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Chile—

The Chile trip is just around the corner. We have more than 20 people going with most continuing onto Peru.

We will be skiing for eight days — four in Termas de Chillan and four in Portillo.

In Termas, we will be staying at the 5-star Gran Hotel with a spa offering a bit of something for everyone. Portillo, also a 5-star is a self-contained resort with 4 meals a day included.

The highlight will be the three day extension to Machu Picchu, the sacred ruins of the Inca. This side trip includes air, transfers, three nights lodging, three days of tours, train and most meals. This is a once in a life time opportunity. *[see page 12]*

Big Sky, MT, Feb 4-11, 2006—

The vote is in and we will be going to Big Sky, Montana. We have reserved just 30 spots. The price is \$879 + air for hotel lodging, breakfast, lift tickets, transfers, a dinner and parties. Air is expected to run about \$400 out of LAX, San Diego or Reno. *[see page 6]*

Val Thorens, France, March 3-11, 2006—

Well, it's time to return to France. For 2006, we have decided to go to Val Thorens which is a part of the Trois Vallées in France, the largest ski circuit in the world. The reason we choose Val Thorens is because it is the highest of the four resorts and sits on a glacier.

Post extension will be to Turkey and Greek Isles. We will keep you posted. *[see page 7]*

Far West Convention—

Congratulations to Pacific Rim for being honored as best club in Far West AAA division (more than 175 members). Congratulations to **Catherine Ohl** for winning first place in the web site competition and third place for this newsletter. Catherine also won for best Council (LA) Newsletter.



Heuga Wine Maker Dinner Fundraiser—

You won't want to miss it this year. **Mary Timmins** and I are already working on the menu and wines. *

WINE MAKER DINNER

Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005, 5 PM
10818 Viacha Dr, San Diego

- YES, please sign me up! **\$65**
- Sorry I won't be able to attend. Here's my Tax Deductible contribution for The Heuga Center.

For Information—

- Call Gene at 858-467-9469

Send Check—

- payable to **Heuga Center for MS**
- to Gene Fulkerson at 10818 Viacha Dr., SD, CA 92124

100% of proceeds to benefit The Jimmie Heuga Center for MS!

Thanks for your support in the Flight against MS!

Since this is a fundraiser for charity, there will be no refunds.



- Ski With Pride •
- Watch All Sides •
- Let It Ride •

First With Safety Awareness



Associate Member
NATIONAL SKI AREAS ASSOCIATION
nsaa.org



Membership in Pacific Rim Alliance gives you membership in LA Council of Ski Clubs [LAC], San Diego Council of Ski Clubs [SDCSC], Far West Ski Association [FWSA], and National Ski Council Federation [NSCF].



TRIPPING AROUND

❖ Pacific Rim Alliance ❖

- WATER SKIING with Radar River Rats Jun-Oct 2005
Patricia Ortiz @ 323/651-0686 [before 9 PM]
- HEUGA WINE MAKER DINNER 1 October 2005
Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469
- PORTILLO & TERMAS, Chile 11-20 August 2005
MACHU PICCHU, Peru. 20-23 August 2005
Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469
- BIG SKY, MT February 4-11, 2006
Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469
- VAL THORENS, France 3-11 March 2006
ISTANBUL, Turkey 11-16 March 2006
GREEK ISLES Cruise 16- tba March 2006
Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469
- NEW ZEALAND & AUSTRALIA August 2006
Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469
- MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO, Italy March 2007
Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469

❖ Los Angeles Council ❖

- SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP 23 October 2005
- SNOW GALA 5 November 2005
- TELLURIDE, Colorado 4-11 February 2006
Bonnie West @ 562-699-8880
- PRAGUE, Czech Republic 14-18 March, 2006
KITZBUHEL, Austria 17-25 March 2006
Bonnie West @ 562-699-8880

❖ San Diego Council ❖

- FAMILY PICNIC 24 July 2005
Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469
- WINTER GALA 12 November 2005
Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469
- Breckenridge, CO 7-12 December 2005
Mike Sanford @ 858-695-1442
- Family Ski Day, Mountain High. 15 February 2006

❖ Far West Ski Association ❖

- CHINA **SOLD OUT** September 2005
- HAWAIIAN CRUISE. 9-16 October 2005
Harry Davis @ 800-301-9673
- TELLURIDE, Colorado 4-11 February 2006
Lynnell Calkins @ 310-278-5900
- ZERMATT, Switzerland March 2006
Tucker Hoffmann @ 510-278-5900
- GALAPAGOS ISLANDS
MACHU PICCHU **SOLD OUT** 22 May - 6 June 2006
Tucker Hoffmann @ 510-278-5900

Go to "Tripping Around" at <http://www.pacificrimalliance.org> to download color flyers for most of the events listed above.

MEMBER PROFILES

Far West Convention Staff

The big news this issue is certainly the Far West Convention. It was a great event that LA Council pulled off in grand fashion with a lot of help from Pacific Rim. Below are just some of the people who made it all happen.

