



Update

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SUMMER splash

La Niña, the weather condition that brought us an epic winter, promises to deliver lots of water for us to play in.

WATER SKI June - October

We've been working with the Radar River Rats on our summer water ski trips. We have once again scheduled nine trips for June through October. We set camp up on our own beach on the Colorado River, 10 miles east of Needles. Equipment and instructions are included. Details, dates and cost can be found on page 12.

BIKING summer fun

I've been checking out some intermediate bike trails in the San Diego area and have a bunch of ideas for combining biking with picnics and other fun. For instance, we could ride around Mission Bay and end at The Pennant for 1/2 price beer and food. Interested? Just give me a call or drop me an email.

BIG WHITE opening and closing

We will again offer two trips to Big White in British Columbia, Canada. We love Big White and love the early and late ski season there. We will be flying into Kelowna and staying slope side at The Inn at Big White for 7 nights.

Lodging, lift tickets, nightly après ski parties and transportation to/from Kelowna are included for the low price of \$699 per person for the week based on double occupancy.

You are on your own to get air. Air Canada and Alaska have round trip air fares for around \$500 out of Los Angeles and San Diego. West Jet is also available out of Las Vegas and Los Angeles.

COUNCIL trips

Be sure to check out the Los Angeles and San Diego Ski Council's trips for the upcoming winter. Both are joining Far West in Jackson Hole, WY. In addition, LA Council is going to Schweitzer & Silver Mountain in Idaho in February 2012. San Diego Council will be in Aspen, CO in December 2011.

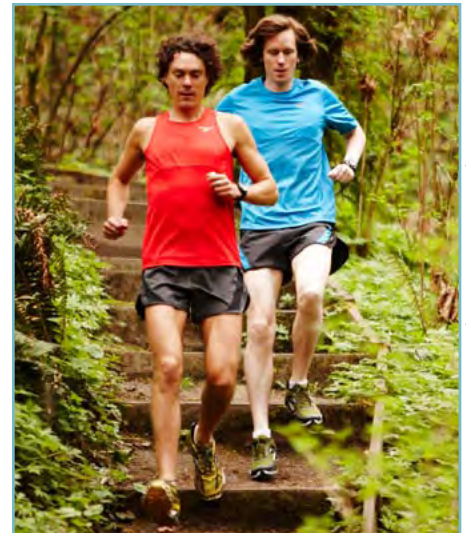


photo courtesy Trail Runner Magazine

Check out page 9 for more fun activities for the offseason to keep you in shape for skiing.

BEAVER CREEK 2013

We are looking into a ski trip next February to Beaver Creek, CO. Since the US economy has tanked, Beaver Creek has become reasonably priced for ski clubs. Lucky us.

We hope to check out the ski areas first hand this coming winter. We are very excited and will also consider staying in Vail. Let us know what you think.

NEW ZEALAND 2013

Due to the unstable US dollar and an uncertain economy, we are moving our New Zealand trip to 2013. We are in the process of getting new bids.

For you die hard skiers there should be plenty of snow for riding until July 4th. Enjoy! ♦

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TRIPPING around

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Details and flyers can be found under **TRIPS** at PacificRimAlliance.org

[Pacific Rim Alliance](http://PacificRimAlliance.org) pacificrimalliance.org

- **Biking** First Friday of the Month, 10 AM
Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469
- **Water Ski Weekends** June - Oct, 2011
Patricia Ortiz / 323-651-0686
- **Wine Maker Dinner for Can Do MS** Oct 1, 2011
Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469
- **Big White, BC, Canada** Dec 3-10, 2011 & April 8-15, 2012
Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469
- **Italy (or France) & Cinque Terre** March 2012
Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469
- **New Zealand & Tasmania** August 2013
Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469

[Los Angeles Council](http://LosAngelesCouncil.org) lacouncil.org

- **Snow Gala** November 7, 2011
- **Jackson Hole, WY** January 28 - February 4, 2012
- **Schweitzer + Silver Mtn., ID** February 4-11, 2012

[San Diego Council](http://SanDiegoCouncil.org) skisandiego.org

- **Danube River by Boat & Bike** September 8-20, 2011
- **Winter Gala** November 7, 2011
- **Aspen, CO** December 7-13, 2011
- **Jackson Hole, WY** January 28 - February 4, 2012

[Far West Ski Association](http://FarWestSkiAssociation.org) fwsa.org

- **Roatan, Honduras** October 22-29, 2011
Randy Lew / 530-304-0802
- **New Zealand & Australia** Oct 25 - Nov 12, 2011
Norm Azevedo / 935-944-9816
- **Jackson Hole, WY** January 28 - February 4, 2012
Gloria Raminha / 713-818-0471
- **Chamonix, France** March 9-17, 2012
Morocco March 17-25 or March 17-31, 2012
Norm Azevedo / 935-944-9816
- **Far West Races at Mammoth, CA** April 6-8, 2012
Bob Ellis / 530-414-4270
- **Convention, Ogden, UT** June 7-10, 2012
Jane Wyckoff / 949-933-9607
- **Panama Canal Cruise** September 28 - October 12, 2012
Gloria Raminha / 713-818-0471



Join PaC Rim for our 11th Annual
Wine Maker Dinner
Fundraiser for MS

Saturday, October 1, 2011, 5 PM
10818 Viacha Dr, San Diego

Sign Up—

- YES, please sign me up!
- Sorry I won't be able to attend. Accept my donation.

\$75*

About the Dinner—

- **Mary Trimmings**, Executive Chef, will be back as our guest chef.
- The dinner will consist of 6-7 courses with an exquisite wine specifically matched to each course.
- The dinner typically lasts 5 hours.

For Information—

Call Gene at 858-467-9469

Send your \$75* Tax Deductible Contribution payable to

Can Do MS c/o Gene Fulkerson
10818 Viacha Dr., SD, CA 92124

100% of proceeds to benefit

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* 100% Tax Deductible. Since this is a fundraiser for charity, there will be no refunds.

