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SUGARBUSH, Vermont - SALE !!

February 7th - 9th

By Terri Corbo



Sugarbush
And Stowe
reduced by
\$20

The Sugarbush weekend is on **SALE** - save **TWENTY DOLLARS !!**
The new price is **\$279 !!**

Sugarbush has been a long time favorite destination for Fall Line Weekenders. The trip includes two nights lodging at the Sugarbush Inn, a 2 day lift ticket, 2 buffet breakfasts, roundtrip bus ride with beverages (beer, wine, soda), movies & lots of fun!

Sugarbush's 4,000-foot peaks, 112 trails and 2,650 feet of vertical translates 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.

The bus will leave the Barclay Farms Shopping Center, Cherry Hill @ 6 pm Friday evening on Feb 7th and returns late on Sunday evening Feb 9th.
Note: Those who have already signed-up will be given a credit to reflect the new price! ☺

January Schedule

January 7 Meeting

\$1 Beer night
Pick up Vail tickets & pay for
NASTAR race

January 21 Meeting

\$1 Beer night
Pick up Taos tickets
Pick up Italy tickets

**All Meetings in January,
February and March are
\$1 Beer Nights with Cheese
and Pepperoni**

Jim's Message

The January issue of Ski Magazine has an article on how to boost your immune system to keep you healthy during the ski season. The article said that Americans suffer from a total of 1 billion colds each year. And it had some tips for strengthening your immune system for the winter.

First they recommend that the average person needs about 8 to 8-1/2 hours sleep each night. Partial sleep deprivation will reduce the number of natural killer cells and weaken your immune system. It always seemed to me that I could get away with less sleep on a ski vacation. If you're skiing and not working you have less stress so you should be able to get away with less sleep, right? I don't think the experts would agree but who cares, it works for me.

They also recommend that we eat lots of garlic. Garlic is loaded with antiviral and anti bacterial properties to fight off colds. They said supplements are OK but the raw stuff is best. I don't think I have enough influence to ask Wayne Schofield to pass out garlic cloves to winter trip leaders and I'm not too sure we'll make any new friends by bringing our own. If you decide to take this advice please don't ask me to ride the lift with you.

Ok, perhaps the next one is a possibility for Fall Line members. We're supposed to relax. I think we do a good job with that, especially on the way home on bus trips. We're also supposed to "think positively". I think most of us are also pretty good at that, especially on our ski trips. That means no whining, right! They also recommend getting a weekly massage. Is that going to cut into our skiing? I think a massage might cost as much as a lift ticket.

Here's another recommendation. Sweat it out. You can go to the gym, work out at home, or perhaps rent some snowshoes and snowshoe to the summit of your favorite peak. Craig Dombrosky and I tried that on a free day on one trip and found it's not as easy as it looked. Or, you could sign up for some of our high-peak hikes throughout the year.

We're also supposed to maintain a healthy diet. They recommend limiting our intake of junk food, like cookies chips etc, although nuts are supposed to be good. I thought I saw something about limiting alcohol intake but after rereading the article I couldn't find that passage. Hey, is beer a food? They say it is! If that's the "case"(no pun intended) perhaps we can drink another beer and skip an hour's sleep. ☺

Membership Information

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, 2002 and \$25 afterwards.

Members have the privilege of attending all Fall Line Ski Club activities during the time of their membership. Membership applications may be obtained at any meeting, in the back of most newsletters, from the web site at www.FallLine.org or through the mail by contacting:

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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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And the Games Began.....

I am proud to say that on Friday, November 8, Dave & Busters (D&Bs) was awed by the presence of FLSC. Food was in abundance, spirits were high and a good time was had by all.

My congratulations to the following:

Matt Gosting & Jim Knab

Bob & Diane Miller

**Andy Valvardi & Don
Kajioka**

Winner's Circle

*Runners-Up Winner's
Circle*

Honorable Mention Circle

Along with the many “*consolation*” prize winners.

I want to thank everyone who participated in helping make this year’s tournament truly a night of “*Fun & Games*”.