Gene Fulkerson—

Gene did his usual magic with the spirits. Thanks to him, we had great beer donate by **Firestone Brewery**. This beer was available free all night Friday during the Silent Auction and Saturday during the Awards luncheon. **Penfolds** donated some very fine Cabernet, Syrah and Chardonnay for the Awards dinner. **Finlandia** got into the act with an ice luge for their donated Mango Vodka during the Saturday afternoon history reception. Gene donated the liquor for the after hours parties, the Man & Woman of the Year reception, and the Eye Opener where he also served as bartender.

Fay Mumbauer—

Fay is an experienced hand at these conventions. Besides running the check-in crew, she provided invaluable input, made available a bed for Catherine on her many trips north to LA, and contributed numerous history tidbits.

Patricia Ortiz—

Patricia can always be counted on to lend a hand when needed without even being asked. She was responsible for setting up and cleaning for the after hours parties and the Man & Woman of the Year reception. She also helped with the Eye Opener.

Catherine Ohl—

Catherine was the one who pulled it all together. Besides running the show, she was personally responsible for putting together more than half of the history exhibits.



Courtesy Jim Degner

Jacquie Nemor (pictured left) with the entire LA Council presented **Catherine** with a special award to thank her for all her hard work. Later that evening, **Mike Sanford**, Far West President, also honored **Catherine** with the President's award for an exceptional convention.

Catherine thanked the entire LA convention team. The success of this convention was made possible by their two years of hard work. They are the best and she is so proud of them. ✨

Heat Illness Prevention—

With warmer temperatures, heat-related illnesses like heat exhaustion and heat stroke become more of a concern. These conditions may appear after exposure to high temperatures and inadequate intake of fluids.

Normally the body cools itself by sweating. During heat waves or high temperatures the body's temperature control system can become overloaded and sweating is not enough.

Another factor that can affect the body's ability to cool itself is high humidity when sweat will not evaporate as quickly, preventing the body from releasing heat. Other conditions that limit the body's ability to regulate temperature are old age, fever, obesity, dehydration, heart disease, poor circulation,

sunburn, or drug and alcohol use.

Heat Stroke—

A heat stroke can occur when the body temperature rises rapidly, 106°F or higher, within 10-15 minutes. Heat stroke can cause death or permanent damage if not treated immediately.

The warning signs of heat stroke are extremely high temperature; red, hot and dry skin; rapid, strong pulse; headache; dizziness; nausea; confusion; or unconsciousness.

Heat exhaustion—

Heat exhaustion develops after several days of exposure to high temperatures and inadequate or unbalanced replacement of fluids. The people most prone are the elderly, those with high blood pressure or

working out in a hot environment.

Signs of heat exhaustion are heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, tiredness, dizziness, headache, nausea, and/or fainting. The person's pulse or heart rate may be fast and weak, and breathing may become fast and shallow. If left untreated this may lead to heat stroke.

Prevention—

Increase fluid intake during hot temperatures by two to four glasses of cool fluids each hour. Cold beverages can cause stomach cramps and alcohol will cause you to lose more fluid. If you think you have a heat illness take a cool shower or get into an air-conditioned environment. A heat stroke is a medical emergency. *

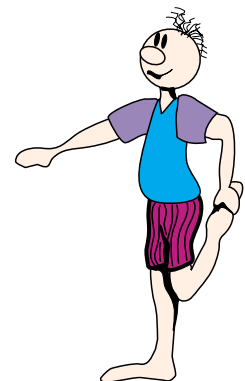
SAFE CYCLING—

With the Tour de France in full swing, many of us are inspired to dust off our bikes and start cycling once again. Cycling is one of the safest sports. However, there are some basic rules which every cyclist should know and obey.



Courtesy Lance Armstrong

1. Observe all traffic regulations including red and green lights, one way streets, and stop signs.
2. Keep to the right and ride in a straight line. Always ride in single file.
3. For night riding, have a white light on the front of your bike and a state approved red reflector in the rear.
4. Have a satisfactory bell or buzzer to warn others of your approach.
5. Give pedestrians the right of way.
6. Watch out for cars pulling out or doors opening unexpectedly.
7. Never hitch rides— holding on to a moving vehicle while riding is extremely dangerous. Never do stunts.
8. Never carry other riders. Don't carry packages that obstruct vision or prevent proper control of bike.
9. Be sure your brakes work efficiently and safely and don't squeak. Get your bike tuned annually.
10. Be cautious at intersections. Slow down and look to the right and the left before crossing.
11. Always use proper hand signals for turning and stopping.
12. Never weave or swerve as unexpected moves cause accidents.
13. Wear a helmet. *



Stretching is key to staying fit— before and after exercising.

Quad Stretch—

Holding onto a chair or wall for balance, grasp your foot and pull it back toward your butt until you feel the stretch in the quads. Hold and repeat for other leg.

INDUSTRY

Ski News

by Catherine Ohl

Kicking Horse Begins \$25 Million Upgrade—

Kicking Horse Mountain Resort in British Columbia, Canada has \$25 million in mountain enhancement projects now underway in the continued development of the mountain and Resort Village.

Of the \$25 million, \$21 million is being invested in on-going real estate projects including the Selkirk Resort Homes and Palliser Lodge as well as continuing individual single family homes construction.

An additional \$4 million is being invested in mountain infrastructure to enhance the year-round guest experience.



