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ACE Ski & Board News

General Membership Meeting October 24

Harvest Time, by Beatrice Chaney

Location: The general meeting of the ACE Ski and Board Club will be **October 24** at the **Chelmsford Elks Lodge** in Chelmsford, MA.
Doors open at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:00.

Meeting Highlights: The featured speaker for the evening is **Gay Howe,** Sales Manager for ***Attitash Mountain Resort*** and ***Wildcat Mountain.***

Bryan Woods will talk about some of the benefits ACE Members enjoy as members of **EICSL**, including staying as a guest at one of the EICSL club houses.

*For an **extra door prize ticket**, bring **food** for a Thanksgiving dinner like: boxed chicken broth, pasta, canned pumpkin or squash, canned veggies boxed pie crust …*

*Also, **best Halloween costume** wins a pair of ski tickets!*

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Pizza will again be offered for **$2 CASH** per slice on a first come, first served basis.

Important ACE Club Dates 2017–18

General Meetings	Board Meetings	EICSL Races
September 12	August 29	January 6
October 24	October 17	January 20
December 7	November 28	February 10
February 13	January 30	March 3

Meeting Location

The general meeting on October 24 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 ☺

ACE Club Executive Board

Jonathan Levy	President
Robin Temple Diamond	Vice-president and Acting Race Chair
Open	Race Chair
Open	Secretary
Dana Blanchard	Treasurer
Michèle Grenier	Membership Chair
Rob and Ilene Titus (*)	Benefits Co-chairs
Chuck Riley	EICSL Co-chair
Bryan Woods	EICSL Co-chair
Roscoe Diamond	Marketing Chair
Ryan Conway	Webmaster
Beatrice Chaney	Newsletter Editor

(*) stepping down at the end of the 2017-2018 season

President's Message

The Club is about to change, and not for the better.

At last month's General Meeting, I highlighted how the Club will change if new Benefits Committee chair people are not identified, as **Ilene and Rob Titus** are stepping down after over 15 years of dedicated service.

Specifically, what will change: no more Vermont discount tickets; no more door prizes; only two General Meetings; only Full Membership Tier ($40) available.

Those are big changes! Now things can continue as they are now, with skis being given away at every Meeting, deeply discounted Vermont tickets (50+ % off for Stowe, Killington, and others), and a $30 Membership. **BUT, two Members who are willing to donate some time to the Club must step forward.**

Featured Presentation

Attitash Mountain Resort is a premier year-round destination, located in the Mt. Washington Valley in Northern New Hampshire's White Mountains Region.

The surrounding ***North Conway Area*** was ranked by National Geographic as one of the ***"Top 25 Ski Towns in the World"*** in 2012 and ***#2 Ski Town*** in the United States by USA Today.

Attitash Mountain Resort has been a popular summer destination for families since 1976 with NH's longest single span zip line, a mountain coaster, and the legendary alpine slides along with numerous other family attractions. In the winter, Attitash Mountain Resort has been ranked amongst the East's top ten ski resorts for snow quality, grooming, weather, dining, après ski, off-hill activities and family programs by readers of ***SKI Magazine*** for over five decades.

Owned and operated by ***Peak Resorts***, Attitash and its nearby sister resort, ***Wildcat Mountain***, offer the only interchangeable lift ticket in New Hampshire. Season passes are good at the seven northeast Peak Resort properties.

Gay Howe, Sales Manager
Attitash Mountain Resort
Wildcat Mountain

Bring Food!

For an **extra chance at a door prize**, bring food items to the October meeting!

Think Thanksgiving: boxed chicken broth, pasta, canned pumpkin or squash, canned veggies (green/yellow beans, peas, carrots, potatoes), boxed pie crust.

Best Costume Wins a Prize

It's Halloween!! Be creative and come in costume to the meeting, you might win a pair of ski tickets!

Benefits Committee Update

As we announced in February, after several years of serving the Club as Benefits Chairs, we are stepping down. The Club is **seeking someone to step up** and take over this function **for the 2018-2019 ski season** which commences with the Board meeting in June 2018 along with the ticket sale functions commencing in July 2018.

Bring your checkbook to the General Meeting on October 24th to purchase tickets.

Vermont Tickets: In August, the Club through Benefits conducted a mail sale of Vermont Tickets. Benefits conducted a sale at the September meeting and then conducted an email sale thereafter.

You may purchase additional tickets at the General Meeting on ***October 24, 2017***. The total price of the tickets is due at the time of sale. Order forms for Vermont Tickets will be available at that time. You must attend the meeting to purchase tickets in this sale.

