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President's Monthly Message

Greetings PVSers,



I am looking forward to next year's PVS Steamboat trip, and hope that we will have a good group of PVS members participating in this trip (and in our other trips next year). Steamboat not only has terrific skiing, but also has an authentic downtown with some interesting shops and quite a few good restaurants. If you are in the market for cowboy boots or hats, F.M.Light is the place for you. Steamboat also has a store that has a large collection of Kachina dolls and other Native American handicrafts. Over the years, we have collected a number of Kachina dolls, and wish that we had room for a much larger collection. This column provides some information about Kachina dolls in the event you have the chance to view this type of folk art in Steamboat and elsewhere.



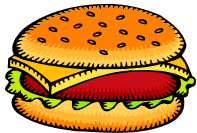
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SUMMER FEST

Sunday, July 15, 2:00 PM

AT THE HOME OF CARA & BOB JABLON

Come for dinner and learn all about the trips PVS is offering for the 2013 season. Bring your swim suit and a towel if you would like to take a refreshing dip.



Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served, but everyone is asked to bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. **The hosts ask that those with last names beginning with A – S plan to bring an appetizer or a salad and those with last names beginning with T – Z plan to bring a dessert. If your specialty is something in the other alphabetical category, then feel free to bring your specialty.** A \$5 fee will be charged to help cover the cost of the drinks, burgers, and dogs. Please contact Cara and Bob to let them know that you are attending. It is important to have a head count in advance so that the proper amount of food can be ordered.



Please RSVP by Tuesday, July 10, rcjablon@aol.com or 202-333-5332 and indicate what you are planning to bring.

Directions to Jablon Residence on next page (2)

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**Directions to the home of Cara and Robert Jablon
4573 Indian Rock Terrace, N.W., Washington, D.C.**

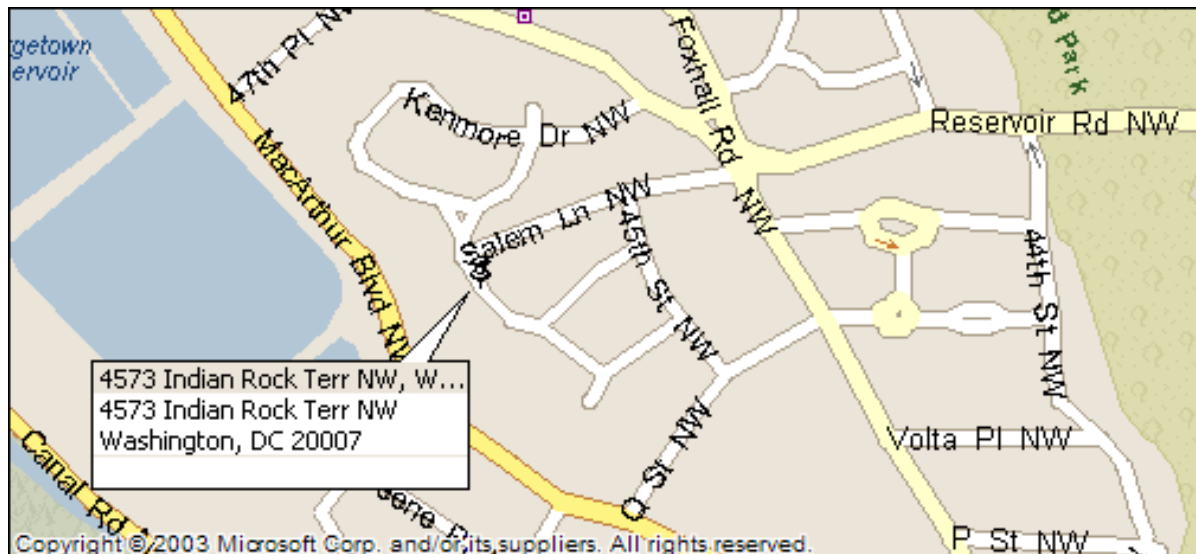
From Northwest D.C.: Take Nebraska Avenue to the beginning of Foxhall Road. Go south on Foxhall Road one traffic light past the intersection of Foxhall and Reservoir to Q Street. Right on Q Street. Continue on Q Street for 1 block to the stop sign (45th St.) and make a right on 45th. Go two blocks and make a left (Q Lane). The street will dead end into Indian Rock Terrace. Make a right and go up the hill. The Jablons' house is the fourth house up the hill on the right (a red brick and frame contemporary house).

