receive the email sent out. You can choose to get each individual email as it is sent out or as a daily digest of all the email from that day.

Our club's General YahooGroups is Private and not listed in the YahooGroups directory. Membership is restricted—all members must be approved. Any member can send out a message, but all messages are approved before they are released. The club Archives are for members only; Email attachments are allowed but are not stored.

Yahoo Group Email Addresses

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Yahoo Group Address:
http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/AceSkiandBoardClub/

Related link: http://www.aceskiandboardclub.org

Post message:
AceSkiandBoardClub@yahoogroups.com

Subscribe: AceSkiandBoardClub-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Unsubscribe: AceSkiandBoardClub-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

List owner: AceSkiandBoardClub-owner@yahoogroups.com

Updating your email address

Once you are a member, and signed up with the Yahoo group, please make sure that your email address is up-to-date, for you to receive the latest news and updates from the club.

If you need help …

If you need any help with signing up to the Yahoo Group or updating your email address, send mail to the Membership Chair at membership@aceskiandboardclub.org

Links and Forms

The 2011-12 forms as well as the current and past newsletters are available on the club's website: www.aceskiandboardclub.org

Membership:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership.html

Vermont Ticket Order Form:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/tickets.htm

Racing:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/racing.html

Newsletter:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/newsletter.html

EICSL News

The Eastern Inter-Club Ski League (EICSL), which began in 1950 as a small group of ski clubs, is an organization comprised of clubs. EICSL binds all clubs together.

Realize that the lodging at any of the clubs is not designed with the glitzy Ritz-Carlton person in mind. Lodging varies greatly from club to club, but most are bunk-style rooms. The ***Ski Bees*** for example have segregated floors with seven women's bunk rooms on the second floor and seven men's bunk rooms on the third floor. Two bathrooms are shared by the women on the second floor, and two men's bathrooms are shared on the third floor. Club rules for smoking and quiet hours are instituted. The clubs vary and are all within 10 miles of each other.

We have a standing relationship with the ***Ski-Wheelers*** for lodging; they are located at Kearsarge Road, North Conway, NH 03847 (603) 356-9793. The Ski Wheelers make their home in a turn-of-the-century grand style lodge. It's one of the largest lodges in the Mt. Washington Valley. It was the site of the 1970's movie, "Return of the Secaucus Seven." The spacious 3-story lodge (also known as the Winwood Lodge) has 23 bedrooms with 88 beds. All bedrooms are semi-private with a sink and sleep from 2-6 people. Beds are available to accommodate guests almost every weekend. There are 9 bathrooms, a large dining room (also the party room!) with a fireplace, a cozy living room with a wood stove, a fully equipped industrial size kitchen, and plenty of room to store your gear.

Once an EICSL member, perks like 10% off purchases from certain merchants and restaurants in the North Conway area, plus--the important thing--discounted lift tickets, are organized by EICSL. This year's deals included discounted tickets at Mount Cranmore and Wildcat. Because the clubs are centrally located in the Mount Washington Valley, mountains like Wildcat, Attitash and Sunday River in Maine are all within an hour from the clubs.

Most clubs have a race team members can join. Team levels range from Snow Plow Division to AA and Open Divisions. Club teams race against one another about four times per year and some organizations have their own club race once a season. Don't think just because they're called ski clubs that's all they do. To be honest, some members have never skied a day in their lives. The night life après ski is an experience like no other.

IMPORTANT – Every Ace Ski & Board member that joins EICSL **MUST** sign the **EICSL Release Form** separately. It is has to be printed independently from any other document - in other words, **one sided**. If a couple joins there must be two (2) forms submitted.

If you cannot attend the meeting when the cards will be dispensed, you can mail a SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope) to Dee McMaster, 25 Pierce Street, Pepperell MA 01463-1402 and your card(s) will be mailed to you in the SASE.

Visit www.EICSL.org for a listing of the discounts available to you in the North Conway area and more!!!

13 Hours of EICSL

Free day of Skiing for brand new members of EICSL will take place on December 10th at ***Bretton Woods.***

Current EICSL members – remember this a $25 dollar ski day for you!

