



# POWDER EXPRESS

Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall,

FALL LINE That Is...

The Official Newsletter of the Fall Line Ski Club

August 2008

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Happy Hour*  
*Whistler's Inn*  
*August 1, 2008*

*River Line Pub Crawl*  
*August 2, 2008*

*Happy Hour*  
*The Tap Room*  
*August 8, 2008*

*Softball Challenge*  
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*Happy Hour*  
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*Kayakathon*  
*August 22-24, 2008*

*SnoBall*  
*September 13, 2008*

*MS 150*  
*September 27, 2008*

## chamonix

Feb. 27- March 7, 2009

By Ann Marsteller

Extending over four mountainsides, the Chamonix Mont-Blanc ski area has something for everyone. Located at the foot of 15,770 foot Mont Blanc, Western Europe's highest summit, Chamonix lies in the center of a U-shaped 14 mile long valley offering thirteen ski areas, more than 200 ski lifts, and 435 miles of ski trails! And our Mont-Blanc unlimited ski pass also includes skiing into Italy's Courmayeur with its two mountains and 26 additional pistes.

The nineteenth-century town is all atmosphere, and perhaps the best ski town in Europe! The car free center attracts shoppers and diners, staring up at the extraordinary summits and glaciers high above. Chamonix has something for everybody. Beginners will enjoy the gentle slopes at La Vormaine, Les Chosalets, Les Planards, and Le Savoy. Le Tour, Le Brevent, and La Flegere areas are ideal for intermediates. The most challenging slopes are the steepers at Les Grand Montets above Argentiere. This area is between two glaciers and has serious black runs and hair raising off-piste challenges that are best explored with a guide.

Everyone should take the tram to the rock bound beauty of the Aiguille du Midi, part of the Mont Blanc massif that soars more than 12,000 feet into the sky. The views peer down to France, Italy and Switzerland! This is also the start of the Vallee Blanche, widely acknowledged as one of the world's greatest ski runs. With a guide, a strong intermediate can conquer its 9,200 vertical drop through 14 miles of crevasses and snow. Check out the website at <http://www.chamonix.com>

We will be staying at the modern Hotel Alpina, right in the center of the car free town. Every morning, there is a private shuttle service to the lifts. Daily buffet breakfast is included. The hotel is part of the Best Mont Blanc Group,

(<http://www.bestmontblanc.com/en/alpina>)

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where you can enjoy your 4 course dinners in one of four restaurants, Le VISTA, the Alpina's rooftop panoramic restaurant, La Baita at the Prieure, the Brasserie de LM at the Croix-Blanche, or at Le Matafan at the 4\* Hotel Mont-Blanc!

The hotel's amenities include a large lounge with fireplace, a lively bar and a billiard corner. The health salon has a sauna, steam bath, Jacuzzi, and relaxation room. Ski rentals are available right in the hotel as is wireless ADSL internet. Saturday evening all are invited for a welcome drink and a presentation of the hotel services and activities.

Off the slopes, there are walking tours, the Alpine Museum, library, the town's sports center, an ice skating rink, and an indoor swimming pool. Or try your luck at the Casino. Maybe say "mush" to the sled dogs?

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# Marie's Message

Well, It is the middle of Summer, but the long awaited Ski trip sign-up has finally begun. The frenzy of getting there early to be on a trip, the thoughts of snowflakes dancing in our dreams, gliding through fresh powder on beautiful mountains specially chosen for you by our Winter Trip Committee. Look over our schedule of week-long and weekend trips in this newsletter or via webpage. I am sure you will find a winter destination to suit your fancy. Get those passports ready and come out to a general meeting and sign up.

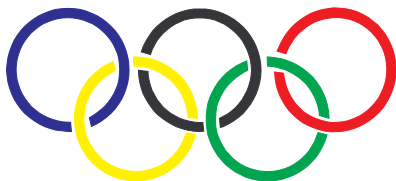
Remember that it is still summer, so we still have events for those warm-weather lovers. Softball is in full swing, until the end of this month. Come out and play a friendly game, cheer your team on, or enjoy good times at the BBQ after the game. We also have a Pub Crawl. The Olympics start this month, so look for some Olympic themed games at a general meeting, something fun to do, while you wait to sign up. SnoBall is just around the corner, so hurry by to obtain tickets, maybe you will win the Grand Prize trip, like I did last year... We always welcome suggestions for new events, and volunteers, who would like to lead weekend trips. Contact any board member at a general meeting, or via contact information found on the web. Enjoy the rest of your Summer! Looking forward to meeting you at one of our many events!

