



The Roanoke Skier & Adventurer

The Monthly Newsletter for the Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club

October 2023

President's Message

At National Day Archives, any one of us can apply to have a day of choice recognized nationwide. Here is a list of **October Holidays** to be celebrated (if you wish!):

- Oct. 4th : National Golf Lovers Day; Cinnamon Roll Day; Taco Day; International Ships-in-Bottle Day (...really?!)
- Oct. 5th : Nat'l Walk and Bike to School Day (in snow)
- Oct. 7th : World Smile Day
- Oct. 8th : World Octopus Day; I Love Yarn Day
- Oct. 10th : Christopher Columbus Day, Indigenous People's Day
- Oct. 21st : National Apple Day
- Oct. 26th : National Pumpkin Day

AND October Birthday for Jill....every day all month!

There is much to celebrate RSAC friends!

Jill

Jill Betters, President



*To actively promote and engage our members' appreciation of the outdoors,
our love of skiing, travel, and adventure.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 2023

Membership Meeting

- Wednesday, October 4th, 6:30-8:00pm
- Roanoke Country Club,
- 3360 Country Club Dr NW, Roanoke
- RSVP required (closed September 29th)
(135 people have RSVP'd. Additional spots are available if there are cancellations)



Happy Hour

- Thursday, October 19th, 5:30 pm
- Jersey Lily's Roadhouse,
1650 Braeburn Drive, Salem
(across from Lewis Gale Hospital)
- Emily Hurst hosting



FUTURE EVENTS – NOVEMBER 2023

Membership Meeting –

- Date and location TBD

Happy Hour

Tuesday, November 21, 5:30 pm

Crab Du Jour, Bar Area

4765 Valley View Boulevard, Roanoke

Host: Emily Hurst

Stay tuned for upcoming fun fall events!

Keep an eye on the Facebook Page for last minute events we may put together!

Please assess your own risk with regard to participating in RSAC activities.

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME 3 NEW MEMBERS!

SUE CRESSEL

JACKIE MATZ

SARA WATSON



CONGRATULATIONS!

Members, please reach out to these new members and welcome them to the club.

Total Active Members: 442

If you need help with your online profile, please contact me.

Susan Young

Membership Director

rkeski.membership@gmail.com

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Dates are being scheduled for activities during October and November.

Watch for an email blast for upcoming activities!

Cathy Kern

Activities Director

NEWS

Members Meeting at Roanoke Country Club, September 6th

122 members attended the meeting, to enjoy the food, socialization and the information given. The proposed Bylaws Amendment – membership dues exemption for Board members – was approved.

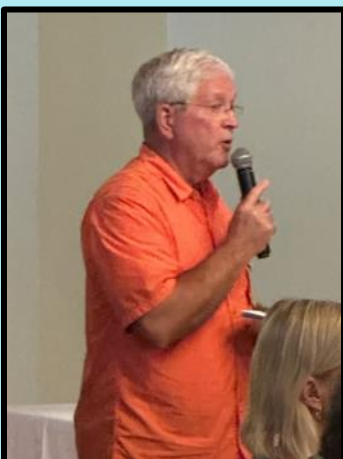


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Members Meeting, September 6th (continued)



Happy Hour at Big Lick Brewing, September 11th

RSAC members enjoyed a pleasant evening at Big Lick Brewing Happy Hour on September 11th. Between the wide selection of beers and wine plus free popcorn the evening was perfect.

