



The Roanoke Skier & Adventurer

The Monthly Newsletter for the Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club

President's Message



May's Memorial Day This Year



..., or "Decoration Day" as it was previously known, was initiated on April 26th, 1866 in Columbus, Georgia. The Ladies Memorial Association of this town agreed to throw flowers on the graves of the fallen soldiers, both Northern and Southern, buried in their cemetery following the end of the American Civil War. It is interesting that it will now mark not only the beginning of summer, Bar-B-Que and the like, but also the end of "sheltering in-place" as it has become known due to the COVID -19 pandemic. Recently, Governor Northam decreed Phase 1 in effect and suggested that he may initiate Phase 2 of our "Social Distancing" reduction plan by as early as June 10th if all goes well, which will allow most all business openings in the Commonwealth. It will have been a long time coming and RSAC is looking to react quickly.

Thus far a date has not been selected for the Discovery Park "Treetop Quest" zip line experience to be rescheduled, but the new date/time will be conveyed to membership immediately upon a date being set.

As you know, our travel plans for the coming year have been rudely turned upside down by the pandemic. Some changes have already been enacted and more are planned. As our approach to the club travel in 2021 will be different than in year's past, please be sure to read comments by our Trip Director, Bill Fleshman, and our Assistant Director, Marla Kemsey, for their informative insights and current travel plans.

The weather should be warming up and gardens showing growth and even some production, but travel is still at a minimum. In the meantime, get outside and work your gardens or walk the greenway. This challenge will soon abate and we will revel in the glory of nature once again.



Stay safe and follow the medical guidance of our leaders.

Don Hanley, President



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

MEMBER RECOGNITIONS

Marla Kemsey (President 2017-2019):

Her team has made and sold over 2000 face masks, with the proceeds going to the 'Feeding America'.

Leon Vinci (our 'resident epidemiologist'):

For his insightful opinion pieces running in the Roanoke Times

Roanoke Times, May 19, 2020

Across our country the continuing spread of the coronavirus has been disturbing to all of us. In a few short weeks (it has been just over two months since the pandemic hit our shores) the CDC tragically reports upwards of 865,000 persons infected with over 48,800 COVID-19 deaths. As we know, the pandemic is still marching across the nation.

Look back at the recent Influenza season: the US counted 13 million cases, resulting in 6,600 deaths. This year's flu, primarily Influenza A (H1N1), has hospitalized 120,000 patients to date. Pediatric deaths attributed to the flu number 39. For this reason, these numbers speak for themselves, a fall-winter season with both of these airborne viral illnesses simultaneously infecting our populace portends precarious problems for our future.

Based upon public health studies of past major infectious disease outbreaks of this sort and gauging the disease penetration levels here in southwest Virginia, the likelihood that July 4th might be the target when we can reach the 'light at the end of the tunnel'. That predicted window is my assessment. It could be spot-on, or incorrect, due to a variety of other parameters as the pandemic unfolds. As of this writing, current expansion of COVID-19 across the country continues at a geometric rate and this puts us, still, at the front-end of the epidemic curve formation. As I have indicated above, we need to brace ourselves for another several weeks of taking serious precautions.

In the meanwhile, we need to follow good hygiene, wash hands frequently and thoroughly, continue to reduce public exposure, and make sound choices in order to minimize the further spread of this present-day contagion. This virus has a desire to survive--let us prevent and block its path. We don't want this virus to go any further.

LEON VINCI
ROANOKE

Vinci is a retired public health officer and environmental epidemiologist

Upcoming Events:

Be on the lookout and/or Save the Date!

JUNE

Event

Nothing planned yet.

Happy Hours –

Hope to see you!

Future Events - JULY

To be announced

Next Member Meeting per schedule will be in September

Leon Vinci, Activities Director

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!](#)

TRIPS

STATUS OF 2021 TRIPS PLANNING

Our approach to next year's trips will be a modification of current policy and somewhat different than past trip rollouts. No one knows when the pandemic will ease enough for members to feel comfortable and safe to travel, so we will be building trip financial protections into our offerings. Also, a consideration is whether any more 2020 trips will need to be rescheduled to next year. Already the Switzerland trip has been rescheduled. We still have the two Portugal trips as well as the New Zealand/Australia trip scheduled for 2020, all in November.