Marie

## Wacky Olympics

August 18th general meeting

In honor of the Olympics going on in China, Fall Line is going to hold its own Olympics at the August 19th general meeting. Test your skills against other Fall Liners in our special contests.



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There is also a great cross country ski network across the valley floor. And Geneva is only 60 miles away! An overnight March 7 in Geneva is available at an additional charge.

**Early sign up prices are at the August 5 and 19th meetings.**

There are three choices of rooms, and they are priced per person accordingly:

5 Double Standard: small room with one double bed, no balcony, Brevent view (couples only) \$2299

8 Superior Doubles: larger room with two beds, balcony, Mont Blanc View. (Couples or two singles) \$2395

4 Singles: Standard small room with one bed, no balcony, Brevent view. \$2515

**After August 19th, add \$50 to the above prices.**

Chamonix also has **reduced lift rates** for mature skiers as follows:

60-69- \$60 discount from sign up price.

70+-\$150 discount from sign up price!

So to sum up, this fantastic trip includes:

Round trip motor coach from Cherry Hill to JFK

**Non Stop** round trip air from JFK to Geneva aboard the fantastic **SWISS!**

Round trip motor coach from Geneva to Chamonix

**Five day Mont-Blanc Unlimited Ski pass** to include Chamonix, Les Grands Montets, Aiguille du Midi, Les Houches, Courmayeur, and train and cable car at Montenvers and visits to the Ice Cavern. Free ski bus throughout resort

Buffet Breakfast daily

**Four Course dinner daily at choice of 4 restaurants in the Best Mont Blanc hotel group**

Current airline departure tax, taxes and gratuities

Welcome drink and resort orientation

Fall Line Ski Club Souvenir luggage tags

**Due to airline limitations, this trip is limited to 30 people.** So do not delay, sign up for this fantastic experience! Please bring a photocopy of your passport to sign up. See you at one of the August meetings!

Contact Ann Marsteller at 856-772-9414 or [amarstelle@aol.com](mailto:amarstelle@aol.com) for more info.

# !!!HAPPY HOUR!!!

Cavanaugh's River Deck  
417 N. Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, PA  
Friday August 15, 2008  
5PM - ??

Come out on Friday August 15<sup>th</sup> to enjoy a night at Cavanaugh's River Deck with your friends from the Fall Line Ski Club.

Cavanaugh's is located at a great location on Columbus Ave in Philadelphia, with the Ben Franklin Bridge in the background.

The specials that night include \$3.00 "you call it" drinks, and a half priced pub menu.

Later in the evening Cavanaugh's turns into a nightclub with music and dancing.

For further information, or directions, call Cavanaugh's at (215) 629-7400, or check out their website:

<http://theriverdeck.com>

## 2008-09 OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

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## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Fall Line Ski Club membership begins May 1 and ends April 30. Membership applications for renewals and new membership are accepted anytime during the year. The membership fee is \$25.00 through 9/13/08 and \$30.00 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 our web site at [www.FallLineSkiClub.org](http://www.FallLineSkiClub.org) or through the mail by contacting:

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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.

## MEETING INFORMATION

**General Meetings...** are held the first and third Tuesday each month (except for December) at The Elephant & Castle on Route 70 in Cherry Hill. Meetings are from 8:00 pm 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 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month and start at 7:30 p.m. In order for the board to discuss all agenda topics in a timely fashion, members who wish to attend a meeting must contact the Fall Line President prior to the meeting. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

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

**Summer Trip Committee Meetings...** are conducted by Brad Land, board member and Summer Trip Chair, and occur monthly. Please call Brad (856/784-8524) if you are interested in attending or participating.

