



The Roanoke Skier

The Monthly Newsletter for the Roanoke Ski Club

OCTOBER 2018



President's Message

Wow! I hope everyone enjoyed September's membership meeting with David Stewart Wiley as much as I did. What a wonderful treat for the RSC!

The October meeting at Roanoke Country Club will be another very special evening, too. Our first annual Oktoberfest will be complete with German potato salad, bratwurst, sauerkraut, and pretzels. This celebration of fall will just start the fun, as we have another wonderful program for you. Pete Eshelman with the Roanoke Regional Partnership and GOFest, will share insights into the growing outdoor adventure scene we have in the Roanoke area. Pete is an outdoors guy. He developed roanokeoutside.com, founded the [Blue Ridge Marathon – America's Toughest Road Marathon](#), [Hill Week](#), and the [GO Outside Festival](#), to help build brand recognition for outdoor recreation and increase recognition of the region as a place to live, work, and invest. His work has changed the region's community narrative to one that places a high value on adventurous outdoor activities. This will be a very special and informative program.

Speaking of outdoor adventure, your board feels very strongly that our club needs to recognize and officially acknowledge the club's enormous success and growth of our adventure travel trips. For our upcoming season we have almost as many people traveling on non-ski trips as ski trips. Approximately 130 people are participating in ski trips and 110 people are participating in non-ski trips. We feel that the name, Roanoke Ski and Adventure Club, more accurately represents our membership and acknowledges everyone participating in our dynamic and successful club. We will vote at our November 7th meeting, held at Holliday Inn Tanglewood, to adopt the name, Roanoke Ski and Adventure club.

See you all on October 3rd at the Oktoberfest.

Prost,
Marla Kemsey
President

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

Upcoming Events:

Membership Meeting

- [Wednesday, Oct 3 at 6:30 p.m.](#)
Roanoke Country Club
3360 Old Country Club Road, NW
Roanoke, VA

GO Outside Festival

- [Friday—Sunday, Oct 12—14](#)
River's Edge Sports Complex
210 Reserve Ave.,
Roanoke, VA

Happy Hour

- [Tuesday, Oct 23 at 5:30 p.m.](#)
Billy's Barn
1790 Thompson Memorial Drive
Salem, VA

Join us for dining and free Basic and Advanced Shag dance and Line dance lessons

Hostess Emily Hurst

Event Summary:

Bike on the New River Trail

- On Saturday, September 22nd, about 18 of us hopped on our bikes and rode on the New River Trail from the Draper trail head to the Pulaski/Wythe County line and back (about 20 total miles). John Schrader, the trip organizer, was not able to ride due to a recent



First Annual RSC Oktoberfest!



**Wednesday Oct 3, 6:30pm
Roanoke Country Club**

Brats and sauerkraut, German potato salad, pretzels and seasonal beverages

Program with Pete Eshelman,
Roanoke Outside Foundation (GoFest)
and Roanoke Regional Partnership.



shoulder injury, but he arranged for a friend, Bob Piscura, to guide the group on the ride. The ride included stops along the way to take in the views of the New River and surrounding area as well as gain some history and facts about the trail from our expert guide, Bob.

After the ride, the group enjoyed cold beverages followed by lunch at the Draper Mercantile. It was a beautiful morning and early afternoon and we finished up just before the rains hit and in plenty of time to still enjoy the rest of Saturday afternoon and evening.

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

Click the dates to easily add the events to your Google calendar!

2018 - 2019 TRIPS

TRIPS SELLING OUT QUICKLY

Due to the success of our Trip Kickoff Party trips have been selling at a fast pace this year, with 3 of our 8 trips sold out by the end of August and the others filling quickly! If you are interested in any of our open trips, please consider doing so soon because the trip leaders must start dropping lodging and/or airline reservations this Fall. Even if a trip is sold out you may want to consider getting on the Wait List. Both the Italy and Croatia trips filled vacancies from these lists. You may be placed on a Wait List simply by contacting the Trip Leader. No deposit is required.

TRIP LINEUP FOR 2018 – 2019

The following is a summary of the 2018-2019 trips. See the following pages for more detail and for links to the full-color flyer on the RSC website, or visit our website at <http://roanokeskiclub.org/trips.htm>.

