

Foxtales

April, 2013



Monthly Meetings are held the first & third Wednesday of the month at THE BAR on Lynndale In Appleton.

Upstairs - Social 7 pm

Meeting 7:30 pm

The next meeting will be April 3rd & Spring Banquet on April 19th instead of the Wednesday meeting.

See Sign-up inside

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Hi Everyone,

The season is winding down but our formal club meetings still meet into the beginning of April along with our Spring Banquet scheduled for April 19th. It will be held at Fox Banquets in Appleton. We have always had great dinners there and the sign-up form is in the Newsletter. It is a great time, besides dinner and conversation with your ski buddies, we have wing span raffles. The proceeds are donated to Special Olympics. As usual, we take the time to get estimates from several restaurants to not only get the best value but a great dinner. Join in the fun.

We also have an early summer event planned. The TimberRattlers Tailgate & Game on Friday, June 21st for \$14. We have reserved seating at the game, brats, burgers, grilled chicken sandwiches, beverages and with all the fixins. This will take the place of our weekly Happy Hour location. If you do not want to attend the game, we have a tailgate only option for \$8. Again the complete information & sign-up is in the Newsletter.

Any ideas for additional non-ski events are welcome and would appreciate a volunteer to organize the event. Rafting was suggested at our last meeting but unfortunately, last year we did not have anyone sign up. The organizers of the events put a lot of time & effort into them, so please support them by attending. We have started our yearly nominations for Officers/Board Members, all positions are a one year term, President, Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary. Throw your hat into the ring, nominations will continue and voting will be held on April 3 at our general meeting at The Bar.

Our meeting on March 6th, a visitor & non-member brought up the subject of where our meetings should be held. The Bar on Lynndale has been very good to our club. They offer us their parking lot when we park our cars on week long or weekend trips along with their no additional charge meeting room twice a month. The only thing our club does do for that is to supply our meetings with beer & soda for a minimal cost. We have had meetings elsewhere where the conditions were not as pleasant (it was so cold you had to wear your coat) and the cost to use the room was increased to a couple hundred dollars a meeting. Folks, our Board is frugal with the funds of the club. There was a comment that someone doesn't drink beer. Well, your membership is paid to get the group discount for our ski trips, the club overhead, our Treasurer & Newsletter editor receive stipends for the year long work that they do. We work very hard to keep the costs of running the club and trips as low as possible and still give you a quality club experience.

1 This year I have been working a great deal on getting our club up to date with the State & Federal Non-profit status. The State has been completed but we are waiting for the Federal "blessing". I started working on this last May along with the rest of the Board and hopefully will have everything organized soon. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and the Board Members for their time and efforts over the past year. Great job! It has been wonderful and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your President, I truly enjoy it.

As usual throughout the year as each trip is completed the question is always asked "where are we going next year". As you know, Sam is always thinking about that and the CMSC Trip Seminar will be held in Chicago on May 18th. There are limited spots held for club members and the cost is \$20. Our club will refund anyone attending after they have attended the seminar. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact a board member.

Thank you again,
Deb

Happy Hour Happenings

Start the weekend with the Sly Foxes
Fun Begins at 5:30

This is not an official club function but rather just an informal gathering of members for Happy Hour at different locations throughout the month.

- April 5 - Cleos/Cheyenne
203 W. College Avenue & 124 N. Appleton Street, Appleton
920-739-2288 & 920-731-8885
- April 12 - Stone Yard
W3010 Edgewood Trail, Appleton
920-968-0222
- April 19 - Sly Fox Spring Banquet
Fox Banquets (See Sign-up)
111 E. Kimball St., Appleton
920-830-7616
- April 26 - Game Day Sports Bar
(Formerly Checkered Flag)
N225 Stony Brook Road, Appleton
920-730-0202
- May 3 - Anduzzi's
403 W. College Avenue
920-257-2582

Do You have a Happy Hour location that you would like to see the Sly Foxes meet at?

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- 4 - Jim Bosdech
- 6 - Ross Buckley
- 6 - Bonita Jordan
- 7 - Mark Nelsen
- 12 - Mary Weihing
- 13 - Holly Beau
- 14 - Kathy Thielke
- 21 - Melissa Honeck
- 28 - Jane Tennant

May

- 1 - Mary DeKeyser
- 5 - Jim Schlinder
- 6 - Darlene Kramer
- 7 - Carol Freer
- 10 - Chris Hendricks
- 15 - Joy Berg
- 19 - Jennifer Schreiter-Pethan
- 24 - Jeanine Bosdech
- 25 - Deb Bramschreiber
- 29 - Jack Benesh
- 29 - Lisa Breu



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Friday, April 19th, 2013

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Cocktails: 6pm (Cash Bar)

Dinner: 7pm

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(Final count is due on April 15th)

Please call Lynne Sommers @ 920-731-4825 if after April 15th.

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Morzine, France Trip Report

by Sam Fontaine

Our European adventure continues on to the City of Light, Paris. Early Saturday morning we board our buses to Geneva airport. Deb Matz, with a little help from her friends, got on comfortably, and we were off. Yesterday's rain has now turned to snow. Isn't that the way it always works, it starts snowing like crazy just as you leave. Anyway, we were down out of the snow in half an hour and had an uneventful trip to the airport.