# A Great Time for Aspen

by Bob Suravage

For most vacations, skiing or otherwise, there is often a "best" time to go. Aspen's best time is early March. Why? Moderate temperatures, longer daylight, and the best snow accumulation of the season!!! Join us for Fall Line's return to Aspen, Colorado, March 7-14, 2009.

If you've been to Aspen before, well then, you don't need to be sold. Never been to Aspen? It's an experience you don't want to miss. Like Breckenridge and Park City, Aspen is a real town, built on a history of silver mining, and arguably the most sophisticated ski town in the Rockies, with more shops, restaurants, coffee houses and galleries than any other resort town in the Rockies. The ambience is top notch, and so is the skiing, with four distinct ski areas. Aspen Mountain is a short walk from our accommodations, and Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk, and Snowmass are easily accessible from the Roaring Fork Valley's efficient shuttle bus system.

**Aspen Mountain** – No green here but friendly, inviting steeps and a high-speed gondola to maximize time and vertical.

**Buttermilk** – Has a dynamite ski school and mostly lazy, laid-back terrain. A few steeps but virtually no bumps. It's under appreciated, un-crowded and a truly splendid area.

**Aspen Highlands** – The polar opposite of Buttermilk, gnarly with bumps and steeps and some long cruisers, as well as the impressive Highlands Bowl.

**Snowmass** – Cruising central at Aspen, an immense ski area that has been called Aspen's best all-around, all-skier mountain, with a great pedestrian mall for lunch, shopping and après ski.

We will fly Delta connecting through Atlanta. Our presently scheduled flight itinerary leaves PHL at 6:00 am, arriving in Eagle County Airport just before noon. Our return flight leaves Eagle approx 1:00 pm, getting into PHL a little after 9:00 pm.

Our accommodations this time around are the Gant Condominiums ([www.gantaspen.com](http://www.gantaspen.com)) boasting an ideal location at the foot of Aspen Mountain and just three blocks from the ski lifts and the heart of downtown Aspen. Our two bedroom, two bath condos feature full kitchens, wood burning fireplaces, balconies or patios and daily maid service. The property features concierge service, two outdoor heated pools and three hot tubs, fitness center, sauna, on-site laundry and complimentary van service within the city limits.

The trip also includes a Welcome Reception and a Pizza Party

Fall Line's Aspen trip has 44 spaces accommodating four people per condo. Since each condo has one bedroom with a queen and another bedroom with two twins, we have spaces for 11 couples and 22 singles. Each condo will have a couple and two singles, so, if you know who you want your roommates to be, let me know; otherwise I will assign for you. Feel free to contact me via email [bobsuravage@verizon.net](mailto:bobsuravage@verizon.net) or phone 609-654-5521.

So come join me for Fall Line's greatly anticipated return to a ski vacation classic- Aspen!!! Not only is March a great time to visit Aspen, this package is a great value, with an early sign-up price of \$1529. (August 5 and 19 only) and \$1579. after August 19. I'm predicting a sell-out so mark your calendar and get to the E&C early! I'll start taking sign-ups at 7pm- see you then, or contact me with questions beforehand.

## Lake Wallenpaupack

(Pocono Weekend)

Oct 17-19, 2008

Warm days with dazzling fall colors, beautiful sunsets overlooking a pristine lake & cool evenings around a blazing campfire under the stars with a refreshing beverage listening to your favorite tunes. Sound inviting? Well grab a friend or two and head to the Halterman cabins on gorgeous Lake Wallenpaupack. Join us for a very relaxing weekend with a variety of activities available. Many of us will golf at the world famous Cricket Hill Golf Course. Bring/rent a canoe or kayak and enjoy exploring the huge lake or nearby Delaware River. There are hiking and biking trails at close by state parks. Fish for stripers, pike and walleyes in the lake, boat rentals are available at nearby marinas. Antiquers will love the quaint little towns and many shops around the lake. Or... bring a good book and just relax by the waterlapped shoreline. Cost is approx \$75.p.p. and includes 2 nights lodging, all the beer, soda and wine you can drink, and 2 breakfasts (cereal, bagels, OJ, coffee, etc). There are numerous fine local restaurants for lunch and dinner choices.

