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ACE Ski & Board Club

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ACE Ski & Board News

General Membership Meeting December 8

Santas on skis at Sunday River. This year's annual event was Sunday, December 4.

Location: The General Meeting of the ACE Ski and Board Club will be **December 8** at the **Chelmsford Elks Lodge** in Chelmsford, MA. Doors open at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:00.

Meeting Highlights: **Jeremy Davis,** author and founder of the New England Lost Ski Areas Project (NELSAP) will present a lecture and book signing at the meeting. Mr. Davis is the author of *Lost Ski Areas of Southern Vermont* and *Lost Ski Areas of the White Mountains.* He will specifically address Lost Ski Areas of Southern Vermont and areas within 45 minutes of Chelmsford.

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

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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 December 8 will be at the

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 ☺

President's Message

A freak October Nor'Easter leaves over a foot of snow in parts of Massachusetts.

NH ski country gets pre-Thanksgiving snow, enough for some areas to open early.

The Farmer's Almanac predicts a snowy winter for northern New England.

Is your gear tuned? Have your vacation days mapped out? (if you're fortunate enough to be working during this Great Recession)

The season is upon us. Get out there and make some turns!

Jonathan Levy

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

Learn about Lost Ski Areas of New England – December Meeting

Jeremy Davis, author and founder of the New England Lost Ski Area Project (NELSAP) will present a lecture and book signing at the ACE Ski and Board Club meeting on December 8th, 2011, in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. Mr. Davis is the author of *Lost Ski Areas of Southern Vermont* and *Lost Ski Areas of the White Mountains.* He will specifically address Lost Ski Areas of Southern Vermont and areas within 45 minutes of Chelmsford.

While a meteorologist by trade, Mr. Davis founded NELASP in 1999 as a humble effort to chronicle many defunct ski areas in New England. To his surprise, he has assembled a list of 599 lost ski areas in New England thanks to hundreds of sources and has become a de facto historian for the New England ski scene. His work has now extended to include collaboration with the New England Ski Museum and western United States projects. Jeremy's work has been reported by The New York Times, National Public Radio, and Channel 5 TV in Boston. His books will be available for purchase.

Jeremy Davis: Founder, New England Lost Ski Areas Project (www.nelsap.org).

Author, *Lost Ski Areas of Southern Vermont* and *Lost Ski Areas of the White Mountains*.

Board member of the New England Ski Museum
Senior Meteorologist, Weather Routing Inc.
On-Air Meteorologist, Look TV

Bring Food to the December Meeting!

At the December 8th General 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 doorprize 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.

Thanks to all who donated food at the October meeting. All donations were dropped off at the Worcester County Food Bank.

Photos from the Ski Show

Bill Tarkulich documented his visit to the November ski show. See Bill to pick up some giveaways from the show.

Cannon Mountain reps

Bill Tarkulich with weatherman Barry Burbank

Benefits Committee Update

You may purchase tickets at the General Meeting on December 8, 2011. Order forms for Vermont and New Hampshire will be available at that time. A very limited quantity of Vermont and New Hampshire tickets remain.

- Vermont Restrictions: No more than 2 tickets for any one mountain, except for Smugglers Notch; you may purchase as many of these as you like until they are sold out.
- New Hampshire Restrictions: 2 per person per mountain. Remaining tickets will go on sale during a December email sale and during the January 19, 2012 General 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 ticket sales will be announced by email with instructions on 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*.

Robert and Ilene Titus
Benefits Co-Chairs

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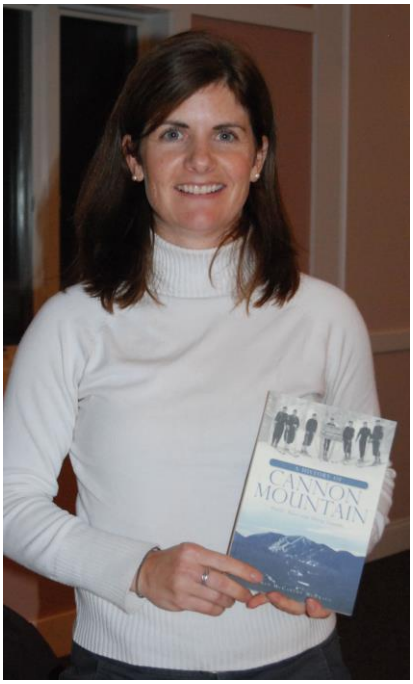
Recap of October's General Meeting

Members were encouraged to come in costume for Halloween. Here's the winner for the Best Halloween Costume Prize, 2 tickets for Bretton Woods.

