



President's Message

Being mid-October as I write this message, we have 9 hours of daylight and 15 hours of darkness. We'll have turned our clocks back the first Sunday in November, so the darkness continues. *However*, November is a month of heartwarming reunions, golden landscapes and the anticipation of winter's embrace. Enjoy that Thanksgiving turkey, leek soup, pumpkin pie....whatever your gastronomic traditions, wishing a blessed family/friends celebration to all!



Jill

Jill Betters,

President

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Board Member
Introductions on
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*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, November 1st, 6:30-8:00pm
- Roanoke Country Club
- 3360 Country Club Dr NW, Roanoke
- Program: *Tips for traveling light or how **not** to be a Sherpa Traveler*
- Cash Bar, Light Appetizers
- RSVP required (closed October 25th)



Happy Hour

- Tuesday, November 21st, 5:30 pm
- Crab Du Jour, Bar Area
- 4765 Valley View Boulevard, Roanoke
- Emily Hurst hosting



EVENTS

- **November 4-5: Ski Swap** at Roanoke Mountain Adventures, See page 3.
- **November – December: Operation Warm.** See page 4.

FUTURE EVENTS – DECEMBER 2023

Happy Hour

Monday, December 18, 5:30pm
Hotel Roanoke, 1882 Lobby Bar
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.

Roanoke Mountain Adventures

Ski Swap

- Skis & Snowboards
- Helmets & Goggles
- Winter Accessories
- TONS of top-quality used jackets & pants/bibs at great prices!!!



November 4th & 5th, 10am - 6pm

SELL YOUR USED GEAR!

Bring it to RMA for consignment by October 31st!

Buy Skis or a Snowboard, get 20% off apparel. Spend \$100 - get 50% off one RMA ski shuttle pass. Spend \$200 - get a free RMA ski shuttle pass

Contact Details: RoanokeMountainAdventures.com; phone (540) 525-8295

Address: 806 Wasena Ave. SW, Roanoke

Happy Fall

The holidays are almost here and RSAC is starting the Annual Warm Winter Coat Campaign for Roanoke City Schools.

PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR \$5,000 GOAL

You can donate with a credit card by clicking the button below or by mailing a check to:

Operation Warm

210 South Main Street, Blacksburg VA 24060

The children thank you for your continued support!



\$5,000 IS OUR 2023 GOAL!

We raised \$ 4,587 providing 180 warm winter coats in 2022

Operation Warm is dedicated to providing warmth, confidence, and the hope of a brighter future for our local Roanoke City children. Together with RSAC the gift of a brand new winter coat will make a positive difference and empower children towards success.



Donate Here

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME 3 NEW MEMBERS!

PATRICIA HIRST

BONNIE & ELANA PEISNER

DENISE SCHERTZ



CONGRATULATIONS!

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

Total Active Members: 445

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

Susan Young
Membership Director
rkeski.membership@gmail.com

Board Member Introductions

RSAC has a 13-member Board. Each month we'll introduce a few.....

DAVE COHAN, Treasurer



Dave has been a RSAC member since 2005, serving as President from 2006-2008, Trip Director from 2016-2018, and Treasurer from 2014-2016 and 2021-present. Dave and his wife Melinda (our Secretary) love leading ski and adventure trips – they have led RSAC trips to Banff, Timberline/Canaan, Innsbruck/Munich, Italian Alps/Venice, Jackson Hole, Steamboat, Lake Tahoe, Telluride, Snowmass/Aspen, Alpe d'Huez, and South Africa, and are looking forward to leading the club's trip to New Zealand/Sydney in 2024! Dave is from New Jersey, majored in Psychology and minored in Music at Rutgers, then attended law school at UVA. After practicing law for 4 years in Virginia Beach, Dave spent 12 years as a camp director at Wilderness Adventure at Eagle Landing in Craig County before dusting off his law degree in 2006. He was a corporate lawyer with Gentry Locke for 7 years, and has been in-house general counsel for Associated Asphalt since 2013. Dave has been collecting beer bottles since he was 18, and his collection is now up to 1,700! He welcomes donations.

