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Activities

July 5	Oyama Japanese (see article)
July 16	Takes to the River @ Jim & Kathy Takes Farm
July 22	Concert (see article)
July 30-Aug 6	MN Fishing Trip
Aug 2	Napoli's Italian (see article)
Aug 4	Concert (see article)
Aug 12	Concert (see article)
Aug 18	Concert (see article)
Aug 20	Corn Roast @ Sally William's Residence
Sept 5-11	Kentucky/Tennessee trip
Sept 17	Kick-off Meeting
Oct 21	Member Meeting
Nov 18	Member Meeting
Dec 16	Member Meeting
Jan 7	Soup & Chili Cook-Off
Jan 21-28	Snowmass/Aspen Ski Trip
Feb 20-26	Copper Mountain Ski Trip

BOARD MEETINGS

The next board meeting is July 13.

Members and non-members are welcome.

Time and location of the next board meeting can be obtained from **Steve Cummings**

EISC INFORMATION:

For more information about the EISC contact: members@eastiowaskiclub.com

Annual Membership: Single - \$30 | Household - \$60

MOVED/MOVING:

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Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0843

DEADLINE:

The deadline for the August Skiddoo is July 29.

Contact **Cathy Dick**.

EISC Financials are available on request.

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President's Message



Greetings EISC Members, I hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather and making the most of their summer. The EISC Spring picnic got a bit damp with the intermittent rains, but it was still a lot of fun to see everyone, visit and sign up for the trips. The Snowmass Aspen ski trip sales went more quickly than anticipated as we nearly sold out at the meeting. Kathy reported the last spots went the next day and a waiting list has been started.

Dale said the Copper Mountain trip sold half of the 32 spots at the meeting, so we do have plenty of room on this trip. If you are interested in the Snowmass trip & didn't get signed up, we encourage you to get on the Wait List. Changes in plans or other commitments often cause cancellations & openings on the ski trips.

The Great River Trail bike ride near Moline was a great time.

The new trail was terrific – we hit the new I 74 bridge & rode to Iowa & back first thing. Sandra can say she rode from Illinois to Iowa & back. The flat trail that followed the river closely for an easy ride. There were several nice parks and seeing all of the John Deere factories and equipment was cool. We stayed at a very nice Radisson hotel and enjoyed walking around & sampling some of the bars & restaurants near the John Deere Commons area.

Although we didn't meet up, we heard the folks who camped had a good time as well.

We understood there were some wind & storms that Saturday evening, but the hotel campers slept through it.

The new EISC Social Activities got underway this month. Lois Kabelacoates put out a calendar of free outdoor concerts, a tour of local ethnic restaurants and a pickle ball clinic.

I have never had an opportunity to play pickle ball, so it will be a new experience. The Takes to the River kayaking / float day up on the North Maquoketa at Jim and Kathy Takes farm outside of Cascade. We always have a good time and enjoy the food - especially Jim's onion rings.

Hope to see you at one of the activities or on the bike trails this summer.

~ **Steve Cummings**



July Birthdays

Diane Reinertson (2nd), Jane Boehm (13th), Nancy Thorkildson (15th), Ann DeLaney (16th), Mike Buckman (18th), Marty Stimson (28th), Diane Anderson (29th).

Family News

We are sorry to report that Brenda VanGorp's father passed away on Friday, June 17th. William (Bill) Neal was 91 years old. Our condolences go out to Brenda, Wayne and her entire family.

FUTURE EVENTS

New EISC Social Activities

Free Outdoor Concerts

We are extremely fortunate to live in a community that provides numerous opportunities to hear talented musicians at free outdoor venues. The EISC has selected dates for informal gatherings at five of the most popular upcoming summer concert series. We will congregate at the back right side of audience at each venue. Just bring your own chair. Beverages and snacks are optional but encouraged at most venues. Friends and family are also welcome.

Date	Band	Organization/Location	Time
July 22	Berneman Brothers	Rock the Block-NewBo Market*	6-8pm
Aug 4	Dandelion Stompers	Jazz Under the Stars-Noelridge	7-9pm
Aug 12	BootJack	Music in the Park-Guthridge Park	6-9pm
Aug 18	Schmidt Brothers	Uptown Get Down-Marion Square Park	6-9pm

*Note: no outside food or beverages allowed at NewBo Market

Several EISC members came out to enjoy the rock and roll music of Retro Rockets at Lowe Park on June 16th. We hope to catch you at the next concert on July 22nd at Rock the Block - NewBo Market. Bring a chair and enjoy the sounds of the Berneman Brothers from 6-8 pm.