Courtesy Big Horn, WY

Jackson Tram

Jackson Hole to Retire Aerial Tram—

Jackson Hole Mountain Resort will retire its Aerial Tramway, estimated to have carried over 2 million passengers, winter and summer, since 1966, in September 2006.

While a replacement for the lift has not yet been determined, the resort is considering several alternatives for replacing its iconic tram.

California Resorts Post Record Season—

Prodigious and early snowfall helped lift California ski areas to record visits of 8.1 million, far surpassing the previous mark of 7.6 million recorded in the 1997-98 El Nino season.

Among individual areas— Heavenly, Kirkwood and Sierra-at-Tahoe— contributed to the record year.

Southern California, led by Mountain High, also posted strong numbers.

Colorado Resorts Post Third Best Season—

Colorado Ski Country USA reported their third best year ever as record numbers of international skiers and

snowboarders (up 28%) helped drive visits to 11.81 million, up more than 550,000 from a year ago.

According to preliminary estimates, Colorado achieved a 6% gain in destination visits. Colorado accounted for 55% of the entire western United States' total destination skier visits.

Wyoming Resort for Sale at \$20 Million—

The Big Horn Mountain Resorts— consisting of Big Horn Ski Resort and its sister resorts Meadowlark Lake Resort and Deer Haven Resort—are for sale, with the price set at \$20 million.

The sale price includes all the buildings, equipment, inventory, liquor licenses, vehicles, and rental gear at all three resorts. The owner is said to need cash to pay off a sudden debt.

Located in central Wyoming on 400-acre Meadowlark Lake, the Big Horn Ski Resort has 1,000 vertical rising from a base elevation of 8,300 feet. The area has 14 trails and three lifts, including one double and one triple chair, with 55 percent of its 160 acres covered by snowmaking.

The area has also recently built a 10,000 square foot all-log lodge. Terrain mix is 30 percent novice, 40 percent intermediate, and 30 percent advanced. A new master plan calls for tripling the area's size; related to that, 700 hundred acres of developable land could also be made available to a buyer.

Big Sky and Moonlight to Offer Combined Lift Ticket—

Big Sky Resort and its new neighbor on Lone Peak, Moonlight Basin, will give visitors next winter the option to purchase tickets and passes allowing unlimited access to both resorts.

The resorts shared several trails and a lift in the past. But previously, it was necessary to purchase a ticket or season pass from each if you wanted to ski them both.

Combined, the two trail networks offer nearly 5,300 acres of skiable terrain and the second-biggest vertical descent in the US at 4,350 feet.

The combined pass will also provide lift access to hundreds of acres of summit snowfields that were previously accessible only by hiking. Between them, the two resorts operate 23 lifts.*



Courtesy Big Horn, WY

Big Horn

KID'S KORNER

4 kids & grandkids

Kids bored this Summer? Here's some fun things for the whole family.

Let's Build a Sand Castle—

Building a sand castle is really a lot of fun. The basics are pretty simple. There are three ways to compact sand: "Softpack" is the most intuitive— pack and pat moist sand into a mound that roughly resembles the shape you are envisioning. "Handstacking" will help you reach greater heights in altitude while letting water and gravity do the compacting for you. But if you want to GO BIG, then you will want to give "forms a try." Serious sand sculptors usually use a combination of these three methods.

You can use a few tools just laying around the house in junk drawers or you can use tools that can be easily fashioned from such items. For example, old kitchen knives, putty knives (paint scrapers) and trowels of various sizes and shapes all work very well for carving sand.

Steak knives with the point broken off will make good basic shapers and can also be used for scooping out doors and windows. A steak knife with the point still intact can be used to etch out surface detail like bricks and rocks or even lettering. Kids should be supervised and given plastic knives.

Old paintbrushes, especially soft-bristled ones, are excellent for getting rid of loose sand or unsightly knife marks. Spoons, knives, toothpicks, funnels, spades, scoopers, brushes &

paintscrapers are just some of the many inexpensive items that can be used to carve sand.

Go Fly a Kit—

Flying a kite is a great way to spend a summer afternoon! Watching your kite going higher and higher as it catches a good breeze until it's just a speck in the sky is quite a thrill!

You don't need to be a professional or spend a lot of money to fly a kite. In fact, you can make your own if you wish.

Kite Flying Safety Tips.

- Adult supervision is recommended.
- Never fly a kite near electric wires or poles.
- Avoid flying a kite near tall trees.
- Never fly a kite when it's raining.
- Do not fly a kite near the edge of a steep slope.
- Buy good quality kite string.
- Wear gloves to prevent string burns.

Blowing Bubbles—

Indoors or outdoors bubbles can be lots of fun to play with. They can be little bubbles or huge gigantic bubbles, but they all do the same thing— they float softly in the air until something magically pops them!

Bubbles are films of a solution stretched around some kind of fluid, usually air. The film that is easiest to make is a soap (or detergent) in water solution. The film has thickness and an inside

and an outside. Soap and detergent molecules are long thin molecules with many hydrogen atoms that attract each other. They have an electrically charged end that is attracted to water. The soap bubble surfaces have the soap or detergent molecules arranged so that they line up side by side. In the middle of the film is a water and soap solution.

