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Activities

April 10	Culinary-Phong Lan, 216 8 th St SE, CR
April 15	Saturday Year End Review & Recognition Meeting
May 13	MPO Bike Ride-Hiawatha
May 13-20	Niagara Falls Trip
May 19	Bike Ride-Waldo's Rock Park, Marion
June 3	Picnic @ Jones Park- Parkview Pavilion
June 16-17	Des Moines Bike Ride
June 23	Kernal's Baseball Game
July 29	Golf Outing-Buffalo Creek Course in Winthrop
Aug 4-5	Kayak/Canoeing/Camping – Upper Iowa River
Aug 19	Corn Roast @ Sally's
Sept 16	Meeting @ Meadowlark- Wanatee Park
Sept 22-24	Quad Cities Bike/Camp Weekend

BOARD MEETINGS

The next board meeting is April 12.

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: mem-
bers@eastiowaskiclub.com

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

MOVED/MOVING:

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East Iowa Ski Club, PO Box 843

Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0843

DEADLINE:

The deadline for the May Skiddoo is April 24

Contact **Cathy Dick**.

EISC Financials are available on request.

WWW.EastIowaSkiClub.com

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President's Message

Greetings EISC members. We certainly had a lively March member meeting. It was good to visit with everyone. The Copper Mountain ski trip report went well. The Great Lakes/Niagara trip is ready to go this May. Folks are looking forward to this Adventure trip. Unfortunately, the Black Hills/Yellowstone/Western Parks trip had to be cancelled. We were four short of the minimum and the board decided to go back and look at what went wrong on this trip. Not every trip is going to be a success, so we will learn and adjust for the future. The new April of 2024 Caribbean cruise trip is still on the list, but has to be adjusted to fit the club better. There are many variables on a cruise & it is difficult to make one price fit all. The cost details – especially the flight to port costs is still being finalized, but this adventure trip sounds like fun & has support. The Trip Committee will be busy.



The Copper Mountain trip was a great time. We had the great snow for skiing and we spent more time enjoying the local apre ski entertainment than usual. There were some updates from the mountain pictures in March. There is a more complete report on our 2nd ski trip in the “In Case You Missed It” section of the newsletter.

The EISC Trip Committee met to organize some of the activities and dates for our summer schedule. We used suggestions from the January survey & from members – especially those who volunteer to lead the trips and events. We still have room for more trip and event leaders if you are interested. The summer events are mostly free & your camping or hotel room is individual. Trip/Event Leader satisfaction can be measured on volunteer fun and job well done.

Springtime is a tough for outdoor activities. It is the end of the current ski season.

The Epic & Icon ski pass prices are coming out for next season (we are going with Epic resorts in 2024). The weather is kind of damp & cool yet for bicycling – except for Ruth, of course. Same problem for those who golf. Fortunately, we can still get out and make the best of it. I was just discussing this with the little dog on our walk this morning – she tends to agree with me more than most.

This is a busy planning time for the EISC board. We will be saying goodbye to long time board member Ruth Van Tol. We do appreciate her contributions and leadership over the years. We welcome new board member, Bill Clark and will be working on the assignments and elections for next season. The next member meeting is the EISC Recognition Dinner on Saturday, April 15th at the KC Hall. The club will be providing the meat - Marty will be smoking some pork and asks everyone to bring a dish or dessert to share. This is our second year of doing the Recognition Dinner and was a good time last year. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Thanks ~ **Steve**

April Birthdays

Tom Journot (1st); Rick Hurtado (8th); Paul Heath & Bill Bonewitz (11th); Darryl Hokanson (15th); Gary Dalecky (16th); Dick Lamb (20th); George Van Cura (23rd); Denny Bossard (24th).