Find out why people come back for this popular weekend year after year.

Contact Steve Archibald 609-238-1362

## Fall Line Happy Hour Whistler's Inn

901 Route 130 South, Cinnaminson, NJ

Friday August 1, 2008

4:00PM - ??

Start off your August the right way, with a  
Fall Line Happy Hour!!

We will be trying a new location this night  
The Whistler's Inn located on Route 130 in  
Cinnaminson, NJ.

Specials that night include:

Bud Light 22 oz Drafts for \$2.00 (3PM-6PM only)  
Miller Lite, Miller High Life and MGD - \$1.00 off  
(Starts at 8PM until closing)

\$1.00 all appetizers

Look for Fall Line out in Whistler's Inn Garden room  
(outdoor deck)

For further information or directions, please contact the  
bar at (856) 786-7427, or check out their website:

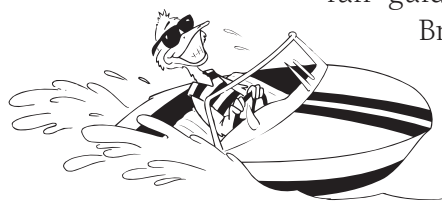
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# Ride the Ducks a Hit!

by Clare Cope

On June 14, 20 Fall Line members and friends boarded the amphibious Philly Duck for a land and sea tour of historic Phila. We saw Independence Hall, Ben's grave, then cruised South St. where we saw the birthplace of the famous Philly hoagie. Then we splashed into the Delaware for a superb waterside view of Penn's Landing, the Battleship New Jersey and actor Will Smith's digs on a former municipal pier. Our Captain and tour guide was Betsy Ross—not the seamstress—but a knowledgeable and



fun guide. After the Ducks, Brad Land guided us on a tour of several local pubs for thirst-quenchers and food. A really fun day!

## Fall Line Happy Hour The Tap Room

427 W. Crystal Lake Ave.  
Haddon Township., NJ  
Friday August 8, 2008  
5PM - ??

Remember the happy hours we have had out on the deck of Rmacs in Haddon Township? Well it's the same great place it has always been but with a new name. Rmacs is now The Tap Room.

Come out and join the fun on Friday August 8th when we gather on the deck of The Tap Room.

The specials that night are:

- \$1.50 Domestic Drafts and Bottles
- \$3.00 Imported Beer-Drafts and Bottles
- \$3.00 House Wines
- \$4.00 Well Drinks

The specials above run from 2 – 6 PM, but will be extended to 7PM for Fall Line members. In order to identify yourself as a Fall Line member, you need to see the hostess at the front door when you arrive to receive a wrist band.

For your entertainment, there will be a live band (TBA) playing later in the evening.

For further information, or directions, please contact the bar at (856) 854-4255, or check out their website:

<http://www.taproomgrill.com/>

## Medford Area Bike Ride RECAP

From your event leader; Jane Gonzales

Our ride started bright and early on Sunday morning, with possible thunder boomers in the forecast. But, we lucked out with a “beautiful” partly sunny day, which was perfect for a 21 mile bike ride. We rode thru the farm fields of Medford, Vincentown and Tabernacle and back thru Medford Lakes. There were 5 seasoned Fall Liners; Ava, Larry, Tony, Ken and I and 3 new members; David, Jane and Laurie who are a great addition to our club. Welcome!!

All was going well until our 18th mile, when out of nowhere there was a slight crash between 2 of our seasoned members causing a few cuts and bruises along with some minor bike repair, but not to worry, there were no hard feelings or any permanent damage and we were all able to ride our final 3 miles to the finish. (I won't mention any names K and T)

A great time was had by all! We celebrated our accomplishment afterwards with sandwiches and liquid refreshments on my garden patio. Thank you all for your great sportsmanship!

### FROM YOUR TRIP CHAIMAN, WAYNE SCHOFIELD

You may be wondering why Vail and Aspen are both scheduled for the 2009 ski season.

Fall Line tries to schedule trips to major ski areas every four years. Our last Aspen trip was 2005 and the last full week trip to Vail was 2003.