You can purchase bubble mixture just about anywhere, from department stores to toy stores - but part of the fun of bubbles is you can make your own!

Materials Needed.

- 2/3 cup dish detergent (Dawn and Joy work best)
- 1 tablespoon glycerin (available at food or drug stores)
- 1 gallon water

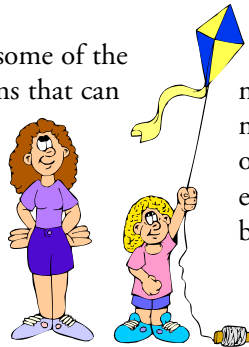
Instructions.

Mix all ingredients in bowl, pail or container. Allowing the solution to sit or age for 24 hours will increase the life of the bubbles.

You are now ready to make some awesome bubbles. All you need are a few tools to help shape and size the bubbles.

Standard bubble blowing wands can usually be purchased with commercial bubble mixture but again you can create your own tools.

- Shape metal coat hangers to make larger circular bubbles.
- Floral wire can be shaped into circles of any size.
- The end of a funnel can be dipped into solution and blown out. *



Big Sky, Montana

February 4-11, 2006

Big Sky Trip Includes—

- 7 Nights at the 3-star Ski-in / Ski-out Huntley Lodge
- Seven Buffet Breakfasts
- Five-of-Six Day Lift Ticket
- Seniors 67+ deduct \$22
- Round Trip Transfer from Bozman Airport to Hotel
- The Usual Parties, Souvenirs and much MORE!
- Options available to Ski Moonlight Basin or Snowmobile to Yellowstone

\$879
+ air

Air Options—

There is air available out of LAX, San Diego & Reno through Seattle on Alaska for approximately \$400. **Let us know immediately if you plan to get your own air or drive to Big Sky.** Since we expect the majority of our group will be flying out of LAX, here is that schedule (subject to change, of course). San Diego times are close to the same as LAX. Flights are also available on Delta.

Feb. 04	LAX-SEA	AK 595	6:00am - 8:50am
Feb. 04	SEA-BZN	AK 2328	10:10am - 12:50pm
Feb. 11	BZN-SEA	AK 2328	1:15pm - 2:55pm
Feb. 11	SEA-LAX	AK 190	3:55pm - 6:25pm



About the Huntley Lodge—

The three-story, ski-in/ski-out Huntley Lodge was part of the late NBC news broadcaster Chet Huntley's original vision. With recent remodeling, the Huntley is as tasteful as it is convenient and boasts a fine dining room, lounge, shuttle service, internet cafe, concierge, shops, ski storage, fitness facilities, outdoor swimming pool, and the Solace Spa.

Rooms have two queen-size beds and one bath with a wet bar, seating area, coffeemaker, refrigerator, a TV, alarm clock radio, cable TV, pay-per-view movies, direct-dial telephone with voice mail and modem/data port, mini-bar, and hair dryer. Room service is also available.

Deposit & Cancellation Policy—

Date	Deposit Due	Cancellation Fee
Now	\$200	\$25
October 20, 2005	\$400	\$75
December 20, 2005	Balance	Full Amt. [unless replaced]

Reservations & Information—

- Send \$200 deposit payable to Pacific Rim to
Fay Mumbauer or **Gene Fulkerson**
 6650 Marlowe 10818 Viacha Dr.
 Bell Gardens, CA 90201 San Diego, CA 92124
 323-773-5330 858-467-9469



CST # 2081736-40

Val Thorens, France

March 3-11, 2006

\$1999
+ airport taxes

France Trip Includes—

- Round trip air on Swiss from LAX to Geneva
- Luxury Coach transfers from Geneva to Val Thorens
- 7 nights Lodging at 3-star plus Hotel Novotel [private bath, dbl. occ]
 - Ski-in / Ski-out in Village Center
 - Seven Breakfasts and Seven Dinners
- The Usual Parties, Souvenirs and much MORE!

What's NOT Included—

- US & Foreign Departure Tax - est. \$150 [subject to change]
- Return Extensions up to 30 Days - est 50 [subject to availability]
- Excursions from Val Thorens
- Lift Tickets
- Tips

Reservations & Information—

- Contact Gene Fulkerson at 858-467-9469
- Send \$400 deposit payable to Pacific Rim to 10818 Viacha Dr., San Diego, CA 92124

About Val Thorens—

Val Thorens is the highest ski resort in Europe at 2300 m [7,600 feet] and also the summit of the 3 Vallées. Les 3 Vallées, the largest ski area in the world, offers an exceptional range of skiing, with very easy links between the different resorts. Thus, anyone can ski the 3 Vallées. And as for the off-piste possibilities, there's just no limit...

Optional Extensions

Istanbul, Turkey

March 11-16, 2006

\$679

Turkey Trip Includes—

- Round Trip Air
- Luxury Coach Transfers
- 4 Nights Lodging at 4-star Hotel [private bath, dbl. occ]
- 1 Night Zurich [private bath, dbl. occ.]
- Full day tour of Istanbul
 - Blue Mosque, Hippodrome Square, St. Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace, Underground Cistern, and Grand Bazaar area
- Daily Breakfasts
- The Usual Parties, Souvenirs and much MORE!