MEMBER posting

catching up with **MEMBERS**
Where are they now.

happy **BIRTHDAY**

June

- 2 Gary Bunney
- 3 J. B. Hammond
- 4 Larry Angione
- 6 Conor Griffin
- 6 Cormac O'Donovan
- 6 Helen Schulz
- 8 Marie Richard
- 9 Martha Eads
- 10 Barbie Brown
- 13 Craig Henderson
- 14 Jordyn Mathis
- 24 Trini Solano - Galvez
- 25 Larry Armstrong
- 25 Jo Ann Rego
- 26 R. T. Johnson
- 26 Fran Papa
- 29 Jonnie Johnson

July

- 2 Jim Gable
- 10 Sherri Reid
- 15 John Moran
- 18 Rene Blanchard
- 18 Larry Stern
- 21 Mary Ann Miller
- 22 Mary Aileen O'Donovan
- 23 R. L. "Smitty" Smith
- 23 R. T. Thompson
- 25 Jeany Davidson
- 27 Jeanette Day
- 31 Cliff Bonner

August

- 3 Russ Walters
- 4 Angelo Bontempo
- 4 Jim Jensen
- 20 Donald Brenholt
- 25 Donna Buys
- 30 Marguerite Jorgensen



If **Brigitte** could travel to any city this summer it would be Paris.



Nancy is still running trips all around the world.



After a year absence due to injury **Agnes** is looking forward to water skiing this summer.



James and **Jeany** recently returned from a Greek Island Cruise and Dalmatian Coast tour.



Elissa heli-skied Haines, Alaska and plans to ski Mammoth on the fourth of July.



While **Michael** has hung up his skis for now, he continues to hike and bike.

it's a **WRAP**

FAR WEST ski convention

Pac Rim scores a hat trick— first place for newsletter, web site and club.

The 79th annual Far West convention took place in the Industry Hills of Los Angeles, CA at the Pacific Palms Resort on June 9-12, 2011.

Pac Rim takes 1st, 1st, and 1st in the Far West A Club Awards—

It was a great convention for Pacific Rim as we were given first in the Tollakson Award for best A Far West Club. The Pac Rim's "Update" newsletter was given a first place Wentworth award. And finally Pac Rim's website earned a first place. Thank you, Catherine, for a job well done and congratulations on the hat trick.

Far West The Silent Auction—

Pacific Rim was represented by attendees, **Catherine Ohl** and **Gene Fulkerson**. Other members including **John Watson**, **Ray & Kathleen Craig**, **Laura Priess** and **Agnes Johnson** were also in attendance.

Once again we had lots of fun running around trying to outbid our fellow skiers. We lost most of what we bid on but we did buy trips to Ogden, Taos and Red Mountain. The hardest part will be trying to schedule it all in. Thanks goodness for retirement.

We really enjoyed meeting with the special guests. We got to spend a lot of time with them on Friday. We especially enjoyed talking to Steve Bellamy, founder of the Tennis Channel and the Ski Channel and producer of the amazing film "The Story."

The Convention—

Los Angeles Council did a fabulous job on the convention. Friday was perfect for the optional events and pool party on Friday. But in atypical southern California weather the gods rained on the Travel Expo. LA was prepared and took care of it in short order.



photos courtesy Catherine Ohl

Pacific Rim scores a Far West hat trick— first place for outstanding club, newsletter and web site for clubs with 50 to 160 members (A Division).

The three days went by so fast. We attended the Awards Luncheon, Awards Dinner Dance and all the parties. It was wonderful to have the time to catch up with old friends in both ski clubs and the industry.

2012 Far West Convention—

The 2012 Far West convention will be held in Ogden, Utah on June 7-10, 2012. Gene and Catherine have been asked to help out since this will be the first convention hosted by the new Intermountain Council. We are so excited about the venue. It should be absolutely perfect. See page 14 for the current convention information. ◆

Gordon Cardona was presented with Aspen's Safety award by Scott Bowker, Richard Lubin, his mom Walley, and Mary Manning of Aspen.



Jane Wyckoff with 10th Mountain Howard Koch and Bruce Campbell.



FAR WEST ski convention

It's all good— fun, parties, friends, awards and everlasting memories.



photos courtesy Catherine Ohl

Mt. Bachelor provided the air guitars. Bob Bourquard and Mike Sanford and Ann Cook showed us how it's done.



A blast from the Far West travel past— Craig Levra (Sport Chalet), Beatrice Wolfe, Eric Olberz (Sport Chalet), John Watson, Chuck Morse, Martha Perez, Gene Fulkerson, Jane Wyckoff.



Barbara Razo scrapbooked the past 12 years of John Watson's convention prayers. Presenters include Norbert Knapp, President LAC and Jane Wyckoff.

far west **SERVICE AWARDS**

- | | |
|---|---|
| Snow Builders Award | Dave McCoy , Mammoth founder
Norbert Olberz , Sport Chalet founder
Martha Perez , Sport Tours co-founder |
| Hans Georg
- Long-term contributions | Lynnell Calkins
Los Angeles Council |
| Elizabeth Schatzi Wood
- Female One or Two-Year Contribution | Sheri Parshall
Northwest Council |
| J. Stanley Mullin
- Male One or Two-Year Contribution | Dennis Heffley
Bay Area Council |
| Jordon-Reily
- Public Affairs | Christina Thomure
Grand Targhee Resort |
| Terry Smith
- Racing | Jo Simpson
Sierra Council |
| Jimmie Heuga
- Humanitarian | Dianna Digiandomenico
Unrecables Ski Club |
| Tommi Tyndall
- Ski Industry Contribution | Alpine Meadows |
| Bill Mackey
- Ski Industry Employee | Bob Salerno
Virtual Snow |
| President's Awards | George Stewart , Sierra Council
Bob Ellis , Sierra Council |
| Bill Berry
- Feature Article | Wendolyn Holland
"Sun Valley: An Extraordinary History" Book |
| Bill Berry
- Hard News | Tom Stienstra
San Francisco Chronicle |
| Warren Miller
- Modern Media | Steve Bellamy
"The Story" The Ski Channel |
| Safety Award | Gordon Cardona , Los Angeles Council |
| Ski Heritage Award | Erin Barber , History San Diego Ski Club |
| Man of the Year | Gary Gunderson , Northwest Council |
| Women of the Year | Debbie Stewart , Sierra Council |
| Charity Recognition | Monterey Ski Club |
| History Recognition | Single Ski Club of Los Angeles |

it's a **WRAP**

BIG WHITE spring skiing

The snow was unbelievable for April—light, deep and never ending!