DON HANLEY, Past Director



Don grew up in Silver Spring, Maryland. Upon graduating from college, he became a Naval Aviator with the U.S. Marine Corps. After a tour in Vietnam, he finished his service with 3 additional years in Hawaii and resettled in Los Angeles.

While in LA, he married his lovely wife, Lois, and set out on a career path in financial planning with IDS/American Express. Training began in Boston, followed by relocation to St. Simons Island, Georgia. Don and Lois came to the Roanoke area from GA in 2001 and joined the RSAC in 2014. He became Club president in 2019-20 at the beginning of the great pandemic. He and Lois have traveled numerous times abroad with the Club, but Switzerland, Croatia & Italy's Amalfi Coast stand out as the most exciting. "Each year we get more and better offerings! This Club of ours has provided us many truly great experiences!" Don currently serves as Past Director.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Two events are being planned: a November hike and a game night. Watch for the email blast to sign up!

Cathy Kern
Activities Director

NEWS

Members Meeting at Roanoke Country Club, October 4th

121 members attended the meeting, to enjoy the food, socialization and the information given. Dave Cohan spoke about traveler's insurance, answering questions from the 'walking wounded' Dr. Al.



PHOTO Credits
Cyndi DeNeal



Happy Hour at Jersey Lily's, October 19th

Over 35 RSAC members enjoyed their evening at Jersey Lily's Roadhouse. The bar area is perfect for happy hour and discussions about upcoming trips. There were several complaints about slow service due to staffing issues but everyone still enjoyed a wonderful evening.

Emily Hurst, host



PHOTO Credits
Emily Hurst, Clive Hillyard

SKI TRIPS 2024

***** WINTER IS HERE*****

Many Ski Resorts out West are opening this month!

Our Winter Park and Snowbasin Trips are sold out.

BUT.....You can still ski with us in Utah Feb 25th - March 2nd.

We Still Have a few open spots for the Snowbird – Alta Trip.

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.

The Ski Trip to Austria is no longer being offered through the club but you can still participate directly through the travel agent. If you are interested in Kitzbuhel Austria with a side trip to Innsbruck. Please contact the Ski Trip Director for contact details.

Calling all skiers to please donate to the RSAC Operation Warm Campaign. Help us provide Warm Winter Coats for our underprivileged Roanoke City School Children. Donate a coat and pass on our excitement for winter play!

Marla Kemsey
Ski Trip Director

Where do snowmen get the weather report?

The Winter-net.

2024 SKI TRIPS SUMMARY



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

Winter Park

January 27 – February 3, 2024

Trip Leader: Ted Borny

This trip is full.



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

Snowbird - Alta

February 25– March 2, 2024

Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey

This trip has openings.



Mar 2nd – Mar 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 4 days at Snowbasin, the site of the 2002 Winter Olympics with the Men's and Women's Super-G downhill, with 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. Ski the back country for one of the most unique ski days you will ever experience.

Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey

Snowbasin, Powder Mountain

February 25– March 2, 2024

Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey

This trip is full.



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!

Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey



Since the Snowbasin trip is full, there are no more openings for the two-week trip.

ADVENTURE TRIPS 2024

Hi Travelers,

Hooray!!!

We have completed our 2023 Adventure Trips, and it is safe to say the trips were a success. Yes, we did encounter COVID on all the international trips (Caribbean, France, Scotland & Italy) and we had some issues with airlines and hotels, but all in all our travelers had a good time. They have submitted their trip surveys and we have compiled the data so we can put together future trips for our membership that are even better. Thank you so much to all our 2023 Travelers.