From Potomac/Rockville/Gaithersburg: Take 270 South to 495 towards Virginia. Exit at Cabin John Parkway and continue south on the parkway until Arizona Avenue (1st traffic light after light at Chain Bridge). Make a left on Arizona and a right on MacArthur Boulevard (1st light). Continue on MacArthur Boulevard for about 1½ miles past the Safeway on the left. Shortly after passing the Safeway, MacArthur forks to the right and Reservoir Road goes to the left. Continue on MacArthur to Q Street (the next light after the light at the fork). Make a left on Q Street. Go 1 block to the stop sign (45th St.), and make a left on 45th.

Go 2 blocks and make a left (Q Lane). The street will dead end into Indian Rock Terrace. Make a right and go up the hill. The Jablons' house is the fourth house up the hill on the right (a red brick and frame contemporary house).

From Virginia (Chain Bridge): At the end of the Chain Bridge, make a right. Continue to the first light (Arizona Avenue). Make a left on Arizona and follow the directions immediately above from that point on.

From Virginia (Key Bridge): Stay in one of the left lanes at the end of the Key Bridge. Make a left at the end of the bridge to M Street (may be called Canal Road at that point). Get in the right lane and continue up the hill to the light at the beginning of Foxhall Road. Continue on Foxhall to the next light (Q Street). Make a left on Q Street. Go one block to the stop sign (45th St.) and make a right. Go 2 blocks and make a left (Q Lane). The street will dead end into Indian Rock Terrace. Make a right and go up the hill. The Jablons' house is the fourth house up the hill on the right (a red brick and frame contemporary house).



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The original Kachina dolls were apparently made by the Hopi tribe, although Kachina dolls are also produced by the Navajo, Zuni, Pueblo and Apache tribes. These dolls, as well as human Kachina dancers, are representations of spirits, concepts, elements, and life forces in Native American cultures. Such representations include deities, animals, birds, plants, places, or ancestors. There are at least two to three hundred different Kachina dolls; each artist, of course, brings his or her unique vision to each type of Kachina doll.

Traditionally, in Native American culture, the men of the tribe carve the Kachina dolls and present them to the daughters of the village at spring and summer dance ceremonies. By means of these dolls, the children learn the legends and symbolism of the tribal culture. The dolls are not toys, but are hung on the walls of the pueblo as valued possessions.

The earliest known Kachina doll dates back to the 18th century; however, most Kachina dolls were created in the late 19th century. The original Kachina dolls were carved from a single piece of cottonwood root and were not naturalistic; some had glued-on facial features. Over time, the Kachinas became more detailed and elaborate and displayed more action poses. Kachina dolls today are painted and sport costumes made from cloth, leather, fur, feathers, horse hair, turquoise and other materials. The eyes and mouths are either painted on the doll, or are carved from separate pieces of wood and attached to the doll. The mask on each doll identifies the persona of the doll. Kachinas can also carry accessories such as hand rattles and bows and arrows, and can be decorated with beads. The symbols, colors and designs on a Hopi Kachina doll carry specific meanings within the Native American culture, e.g., a pair of vertical lines under the eyes symbolizes a warrior's footprints.



Some of the popular Kachina dolls are: (1) the eagle, who represents strength and power and can carry dreams to heaven; (2) **the wolf, a hunter who uses his knowledge to find and capture game animals (shown on left)** ; (3) the owl, a symbol for intelligence and wisdom, and viewed as beneficial to agriculture because he

destroys harmful rodents; (4) the bear, who symbolizes courage, wisdom and healing; (5) the chasing star, a symbol for plants and stars and the lifting of fallen souls up to the heavens; (6) the rainbow (with a colorful headdress), which stands for peace and harmony between tribes; (7) the corn maiden, who purifies the women who grind the corn; (8) the buffalo and wolf warriors, who assure adequate food for the winter; (9) the buffalo, a spiritual protector who can kill evil thoughts; (10) **the kokopelli, a hunched-back flute player who is a fertility god, seducer of young girls and baby-maker (shown on left)**; (11) the crow mother, who guides and protects children; (12) the road runner, who assists in bringing rain and protects homes by warding off witchcraft; (13) the chief, representing great power and knowledge; (14) the medicine man, who prevents and cures sickness; (15) the warrior, representing security; (16) the badger, who has wisdom and the ability to cure the sick through prayer; and (17) the eagle dancer, the protector of all.