Some Vermont Mountains are sold out and there are limited quantities of other Vermont Mountains, so come to the General Meeting for the best opportunity to get the tickets you want. Restrictions for Vermont are currently ***16 ticket maximum*** with ***no more than 2 tickets from any one mountain.*** After the October 24th meeting, there will be another email ticket sale on a first come, first serve basis with confirmation by return email. Remaining tickets will go on sale at the ***December 2017 meeting***.

Cannon and Bretton Woods: Currently, there is an email sale of ***Cannon***. Tickets for this mountain will be on sale at the ***October 24th meeting***. There is no limit on the amount of tickets that you may purchase. We are working with ***Bretton Woods***; it appears a voucher program as last year will be offered this year, but the ticket window price may rise from $50 to $55. We are waiting for confirmation. Benefits will keep members updated.

New Hampshire/Maine Mountains: You may access other New Hampshire and Maine discounts by joining EICSL for an additional $10 added to your ACE Club membership. See ***Michèle Grenier,*** our Membership Chair, or our EICSL Representatives ***Chuck Riley*** or ***Bryan Woods*** for further information.

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Notices from Benefits Other than those sales at General Meetings, 2017-2018 ticket sales will be announced by email (***ACE Google Group***) 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, ***Michèle Grenier***.

Wachusett Mountain GPS Club Benefits is participating in the ***Wachusett Mountain GPS*** "Greatest Possible Savings!" club. To sign up for a Wachusett Mountain GPS Club Pass, go to www.wachusett.com Click on ***Group Sales*** - In the drop down menu - click on ***GPS Club*** - 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***.

Prices for passes increase $100 after November 15, 2017. Check out the link "Perks our PassHolders Receive."

One does not have to be an ACE Ski and Board Club member to join our GPS group.

Please Note: ***Marcia Ruklic*** has agreed to take over this function and Benefits is in the process of transferring the same to her.

Robert and Ilene Titus
Benefits Co-Chairs
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Southborough., MA 01772
ilenetitus@charter.net

Thanks for the School Supplies!

Your donations were greatly appreciated by the **Nashua Children's Home:**

"Thank you so much for your very generous contribution of backpacks and school supplies to Nashua Children's Home.

The efforts of our staff on behalf of the area's neediest children and families are significantly enhanced by the goodwill of our community. Much of the care and guidance provided to the children and familes whom we serve would not be possible without the generosity of gifts such as yours."

ACE Logo Wear

Thanks to **Roscoe Diamond**, cool new ***zippered totes*** and ***baseball caps*** with the ACE logo will again be available at the October meeting!

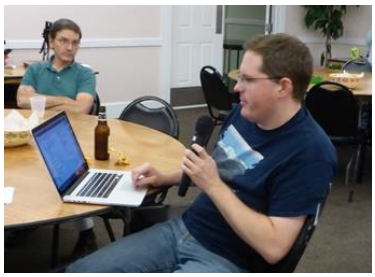
Totes or B-Caps: $15 each
Check or PayPal – no cash

Recap of September General Meeting

Jon Levy welcomed all in attendance, then introduced members of the Club's board.

Michèle Grenier talked about membership and trips.

Bryan Wood gave an update on EICSL, including race dates and trips - the trip to Italy is almost full; participants will have the opportunity to visit Venice during the Carnival! He mentioned an upcoming Demo Day at Bretton Woods.



Ilene and **Rob Titus** reiterated the news that they would no longer hold the Benefits Chair next season and implored someone to step up to continue providing discount tickets for the Club.

Robin Diamond touted the benefits of the club, and asked the audience for ideas on how to boost membership.

Roscoe Diamond showed off the brand new, high quality Logo Wear that he recently ordered for the club.

Jon Levy gave a sober report on how the Club would change next season if no one volunteered to take Ilene and Rob's place as ACE Benefits Chairs: without an ACE discount tickets program, the Club could no longer offer door prizes, as they are funded out of the Club's ticket sales. Due to expected lower interest, there would be only 2 meetings a year, as well as just 2 newsletters. The Club would offer a single type of membership (Full) that includes EICSL. Basic membership would no longer be available. ACE members would still enjoy all EICSL benefits, including a smaller offering of discount tickets, EICSL trips, low cost lodging at selected EICSL clubs, as well as the Wachusetts GPS. In short, ACE would become an EICSL-only club.