Although the remaining 2020 trips may be postponed, your Board has decided to assume that in 2021 it will be safe to travel and plan accordingly with adequate protections in place. *All trips will have cancellation/rebooking provisions that will be more favorable to members than our usual trips.*

2021 Trip Plans

We are going to offer four long distance ski trips, a local trip and two Adventure trips next year. And all trips will be to domestic or Canadian destinations.

1. All ski trips will be to IKON destinations. Our planned ski destinations are Copper Mountain and Winter Park (back to back), Solitude coupled with Snowbird, and finally, Revelstoke in Canada. Local trip will be to Snowshoe.
2. Our two Adventure trips will be to explore "The Best of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks" and "Canadian Rockies by Train and Trail journey".
3. As further protection all contracts will be reviewed by our in-house counsel.

July Trip Kickoff

It is unlikely that the current situation will permit us to have our usual trip kickoff in July. So, we plan to advertise our trips in two ways—1. mailing a summary description of our offerings to all members, and 2. posting a detailed flyer on the website with Trip Leader contact information. We expect more detail on our trips to be advertised no later than late June or early July and posted on the website soon thereafter.

All applications received or postmarked on or before August 1 from applicants whose membership dues have been received (or postmarked) on or before August 1 will be counted equally and will receive priority over those received or postmarked after that date. Trip Applications/Release & Assumption of Risk forms are available on our website. Members are asked to mail or hand deliver their Trip Applications and Release forms to the Trip Leader and they will be processed according to our policies that are also posted on-line. Remember, in order to sign up for a trip you must be a member of RSAC for the current membership year (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021)

As conditions allow, our Trip kickoff meeting will be the first Membership meeting in September at which time Trip Leaders will present their trips. Those who have not already signed up for a trip may do so at this meeting and afterward, as space allows.

We trust that you are all safe and abiding by the CDC and State of Virginia guidelines. We recognize this is an unusual year but that things will get better.

Bill Fleshman
Trip Director

2021 EXCITING SKI TRIP NEWS!

Your RSAC is planning an exciting 2021 ski season. We are diligently working on securing 4 Western Ski Trips, all at IKON destinations. Our tentative schedule (contracts and proposals are in hand, just not reviewed by counsel and signed on the dotted line) includes:

January 30th - February 6th, Utah staying on the mountain at Solitude Resort with the opportunity to ski Solitude, Brighton, Snowbird and Alta.

February 21st - February 28th, Colorado (Sunday to Sunday) Winter Park which features over 3,000 acres of award-winning terrain and has been named Colorado's Top Adventure Town two years in a row.

February 28th - March 5th, Colorado (Sunday to Friday) Copper Mountain offering the best of Colorado skiing and a village with a laid-back inclusive vibe.

February 21st - March 5th, Colorado, 2 Week Ski Trip (Sunday to Friday) Combined Winter Park and Copper Mountain can be booked for a 12 day trip.

March 14th – March 21st, British Columbia, Ski Mt Mackenzie at Revelstoke Mountain Resort, which boasts North America's greatest vertical, 5,620 ft and an average snowfall of over 412 inches per year.

All ski trip offerings will have a lenient trip cancellation policy allowing members to sign-up for trips this spring and summer to reserve space, with plenty of time through the fall to make changes and cancel without penalty.

IKON PASS UPDATE #2

This year IKON has reduced their cost, and added Adventure Pass Assurance, and extended their discount deadline to June 17th.

Adventure Assurance enables all purchases of 20/21 IKON Pass products to be bought with confidence, knowing the pass holder can defer use of their 20/21 pass product and elect to exchange it for a credit to be applied toward their purchase of any single IKON Pass product offered for sale for the 21/22 winter season.

The Base Pass is now only \$599 and you receive a \$50 credit towards a RSAC trip. That's just \$549 for the whole season which includes unlimited skiing at Snowshoe Mountain!