This was our ninth annual April trip to Big White in hopes of catching some of that late season powder. It didn't seem much like spring as it snowed just about every day. And it was still coming down as we departed the resort.

The highlight of this trip was the awesome snow. The snow was light, deep and never ending. We skied through the trees on Black Forest, the chutes under the Cliff Chair, the groomers off the Ridge Rocket, the powder from the Falcon Chair and around the snowghosts in the Gem Lake area. Gene even managed an (unintentional) flip off the cliffs which landed him on his feet.

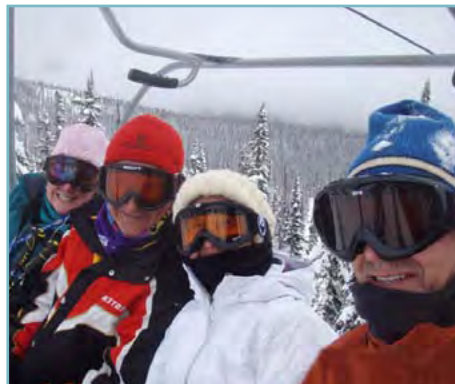
We also enjoyed dinners out and dinners in, happy hours, free hot chocolate and a bonfire at Happy Valley, ice climbing, recovery time in the hot tub, good friends and new friends, the tube park, sunrises and sunsets, daily pasties from the Big White Bakery and the beauty of Big White. We ended the trip with a fabulous wine party with heavy apps. ♦



Mark and Gene conquered the ice climbing wall at Happy Valley.



Tapas at the Globe with Fay, Mark, Linda, Gene and Catherine.



On the Black Forest Lift to get to the powder in the trees with Catherine, Gene, Linda and Mark.



Après hot tub with Gene, Mark and Linda.



Morning stop at Bean's with Remo, Michelle, PJ, Jim, Catherine, Sandy and John.



Mark and Fay on the snowing slopes. Visibility was good and the skiing was awesome.



Wine Party to end the season with Michelle, Linda, Gene and Mark.

photos courtesy Catherine Ohl

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exciting CHANGES for skiers in the west

Excerpted from saminfo.com

Powderhorn to be Auctioned

Western Colorado's **Powderhorn Ski Resort** will be offered for sale at auction on August 4, 2011. The resort, which consists of 44 trails and four lifts on 1,600 acres, is located on the Grand Mesas outside of Grand Junction.

There will be no reserves or minimums for the auction, and the highest bidder will own the resort and associated real estate upon completion of the auction. The ski area is for sale due to the retirement of owner **Steve Bailey**, who acts as CEO and president of the resort.

Bud Klien dies at 83

Bud Klien, founder of Kirkwood resort, died at the age of 83 after a battle with cancer. Klien, a number one draft pick for the Red Sox upon his graduation from Stanford in 1950, chose to return to California and help run his family's agricultural business rather than play ball. He switched to the snow industry in the early 1970s when he led a group of investors to develop Kirkwood. He owned the Robert Strong winery in

Sonoma and was the inventor of the "California wine cooler."

Breckenridge Peak 6 Expansion

The U.S. Forest Service has approved Breckenridge Ski Resort's Peak 6 expansion plan despite opposition from some environmental groups. The draft EIS would allow the area to add up to 550 acres of lift-served and hike-to terrain, a six-pack detachable chairlift, and a 150-seat lodge at the lift's mid-station.

Ski areas feel the heat of wildfires

Spiking temperatures kicked off the western wildfire season.

The Osha wildfire in northern New Mexico threatened the Sipapu Ski Area, forcing residents to evacuate the area.

In Colorado, crews faced down a fire less than ½ a mile from Keystone's boundary. The blaze, which burned less than 20 acres west of the ski area, was linked to a logging operation, although the cause has not been determined. ♦

STILL SKIING in the west

This year is one for the record books.

Utah resorts have chalked up a near-record number of approximately 4.2 million skier day visits during the 2010-11 winter season. The number represents four-percent growth over the prior year, making this winter the second best in Utah. **Snowbird** is expected to remain open until July 4.

Near-record snowfall totals this winter, along with two feet of new snow over the past two weeks, has sparked California's **Sugar Bowl** to reopen for the July 4 holiday for 2010-11 and 2011-12 season passholders. Skiing will be available on the Disney lift only.

Else where in California, **Kirkwood** and **Alpine Meadows** will both be open for the Independence holiday, while nearby **Boreal** expects to be open to July 11-12. **Mammoth Mountain** is running lifts with a projected a closing date of July 4.

In Colorado, **Arapahoe Basin** has extended it's closing date until mid-June, with rumors swirling that the ski area might go for a July 4 closing.

In Washington, **Crystal Mountain** is expected to operate on weekends into June and perhaps July. The area has a good shot at a July closing, with new snow pushing the ski area's snowfall to 600 inches, a new record.

In Oregon, **Timberline**, is keeping the season alive. Summer operations on Mt. Hood's Palmer Glacier are part and parcel of the Timberline experience. This year Mt. Hood's summer season kicked off on May 31, with lifts operating daily from 8 AM to 2 PM.

Also kicking off the summer season is **Blackcomb**, which commenced summer operations on the Blackcomb glacier on May 30. ♦



Whistler Blackcomb is testing a new app which allows cell phones to serve as lift passes and more. The Whistler Blackcomb Live Powered by Telus app allows users to track their runs using GPS, view trail maps, track the total vertical and distance they've traveled and their maximum speed, share their speeds and vertical and photos with friends via Twitter and Facebook, and view information (and ads) about features of the resort.



on-water SAFETY

be **PREPARED**
*mentally
physically
equipment-wise*



photo courtesy Catherine Ohl

Water Ski Safety

Water skiing is a great way to have fun while enjoying boating. That said, it's not an activity to be undertaken without preparation. It requires some special skills by the boat operator and the skier, an understanding of hand signals, and demands a lot of attention to safety by both parties.

Know the Code

A skier must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket that has a high impact rating designed for water skiing.

An observer is required whose only job is to watch the skier, receive signals and

alert the boat operator if the skier falls.

The water skier should enter the water and move away from the boat before the boat's engine is started.