Mary Mattock, Best Halloween Costume

Turnout was good for our speaker, Meghan McCarthy McPhaul, author of *A History of Cannon Mountain.* Her presentation was followed by a book signing.

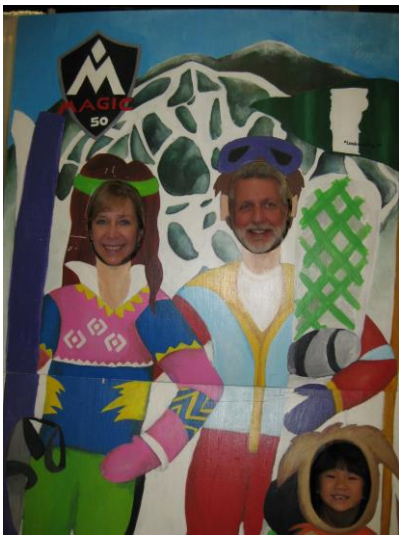


October Doorprize Winners

Kelley Gage	2 Bromley tickets: 2 Magic tickets
Dee McMaster	Socks
Chuck Riley	Jacket
Gerry Welch	Socks
Jean O'Donnell	Goggles
Pam Beck	2 Smugglers Notch tickets Base layer
Sean O'Riley	2 Smugglers Notch tickets
Sue Kaartinen	Goggles
Vince Mattock	Base layer
Carlos Herpin	Ski poles
Norma Hendrickson	2 Bolton Valley tickets
Ken Kozik	Skis and bindings

Boston Ski and Snowboard Expo

Our club members like to attend the Boston Ski and Snowboard Expo that is held every November. Usually you can start thinking about the coming ski season as you visit the booths of vendors from the ski areas and those who sell equipment and clothing. November's warm temperatures made it a little hard to "Think snow!"



Wayne & Deb Potter at the ski show

Trips and Giveaways

Quebec

The club's proposed trip to Quebec has been canceled.

Day/Weekend Trips

We have planned three "show and go" day/weekend trips for this season. For each trip, there is a leader to coordinate each day's activities, including skiing, après-ski, and meals. Attendees arrange their own lodging, transportation, and lift ticket purchases. Attendees elect which days they wish to attend. The leader can recommend ticket discounts, lodging, meals, coordinate car pools, room sharing and meet-me arrangements, such as skiing together as a group and meeting up for meals. The choice is yours!

We do ask that you "sign up" with the trip leader at least two weeks ahead of time, so we can keep in touch and provide you with current trip arrangements. By providing your cell number, the leader can assist in group activities. See each trip listing below.

Contact trips@aceskiandboardclub.org for more information.

Feb 2 to 5 – Mad River Glen/Sugarbush

The leaders will pick one hill a day and coordinate the day's events. We'll be staying at the historic Mad River Barn, owned by Betsy Pratt, a pioneer in New England skiing. We'll eat breakfast each morning, then head over to the hill. Tours can be arranged. Plans right now are for après-ski and Saturday dinner at Betsy's place. We're also going to hit up Flatbread Pizza in Waitsfield. The club has a few Mad River Glen ticket vouchers, so stop by the meeting and grab them.

Email Michèle Grenier at mgski@verizon.net for more details, and go to www.madriverbarn.com to make your reservation.

Leaders – Michèle Grenier and Bill Tarkulich

January 6 &7 – Cranmore, Bretton Woods

Ticket Rollback day $9. Stay at the Ski Wheelers, one of the EICSL clubs we have privileges at. Wayne and Deb Potter are members. On Saturday, there will be an EICSL race at Bretton Woods where EICSL members may purchase lift tickets at rock-bottom prices. Last year we had a great time, with 15 people attending, a meetup for dinner and après-ski. Groups skied together and swapped around. One group elected to ski Wildcat. Anything works!

We are looking for a leader to coordinate this trip. There is no passing of monies – just decide for yourself what you're doing and help the group decide where to eat. The Wildcat Inn was a hit last year. Let us know if you can help!

January 14 – 16 Burke, Vermont

Friday January 15 is ski club open house – ski for $25. Ski the next day for $40. This is Martin Luther King weekend. How can you beat that deal?