Culinary Tour of Local Ethnic Restaurants

There are so many excellent ethnic restaurants in the Cedar Rapids area. EISC will take advantage of this by selecting a different restaurant to explore each month. We will hold these outings on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm.

You must RSVP to Lois Kabelá-Coates at lois@eastiowaskiclub.com by 6:00pm on the Sunday night prior if you wish to attend. Cuisines we will explore: Indian, Thai, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, African, Mongolian, Caribbean, Mexican, German and Vietnamese. Restaurants will be selected two months in advance.

July 5	Japanese-Oyama Sushi & Steakhouse	5350 Council St NE, CR
Aug 2	Italian-Napoli's Italian Restaurant	500 Marion Blvd., Marion

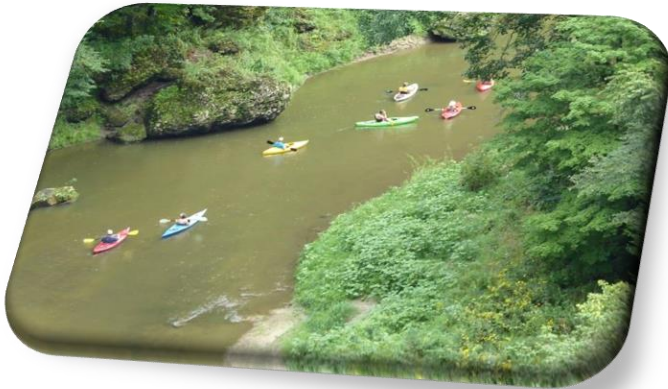
If you have questions about these activities, contact Lois at 319-560-8600

~article by **Lois Kabelá-Coates**

Takes to the River - Saturday, July 16th, Cascade

Kathy and Jim Takes are once again hosting their annual "Takes to the River" event on Saturday, July 16th. Anyone interested in kayaking should plan to be there between 1:00 and 1:30 to shuttle to the starting point in Cascade. It's a two to three-hour float that will end at the farm. The plan is to eat at about 5:30. **Kathy** and **Jim** will provide their own Angus beef burgers and French fries, and make sure you're there in time for some of **Jim's** famous homemade onion rings. Bring a dish to share and your own beverages and eating utensils!

Stick around after supper to enjoy the bonfire and to share a few stories. It's al-



ways a good time, so if you don't have anything on your calendar that weekend, head to Kathy and Jim's and explore their neck of the woods! Hope to see all of you on the 16th of July.

If you don't wish to kayak, bring a chair and your drink of choice and visit with friends under the big oaks. **The farm is located about 2 miles east of Cascade/Bellevue Rd. 3985 245th St., Cascade, IA 52033.**

If you have questions, please feel free to call Kathy Takes at 563-599-2819.

~article by **Marty Stimson** | photo from EISC 2019 TTTR Event

Fishing trip to Lake of the Woods: July 30 - August 6,
2022 Sportsman's Lodge-Baudette, Minnesota
\$1580/person double occupancy

Final payment: \$474 was due March 18, 2022



By the time you read this article we will be only four weeks away from our vacation/fishing trip to beautiful Lake of the Woods, Minnesota. That doesn't mean you should start getting your rods and reels all tuned up for the fishing because the fishing equipment is all included in the trip. All you need to bring along are the clothes you will need for the week, some sunscreen, and some mosquito repellent. Even if you forget something there are stores close by.

We are not staying at a remote island camp; we are staying in an all-inclusive air-conditioned resort. Do be sure to pack your swimming suit though, since there is an indoor pool and jacuzzi for your off-time enjoyment.

On the days not fishing you can explore the landscape on nearby bike trails, play a round or two on nearby golf courses or just lay back and relax.

Go on line to www.sportsmanslodges.com to check out their Rainey River location. Let Denny know if you are interested, or have questions. I can also check if they have any cancelations.

The trip is currently full, but I am starting a waiting list, because, after all, "life happens".