Next question may be “why Vail in January and Aspen in March?”. There is an organization called “Go Ski” that tracks annual snowfall. Of all the central Colorado ski areas which include Vail, Breckenridge, A Basin, Copper, Keystone and Beaver Creek, Vail is second in overall reliability in the state. Back bowls usually are open by Christmas 75% of the time which makes it an excellent early season trip. Average annual snowfall is 365”. In southern Colorado, February and March are the best months for maximum coverage with March having best snow month by 22%. Areas in southern Colorado include Aspen, Snowmass, Aspen Highlands, Telluride and Crested Butte. Average annual snowfall is 256” which makes it a better-suited late trip.

Above information is from data and statistics gathered from “Go Ski”.

# Fall Line Ski Club

## 2008 Summer Schedule as of AUGUST 2008

This schedule is a work in progress, prices are subject to change. Come to a Summer Trip meeting and help us plan

Date	EVENT NAME	EVENT LEADER	SOME FEATURES	OPENS	PRICE
Fri 7/25	Happy Hour 5pm-7pm	Beth Eilers directions 856-428-2555 or ka- minskisbarandgrill.com	Kaminski's 1424 Brace Rd, Cherry Hill, NJ	Just Show up	OYO
Sat 7/26	Tubing down the Delaware	Richard Seltzer 856-983-4667	Tubing, sightseeing, snack stop@ " Hot Dog River Man" Optional finish @ local watering hole	OPEN	\$18
Tues 7/29	Softball Chal- lenge	Ken Heath 610-368-8935	2 <sup>nd</sup> game of three game chal- lenge. 6:30 pm Erlton Park field on Jefferson Ave (off Rte 70) Brewer Pub in Westmont after- wards	Just show up to watch	OYO
Wed 7/30	Trenton Thunder Baseball game	Brad Land 609-605-0861	It's time to come out to the ball park and have some fun and see a AA team play	Open June 3 limited number of Tickets Call Brad!!!	COST is \$8.00 each
Fri 8/1	Happy Hour	Beth Eilers 609-518-0182	Whistler's inn, 901 Rte 130S Cinnaminson Whistlersinnnj.com	Just show up	OYO
Sat 8/2	RiverLine Pub Crawl	Brad Land 609-605-0861	Join your Fall Line friends on a laid back Pub Crawl Riding the River-Line Stops for -Libations @ various pubs along the way	Open	OYO
Fri 8/8	Happy Hour	Beth Eilers 609-518-0182	Tap Room Crystal Lake Ave Haddon Twp, NJ	Just show up	OYO
Thurs 8/14	Softball Challenge	Ken Heath 610-368-8935	Final game of series.AWAY game 6:30 Memorial Fields in Marlton followed by bar-b-que	Just show up to watch	OYO
Fri 8/15	Happy Hour	Beth Eilers 609-518-0182	Cavanaugh's River Deck 417 N. Columbus Blvd, Phil, PA <a href="http://www.riverdeck.com">www.riverdeck.com</a>	Just show up	OYO
Fri,Sat & Sun 8/22- 24	Delaware River Kayakathon	Mike Stavola 609-351-2439	Conclusion of 200 miles of kay- aking on the Delaware	Open	\$10 one time fee
Sat 9/13	SNOBALL	Wayne Schofield 856-931-2173	Enjoy the Biggest Fall Line event of the Year@ Memorial Firehall, Moorestown Food, Beverages, and Prizes galore!	July 15	Tix \$ 5 each or 5 for \$ 20
Sat 10/25	Road Rally	Bobbi Salem 856-273-0034 bobbi- cats@comcast.net	Enjoy Fall scenery while driving this Tricky course filled with clues , laughs and Surprises. Finish@ a local pub; Prizes awarded.	Sept 2	\$ 25
Sat 9/27& 9/ 28	MS 150 Bikeathon	Jane Gonzales 609-654-5578	Help make this Charity event special for Fall Line	OPEN	See Jane
Sat 10/ 4	Dragon Boat Festival	Co-Captains: Janet McLucas & Steve Archibald	Join our team on the Schulykill for fantastic D-Boat Festival call Janet 856-816-6568	OPEN	\$15 picnic
Fri -Sun 10/17-19	Pocono Halterman Weekend	Steve Archibald 609-238-1362	Spend the weekend golfing, biking or kayaking. Enjoy the scenic Poconos.	Aug 19	\$ 75, subject to change