Wait for the skier to signal that he or she is ready to go. Skier should yell "hit it."

Pay attention to what the other boaters are doing and don't jeopardize your skier's safety by pulling in front of other boats.

The skier should never wrap any part of the tow line around his or her body. It's also a good idea to take off all jewelry.

The skier should stay aware of and avoid surroundings and potential hazards.

After falling or dropping, the skier should hold a ski up out of the water while waiting to be retrieved, and if necessary waves his or her arms.

Even if not required by state laws, the observer should fly a red flag while the skier is down in the water.

When approaching a skier, always keep the skier in view and on the operator's side of the boat.

Always shut off the engine before allowing the skier to board the boat.

Retrieve the towline as soon as possible to avoid other boats from running over your rope. ♦

Coast Guard Considers Mandating Adult Life Jacket

Reported in a Boat US Reports by Ryck Lydecker.

An advisory panel to the U.S. Coast Guard gave its go-ahead to pursue federal regulations that would require adults to wear life jackets on certain boats.

The National Boating Safety Advisory Council asked the Coast Guard to consider mandating that anyone aboard a boat less than 18 feet long be required to wear a life jacket when underway. In addition it asks that all those being towed in water sports, riding personal watercraft, or in human-powered boats of any length be required to wear life jackets as well.

The 16-5 decision mirrors a trend among

state boating agencies to increase the number of people actually wearing Coast Guard-approved life jackets with the aim of reducing boating fatalities.

Unlike the Council recommendation, which would apply to all ages, most state laws apply just to children and specify varying age cutoffs, typically 12 and under.

The U.S. Forest Service estimates that 82 million people participated in boating in 2010 and Coast Guard statistics show 736 people died in boating accidents that year.

According to a Coast Guard mathematical model, if a 70 percent wear rate was achieved, mandating boaters nationwide to wear life jackets in boats less than 18 feet could save 71 lives each year. ♦



photo courtesy Boat US

getting & staying **FIT**

offseason **SLOPE SLIDING**

Fun activities for the offseason to keep you in shape for skiing.

If your first ski day each new season delivers pain all over your body (even your brain) ponder a while on atrophy. The muscles used in skiing need attention the rest of the year. Seek sports that challenge you mentally and physically in skiing's off season, so you can enjoy skiing's on season with aplomb.

Eco Tours

You can get into mountain ecology to learn more about the mountains you ski. One resort offering guests a view into local ecology is Whistler Blackcomb. From rainforests to glaciers, Whistler Blackcomb's eco tours help the skier realize the environment around their favorite sport. There's even a visit to a bear's den!



Crosskating

A new way to attack slopes sans snow comes from the mind and energy of MIT and Stanford alum James Page. Crossskates are part ski boot, part mountain bike, part -- well, no description can fully explain these outdoor toys, so watch the videos at Crossskate.com.

Inline

Inline skating can meet most skiers' cross training needs. Add inline skates to a parking lot with a slight incline for a great place to repeat slalom turns. Moderately steep hills (and an

experienced skater) are great for hop turn practice. Or blaze down your local "rail-trail" to give your body and its most important muscle (the brain) a workout.



Bicycling

Whether on the road or down a mountainside, riding a bicycle can do many positive things for your mind and body, including the parts you use for skiing.

You need the right gear and approach. Bike Magazine, and MountainZone.com's mountain biking department, can help you there.

Trail Running

When is running so much more fun than plain old running? When it's trail

running! Perhaps, think of trail running as very fast hiking. Quickly negotiating mountain trails on foot sharpens the skier's mental processing ability. And trail running gives you an excuse to get to the mountains.

Learn more about trail running from Trail Runner Magazine.



Hiking

Skiers, like hikers, enjoy their outdoor sports on varied levels. Hiking trails come in a range of difficulties, not unlike skiing trails.

When you hike in the mountains regularly, your body may be better prepared for the lower air pressure that slows some skiers. ♦

wanna **RACE?**

If you'd like to test your skills in a race course, as a member of Pac Rim you can race in League, Council and Far West sponsored races. **More information is available at fwra.com.** These dates are tentative and subject to change.

December 5-9, 2011 (M-F)	Rokka Ski/Board Race Camp
December 10, 2011 (Sat)	Rokka 1 & Ullr 1 (GS)
January 7, 2011 (Sat)	Rokka 2 & Ullr 2 (SL)
February 11, 2011 (Sat)	Rokka 3 & Ullr 3 (GS)
March 24, 2011 (Sat)	Rokka 4 & Ullr 4 (GS)
March 25, 2011 (Sun)	Rokka 5 & Ullr 5 (SL)
April 6, 2011 (Fri)	FWRA Championships (pacesetters)
April 7, 2011 (Sat)	FWRA Championships (SL)
April 8, 2011 (Sat)	FWRA Championships (GS)



ski LEGACY

CRESTED BUTTE turns 50

Crested Butte revolutionize skiing with freeski and extremes competitions.

Visit <http://pacificrimalliance.org/history.html> for more ski history.

In the 1860s and 1870s coal and silver mines began to open in the Gunnison area, and many little mining towns formed. However, when silver mining hit on hard times, many of these towns failed. Crested Butte survived because it served as a supply town to the surrounding area.

When the coal mines closed, the town began to shrink, and eventually the local high school was closed. Students had to travel to Gunnison to go to high school. The town did not revive until a ski area was built on Mount Crested Butte in the 1960s.

Crested Butte Mountain Resort opened when **Fred Rice** and **Dick Eflin** purchased a ranch on Mt. Crested Butte. An operating permit enabling the resort to be built was approved by the United States Forest Service the following year.

In 1963, Crested Butte constructed a top-to-bottom gondola from the base area to near where the bottom of the High Lift is today. The three-person Silver Queen Gondola was notorious for being cramped and the cabins were known to have frequent collisions.

The gondola lasted until 1972, when a bubble double chairlift replaced it. Other opening lifts included a t-bar that serviced the training hill on Buckley.

A double chairlift called Twister was installed in 1969 to supplement the Silver Queen Gondola. The lift serviced expert and advanced trails on the west slope of the mountain.

In 1972, another double chairlift, Peachtree, was built at the base area to service a set of learning trails between Silver Queen and the t-bar area. Peachtree still operates today.