CORRECTION

There was some literature that listed the full price of the Killington II trip (March Killington) incorrectly at \$319. The correct price is \$329. Some people paid based on the \$319 price while others paid based on the \$329 price correctly listed elsewhere. The people that paid the incorrect amount will need to pay \$10 more. Check your receipts or contact the trip leader, Paul Knese at 215-732-8960 or PJKnese@Hotmail.com

REMINDERS

You must pick up your airline tickets at the meeting before your trip departure. Pick up your tickets on the following meeting dates.

January 7th – Pick up Vail tickets
January 21st – Pick up Taos Tickets and Italy tickets

(SNOWBIRD) ALTA revisited

By: Ann Marsteller

It was a dreary Wednesday afternoon; the circuitous route our Rapid Rover took to get us to the airport was trying my patience. But when we arrived, and got through the short Delta line to get to our gate, spirits picked up. There were 41 of us waiting to take off, unfortunately without Amy Marks, who had just been seriously injured in a car accident Friday. Dennis Halterman and others were searching fruitlessly for a bar in Terminal E. Alas, they had removed it! What, no booze for Fall Line? Horrors. All of a sudden, another Dennis appeared, calling to Dennis H. Dennis Ryan, JP Ryan’s uncle, just happened to be taking the same plane, and had just made reservations for a lodging and ski package at our hotel. As they commiserated about the fact that there was no bar in sight, it dawned on us that maybe we had a buyer for Amy’s land package. I quickly put on my sales hat, and after some questions, we realized that since Dennis had not put any money down at the Lodge yet, he could just buy all of Amy’s fare, except for the plane, for which he had already paid almost \$500. Dennis, ya gotta join Fall Line! Thanks for coughing up the significant amount of cash to make my day. Luckily, there are ATMs at Snowbird now! After some last minute room changes at the gate, we were ready to take off.

Our flight was a bit late taking off due to the airport delays, but we arrived in Salt Lake on time, thanks to a bit of fudging in arrival times, I am sure. We boarded our Lewis Brothers bus, and

made our way toward the canyon road. At the foot of the canyon, we stopped at the obligatory 7-11 for beer, soda and munchies for the troops. Since we were having a pizza party Friday night, Dennis enlisted several muscular Fall Liners to carry 5 cases of beer to the cashier, where I duly recorded and paid for the goods. As we approached The Lodge at Snowbird, hark, it started to snow! It was a great way to start our vacation. We checked in, and I gave out the tickets, and true to form at Snowbird, I was short a Snowbird two day ticket. The search for the missing ticket did not end until the next afternoon, when Lorraine Peters realized she had the extra ticket. Phew! Otherwise, I saw myself sitting at the Lodge for 2 days!

Since there had not been much significant recent snow, the tram at Snowbird was not operating, and the negotiations for ticket upgrades were crazy. You could get a two-day Alta Snowbird ticket for free, but it had to be for two consecutive days you could gamble that there would be snow, and do nothing. You could use your Snowbird ticket one day and get an upgrade for the second day for \$10. Each person came back with a different story. The ticket window people haven’t seen anything like Fall Liners ready to make deals! Many of us waited and got our upgrade the last day for free! Confused? So were we, but hopefully, everyone managed to get something more than we had paid for!

Thursday morning, most of us made the 5-minute bus ride to

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Snowbird Continued

Alta, where you are treated to the grill person at Goldminer's Daughter, who makes everything to order, one at a time! As a food service person, I always want to jump back there and start helping, but several friends restrained me, as usual.

We then proceeded to the Wildcat chair to start our day of skiing. It was quite foggy, there were some snow flurries, and several of us were happy that the slopes were quite silky and groomed. So much so, that Rich Trantham decided to see how fast he could go, and how far he could fall, and how many different pieces of equipment he could spread out on one steep slope with some snow snakes on it. Luckily, I heard this whoosh to my right, and saw arms and legs somersaulting past me. I stopped just in time to pick up his poles, and several other good Samaritans picked up his skis and clothes. Rich was not the same reckless skier for the rest of the week. He had tested the mountain and the mountain had won! Dennis was skiing with "the girls", or his harem, consisting of Mary Jo Gerace, Connie Haasis, and Mindy Mellits. Oops, where's Connie? She had fallen over the side of a catrack and was clawing her way back up the cliff! And all of this before lunch! They later met up with Rob Karch, who was exhausted from Fred Belcher running him ragged through the rocks and trees.

