HVSC

Hudson Valley Ski Club

Poughkeepsie, New York

* 2008 * Our 70th Year *

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Last Chance: Renew your Membership Early

As in recent years we are including a membership renewal form in this issue of the newsletter.

If you prefer you can download the application and waiver form from the website or pick one up at any club meeting during the regular ski season.

If you look at the prices on the membership renewal form, those who renew on or before September 17 will save $10 this year. Whether you are eligible for the $10 discount is determined by the postmark on your envelope (NOT the date you wrote on your check or the Membership Application). If it's not postmarked before midnight on September 17 you will pay the full fee.

If you have any questions regarding membership, contact Pete Gray (pg4@pg4.net).

HVSC/TSSC Fall Dance

(Date to be announced)

"It is our club's plan to join the Trailsweepers at their fall kick-off party. It has been informally communicated to us that our club is invited." More info will appear in the October newsletter. ***Pat Cummins***

Bromie5@aol.com

Dates	2008—2009 Ski Trips
December 5-7, 08	Smuggler's Notch, Vermont
January 9–11, 09	Gore Mt, New York
January 15–25, 09	Cortina, ITALY
February 21–28, 09	Vail, Colorado
March 8–13, 2009	Mt. Tremblant, Canada

This month's meetings:

September 3 & 17 at **7:30 PM** at the Best Western

Notice time change to regular schedule

HVSC/TSSC Softball Challenge & Picnic

Sunday September 14

Rosendale Recreation Center

(West side of Route 32 in Rosendale, NY)

Scheduled events: Hot dogs & hamburgers (about 12:00 noon)
Ballgame is at **2:00 PM**
Dinner will follow the game (4:00--4:30 PM)

Other Facilities: Large pavilion
2 new tennis courts
Volley ball court

Head Chef: Bill Ennist

Food supplied: Grilled chicken, Grilled pork, Grilled London broil, Corn, Beer

Attendees bring: Salads, Deserts, Side dishes, Any personal beverages

Equipment supplied: Bats, Balls, Bases, Catcher's mask Volleyball

Bring your own: Ball gloves
Tennis equipment
Energy
Appetite

Cost:
$10 to be collected at the park

Golf: There are several nearby courses
Let Walt know if you are interested in morning golf

HVSC Contact: ***Walt Gorgas*** 845-489-3999
Waltgorgas@aol.com
TSSC Contact: ***Rob Fletcher*** 845-338-1537
rfletcher@thenadd.org

PLEASE let your club contact know if you plan to attend; Bill needs to know how much food to buy!

ALSO: Photos, videos and video slide shows of this event in recent years appear on the **HudsonValleySkiClub.org** website.

HVSC Information

Club Information

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Susan Hasbrouck 229-6786
Friday "Race Training:"
Susan Hasbrouck 229-6786
All phones area code 845

Welcome to the following new member!

Joan Carpenter

The 2007-2008 Membership Directories are now available in hardcopy. I'll bring some copies to the Summer meetings, or I can mail you a copy if you send me a self-addressed stamped envelope (6"x9" minimum size). Postage is $1.34 for one (Single Memberships) and $1.68 for two (Couple Memberships).

Pete Gray membership@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

HVSC Board Meeting

The board next meets September 3 6:30 PM, Best Western, Route 9, Poughkeepsie

Invitees: All Officers and Board Members are requested to attend. Any interested Ski Club members may attend as guests.
Contact: ***Mark Booska***, President (485-6246)
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Voice Message Service for last minute changes and new activities: **227-1123**
Contact: **Ed Miles**
(471-2504) to have a message put on the service.

From the Editor/Webmaster Newsletter "In Development"

Why do only some members have photos in the Online Membership Directory?

The simple answer is that I only have photos of some members and some members prefer not to have their images online.

If you want your picture on your entry in the OMD, just send me a suitable image, digital or hardcopy and I'll add it to the directory. If you want your web site added, send me the URL.