There is wide variation in quality among Kachina dolls, and the best quality dolls are quite expensive. However, the inexpensive dolls can be quite charming and fun to collect. The Hopi and Zuni are best known for their dolls; the Zuni dolls tend to be taller and thinner than the Hopi Kachinas. In assessing the quality of a Kachina doll, look for proper body proportions and the correct size relationship of the legs and arms. The details should be finished and precise, the surface smooth with no evidence of cracks or bad wood, the neck should not be bare, and the doll should be carrying some type of implement or accessory. Beware of an extremely lightweight doll made of balsa wood, rather than cottonwood or pine. The Heard Museum in Phoenix and the Southwest Museum in Los Angeles both have significant collections of Hopi Kachina dolls.

I look forward to showing you our small collection of Kachina dolls at our Summer Fest party in July, and I hope to add a few more to the collection next winter in Steamboat.

Cara Jablon

PVS meeting, June 19, 2012



Lee and Sal Mahallati welcomed 27 PVS members and one applicant member, Marna Blanchette, to their lovely home in Herndon, VA. On their dining room table was an abundance of delicious food - shelled, sautéed shrimp in a savory sauce, meat balls in sauce, several dips, cheeses, crackers, cold meats and breads, a veggie tray, and fruit. In the center was a beautiful flower arrangement - colorful Hydrangeas from Louann's garden. Plenty of wines, other drinks, and sodas were set up in the kitchen/dining area.



After everyone had time to socialize and enjoy eating, our meeting was called to order by our vice president Bob Knopes, subbing

for Cara who was in Seattle. Events report was given by Ray McKinley. Ray reported that he was no longer wearing a boot (not a ski or cowboy boot), but a surgical boot for a fractured metatarsal. We hope none of this will interfere with future Knee reports.

Our next official meeting is not until September, but July 15th is our summer fest

party at the home of Bob and Cara Jablon. We are reminded to bring our check books if we want to sign up for one or more ski trips. This sounds really great - Saturday, August 4, Kerry and Marianne Hines are hosting a steak and swim party at their home in Delaplane, VA.

Trip reports were given. Rosemary talked about the Friday bicycle trip across the Wilson Bridge to National Harbor and about the ski trip in March to the Canyons in Utah. John Holt discussed the Steamboat Springs ski trip he and John Lyon are chairing in February. Dick Comerford had a large map of the ski area at Chamonix, France and information about this combination BRSC & PVS trip in late February.

After the meeting delicious desserts and coffee awaited us in the kitchen. Best of all was a superb Baklava homemade by our hostess Lee Mahallati. Many thank to Lee and Sal for generously hosting our June meeting.

*Submitted by Sue Lyon
Photos submitted by Jan Marx*

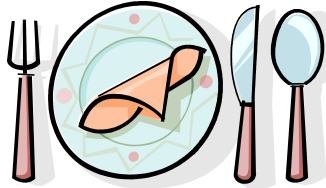
Other June PVS Events

- June 13 Wed Lunch Out Group (canceled – limited participation)
- June 29 Fri Bicycle Trip to National Harbor (canceled -- extreme hot day)

July-August Events

Wednesday, July 11, 2012 1:00 PM

Lunch Out Group



Location: **THE IRISH INN AT GLEN ECHO**

6119 Tulane Avenue

Glen Echo, Maryland 20812

The Irish Inn at Glen Echo is located along MacArthur Blvd., next to the Glen Echo Park (east side).

The Irish Inn at Glen Echo has many nice luncheon specials that are light, healthy, and creative. We will be able to sit outdoors under the trees.

PLEASE CALL: John Smith at 301-299-8376 or email (johnsmith@juno.com) so we know how many are coming and for more information.

Direction's to The Irish Inn at Glen Echo

1. From Maryland - From the beltway, I-495 in Maryland, take exit 40, Cabin John Parkway/Glen Echo. Go 2.5 miles to the sign for MacArthur Blvd. At Glen Echo exit left, at the top of the hill turn left into parking lot.
2. From Virginia - From the beltway, I-495 in Maryland, take exit 41, Carderock/Glen Echo, this is the first exit after the American Legion bridge. Keep to the right, go 2 miles, take exit ramp to the left to MacArthur Blvd./Glen Echo; at the top of the hill turn left into parking lot.
3. From D.C. - Take MacArthur Blvd. north/west for 2.7 miles past Sibley hospital, the restaurant is on the left.



Saturday August 4, 2012 4:00 PM Rain or Shine

Steak and Swim Party

Kerry and Marianne Hines

110119 John Marshall Hwy, Delaplane, Virginia



This is PVS' oldest annual club event!

Celebrate summer at the Hines' beautiful Delaplane, VA home where the livin' is good --- and the steaks -oh my!