Remember how I said the airport was a mad house on Winter Saturdays? Well it's the same coming or going. After about an hour we were all checked in and then we had to go through security, which took about another half an hour. Think about: 1 ½ hour bus ride to go 70 miles, followed by 1 ½ hour to do the last 100 yards to the gate. So we board our flight to Zurich and we get off, we find the Paris gate is just across the hall. It's about time we got lucky. One hour later, we arrived at Paris Charles De Gaulle Airport. After collecting our bags, we gathered and I went out to locate our buses. We had ordered wheelchair service for Deb Matz in advance, and it worked out pretty good, but the wheelchair jockey in Paris thought Deb would jump up and walk away once delivered to the arrival hall. After a brief dustup, which Deb Bramschreiber managed to settle down, we got Deb Matz on the bus and nobody got arrested.

We proceeded into Paris, stopping to pick up our tour guides. Deb B's bus drew the short straw and got the barely audible, retired school marm. My bus had a guide with a bit more personality. We toolled into central Paris and our guides pointed out the sights: Arc de Triomphe, Champs Elysee, Opera, and Louvre Museum. I thought that Parisian traffic would be somewhat subdued on a Saturday afternoon, but I thought wrong. Gridlock made our bus drivers pull into the city bus lane to get moving, the cops were so distracted with directing traffic that they took no notice. After crossing the Ile de la Cite in front of the Cathedral of Notre Dame, we turned back toward the Eiffel Tower.

We had tickets and a reservation at 5 pm to the second level. They don't sell advance tickets to the top of the tower in the winter due to weather concerns. The weather, which had been sunny and pleasant all day, suddenly turned a bit nasty. Just as we got to the second level, a sleet storm swept in. By the time we got back down, it was nice again. We made it our way to the Hotel de Castiglione, unloaded the buses, checked into the rooms by 7 pm. Our hotel was across the street from the Japanese Embassy, and just around the corner from the US Embassy. With that, everyone was on their own until Tuesday morning.

Sunday was the monthly Free Museum Day in Paris, so everyone headed to the Louvre to see Mona Lisa or the Orsay to see Van Gogh. Sunday was also Super Bowl Sunday, so in the afternoon, many made their way to the W.O.S Bar in the Latin Quarter. Believe it or not, but this is the official Packer bar in Paris. The owner, Pierre, and his manager, Mathew, have made the pilgrimage to Lambeau Field to soak in the tailgate atmosphere, a victory over the Vikings, and get their picture taken with Charles Woodson and Mayor Jim Schmidt. A few people hung in all night to watch the Ravens beat the 49ers. Monday was the last full day in Paris. At breakfast, I was glad to see how many people got to experience the "Paris Ring Scam". Here is how it works. You're walking down the street in a touristy area, and because of your clothes and speech, you are obviously not Parisians. A lady walking toward you kneels down just as you are passing and "picks up" a huge gold ring and asks if it is yours. My reaction is always to tell her to beat it and keep walking. But others in our group were more creative. Dan Roepke actually let the lady put the ring on his finger and ask for a "finder's fee" for the ring. Dan gave her a 2 Euro coin and when she started squawking that it was not nearly enough for such a valuable ring, he offered to give it back, but then feigned that it was stuck on his finger. A suggesting that they take the matter up with a nearby policeman caused the lady to suddenly disappear. Jim Whalen got his wallet picked at the Orsay Museum, but since it was a "dummy" wallet containing only his room key, he did not lose anything. The simply dropped it on the ground and said "Is that yours?" and disappeared when Jim picked it up. Again, everyone took off to explore the city, its museums, sights, shopping, bars and cafes. Several took in the evening show at the Moulin Rouge, and some even went to the Paris Opera at the ultra modern Bastille Opera House. Even Deb Matz was able to make it out for some touring via taxi and river boat. With that, we wrapped it all up with an early bus departure to the airport and an uneventful flight home.

Thanks again to everyone on the trip and the many helpers that chipped in whenever a hand was needed. I need to thank especially my assistant trip leader (and wife) Deb Bramschreiber. Also thanks for our in-house medical staff, Judy Schmidt, Monica Secor, Judy Dreier, Steve Stroman, Cindy Rendall, Mike Komoroske, Rita Delveaux, Colleen Gorilla, Mary Lou Kuske, Judy Van Caster, Danice Herald, Mary Weber, and everyone else I don't know about. Let's do it again sometime.

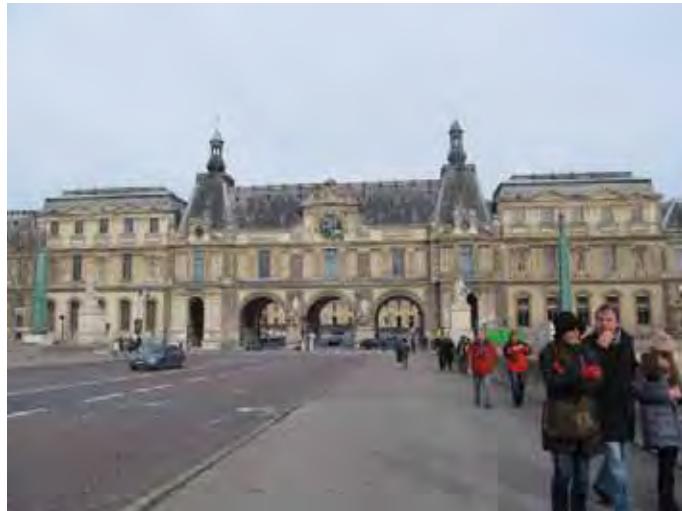
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The Louvre in Paris



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