Emily Hurst, host

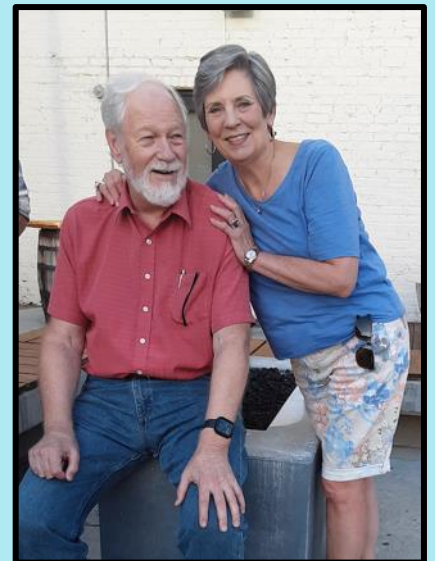


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TRIPS

Exploring the Best of Italy / September 18 - 28, 2023

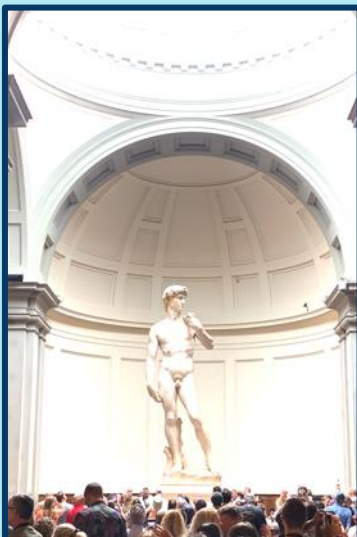


The title of this trip certainly lived up to its name. Forty-four members departed on September 17 on a trip to Italy that included visits to the Tuscany region including Pienza and Florence as well as Cinque Terre in the Ligurian area of northwest Italy. We had 10 glorious days of sunshine, 80-degree weather and no rain.



It was truly a trip that included planes, trains, buses, and boats. The trips activities not only were punctuated with visits to ancient churches, Abbeys, and museums but also olive and wine estates where we sampled many varieties of wines and olive oil. We also had the opportunity to hunt for truffles (sort of, since dogs now replace pigs that once detected truffles and did the digging.). But we detected quite a few that were prepared and included in the pasta we had for lunch.





Of course, everyone enjoyed “the David” in Florence, as our guide, Giorgio, called him. We had a structured tour on the first day when we visited the major attractions: the Santa 3 Croce Church, Piazza Della Signoria with Palazzo Vecchio, the Duomo with the Baptistery and Bell Tower, ending at the Galleria dell’Accademia to see the Statue of David. We also had a free day in Florence where some visited museums, some climbed the Bell Tower and some the Dome. While enjoyable and memorable the crowds were intense. Seems everyone is traveling these days. Some members sought help from our guide for a side trip to the Tower of Pisa. Giorgio gladly complied, arranged, and accompanied some members to the tower. We did a lot of walking in Florence as there was a lot to see and buses are not permitted in the inner city. According to my Garmin we walked 17,000 steps one day and 18,000 the next.

Most if all I think everyone loved our Santa Margherita hotel with a view of the sea and near to the Cinque Terre (Meaning 5 lands or villages each connected by paths and trains). Probably the highlight, some would say, was the train to Corniglia and the hike from there to Vernazza, two of the villages. Starting with ascending over 350 steps we began our hike up and down narrow, rocky paths. The view of the sea was stunning and the hike exhilarating. And everyone I talked with was proud they completed the 2 ½ hour trek but probably wouldn’t do it again. It was a challenge.



On our last day we enjoyed some free time. Some shopped and some rested by or swam in the sea while others took a very exhilarating E-bike ride to the top of the mountain over Santa Margherita. This was a beautiful vista as you will see Genoa and into France in our pictures. This is an area everyone should visit at least once in their life.

Even with a challenging rerouting of our flights home, our group of hearty members departed on September 28 with fond memories of a great trip.

Bill & Shireen Fleshman
Trip Leaders



SKI TRIPS 2024

The first snows have already fallen out west! We are hoping for another historic year.

Three trips still have open spots for the 2024 ski season. Our deadlines for airfare and rooming blocks are quickly approaching so please contact the leader as soon as possible to ski with your buddies, this coming winter.

Kitzbuhel Austria, with two days in Innsbruck Feb 9th - Feb 19th

The Austrian town of Kitzbuhel is the most legendary sports town in the Alps and one of the birthplaces of skiing. Convenient roundtrip bus transfer to Dulles with a nonstop flight to Munich. Spend 7 nights at the 4 Star Hotel Maria Theresia located right in the center of Kitzbuhel, steps away from the Hahnenkammbahn Cable Car. A special day trip to the romantic town of Salzburg is an optional site-seeing tour. Private transfer to Innsbruck for 2 nights at the 4 Star Hotel Innsbruck, located at the bank of the Inn River in the heart of the Old Town. Breakfast and Four course dinner included every day in Kitzbuhel!