Ski Trips

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| • Canaan | Jan 27-Jan 30 | Shelly Gibson |
| • Deer Valley & Sundance | Feb 2-9 | Marla Kemsey |
| • Snowbird & Alta | Feb 9-16 | Marla Kemsey |
| • Back to back (Deer Valley/Snowbird) | Feb 2-16 | Marla Kemsey |
| • Jackson Hole | Feb 23-Mar 2 | Jack Orsinger |
| • Alpe d'Huez/Paris | Mar 16-26 | Dave Cohan |

Non-Ski Trips

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| • Beach Trip | Oct 8-13 | Pat Oberlin |
| • Amsterdam/Rhine River cruise | May 22-31 | Bill Fleshman |
| • African Safari/Cape Town | Oct 17-27 | Melinda Cohan |

Bill Fleshman

Trip Director

BEACH TRIP – KIAWAH ISLAND, SC **October 8-13, 2018 (Monday – Saturday)**

\$559 per person, double occupancy

Trip Leader: Pat Oberlin

patoberlin67@gmail.com

Sold Out Wait List – Contact Trip Leader!



TIMBERLINE/CANAAN VALLEY, WV

January 27-30, 2019 (Sunday – Wednesday)

\$450 per person, double occupancy

Trip Leader: Shelley Gibson
shellgbsn@aol.com

A few spaces left – Contact Trip Leader!



DEER VALLEY with SUNDANCE, UT

February 2 – 9, 2019

\$1,890 per person, double occupancy

Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey
marlakemsey1@gmail.com

A few spaces left – Contact Trip Leader!



SNOWBIRD/ALTA, UT

February 9-16, 2019

\$1,920 per person, double occupancy

Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey

marlakemsey1@gmail.com

A few spaces left – Contact Trip Leader!



BACK TO BACK TRIP



DEER VALLEY/SUNDANCE – SNOWBIRD/ALTA

February 2-16, 2019

\$3,240 per person, double occupancy

for all 4 ski areas!

Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey

marlakemsey1@gmail.com

A few spaces left – Contact Trip Leader!

JACKSON HOLE with GRAND TARGHEE, WY

February 23-March 2, 2019

\$1,998 per person, double occupancy

Trip Leader: Jack Orsinger

Jack.orsinger@gmail.com

A few spaces left – Contact Trip Leader!



ALPE d'HUEZ and PARIS

March 16-26, 2019

\$2,600 Alpe d'Huez, \$680 Paris add on
per person, double occupancy

Trip Leader: Dave Cohan

dcohan@associatedasphalt.com

A few spaces left – Contact Trip Leader!



AMSTERDAM and RHINE RIVER CRUISE

Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland
May 22-31, 2019

\$3,188* per person, double occupancy
(airfare included is estimated)

Trip Leader: Bill Fleshman
bill.fleshman1@gmail.com

Sold Out Wait List – Contact Trip Leader!



SOUTH AFRICAN SAFARI and CAPE TOWN

October 17-27, 2019

\$2,690 per person dbl. occ + airfare*
(*airfare approx. \$1500)

Trip Leader: Melinda Cohan
Melinda@coachesconsole.com

Sold Out Wait List – Contact Trip Leader!



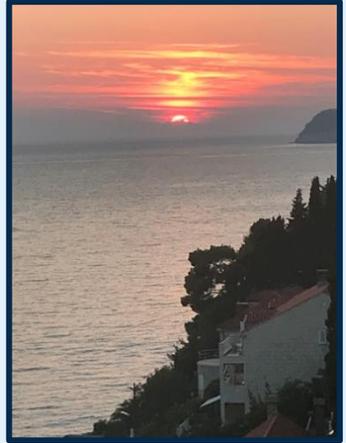
Back from our Croatia Adventure

From Cruising the islands in the Adriatic in our private 165-foot yacht to exploring the palaces and castles of Split and Dubrovnik, 40 club members enjoyed 10 days of sun, blue skies and 80-degree weather (pardon—one day it sprinkled) in Croatia. It was an active vacation as we managed to hike, bike, kayak, and walk everyday getting in our required 10,000 steps. But we certainly managed to sample our share of the varied regional wines at some of the islands many wineries, as well as visit olive oil, limestone workshop, and honey bee making facilities. In Hvar, some of us walked up to the Fortica Castle for amazing views of the harbor while others went to a local sports bar with Sanjin, our local tour operator, where they watched Croatia get crushed by Spain. On Vis, we had a spectacular dinner at Taverna Roki with its Peka

style open fire preparation of seafood and meat dishes, and on Korcula we biked and explored the intricate alleyways and vistas of Marco Polo's birthplace. And, we biked in the National Park on Mljet where some say we got lost, but we managed to get some swimming in one of the park's beautiful clear lakes before finding our way back to the boat. It has been suggested we change our name to the *Roanoke Ski and Misadventure Club* just because we had a 'directional' mishap. Finally, we ended up in Dubrovnik for 3 days at an amazing hotel high above the beach. After touring,

kayaking and a happy hour within the walls of Dubrovnik we finished our adventure with a fantastic farewell dinner by the Adriatic at the Banji Beach Restaurant.

It was an amazing adventure.



Visit a Master Boot Fitter and Ski Better! (and get 10% off at our new retail partner!)