FUTURE EVENTS

International Culinary Restaurant Adventure



Plan C is a winner! The original plan for the March Culinary Adventure was to patronize Yen Ching, but after learning the seating capacity would be very limited, Plan B was implemented. Reservations were secured at Su Yu Pei. Following the reservation, the restaurant decided to close on Mondays but promised to honor our reservation. So, 12 hungry people showed up on their doorstep on March 6th, only to find the doors were locked. That's when Plan C kicked in. Denise Houlahan suggested the nearby Sushi House so off we went.

The restaurant was quick to set up for our hungry group of 12 and we all had absolutely delicious meals in a very nice setting. I guess things happen for a reason.

On Monday, April 10th, we will try out the Cedar Rapids Vietnamese restaurant located at 216 8th St. SE, Cedar Rapids. Meet us at Phong Lan Restaurant at 6:00pm for a fun culinary experience. Please RSVP to lois@eastiowaskiclub.com by Sunday, April 9th (Easter Sunday) if you are able to join us.

~ article & photo by **Lois Kabela-Coates**

April 15 Meetings at KC Hall on E Ave NE

Take note that our April 15 meeting night is on a **Saturday** at the KC Hall - 1620 E Ave NE. This is our “**Year in Review and Recognition**” celebration meeting. Beverages will be available for purchase from the KC Hall. The club will provide smoked pulled pork and buns with all the fixings. We ask that you bring an appetizer, side dish, salad or dessert to share. Happy Hour will be from 5 to 6 PM with dinner and a short program to follow. It's been a good and fun year with trips and activities back in full swing after Covid. **WE NEED YOUR HELP IN GETTING PICTURES FOR A SLIDESHOW!**

~ Article by **Marty Stimson**

Niagara Falls by Motorcoach May 13-20, 2023

Total Trip Price | \$1,680 double occupancy
Final Payment | \$580 due March 18, 2023
Cancellation Date | was January 7, 2023
Trip Chair: Marty Stimson | VP@eastiowaskiclub.com

We're going to Niagara Falls!!! We're at 22 for this trip but we have room for more. Give Marty Stimson a call if you would like to go – we might be able to still get you in.

This trip is packed with lots to do, plus, you will have plenty of room to stretch and relax on our 53-passenger motor coach. On May 13th, we load our Motor Coach from Cedar Rapids for a scenic tour up through Wisconsin, Michigan and into Canada on our way to Niagara Falls – with a variety of fun stops along the way.

This trip includes our own private motor coach, hotel accommodations, breakfasts at each hotel stay, five dinner meals, and all ticket and entrance fees. Go to the East Iowa Ski Club web site at www.eisc.clubexpress.com for the detailed itinerary. **Make sure you have a current Passport and bring it along as part of our trip goes into Canada.** Contact Marty Stimson at 319-389-4156 for questions.

~ Article by **Marty Stimson**

2023 ANNUAL CORRIDOR MPO BIKE RIDE - May 13

EISC Note: This is not an EISC bicycle ride, however several members plan on riding. It is a Free ride, but registration is required. More information on the routes will be coming soon. Hope to see you there!



WHEN - Sat May 13
2023 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (the Saturday before Bike to Work Week)

WHERE - Ride will begin and end in the west side parking lot of Guthridge Park
Hiawatha, IA, 704 Emmons St., Hiawatha, IA

WHO - Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization

DESCRIPTION – Tour | 15-or 30-mile route/Annual Corridor MPO Bike Ride

Join AARP and the Corridor MPO for this Bike to Work Week kick-off event. This year, participants can choose to participate in a 15-mile or 30-mile bike ride! Along the bike route, riders will be able to utilize a variety of biking accommodations found within the Cedar Rapids Metropolitan Area.

This event will be an excellent opportunity to see local attractions and enjoy a complimentary picnic lunch at Daniels Park in Cedar Rapids. Join us for a fun event with other bike enthusiasts and get a free gift. We hope you can join us on May 13th in Hiawatha, Iowa! This event is FREE, but registration is required. To register, call 1-877-926-8300 or visit <https://events.aarp.org/d/0lqg44/>.

ROUTE - Details about the 15 and 30-mile routes will be coming soon!