**Softball Continues**— For July, softball will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays from around 6pm with Barbeque after the game (BBQ starts around 8pm). Every other week we still play, we just stop of at a bar/restaurant for food & drinks after the games

# Delaware River Kayakathon UPDATE

By Mike Stavola

What a difference a year makes! Last year at this time we were blazing (literally) a water trail through the no-mans-land of Medford. This year we are pleasantly working our way downstream from Hale Eddy, NY (above Pennsylvania!) to Trenton.

Weekend 1 found 9 kayakers and 1 dog ready to start. We camped on the river at a beautiful location called Soaring Eagle Campgrounds in Starker, PA. I would highly recommend it. Saturday morning we launched our expedition from under a huge oak tree on the West Branch of the Delaware River. The water was crisp as we paddled past many fly-fisherman seeking out trout (we spotted many). This area has two famous fishing lodges if you decide to try your hand in the Spring of 2009. We tried not to disturb the fishermen as we quietly glided by out of their way. Brown headed mohawk crowned wood ducks posed on rocks in the river elsewhere.

Although the rapids were tame, the first 45 miles of our trip would prove to be the most idyllic as Steve Lange had promised. The only issue we had all day were some small & short rain storms in the morning. Thereafter, it was a pleasant day until the sky mysteriously darkened around 5:30. By then all but two kayakers were safely back in camp. Then the skies opened up as the wind blew furiously – almost taking down some of our tents! Luckily, I don't recall lightening or thunder as the two stragglng boaters crawled into their tents like two wet rats led by a wet dog! Unfortunately, one tent leaked like a sieve. Dennis Realley had no worries as he had protected his igloo with a heavy tarp – ugly but functional.

Sunday morning we launched from our campsite. A repeat of the previous day with two exceptions – lunch on the river with a wild turkey and “*Skinnners Falls*”. It's one of the few Class III rapids on the Delaware – mainly due to the ledges and boulders scattered across the river. Dennis (aka Skinner) decided to blaze the route as curious onshore onlookers waited for the carnage. Happily, only his pride was hurt as he had a yard (pool?) sale midway through. We picked up the pieces and had a good laugh.

We decided not to cook out this first weekend and had dinner at Matthews on Main in Callicoon, NY – great beer and a menu from burgers to lamb chops to quail. Saturday night we ate at the Long Eddy Hotel & Saloon in Long Eddy, NY – a backwoods dive from the outside but a remarkable Victorian dining experience inside. Both were excellent and inexpensive.

Weekend 2 found 11 kayakers and 1 dog ready to continue, although we had swapped out some adventure seekers for Stages 3 & 4. We camped on the river at another location this time – 45 miles farther downstream at Jerry's Three River Campground in Pond Eddy, NY. Although it wasn't quite as picturesque as Soaring Eagle, it definitely was the best commercial river location on this section of the Delaware being that it is well back from the sounds

of NY Route 97 (Eagle's Nest Highway). We camped on a bluff. This time we changed it up slightly and decided to cook all of our meals. Steaks, ribs, rack of lamb, brew pub samplers, fine wine, espresso and desert.

Saturday morning we launched at our Stage 2's takeout in Narrowsburg, PA/NY. The river has a 113 foot deep pool here – the deepest spot all the way to the Atlantic – formed by whirlpool action during glacial retreat millions of years ago. The water was warmer as the swimming trout were replaced by expired spawning shad. We past Zane Grey's home in Lackawaxen, PA where he wrote most of his 111 books including *Riders of the Purple Sage* and *The Lone Star Ranger*. We also past under the Roebling Bridge – the oldest suspension bridge in America. It carried river barges high above and across the Delaware on their way to the Hudson River.

We expected the best rapids on Saturday. Surprisingly, the best were to come on Sunday, although you couldn't tell that to John Steel and Sofia as they decided to “swim with the fishes” in two separate rapids. I think they didn't want to use the camp showers.