Many of us made our way back to the hot tub, where the soothing pulses softened up those tense and tired muscles. That evening, the Lodge treated its guests to a lovely wine and cheese party, complete with holiday piano music, a roaring fire, and great company. We all traded great stories of our day's escapades. Bob Nuss came with his practical joke, a walnut that opened with something inside which is not fit to print. Thanks, Bob for being the usual you. The veterans knew that you had to get there right at 5:30, in order to get the food, as Jim Gargel found out, when he strolled in 20 minutes late, and there were only mouse crumbs. The one thing is they never seem to run out of wine, so we all imbibed till it was time to leave and retire to the Lodge Bistro, where Gary, our favorite bartender, was back. True to form, by 10:00 all were retired for the night. The altitude just gets to you there.

Friday, we awoke to clear skies, and some went to Alta, and some of us stayed at Snowbird. The snowboarders seemed to take over Snowbird, and many people did not ski there the entire time. Once was enough for me, thank you. The hot tub was a daily event, with champagne and wine and beer flowing freely.

Our pizza party was a blast, with Doug Baker and Rich being my Santa's helpers, and helping me carry the 10 pizzas back to the lodge. Almost everyone showed up, and we had another great time talking about the day. To liven it up a bit, I had a drawing with lots of "prizes." Snowbird and Alta trinkets were Oohed and aahed, as the winners were announced. All coveted the "grand" prizes, a Snowbird gator, won by Frank Goffredi, and a 6 pack of Wasatch Ale, won by Rob Karch. (Remember, this is supposed to be a cheap trip!) But Rob left with only 5 beers! Oh, Derek Chu, had Jim Gargel slip one of Rob's bottles out, replaced it with an empty, and proceeded to open the full bottle with his newly won bottle opener. Those prizes sure come in handy!

Saturday was spent at Alta. Doug Baker was kind enough to wait for me as I wanted to do some rock skiing under some chair lifts, and Dennis, Rich and Kathie Read, said, "See ya!", and took the nicely groomed trails down. Our one boo boo skier, was Jennifer Platt, who took a nasty spill off of a rock, and broke her finger. At least it was the end of the day! We spent the evening in the hot tub, drinking the leftover beers from the night before.

On Sunday, the snow that had been predicted for the night before did not materialize. We were going to go in for a break, but I decided I wanted to take a more difficult run under the Sugarloaf chair, and Dennis, Mindy, and Mary Jo took the easy way down. We started up the chair, and the Snow started. Those of us who waited long enough were treated to the type of snow that Utah is noted for, big dry puffy flakes. Only problem, our chairlift stopped three quarters of the way up. For almost half an hour we were stuck! Our walkie-talkie calls to our comrades revealed that they were squealing for joy in the fresh snow, while I was squealing for the bathroom! This is the coldest, windiest chair on the mountain, and we were stuck on it. We were treated to Mindy's jokes, and our patience was starting to wane, when, thankfully, the chair started. We quickly raced down the new untracked snow to Alf's, our favorite restaurant on the mountain, to warm up.

In this powder, several Fall Liners made the climb (about 500 feet) into Catherine's area at least seven or eight times. According to Janice Griswold, it actually gets easier by the 3rd or 4th climb. The snow was the best of anywhere on the mountain but with the occasional "phantom rock" as many skis will show. D & Q is thanking us for this trip as many skis are now in for base repair. Bruce Cunningham, Fred, Lorraine, Rob, Pamela Small and a few others, joined Janice for the frolicking there. What a great end to the week!