Leader – Bill Tarkulich

Member Goodies

Bill has some fresh goodies from the Boston Ski and Board Expo last month. IF YOU ATTEND THE MEETING, IF YOU ARE A CURRENT ACE MEMBER, AND IF YOU SEE BILL, you may have the opportunity to snatch:

Bolton – $39 ticket voucher (see Ilene and Rob for ACE tickets; we still have some for $28.)

Wildcat – 20% off, free learn to ski package, free appetizer

Black Mt., NH – 2 for 1 coupon

Nashoba – $5 off tubing

First come, first served. You MUST attend the meeting.

Liftticket.com –$5 gift certificate

Liftopia – $10 gift certificate

Crotched Mt – 2 for 1

Miscellaneous – Meeting only

Grab a copy of *Snow East* magazine – you may find your picture in it!

Bill has created a very special weather forecast, with support from Tommy Moe, Brenda Weinbrecht, and Barry Burbank. Come look and see!

by Bill Tarkulich
Webmaster and Marketing Chair

Membership Update

To learn of 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 12/8/11 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. 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 nonprofit 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 is for members only; email attachments are allowed but are not stored.

Yahoo Group Email Addresses

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) began in 1950 as a small group of ski clubs in the North Conway area. Although we do not have a ski house, ACE is a member of EICSL and participates in EICSL activities. To learn more about EICSL and to see what benefits are available to you as an EICSL member, go to www.EICSL.org

Our club EICSL rep is Dee McMaster. If you joined EICSL and cannot attend the December meeting to get your EICSL membership card, 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.

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 is a $25 dollar ski day for you!

Aspen Trip 2/21 – 2/28/12

The cost of $1,575 includes:

- Airfare 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 provides 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

Lift Tickets from EICSL

As an ACE member one benefit to being an EICSL member is that you can purchase tickets that are sold through EICSL. See our club EICSL rep.

EICSL Lift Ticket Prices 2011/2012 Season

Bretton Woods	Adult (18+) $42		Junior (5–12) $38
3 Mountain Pass –Sunday River, Sugarloaf & Loon	Adult $64		
Cranmore	Adult $54	Teen $45	Youth $38
Waterville Valley	Adult $60	Teen (13-18) $50	
Cannon Mt.	Adult $50	Teen (13 to 17) $40	JR/SR (6 to12/65+) $36
Attitash/Wildcat	Adult $54	Young Adult (13-18) $41	JR/SR (6 to12/65+) $35
Killington	Adult Anytime $57		
Wachusett Mtn	Anytime (7-Days or Nights) Adult $46	Weekday Monday-Friday (9AM–4PM) Adult $42	Nights Monday-Sunday (4PM–10PM) Adult $38

You must be a current EICSL member to purchase tickets. Tickets will not be mailed. Tickets are only picked up at the EICSL general meetings, second Monday of the month.

Recreational Racing 2011–2012

EICSL 2012 Race League

Join us as a guest racer at one of our three qualifying races. Our 2012 team is fielding 9 ACE racers, and we are looking for more. Any EICSL member or club guest who hasn't raced in 2 years or more may run one race FREE on a trial basis. If you wish to sign up following that race, you must contact your club race chair or come to the jury meeting following the race. For more info, contact your club race chair.

EICSL Race 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**	**Black Mountain**

(Sunday morning race)

EICSL Race/Gate Training

At Wildcat – Fridays before race weekends only.

Mountain Dew 2011 – 2012 Eastern Tour

FREE race with lift ticket

A free, fun slalom race event series for all ages and abilities, skiers or riders. Magnetic race schedules to be distributed at Dec. 8th General Meeting.
The schedule and more details can be found online at www.snocountry.com
Click on Mtn Dew Vertical Challenge.

NASTAR 2012

The Nature Valley NASTAR Open & Family Challenge will be held January 7–8, 2012, at Wachusett Mountain. See nastar.com

The entry fee is $59 and includes:
NASTAR Open Entry
Family Challenge Team Race Entry
Gift bag
Awards Reception
Warren Miller film screenings
AJ Kitt Pace-Setter
Live music
Retro Apres race reception

Ralph Crowley Classic Wachusett Mountain

Friday, March 2, 2012

This exciting race features the finest competitors racing down the challenging Smith Walton trail. Open to the public and to all staff members! Don't miss this top to bottom one of a kind event!
Registration: 8 – 9:30 AM
Race - 10:00 AM
BBQ Lunch – 1 PM

Register at the Customer Service Desk or call 978-464-2300 ext. 3200
(Pre-register for $39 or pay $49 the day of the race.)
Must be 18 + to enter.

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