In 1979, the Teocalli double chairlift was installed on the north side of the mountain, providing access to some intermediate trails, and double chairlifts were also built servicing the Paradise Bowl, which opened intermediate trails to the east of Twister as well as the East River area below that.

In 1982, a triple chairlift running out of the base area called the Keystone lift was constructed to service beginner and low intermediate trails on the lower slopes of the mountain.

The following year, they expanded the mountain by constructing two additional triple chairlifts, Gold Link and Painter Boy, servicing beginner and intermediate terrain to the north of the main mountain.

In 1987, a platter lift servicing the North Face chutes above East River was installed.



photo courtesy Crested Butte

CRESTED BUTTE today

Known for offering extreme and diverse terrain, Crested Butte has abundant green and blue groomed trails in addition to more advanced longer trails and the famous extreme limits of the North Face and Headwall.

In 1991, another t-bar was constructed, the High Lift, to access to the Headwall chutes above Paradise Bowl. It also opened additional expert terrain on the upper part of the mountain.

In 1992, Crested Butte entered the high speed lift market, replacing the Silver Queen bubble double with a high speed quad. Two years later, the Paradise double was replaced with another high speed quad. In 1997, the Keystone triple was replaced with a high speed quad, and the original triple was relocated to the East River area.

In 2004, the Keystone Express lift was renamed the Red Lady Express, while the North Face platter was replaced with a t-bar. A fixed-grip quad was also constructed in the Painter Boy area to open up new terrain in the area east of Gold Link. In 2005, another fixed-grip quad, West Wall, replaced the t-bar on Buckley. In 2006, a high speed quad replaced the East River triple chairlift. ♦

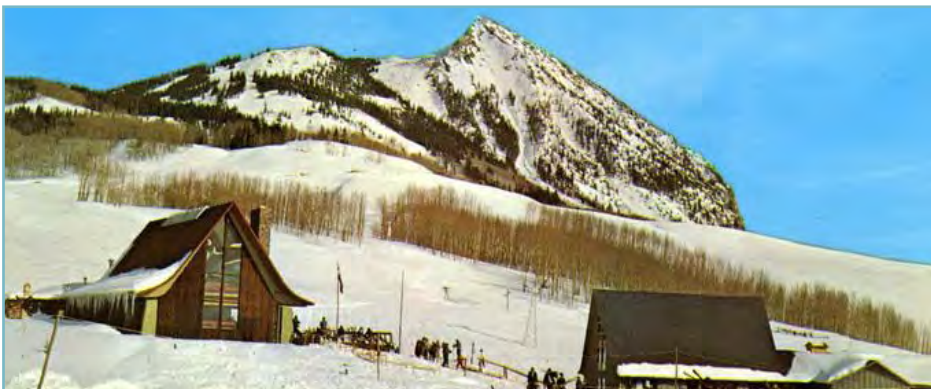


photo courtesy Crested Butte

Crested Butte's base area is located on the western edge of the Mount Crested Butte.

GOOD STUFF for the kids & grandkids

Summer is here... water, sun and fun!

While childhood memories are often filled with carefree days, emergency room doctors know it as "trauma season." Tragedies peak during the warmer months because children are supervised less, have more free time and engage in more outdoor activities.

Water Safety Tips for Kids—

- If you do not know how to swim, always wear a life jacket.

If you fall, get pushed in or accidentally get near deep water, a life jacket can keep you floating on the surface until you can get help. Even strong swimmers should wear a vest in deep or rough water.

- Swim with a buddy.

You've probably heard this many times, but it's worth saying again. If you get into trouble, your friend can get help fast.

- Always go feet first into unfamiliar water.



Water sports in the pool.



There could be rocks or tree stumps in rivers and lakes. Even pools can be more shallow than they look. So always check out the depth of water before you dive in.

- If you see someone in trouble, signal the lifeguard or responsible adult.
 Don't try to rescue the person yourself — you could get pulled under the water. Wave your hands over your head to signal the lifeguard or another adult.
- Don't EVER pretend you are drowning.
 It wastes lifeguard's time and may take their attention away from someone who really needs help.
- It's a good idea to stay near people who know you and will notice if you are in trouble.
 If you are with a group of people, have a check-in time and place to meet. Be sure you show up on time so you won't give the adults gray hairs.
- Don't let your friends tease you into something you don't want to do.
 Even if all your friends are jumping in, don't do it if you are afraid or feel like you can't handle it. Knowing your limitations is nothing to be embarrassed about.
- Make sure you always follow the adult in charge's instructions!
- Wear sunscreen! ♦

ONLINE SAFETY for kids

Kids, here's are some Safety Tips for you when you go online.

- Don't ever give out information about yourself like your last name, your phone number, where you live, or where you go to school.
- Never e-mail a picture of yourself to strangers.
- If somebody emails something to you that makes you uncomfortable, don't look around or explore. Tell your parents.
- Making plans to meet your internet buddies in real life is a really bad idea. People in real life can be very different from how they are online.
- Don't open up e-mails, files, or web pages that you get from people you don't know or trust.
- Don't ever give out your password, except to responsible adults in your family.
- Always follow your family's rules for the using the internet.
- Don't ever do anything that costs money. ♦

SUMMER trips



photo courtesy Catherine Ohl

water SKIING & wake BOARDING

at it's very best!



2011 Colorado River **SCHEDULE**

June 24–26

July 8–10

Aug 5–7

Sept 9–11

Oct 7–9

July 22–24

Aug 19–21

Sept 23–25

Oct 21–23

EVERYONE WELCOME

Friends ° Family ° Beginner ° Expert

Please note: Our skis and wake boards are best suited for Beginners to Intermediates. We suggest if you require more advanced equipment that you rent them from your local sporting goods store.

Trip Includes—

- 2 days Boarding & Water Skiing
- Equipment & Instruction
- Sandy Beaches & Camping
- Water Games
- 5 Meals & Happy Hour
- Beer, Wine & Soda

Prices—

- \$130 ** Skier / Boarder
- \$65 Non-Skier *
- \$18 Child 12 and under *
- Free Child 4 and under*

For information—

Visit www.RadarRiverRats.org

Call Patricia at 323-651-0686 (before 9 PM)

Boat Drivers—

Call Gene at 858-467-9469 (before 9 PM)

** Subject to fuel surcharge if gas is more than \$5/gal

* May not ride in the club boat.