History of "web site photos":
1996: HVSC website established
1997: Photo Gallery (of trips and off-snow events) added
1999: Officers Photo Gallery added
12/2000: Online Membership Directory added
2/2001: Photo & website link features added to OMD
5/2008: YouTube videos added to the Gallery

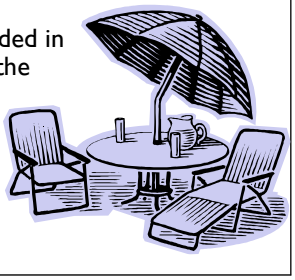
Remember, no unsolicited or unannounced e-mail from Hudson Valley Ski Club has ever (and will never) contain attachments or embedded executable files.

Mike

editor@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org
webmaster@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

MEETING SCHEDULE:

Summer meetings ended in August. We resume the normal first and third Wednesday schedule at 7:30 PM on September 3 & 17.



Ski Trip to Verbier, Switzerland

January 23 — 31
(Friday to Saturday)

Cost : Approx $2000 **

Includes: Non-Stop Air, 7 nights Hotel, All Breakfasts and 4 course Dinners, all transfers
**Note: Does not include lift tickets

About Verbier: Located in the "4 Valleys" region, between the Matterhorn and Mont Blanc, Verbier is the second largest ski area in Switzerland.

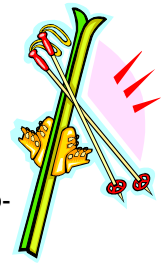
Base 4921 ft
Peak 10927 ft
250 miles of trails
100 Lifts and cable cars

Terrain:
Beginner 32%
Intermediate 45%
Advanced 25%

If you have any questions, e-mail ***Bill Rosenberg***
WRosenb822@aol.com

Note: This is not a HVSC club sanctioned ski trip.

Non-club Ski Trips



From time to time HVSC will authorize members to list ski trips in the HVSC newsletter that are not sanctioned by the Club.
Members who choose to participate should understand that the Club provides no financial support for these trips and these trips do not contribute toward either the "on-snow membership requirement" or the "HVSC point system".
They will be marked as "not a HVSC club sanctioned trip."

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SKI TRIP

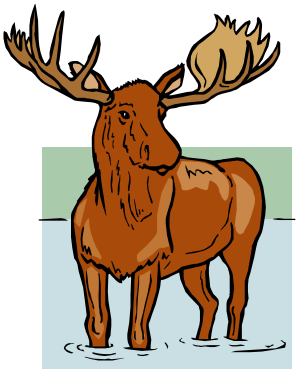
Mt. Tremblant, Canada

March 8-13, 2009, via train and bus.
(Sunday – Friday)

$835 includes train transportation between Poughkeepsie and Montreal

We will be staying at Country Inn & Suites: Located in the heart of Old Tremblant – The Pedestrian Village – this charming property offers daily continental breakfast, hotel rooms and outdoor hot tub.

Included:
Round trip motor coach transfer from train station to hotel
5 nights accommodation
4 day lift tickets
Continental breakfast
Baggage handling
All taxes



Trip Leader: **Chris Bopp**
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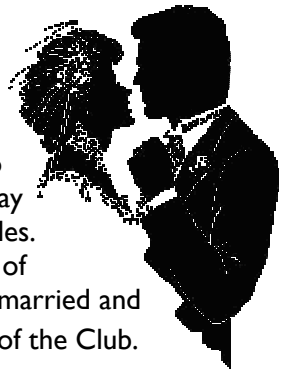
Wedding Couples



With the recent wedding of Bob and Bonnie, the suggestion was again made, "Why don't you have a list of all the couples who met in Ski Club and married?" So I've started such a list. Within a day we came up with over forty couples. There are even at least two pairs of members who met in HVSC, got married and each partner served as president of the Club.

So check it out on the HudsonValleySkiClub.org website. If you (or someone you know) should be on the list and is not, let me know. If you are on the list and would rather not be or want to correct your entry, let me know as well. And check out 1983 — the most HVSC weddings (four). If you're on the list, send me your wedding date!

Mike
webmaster@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

Presidents Message

State of the club

The new season is officially upon us. The bimonthly meetings begin this month, activities increase, trip signups are in full swing and I enter my third term as president. I can appreciate why there have been only two other 3-termers before me, because it becomes harder and harder to muster the energy and commitment necessary to run this little organization once the honeymoon is over. There are so many things that I have wanted to accomplish and would like to accomplish but, I try not to beat myself up too much for what I haven't done and take solace in what little I have managed to do.

