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By Fran Harrelson

"Where is Sunday River?" you ask. "Well, it is in Maine." I say. More specifically, it is located near the town of Bethel. Bethel, if you are looking at your map of Maine, is just over the New Hampshire border (that is the straight line, landside border of the state), just outside of the White Mountain National Forest (known for its 48 high peaks). If you just happen to have the 1985 edition of The World Book Encyclopedia, it would be in Section K2!

Sunday River is 660 acres of ski resort. This includes 48 miles of skiable terrain - kind of like skiing from Philadelphia to Atlantic City except not in the straight line or flat surface. There are EIGHT interconnected mountains with 128 trails and glades. There are 18 lifts including 4 high-speed quads. Sunday River claims to be "the most dependable snow in New England". This is probably due in part to their extensive snowmaking capability with 1550 snowgods - oh, I mean snowguns!

Fall Line Ski Club will be aiming the ski bus express in that direction on Friday January 24, 2003 at 6:00 PM. We will be spending a three-day SuperBowl weekend there. So as not to miss the game, we will

be returning on Monday January 27. Boy, I can't think of a better après-ski soiree than a SuperBowl party!

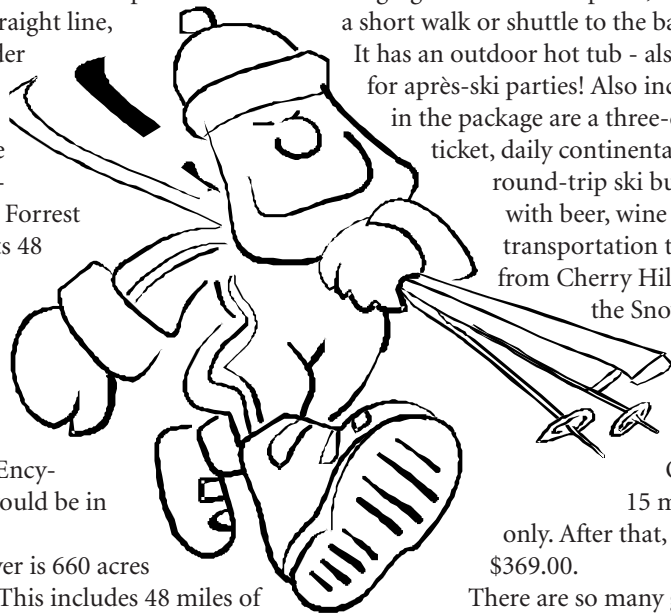
Your package will include three nights lodging at the Snow Cap Inn, which is just a short walk or shuttle to the base lodge.

It has an outdoor hot tub - also good for après-ski parties! Also included in the package are a three-day lift ticket, daily continental breakfast, round-trip ski bus (loaded with beer, wine and soda) transportation to and from Cherry Hill, NJ and the Snow Cap Inn. The package is \$349.00 at the October 15 meeting only. After that, the price is \$369.00.

There are so many good reasons to go on the Sunday River trip, I am not sure I could even limit them to a top ten. I will mention a few:

It's been a few years since FLSC has been to Sunday River.

Sunday River is so diverse; there is something for everyone. You name it, they've got it. Steeps, bumps, cruising in the bowl, trees, for all levels. Or each person can try a little bit of everything. There are also 4 terrain parks, 2 halfpipes and 1 quarterpipe if you are training for the X-Games or even if you just want to have fun.



Important Notice

If you have not renewed your 2002-2003 Membership, this will be your last newsletter.

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Jim's Message

Member Information

In prior newsletters I have written about the work that Mike Gilbert is doing to try to make our meetings more interesting and to attract some new members. He is currently pursuing several ideas such as a greeting committee to help make new members and prospective members feel welcome.

When new people come to our meetings we would like to have them go home and tell their friends that the Fall Line Ski Club is a club that has exceptional hospitality and the officers and members made them feel right at home. I would like to pass on my recent experiences with two other ski clubs that made me feel that way.