So, what do skiers do when it's 90 degrees outside and a holiday? On Labor Day, Melinda and I took a 3½-hour trip to Northern Virginia, where we had an appointment with a master boot fitter to buy new ski boots! Our boots were almost 10 years old, so we abandoned them at Alpe d'Huez in March.

One of our tour operators recommended Brian Deely, who owns Pro-Fit Ski in Leesburg, VA. Pro-Fit has been a Certified Member of America's Best Boot Fitters for over 15 years. We figured that for an investment in comfortable ski boots that fit right and will last 10+ years, it would be worth the drive. We were right! Brian spent over 3 1/2 hours with us to make sure we walked out with great-fitting boots that he recommended given our skiing level and aggressiveness, foot size, stance, comfort preference, and other factors. Brian's shop has high-tech equipment to ensure a proper fit that most ski boot retailers don't have.

The visit was well worth it, and we both ended up with incredible-fitting boots. Melinda's even have built-in heaters.

After having gone through this experience, it's hard to fathom how anyone buys a ski boot - possibly the most important piece of equipment - without going to see someone who knows how to make the boot work for you!

Pro-Fit will give 10% off to Roanoke Ski Club members. Check out their website at <https://pro-fitski.com/> and the next time you are in the market for boots be sure to make an appointment with Brian!



Membership:

Welcome to our new members!

CJ Gentry
Jack Greenspan
Jimmy Jarrat
Kate and Jeanne Pierre LaBlanc

Terrance May
Maston and Dorothy McCorkle
Chris Muller
Christy Sabat
Joseph and Tina Stewart

Membership dues are: **\$35 for individual, \$50 for family and \$40 single family**. Our Membership year runs from July 1st through June 30th of the following year. Membership applications received on or after April 1st will extend through June 30th of the following year. Please remember that your membership must be up-to-date before registering for any trips.

Applications can be obtained via the Club website under the Membership tab or you can [click here](#). We need the application completed and signed even if you are a returning member!

Marketing:

CHECK THIS OUT!



We will post our events to our new Facebook page so make sure you follow it and share with your friends! Now if you're wondering how to conquer any of these tasks, you'll be relieved to hear we will share these actions plus a few more at an upcoming membership meeting. Stay tuned!

[Click the logo on the left for a direct link!](#) Have you checked it out yet???

Go Fest returns October 12 through the 14th. There are still a few slots open. The Roanoke GO Outside Festival is a free outdoor sports festival with equipment demos, races, pro athletes, music, and much, much more. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me: HMarer@msn.com.

Cheers! Heidi

Treasurer's Report: August 2018



Roanoke Ski Club		ROANOKE SKI CLUB	
2018/2019 General Account Summary			
August, 2019 Fiscal - Year to Date			
Income Category	Total	Budget	Difference
Membership	8,740.00	9,500.00	(760.00)
50/50 Raffle	-	850.00	(850.00)
Guest Fees	-	-	-
Holiday Party ticket sales**	-	4,500.00	(4,500.00)
Misc.	-	-	-
	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	8,740.00	14,850.00	(6,110.00)
Expense Category			
Activities	150.00	200.00	50.00
Insurance	-	574.00	574.00
Marketing	188.00	1,000.00	812.00
Membership Meetings	-	5,600.00	5,600.00
Website	-	25.00	25.00
Email & Member software	20.00	1,500.00	1,480.00
Holiday Party (budgeted equal to sales) **	-	4,500.00	4,500.00
Office (stamps, name badges, folders...)	-	135.00	135.00
Corporate (PO Box, SCC reg)	145.00	145.00	-
Misc.	-	250.00	250.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	503.00	13,929.00	13,426.00
NET INCOME (LOSS)	8,237.00	921.00	7,316.00

<u>General Checking Account:</u>			
Beginning Balance	8/1/2018		\$ 16,885.67
Income			
Membership Income			\$ 975.00
	Total Income		975.00
Expense			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Ck #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>For</u>
8/15/2018	Debit	BB&T Credit Card	Google Domain Fees 5.00
8/15/2018	1783	City of Roanoke	Go Fest Fee 150.00
8/15/2018	1784	US Postal Service	PO Box Fee 120.00
8/19/2018	1785	Lush Banners	Feather Banner for Club 188.00
8/21/2018	1786	Virginia Corp Commission	Registration Fee 25.00
	Total Expense		488.00
Ending Balance	8/31/2018		\$ 17,372.67

THAT'S ALL FOLKS!

Stay tuned for next month's news and activities.

WE ARE NOT JUST A SKI CLUB!

CHECK OUT OUR YEAR-ROUND ACTIVITIES AT:

www.roanokeskiclub.org

And [click here](#) to follow us on Facebook!



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