For most of the year the club is always in my thoughts, whether it's an idea for a meeting while rollerblading or hearing a new song that I think would be good for a dance or preparing for an activity. During the spring and summer I admit that it is hard to focus on skiing and ski club management when I've got a landscape business emerging from its winter cocoon and then gearing up for the cycling season. My motivation is raging during the cooler days and melts away like the snow when the sun heats things up. Sometimes I have to temper my enthusiasm and at other times I struggle to get up for a meeting. For the most part I enjoy my role and I wish I could do more but, sometimes life just gets in the way. At the very least the club is still functioning and we are blessed with a solid core of about 20 dedicated individuals. They are the ones who really make things happen.

Your club officers continued to work over the summer to refine the organizational apparatus and react to our changing landscape. Financially the HVSC is in excellent position; in fact we have had a tough time during the last two years budget meetings trying to figure out what to do with our cash kitty. On the personnel side we face looming problems if new faces don't step up to the plate. Our core is not expanding and those active members who have given so much of their time would like to kick back and enjoy the fruits of their labor. I don't make a big deal of this at the meetings, because I'm preaching to the choir; but, if you're in sight of these words and not active in the club, please consider offering your services.

The Egans along with the trip committee have come up with some great trips including an early season jaunt to Stowe, the perennial favorite to Lake George led by Shirley, a train trip to Canada , Vail and of course Italy with an add-on inspired by Bill Rosenberg. I have threatened to organize and XC trip to Lake Placid for a couple of years, and I promise that I probably will do it this year. Please take the time complete trip surveys if you go on one or drop us a note regarding what you would like to see offered.

We should have the normal complement of activities this season including the snow expo, holiday raffle, skating party, bowling party, holiday dance and this year the Halloween dance morphs into the kickoff dance so you don't

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Keep Ski Waxing Simple

Waxing can be simple but it can also be quite complex. Complex procedures require a sturdy tuning bench.

Let's keep it simple. Wax is essential for soft snow and for protecting the base from oxidizing. Wax is less important for very cold, crystalline snow and ice.

Let's start with:

- a soft wax, such as Swix's red or yellow wax,
- a cheap iron ($6.99 at Wal-Mart),
- a plastic scraper,
- a nylon pot scrubber.

When it is warm (about 32° F°), use the iron to melt the wax and coat the base of the ski and the edges.

Scrape off most of the wax. Only a thin wax coat is required.

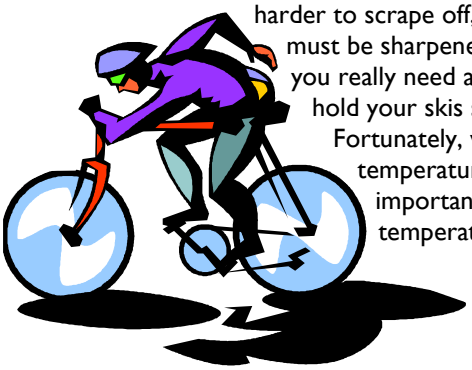
Rub the pot scrubber over the wax surface. Smooth wax will form suction on wet snow. The rubbing will texture the surface and break the suction.

If the temperature suddenly hits 0° F, scrape off as much of the soft wax as you can. The soft wax can slow your skis down on colder snow.

Finally, carry a piece of the soft wax in your pocket. Sometimes, melting snow will freeze on warm skis and make them unskiable. Just scrap the ice off the skis, rub some wax on them, and ski until you can give them a proper waxing.

Before you put your skis away for any period of time, melt a heavy coat of wax on them. The wax keeps the base and the edges from oxidizing. Just scrape the excess wax off before skiing.

Waxing skis for cold temperatures is more complicated. The wax is harder; its melting temperature is higher; it is much harder to scrape off, the plastic scraper must be sharpened frequently; and you really need a tuning bench to hold your skis steady.



