

SKI CHATTER

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

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New England Lost Ski Area Project Jan 31st

Have you ever wondered what happened to your favorite ski area, why it closed, it's history? Ever driven by a closed ski area and wondered what it was, its legacy? Then come to this meeting.

Jeremy Davis, founder of the New England Lost Ski Area Project (NELSAP), is coming back to share more tales of ski areas closed long ago - and some not so long ago. If you have any gratitude and fond memories of those little back street hills operated by folks with a passion for the sport, you'll want to hear what Jeremy has chronicled. Check out the NELSAP website (www.NELSAP.org) to see what this project is about. And take a look at the items in the NELSAP store as some items for sale at the presentation.

There will be time to reminisce about your favorite lost area. NELSAP has expanded into New York and has found hundreds of lost sites. Jeremy is always on the alert for those he hasn't found - or to better document those with sketchy records. He uses topography, vegetation, post cards, photos, oral records, etc. as clues in uncovering former ski hills. Perhaps you have some clues of your favorite hill. If you missed him last time - don't miss him twice. Jeremy will be talking about additional lost centers.

There is a social session from 7:00 to 7:30 where you can catch up on what is happening in the Club, programs start at 7:30 before the business meeting.

Ancient Order of Hibernians 1748 State St. is just east of Rt 7 (the Cross town) in uptown Schenectady. From Schenectady take State Street toward Albany. It is on the right approximately 4 1/2 blocks past the Rt 7 overpass. If coming from the Thruway take I-890 to Rt 7 East and exit at State Street (Rt 5). Turn right at the top of the ramp and go East 4 1/2 blocks. From the Troy direction, take Rt. 7 all the way to State Street (Rt 5) and turn left at the top of the ramp and go 4 1/2 blocks to the **Ancient Order of Hibernians 1748 State St.** on the right.

Bring your Valentine to the Movies February 14th Meeting

Enjoy the premier of our new digital projector (Donations for projector still welcome!) Feb 14th with the showing of "Snow Gods" by Meathead Films. This movie, filmed in our own New England, captures some of the seasons' best powder skiing days at Jay Peak and Stowe. Any announcements will precede the movie. The meeting will be at the **Ancient Order of Hibernians** in Schenectady.

Upper Hudson River Railroad - Past, Present and Future - and perhaps a Ski Train Feb 28 Meeting

The staff of the UHRR will show video and tell us all the news about the train operations in North Creek. The meeting will be at the **Ancient Order of Hibernians** in Schenectady.

North Country Membership Meeting

The Feb 7 SWC member meeting scheduled at Alpine Sport Shop will have to rescheduled due to a conflict. If any Saratoga or Glens Fall's members would like to suggest a time and place for a meeting, please send a note, email or call Bill Schaefer wschaef1@nycap.rr.com

Planning that Summer Vacation?

Don't forget that Stowe is the "other Cape Cod". Outstanding views and a beach a short walk away makes our clubhouse the perfect place to vacation. Stowe has outstanding bikeways, waterways, hiking, family activities and restaurants. Cheaper than many campsites and with lots more amenities, consider our Clubhouse for your summer vacation.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Jan 31 Jeremy Davis- NELSAP Lost Ski Areas in NY
Feb 2 Thunderbolt ski adventure with Sid and Lat
Feb 7 North County meeting in Saratoga postponed
Feb 8-10 Climber Lodge trip
Feb 9 X-C pot luck day at Saratoga Lake
Feb 14 Meeting Meathead Films
Feb 28 Upper Hudson RR meeting program
Feb 29 - Mar 2 Camp Fowler Trip
Mar 8&9 NA Tele Festival Mad River (Clubhouse)
Mar 19-23 Cheap skiing at Stowe
Mar 19-23 Ski with Jon & Walt at the Clubhouse
Mar 21-23 Clubhouse Easter with the Kornrumpf's

For Sale

For Sale: Snowboard and boots used only 4 times! Purchased at Goldstocks, Loseophy white board and bindings \$125; boots Healside, grey and blue size 9.5 for \$60. Call Ray at 355-1882.