Pacific Rim trips

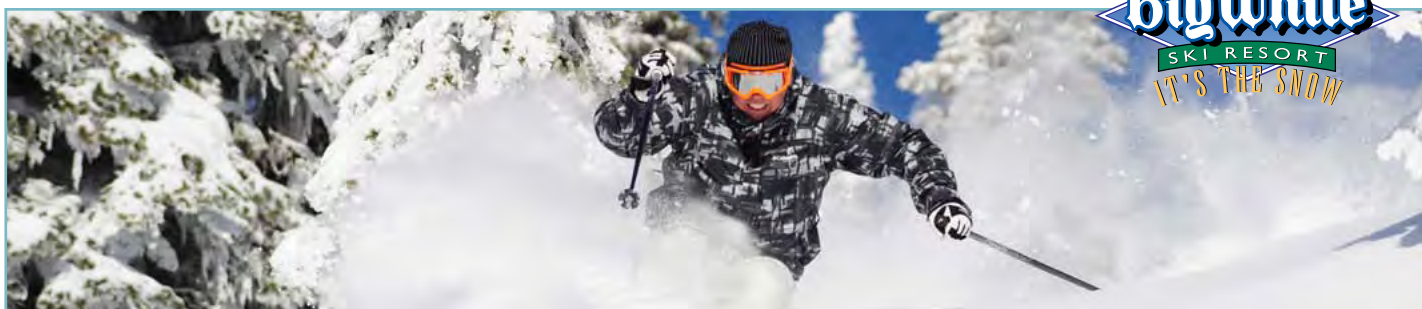


photo courtesy Big White

Big White December 3-10, 2011 or April 8-15, 2012

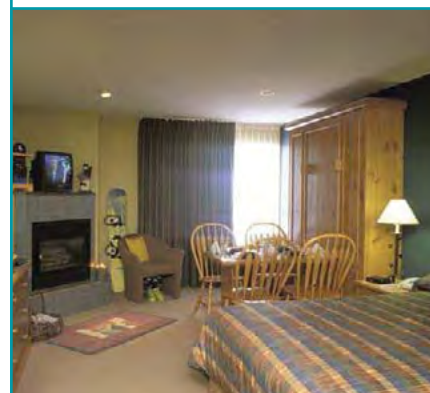
Basic Package \$699 per person dbl occ *

- Seven nights **Lodging** at The Inn at Big White (dbl. occ.)
 - Ski to / Walk from, located in the Village Center.
 - Superior Room with 1 Queen Bed and 1 Queen Murphy.
 - Rooms have Mini-fridge, Micro-wave & Fireplace.
 - On-site Carvers Bar & Grill open Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.
 - Hot Tub & Fitness Room & Swimming Pool.
 - Includes HST and Bed Taxes.
- Six days **Lift Tickets**.
 - Interchangeable at Silver Star.
- **Transfer** from/to Kelowna Airport.
- Daily Après Ski **Parties**..



about Big White

- 25 feet annual dry powder.
- 2,800 patrolled skiable acres.
- 2,550 feet of vertical.
- 4.5 miles longest run.
- 6% ◆◆ 22% ◆ 54% ■ 18% ●
- 118 designated runs.
- 10 ski lifts (6 are high speed).
- Free ski hosts two times a day.
- 5,757 feet Village elevation.
- 18 Restaurants & Bars.
- The Best Ever Powder Skiing.



NOT Included—

- Air** to/from the Resort
 - Delta, Alaska fly to Bozeman
 - Air Canada, West Jet, Alaska fly to Kelowna

Payment due NOW—

- Pacific Rim Alliance**
 - 10818 Viacha Dr.
 - San Diego, CA 92124
 - Cancellation policy will apply

For Information—

- Gene Fulkerson**
 - gene@PacificRimAlliance.org
 - 858-467-9469

Far West Convention

How the West is **ONE!** hosted by *Intermountain Ski Council*



June 7-10, 2012 Ogden Eccles Conference Center, Utah

Convention Highlights

- Silent Auction
- Travel Expo
- **Snowsports Leadership Academy**
- Celebrity Speakers
- Public Affairs Panel
- Saturday Awards Luncheon
- Celebrity Multi Media Presentation
- Saturday Awards Dinner
- Far West General Meeting & Elections

Optional Activities

- Historic 25th Street Pub Crawl
- Michael German Memorial Golf Classic
- White Water Rafting
- Salomon Center
- Hiking
- Pool Party

Information

- **Jane Wyckoff** FWSA Convention Chair
janewyckoff1@cox.net or 949-933-9607
- **Mary Olhausen**
Silent Auction/Travel Expo Chair
omary52@comcast.net or 503-880-7383
- **Linda Scott** ISC Host Convention Chair
louandlt@hotmail.com or 307-256-7535
- Visit www.fwsa.org

CONVENTION lodging

Hotels Feature

- Restaurants, Lounges, Pool, Fitness Center, Wireless Internet, NO Resort Fees, FREE Parking, Close proximity to Historic 25th Street
- Rates available 3 days pre and post Convention

◆ Hampton Inn & Suites Ogden

2401 Washington Blvd., Ogden, UT 84401

www.hamptoninnogden.com

Reservations call 1-801-394-9400

Group Name Far West Ski Association

Rates per night plus tax

Single/Double Occupancy **\$106**

Junior Suite **\$149**

Executive Suite **\$169**

Includes Complimentary Breakfast

◆ Marriott Ogden

247 - 24th Street, Ogden, UT 84401

www.marriott.com/slco

Reservations call 1-801-627-1190 or 1-800-627-7468

Group Name Far West Ski Association

Rates per night plus tax

Single/Double Occupancy **\$130**

Junior Suite **\$150**

Hospitality Suite **\$230**

Transportation

Salt Lake City International Airport

Ground Transportation from airport by Shuttle or Taxi

Membership Application

ALL Pacific Rim Alliance attendees must be a member to participate in one of our trips. Our membership year is from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

To join the Pacific Rim Alliance, fill out the following, Sign your release of liability and send with your check [payable to Pacific Rim Alliance] to:

Pacific Rim Alliance
10818 Viacha Dr., San Diego, CA 92124

Name [1]: _____ Name [2]: _____

Home Addr: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Addr [1]: _____

E-Mail Addr [2]: _____

Cell [1]: _____ Cell [2]: _____

Home: _____ Work [1]: _____

Birthday [1]: _____ Birthday [2]: _____

Indicate Membership
 [Includes membership in FWSA, LA & San Diego Councils, NSAA]

- \$8 INDIVIDUAL Membership
- \$10 FAMILY Membership—Significant other, spouse, children, friends residing at same residence qualify.