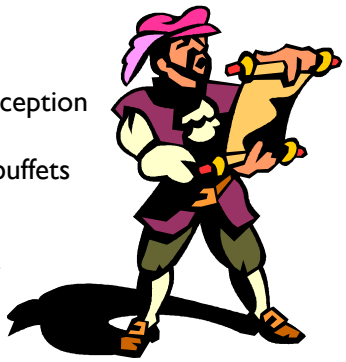
Fortunately, waxing skis for cold temperatures is not nearly as important as it is for warmer temperatures.

Walt Gorgas

Gore Mountain Ski Trip

January 9-11

Cost: $195 double occupancy



The package includes:
Two nights lodging,
welcome wine and cheese reception and complimentary snacks,
two full American breakfast buffets each morning,
one dinner on Saturday,
one "early" dinner on Sunday (Italian buffet),
9 hours open bar (Friday 10pm-2am and Saturday 9pm-2am) which includes draft beer, house wines and premium liquor and
DJ entertainment both nights.

Lift tickets are not included but Shirley always negotiates for a great price.

Trip Leader: **Shirley Rinaldi**

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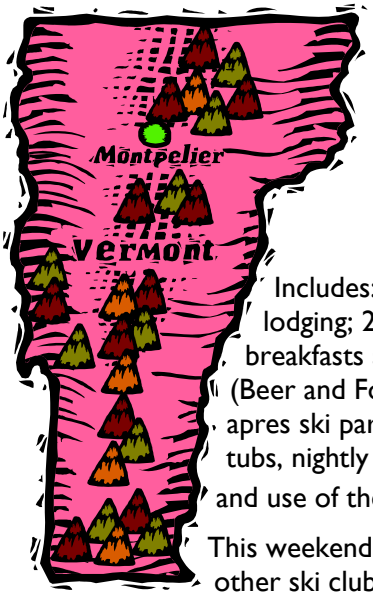

Weekend Trip to:

Smuggler's Notch

Brewfest

Dec. 5-7, 2008

Price: $189

Includes: 2 nights condominium lodging; 2 day lift ticket, two breakfasts and entry into Brewfest (Beer and Food); village activities and apres ski parties; indoor pool and hot tubs, nightly entertainment for adults and use of the Fun Zone.

This weekend has been recommended by other ski clubs for being a great value and a great time.

Trip leader: **Tom Pompei** tvp606@optonline.net

have to scramble for a costume. The softball challenge leads things off later this month. Adjustments will be made to each to ensure their viability so please come out and participate in these fun activities.

Discount tickets will again be available through the NJ ski council according to the new plan instituted last year. Mark Searle has already been shaking the lift ticket lotto trees so I'm sure that we will have our usual bounty. Mark will also be guiding the ski education, by the way Mark, you must show me how to beat the guys in skin suits this year. Speaking of which I would be remiss if I didn't remind you of the Wednesday night race series.

There is always more to say but I am starting to melt. See you at a meeting and hopefully at the softball challenge.

Live, ski or die.
Mark Booska

Monday Kayaking on the Tidal Hudson River

Several of the Ski Club members are kayaking on the Hudson River on Mondays. We launch about 2 hours before a high or a low tide. That way, we can go with the flow for two hours, then as the flow changes, we turn around go with the flow on the way back. If you would like to join us, give me a call. *Walt Gorgas*

Hudson Valley Ski Club Budget 2008 – 2009

INCOME/REVENUE:		
Member dues	$8500.00	
News Letter Ads	$ 510.00	
Lift Ticket Lotto	$1000.00	
Open House Raffle	$ 750.00	
December Raffle	$1500.00	
NJSC Discount Lift Tickets	$ 240.00	
Bank Account Interest Income	$1100.00	
Total Income		$12,700.00
Expenses:		
Membership	$1000.00	
Office Supplies	$ 600.00	
Telephone	$ 225.00	
P.O. Box rental	$ 50.00	
Bank Service charges	$ 200.00	
Audit	$1500.00	
Miscellaneous	$ 200.00	
Meeting Room Rent	$ 780.00	
Equipment Expense	$ 200.00	
Marketing	$2000.00	
News Letter Printing	$3300.00	
News Letter Postage	$1600.00	
Raffle expense	$ 100.00	
Trip Committee	$ 100.00	
NJ Ski Council dues	$ 10.00	
NJ Ski Council rep travel	$ 275.00	
A.S.I.A. support	$ 100.00	
Points Redemption	$ 460.00	
Total Expenses		$12,700.00

CORTINA, ITALY

Queen of the Dolomites

7 nights in Cortina and 2 nights in Mestre/Venice

January 15 – 25, 2009

Approx $2,000

INCLUDED FEATURES:

• Round trip air transportation between JFK and Venice via Delta Airlines nonstop flights.