First, I paid a visit to the South Jersey Ski Club in August. I asked Mike Keegan, their club president if I could sell some tickets. He not only said yes but he bought me a beer and made an announcement that I was from Fall Line and had SnoBall tickets for sale. Later Cathie Rappoport walked around with me to help me sell tickets.

During a long weekend in September a small group of us returned to New Hampshire to complete the challenge that Craig Dombrosky made to me to complete climbing the 48 4,000 foot peaks in the White Mountains. Craig, Juan Carro, Bob Homan and I finished the last peak that weekend. Fran Harrelson, Sandy Homan and several dogs accompanied us on the trip.

Fran, Craig and I had the good fortune to stay at the Randolph Ski Club clubhouse in

North Conway. Their club president, Paul Hamric, made a special trip from his home near Boston to spend a few days with us. Their club rules require a club member to be present when guests stay at their house. By the time we returned home we left with the feeling that Paul's hospitality was more than exceptional. Every morning when we woke up Paul had a pot of coffee ready and some cut-up fruit waiting for us. He told us we were welcome to anything in the refrigerator and then he joined us for dinner after we returned from our hikes. If space permitted I could continue with many other things he did to make us feel welcome.

Paul made the offer for other members of our ski club to visit their clubhouse as guest of the Randolph Ski Club. Their house is not far from the high peaks and close to several ski areas. Their guest rates are currently \$15 per night. Feel free to contact me for more information.

Finally, why am I telling you all this? Because I want to issue a challenge to all of you to help Mike Gilbert make visitors to our club feel as welcome as Mike and Paul did for me. You could volunteer for one of Mike's activities such as the greeting committee or 50/50 sales. Or, you could simply help anyone who looks new and introduce him or her to other members.

Jim

Fall Line Ski Club membership begins May 1 and ends April 30. Membership applications for renewals and new membership are accepted any time in the year. The membership fee is \$20 until September 6 and \$25 afterwards.

Members have the privilege of attending all Fall Line Ski Club activities during the summer season as well as next ski season. Membership applications may be obtained at any General Meeting, on the penultimate page of most newsletters, at the web site at www.FallLine.org or through the mail by contacting:

Robyn Taddei
9109 Verree Road
Philadelphia, PA 19115-2801
Phone: 215-969-4736
E-mail: Membership@FallLine.org

The membership application should be completed in a legible manner to ensure the proper forwarding of all club correspondence. Any member not receiving the newsletter should stop at the membership table during a General Meeting.

Changes in address or phone numbers should be reported as soon as possible so that you may remain informed of all Fall Line events and activities.

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Sugarbush, VT February 7th - 9th

By Terri Corbo

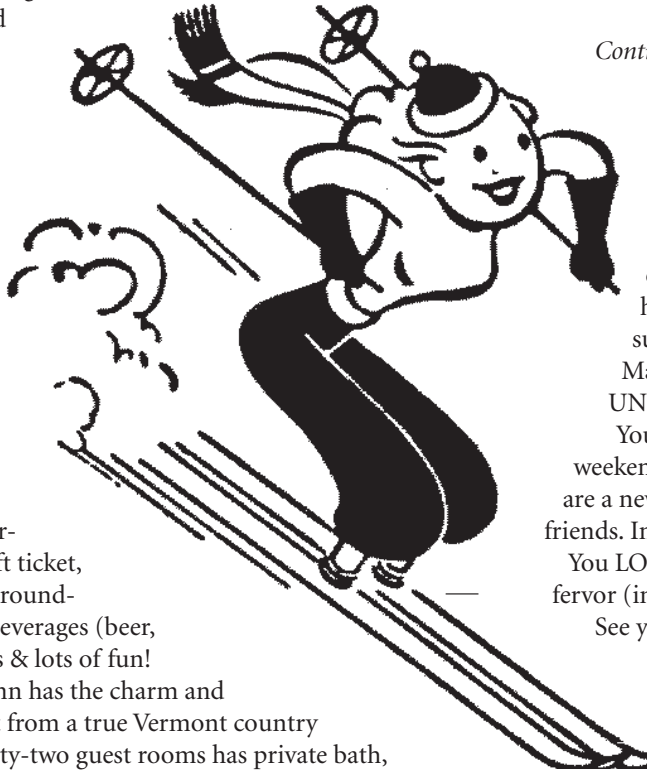
Nothing beats Vermont - Ben & Jerry's, Maple Syrup and some of the best skiing in the East!! So Fall Liners will head to Sugarbush the weekend of February 7th for a taste of Vermont!