Taking over the role of Benefits Chair role can be challenging but rewarding. It involves responsibility for a fairly large budget (20K in and out) and a non-trivial time commitment.

The featured speaker of the evening, **Dana Gray**, started by giving a brief history of the National Ski Patrol and its founder, Charles Minot "Minnie" Dole:

In 1936, while skiing at Stowe, ***Minnie Dole*** broke an ankle and had to be brought down the mountain on a piece of corrugated tin roofing! This and other experiences led him to found the ***National Ski Patrol*** in 1938; he stayed on the board for the next 50 years! In 1943, he went on to form the ***10th Mountain Division,*** which still exists today. The division was deployed in Italy during World War II. The National Ski Patrol is the only organization authorized to recruit for the armed forces.

Dana has been on the Ski Patrol at ***Wachusetts Mountain*** for the last 8 years. He started off as a ranger, then his interest in becoming an EMT led him to take a 120 hours, medical equivalency, basic EMT course. One of the patrollers at Wachusetts actually wrote the ***OEC Manual*** (Outdoor Emergency Care). As a patrol candidate, he was given a mentor for the first season and was accepted in 2010. His first accident was a boot top fracture; he had to apply a chest harness and radio for help. It was a Friday night at 7 pm and the goal was to get the person down the mountain within 20 minutes and to the hospital within one hour. His patient was in surgery by 9 pm!

The protocol is that the first person at the scene of an accident owns the accident and is responsible for coordinating the response. Typically, this involves first stabilizing the person (*ALS* = Advance Life

Support) for example by applying a pelvic splint, then another patroller bringing them down by toboggan to the First Aid station. Patrollers wear a red flashing headlight. To avoid getting knocked down by other skiers, the international symbol for an accident is to put up ski poles in form of an X.

Dana had brought along a sampling of the various tools and supplies he carries along when on patrol: sling, radio, splints, padding, surgical scissors, glucose, candy, masks to give rescue breaths; also, a multi-tool bought at Walmart, zip ties (always handy!) and a screw driver - often in demand by snowboarders.

When Robin asked him to quote a particularly memorable experience, Dana told of an incident where a blackout of the whole ski station was caused by a missing child who had skied into the woods and accidentally shorted the electrical wiring! The kid recounted how surprised he was when he suddenly saw sparks under his skis!

To graduate to ***Senior Patroller*** meant getting a lot more medical training, and practice at different locations and under different conditions. Every year a Senior Patroller must take a toboggan test to show that he can safely handle it and stay in control on the steepest terrain, on bumps! *Smith Walton* is the steepest trail on Wachusetts. A patroller must also show that if there are 2 simultaneous accidents, he/she can bring them both down within the prescribed 20 minutes window. Dana's greatest difficulty was that he couldn't snow plow! His ankles were formed in a way that they couldn't bend. The problem was solved by special boot inserts: it worked!

More recently, Dana got certified in ***Mountain Travel Rescue (MTR)***. The first level, MTR-1, involved an overnight stay in the woods, building a shelter, and an extraction (rescue) in 30 degree weather with ropes and pullies.

MTR-2 called for 3 nights in a snow cave, which he did in the Catskills. The first night was a little cold at 10 degrees below zero! Building a snow cave keeps you warm, but you have to change into dry clothes before resting, because of sweating. The inside temperature is typically 38 degrees and it is very quiet (unless you have a roommate :-) Dana went on to become an ***MTR instructor***, which involved taking an avalanche class at Franconia Notch. He also became an OEC instructor and a ski instructor.

Dana grew up locally. His first job was making 100 lb of popcorn at the Chelmsford drive-in when they were showing the Disney movie *'Snow White.'* He later went to Nashoba Tech to learn woodworking and carpentry and now builds custom furniture and does restoration. He also spent 5 years in the Navy, 3 in Norfolk and in the Indian Ocean.

Robin Diamond met Dana a long time ago through a mutual friend and first brought him skiing at ***Benjamin Hill*** in Shirley.

Dana is also an active member of the ***Boston AMC Sea Kayakers*** group. Robin considers him her most trusted leader; they often kayak together.

There are over 20K ski patrollers in the USA. Patrollers also help out with other outdoor activities like marathons, mountain bike races, ... They practice handling a variety of situations, such as lift evacuations, help giving birth (!), ski with an infant, among others. It is the best volunteer job in Massachusetts! Some positions are paid.

Wachusetts Mountain is a great place to work: the 1st year you get a season pass, the 2nd year your spouse, the 3rd year your kids. You also get discounts at other mountains, e.g. half price at Breckenridge.