Car Pool - Stowe/Jay Peak

Jay Peak season pass holder looking for someone to share expenses for mid-week Jay Peak/Stowe clubhouse skiing. Any or all weeks. Don Streed 518-339-2150 (Saratoga)

President's Corner: by Bill Schaefer**Turn off the weather reports:**

We are halfway through the season and it is nice to have a real winter back. I am hearing great stories of great days on the slopes. Snow in the yard helps with membership. It is a pleasant experience to get a call for a new membership. Our membership as of Jan 11 is now over 760 members which surpasses last year. This is how it breaks down. (Thanks to Jean Burton!): Adult members: Total 634, returning 530 new this year 104

Youth members: Total 126, returning 90, new 36

These numbers say a lot. 1 out 5 members are new; 1 out 7 members is a youth. I am encouraged that we are attracting families and have a great number of youth as members now. In order to have survived 75 years as a club, more than a few generations got involved. I continue to encourage you to sign up a friend or give one for a gift as a thriving membership guarantees the club's future. Plus it's more fun for you!

Another reminder about being halfway through the season is the seeing all of activities in the Chatter. Our race is approaching on Feb 10 at Gore. This is a GREAT family event. After the race, there is a club gathering in the lodge when everyone gets their times and maybe finds out they were a winner.

If you haven't been to the Clubhouse yet, this is the winter to do it. Where we have had rain down here, it has been snow in Northern Vermont. There are a dozen areas within a short drive and we have deals at many of them. As Warren Miller said: "if you don't do it this winter, you will only be another year older when you do". Don't forget, the gas is much cheaper in Vermont.

Mid-Winter is also the time for the Paddlers Banquet. I am never quite sure if the banquet signals the start or the end of the paddling season, but with global warming, maybe it is both.

Enjoy your winter, have an outing that gives you stories to tell at the office. It sure beats chores.

Mar 8-9; The 31st annual North American Telemark Festival

NATO is the world's oldest and largest gathering of Telemark skiers. Telemarkers are treated to clinics ranging from beginner to radical terrain skills. Located at Mad River Glen, a 40-minute drive from the Clubhouse where Martha Van Fleet will be hosting. Major Telemark equipment manufacturers are on hand to give skiers the opportunity to demo all the latest equipment. 1-800-835-3404 or visit NATO's website at www.telemarknato.com \$50 or \$96 both days

Cross Country Corner: by Anna Dugan**NORDIC TRIPS- HOTLINE 370-0304**

Call the Nordic hotline to join a trip. Contact me at 372-2915 or glschmidt17@yahoo.com to open your outing to club membership or for information.

Wednesday Skiing

"Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul alike." John Muir

With that in mind, we have decided to rekindle a past tradition of getting together on Wed to X-C ski locally as soon as the first snow arrives (and it has).

Wed will be the official X-C snow day. We'll take suggestions, trying to stay somewhat local for this 3- to 4-hour day trip. If you see snow forecast, pack a lunch and call the hot line or Ruth Brondel-381-6899, Kelly de la Rocha-280-4150, Anna Dugan--489-5092, Don Patneau-887-5483, Terry Tamer-435-1704.

Feb 2, Thunderbolt Trail

Pending snow conditions, member & Adams MA resident "Sid" Sidway and Lat Schmidt will lead a group up the Bellows Pipe Trail to ski Mount Greylock. Open to Alpine as well as Tele skiers. Should climb using snowshoes or skins. A 3-mile climb to this historic trail. Contact Lat Schmidt (372-2915 or glschmidt17@yahoo.com) for info & carpool. Rain date is following Sat. 2/10.

Feb 9 X-C / Snowshoe Potluck Day

What a lovely idea! Lois Radke has offered her home for a Potluck Day on **Sat, Feb 9**, starting around **11 a.m.** Folks are invited to x-c, snowshoe, or even take a walk around the neighborhood, overlooking Saratoga Lake. Please call Lois at 587-3708, and to carpool from Albany or Exit 9, call Anna at 489-5092. Directions: East off Exit 12 of- Northway; go straight through three traffic circles, east toward Saratoga Lake. Two rights and a left to 27 Pine Ridge Road.-

Feb 10 New England Telemark Telefest

& East Coast Slopestyle: at Stowe. Certified, professional telemark instructors provide clinics and demo gear. NE Telemark.com or [email info@stowe.com](mailto:info@stowe.com) or call 800-253-4754.