Sugarbush has been a long time favorite destination for Fall Line weekenders. Once again we will visit the Sugarbush Resort, located in Warren Vermont, for a fun-filled weekend. The trip includes two nights lodging at the Sugarbush Inn, a 2 day lift ticket, 2 buffet breakfasts, round-trip bus ride with beverages (beer, wine, soda), movies & lots of fun!

The Sugarbush Inn has the charm and comfort you expect from a true Vermont country inn. Each of the forty-two guest rooms has private bath, color television with cable and telephone. The Terrace Restaurant offers hearty breakfasts; dinners are served in The Grill and Pub. Evenings, you may relax in the library or by the fire in the living room or check out the nightlife @ the Blue Tooth right down the road!

Sugarbush's 4,000-foot peaks, 112 trails and 2,650 feet of vertical translate into unparalleled terrain for all abilities. The six mountains of Sugarbush encompass some 4,000 acres of incredible terrain and are connected by the world's longest, fastest chairlift: the Slide Brook Express. From the legendary Castlerock, the Glades of Eden, and the Godzilla halfpipe to an entire mountain of intermediate and novice slopes; Sugarbush is Vermont's mountain for big skiing! One-half of the resort's 112 trails are intermediate; 25% are beginner and 25% expert. To top it all off, we're staying at our Fall Line favorite, the Sugarbush Inn.

The bus will leave Cherry Hill @ 6 p.m. Friday evening on Feb. 7th and returns late on Sunday evening Feb. 9th. The trip opens on October 15th with an early sign-up price is \$279 (a twenty dollar savings).



Sunday River

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If you are anything like myself, you can't wait to get into the Land of Oz (a section of Sunday River) and visit the... oh wait, maybe I shouldn't tell you which trail so I can selfishly keep it to myself.

You might catch a glimpse of the World's Largest Snowman (or at least the largest one Fall Line has ever seen) in Bethel, Maine. While I am on the subject of Bethel, in 2001, Nathaniel Reade of Ski Magazine has named Bethel the greatest ski town in the UNIVERSE!

You can't think of a better way to spend SuperBowl weekend than with your Fall Line friends. Or maybe you are a new member and want to make some new Fall Line friends. In either case, are you ready for the football?

You LOVE skiing and can't wait to get out and ski with fervor (intense, uncontrollable passion or emotion).

See you at the signup!

Did Somebody Say Meetings?

General Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Garden Room of Laurel Inn, Route 73 and Fellowship Road, Mt. Laurel, NJ. Meetings are from 8:00 until 10:30 PM for trip sign-ups, announcements, information and socializing. Please bring a friend, for newcomers are always welcome.

Board Meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday each month. Members are welcome to attend. Meeting locations rotate amongst board members' houses, so ask any board member for the next meeting location.

Winter Trip Committee Meetings are conducted by Wayne Schofield, board member and Winter Trip Chairman, and occur monthly. Please call Wayne (856-931-2173) if you are interested in attending or participating.

Summer Trip Committee Meetings are conducted by Patty Shearer, board member and Summer Trip Chairman, and occur monthly. Please call Patty (856-778-4657) if you are interested in attending or participating.