Wachusetts usually gets around 1,800 people the first night they are open, 2,200 when school kids arrive by bus! Typically 8-10 accidents happen every day. Last year there was good snow. The count goes up when it's icy! On one occasion, there were 30 accidents with 7 ambulances in one day!

Young people 15 and up can volunteer as ***Junior Ski Patrollers.*** They can provide assistance but must be 18 to deal with an accident.

September 2017 Door Prize Winners

Dana Blanchard	Goggles
Roscoe Diamond	2 Mad River Tickets
Michèle Grenier	T-Shirt
Leta Markham	2 Pico Tickets
Barbara Pazner	2 Magic Tickets
Chuck Riley	Gloves
Greg Ruklic	Ski Jacket
Arnold Smith	Goggles
Mariana Socaciu	Tote
Eric Solla	Socks
Mary Stillson	Thermals
Ilene Titus	2 Bromley Tickets
Rob Titus	Boot Bag
Roscoe Diamond	Skis
Ryan Conway	Poles

Roscoe won the grand prize!

Great jacket, Greg!

Mariana loves her new ACE tote!

Nice poles, Ryan!

Mary's new thermals will keep her toasty

Leta will have fun at Pico

September Door Prizes – continued

Warm gloves for Chuck

Robin shows off the cool features of the ACE tote

A handy boot bag for Rob!

Eric's new socks will keep him warm!

Dana will see clearly in fog or sun

Roscoe will "Ski It If You Can" at Mad River

Membership Update

Dear Members:

Now is the time to sign up or renew your ***ACE Ski and Board*** membership!

You can download membership forms from the ACE website at www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership and then mail your completed form and dues (checks, no cash) to:

Michèle Grenier
ACE Ski and Board Club
46 Kelly Road
Dracut, MA 01826

If you are a **PayPal** user, just send your payment to payments@aceskiandboardclub.org.

If you are paying by PayPal **you will still need to complete the membership process by sending your signed form to the above address**, or you may **scan and email** it to mgrenier444@gmail.com or bring it in person to any general meeting. I will email you a confirmation that I received your membership application.

You may also sign up or renew your membership at every general meeting.

NOTE: If your email has changed, please put a note on your membership form that ***"my email has changed."*** Thank you!

Let it Snow!!!!!!!!

Michèle Grenier, Membership Chair
mgrenier444@gmail.com

New and renewing members will be automatically added to the club's ***"Members Only" Google Group*** unless they explicitly request not to be included. This email list will be used to disseminate club news and announcements to ACE Club members.

What the 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 snowboarding

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 snowboarding 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)

Benefits of Membership

- Newsletter published four times a year
- Discount lift tickets
- Social meetings with presentations on aspects of skiing and boarding
- Active race program
- Occasional ski trips to the west or Europe and to Northern New England
- Member organized day trips to New Hampshire / Vermont
- Some shop discounts
- Timely information on coupons, special discount days and other deals
- Cross-country skiing outings
- Summer activities: cycling, hiking, camping trips
- Google Groups and Yahoo!Groups lists; see details
- Optional EICSL membership
- Opportunities for family member racing
- Eligibility to win gear worth over $ 2,000 at general meetings

For details on winter trips, tickets, EICSL, racing, meetings and membership, see the club's website:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org

Google Groups

Members-only Google Group

New and renewing members are ***automatically added*** to the club's "Members Only" **Google Group**, unless they explicitly request not to be included.

Family/Associate members will also be included automatically, assuming an email address was provided on their membership form.

If you are **not** receiving emails, please contact the Membership Chair at membership@aceskiandboardclub.org.

To **post** to this group, send email to aceskiandboardmembers@googlegroups.com

To **unsubscribe** from the Google Group and stop receiving emails from it, send an email to aceskiandboardmembers+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com

It is necessary that you be on this "Members Only" list to hear about **benefits, newsletters** and late breaking **deals** that the club offers.

The club's Google Group is **private** and not listed in the Google Groups directory. Membership to this group is **restricted** - all group members must be approved and must be members of the ACE Ski and Board Club.

As a member of this group you can send out messages to the whole group – see email address above for posting. However - to avoid spam - all messages are approved by a **moderator** before they are released.

Updating your Email Address

Please let Membership know ASAP if your email address changes from when you filled out your Membership form, so that you continue to receive the latest news and updates from the club.

