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East Tennessee Mogul Mashers Ski Club

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With all the constant political bombardment, did you ever wonder who the heck came up with those animals? Well, here's the answer: When Andrew Jackson ran for President in 1828, his opponents labeled him a "Jackass" for his populist views. Jackson decided to pick up on their name calling and began using the Donkey on his campaign posters. Eventually, Thomas Nast, a famous political cartoonist began to associate the Donkey with Democratic views, and used it to portray what he called "Caesarism" over a possible third term election of Ulysses S. Grant. In conjunction with the issue, Nast associated the Elephant with the Republican Party. It was Nast's 1874 cartoon "The Third Term Panic" that made the pachyderm stick as well as the Donkey. While the Republican Party has officially accepted the Elephant as their official symbol, the Democrats have not accepted the Donkey...So what animal would you like to see for the Democrats?

So much for politics...I'm off to Myrtle Beach to have fun at the Spring Convention and will be interested to see what Crescent's new logo is! Hope everyone gets out and enjoys May flowers!

Barb Lang

**Club meeting will be the first Tuesday of May at [Beef-O-Brady's Restaurant](#)
starting at 7:00PM**

(Directions will be under [2008 LOCAL TRIPS & EVENTS](#).)

EVERYONE WELCOME!! BRING A FRIEND!!

MARCH & APRIL IN RETROSPECT

🚩 Silver Creek, WV - The Crescent Cup, March 6-9, 2008

The weekend trip to Silver Creek/Snowshoe, West Virginia March 7-9 was just about the end of ski season for most southeast skiers, but out west the snow is still deep. So a few of us went to Steamboat Springs, Colorado the following weekend (March 13-17) for the Nastar National Championships. Several Crescent Ski Council members attended, along with three from our club.

ETMM members traveling to the Colorado race weekend were J.R. Thacker, his son Evan, and Mark Dison. Those of you who have been to the Nastar National Championships know what I mean when I say it was a good time. The folks representing both Steamboat Springs and Nastar treated us as if we were VIPs. They gave us all manner of trinkets and souvenirs to commemorate the occasion and served up music, food, and good memories. There were door prize type drawings daily and that's how J.R. took home a new pair of skis.

The snow was good (on Thursday night during the reception it began to snow and continued for most of the night) and the racing was very competitive. After racing on Friday J.R, Evan, and I went to the trees to enjoy the fresh powder. We all did pretty well on Friday as JR finished 2nd, Evan 4th, and I was 5th. Friday evening awards included meeting the US ski team members as well as several former members who were there acting as pacesetters and awards presenters.

Saturday we raced again and again Evan Thacker placed 4th, just missing a podium finish. I crashed on one run and didn't bring home the bacon on the second run while J.R. Thacker had a good day, climbing to 1st place in his division, winning a beautiful Nastar National Championship medal, new ski poles, and a new Descente race suit. After awards we rode the gondola to mid-mountain for food, music, and mingling with the US Ski Team folks and the other racers. We all collected some autographs on our commemorative race bibs and had a nice evening.

On Sunday Evan and I hung out near the race of champions' course to watch the action and wait for J.R. He did well, holding second place overall for quite a time, until being bumped to third and then, off the podium. However, he finished in 7th place in the men's division during the Race of Champions and represented ETMM and Crescent very well.

By the way, sharing a chairlift with former ski team member A.J. Kitt was quite enjoyable. Turns out him, his wife, and Chad Fleischer are all NASCAR fans. What about that?

We finished the weekend by free skiing in Christmas Tree Bowl and then I called it a day and headed in to begin packing while Evan and J.R. hit the chutes for a few more runs to end the season. All in all, I have to say it was quite an experience attending the Nastar event and we all agreed that we may do it again next time, if possible. If you haven't been to one of these Nastar Nationals competitions, I highly recommend that you give it a go. It was very much an enjoyable experience.

When you see J.R. Thacker at a club meeting be sure to congratulate him on his great division championship win and overall placing. And watch for his son Evan next time!