Limited to 40. Reserve Now! Deadline to sign up or cancel: August 1

Steak and Swim was an annual event for nearly two decades hosted by Roy and Malda Elrod. The well-attended event, often drawing 60 or more attendees, ended in 1993 when the Elrods moved out of the area.

BRING: Your own bathing suit and towel, plate and utensils and either an appetizer, salad, or dessert.

INCLUDED: steaks, baked potatoes and fixin's, beverages and lots of fun!!

Cost: Approximately \$20 per person.

NOTE: Because of the cost outlay to our hosts, "no-shows" will be responsible for price of steak, potatoes and beverages supplied by our hosts if reservations are not cancelled by August 1.

To sign up phone Kerry or Marianne 540 364-4810, Or email mchines@erols.com to tell them what you'll bring

Directions: 1) Starting at the Capital Beltway/Interstate Route 495, take I-66 West toward FRONT ROYAL go 42.8 miles.

2) Take exit #23 onto US 17 toward DELAPLANE/PARIS – go 0.9 miles.

3. Turn left onto VA-55 SOUTH toward FRONT ROYAL – go 2.0 miles

4. Arrive at 11019 JOHN MARSHALL HWY on the left.

For anyone interested in pre-party exploration of some of the local offering, Markham, Stillhouse, Three Fox, and Naked Mountain Vineyards, the Sky Meadow State Park, and a leg of the Appalachian Trail are within a 10-15 minutes drive of our house, and Highway 55 is a favored route for weekend bikers. Also, the two local orchards may have ripe blueberries, cherries, and/or peaches by mid-July. Have questions or want directions, please call or email.



Members' Corner



By J. David Warthen, Jr.
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Seldom does one think of skiing in July when the temperatures approach 100 degrees. However, there is skiing to be experienced in the southern hemisphere during our hot DC summers.

New Zealand, Australia, Argentina, and Chile are some of the countries with inviting skiing in our summer months.

Cardrona, New Zealand is a resort on the South Island. This large resort is suitable for beginner and intermediate skiers and snowboarders. A whole range of facilities is available.



Queenstown, New Zealand is a resort about an hour's drive from Cardrona. It is home of the ski centers of Coronet Peak and The Remarkables. The latter has some good black runs, but also has lots of runs for beginners.



Falls Creek, Australia is located in the state of Victoria, half way between Melbourne and Canberra. Skiing is from June through the first week of October. Beginner to



expert terrain is available, as well as cross country trails.

Bariloche, Argentina has a European flavor with first-class facilities. Beginner, intermediate, and advanced skiers will be pleased with the 62 miles of groomed runs and 39 ski lifts.



Portillo, Chile dates back to the 1940s, but facilities and accommodations have been upgraded. Management purposely limits the number of skiers on the mountain each day.



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**HAPPY 4TH
OF JULY**



THE KNEE

by Ray McKinley
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I've looked back over several years of July **Knees**. Lots start out "hot, humid, hazy days followed by hot, humid nights." There is a reason for this. July in the Washington D.C area is "hot, humid, hazy days followed by hot, humid nights." And we're doing it again; the good news is that we are now on the slippery slope toward winter. Did you note that the longest day of the year, summer solstice, was June 20 this year? Due to the 400-year leap year cycle and a bit of polar wobbling, summer will start on June 20 for the remainder of this century. The previous is the educational portion of the **Knee**.

Speaking of heat, PVS has cancelled a few events because of snow. But we just had our first cancellation because of heat. Yup, Rosemary Schwartzbard did not hold the bike ride from Theodore Roosevelt Island to National Harbor. The weather was 96 degrees, it was humid and a 25-mile bike ride would have been "sporting," especially for those of us not having air conditioning on our bikes!

A new latest skier. Liberty Mountain (sic) Ski Patroller Jim Wingrove notes that he skied on June 11. He reports a great day of skiing on powder at Liberty. Jim further says that he saw no other PVSers. We all know that all PVS members are inherently honest, so I certainly take Jim at his word - despite what others have said about his being outhereently honest!

We all had a great time at the June PVS meeting at Lee and Sal Mahallatis' splendid Herndon home. The beautiful dining room floral centerpiece, consisting of about a dozen 6" wide hydrangeas of all colors, was a gift from the garden of Louann Eadie. It was certainly not a half aster bouquet!

Jan Marx was shocked to see Dick Comerford at the meeting. Jan asked him incredulously "I thought you were always skiing in Colorado. You mean you don't ski in Colorado when it's 100 deg. and there are massive fires?"