Feb 29-Mar2 Camp Fowler trip

Our annual Camp Fowler trip will be Feb 29-Mar2 in the heavy snow area south of Speculator 1 1/2 hours from Capital district. The Pine Cabin has a large fireplace lounge, fully equipped kitchen, modernized baths w/showers and bunkrooms w/good mattresses. Pot-luck dinner Fri night and eat out, for those who choose on Sat night. Ski trips for both the ambitious and the more leisurely--also excellent snowshoeing. Pine Cabin has been a favorite in past years, so mark your calendar and call Ruth or Jens Brondel at 381-6899 for full information, directions, and pot-luck details to be mailed. Reserve your spot now!

Clubhouse Corner:

Swim this Winter in Stowe

The Swimming Hole in Stowe may be the answer to sore muscles after a day of skiing or maybe someone in your party wants a break in the routine. The Swimming Hole maybe the answer. Indoor olympic pool and water slides. Located on the Rec Path on the way to the mountain. Day Pass offered. <http://www.theswimmingholestowe.com/>

Guided Tours of Stowe, Sugarbush and Jay Starting on March 15

Walt Kangas and Jon Skalwold will be at the Club House from Friday March 14th though Easter March 23th to have a rompin' good time at the great ski areas of northern Vermont, and we might even throw in a trip to Mad River if people are interested. We already have our \$35 Jay tickets, Stowe is blessing us with discount tickets from March 19th thru the 23rd (see separate article), and we plan on getting discounted tickets to Sugarbush. So come join us for just a day or the whole extended week, just make sure you let us know your plans. For Jay tickets send Dawn Knutson (5 Colonial Drive Schenectady NY, 12306-3507) a self addressed stamped envelope with a check for the number of tickets you want. For Sugarbush tickets send Jon Skalwold (254 Bradley Blvd., Schenectady, NY, 12304)) a self addressed stamped envelope with a check for the number of tickets you want. In both cases, allow plenty of time to get your tickets. Make your reservations through the reservation coordinator, Ed Miller (see article) and you may contact either Walt (370-5136) or Jon (382-8458) for other information about this get-a-way.

Clubhouse Reservations for 07-08

Ed Miller, our Clubhouse reservation coordinator **prefers that you e-mail** your reservations to him at swclodgeres@yahoo.com. Please use "SWC reservations" on the subject line of your e-mail reservation. Include: your **name, names & gender of all** with you, **arrival & departure dates**, room preferences, if you will be eating Sat dinner, your phone **number and address**. Only if you do not have email, you can call him at our **new reservation number (518)-522-5474** between **10 am and 10 pm**. Make sure that you **speak clearly and slowly** so he has a chance of understanding your message. You can also sign up at the regular Club meetings.

Clubhouse Rates Reduced for Kids

Starting last spring we set up reduced rates for juniors. We hope that these rates (along with the ski deals noted elsewhere in the Chatter) make vacationing in the ski country more affordable for

families. The rates are on the billing forms at the Clubhouse and member winter ski season rates are as follows:

Member	Dinner	Break fast	Lodging: Weekend Holiday	Lodging: Mid-week
Adult	\$6	\$3	\$20	\$15
Junior	\$6	\$3	\$10	\$7
6 and Under	Free with Parent			

Friday night – weekend rates apply. Sunday night (non-holiday) - mid-week rates apply.

Guest rates are on the billing form and are slightly higher (encourage your guest to join!). Remember guests must be accompanied by a member at the Clubhouse. **Do not give your Clubhouse combination to anyone, you must be there to let them in and show them the Clubhouse.**

Really Cheap Tickets at Stowe

Stowe is again offering Club Appreciation week on Mar 19-23. Ticket prices are:

Adult lift tickets Child/Senior lift tickets

(13-64 yrs old): (6-12 & 65+):

1-day=\$38 1-day=\$21

2-day=\$64 2-day=\$27

3-day=\$90 3-day=\$37

4-day=\$118 4-day=\$48

5-day=\$137 5-day=\$55

Bring your SWC card and a photo ID to the Mansfield Guest Service Desk to get your discount.

You can also register by E-mail to Group Sales at sales@stowe.com. Use subject line "Ski Club Week RSVP" and list how many people in your party and how many tickets (and which type) you will be purchasing. You can also call the sales office @ 800-253-4SKI with any questions.