Deadline to order the IKON PASS is June 17th for the above pricing (the pass cost will increase after that date). You can order by credit card or with a check by mail.

Order online with a credit card at: <https://www.winterskiandsport.com/shop>

You can order both the Base pass and the Full pass depending on your preference of blackout dates and number of ski days. Please include that you are a member of RSAC.

Or

Mail a check to
Steve Worman
43 Bailey Drive
Hardy, VA 24101

Contact Steve at sworman@gmail.com for more information.

If you are mailing your check and pass info to Steve Worman, please have your check to him by June 10th to allow time for processing.

Marla Kemsey
Assistant Trip Director for Ski Trips
marlakemsey1@gmail.com

Bill Fleshman
Trip Director
Bill.fleshman1@gmail.com

TRIP LINEUP FOR 2020

The following is a summary of the remaining 2020 trips. More detail is posted on the website, <http://roanokeskiclub.org/trips.htm>.

<u>Adventure Trips</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip Leader(s)</u>
Lisbon/Douro River Cruise	Oct. 27-Nov.7, 2020	Dudley Parks
Lisbon/Douro River Cruise	Nov. 2-13, 2020	Bob Strickland
New Zealand and Sydney Adventure	Nov. 1-13, 2020	Dave Cohan/Dave Harrison
Alps/Lakes of Switzerland and Italy	*Sept 5-15, 2021	Bill Fleshman *(booked tentatively)

2020 TRIPS

SkiBig3

BANFF – LAKE LOUISE, CANADA



January 25 – February 1, 2020

Trip Leader: Jack & Deb Orsinger
jack.orsinger@gmail.com

COMPLETED!

Read Summary in March issue



ASPEN - SNOWMASS, CO

February 22 - 29, 2020

Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey

COMPLETED!

Read Summary in April issue



STEAMBOAT, CO



February 29 - March 7, 2020

Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey
marlakemsey1@gmail.com

COMPLETED !

Read Summary in April issue



Two back-to-back weeks Ski ASPEN - SNOWMASS, & STEAMBOAT, CO



February 22 – March 7, 2020

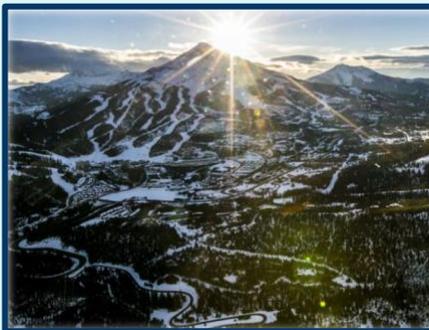
Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey
marlakemsey1@gmail.com

COMPLETED !

See summaries in April issue.



BIG SKY, MT **March 14 - March 21, 2020**



Trip Leader: Steve Worman
sworman@gmail.com

COMPLETED !



PORTUGAL – DOURO RIVER CRUISE

GROUP 1 Nov. 2 – Nov.13, 2020

GROUP 2 Oct. 27 – Nov. 7, 2020

\$3,760 per person dbl. occ

Trip Leaders:

Bob Strickland (Gp.1) hobtwo02@gmail.com

Dudley Parks (Gp.2) sdparks4@msn.com

Spaces available. Contact Trip Leaders!



ALPS/LAKES of SWITZERLAND & ITALY

***Rebooked tentatively Sept 5-15, 2021**

\$3,992 per person dbl. occ

Trip Leader: Bill Fleshman

bill.fleshman1@gmail.com

Sold Out – Wait List – Contact Trip Leader!



NEW ZEALAND & SYDNEY ADVENTURE

November 1-13, 2020

\$4,375 per person dbl. occ + Air (approx. \$1850)

Trip Leaders: Dave Cohan / Dave Harrison
dcohan@associatedasphalt.com

Sold Out – Wait List – Contact Trip Leader!



FOR SALE

“CONDO” at Snowshoe, WV

Gordon Hamilton's one-bedroom condo, No. 5410 in Silver Creek Lodge is for sale.