Snowbird Resort and Alta Resort, Utah, Feb 25th - March 2nd

Stay 6 nights at one of the club's favorites, the 4-star Cliff Lodge located on the slopes at Snowbird. Exceptional luxury with your own private heated ski lockers, spectacular Aerie Rooftop Lounge, and fabulous breakfast buffet. Known for their deep powder, ski both world famous resorts by easily crossing over the top of the mountain from the Baldy Chairlift. A one-of-a-kind experience, the 600-foot Peruvian Tunnel, allowing access to Mineral Basin through the only ski tunnel in North America.

Snowbasin and Powder Mountain Utah, March 2nd - March 9th

Enjoy 7 nights in the town of Ogden UT with its rich history of a lawless frontier town and larger than life legends. Ski Snowbasin, the site of the 2002 Winter Olympics with the Men's and Women's Super-G downhill, in addition to its wide-open bowls, world class groomers, and steep tree runs. Powder Mountain is North America's largest ski resort with 8,484 skiable acres and on the busiest day you will only find one skier per two acres. Snowbasin and Powder Mountain are two of the oldest continually operating ski areas in North America.

Double Ski Trip Utah, Feb 25th - March 9th

SKI 4 MOUNTAINS IN UTAH! Snowbird - Alta - Snowbasin - Powder Mountain.

Please see the flyer below and click on the trip you want to join. Clicking on the trip box will open the flyer posted on the RSAC website.

Marla Kemsey
Ski Trip Director

2024 Ski Trips

An Exhilarating Season!



Jan 27th - Feb 3rd

We will have a memorable week at The Zephyr Mountain Lodge, the premier ski in/ski out Winter Park four star destination. Enjoy spectacular mountain views from the 3 bedroom condos with a fully equipped kitchen, fireplace, and a short distance to the Village restaurants and shops. Experience a scenic 10-person gondola ride from the Village at Winter Park up to an elevation of 10,700 feet.

Trip Leader: Ted Borny

[Click here for more details of this trip](#)

AUSTRIA- KITZBUHEL & INNSBRUCK

Feb 9th – Feb 19th

Anyone who loves snow is in the right place in Kitzbühel. Year after year this popular Alpine town attracts winter sports enthusiasts with miles of ski routes and the best cross-country ski runs. You are sure to see the most diverse downhill categories, the finest snow, the greatest modern lift and gondola systems and an attractive range of offers on and off the slopes. The ski area alone is not the only magnet for adventure seekers at Kitzbuhel.

Trip Leader: Alisa Colpitts

[Click here for more details of this trip](#)



Two Week Ski Trip February 25th – March 9th **BIG SAVINGS**

Combine Snowbird / Alta and Snowbasin / Powder Mountain with round trip airfare from Roanoke and Saturday transfer between resorts!



[Click here for more details of this trip](#)

Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey



Feb 25th – Mar 2nd

Just ask anyone who's been to Snowbird-Alta and they'll tell you three things stand out: the snow, the terrain, and the tram. With 500" of annual snowfall, 3,240 feet of vertical, 4,700 skiable acres, and a tram that takes you to Hidden Peak at 11,000ft, this is a skier's dream week. Stay at one of North America's most iconic ski lodges, The Cliff Lodge, a luxurious four star ski-in/ski-out hotel with three restaurants, two lounges, and two swimming pools.

Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey

[Click here for more details of this trip](#)



snowbasin

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Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey

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ADVENTURE TRIPS 2024

Hi Travelers,

There are two items that I'd like to share with you this month. First concerns a great opportunity available for club members. That opportunity involves our October Spain Trip, which is still open for sign-up. We have quite a few spaces still waiting to be filled. Whether you are a long-time member or a brand new member, all you have to do is contact the trip leader, who is Kate Steinbacher.

The second item is all about adventure trips wait lists. All of our trip leaders will be glad to add you to their trip wait lists, if you are interested in their trips. It seems like we always have several people who have to drop off a trip each year, so we have to go to the wait lists to keep trips full. Anyone can sign up and it doesn't cost you anything until you are selected for the trip. So why not get on a wait list?

That's all for now. TRAVEL, TRAVEL, TRAVEL!!!