The selfsame Dick Comerford spent some of last winter as an instructor at Liberty Mountain. While on the mountain, Dick had a Transitory Ischemic Attack (TIA). He quickly recovered and has been fine since.

This was a "last" for Ruth Powers. It was her last PVS meeting as a local. Ruth sold her McLean home, location of many PVS events. And she's moving to Richmond. Right on.

According to AARP, if God wanted us to be able to touch our toes, (S)He would have put them on our Knees! Right on.

It's summer (if you didn't notice) and now that skiing is over, PVSers are again traveling to faraway places with strange sounding names - Brooklyn is a strange sounding name!

Bing Van Nuys will soon be off to tour Sicily and other parts of southern Italy. And he'll likely sample some of the great wines of Puglia and some of their super food—known as ciao.

Once again off for two months in Minkneesota is Janet Marx. She will visit with friends and family and spend some time at their cabin on Star Island.

It's gay Paris this summer for Sal and Lee Mahallati. They will travel there with their son. Do you know why a Parisian never has two eggs for breakfast? Because one egg is *un oeuf*. The **Knee** just made a yolk!

Completing the last two hundred miles of the Appalachian Trail is John Lyon's goal for the summer. John has portions to complete in four states in order to finish the 2000+ mile trail. He hopes to finish by August. The **Knee** has already finished seven miles of the AT. I have no intention whatsoever of completing the remaining 2000 miles of the trail! I do, however, intend to fly 2,000 miles by August - *enroute* with Nancy, to Costa Rica.

New PVS Veep, Bob Knopes, missed the ExCom meeting in June. Bob and spouse Karen had tickets to see the musical "First You Dream" at the Kennedy Center. Right in!

Do you remember Grass Skiing? On June 29, 1993, PVS held our first, and last, Grass Skiing event at Bryce Mountain Resort. Now there is no more Grass Skiing, and no more Bryce Mountain Resort. In those days TOOT had no photos and cost 11 cents to mail.

After recovering from his second successful cancer surgery, Bob and Louann Eadie are spending most of the summer at their home on Deep Creek Lake—home of the Wisp Ski Resort. Whilst at the Lake, the rudder on their boat broke. Bob improvised a new rudder from one of Louann's cutting boards! **Kneet**.

And finalknee, PVSers say the darndest things. Some time back, Reg Heitchue noted "I have a memory problem, but only about things in the past." Me too, Reg.

2012 PVS Calendar

Jul 11 Wed Lunch Out Group 1:00 PM (Irish Inn at Glen Echo -- John H. Smith)
Jul 15 Sun Summerfest: 2 - 5 PM (Jablon, DC) page 1-2
Aug 4 Sat Steak and Swim 4:00 PM (Hines: Delaplane, VA)
Sept 18 Tues Monthly meeting 7:30 PM(TBA)



Capital Golden Skiers

(PVS and CGS have enjoyed participating in several of each others' events. This is a list of CGS upcoming events. They are a fun group. More information is available at capitalgoldenskiers.com. Click *Current Newsletter and Activity Details* for more information. Check *Notices and Reminders* for any updates.

July 8, 2012 (Sunday): Dance at the Elks Lodge (VA)
July 10, 2012 (Tuesday): An Evening of Bridge (VA)
July 12, 2012 (Thursday): Hike in Burke Lake Park (VA) 2012 (Tuesday): An Evening of Bridge (VA)
July 14, 2012 (Saturday): Marine Chamber Orchestra at Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) (VA)
July 20, 2012 (Friday): Dance at Hollin Hall (VA)
July 22, 2012 (Sunday): Special Exhibits at the National Gallery of Art (NGA) (DC)
July 22, 2012 (Sunday): The Capitol Steps, Mason District Park VA
August 3 or 10 (Friday): Tattoo Ceremony at the Marine Barracks (DC)
August 5, 2012 (Sunday): Dance at the Elks Lodge (VA)
August 7, 2012 (Tuesday): An Evening of Bridge (VA)
August 15, 2012 (Wednesday): Hike the Stony Man Trail (VA)
August 17, 2012 (Friday): Dance Night at Hollin Hall (VA)
August 22, 2012 (Wednesday): Planning Meeting (VA)
August 26 (Sunday): National Air and Space Museum/Udvar-Hazy Center

Useful Ski "Links"

Potomac Valley Skiers	potomacvalleyskiers.org
Capital Golden Skiers	capitalgoldenskiers.com
BRSC Sanctioned Trips	skicouncil.com/tripsbydate.htm
DC Ski Online News	dcski.com