CONTACT - Roman Kiefer | ro.kiefer@corridormpo.com | 319-286-5299

Bike Ride--Grant Wood Trail/Waldo's Rock - May 19

EISC members & friends, join us for a leisurely 15-mile trip from Waldo's Rock Park, 6303 Partners Ave, in Marion, to Papa Juan's (Center Point Road-Cedar Rapids) and back on the Grant Wood Trail. We will take off around 3:00 pm from the parking lot at Waldo's Rock.

The trail is open all the way to Council Street, but we will probably take some back roads (less traffic) over to 51st street up past Theisen's to Center Point Road, where we will cross the street and ride the sidewalk up to Papa Juan's.

We will stop at Papa Juan's for refreshments and an early dinner or late lunch if desired, then head back. For a look at their menu go to:

<https://papajuanscr.com/menu/>

Email me at dickster41@gmail.com to let me know if you are attending, so I know who to wait for at the park.



Waldo's Rock - photo courtesy of CR Tourism Website

I will be keeping an eye on the weather and will cancel if it's raining. Cancellation notification will be sent via EISC Forum.

~ article by **Cathy Dick**

EISC Bicycle Ride on the Gay Lea Wilson Trail, June 16, 17 & 18

The EISC is planning a 2-night stay - bicycle ride on the Gay Lea Wilson Trail, starting in Altoona. The Gay Lea Wilson Trail is a 21-mile trail on the east side of Des Moines. It winds along a creek, around a scenic lake, and has many places to stop along the way! The first segment links Altoona to Pleasant Hill and another extends from Des Moines into Ankeny. This trip was developed by the Trip Planning Committee. The route was planned by Lois, who is familiar with the trail and says it is great, but is unable to lead this event. We are looking for a volunteer trip leader – however this trip can easily be done on your own. The club has reserved 9 hotel rooms at the La Quinta Inn in Altoona, a short distance from the Altoona Trailhead. If you would like a room, please call the number below. Because of the late date and lack of a camping leader we were not able to reserve a block of campsites. However, there are campsites available at the Iowa State Fair Campgrounds for those who are interested.

The Gay Lea Wilson Trail brings nature to an urban setting. The trail has two completed sections. One follows Four-Mile Creek through Des Moines to Ankeny. The second section links Pleasant Hill with Altoona along a former railroad corridor. The trail has a variety of urban and natural features, including scenic views of Four Mile Creek, Copper Creek Lake, Strasser Woods and Sargent Park. The Altoona trailhead is near the Greater Altoona Community Service Campus, the Pleasant Hill trailhead is at Copper Creek Lake Park, while the Des Moines trailhead is near Four-Mile Community Center, each of which supports several public facilities.

La Quinta by Wyndham Altoona Des Moines
1785 11th Street NW, Altoona, Iowa 50009
(515) 706-1507

Under Steve Cummings / EISC – quoted \$148 a night (AARP discount). 4 King rooms / 5 Double Queen Rooms – all at 2 members per room.

First to call in using Steve Cummings name / EISC claim the rooms. Check in Fri 6/16, check out Sun 6/18.

Iowa State Fair Campgrounds - Campground Des Moines, IA

Address: Des Moines, IA 50317

Phone: (515) 262-3111 ext. 284

"Awesome place to camp in the off season (from the fair time)."

Trail starts at: **Greater Altoona Community Service Campus, 1500 8th St SW, Altoona.** The Altoona Campus is the perfect place to get on the trail from Altoona. The large parking area offers direct access to the trail.