Killington: The Best Skiing in the East

By Carol Goodhue

It's time to get ready for Fall Line's annual trek to Killington, January 10 to January 12, 2003. This is always a popular trip and will certainly sell out fast.

What does everyone like about Killington? It's BIG!

And it gets lots of snow – about 250

inches annually. With seven peaks and a 3,150 ft. vertical, there is something for everyone.

There are plenty of trails for beginners and intermediates and enough challenge for the experts such as the Outer Limits, the steepest mogul run in New England.

Killington also offers plenty to do after skiing. We will be staying at the North Star Lodge which happens to be right next to the Grist Mill, a popular watering hole and restaurant for Fall Liners. Saturday will also include a

pool party.

The trip price includes:

- ❖ Round trip motor coach transportation from Cherry Hill to Killington
- ❖ Two night's accommodations at the North Star Lodge
- ❖ Full buffet breakfast each morning
- ❖ Two-day lift ticket
- ❖ Beer, wine and soda on the bus

So, be on time for the October 1 or you may find yourself on the waiting list! The early sign up price is \$309, after October 1 the full price is \$329.



Back For An Encore

Presentation:

The Fall Line Holiday Celebration

Erlton Ballroom

Cherry Hill, NJ

17 December 2002

Tickets Go On Sale 15 October

Price: To Be Announced

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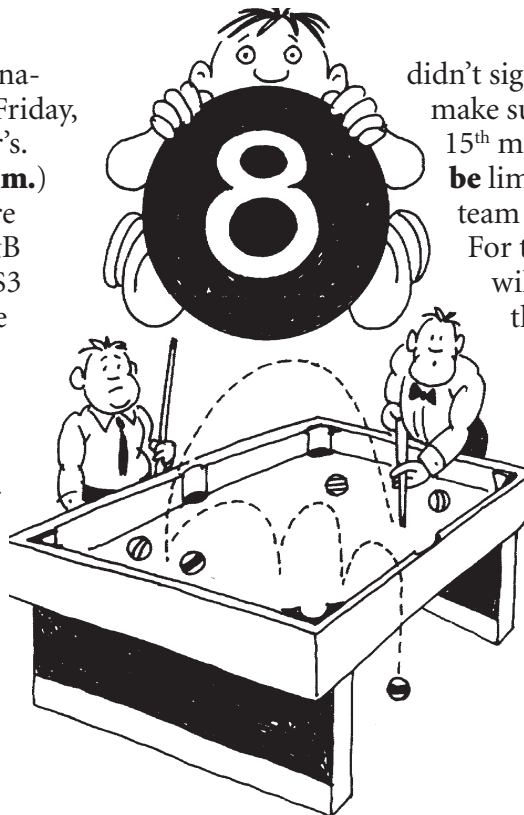
**Visit Fall Line's Web Site at
www.FallLine.org**

FLSC's 5th Annual Pool Tournament Let the Games Begin

Fall Line's 5th Annual Pool Tournament will take place 8:00 p.m., Friday, November 8th at Dave & Buster's. **(You MUST be there by 7:45 p.m.)**

D&B's is located at 325 Delaware Avenue in Philadelphia, PA. D&B offers parking for \$6, of which \$3 is redeemable inside D&B's. The price is \$30 per person, which includes a minimum of three games, a fine selection of food and a whole lot of fun. Prizes will be awarded in three categories, as well as for consolation prizes. Therefore, you don't need to be a pool shark to qualify. For some, it's just the luck of the draw.

You don't want to miss out on this year's event. If you



didn't sign up at the September 17th meeting, make sure you sign up at the October 1st or 15th meetings. As noted earlier, space **will be limited**. This helps to ensure that every team will play a minimum of three games. For teams that make it into the finals there will be an opportunity to play more than three rounds. In addition, depending upon the length of each game, as the finals wind down there will be open tables for those diehard players that can never get enough. All skill levels are welcome. Come alone or sign up with a partner (mixed teams preferred). Come join in the fun!