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Steamboat Springs

Trip lead by John Lyon and John Holt

February 2 - 9, 2013

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[Potomac Valley Skiers](#) in conjunction with BRSC invite you to attend a week of skiing in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. [Steamboat Springs, Ski Town USA](#) has a base elevation of 6,900 feet, ideal for anyone who has difficulty adapting to high altitude (sleeping below 7,500 feet keeps the headaches away). Besides offering 2,965 acres of trails and glades with a large variety for all levels of downhill skiers, Steamboat has a wealth of other activities. These activities include cross-country skiing, snowshoe tours, snowmobile tours, ice skating, soaking in the natural mineral hot springs, winter fly fishing, the winter driving school center, hot balloon rides, winter horseback riding, dinner sleigh rides, day spas and shopping in Steamboat Springs. In addition, this is the 100th anniversary of Steamboat Springs and there will be lots of additional festivities.

ACCOMMODATIONS: The **STEAMBOAT GRAND** is a premier hotel a short 100-yard walk from the high-speed gondola with complimentary ski storage slope side. It has an outdoor heated pool and two hot tubs, sauna, full service spa and fitness center, in-room coffee makers and flat screen TVs, and wireless internet. Restaurants/cafes in the hotel: The Cabin Restaurant and Bar specializes in organic, natural and local fare; Grand Café is a casual Western theme like country store for grabbing a snack or coffee; and Bistro Bar is open pool side.

THE COST IS \$2,045 PER PERSON, based on double occupancy. The price includes:

Lodging at the Steamboat Grand for Seven Nights
Daily Breakfasts
BRSC Welcome Party
One PVS Group Dinner
BRSC Dinner Dance
Après Ski Parties Including One on Top of Mountain
Pre-trip Party
Five-day Lift Ticket
Round Trip Air from Reagan National to Hayden
Round Trip Ground Transfers and Tips

A single supplement is \$685. Non-skiers deduct \$236. If airfare is not included, deduct \$466. Add \$32 to buy a 6-day lift ticket (5-day lift ticket is included).

To reserve a place: Please send a deposit of \$200 per person to John Lyon. See details below.

Cancellation Policy: There is no penalty for airline cancellation up to 95 days before the trip. There is no penalty for lodging cancellation up to 90 days before the trip. The trip leaders are continuing to work out further details regarding cancellation penalties.

Trip Insurance: \$140/person (group rate).

Payment Schedule: **Deposit of \$200 is due ASAP with application. A payment of \$550 is due September 30. A payment of \$550 is due October 30. Final payment is due November 30.**

Booking Form: Please send this completed form along with a deposit of \$200 and/or your payment due. Make checks payable to John Lyon and write "PVS Steamboat 2013" on the memo line. Mail to John Lyon, 3730 Equinox Way, Dumfries, VA 22025. For more information, contact trip leaders John Lyon at jslhiker@verizon.net (703-915-2913) or John Holt john.holt@nrcea.coop (703-915-6258).

Name(s) as on your official travel ID: _____

Address: _____ Home phone no. _____
E-mail _____

I (we) have read and signed the attached disclosure _____

Please check all appropriate spaces:

Total package with air _____ or land only _____

Total price of trip (without insurance) see above rates \$ _____

Trip insurance of \$140 optional: no _____ yes _____

Roommate (if not already listed on this form): _____

Cancellation policy: If it becomes necessary for you to cancel your trip, the trip leaders will try to minimize your losses although some fees are mandated by the airline, hotel and tour operator. All cancellations must be in writing. **We strongly urge you to purchase trip insurance.**

If you are a "single" participant and your roommate cancels, you may choose one of the following three options: (1) Help the trip leaders find a replacement trip participant who will fill the space vacated; or (2) Stay on the ski trip by paying the "single supplement"; **or** (3) Cancel from the ski trip and pay all currently due penalties.

RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY
AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE SKI TRIP

See release form elsewhere in this newsletter, fill out, and send with deposit.



PVS & BRSC Eurofest 2013, Chamonix, France February 22 – March 2, 2013

Chamonix is the birthplace of modern winter sports since it hosted the first Olympic Winter Games in 1924 and Mont Blanc is the tallest mountain in Europe west of the Urals.

Chamonix is simply one of Europe's premier ski and snowboard areas. On this trip size matters; please note the size of the Mont Blanc ski area – over 700 km of ski trails that surround our hotel that is located right in the center of Chamonix.