I have a pre-trip meeting scheduled for July 7 at La Cantina at 6:30 pm for the trip registrants. La Cantina is located just off Edgewood Road near the Edgewood Road Hy-Vee. I will be in contact with everyone via email or phone in the very near future. If you have any questions, please contact **Denny Bossard** at 319-310-7320.

~ Article by **Denny Bossard** | photos by **Marty Stimson** with permission from the resort

Kentucky/Tennessee Motor Coach Trip-September 5 - 11 - A full week for only \$1495 per person (2 per room)

**First Payment: \$495 due @ signup | Second payment \$500 due June 4
Final Payment: \$500 due July 16 | Cancellation date: May 15**

There are 26 club members ready for a great fall trip to Louisville, Nashville, Memphis and St. Louis.

The schedule includes some sightseeing, a bit of history, musical entertainment, dining experiences, and maybe trying to find a new favorite libation. Looking forward to a fun trip!

The trip has been closed as reservations were needed to be made. We can put you on a waiting list.

Contact **Diane Reinertson** 319-210-3000 or **Becky Gordon** 319-389-0315

~ Article by **Diane Reinertson**

EISC Summer Golf Outing

This season the board decided to play the Gardner Cedar Rapids city course and schedule the outing during the week of July 18^h to the 22nd based on the weather and course availability. We will use the EISC Golf forum to communicate the details and block as many tee times as needed based upon interest. If anyone is interested in running the EISC Golf outing in the future and has a course in mind to host the event, please contact a member of the board. It has been a fun annual event and we would like to get this outing back on our books for a Saturday event next year.

~ Article by **Steve Cumming**

Annual Corn Roast - Saturday, August 20th @ 3pm

The annual Corn Roast will be hosted by Sally Williams at her farm near the Eastern Iowa Airport.

Get ready to have an afternoon/evening of festivities and feasting. Activities will start at 3:00pm with bean bag toss, croquet, etc. The grill will be fired up around 5 pm.

For those who like to camp you're welcome to bring a camper or a tent. Bring a dish to pass, a meat to grill, your favorite lawn chair, any yard games you want to play,

and a friend or two. We will provide plates, utensils, sweet corn, pop, bottled water, and grill.

Cost is \$5.00 which covers the beverages, sweet corn, and Kybo. Many trips have gone on sale but if trips are not sold out you can sign up or get on waiting list. This event is open to members and non-members.

How to find it: You can put 5305 Walford Rd, Fairfax, Iowa into your phone GPS or, from I-380 turn west on Wright Brothers Blvd, turn left (south) at the first gravel road past the airport (Cherry Valley Rd), then turn right (west) on Walford Road and proceed 1/4-mile. Watch for the farm on the left with the EISC signs. Any questions, let me know. See you there!

~ article by **Sally Williams**

Snowmass/Aspen Trip, Jan 21 – 28, 2023

The Snowmass trip is priced at:

Adult full pkg: \$1607 or \$507 @ sign up | Sept \$550 | Oct \$550

Senior (65+) full pkg: \$1407 or \$507 @ sign up | Sept \$465 | Oct \$465

Condo only package: \$1087 or \$507 @ sign up | Sept \$290 | Oct \$290

The East Iowa Ski Club's first West trip of the 2023 season to the Snowmass/Aspen ski areas, Jan 21 – 28, 2023 got off to a great start at the June 4th Spring Picnic. The 24 spots for members staying at the Top of the Village complex in four 3br/3bth ski-in/ski-out condos went quickly. The trip sold out much more quickly than anticipated and a Wait List has already been cre-



ated. The great skiing at Snowmass is always enjoyable and the convenient, free shuttle service to the 3 other mountains Aspen, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk make this a special destination. This trip has been priced as a drive yourself/car-pool trip like other Colorado destinations. The club has worked out a round trip airline ticket option into the Aspen airport at an extra cost, for those who would prefer to fly instead of drive. Your Trip Leader will have pricing and additional details.