Old Yahoo!Groups

The **general Yahoo!Groups** is still around for general discussions related to the club. It may include current members as well as past members who still hold an interest in the club. However, it does not necessarily include all current club members, since signing up for it is optional. This group, like the members-only Google Group, is also a moderated group. Yahoo!Groups requires that participants send an acknowledgment when they are being signed up.

Links and Forms

Check out the club's public website at www.aceskiandboardclub.org.

In addition, look for news about coupons, special discount days and deals available only to club members in your members-only email.

Membership:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/

Tickets:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/tickets/

Racing:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/racing/

Newsletters:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/newsletters/

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/aceskis

EICSL:

www.eicsl.org

ACE/EICSL Update

Chuck Riley, Bryan Woods
ACE EICSL Representatives

Haven't skied in the last couple of years? Last couple of decades? Never skied at all? What's your excuse? No money? No time? No skis? Whatever your reasons, we've got an answer.

The **Eastern Inter-Club Ski League (EICSL),** which began in 1950 as a small group of ski clubs, is an organization comprised of clubs with over 1,200 members. Don't let those numbers scare you. Each of the clubs has anywhere from 25 to 150 members and likes to keep things as intimate and family-like as possible.

Each individual club has its own elected board of directors and numerous committees to take care of the needs of its members. EICSL binds all clubs together. EICSL' s most important function, according to **John Bycina**, Past President (1998-2000) of EICSL, is *"to help clubs communicate and to obtain benefits for a large group such as a race program, social activities and discount tickets."*

Once a 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.

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 people decide the night before where they'll be skiing and share rides the next morning.

Although ACE doesn't have a lodge, we have standing agreements with a few clubs if you are interested in staying at their house as a guest. Cost is very low (about $25/night), so don't expect the Marriott.

The **ACE Ski & Board Club** would like to invite **YOU** - to join EICSL as well. For just $10 per member in addition to your ACE Membership dues you can take advantage of all the discounts - but most important - the social atmosphere!

Join now! Email **Chuck Riley**, ***ACE Ski and Board EICSL Chair*** @ slohand53@gmail.com to inquire.

For more information about EICSL, go to www.eicsl.org.

EICSL Guest Lodging

For EICSL Members interested in weekend lodging in the North Conway area, one option is to stay at the ***Wedeln Ski Club***. Contact VP **Rob Murphy**, robertmurphy.wedeln@gmail.com by the Wednesday prior to the weekend you wish to stay.

Cost is $25/night, payable via ***PayPal*** in advance.

2017-2018 EICSL Applications

The EICSL signup or renewal **deadline for the 2017-2018 season is October 31, 2017**. No exceptions will be made!

If you have **PayPal** you can make your EICSL and Club dues payment by sending your payment to payments@AceSkiAndBoardclub.org.

ACE Club Application Form and EICSL Release Form are required.

EICSL Kick-off

The EICSL kick-off at ***Bretton Woods*** is Saturday, December 9.

EICSL Trips

Jay Peak

5.5 Day Trip	December 12 - 17, 2017
3.5 Day Trip	December 14 - 17, 2017

Cortina d'Ampezzo and Venice, Italy

January 26 – February 3, 2018

For details on this season's EICSL trips, check out www.eicsl.org/trips--discounts.html.

ACE/EICSL Racing 2017–2018

Robin Temple Diamond, Race Chair

November 15th is the final date to sign up to race on the **White Mountain/EICSL Race League**.

If you are interested in racing, please contact ***Robin Diamond*** at: NHSkiDog@gmail.com with Subject: ACE RACING 2017-18 INQUIRY

You must be an **ACE Ski & Board Club Member** and **EICSL Member** to race. The EICSL membership payment and signed form must be submitted to the ***ACE Ski & Board Club Membership Chair*** by ***November 1st***.

You can get forms at the upcoming General Meeting or by visiting the Club's website at www.aceskiandboardclub.org.

Race Program Details

- Four races per year.
- Participate in two races to qualify for championship.
- $20.00 to register for the year (make check payable to ***ACE Ski & Board Club***).
- Discounted lift tickets available at each race.
- You must be an active member of EICSL and the ACE Ski & Board Club.

On-Line Registration

Stay tuned for instructions on how to **sign up online** for the ACE/EICSL race season 2017-2018.

2017-2018 Race Dates and Locations

1st	**January 6, 2018**	**Bretton Woods**
2nd	**January 20, 2018**	**Shawnee**
3rd	**February 10, 2018**	**Cranmore**
Champ.	**March 3, 2018**	**Attitash**

NOTE: Race dates are confirmed, but mountains are subject to change.