Chamonix is a huge winter paradise surrounded by seven superb ski areas and the most complete and varied terrain we'll visit this ski season. We will ski at Mont Blanc with 24 cable cars and 175 lifts. These cover 300 km of blue runs, 300 km of red runs, and 100 km of black runs. There are more than 42 km of cross country ski trails. Skiers can enjoy the easier slopes of Le Tour and the varied slopes of La Flegere, Le Brevent and Argentiere. Particularly famous is the 20 km run down the Vallee Blanche glacier from the Aiguille du Midi (3840 m) to Italy. This day long ski run requires advance booking with a guide, but is an experience you'll never forget.

Chamonix is also a bustling town which is full of atmosphere, with cobbled streets and squares, beautiful old buildings, a fast running river, and pavement cafes crowded with shoppers and tourists sipping drinks and staring at the glaciers above. Wander through the town and outlying villages and you will discover baroque churches and protestant chapels dating from several hundred years, hotels and palaces from the golden age, Art Deco facades, traditional farmhouses, colossal villas and chalets contrasting with modern constructions. It is this architectural diversity that contributes to Chamonix's unique and indefinable charm. If you like your snow and scenery on the wild side, give Chamonix a try.

- **Price: \$2,355 double occupancy. (Single Supplement + \$400; Trip W/O Air - \$900)**
- **Transportation – Very Simple (Easier than a trip to Vail):**
 - **Airfare: Round trip airfare direct to Geneva from Dulles Airport on United.**
 - **Ground: Round trip charter bus from Geneva airport to hotel in Chamonix (1 Hr).**
- **Lodging: Seven nights lodging, double occupancy at the centrally located (3 star) Hotel Alpina.**
- **Food: Full buffet breakfast and dinner included daily.**
- **Insurance: Emergency Medical and repatriation insurance provided at no extra cost.**
- **Sightseeing Day Trip Options**
- **Pre and Post trip extension are available.**
- **3 Blue Ridge parties with 6 drink coupons. Friday night party includes DJ for dancing.**
- **2 Wine and cheese gatherings with the PVS trip leader, plus ski tips from Mount Liberty.**

Ski Day Trips outside of Chamonix:

- **Courmayeur:** Through the Mont Blanc Tunnel to Italy.
- **Verbier, Switzerland:** One day out of the six-day Mont Blanc ticket may be used at Verbier. Although there is enough skiing in the region to ski two weeks without skiing the same run twice, this could be a once in a lifetime chance to ski the prestigious Verbier. Charter buses will be provided for the day for those who are interested.

Sightseeing Day Trips:

Annecy is just 50 minutes away. It lies along the northwestern shore of Lake Annecy at the entrance to one of the cluses (transverse gorges) of the Savoy Pre-Alps, south of Geneva. Annecy is the Venice of Savoie. The medieval town center built around a 14th Century Chateau is dissected by small canals and streams running out of azure colored Lac Annecy, Shop the many boutiques lining the narrow stone-paved streets or the open-air markets for local wines, crafts and delicacies. Feb 23 is Annecy's annual Venetian Carnivale.



Lausanne, Switzerland

Just 90 minutes away, Lausanne is a jewel of the

town on the shores of Lake Geneva. From its ancient Cathedral, charming old town lined with cafes and shops, the Olympic museum and the promenades along the lake, there is something for everyone here.



Geneva – just one hour away



The Old Town

Geneva's ancient Old Town is a maze of sloping cobblestone streets and alleyways filled with cafes, boutiques and historical landmarks at every turn. A former Roman marketplace, the **Bourg-de-Four** is the oldest public square in Geneva and remains a hub of activity surrounded by bistros, terraces, bars and other popular meeting spots. The 15th century **Hotel De Ville** located along Rue de d'hôtel-de-Ville still serves as the seat of government in Geneva and is the site of many political milestones including the first convening of the Geneva Convention in 1864 and the founding of the League of Nations in 1920. Towering over the Old Town in the heart of the city, Saint Peter's Cathedral is Geneva's oldest and most impressive architectural treasure. The Cathedral was began in 1160 and took over 400 years to complete, suffering numerous makeovers and fires throughout the years. The north tower offers incredible panoramic views of the city, while the basement houses an Archaeological Museum chronicling the excavation of artifacts found beneath the cathedral, some dating back as far as 350 AD.