We arose early Monday morning to load our bus, and make our way to the airport. We were treated to the most efficient check in I had ever seen. The bomb detection devices for checked bags were right there, and effortlessly, our bags were screened, checked and whisked away, all in less than 10 minutes. We had a smooth flight home, except that Rob had gotten frazzled by the security people, and left his keys in Salt Lake! Guess he just had to turn around and go back to get them!

After arriving home, I called Amy to tell her the good news about her ticket, and went to see her and part with the money that had been burning a hole in my pocket. She is recovering, but slowly, so please everyone, give her a call, and send her your best.

This trip has become the standard bearer to start the season, and due to its popularity, the trip committee has already decided to book it for next year, with the same great non-stop flight, and the Alta-Snowbird combo ticket included.

Thanks to all of you for making this a great trip, you were a fantastic group. And special thanks to Kathie Read for making our great laminated luggage tags!

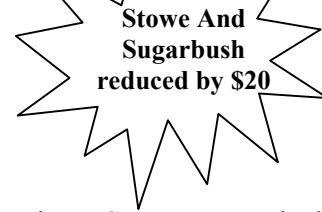
See you on the next trip! 🏔️

THE FALL LINE WEEKEND STOWE PARTY

February 28th to March 2nd, 2003

The following excerpt is directly from the analogy section of "THE GOOD LUCK ON THE GRE STUDY GUIDE (2003 Edition)". In this example one is supposed to choose the analogy that least matches the original pair.

4. **COOPERSTOWN** : **BASEBALL**
- (A) Delhi : snake charming
 - (B) Oahu : surfing
 - (C) Turin : shroud
 - (D) San Juan Capistrano : swallow migration
 - (E) Stowe : skiing



Who knows and who cares which is the correct answer, because Fall Line's weekend excursion to Stowe Vermont is closely approaching.

I have been informed that the price is now discounted to a mere \$279 in order to entice more members to sign on and join those devoted Fall Liners that are already making this trip happen. As you experienced skiers know, early March is Stowe's high season and this blowout price is much more than a bargain. Weekend lodging alone can and will run close to the \$270 price tag if one tries to book this trip "off the cuff" in February.

So here are the fixings when you and your friends opt for this Fall Line hook up:

The round trip motorcoach from Cherry Hill to Stowe (Departs Feb 28 and returns March 2)

Two nights at the Golden Eagle Resort

Two full breakfasts at the Colonial Cafe

The "all essential" two day lift ticket and

Beer, wine and soft drinks on the bus.

If an entire day on the "Front Four" (Goat, National, Lifeline, and Starr) doesn't uplift your spirituality Stowe will have a few off slope/apres ski happenings worth checking out during the weekend.

Chevrolet has a crazy Snow Lodge Tour happening and you can view the latest Chevrolet trucks, listen to some tunes (hard rock I am sure), play some games and maybe even win a prize! The Midway Lodge hosts "Pizza and a Movie" at 5pm where \$25 covers a night lift ticket, pizza, soda and a ski/snowboard movie that will be playing in the lodge (A Warren Miller production, I presume). In town the Helen Day Art Center on School Street features an art exhibition entitled "A Breeze from the Gardens of Persia" that looks to be highly interesting.

Of course there will be local live entertainment each day at three locations: the Den at Mansfield Base Lodge, the Fireside Tavern and up top at the Octagon Web Cafe. Check any one of these places for lunch and some "Vermont style jam band" music while you gear up to get your afternoon slope slide groove on.

The next two sign-up dates for this trip are January 7th and 21st. Don't hesitate. When I see you at the sign up table feel free to answer this trivia question: "Who was the first American man to win a silver medal in alpine skiing at the Olympics?" If you know the answer this Stowe adventure is definitely for you. No kidding. 🚡

Meetings

General Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Garden Room of the Laurel Inn, Route 73 and Fellowship Rd, 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 of 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 Chair) and occur monthly. Please call Patty (856-778-4657) if you are interested in attending or participating.

