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DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

If you only go to one meeting this year, the December potluck dinner meeting should be the one. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at Granlibakken Ski and Racquet Resort on December 7, 1987. Members and guests will be bringing lots of food, including desserts, salads, main dishes (very important), vegetables, drinks and much more.



THE NEXT TRAININGS

Meet at Ski Incline on Thursday, December 10, at 8:30 a.m. for Andy Butcher's tour from Sheep Flats to the ski area. We hope it will be a ski tour.

On Sunday, December 27, Dave Fenimore will lead a tour into the Martis Peak backcountry.

More details on both trainings will be announced at the December 7 general meeting and potluck at Granlibakken, or call Scott Schroepfer or Jeff Menzer for information.

SOUTH POLE SKI TRIP SELLS OUT

A 50-day ski tour from the shores of Antarctica to the South Pole, scheduled for Fall 1988, has already sold out. What kind of people want to do this sort of thing? "Darn rich," says Hugh Culver, director of Adventure Network International in Vancouver, BC. The cost: \$70,000 a person.

Culver's company already has three flights to the pole this year completely booked—at \$25,000-\$35,000 per person— and is supervising expeditions to climb Vison Massif, the highest mountain on the continent.

These upscale tourists are vacationing in a land that can be remote, cold, and hostile, in more ways than one. Scientists with the US National Science Foundation aren't too happy about the commercial trips. "We can't prevent them from doing this, but we won't do anything to assist them and we've asked them not to land on our skiway," a Foundation official said.

This year's Adventure Network International trip leaves from Punta Arenas, Chile, aboard a DC-4 for an 11-hour flight to a camp in the Ellsworth Mts. It is the largest private camp ever established on the continent, 700 miles from the pole. There, the company has set up five large insulated buildings and equipped the area with snowmobiles, washrooms, sleds, a library and a gourmet cook. Tourists will stay there for several days of lectures and side trips before heading to the pole in two planes.

-from the 11/21/87 Reno Gazette-Journal

NEW CALL-OUT LIST AVAILABLE

The new call-out list is now available. Copies were handed out at the November general meeting. If you want a list, come to the general meeting or contact Dave Fenimore.

AVALANCHE SEMINAR USEFUL

Six team members attended the recent avalanche seminar held at Alpine Meadows Ski Area. Two of the attendees were sponsored by the Bernie Kingery Fund and four of the attendees were sponsored by the Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team, Inc. Those sponsored were Dan Young, Skip Reedy, Paul Wilford, Doug Stewart, Jeff Green and Rich Silver. The seminar was reported to be very informative and useful for the types of situations our team members will encounter. A full report on the seminar will be given at the December general meeting.

SLIDE SHOW THANK YOU'S

The Public Relations Committee thanks all those who made their color slide pictures available to the team for use in slide shows and other publicity purposes. Those team members are Debra and Scott Schroepfer, Doug Read, Dave Fenimore, John Coburn, Randy Osterhuber, Dave Carmazzi, Andy Butcher, Gerald Rockwell, Deni O'Halloran, Doug Stewart and Mike Wolterbeek. (And I hope I didn't leave anyone off of the list.)

DISPLAY BOARD PICTURES NEEDED

The PR Committee also will be updating the team's display board with new 8x10 color prints and will need some good shots to choose from. If you have prints (and their negatives) that may be suitable, please bring them to the next general meeting or contact Doug Stewart or Mike Wolterbeek. We can make prints from the color slides, but we also want to give those with prints-only to have an opportunity to share their photographic wonders with the rest of the world.

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

At the November general meeting, Randy Osterhuber, equipment committee chairman, reported that the team has purchased the following new equipment: a water purifier, food, altimeters, compasses and bivy sacks. These items will be available for search and rescue missions this season. Also, with a gift certificate from "Sew What?" (who made a presentation at the October general meeting), the team has another new custom radio chest harness. Any ideas on equipment needs for the team should be directed to Randy.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE-200 cm. Fischer Crown waxless track skis with Salomon bindings, \$25. 120 cm, Life-Link Telemark poles with backcountry grips, \$15. La Prealpina automobile roof rack with four bicycle mounts and four ski mounts, \$45. Dave, 546-4149 WANTED—woman's backpack suitable for traveling. Call Tanya at 546-8162 or 546-3132.

CLASSIFIED ADS? GIVE THEM TO MIKE WOLTERBEEK AT THE MONDAY NIGHT MEETING.

NEW MEETING TIME

The regular time for the regular meetings has been changed, and will go into effect at the January meeting. The new time for general meetings is 7 p.m. This was established by a vote of the general membership at the November general meeting. The potluck dinner meeting on December 7 is 6:30 p.m. (a little earlier so we can have more time to eat).



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