- Payments \$800 by August 1 (Less any prepayment):
\$1,000 by November 1
Final payment by January 1, 2013

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Trip Location: _____ Dates of Trip _____

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Room-mate (if not listed above) _____

The Canyons Resort Utah

Sunday to Sunday, March 17 to 24, 2013

Join us at the elegant Canyons Grand Summit Hotel with ski-in and ski-out access located in the center of the Canyons Resort in Utah. The hotel's condominium suites provide complete kitchen and living room amenities with two bedrooms that accommodate two people in each.

Price per person: \$1,980 (including airfare)

Single supplement: \$1,259 Land only: \$1,400

Optional trip insurance available – see rates below.

The Package:

- Roundtrip air from Dulles to Salt Lake City on United Airlines (subject to change)
- Roundtrip group charter bus Salt Lake City to the hotel
- 7 nights lodging in double occupancy bedroom suites Canyons Grand Summit Hotel
www.canyonsresort.com/grandhome.html)
- Welcome party provided by the hotel
- Private mountain ski tour on Monday
- Pre and post trip party; après ski parties
- Wireless Internet access in all guest and public rooms
- Heated swimming pool, hot tub, sauna, fitness center



Ski Lift Tickets:

Discounted group lift tickets are additional and will be available at great prices. Examples of last year's Canyons rates (subject to change):

Adult Rates	Senior 65+
1 of 7 Days: \$65	\$37
2 of 7 Days: \$114	\$70
3 of 7 Days: \$165	\$99
4 of 7 Days: \$212.	\$124
5 of 7 Days: \$245	\$145



The Canyons Ski Resort:

The Canyons (40 minutes from the Salt Lake Airport) has recently been described as “the new big kid in Park City.” Since 1997 the Canyons has developed and expanded into Utah's largest ski and snowboard resort and the 5th largest resort in the United States. The resort encompasses eight separate peaks over a span of 3.5 miles and provides a 3,190 foot vertical drop; peak altitude 9,990 feet; and base altitude 6,800 feet.

Because of its size, there is plenty of superb skiing for everyone at all levels – from miles of groomed runs, to amazing tree skiing, and pristine bowls. Start the day on the Orange Bubble Express, a high-speed

quad with enclosed cabins and heated seats – what a treat. In addition, we will plan a ski day in fabulous Deer Valley (7 miles away) and another in Park City (4 miles).

A few paces from the hotel are fun après ski venues and fine restaurants including award winning “The Farm.” There are several great on-mountain lunch cafeterias and restaurants. For those who don’t ski (and those who do) the Canyons Spa and Health Club located in our hotel, offers a wide range of rejuvenating therapies. The historic and charming mountain town of Park City is a short complimentary bus or van ride away where many beautiful art galleries, boutiques, and fine cafes and restaurants await your attention.

Trip Insurance: 2012 rates below are available until July 1 (then will possibly increase)

Trip Cost	Age						
Per Person:	0-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+
\$1,501 to \$2,000	93.00	97.00	101.00	107.00	117.00	134.00	155.00

Payment Schedule: Deposit of \$250 is due ASAP with application. A payment of \$865 is due September 25. Final payment is due December 15.

Booking Form:

Please send this completed form along with a deposit of \$250 and/or your payment due. Make checks payable to Reg Heitchue; put “PVS Canyons 2013” on the memo line; and mail to Reg at 11990 Market St, Unit 1015, Reston, VA 20190. For more information, contact trip leaders Liz Warren-Boulton elizawb@gmail.com 202 966-4150 or Reg Heitchue at heitchu@yahoo.com 703 861-9190.

Name(s) as on your official travel ID:

Address: _____ Home phone no. _____
E-mail _____

I (we) have read and signed the attached disclosure _____

Please check all appropriate spaces:

Total package with air _____ or land only _____
Total price of trip (without insurance) see above rates \$ _____
Trip insurance optional: no _____ yes _____, amount _____ **due December 15** (see rates above)
Age _____ (at time of trip; for insurance)
Roommate (if not already listed on this form): _____

Cancellation policy If it becomes necessary for you to cancel your trip, the trip leaders will try to minimize your losses although some fees are mandated by the airline, hotel and tour operator. All cancellations must be in writing. **We strongly urge you to purchase trip insurance** (see above).

Cancellation fees are as follows: None prior to October 28; October 28 to November 30 \$1,113. Additional charges may apply, depending upon actual costs. After November 30, 2012 no refund is possible.

If you are a “single” participant and your roommate cancels, you may choose one of the following three options: 1) Help the trip leader find a replacement trip participant who will fill the space vacated; **or** 2) Stay on the ski trip by paying the “single supplement”; **or** 3) Cancel from the ski trip and pay all currently due penalties.

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