Kathy Takes and Kari Wheeler are the volunteer Trip Leaders & hosts on this great skiing adventure. If you did not get signed up before the trip sold out, please add your name to the Wait List. There is usually a cancellation and an opportunity to sign up later. At Snowmass we will be staying at the Top of the Village - the ultimate in ski-in ski-out condo lodging. Spacious condos surrounded on three sides by mountains and forests. You will experience a network of trails directly outside of the door and can literally ski right onto the slopes. Each unit has a fully equipped kitchen, fireplace, washer-dryer, gas grill, and private balcony or patio. The TOV offers an outdoor heated pool, two outdoor hot tubs, fitness room and sauna. The other 3 mountain resorts are very accessible. The Roaring Fork Transit Authority (RFTA) provides a FREE and extensive bus service within Aspen villages until 2 a.m. Below are some descriptions of the mountains we will be skiing.

Snowmass is massive enough to offer up every type of terrain from serene to extreme. Snowmass has 3,332 acres of terrain, 94 trails, 21 chairlifts and access to your choice of cruisers, glades and steeps. Snowmass has 4,406 vertical foot drop, which is the most in the country. Seven on-mountain restaurants offer places to pause and rest, which you'll need after trails that stretch as long as five miles. No other mountain offers the variety of experiences you'll find at Snowmass.

Aspen Mountain, with its famous black-diamond terrain, has kept us on the map since 1947. Inbounds you'll get a variety of glades, bumps and steeps. While the mountain hasn't changed much, you'll appreciate the new gondola, great views & food at the Sundeck at the summit and Ajax Tavern at the base, where the après rivals the skiing. Base elevation: 7,945 ft. Summit elevation: 11,212 ft. Number of trails: 76, Types of trails: easiest: 0%, more difficult: 48%, most difficult: 26%, expert: 26%.

With breathtaking 360-degree views of the Maroon Bells and an abundance of expert terrain as well as groomed cruisers, it's no wonder Aspen Highlands has been the locals' favorite for over 50 years. Hike the 12,392 feet to the summit of Highland Bowl for the ultimate inbounds backcountry rush. Or take the Deep Temerity lift to access the recently-added 237 skiable acres. It all adds up to some of the most challenging big-mountain terrain in North America. Base elevation: 8,040 ft., Summit elevation: 11,675 ft.. (top of Highland Bowl 12,392 ft.) Number of trails: 118, Types of trails: easiest: 18%, more difficult: 30%, most difficult: 16%, expert: 36%.

Buttermilk built its 50-year legacy on wide-open and gently rolling trails that cater to beginners and families. Today it's famous for hosting the X Games through 2014 and being voted #1 by Transworld Snowboarding Magazine Reader's Poll for best pipe. The 22-foot super-pipe in the legendary terrain park does not disappoint, as many X Games winners, Olympians and up-and-comers can attest. Base elevation: 7,870 ft. Summit elevation: 9,900 ft. Number of trails: 44, Types of trails: easiest: 35%, more difficult: 39%, most difficult: 26%, expert: 0%.

Please contact Kathy Takes for more information or to have your name added to the Wait List for the Snowmass Aspen ski trip.

~ Article by **Steve Cummings** | photo from stock

Copper Mountain trip, Feb 20 - 26, 2023

The Copper Mountain trip is priced at:

**\$1164 | Adult full pkg. | condo and 5 of 6-day lifts (Sign-up \$582 / Sept \$582)
\$750 | w/o lifts | condo only (sign up \$375 / Sept \$375)**



The East Iowa Ski Club's Copper Mountain trip sold half of the available spots at the Spring Picnic. If you are interested in joining us at Copper Mountain, please contact Dale and Rhonda Bohrer, who have volunteered to be trip leaders on this ski adventure. There is currently room for 16 members to stay in Mountain

Plaza complex in the Center Village. The club has 8 condos, 2br/2bth in this walk-in/walk-out location - across the plaza from the lifts (3-minute walk).

This EISC trip is scheduled as a 6 night, Monday through Sunday, Feb 20 – 26; drive yourself/carpool trip. We have the option to park at the resort early Monday (2/20/23), ski all day and check in that afternoon. This should work out great for those who want to travel to the Denver area on Sunday, then drive into Copper Mountain early for skiing on Monday morning and avoid the weekend traffic. The club got special group pricing on the condos with this unusual schedule and five of six-day lift tickets.