For details please see Red Oak Realty listing at:

<https://www.property4u.com/property/6014-5410-Silver-Creek-Snowshoe-WV-26209.d.htm>

“CONDO” at Snowshoe, WV

Karen Cecil's Shamrock condo - 2 Bedroom, 2.5 Baths 2 Kitchens, W/D, FP, Deck.

Rents as 2 Bd or 1Bd & Efficiency Lock-off.

Contact realestate@FirstTracts.com for details

<https://www.firsttracts.com/mls/property.cfm?mlsid=31&wsid=1&mlsnumber=2024>

Embroidered RSAC logo now available!

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SKI & ADVENTURE CLUB

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.)

Just take your items to

**Embroidery Concepts,
146 W 4th Street, Salem,
VA 24153
Phone 540.387.0517**



Membership:

Welcome to our newest members!

Lynn and Joe Ferrara
Pam and Brad Milhollin
Brent Scott

Announcement:

The Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club is now accepting online membership renewals and online new membership applications. Renewing members should log in with their email address. A password reset screen is available, if needed. There is a \$2 convenience fee for all online membership applications.

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:

Pictures! Pictures! Pictures! As we start 2020, and our wonderful ski and adventure trips resume, please email your best pictures. We are updating the back wall of our event tent and would like to show off the fantastic trips the Club offers.

Please contact a board officer.

Thanks!

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?!?



Treasurer's Report: April 2020

Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club 2019/2020 General Account Summary April, 2020 - Fiscal - Year

<u>Income Category</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Membership	13,044.51	12,000.00	1,044.51
50/50 Raffle	1,079.00	900.00	179.00
Guest Fees & Meal Charges	1,395.55		1,395.55
Holiday Party ticket sales**	4,620.00	5,000.00	(380.00)
Ikon Pass Admin Fee	760.00	680.00	80.00
Misc.	-	-	-
	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	20,899.06	18,580.00	2,319.06
<u>Expense Category</u>			
Activities	-	200.00	200.00
Insurance	574.00	574.00	-
Marketing	440.88	1,000.00	559.12
Membership Meetings	9,094.18	8,000.00	(1,094.18)
Website	72.07	75.00	2.93
Email & Member software	1,785.84	2,000.00	214.16
Credit Card Fees - Membership Pmts	84.72	20.00	(64.72)
Holiday Party (budgeted equal to sales) **	6,600.35	5,000.00	(1,600.35)
Office (stamps, name badges, folders)	197.56	200.00	2.44
Corporate (PO Box, SCC reg)	171.00	200.00	29.00
Ikon Pass - Member Purchases	390.00	390.00	-
Misc.	-	250.00	250.00
	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	19,410.60	17,909.00	(1,501.60)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	1,488.46	671.00	817.46

General Checking Account:

Beginning Balance	4/1/20			\$ 10,775.18
Income				
Membership Income			\$	102.00
50/50 Raffle			\$	-
Ikon Pass Sales Income				
Lasagna Dinner Proceeds				-
Total Income				102.00
Expense				
<u>Date</u>	<u>Ck #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>For</u>	
4/14/20	Debit	BB&T Visa	Web Domain Name Registration	6.00
Total Expense				6.00
Ending Balance	4/30/20			\$ 10,871.18

THAT'S ALL FOLKS!

Stay tuned for next month's news and activities.

WE ARE NOT JUST A SKI CLUB!

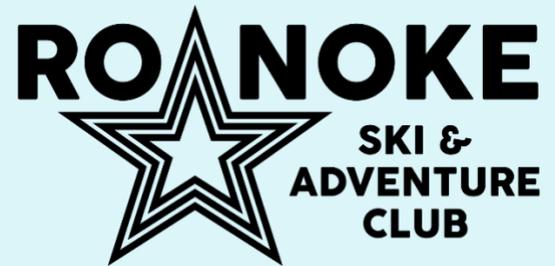
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www.roanokeskiclub.org

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

Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club Board Members:

Contact us at info@roanokeskiclub.org



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Activities Director	Leon Vinci
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