Saturday night we were treated to a repeat fireworks show by shore campers below – late into the night as we sat around the campfire. No one awoke this night from the noise as we were all tired.

Sunday morning we launched from our campsite. We expected an easier day but were surprised by the numerous big water/big wave Class II rapids. The river changes dramatically with the river level from season to season and year to year. Many cliff areas – especially 500 foot high Eagles Nest – squeeze the river into a mini canyon. Speaking of eagles, we saw so many bald eagles on these first two weekends that we eventually lost count. I venture to guess at around 40, or one every 2 miles along our 89 mile trek up to this point!

By the time you read this article, we'll have paddled down through the Delaware Water Gap and have accumulated 138 miles under our kayaks in six days. If you still care to join us, we'll have 3 days and 66 miles remaining to complete our journey – Friday through Sunday, August 22-24. We'll start north of Easton, PA and work our way down to Riegelsville, PA on Friday, past Frenchtown, NJ on Saturday, and past New Hope, PA on our way to Trenton on Sunday. You can join us for the weekend or just one day if that's all your summer schedule allows. We may not camp in August, but that is TBD by vote of the Kayakathon group. We have enjoyed the camaraderie around the campfire after a day on the river. Regardless, day tripping will be possible since we'll be so far south at this point.

If interested, email me at [MikeStavola@aol.com](mailto:MikeStavola@aol.com), or call me at home at 609-654-1925. See you on the water.

# DRAGON BOAT 2008

## Eating for Charity Thursday September 18th

Many ways to give

By now you probably have heard that Fall Line is going to have a team and participate in the Dragon Boat Festival on Saturday Oct 4th. The team is already practicing. If you want to join them for a picnic on race day the price is \$15 (must pay in advance).

Dragon Boat races have also been known to have teams of Breast Cancer survivors as well as individuals currently battling the disease. The teams compete, form bonds and celebrate their lives, not their cancers.

The anonymous quote on the Dragon Boat Festival website expresses the spirit of these woman (and men) the best. "Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well-preserved body. But rather, to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming..."Wow, what a ride!"

For the last several years the money raised at the Festival has gone to the Fox Chase Cancer Research Center. Fall Line is proud

to announce that once again, the Fall Line Dragon Boat Team will be raising money for this cause.

There are three ways to give.

One is, on Thursday Sept 18th, Uno Chicago Grill will donate 15% of the bill from anyone who walks in with the Fall Line coupon to the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Fall Line's name. The coupons will be in the September newsletter but can be found on line now. You must go to the Uno's on 73 in Maple Shade (across the street from Jay's Elbow Room).

The second is directly on line at:

[www.kintera.org/faf/donorReg/donorPledge.asp?ievent=263692&1&kntae2692=C](http://www.kintera.org/faf/donorReg/donorPledge.asp?ievent=263692&1&kntae2692=C)

There will be teams listed for the dragonboats. If you click on Fall Line Ski Club you can chose to give directly in the name of the entire team or choose one of the team members who have logged on to raise funds. If you have any problems please just e-mail Janice Lynch at [Janice@fallline.org](mailto:Janice@fallline.org).

The third method is make a check out directly to Fox Chase Cancer Center. Janice Lynch has agreed to take all the checks and forward them on to Fox Chase on behalf of the Fall Line members. **Your contribution is tax deductible.** Just ask at any general meeting for Janice. One hundred percent of the money collected will go to Fox Chase Cancer Center.

## MS 150 BIKE TOUR 2008

September 27th & 28th

It's time to start thinking about whether you're up for the challenge of riding in the 28<sup>th</sup> annual MS150 City to Shore Bike Tour. We will be entering a Fall Line team of riders again this year. This beautiful and scenic ride begins in Cherry Hill and takes you thru the blueberry fields of Hammonton, the South Jersey Pine Barrens and down to the Jersey Shore, stopping in historic Ocean City. We will spend the night on Ocean City and ride back on Sunday. *If you would like to ride Saturday "only", there is a shuttle that will bring you back Saturday night.*

"Don't worry it's not a race". There are rest stops every 15-20 miles stocked with fresh fruit, snacks and refreshing beverages. And, there is plenty of time to get in shape. We will have at least 4 training rides, your attendance is optional. The tentative dates are: 6/22, 7/27, 8/17 and 9/7. Starting with a 20 mile ride and working our way up to about 40 miles.