Copper Mountain is a 2,507-acre resort that has an excellent variety of naturally differentiated terrain that gets more challenging from west to east, and a seriously underrated high alpine filled with adventure terrain—plus a free Snow-cat ride to maximize your time there.

The resort has a huge variety of terrain spread across this large resort, so there are plenty of options for every level. Great, long groomers in both lower-intermediate and upper-intermediate ranges. Much more and better tree skiing than most people know. For those wanting to improve their skiing, Copper is one of the best resorts

to learn to ski thanks to stellar learning programs, (slightly) lower prices, and a down-to-earth vibe that makes you want to hang a little longer.

The vibe at Copper is somehow simultaneously hip and refreshingly old-school: Go have some damn fun. Copper sees—and markets—itsself as the rebel force to the corporate imperial army down the road. It works.

Copper's guests enjoy steps away lodging, apres ski entertainment, naturally divided terrain, exciting events and a welcoming, knowledgeable staff. The base elevation is 9,712 feet and the summit is at 12,441 feet. There are over 140 marked trails (21% beginner, 25% intermediate, 36% advanced, 18% expert) and 24 chairlifts making Copper one of the largest ski resorts in Colorado.

The Mountain Plaza complex is known for its spacious and comfortable accommodations conveniently located at the base of the American Eagle Lift in the Center Village. On-site indoor and outdoor hot tubs, sauna, dining and a lobby warmed by its gas fireplace make Mountain Plaza a good choice to enjoy a relaxed mountain environment, while being steps away from skiing. The building, built in 1979, features complimentary wi-fi, heated underground parking and laundry facilities. 1 vehicle per unit with a kitchen receives garage parking. Additional vehicles may park in the free outlying lots or choose to pay for parking in the interior village lots.

Copper Mountain is on the Ikon Pass. Pass holders get unlimited access to the resort. The Copper Mountain trip currently has 16 spots left for the trip.

~ article by **Steve Cummings** | group photo by **Kim Betts**

YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED IT...

Spring Picnic - Saturday, June 4th at Wanatee Park in Marion

We had one of the best turnouts for a club event since Covid started. The chance of showers didn't seem to bother almost 70 people who came.

Trip signup started off at a fast pace for next year's Snowmass and Copper Mountain Ski Trips. After a very short rain shower the grill was lit, and shortly after full of steaks, chops, burgers, fish and even garden fresh asparagus for everyone to share (thank you Kathy).

Then of course is the packed buffet line of dishes and treats everyone brought for all to share, and a highlight of the evening was a raffle drawing for the big pile of giveaways the club board had gathered the last few years from the many travel and tour agency events we attend. If you missed it – you missed a great picnic gathering!

~ Article by **Marty Stimson**

Spring Picnic
2022



Quad Cities Bike and Adventure Weekend, June 10-12

A group of EISC members headed to the Quad Cities for the weekend of June 10-12. Sixteen camped at Fisherman's Corner, a Corp of Engineer's campground along the Mississippi River. Campers' set ups ranged from a 1977 pristine vintage motor home, pop-up campers, a Mercedes Unimog truck, a tent and several travel trailers.

Six people stayed at the Radisson and two individuals drove over on Saturday to join the ride.

The hotel was nine miles from the campground. The folks at the hotel heard from local residents that the nine miles of trail were worth riding rather than hauling their bikes to the campground to ride on north with the campers. So, on Saturday morning the campers and two folks who came just for the day headed north through the small river communities of Rapids City, Port Byron and Cordova. The hotel folks also rode north from the hotel to the town of Rapids City and did a return trip. Most riders did anywhere from 20 to 30 miles for the day. A few tackled longer distances.

Those that stayed at the hotel indicated it was a great location to be able to walk to the new I-74 bridge that has a dedicated pedestrian and bike lane as well as to bars and restaurants in the neighborhood.

Only a couple of riders put on miles on Sunday. There were intermittent showers in the morning that put a damper on things. Overall, it was a great weekend!

~ Article by **Ruth Van Tol**





Quad Cities
Cycling Weekend



Pickleball Clinic – June 26th in Hiawatha

On a very windy Sunday evening, we saw a good turnout for our first Pickleball Clinic. No doubt, we have some budding pickleball rockstars! Stay tuned for more club pickleball playing opportunities.

~ Article by **Lois Kabela Coates**