Trips to Jay Peak Vermont

Space Available – Act NOW!

5½ Days Trip – 12/13-12/18/11

- Condo: $375 per person
- Tram Haus Lodge: $400 per person

3½ Days Trip – 12/15-12/18/11

- Condo: $225 per person
- Tram Haus Lodge: $285 per person

Each trip includes:

• 3 or 5 night condominium accommodations based on 4 per condo

• 3 or 5 night accommodations in Tram Haus Lodge Studio

• 3 or 5 days of lift tickets, plus a ticket on Tuesday or Thursday if you arrive early.

• 2 hours lesson every day EXCEPT Saturday

• Unlimited Seasons Pass for 5 day participants

• Mid-Week Seasons Pass (w/usual holiday b/o's) for 3 day participants

• Wine & Cheese Party

• Free Open Skate at Ice Haus (Times TBA)

Additional Costs:

• 3½ Day Meal Plan - Breakfast/Dinner Friday and Saturday and Breakfast Only

Sunday - $120.00 (Entire plan must be purchased)

• 5½ Day Meal Plan - Breakfast/Dinner Wednesday thru Saturday, Breakfast only

Sunday - $220.00 (Entire plan must be purchased)

• Certain items like lobster and fillet mignon carry a nominal up charge but almost everything on the menu is available on the meal plan.

• Water Park - $50-5 Day/$40-3 day (must be purchased with trip)

Jay Peak VT Trip Sign Up

This trip is for current EICSL members only.

We are hoping to have a club trip coordinator at each individual EICSL club to coordinate placing members into groups of 4 for each condo. If a club does not have a coordinator the Trip Committee will assign space attempting to keep club members together. We assign final condos based on the space allocation provided by Jay Peak. We will attempt, but cannot guarantee, that we can keep you in proximity to other condos with members of your club. We have a mix of Slopeside and Village condos due to the expected increase in participation.

Payment:

• Trip deposit of $100 is due by 10/15/11. Final payment must be received by 11/22/11 or we will release space to the waiting list or back to Jay Peak so we aren't charged.

• Trip payments can be made by check made out to EICSL or by PayPal (with a 3.5% convenience fee to cover credit card processing costs).

• Payments by check to EICSL can be mailed c/o Clark Linehan, 18 Hemlock Drive, Canton, MA 02021

Aspen Trip - 2/21-2/28/12

The cost of $1,575 includes:

- Air fare to Denver on SW and bus to Aspen

  SW airfare + bus + no baggage fees = $225 savings over United flying into Aspen

- 5th Avenue Condos 2 blocks from the Aspen/Ajax lift and 2 blocks from bus station that provide free service to other mountains http://www.stayaspensnowmass.com/pr-fifth-avenue-condominiums.php

- 5 days lift tickets ($55 to add 6th day)

Email: trip@EICSL.org

Recreational Racing 2011–2012

Gerry Welch – Chairperson

Welcome to another race season! As part of your club and EICSL membership we have listed below our plans for moving into the 2012 race season.

Please stop by our **Race Table** at the **October 25th** ACE Club's General Meeting for more details, or to sign-up for our **ACE/EICSL race team**.

EICSL Racing 2012 Schedule

1st Q	**1/7/2012**	**Bretton Woods**
2nd Q	**1/28/2012**	**Shawnee Peak**
3rd Q	**2/11/2012**	**Attittash**
Final	**3/3/2012**	**Wildcat** (Tentative might be Cannon)

EICSL Race/Gate Training

Wildcat Fridays only.

This program is still in development as of 10/17/2011. Details will follow in the December Newsletter.

Mt Dew 2011 - 2012

The Mountain Dew Vertical Challenge schedule for the 2011-2012 race season is now online at:

www.snocountry.com/index.php/ski-news-and-links/mt-dew-vertical-challenge/mdvc-eastern-tour.html

NASTAR

Race during your ski day at participating mountains. For details, see www.nastar.com.

Again we are looking to forward another fun race season.

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