Also in the works is a 4-day cruise March 15-20, 2006 of the Greek Islands



FAR WEST CONVENTION WRAP— THE BEST EVER!!!

by Catherine Ohl, Far West 2005 Convention Chair > > > > > > > > > > > >

photos courtesy Jim Degner, Catherine Ohl, Bonnie West, Chile Holtz, Agnes Johnson



Courtesy Chile Holtz

The Kayak Volunteers



Courtesy Catherine Ohl

Buckhorn Yoddlers



Courtesy Jim Degner

Elaine Guidotti & John Perkins
LAC Woman & Man of the Year



Courtesy Jim Degner

Special Guests— Billy Kidd, Deb Armstrong,
Jimmie Keuga, Chris Davenport, Glen Plake,
Bob Salerno

Some have said that the 73rd Far West Convention was the BEST ever. I am inclined to agree but then I may be just a bit biased. But that's exactly what the great LA Council convention team set out to do— to make sure this convention would not soon be forgotten. With close to 300 registered delegates and hundreds more as guests, this convention is one for the record books.

Optional Activities—

As usual, the fun began Thursday night at the Pub Crawl with **Britt & Dolly Johnson** leading about 120 happy revelers crawling up and down Pine Avenue while enjoying tasty foods and mighty fine drinks at four great bars.

Friday brought some very special optional events to the convention as we took full advantage of our unique surroundings. The golfers, led by **Ed Knott**, gathered at 6:30 AM in the lobby to head over to Recreation Park for a round of 18.

Barbara Kedwards led more than 60 people in the kayaking armada with help from **Karyn & Marty Purmot, Donna & Chile Holtz, Susie Yarian, and Joanne Seebach.**

Mary Albritton took more than 40 others to the Queen Mary for the “Historic” and “Ghost” Tours. The Ghost Tour guide definitely gave an academy award winning performance! Would you believe, one lady in our group had sailed the Queen years ago and still remembered her room number!?! [We did notice that some of our group had trouble remembering their room number at the Westin.] After touring, everyone

enjoyed a fabulous lunch on board in the Promenade.

Melanie Dietz took about 20 people for a private guided tour of the Aquarium of the Pacific ending at Bubba Gumps for a delicious lunch.

Silent Auction—

The convention officially kicked off Friday night with the annual Silent Auction and, as always, there were many amazing deals to be had on trips and other items. Once again **Jane Wyckoff** and **Barbara Razo** did another great job. Our advertising paid off as there were more than 300 walk-ins in addition to our delegates. This explains why LA once again set a new record for sales revenue.

Our special thanks to **Grady Smith** [and his wife **Shelly**] for serving as auctioneer— on his wedding anniversary. What a night! The “Welcome Party” was sponsored by **Big Mountain and Grouse Mountain Lodge** and the fine ale was donated by **Firestone Walker Brewery Company.**

As part of the 75 year celebration of our snowsport history, museums, resorts, organizations, Far West, clubs, and councils had amazing displays of ski history. Unfortunately, one would need a week to read everything that was so carefully researched and recorded. It was quite a kick to see so many of our friends, old and new, then and now, in the photos recalling our glorious past.

Travel Expo—

Saturday was a busy day. The morning was devoted to the Travel

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MORE ON THE FAR WEST CONVENTION—

More Convention News from page 8

Expo, ably run by **Bonnie West**, where all delegates had a chance to meet with the ski industry, up close and personal, in eight ten-minute meetings. This is always a great opportunity for clubs and councils to learn about some new and different opportunities and catch up on changes in the industry. **Debbie Warzynski** won the trip to Telluride donated by Far West.

Awards Luncheon—

After a short break, we all sat down to a fabulous King Salmon lunch. **Steamboat** presented the Western Heritage Skisport Award to **Ingrid Wicken** for establishing the California Ski Library. **Aspen/Snowmass** presented the annual safety award to **T.J. Barnes**, San Diego. The first highlight of the day was the wonderful presentation of **Ansel Adams'** early photographs by his son, **Dr. Michael Adams**. Lunch was sponsored by **Intrawest Destination Resorts** and the fine ale was again donated by **Firestone Walker Brewery Company**.

History Reception & Reunion—

The activities after lunch were a departure from the typical convention faire as this time was dedicated to a celebration of ski history. We began with a “reception and reunion” where everyone was given a chance to renew old acquaintances and remember when. The history exhibits were still available for viewing.

The reunion was followed by a multi-media presentation orchestrated by **Steve Coxen** where clips were shown of our very special guests— **Jimmie Heuga & Billy Kidd** [the first American men to win Olympic

medals in alpine skiing], **Chris Davenport, Glen Plake & Bob Salerno** [our extreme skiing trio], and **Deb Armstrong** [’84 Olympic gold medalist]. There were also clips of the Tenth Mountain Division and Goofy’s “The Art of Skiing”, a cartoon previewed at the Far West Convention in 1941. The Multi-media presentation was sponsored by **Ski Big 3—Banff, Lake Louise, Sunshine**. The fabulous desserts were provided by **Aspen/Snowmass** and the ice sculpture for our mango martinis was donated by **Finlandia Vodka**.