Photographs of members participating in club activities are routinely included in a newsletter or on our web site or facebook which is distributed to the membership and other interested parties and is made available to the general public. Signature is required below to agree to this and to the terms of the Release of Liability to the right.

 Signature [1] Date

 Signature [2] Date

Release Of Liability, Waiver Of Claims, Express Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement

WAIVER: I am aware that participation in the Pacific Rim Alliance events has, in addition to the usual risks, dangers and hazards associated with travel, snowboarding, alpine, Nordic, Heli & off-piste skiing, certain additional risks, dangers and hazards including, but not limited to: boarding, riding and disembarking ski lifts; changing weather conditions; exposed or hidden natural or man-made objects; avalanches; failure to ski or ride safely or within one's own ability; and negligence on the part of other skiers and boarders, the organization or their staff.

I freely accept and fully assume all such risks and danger and the possibility of personal injury, disability, death, loss or damage to person or property that may occur as a result of my engaging in the above activities.

I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS [releases Pacific Rim Alliance] WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE.

I hereby release the releasees, their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, and volunteers from liability and responsibility whatsoever and for any claims or causes of action that I, my estate, heirs, survivors, executors, or assigns may have for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death arising from the above activities whether caused by active or passive negligence of the releasees or otherwise.

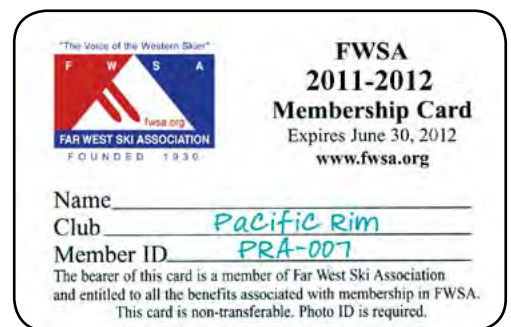
MEMBERSHIP has its BENEFITS

The National Ski Council Federation has discount benefits for club members which include: Cellular Abroad, East West Resorts, Rentskis.com, Crazy Heads, Geardirect.com, Breeze Ski Rental, Mountain Chalet, and so much

more. They have a great pair of carbon ski poles for a mere \$30 with all their member association logos. Such a deal.

Check out www.skifederation.org for the complete list of benefits. Go to the "Members Only" area and input the following:

User Name: **skiclub**
 Password: **member**



COMMUNITY center giving BACK

There are so many ways to get involved and it's so easy to do.

Can Do MS

For the past 12 years Pacific Rim has hosted a wine maker dinner for **Can Do MS**. Each dinner typically raises around \$2,500. 100% of the proceeds go to the Center. We collect donations year round whether you attend the dinner or not.



Can Do MS [formerly Heuga Center for MS]
IRS 501(c)(3) Number 74-2337853
www.mscando.org • 970.926.1290

Our next dinner will be October 2, 2011.
For more information contact

Gene Fulkerson, VP Travel
gene@pacificrimalliance.org
858-467-9469

17TH ANNUAL
Peak to Peak Pedal

Big Bear to Mammoth
October 5-9, 2011

USARC Peak-to-Peak

This USARC fund raiser consists of a ride from Big Bear to Mammoth. It's a grueling but rewarding ride.

Riders and volunteers are needed to support this important ride and program. Riders must raise a minimum of \$1,500 and volunteers can serve in a variety of capacities.

Registration and donations are processed using FirstGiving.com. Riders and volunteers can easily register, while supporters can securely donate in the name of a rider (or make a general donation) using a major credit card.

For more information email@usarc.org.



photo courtesy National Forest Foundation

Founded by Congress in 1991, the National Forest Foundation works with the U.S. Forest Service to care for our natural treasures. Tree planting partnerships continue to benefit our National Forests for generations to come. Visit www.nationalforests.org.

USARC

United States Adaptive Recreation Center (USARC) is committed to guiding people with disabilities toward the creation and affirmation of rewarding lifestyles. Located in Big Bear, CA, USARC runs an adaptive ski school in the winter. In the summer USARC takes to the fresh waters of Big Bear Lake for wet and wild adaptive water skiing, jet skiing, kayaking, sailing and fishing.

Volunteers are always needed. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old; intermediate skiers, water sports enthusiasts, or mountain bikers; able to complete the required training criteria, and available to teach midweek during winter or summer.

To volunteer contact **Sara Richter**, Outreach Coordinator, sara@usarc.org.

Recycle Program



Pacific Rim recycles cans, bottles and glass at all our events. Each quarter we donate the proceeds to a charity. This quarter's donation goes to the **National**

Forest Foundation. To contribute visit <https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/NationalForestFoundation/OnlineGiving>.

Support The Unrecables

[Re] Register your Ralphs Card

The Unrecables

Ski Club is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization,



serving the recreational needs of people with disabilities. They promote adaptive sports, and encourage people with disabilities to participate in sports, recreational, and social activities in their communities. The club is a member of the LA Council of Ski Clubs.

[Re]registering your Ralphs Card is easy.

- Log in to www.ralphs.com.
- Click on **Community Contribution**.
- Click on **Participant**.
- Follow the easy steps to enroll. **Their NPO# is 80831**. Be sure to complete all information.
- Set back and watch your grocery shopping save you money and at the same time earn revenue for The Unrecables.