~article by **Steve Cummings**

EISC Golf Outing - July 29, 2023

Where: Buffalo Creek Golf Course | 1925 Slater Ave, Winthrop, IA

Time: 9:00am Shotgun Start | 4-person best shot format

Lunch: Wolfies Wapsi on The River – following golf, 101 Water St. S., Quasqueton,

Cost: \$60/person for 18 holes, cart & lunch or \$45/person for 9 holes, cart & lunch



Please pay at meetings or mail to: EISC | PO Box 843, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0843 or pay on-line at www.eastiowaskiclub.com

Event Leader: Sandra Cummings | cell: (319) 536-5882

Email: sandrella2121@hotmail.com

~Article by **Sandra Cummings** | Clip Art from Public Domain

Quad Cities Weekend September 22-24, 2023

The Quad Cities will be the destination again for a fun-filled weekend September 22-24. East Iowa Ski Club members have the chance to camp, bike, kayak, explore and be a spectator at The Quad Cities Marathon that will be run on Sunday.

Those who wish to camp should get their reservations made ASAP. Fisherman's Corner Campground is on the backwaters of the Mississippi River.

To reserve a spot go to www.recreation.gov. Enter Fisherman's Corner and the dates of September 22 to 24.

Some of the lower numbered spaces are closer to the water so perhaps folks can choose from spots 1-20 and the group may be able to be relatively close together.



The sunsets were beautiful last summer. The campground has direct access to the bike trail. For anyone that might want to kayak you can check www.riveraction.org for maps and information on water trails in the area.

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved under East Iowa Ski Club at the Holiday Inn, 226 17th ST, Rock Island, IL. Whether you get a room with 1 King or 2 Queens the cost is \$109 per night plus tax. A voucher will be

given at check in for 20% off meals at the hotel restaurant. Call 309-794-1212 to make your reservation **PRIOR** to September 1.

The Quad Cities have numerous museums, art galleries, casinos, a great farmers market on Saturday morning in Davenport, and at least a dozen local breweries for those who don't bike or kayak.

The big event of the weekend will be the Quad Cities Marathon that runs on Sunday beginning and ending at the Radiant Event Center in Downtown Moline. The route runs along the river in Moline, Bettendorf, Davenport, Rock Island and Arsenal Island so roads and trails near the route will be closed. For more information regarding the marathon you can find it at www.qcmarathon.org.

It should be a fun weekend pack full of all sorts of things to do and see.

~ article & photos by **Ruth Van Tol**

Tentative Caribbean Cruise April 7-13, 2024

For those of you who were not able to make it to the February meeting, I gave a presentation on a 6-night cruise that would take us to some great ports.

This cruise has proven to be a bit challenging to try to plan, mainly because airfares this far out cannot be quoted which makes it difficult for us to pinpoint an exact cost for members.

We are still working on this though, and hope to have more concrete plans and a cost for you in the next month or two.

If you are interested in this trip, please email me at dickster41@gmail.com so we can get a better idea on how many we might have to make the trip a go. We had about a half dozen people at the meeting who indicated interest.

~ article by **Cathy Dick**

Ski.com credits for Epic Passes

Ski.com is offering the land package credits again for Epic / Ikon pass purchases. Marcie has created a link for the club so please send this out to all members and help support me! A **full epic is a \$50 credit** and 5 day or more epic day passes or epic local pass is a \$30 land package credit. With the full epic pass, you get seven days at Telluride and unlimited at Beaver Creek. **With the Epic Local pass, you get 10 days at Beaver Creek but no access or add on for Telluride.**

You do have access to Telluride with the four day or more epic day passes. You must purchase at least four days and it is **the epic day pass for all 32 resorts**. So, if someone is **going on both trips it makes sense to get the full epic pass**.

<https://passes.ski.com/east-iowa-passes>

epic LOCAL PASS [®]	epic 5-DAY PASS	epic PASS [®]
\$676	\$538	\$909

YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED IT

Copper Mountain trip | February 20 – 26, 2023

The EISC had a great week & successful trip to Copper Mountain Feb 20th-26th. Copper is a fun resort to visit & the club members had a great time skiing, enjoying the entertainment, relaxing in a very warm hot tub & spending time with our EISC friends in the Colorado Rocky Mountains. This was our first Monday through Sunday trip in an attempt to avoid the weekend traffic and crowds. Our condos were moved back a little to the Village Square (larger condos – three bathrooms) so we could have the rooms grouped together in the same building.