The final hour [or two] was spent in a choice of four informal presentations. **Jimmie Heuga, Billy Kidd** and **Doug Pringle** met to discuss “Ski Challenges.” **John Watson** hosted a session on “Growing up in Far West.” **Richard Kun**, Snow Summit President, and **Doug Pfeiffer**, former Snow Summit ski instructor, discussed “Ski Area Development in the Far West.” And finally, the **Chris Davenport - Glen Plake - Bob Salerno** trio entertained many with their extreme spins on skiing.

Dinner Awards—

Saturday night was dinner, awards, dancing and party time! The awards, always an important part of every convention, took up more time than normal as we took advantage of the additional guests to take “reunion” photographs of past award winners.

The only “grass roots” award presented Saturday night was the crowning of **Steve Coxen** [Northwest] and **Barbara Bryant** [Sierra] as the Councils’ Man & Woman of the Year. **Big White** and **Silver Star** continues to sponsor this prestigious award. The

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Courtesy Jim Degner

Dr. Michael Adams & John Rosenkrantz (Far West logo designer)



Courtesy Catherine Ohl

10th Mountain Division— Howard Koch & Bruce Campbell with Mike Sanford



Courtesy Catherine Ohl

Pac Rim Delegates Claudia Watson, Catherine Ohl, Patricia Ortiz, John Watson, Gene Fulkerson



Courtesy Jim Degner

Tammie Anstedt & Catherine Ohl President's awardees by Mike Sanford

A BIT MORE FAR WEST CONVENTION—

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dinner wine was donated by **Penfolds Wines of Australia** and hosted by **Vail Resorts**. The exuberant L'Amour Band was sponsored by **Mammoth Mountain**.

Sunday Business—

On Sunday, the day started with the traditional 7 AM “eye opener.” Singles “Wags” **Waghorn** and her incredible crew— **Nick Carson, Allen Elowe, Dee Everts** — did an excellent job providing the eats. **Finlandia** Vodka donated its Lime Vodka for the Bloody Marys.

Next up was the normal Far West business starting with the elections.

Not even a slight earthquake during the Pledge of Allegiance could deter us from our path. No surprises here as all the incumbents were re-elected.

President	Mike Sanford
Secretary	Mary Azevedo
Treasurer	Nancy Kelly
VP Councils	Michael German
VP Membership	Barbara Bryant
VP N. A. Travel	Lynnell Calkins
VP Pubic Affairs	Scott Bowker
Trustee 1	Randy Lew
Trustee 2	Linda Westlund

The elections were interrupted for brunch and later followed by the club



awards for outstanding club [Tollakson], newsletter [Wentworth] and web site. Councils awards were also presented for outstanding newsletter and web site.

Photos from the convention were taken by our official photographer **Jim Degner**. Check them out at www.fwsa2005celebration.org. *

Check out ALL the convention photos at www.fwsa2005celebration.org

SKI HISTORY TRIVIA—

While doing research for the Far West history displays for the convention, we ran across an entertaining **Ski Trivia Game**.

This game was developed by **Bob Settineri** of **Sierra Productions** in the 70s. Bob graciously donated enough games for all our delegate. And he still has a couple thousand games which he will sell at a discounted price.

So check it out. And if this is something your club might be interested in, contact Bob at 949-474-0667 or sierraprod@aol for details. *



Courtesy Catherine Ohl

Singles Eye Openers—Nick Carson, Wags Waghorn, Dee Everts, Allen Elowe



Courtesy Catherine Ohl

Grindelwalders Bagger—Norbert Knapp, Ernie Knapp, George Eisenbrand, Muriel Matson, Louis Buhler



Courtesy Catherine Ohl

San Diego Council's Man & Woman of the Year Cheryl Riess & Gene Fulkerson

2005 LAC SNOW GALA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2005, 6 PM

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Sunday, October 23, 2005
Noon - 5 PM



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2004 MEN & WOMEN OF YEAR

H & H JOBBING

2772 W. Artesia Blvd.,
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Afternoon Events—

- Deep Discounted Ski & Snowboard New Fashions & Accessories
- Experience Virtual Snow with **Bob Salerno**, 2-Time World Champion
- Food, Drink, Music, Dancing
- Mini-Swap
- Ski Club, Trip Information, Mtn. Reps
- Prizes

For Information—

- **Mary Albritton**
562.856.0922 or programs@lacouncil.org
- **Nancy Sanford**
714.402.0202 or nanskii@aol.com

About H&H Jobbing—

H & H Jobbing is a Discount Outlet Store serving the Greater Los Angeles Area. They have been selling wholesale to the public since 1940. They specialize in middle to high-end ski and snowboard apparel and accessories for the whole family.