To volunteer visit unrecables.org or email info@unrecables.org. ♦

TRIPS sign up
 pacific rim **FORM**

[You must be a current member to sign up for this trip— include Dues and Membership Application if not a member]

Printed Name[s] _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____ e-mail _____

Deposit Due:

- \$200 per person **Big White**, Canada, December 3-10, 2011
- \$400 per person **Italy / France**, March 2012 [tentative]
- \$200 per person **Big White**, Canada, April 8-15, 2012
- \$200 per person **Big White**, Canada, December 8-15, 2012
- \$300 per person **Beaver Creek**, CO, February 2013 [tentative]
- \$200 per person **Big White**, Canada, April 6-13, 2013
- \$400 per person **New Zealand & Tasmania**, August 2013 [tentative]

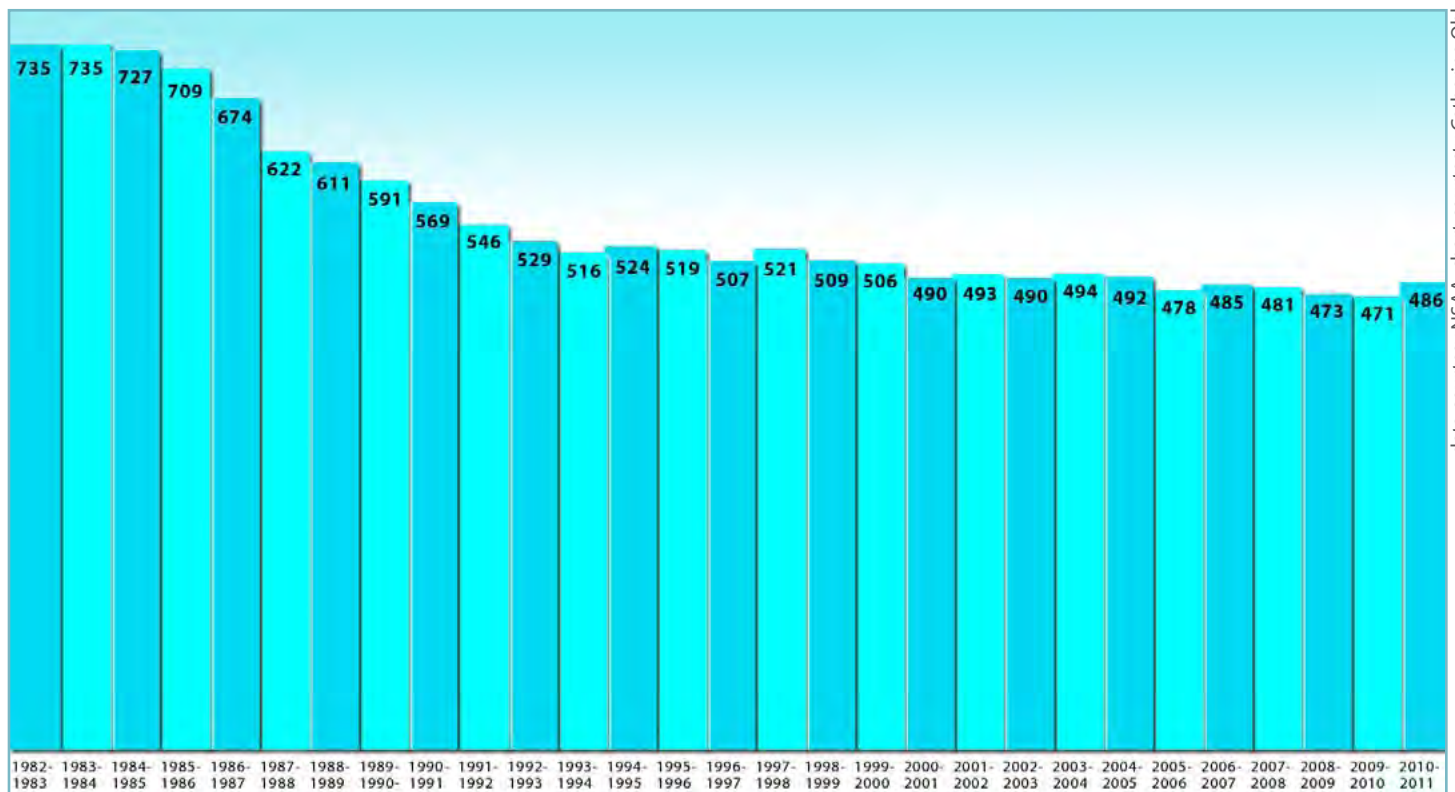
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Send this FORM with your Deposit made out to Pacific Rim Alliance to:

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The PACIFIC RIM ALLIANCE is a non-profit organization dedicated to the appreciation of skiing, snowboarding, sight-seeing, photography, travel, public affairs and civic awareness. The Alliance is further oriented to the building of international relations among skiers, snowboarders and sports organizations throughout the Pacific Rim.

Surplus moneys above requirements for deposits for future trips will be donated to non-profit organizations devoted

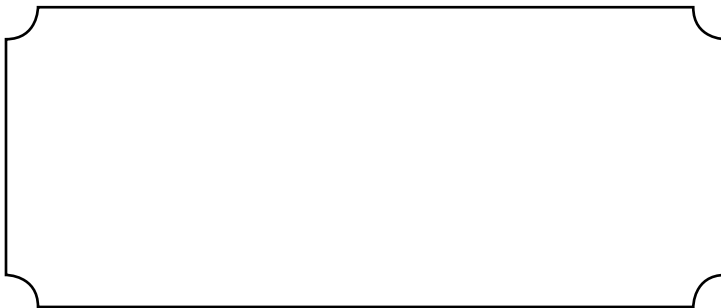
to charity, research & education. We are especially interested in, but not limited to, supporting Ski Area Development, Adaptive Ski Programs, Jimmie Heuga Center for MS and Olympic & Junior Racers, Mammoth Ski Museum.

The Alliance is a member of San Diego Council of Ski Clubs (SDCSC), Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs (LAC), Far West Ski Association (FWSA) and National Ski Council Federation (NSCF). Membership in Pac Rim allows you to participate in their events and programs. ♦

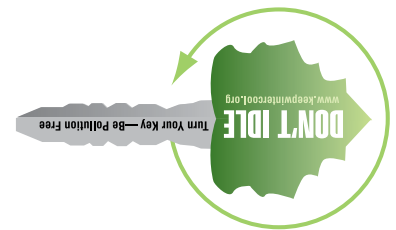


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1st Friday of the Month, 10 AM
Bahia Bell Public Parking
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