Mark Dison

🚩 Myrtle Beach, SC - CSC Spring Convention, April 24-27, 2008

If you didn't attend this year's Beach Trip then you missed a great weekend. For the second year in a row the weather was great; it actually started to rain on Sunday as we were pulling out of the parking lot heading home. The weather was great on Friday for soaking up some sun although some of us may try deep-sea fishing next year (If you read the info packet you find out about these things before it's too late). Saturday on the beach was ideal; so good that we never made it to the hot tub for Jell-O shooters! On Saturday evening we had dinner at Margaretville with local H.B. Beverly providing the entertainment. For the costume party Cathy made the winning costumes for us – Rick, Buddy, and Mark – we went as the Fruit of the Loom guys. Even though we really ate up posing for a lot of pictures, the most fun was in getting dressed. Something about the combination of alcohol, safety pins, and balloons! Also, imagine if you will, all 110 lbs of John dressed as the Pillsbury Dough Boy. He actually pulled it off, great costume!! Rick and Cathy had tickets for the Jimmy Buffet concert on Tuesday in Charlotte so they were staying a couple of extra days at the beach. Aaron (who with his wife Cindy returned to the Beach Trip after several years' absence) suggested that next year we rent a bus to take us to the beach and to the Buffet concert. With fuel costs out of hand and the low cost of everything on the Beach Trip this may be the ideal way to go. We'll follow-up on this idea early next year when the info becomes available.



Buddy Ball

The CSC Spring Convention was held April 25 thru 27 and ETMM was well represented as usual. There were plenty of meetings to attend and ski vendors to talk to but we also had some fun. ETMM members won the costume contests for both the group award and solo costume award with the Fruit of the Loom guys and the Pillsbury Boy (photos shown elsewhere in the newsletter). ETMM was also part of the winning Golf team and participated in several of the Beach Olympics. ETMM also introduced the world to "Corn Hole" which quickly became the hit of the beach



Olympics. The weather was fantastic with temps around 80 and a light breeze so it didn't get too hot. The 100 mile rule is in effect so we can't publish too much info on all of the fun – I guess you'll just have to go next year if you want to find out what goes on at Myrtle Beach the last weekend in April at the Spring Convention.

Mark Mabry

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Cannon Balls

It was necessary to keep a good supply of cannon balls near the cannon on old war ships. But how to prevent them from rolling about the deck was the problem.

The best storage method devised was to stack them as a square based pyramid, with one ball on top, resting on four, resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon.

There was only one problem how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding/rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate with 16 round indentations, called a Monkey.

But if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make Brass Monkeys.

Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannon balls would come right off the monkey.

Thus, it was quite literally, cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.

And all this time, you thought that was a vulgar expression, didn't you?

2008 LOCAL TRIPS AND EVENTS

All participants on Crescent sponsored trips must be members of an authorized club. Current membership is required to sign up for a trip. If a trip is planned for the next ski season/fiscal year, membership will have to be renewed before airline and/or lift tickets will be distributed.

Club Meeting at Beef-O-Brady's Restaurant- March 4, 2008

The March Ski Club meeting will be held at [Beef-O-Brady's Restaurant](#) in Johnson City (Boones Creek) on Tuesday, May 5th. Beef-O-Brady's is located 7/10 mile off exit 17, interstate 26 heading toward Boones Creek (opposite Jonesborough). Hope to see everyone there! The number for the restaurant is 423 282-WING (9464).

ETMM Golf Tournament – May 17th

The golf tournament is set for Saturday, May 17th. We will be playing at Warriors State Park. Cost per person is \$40 which includes prize money etc. If you are a state employee it is \$30 per person. Tee time is at 11:00, be there at 10:30. Site was voted on so other non members can come after the tournament for

a cook out, and to socialize. Suggestions were to have someone or several folks pull their campers to the camp site and have a cook out there. Parking issues came up about this. Also thoughts were to have the cook out and awards at one of the shelters, preferably one close to the new play ground. This is a first come basis if not reserved. To reserve one is \$51.00. Discussion still out on camping vs. shelter. Teresa Gouge plans to invite our neighboring clubs, Asheville, Knoxville, etc. So if you know anyone who wants to join us please invite them. We need more golfers to continue this event. **We need folks to start trying to get donations for the tournament.**

RACING NEWS

The 2007 – 2008 Race season is over and the ETMM team had another great season winning its 8th Division Championship and placing 3rd at the Crescent Cup. It's time to start thinking about next season with summer race camps. We will have more info to follow but there are excellent race camps at Mt Hood this summer that several CSC racers plan to attend. Crescent will also be rolling out the red carpet at the 25th anniversary of the Steamboat Race camp in December with lots of extras and fun planned. The signups have already started and they have limited the trip to the first 400 participants so get your reservations in; Lisa Beregi will have the details at the next meeting.

After 17 years of having the pleasure of being your Race Director I will be retiring and heading out to pasture. Mr. Mark Dison will be taking over the reins. Mark has a passion for racing and will do a great job serving y'all for years to come. Make sure you come to the next club meeting to pick up your NASTAR pins from the previous season.

You can check out other racing news, racing pictures, and the race schedule on our club website at www.etmm.net or at the Crescent website www.crescentskicouncil.org.