Copper is set up pretty well with three villages, each with condos, bars and restaurants. We had great snow once again and there were plenty of blue cruisers to keep everyone busy all week. The groomed runs were fun to carve up and we had light snow most nights to give us a taste of powder. The bubble covered lift came in handy during an afternoon heavy snowstorm. It was great fun bouncing around in the fluffy new snow.



Mo Dixon



in the gondola



Taco fiesta at the Lubbens



The wind on the top was wicked at times, but we managed. Copper has more than 2,500 skiable acres, but some of that includes the two back bowls that only a few in the group skied. Following the Snowmass trip the runs seemed shorter & the ski area seemed significantly smaller. It is a very fun ski resort, but we probably should have gone to Copper first.

We need to thank two EISC members - Randy Monk and Sheryl Leonard, who took most of the group on a Copper Mountain Ambassador tour. Randy served as an ambassador host at Copper Mountain for 13 years and Sheryl has spent a lot of time on the mountain and knows it well. It was a noble idea, however there were some problems with the application. We probably should have broken the group up some as we had too many members of varying skiing abilities spread out on the runs all at the same time, which caused some issues. I believe six of the original group did manage to finish the tour.

Our condos were located in the Center village, which is the largest village with the most shops, bars and restaurants. At the end of the week, this area hosted the Mountain Dew tour (X-games style competition) which was entertaining, but made things more crowded at the base. Early in the week many of group got on their dancing shoes for some apres ski fun with the Lefty Lucy band at Jacks. Later in the week a large number of members were spotted enjoying an afternoon with Copper Mountain legend Mo Dixon in the East village. There was more dancing & sing-a-long fun until 6:30 or so when the bands quit for the evening. Although this seemed too early to quit, it may be designed to get the skiers headed back to the condos for the next day of skiing.

Dale and Rhonda did a great job as Trip Leaders. With help from Keven and Edie Lubben they hosted a great taco night party in their condo. Everyone agreed this sure beat a wine & cheese party – it was an outstanding idea with plenty of Mexican cuisine the entire group could enjoy. The food on the mountain and in the villages did seem exceptional this trip. Our condo had a night at the Sawmill Pizza that was a lot of fun and had some superior wood fired pizzas.

“We want to thank everyone that was on the Copper Mountain trip. From skiing, to snowboarding, to dancing and singing, everyone should have had a good time. We know there were a few mishaps and aches and pains, but overall, we give the trip a 10. For now, we are looking forward to upcoming events and more skiing next year”.
~ **Dale and Rhonda Bohrer**

~article/photos by **Steve Cummings & Dale Bohrer**

March 18 Meetings at KC Hall on E Ave NE

It was another fun gathering and turnout for the March EISC member meeting. Steve Cummings, President, started off the meeting by welcoming everyone, thanking all our volunteers and door workers, and welcoming our two new members, Tom and Loretta Conrey.

A thank-you goes out to Lois Coates for leading the nominating committee and a congratulations to Bill Clark as our newest board member. Marty Stimson shared we have a good group, 22, going on the upcoming Niagara Falls trip in May. But unfortunately, the club had to cancel the August Yellowstone trip. The club just didn't have enough trip takers to make it a go, and in Sandra Cummings usual style, she had a great "poem" to introduce the summer golf outing plans. Dale and Rhonda Bohrer gave a great summary of the Cooper Mountain Ski trip which wrapped up the last winter ski trip.

The board then shared a new pricing policy for all major trips going forward that will account for the additional credit card fee for those paying by credit card. For all future major trips, there will be both a "cash" trip price and a "credit card" price for all trip options.

The summer activities and outings have now come together too. You can check all those out throughout this Skiddoo issue, and it's not too early for your board to start planning next year's non-ski trips. Your board is always open to trip ideas. One of those brought forward is a cruise to the Caribbean in April of next year. We are still working on the details so stay tuned to see if we can get this trip idea put together.

~article by **Marty Stimson**