Weekend Clubhouse Hosts Needed Now

We are looking for new (and returning) Clubhouse Hosts for this season. The following weekends are still available: Feb 1-3, Feb 8-10, Feb 22-24, Mar 14-16, Mar 28-30, Apr 12-14, Apr 18-21, Apr 25-27

Anybody going up to the Clubhouse is a potential weekend Host. We would like to have fun by advertising theme weekends this year. If the Hosts commit early perhaps they can advertise their menu to appeal to the new members. Your imagination can develop interest in the Clubhouse. People think with their stomachs!

Stowe Points Card Free to SWC

The Stowe Points card provides for a 25% discount on Lift Tickets (excluding Saturdays and Holidays). After accumulating points, you earn a free lift Ticket. For details on how points are accumulated, go to www.stowe.com/tickets/specials.php. Ask for the Points Card at the Guest Services Desk – have your
3 SWC Card and a photo ID with you.

Alpine Skiing Corner: by Dorie Valenti**Upcoming Race Dates:**

Sat, Feb 2nd at West Mountain (start time and ticket price to be determined)

Sun, Feb 10th at Gore Mountain, start time is 10 am, ticket price is \$38.

Call Dorie at 334-0652 for more information.

SWC Invitational at Gore FEB 10TH

Come and celebrate our 75th year at Gore. Race start time is 10 am, and the keg gets tapped at 3:00 pm. We need spectators, cheerleaders, gatekeepers, and loud and boisterous skiers. Shy and demure skiers are also welcome. First timers, many timers, and life timers should all join us for this festive event.

Tryouts for the SWC Alpine Race team resulted in many empty bottles of wine, red and white, and only a few empty bottles of beer. This indicates something. If anyone has any idea what this may indicate, please let someone know, and we will address the issue. Unfortunately, this year's SWC spandex team racing suits were somehow lost in the mail, and we are investigating. Again, if anyone has any knowledge of the whereabouts of these suits, please let someone know. Imagine your SWC racing team, screaming down the mountain and through the gates, clipping and snapping the poles, SWHISH CRACK! And all in neon blue complete with the big S (for SWC) embroidered in silk on the back.

Take Your Time Ma'am

Take your time, ma'am, he said, talking down to me through my car door window. (Take my time?! Is this significantly overweight soul out of his mind? I've a spanking new pair of K2 Burning Luvs in the back of my car, along with a spanking new pair of Volkl Race Tigers in the back of my car, and a teenage son sleeping next to me in the passenger seat. Take my time. The roads were dry, the sun almost shining, and this man is telling me to take my time.) Pardon me? I asked. Your time, ma'am. Take your time. (There was the hope that maybe I misunderstood him, and in that fleeting repeat of his phrase, hope dissipated like snow on an unseasonably warm winter day.) Radar got you going 75 in a 55. Me?! I was driving 75?! That's not like me. It's the car, sir. The car wants to go fast. Like my skis, officer. My skis want to ski and they want to ski fast. The policeman walked back to his patrol car with my license and registration. You know, sir, the amount of energy you expend walking from my car to your car and from your car to my car is not enough. You need more. Here's an application to our ski club. Take your time, ma'am.

The whole time thing is relevant anyway. Sometimes it's not possible to take our time. For example, none of us take our time when we are in a hurry, like the time I drove to Alpin Haus on a Saturday (to buy my Burnin Luvs). Good thing time was not to be taking that day, or I would've lost my Luvs. Alpin Haus closes at 5, my kid plays basketball until 3:30. I picked him up, and he wants to shower! Before buying skis? Who does that? Ok. I gave him 2 minutes to rinse off the sweat, and into the car and varoom! No problem, 4:22 we step into Alpin Haus, and there's Maria, holding onto MY pair of Burnin Luvs. (Maria's my racing nemesis. Maria is to me as Cliff is to Walt as West Mountain is to Bill, a racing nemesis being something you want to beat, to ski faster than, to blow by varoom, leave in the snow drift.) What are you doing with my skis? Your skis, she says, I just bought these. No! Yes! (I just about died.) I just bought them too! You didn't buy these, she said. I just spoke with Rick over the phone, I said. You lose, honey, she said, all smiles. These 153's are mine. Ladies! Rick called out from behind the counter. I've another pair of 153's right here. Burnin Luvs are burnin hot this year. What time is it? I asked. 4:47, he said. Ohhh. Do you have time to mount the bindings for me? I know you close at 5 and you're probably in a hurry to get out of here, but. Sure, he said. Oh! Thank you! You are the best! At 5:15, he handed me my skis, and he handed my kid his Race Tigers, and told us to take our time, going down the hill. Absolutely! I said. I'll take my time providing it's faster than the time it takes Maria, and with our new skis in the back of the car, we took our time driving home.