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SPECIALS

Please take advantage of the National Ski Council Federation discounts and make sure they are passed along to all of your club members. Remember, if we don't use these discounts, they may not continue to offer them, so go to the NSCF website (www.skifederation.org) and go the "Members Only" section and sign in. The user name is "skiclub" and the password is "member". It has been taking several tries to get in, but keep trying and you'll get there.

SUBARU Vehicle Discounts



Part of the SUBARU racing sponsorship package this year is the renewal of the SUBARU VIP program for ALL Crescent Ski Council members. This means that anyone who is a current member in good standing of ETMM or a Crescent Ski Council club can **purchase a new Subaru at 2% below dealer**

cost minus any incentives that are currently being offered. To qualify, you must have been a member of ETMM or other CSC Club for at least six (6) months.

If you are thinking of purchasing a new SUBARU contact me and I will get more information to you. Subaru will mail the VIP information to you, which will include information about local dealers participating in the VIP program.

All you have to do is go to a local dealer, pick out the SUBARU that you want, and the dealer will pull the invoice and let you know if there are any additional current incentives that are deducted from the invoice price. THE VIP PROGRAM WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 1, 2006 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2008.

Several Crescent members have taken advantage of this program and have gotten good deals on vehicles without the normal time consuming haggling. Let me know if you have any interest.

Regards,

ETMM Race Director

Mark Mabry

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BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR MAY



*May 10 – Pat Potter
May 14 – Ignacio Fluitt
May 20 – Dale Strother*

ANNIVERSARIES FOR MAY

*May 2 – Don & Joan Sinn – 27 Years
May 26 – Chuck & Pam Deering – 24 Years
May 27 – Chris & Jessamyn Fluitt – 2 years
May 28 – Joe & Judy Blackburn – 4 Years*



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
Tues. the 6 th	Ski Club Meeting	7:00PM	Beef-O-Brady's Restaurant
Sun. the 11 th	Mother's Day	All Day	USA
Sat. the 17 th	ETMM Golf Tournament	10:30AM	Warriors State Park
	Armed Forces Day	All Day	USA
Mon. the 26 th	Memorial Day	All Day	USA

June

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
Tues. the 2 nd	Ski Club Meeting	7:00PM	Rush Street Restaurant
Sat. the 14 th	Flag Day	All Day	USA
Sun. the 15 th	Father's Day	All Day	USA
Fri. the 20 th	Summer Solstice	All Day	USA

Please notify Buddy Ball (Membership) of any changes of address, phone numbers and e-mail's. You can contact Buddy by email, membership@etmm.net, Phone – (423) 245-6265 or mailing address: 502 Kincaid St., Kingsport, TN. 37660.

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Application for Membership – Nov. 1, 2007 – Oct. 31, 2008

- \$30 Individual Renewal \$35 Individual \$55 Family Renewal \$65 Family

Individual: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone (Home): _____
 Phone (Work): _____
 Date of Birth: _____
 Email Address: _____

Anniversary: _____
 Newsletter Form: Postal Mail Electronic Mail
 Spouse: _____
 Phone (Home): _____
 Phone (Work): _____
 Date of Birth: _____
 Email Address: _____

RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that hazards are inherent in the sport of skiing and other club sports and activities and hereby assumes all risks of injuries or damages incidental to such sports and activities. In consideration of the benefits derived from joint participation, by membership in the East Tennessee Mogul Mashers Ski Club, in skiing and other sports and activities, the undersigned does hereby absolve, release, and waive any and all liability, claims or demands against the East Tennessee Mogul Mashers Ski Club, and its officers, directors and each and every member thereof which may arise out of or be related to any injury, damage or pecuniary loss by reason of such club membership or sport activity of participation in said club. Included, but not limited to, this general release is all causes arising of nonfeasance, malfeasance of the Ski Club, its officers or Board of Directors. (Family: The undersigned, as father and mother and/or guardian(s) of **LIST ALL CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE**).

 Minor Date of Birth Minor Date of Birth Minor Date of Birth

For the consideration set forth above, the undersigned do hereby further release, acquit, discharge, and covenant to hold harmless the East Tennessee Mogul Mashers Ski Club and its officers, directors and each and every member thereof from any and all liability, claim or demand arising out of or from participation in said club activities by said minors. The undersigned further promise to bind themselves jointly and severally, their heirs and assigns of any sum of money that any said parties may hereafter be compelled to pay of the behalf of said minor because of any and all said claims.

Witness my hand this _____ day of _____, 20____, after carefully reading the foregoing and agreeing and signing as my own free act.

 Individual / Father

 Spouse / Mother

 ETMM Member Witness

ETMM LIFT LINE
Advertising Rates

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Three-quarter Page	\$50	\$40	\$35
Half Page	\$40	\$30	\$25
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