• Meet & Greet at Venice airport with local assistant.

• Transfer between Venice airport and Venice/Mestre via private coach with English speaking assistant.

• 2 nights accommodations in the 4 star Hotel Antony Palace.

• Breakfast buffet daily in Mestre.

• Transfers between Mestre and Cortina via private coach with English speaking assistant.

• 7 nights accommodations at the 4 star Splendid Hotel Venezia.

• Welcome reception upon arrival with local guide.

• Breakfast buffet and dinner daily in Cortina.

• Optional day tour program to Innsbruck, Val Gardena, Sella-Ronda and more.

• Holidaze assistance

• Luggage tags and passport cases.

• All local taxes

• ***All US and Italian departure taxes of $77.00 p.p. (Subject to change until ticketed)***

• ***All airline fuel surcharges of $210.00 p.p. (Subject to change until ticketed)***

• Holidaze Insure America Travel Assistance program.

Sign ups began May 7, 2008, with a completed trip registration form and a $250 deposit. Payments are due the first meeting of each month June through December. The $250 deposit plus 7 payments of $250 total $2,000. Price is approximate so the last payment can vary based on departure taxes, fuel surcharges or variations in exchange rate.
Trips are priced based on a group rate for the entire package.
Individual changes cannot be made.
Minimum Cancellation Penalty $100
See trip leader for cancellation penalty details.

NOTE: PASSPORT REQUIRED. PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR PASSPORT SO YOU CAN HAVE ALL ISSUES CLEARED BEFORE TRAVEL

Trip Leader: **Pete Gray IV**
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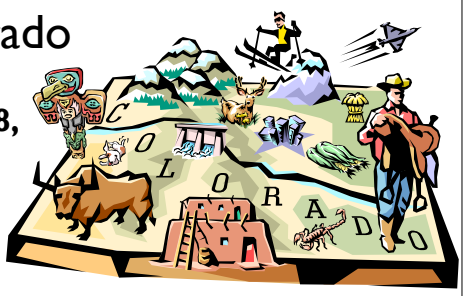
VAIL, Colorado



February 21 – 28, 2009

Approx. $1,730 *

* **New price**

INCLUDED FEATURES:

Round trip air
Round trip ground transfers
7 nights lodging at Vail Spa
5 of 6 day ski pass (Please inquire about the EPIC pass)
Welcome reception at Vail Spa
Baggage handling at Vail Spa

Description:

Vail Spa...the condominium hotel where Colorado mountain vacations are a tradition for many. Located in Vail's Lionshead, you can relax in the comfort of your own condominium and enjoy a delightful array of hotel amenities. It's all here, from shopping to dining, just steps from your condominium lodging including the Eagle Bahn Gondola, to whisk you up the mountain for a day of Colorado skiing or a night of entertaining fun at Vail's now famous Adventure Ridge.

Invitingly spacious accommodations are the start of each guest's experience at the Vail Spa. Each condominium's comfort and style is enhanced by amenities such as washer/dryers and master bedroom whirlpool tubs.

Amenities:

Vail Spa guests enjoy indoor and outdoor pools and hot tubs, private changing rooms with lockers, an exercise and weight room, steam and dry saunas, and massage therapy.

For added convenience, there is on-site parking, ski storage and free super market van service twice per day.
The property is also on the free in town shuttle bus route.

Sign-ups began May 7, 2008 with a completed trip registration form and a $270 deposit. Payments are due the first meetings of June through December as follows: The $270 deposit plus 6 payments of $200 with a final payment in December of $260 totaling $1,730. Price is approximate so the last payment may change due to airline changes, fuel surcharges, etc.