Special Programs from EMS

Feb 3, Women's Snowshoe hike, place TBD, call the Niskayuna (388-2700) store for more information
 Feb 5, Tele Tuesday, 5-9pm at Maple Ski Ridge
 Feb 7, Janice Prichett presents "A Journey to Bhutan", 7-8pm at the Albany store
 Feb 14, Singles XC ski outing, 6pm, place TBD, call the Albany (482-0088) store for more information
 Feb 16, Climbing Comp, 4-7pm at Electric City Rock Gym
 Feb 19, Tele Tuesday, 5-9pm at Maple Ski Ridge
 Feb 20, Full Moon snowshoe Hike, 6pm with the Niskayuna store
 Feb 22, Intro to GPS, 7-8pm at the Niskayuna store
 Feb 24, XC ski clinic, 10am-2pm, place TBD, call the Niskayuna store for details

Ski Council Days

The New York Capital District Ski Council has once again arranged a great season of inexpensive skiing at some of the best ski areas in the area. Please patronize these areas in support of getting these great deals (if we don't we may lose our ability to get the good deals). We also need to make sure that we leave a positive impression at each of these areas. Make sure you let the ticket agents, the mountain hosts, and the lift attendants know that SWC'ers were in attendance on a given day. We need to be heard! Also, you need to keep watching the NYCDSC web page at www.swc-nyyp.org or www.nycdsc.org for updates between newsletters.

Lastly and MOST IMPORTANTLY - All mountains will require YOU TO SHOW the SWC membership card and photo ID - all members must have cards including children (you should have received a youth membership card for each child)

2007-2008 Council Appreciation Ski Days

Fri Feb 1st - Whiteface \$35 - Any ticket window
 Sun Feb 3rd - Mt Snow \$32 - * Go to Sun Lodge Group Sales Window
 Fri Feb 8th - Mt Snow \$32 - * Go to Sun Lodge Group Sales Window
 Fri Feb 8th - Bromley \$25 - All \$\$ goes to Korman J. Breast Cancer Foundation
 Sat Feb 9th - Mt Snow \$39 - * Go to Sun Lodge Group Sales Window
 Sun Feb 10th - Gore \$38 - Council Race - SWC Hosting
 Feb 15 Fri Stratton \$30 (**new addition to list**)
 Feb 17 Sun Gore \$35 Group Sales (**new addition to list**)
 Feb 24 Sunday Stratton \$40 (**new addition to list**)
 Fri March 7th - Mt Snow \$32 - * Go to Sun Lodge Group Sales Window
 Fri March 7th - Okemo \$30* Must go to Group Sales Trailer
 Sat March 8th - Mt Snow \$39 - * Go to Sun Lodge Group Sales Window
 Mon March 10th - Bromley \$23
 Mar 16 Sunday Stratton \$40 (**new addition to list**)
 Mar 23 Sun Gore \$35 Group Sales (**new addition to list**)
 Mon March 24th - Whiteface \$35 - Any ticket window
 Tue March 25th - Whiteface \$35 - Any ticket window
 Fri March 28th - Bromley \$23
 Mar 28 Friday Stratton \$30 (**new addition to list**)

Other deals:

Belleayre is offering \$10 off non disc tickets every day for all council club members.

Belleayre -\$15 days -, 2/15, 3/14, 4/11. Free on your birthday or +6 Months for summer babies \$10 1/28 - 2/1 \$25 Holidays: Christmas 12/25, Easter 3/23

Jiminy Peak \$8 off on Tue Go to website and get E-coupons -2/11, 3/10

Gore Coke Deal: \$35 lift ticket with a Coke product on any Wed starting in Jan except President's week.