Bob Strickland

RSAC Adventure Trip Director



SPAIN: Barcelona, Madrid & Andalusia October 06-20, 2024

Exciting Barcelona, Cosmopolitan Madrid & beautiful Andalusia has it all: beautiful national parks, miles of sandy coastline, iconic architecture, gastronomic delights and thriving local culture (*European Christian & North African Islamic*) – not to mention a string of Unesco World Heritage sites. Join us as we journey by luxury coach through this amazing region of Spain. Our 14-day trip offers guided tours and leisure time to explore the magnificent natural and manmade sites of Spain:

- **Barcelona:** Be amazed by the architecture of Gaudi. Sagrada Familia, Guell Park and the bustling Ramblas
- **Madrid:** see the Royal Palace; the Basilica of San Vicente; Plaza de Espana. Visit Avila; and Segovia
- **Toledo (City of 3-cultures):** walk through quaint streets of Islamic, Jewish, & Christian neighborhoods; Tour the Toledo Cathedral; The Alcazar; Mosque of Cristo de la Luz; and the Synagogue of Santa Maria la Blanca
- **Cordoba:** stroll streets with flowery patios; visit the great Mosque-Cathedral; The Alcazar of the Christian Kings with gardens; and the Jewish Quarter
- **Seville:** Tour the Moorish Giralda Tower; the Alcazar; the Seville Cathedral; and the Royal Pala & gardens
- **The British Overseas Territory of Gibraltar:** Meet the Barbary Monkeys; See Morocco across the strait; visit the limestone caves of San Miguel
- **Malaga:** Experience Malaga & the Costa del Sol; the birthplace Museum of Picasso; and Calle Alcazabilla
- **Ronda:** The Puente Nuevo (New Bridge), was completed in 1793 it took 34 years to build
- **Granada:** Tour the Alhambra; Alcazaba fortress; Nasrid Palaces & courtyards; and the Cathedral & Sepulcher of the Catholic Monarchs.

Trip Details:

- Luxury Charter Bus to and from Wash/Dulles (IAD)
- Direct **Non-stop** Flight to Barcelona on United Airlines return from Madrid
- Welcome Dinner in local restaurant in Barcelona
- Breakfast daily and most Dinners provided in trip cost.
- Travelers will enjoy free time and lunches on their own.
- Luxury coach with driver and english speaking guide will be provided for daily tours.
- 4-Star luxury hotels will be provided for 13 nights
 - 3 nights Barcelona, "Jazz Hotel"
 - 2 nights in Madrid, "Hotel Emperador"
 - 1 night in Cordoba, "Hotel Eurostars Palace"
 - 2 nights in Seville, "Hotel Abba"
 - 2 nights in Gibraltar, "Hotel Elliott"
 - 2 nights in Granada, "Hotel Catalonia"
 - 1 night in Madrid, "Hotel Emperador"
- Entrance fees included in trip cost for tours to castles, cathedrals, museums, and historic sites.
- Trip cost includes all ground transportation :Luxury buses, Train from Barcelona to Madrid, and transfers

Base Price: Ground & Airfare = \$5,282 (p/p; dbl. occupancy) (Base price is subject to change based on potential changes in Airfare and exchange rate) Includes: 4 Star hotels, Luxury coaches, Fast train from Barcelona to Madrid, 14 breakfasts, 10 dinners, most all gratuities

4 Trip Payments: (Price per-person).

- #1 Due: \$1,320 (Aug 1, 2023)
- #2 Due: \$1,320 (Nov 1, 2023)
- #3 Due: \$1,320 (Mar 1, 2024)
- #4 Due: \$1,322 (June 1, 2024)

Make checks payable to: **Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club**

Mail trip applications and payments to the trip leader

Kate Steinbacher (trip leader)

6781 Mount Chestnut Road,
Roanoke VA, 24018

Questions: 540-314-8005 / bizcoachkate@gmail.com





Treasurer's Report: August 2023

Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club General Account Budget & Summary Through August 2023 (FY 5/1/23 - 4/30/24)