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310.301.1000

\$50*

Evening Events—

- 6 PM — No Host Bar
- 7 PM — Elegant Sit Down Dinner
 - Choice of Salmon, Prime Rib or Vegetarian
- 8 PM — **Men & Women of Year Awards**
- 9 PM — Dancing until the wee hours (midnight)
 - The Fabulous **Patti Stone & River Rock Band**
 - Raffle Prizes, Great Door Prizes
 - FREE Parking

Dinner Tickets & Reservations—

- Contact your Club's LAC Representative or
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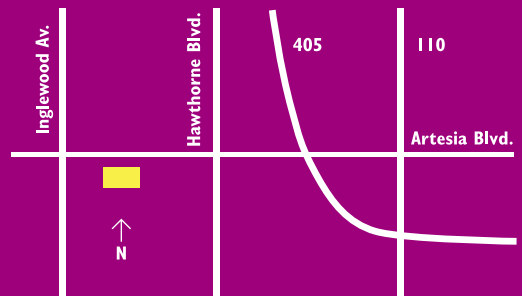
* **\$70 after October 24, 2005** *Dress is Cocktail /Formal*

Grand Raffle— Tickets only \$1 each

- **Grand Prize:** Trip for Two to Telluride for Five Nights
– Includes 4 Days of Lift Tickets valid for 2005-06 season
- Lots of Great Raffle Prizes [lift tickets, lodging & more]
- Winners need **NOT** be present

Gala Hotel Room Rate at Marina Del Rey Hotel is \$123.17—

- Call 310.301.1000 or 800.882.4000 for reservations
– Rate good until October 5, 2005 or when block is sold out.



Portillo & Termas de Chillan, Chile

August 11-20, 2005

Chile Trip Includes—

- 4 nights lodging at 5-star Gran Hotel at Termas de Chillan
 - Ski-in/ski-out
 - Forest view [double occupancy]
 - 4-day lift ticket at Termas de Chillan
 - Breakfast and dinner daily
- 4 nights lodging at 4-star Portillo
 - Ski-in/ski-out
 - Lake view [double occupancy]
 - 4-day lift ticket at Portillo
 - 4 meals daily
- Round trip air on Lan Chile from LAX to Santiago
- Round trip air on Lan Chile from Santiago to Concepcion
- Round trip transfers from/to airport

\$2949
+ airport taxes

What's NOT Included—

- Chile entry tax that needs to be paid locally [est. \$100]
- Peru airport tax that needs to be paid locally [est. \$28 + airport use fee]
- US Departure Tax - estimated \$125
- Tips

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Portillo



Gran Hotel, Termas de Chillan



Machu Picchu

Machu Picchu, Peru

August 20-23, 2005

Important Note: Cuzco is at 11,100 feet. Due to the high elevation and the amount of walking involved, often on uneven terrain, requires that you be in good physical condition to fully enjoy this portion of the trip. Machu Picchu is at 7,870 feet. There are choices of intermediate and strenuous walks from here. Staying overnight at Aguas Picchu will allow us to watch the sunrise and sunset after the hordes of people depart on the train to Cuzco.

Peru Trip to Include—

- Inter South America flights to Cuzco
- Ground transportation
- Round trip train from Urumbamba to Aguas Calientes
- Round trip bus from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu entrance
- Guided tours of Machu Picchu, Sacred Valley, and Cuzco
- Accommodations at first class hotels in 2 nights Urumbamba & 1 night Cuzco
- 2 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners

\$1079
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The Growth Years of Far West

by Catherine Old

Continued from the previous issue...



United States Ski Association

In 1962, the National Ski Association emerged as the United States Ski Association (USSA) and FWSA became its Far West Division. In 1964, the Far West Ski Foundation was established as a charitable nonprofit organization to do what ever it took to have San Geronio and Mineral King developed as ski areas. The Wilderness Act of 1964 pretty much put an end to the hopes of developing San Geronio. But it wasn't until the mid 1970s that FWSA and the Walt Disney Company lost their attempt to build a ski area in Mineral King, due to the intense opposition of the Sierra Club.

Far West Programs

Throughout the 60s and 70s, FWSA continued to develop programs for the recreational skier that included a Membership Benefit Book, Ski Theft Insurance, Ski Weeks, Flight Charters to Europe and within the US, Public Affairs and Intramural Racing. In return, the clubs sponsored events that raised money for junior racers and US Olympians. By the mid 70s, FWSA expanded to the point where recreational skiers far outnumbered competitive skiers. This was a dramatic contrast to USSA and the other ski associations, where competitive skiing continued to dominate. A conflict began to develop between USSA and FWSA because only 20% of club members elected to affiliate with FWSA, and hence USSA. But the clubs were the life line of FWSA since they provided the volunteers needed to run the FWSA programs.

Far West Ski Competition

It wasn't until 1976 that FWSA was finally divided into two separate operating organizations, one concentrating on the recreational and political aspects of skiing and the other directing the operation of the sanctioned race programs that developed the youth of America for the US Ski Teams. Far West Ski Competition, the official sanctioning body for junior racers, was founded.