You can sign up for this ride online by going to: [www.MSCYCLING.org](http://www.MSCYCLING.org)

There is a \$35 registration fee until 6/26 then it goes up to \$45. All riders are also responsible for raising a minimum of \$250 in donations to participate. Ask your employer, friends and co-workers if they will sponsor you, you'll be surprised how quickly you can raise this amount and more. It's all for a great cause; this money goes directly to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Your team leader is: Jane Gonzales

Phone = 609-654-5578 or email [jgonzales@tropicana.net](mailto:jgonzales@tropicana.net)

## 2007 FALL LINE SKI CLUB

### ANNUAL ROAD RALLY

Saturday, October 25, 2008

Time: 12:00 noon for driver meeting

Road Rally to begin after meeting

**A**re you looking for adventure? Can you follow directions? How about getting lost with friends? Then the 2008 Fall Line Ski Club Annual Road Rally is for you. With 3-4 fellow "Fall Liners" per car there will be plenty of help following these directions...RIGHT? Follow the directions and answer the questions for a chance to be the 2008 Fall Line Ski Club Road Rally Champs. There will be prizes for the winners and others, if you are lucky to get to the finish line. The road rally will be followed by a Happy Hour at a place to be named later (we do not want to give any help here!!). Those who want to join just for the happy hour, we will give a phone number and time to call, so the road ralliers will not know where we are. \$25 per person includes some food and chance for prizes.

Trip Leader: **Bobbi Salem 856-273-0034**  
[bobbicats@comcast.net](mailto:bobbicats@comcast.net)

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**JUST 44 DAYS**

It's almost here (the 25th annual Snoball, that is). Make sure you get your tickets for the best party of the year on Saturday, September 13, 7 pm till midnight at the Fireman's Memorial Hall, 229 North Lenola Road, Moorestown, NJ. Enjoy music and dancing by Distinctive Entertainment. Bring your appetite since food will be available for purchase catered by S&R Catering along with a cash bar.

Our prizes include a Danzeisen and Quigley ski package, a trip to Winter Park, Co., a trip to Sugarbush, Vt. with the grand prize trip to Soelden, Austria. For tickets, contact Wayne Schofield at 856-931-4462 or Brad Zacharia at 215-969-4736 or email Tickets@FallLine.org.

All of this for the low price of \$839. (\$879. for later sign up). This will include the round trip airline tickets, transportation from the Denver airport to the resort, 5 nights lodging and a 4-day lift pass. What else could you ask for? Just 41 of your best friends to join you so tell everyone. But, hurry the trip opens August 5th and at this price might fill up quickly! For more information feel free to call me at 609-747-8582 or via email at swalls@smcorp.net. *Hope to see you on August 5th!*

Oh yeah the mountain... Winter Park has 143 trails for a total of 3060 ski able acreages. With 1212 acres of off-piste terrain. There are chutes, bowls, glades and even cruisers to keep you busy all day long. Winter Park/Mary Jane is the #1 most reliable ski area for snow in the state of Colorado. Winter Park also offers free-guided mountain orientation tours. They have snow cat and snowshoe tours in case you are looking for something different.

Well, it is that time of year again. Time to start planning for your ski trips in 2009. The winter trip committee did it again and came up with an awesome way to finish the season. On April 2, 2009, 42 lucky Fall Liners will head to Winter Park Colorado. Once again we will stay at the Alpenglo Lodge in the center of town, right where all the action is with an easy shuttle to the mountain for skiing. The lodge not only has a hot tub for your relaxing pleasure at the end of the day but they will start us out with a complementary hot breakfast (not just bagels, donuts and cereal but, eggs, sausage, and waffles as well!) What else could you ask for?

By Sara Walls

April 2-7

**WINTER PARK 2009**