Bromley Family Fridays Combine Bromley's \$25 midweek/non-holiday ticket with the Family Friday deal. Each paying adult pays just \$12 per kid for up to three kids. Mar 7, 14, 28; April 4

Bromley New This Season \$30 Lifts & Lunch Tuesdays. \$30 lift & lunch ticket on most Tuesdays throughout the season. Not just any ordinary lunch but a full, sit down, waitress-served lunch at the Wild Boar Tavern. Everything is included, an all day lift ticket and your pick of the menu, except the tip! Lift and Lunch Tuesdays are February 5, 12, 26; March 4, 11, 18, 25.

Bromley MOM'S DAY OFF Feb 8th: Hey Mom! Show us a picture of your kid and ski or ride all day for a \$15 donation to the VT-NH Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen For the Cure. 100% of tickets are donated.

Bromley ST. PATRICK'S DAY SPECIAL 3/17: Wear something green for a \$17 ticket.

Bromley A FOOLISH SPECIAL! 4/1 : D'OH! a two-for-one Tuesday!

Don't forget to use the passes that you received from the Warren Miller Movie. Many of the passes are good till late in the season

- The free lift ticket at Stratton Mountain valid Monday is good for a free lift ticket 3/31 - 4/13, or a 2 for 1 lift ticket valid Monday - Friday 1/2 - 3/31 (excluding 1/21 & 2/16-2/22)

- The free lift ticket to Jiminy Peak valid for a 2 for 1 ticket valid 3/6 to the end of the season.

- The free lift ticket to Ascutney Mountain valid on Warren Miller Appreciation days 2/10 & 3/8

Whiteface Club Appreciation Days

Whiteface has \$35 tickets for Ski Club members on 2/2, 3/24-25, 4/7-8. The regular price is \$64. You have to show your membership card.

Jay Peak (vs Alta) Tickets

Well, Alta has really pulled ahead with 301 inches of snow fall and 108 inches on the ground as of January 13th. But Jay Peak is holding its own for the Northeast with 189 inches of snow fall. So, if you're not taking a trip to Utah this year like Bob Wright, do the next best thing and head on up to our Club House and ski Jay. SWC has discounted Jay tickets good any day for \$35 (juniors @ \$33 for ages 6-18). Jay is even better for Seniors with a \$19 senior ticket good anytime. Send Dawn Knutson (5 Colonial Drive Schenectady NY, 12306-3507) a self addressed stamped envelope with a check for the number of tickets you want. Give yourself plenty of time she will be out of town from Feb 3 -10. Bill Kornrumpf will have some tickets at the Clubhouse - when he is there.

CLUB MULTIMEDIA PROJECTOR

SWC-NNYP is now the proud owner of a Sharp XR-10X multimedia projector which is now available for any Club functions (contact a Club Officer about use of this projector). This projector is compatible with computers, DVD players and VCR's and will display high definition quality pictures. With 2000 lumens light output this will really brighten up our Thursday meetings. This is a great improvement to our Club and some of its cost has been defrayed by generous donations by several Club members. We are, however, still looking to defray all of the cost for this projector. So, please make a donation by sending a check to the Club post office box or contacting a Club officer. Thanks for helping to improve our Club!



Mary, Gina, Charlotte, Terry, Bob, Walt, Kathy and Tom at Bromley on Wed 1/16

SWC Goodies on Sale

To celebrate **SWC's 75th year**, we have SWC decals in two sizes, patches and a great SWC logo fleece.

The larger decals (2.5 inches) are great for helmets and car windows. The smaller (about half size) are great for ski tips, poles, and helmets with limited space for a decal. The decals will help make your equipment unique (easier to find in the ski rack and harder for someone to accidentally take the wrong equipment). They also make good conversation starters while riding the chairlift. The patches can be sewn on jackets and ski bags. Displaying these gets our Club visibility out in the world and helps recruit new members. The Fleece is from LL Bean and have the SWC Logo embroidered on the chest. They're a lightweight black 1/4 zip pullover and are in both men's and women's styles. Cost is \$40 each, payable to SWC.

Large decals are \$3, small decals are \$1 and the patches are \$3. See Walt Kangas at some event or you can send a self-addressed envelope; listing those items you want, with a check made out to SWC to the address below. Mark the envelope - SWC Goodies and include your phone number in case Walt has questions.