FWSA Merges with USSA

The 80s brought considerable turmoil between FWSA and USSA, primarily over money and

which programs should benefit from the dues being collected from the recreational skiers — recreation or racing. In 1979, FWSA determined that the competitive programs of USSA were no longer a benefit to it's mostly recreational membership, now at an all-time high of 45,000 skiers. FWSA's withdrawal from USSA would lead to the reorganization of USSA. In 1980, USSA followed FWSA's lead and organized into two divisions based on function rather than geographical area— Competition and Sports. FWSA voted to merge into the USSA Sports Division. USSA sports, led by FWSA, was to become the national recreational organization with political clout in the public affairs arena. The FWSA travel program was spun off as Far West Ski Travel, a for-profit corporation.

FWSA Reactivated

The new national organization didn't work out as planned. Following the 1983 USSA convention in Boston (referred to by some as the Boston Tea Party), USSA voted to eliminate their recreational programs and concentrate on supporting the US Ski Teams. The United States Recreational Ski Association (USRSA) was founded as the national recreational organization and FWSA was forced to pull out of USSA. Far West clubs were left to determine which association(s) they wanted to affiliate with – USSA, USRSA, or both.

Meanwhile, the race leagues of FWSA formed an independent nonprofit corporation, named the Far West Racing Association (FWRA), to focus on their specialized programs. FWRA continued to generate operating funds through sponsorship, the Los Angeles Ski Dazzle ski swap, and race fees. The president of FWRA currently serves as a member of the FWSA Board of Directors.

On November 6, 1984, the Executive Committee of FWSA met to decide on the direction FWSA should take.

This committee proposed a non-political, non-controversial set of bylaws that were approved at the 53rd Annual FWSA Convention held at the Oakland Airport Hilton, May 17-19, 1985. FWSA was reactivated as an all-volunteer organization. To encourage clubs to rejoin FWSA, dues were waived and are not required by clubs as long as they belong to a member Council.

To be continued in the next issue...



1985 LAC Board

WHAT'S IN A NAME — AT MAMMOTH

Ever wonder how a ski run gets its name. Some names are obvious. **Cornice Bowl** is at the top of the mountain where a ledge of snow naturally forms. **Hemlock Ridge** is covered in Mountain Hemlock trees. **Broadway** is the main run to the Main Lodge. Under **Dry Creek** there's a stream that dries up in the summer. **Climax** is named after a type of avalanche involving multiple layers of snow.

Other runs have more personal namesakes and were named after people who are a part of Mammoth Mountain's legacy.

Dave's Run, a black diamond off the top, to skier's right of the Gondola, was named for Mammoth icon and owner Dave McCoy.

Blue Ox, one of the earliest named runs, took its name from a 1950s L.A. Times article that described McCoy as a Paul Bunyan type of character whose sidekick was a blue ox.

Philippe's is an off-the-top double-black diamond to skier's left of Paranoid Flats. Philippe Mollard was crazy enough to guinea pig this rocky chute.

Scotty's, a steep run accessible by Chairs 23 or 14, is named as a memorial for Clifford Scott, who died in a 60s avalanche on the run. He was a friend of McCoy's, and a stone monument with crossed skis landmarks the top of Scotty's.

Rogers' Ridge is named after ski patroller and U.S. Forester, Ron Rogers, who broke his back in a fall off the ridge one early morning in 1973 when performing avalanche control.

Thunder Bound Express chairlift was named for the former head of the snowcat crew Roger Sorensen, whose loud snoring habits were noted after he snoozed one stormy night in the cafeteria.

Jill's Run, located to skier's right of Forest Trail and Thunder Bound Express, is named for Jill Kinmont Boothe, a paralyzed Mammoth racer whose inspiring story became a movie, *"The Other Side of the Mountain."*

Terry's Run is a race-course run below Chair 23, beneath St. Anton. It's namesake is Terry Smith, a Mammoth ski instructor who died in

a bulldozer accident at Chair 3 in 1975.

Agee's Run, an advanced race-course run, is named for Dennis Agee, a retired executive who raced at Mammoth as a boy, started the Race Department, coached the U.S. Ski Team and returned to oversee the Race Department. ✨





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- Buy the boots first, then bindings and finally the board.
- Demo as much gear as possible before buying it.
- Don't believe the hype. Just because it's your favorite pro's model or your best friend owns it, doesn't mean it's right for you.
- Take your time and do the research. Your patience will be rewarded!

You can check out the new equipment before you buy on the internet at www.outdoorreview.com. *

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

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- \$8 INDIVIDUAL Membership
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Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Pacific Rim Trip Sign-Up 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] _____

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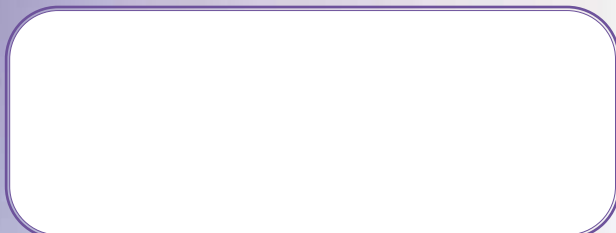
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Mission Statement

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. The Alliance is a member of **San Diego Ski Club Council, Los Angeles Council, Far West Ski Association.**

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.

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2005/06 Trip Schedule—

- Portillo, Termas & Machu Picchu August 11-23, 2005
- Big Sky, MT February 4-11, 2006
- Val Thorens, France & Istanbul March 3-16, 2006
- New Zealand & Australia August 2006