I get excited every time I think about our list of Adventure Trips for 2024. Currently we have seven trips scheduled and all of them are international. Our original first trip was to be in April 2024 to Egypt & The Nile River, however this trip is now under reconsideration due to current events in the Mid-East Region. The Board of Directors has until December 1, 2023, to decide whether to cancel or postpone this trip to April 2025. (PLEASE SEE A STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BELOW). The remainder of the 2024 schedule picks up with our May trip to Iceland, a June Trip to Southern France/Provence, an August Trip to Slovenia/Croatia, a September trip to Greece, an October Trip to Spain, and closes with a November trip to New Zealand/Sydney. All these trips except the Spain trip in October are currently full. The board of Directors weren't sure if the club membership would support so many trips and I am so happy to know that you really want to travel, travel, travel.

Don't hesitate to sign-up for trip wait lists. Just contact the trip leaders.

While we do not have domestic/United States trips listed on our Adventure Trips schedule for 2024, it is our intention to include several in our 2025 schedule. I appreciate comments from several members showing interest in domestic/United States trips and we will make sure you have a choice in next year's Adventure Trips Survey.

Thank you to all our past and future travelers for your interest and participation in our Adventure Trips. Your feedback is very important to us as we put together Adventures for the future.

Bob Strickland
RSAC Adventure Trip Director

ADVENTURE TRIPS 2024 (continued)

STATEMENT FROM THE RSAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

“Regarding the scheduled Egypt / Nile River Cruise in April 2024, the Adventure Trips Director (Bob Strickland) has been in continuous contact with our trip operator at Alpine Adventures to monitor the ongoing situation in Israel and the Gaza Strip as well as the entire Middle East Region. The safety of our RSAC travelers is of utmost importance to Bob and the RSAC Board. We continue to evaluate our contractual and financial commitments to this trip so we understand all of our options. A decision to cancel or postpone this trip until April 2025 must be made by December 1, 2023. This information has been shared with all of our Egypt Trip participants. We want all of our participants to know that Bob and the RSAC Board are respectful of their concerns.”



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 Eliott"
 - 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



2024 ADVENTURE TRIPS SUMMARY



Egypt and River Nile Cruise

April 11 - 20, 2024

Bob Strickland 540-588-3889 or bobtwo02@gmail.com

This trip is full.

“This trip is currently under reconsideration due to Current Events in Israel / Gaza Strip”



Iceland – The Land of Fire and ICE

May 16 - 26, 2024

Hillyard 540-529-4761 or cahillyard@outlook.com

This trip is full.



Southern France - Provence

June 12 - 22, 2024

Jerry Betters 540-597-4087 or jerbetters@hotmail.com, and

Jill Betters 540-597-4250 or jbettters@live.com

This trip is full.



Slovenia and Croatia

August 20 - 31, 2024

Dave Brammer 540-529-7392 or dbrammer973@gmail.com

This trip is full.



Greek Isles

September 25 – October 5, 2024

Bill Fleshman 540-354-3417 or bill.fleshman1@gmail.com

This trip is full.



Barcelona and Southern Spain

October 7 - 20, 2024

Contact Kate Steinbacher 540-314-8005 or bizcoachkate@gmail.com

This trip has openings.




New Zealand and Sydney

November 1 - 14, 2024

Dave Cohan 540-330-3312 or dcohan720@gmail.com

This trip is full.

****If you are interested in a trip that's currently full, please contact trip leader to get on the waitlist.**

 *Link to flyer on RSAC website*



Treasurer's Report: September 2023

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

	As of 9/30/23 FY 2023/24 YTD	2023/24	
	Total	Budget	Difference
<u>Income Category</u>			
Membership (incl. \$2 online fee)	17,301.33	15,750.00	1,551.33
50/50 Raffle	133.00	550.00	(417.00)
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	18,109.33	21,600.00	(3,490.67)
<u>Expense Category</u>			
Activities	-	220.00	220.00
Insurance	-	715.00	715.00
Marketing	-	250.00	250.00
Membership Meetings	3,688.56	12,000.00	8,311.44
Domain & Email (\$6/mo email; \$12/yr domains)	66.00	84.00	18.00
Membership & Email software	2,669.76	2,667.00	(2.76)
Credit Card Fees - Membership Dues	386.15	314.00	(72.15)
Holiday Party (budgeted equal to sales)	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Office (stamps, name badges, folders...)	92.59	75.00	(17.59)
Corporate (PO Box, SCC reg)	251.00	250.00	(1.00)
Transfer to Trip Escrow (7/18 party)	675.00	-	(675.00)
Misc.	-	25.00	25.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,829.06	21,600.00	13,770.94
<u>NET INCOME (LOSS)</u>	10,280.27	-	10,280.27

Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club

Treasurer's Report

September 30, 2023

General Checking Account:

Beginning Balance 9/1/2023 \$ 27,448.43

Income

Membership Dues (check)	\$	135.00
Membership Dues (credit card)	\$	49.00
50/50 - Sept meeting	\$	133.00
Total Income	\$	317.00

Expense

Credit Card Service Charge	\$	19.57
State Corporation Commission - annual fee	\$	25.00
Clive Hillyard - refund dues	\$	45.00
Carol Quarles - refund dues	\$	45.00
Susan Young - office supplies	\$	21.07
Emily Hurst - refund dues	\$	45.00
Melodye Hollingsworth - refund dues (paid twice)	\$	45.00
Roanoke Country Club - Sept Membership Meeting	\$	3,688.56
Google domain name hosting	\$	6.00
Total Expense	\$	3,940.20

Ending Balance 9/30/23 \$ 23,825.23

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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## Embroidered RSAC logo available!

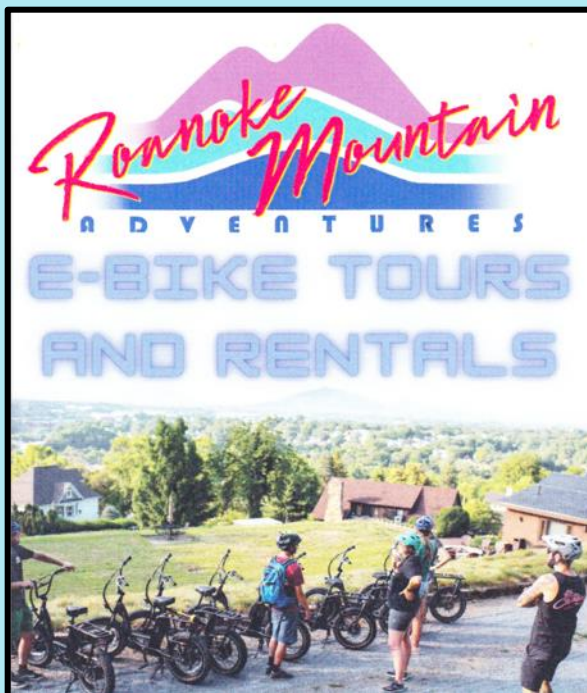


Take your items to:  
**Embroidery Concepts**  
146 W 4th Street  
Salem, VA 24153  
Phone 540-387-0517

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.)

## Roanoke Mountain Adventures, RAM

E-Bike tours and rentals



### VIEWS AND BREWS TOUR

Ride with Roanoke Mountain Adventures on one of our amazing guided e-bike tours with three flight pours at local breweries

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TO BOOK  
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540-525-8295  
806 WASENA AVE SW

**THAT'S ALL FOLKS!**

Stay tuned for next month's news  
and activities.



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**Contact us at [info@roanokeskiclub.org](mailto:info@roanokeskiclub.org)**

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

| <b><u>OFFICE</u></b>    | <b><u>NAME</u></b> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| President               | Jill Betters       |
| Vice President          | Jeff Wendell       |
| Treasurer               | Dave Cohan         |
| Secretary               | Melinda Cohan      |
| Ski Trip Director       | Marla Kemsey       |
| Adventure Trip Director | Bob Strickland     |
| Activities Director     | Cathy Kern         |
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| Webmaster               | Bill Hamill        |
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| Past Director           | Don Hanley         |