This is just the start of our **75th** celebration.

Walt Kangas, 1061 Waverly Place, Schenectady NY 12308

SWC Logo Fitness Fleece

We are getting orders together for the LL Bean Fitness Fleece again. These are the same fleeces you have seen on many of your members. Great for hanging around or use as a layer in your ski outfit. This year we will offer several colors. For men: Black, Deep Red, Bottle Blue, Graphite, and Night (navy blue). For women: Black, Deep Red, Dark Plum, Green Tea, Ivory, Sea Blue, and Slate Teal. Cost is \$40 and includes a small fund raising contribution to SWC. Call Walt Kangas (370-5136) with your size and color selection.

Chatter/Blade on Website

The Chatter/ Blade is timed to arrive at your doorstep for the first of the month.

As it is sent to the printer, we also post it on our website. This means the Chatter/Blade can be viewed about the 20th of the month, or about 10 days earlier. (The best part is the pictures look great in color)

What's Happening at Stowe?

A great website to find out what's happening in Stowe at any time is www.gostowe.com then at the top center of the page, click on "THINGS TO DO". You'll find all kinds of fun things to do as you plan your year round outings.



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Paddlers Banquet Feb 16th at Brandon's

Don't forget to join the fun at the Annual Paddlers' Dinner Banquet on Saturday, Feb 1, at Brandon's, 1725 VanVranken Ave, Sch'dy, 6pm cash bar; 7pm dinner.

The rumor of a guest speaker is absolutely true, and it should be quite enjoyable: Chuck Irose has traveled all over the world, practically, and will present his slides of kayaking, followed by a self-written folk song of the same genre. Another rumor has it that Uncle Don will be dressed in his Saturday evening best. Surely you won't want to miss this one! Contact Kim Greiner at email twobears@nycap.rr.com, or at 875-6497. Checks for \$22 per person (includes tax & gratuity) should be mailed to Kim at 558 Old Hwy. 30, Esperance, NY 12066. ...*Kim Greiner*

Scuttlebutts

Our best wishes go to Mary Bruno, who does more to sparkplug our paddling activities (and the fun that comes along with it) than anyone else. Mary is at Albany Med, undergoing dialysis on Mon, Wed, and Fri, most probably in late afternoons, but you'd better check first if you plan to visit.

The next item falls under the classification of major coincidences.

Through the fates of the Gods, I have ended up with two Old Town Canadienne canoes. Much as I love them both, one has to go. So I advertised one in the Blade last month and, because I was going to be driving to Florida in late January, I also put it on ebay, paddle.net, and Craig list.

The interesting thing is that one of the people who subsequently submitted a question about the canoe has the name Alan Foster – but he lives in Florida!! (PS: it looks as if it has sold to someone in Vermont)

.....*Allan Foster*

Club Canoe Availability

Although the ice on the streams may limit paddling, those who want to attempt it should know that we (SWC/NNYP) have canoes, paddles, PFD's, and one kayak for use:

18' 6" Wenonah CC 18' 6" Lincoln CC 18' 6" Sawyer CC
18' 5" Alumicraft 12" Acadia Kayak

These boats may be borrowed by Club members for a \$5/day, \$25/week donation. They are located at Uncle Donnie Patneau's house at 741 River Road, Lower Rotterdam Junction (about 0.3 mile from the Kiwanis boat launch. 518-887-5483).

There are four canoes for members who are up at the Clubhouse, but no fair using them on Nosedive!

News Updates

Send any pertinent items to Allan Foster: adfos@aol.com, 379 McCormack Rd, Albany, NY 12208, by the 12th of month. I'd suggest putting NNYP, SWC or Blade in any email Subject title line so I don't spam you, and pictures should be less than 100Kb. If you are using US Mail, let me know (438-5540) in case I'm traveling.

Remember to send any photos of trips or happenings so we can include them when space is available.

For Sale

J202, Wenonah kevlar, 18' 6" Solo, C-1, like new w/cover \$1,295

17' carbon fiber Wenonah, Voyager, C-1, like new \$1,295

18' 6" USCA mixed cruiser C-2 kevlar, good shape - \$750

Call Steve at 413-743-5900

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