For Sale

Salomon XWAVE 10.0 Ski boots size 9.5 (27.5) Wide toe box, narrow heel pocket used 4 days orig \$550.00 - sell for \$300.00

Volkl Racing Carver Skis 188's Marker select control bindings orig \$700.00- sell for \$225.00

Contact John @856-547-3018 or email @ Czyolman@webtv.net

Fall Line Ski Club

2002-2003 Winter Trip Schedule as of January 2003

All FLSC trips include Lift Tickets. FLSC provides Beer, Wine & Soda on weekend bus trips.
Extended trips include air and ground transportation. Lodging is two per room.

PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DATE	LOCATION	TRIP LEADER	LODGING	SOME FEATURES	OPENS	PRICE
January 3 rd - 5 th	Okemo, Vermont	Deb Taraska 609-334-2043	Brookhaven Resort Condos	Back by popular demand	Get on Waiting List	\$279
January 10 th - 12 th	Killington I, Vermont	Carol Goodhue 856-866-9097	North Star Lodge	Fall Line's favorite, outdoor pool/hot tub combo	Get on Waiting List	\$329
January 11 th - 18 th	Vail, Colorado	Dave Lummis 856-779-3728	Vail Spa in Lions Head	3-Bedroom/3-bath Condos, 5 of 6 day lift ticket	Get on Waiting List	\$1,239
January 24 th - 27 th	Sunday River, Maine	Fran Harrelson 856-728-5324	Snow Cap Inn	3-day Super Bowl Weekend, breakfast included	Spots Available	\$369
January 24 th - February 2 nd	Courmayeur, Italy	Pat Maguire 856-772-1120	4* Hotel Royal et Golf	One day in Genoa including breakfast, 6-day Aosta Valley ski pass, buffet breakfast and dinner in Courmayeur	Get on Waiting List	\$1,469
February 1 st - 8 th	Taos, New Mexico	Chris Richter 302-226-0284	The Inn at Snakedance	Daily buffet breakfast, welcome party, Free après ski hors d'oeuvres daily, "great" lessons available	1 Male & 1 Female Spot Available	\$1,254
February 7 th - 9 th	Sugarbush, Vermont	Terri Corbo 856-231-9529	Inn at Sugarbush	Return to a favorite Fall Line areas and Inn. Breakfast included!	Spots Available	Reduced \$279
February 22 nd - March 1 st	Park City, Utah	Russ Consentino 215-968-3242 FAX: 215-968-5087	Park Station Condos	2-bedroom/2-bath condo, 5 day lift ticket: 2 days Park City, 2 days Canyons, 1 day Deer Valley	Get on Waiting List	\$1,314
February 28 th - March 2 nd	Stowe, Vermont	Matt Suchodolski 856-829-4377	Golden Eagle Resort	Ski Stowe at "high season". Full breakfast included	Spots Available	Reduced \$279
March 6 th - 9 th	Jay Peak, Vermont	Bill Caden 856-461-4157	Hotel Jay	Ski In/Out, 2-hour group lesson or mountain guide for 2 days. 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners and a cocktail party	Spots Available	\$419
March 7 th - 15 th Paris Extension March 7 th - 18 th	Meribel, France With Paris Extension	Beverly Neal 609-868-9549	Hotel Mottaret in Meribel Hotel Bergere Opera in Paris	Meribel: 6-day three valles pass, buffet breakfast and 5 course dinner daily Paris: 3 nights accommodations with Buffet Breakfast daily	1 Female Spot Available	Meribel \$1,519 Meribel/Paris \$1,769
March 21 st - 23 rd	Killington II, Vermont	Paul Knese 215-732-8960	North Star Lodge	Fall Line's favorite, outdoor pool/hot tub combo	A Few Spots Left	\$329
April 3 rd - 8 th	Winter Park Colorado	Kathy Walgate 215-638-1929	SnowBlaze Condos	2-bedroom/2 bath condos, 4-day lift pass	Spots Available	\$719

Any prices in **bold** reflect early sign-up discount. This discount is available only at trip opening for weekend trips. For weeklong trips it's available for the first two meetings the trip is open. You must be a member to sign up!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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