Trips are priced based on a group rate for the entire package.
Individual changes cannot be made.
Minimum Cancellation Penalty $100
See trip leader for cancellation penalty details.

Trip Leader: **Nancy Egan**
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Potter Brothers' First Tent Sale of the Season
September 6 & 7
at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck
The Fairgrounds sale is the same weekend as the Hudson Valley Food & Wine Festival so it's a good time. Our Tent is set up in the parking lot by the main entrance.

Kingston Swap & Sell October 2-5

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Celebrate the Autumnal Equinox (First Day of Autumn) on September 22, 2008.

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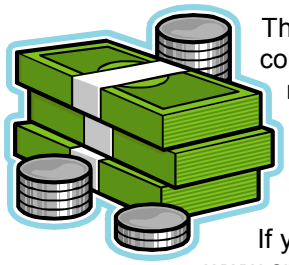
Past HVSC President, **Jeff Elwyn**, recently won third place prize in the

CNBC Million Dollar Portfolio Challenge.



There were over 254,000 contestants, each starting with one million dollars. Jeff finished with just under 2.8 million in 10 weeks. Congratulations, Jeff — too bad the money was simulated.

If you're curious, visit the www.cnbc.com website.

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Dutchess County Singles Dance

Friday, September 12, 2008 ~ 8:00 PM -- Midnight
Best Western, Route 9 Poughkeepsie, NY
Admission: DCS members $13 = Non-members $15
Includes hot/cold hors d'oeuvres, coffee & dessert, cash bar.
Music 50/50 Raffle!
Visit: www.DutchessCountySingles.org

Music Cruise on the Hudson on the "Rip Van Winkle"

August 29

with band Thunder Ridge (Country/Rock). Trailsweepers are also doing this. It is first come, first served. If interested you must call Rip Van Winkle yourselves and make arrangements/reservation for your tickets.
(845-340-4700 / 800-843-7472)
Price is $20 per person and includes boat ride and music. Cash bar available. Be at ticket office ONE HOUR before the boat leaves at 8:00 PM . Boat ride is 8:00--10:30 PM.

Friday Race Training

Every Friday evening Club members meet at an area eatery for a couple of hours of friendly conversation.
If you have questions, comments or suggestions, contact **Susan Hasbrouck** 229-6786 race training coordinator.
Note: Always check the website and/or Ski Phone 227-1123 for latest updates, as last minute conflicts are inevitable.

August	22	Cosimo's 120 Delafield Street Poughkeepsie
	29	Mariner's Harbor 1 Broadway Kingston (joint with Trailsweepers)
September	5	Chili's (Two for One Drink Specials) 2016 South Road Poughkeepsie
	11	Shadow's on the Hudson 196 Rinaldi Blvd. Poughkeepsie
	19	Rocco's (no liquor license yet so byob, but check website and ski phone) 3710 Albany Post Road Hyde Park
	26	Mariner's Harbor 46 River Road Highland

Coming Events -- September 2008

August	29	Music Cruise on "Rip Van Winkle"
September	1	LABOR DAY
	3	Meeting at Best Western 7:30 (Return to normal meeting schedule)
	14	Softball Challenge & Picnic
	17	Meeting at Best Western 7:30
	22	Autumnal Equinox

Friday Golf

Contact Chris Bopp bopptax@yahoo.com

* Note early start time at Southern Dutchess CC

August	22	3:00	McCann Mem'l Golf Course
	29	3:00	College Hill Golf Course
September	5	3:00	McCann Mem'l Golf Course
	11	3:00	College Hill Golf Course
	18	3:00	Vassar Golf Course
	25	2:30*	Southern Dutchess CC

Hudson Valley Ski Club
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September 2008

Schools are opening. Drive Carefully.

This month's meetings: September 3 & 17 at 7:30 PM at the Best Western
Last Chance to Renew your Membership Early ~ Membership Application enclosed
Sign up for **2008—2009 Ski Trips**:
Smuggler's Notch, VT ~ Gore Mt, New York ~ Cortina, Italy ~ Vail, Colorado ~ Mt. Tremblant, Canada