	As of 8/31/23 FY 2023/24 YTD Total	2023/24 Budget	Difference
<u>Income Category</u>			
Membership (incl. \$2 online fee)	17,297.33	15,750.00	1,547.33
50/50 Raffle	-	550.00	(550.00)
Guest Fees	-	-	-
Holiday Party (budgeted equal to expenses)	-	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
IKON Pass (referral commission)	-	300.00	(300.00)
Transfer from Trip Escrow (7/18 party)	675.00	-	675.00
Misc.	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	17,972.33	21,600.00	(3,627.67)
<u>Expense Category</u>			
Activities	-	220.00	220.00
Insurance	-	715.00	715.00
Marketing	-	250.00	250.00
Membership Meetings	-	12,000.00	12,000.00
Domain & Email (\$6/mo email; \$12/yr domains)	60.00	84.00	24.00
Membership & Email software	2,669.76	2,667.00	(2.76)
Credit Card Fees - Membership Dues	366.58	314.00	(52.58)
Holiday Party (budgeted equal to sales)	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Office (stamps, name badges, folders...)	71.52	75.00	3.48
Corporate (PO Box, SCC reg)	226.00	250.00	24.00
Transfer to Trip Escrow (7/18 party)	675.00	-	(675.00)
Misc.	-	25.00	25.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,068.86	21,600.00	17,531.14
<u>NET INCOME (LOSS)</u>	13,903.47	-	13,903.47

Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club

Treasurer's Report August 31, 2023

General Checking Account:

Beginning Balance 8/1/2023 \$ 28,958.96

Income

Membership Dues (check)	\$ 857.00
Membership Dues (credit card)	\$ 637.00
Total Income	\$ 1,494.00

Expense

Credit Card Service Charge	\$ 74.99
USPS - Post Office Box fee	\$ 226.00
Jeff Wendell - reimb for 50/50 tickets	\$ 15.78
Google - annual domain name fee	\$ 12.00
Wild Apricot annual fee	\$ 2,669.76
Google domain name hosting	\$ 6.00
Total Expense	\$ 3,004.53

Ending Balance 8/31/23 \$ 27,448.43

MARKETING

Pictures! Pictures! Pictures!

Please email fun pictures from your favorite ski and adventure trips to us!

We are updating our social media and websites to encourage new membership, and we would love to include your memories.

Email photos to:

Bill Hamill at billh1970@yahoo.com or

Clive Hillyard at RSAC.newsletter@gmail.com (Please note that this is not my private email address)

Thanks!

Carol Quarles
Marketing Director

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# NEWSLETTER

Want to add an entry for the monthly newsletter? – An anniversary, a birthday pending retirement, and other significant milestones, member recognition, “In the News”, “Memories” .....

Please contact the [Newsletter Editor](#).

## **ITEMS FOR SALE?**

To place a “For Sale” notice in the newsletter, please contact the [Newsletter Editor](#).

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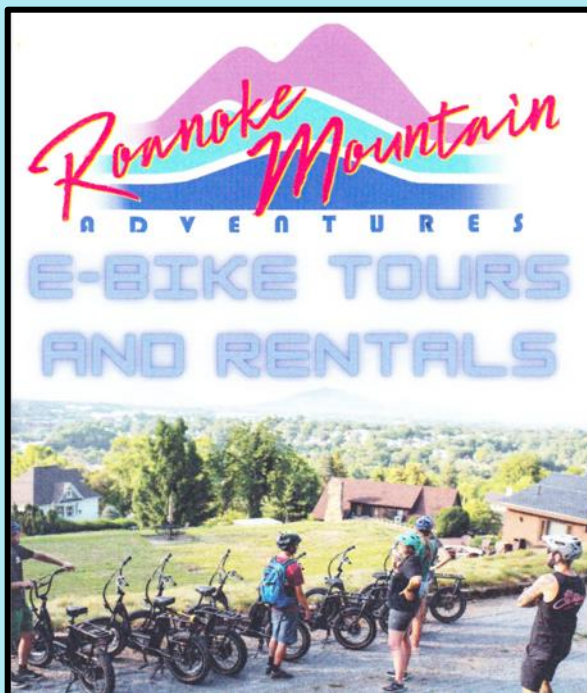


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Show your club spirit and look great on your next trip!  
For only \$5 per item, you can now get the RSAC logo embroidered (as shown above) in black or royal blue on your favorite jacket, sweater, vest, shirt, hat or tote!  
(No leather, please.)

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**THAT'S ALL FOLKS!**

Stay tuned for next month's news  
and activities.



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**Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club Board Members:**

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
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