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NEWSLETTER

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P. O. Box 70528, Eugene, Oregon 97401

General Meeting

(21 and over please)

Wed. April 9, 2008

6:00 PM

The Vet's Club (upstairs)
1626 Willamette St., Eugene

DO NOT PARK in lot behind the Vet's Club.
This lot is reserved for restaurant patrons.
Please park on the street. Thank you!

6:00 pm Sign up for trips and activities

7:00 pm General Meeting

Light hors d'ouerves will be served at meetings.

Guests: Altair invites guests to attend up to three complimentary meetings to find out about our club before joining.

Board Meeting

(Open to all members)

Wed. April 16, 2008

6:00 PM

Board Meeting Location

Board meetings will be held in the conference room at Gaydos, Churnside & Balthrop, P.C. 440 East Broadway, Suite 300, Eugene. Call 206-4540 (Mary Spencer) if you can't find it. It is a 3-story, red brick building with green trim located at Broadway and Franklin (same intersection as the former IHOP). Entrance to the parking lot is between this office building and Campus Inn.

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Save the Date!!

Altair Annual Picnic

August 13, 2008

Mark your calendar and save the date of Wednesday, August 13th for the Altair Annual Picnic. The picnic is in lieu of the August General Meeting. Additional details will be announced closer to the August 13th date.

It's Election Time!

Ballot enclosed

It's that time of year again! Time to vote for our elected officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and two Board Members at Large. Ballot on page 4.

Your Altair newsletter is available on the website by the first of every month. Newsletters will be sent to members via email within the first week of each month.

Check the website at www.altairsports.org

Go to www.altairsports.org for updates.

GENERAL INFORMATION

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Diane Kaufman	484-4365
Vice President	Pat Martin	683-7379
Secretary	Janice Wardan	485-1405
Treasurer	Mary Spencer	344-1445
Board Members At Large		
	Fred Thomas	683-1593
	Ros See	510-3846
Senior Board Member At Large		
	Ed Stanley	343-1818

COMMITTEE DIRECTORS

Biking	Larry See	510-3846
Bookkeeper	Karen Renko	607-6879
Bowling	Gordon Waske	689-1895
Community Service	Diane O'Keefe	520-5546
Database	Ann Stanley	343-1818
Equipment & Inventory		
	Tommy Paul	741-3480
Events	Pat Martin	683-7379
Golf	Scott Barkhurst	343-9406
	Carol Fernlund	484-6332
	Steve Phillips	485-8029
Hiking	Helen Martz	345-6229
	Carol Ipsen	484-0496
Membership	Debra Murray	342-7520
New Members	Pat Tuel	689-0076
Newsletter	Dee Sullens	683-7346
NWSCC Rep	Becki Robinson	344-7170
Publicity	Laurie Steinbruck	302-2644
Ski	Rod Robinson	344-7170
	Becki Robinson	344-7170
Social	Claudia Bailey-Liontos	984-5403
Softball	Rich Jenkins	345-8374
Walk/Jog	Walt Jacobson	343-7893
Webmaster	Charlie Baird	461-7222

Membership Dues

The membership year is November 1 to October 31. Annual dues are \$75 for new members. Renewal dues are \$70 if paid no later than the November General Meeting; after that the new member rate applies. Membership includes receiving the newsletter via email or downloading from the website. Receiving a hard copy in the mail is an additional \$12 per year. Dues and newsletter fees are pro-rated as follows:

Nov 1-Feb 28	\$75 (+\$12)
Mar 1 - Jun 30	\$50 (+\$8)
Jul 1-Oct 31	\$25 (+\$4)

Altairsports Email Group

To join the "Altairsports" email group, all you have to do is go to www.altairsports.org, click on Useful Links button, then the Yahoo Groups link, then follow the steps to join the Altairsports group. Questions: Contact group moderator Dee Sullens at sullensd@peak.org.

Newsletter Information

The deadline for newsletter info is the General Meeting. There are two ways to submit your articles: email to sullensd@peak.org or bring it to the General Meeting. Late submissions may be rejected to get the newsletter out on time.

Members' Corner Submissions

Not sure if your submission qualifies? Contact the newsletter editor prior to the Altair Board Meeting. You will be notified if your submission does not meet the Members' Corner policy.

If You Are Not Receiving the Newsletter Via Email

Contact Ann Stanley at eastanley@comcast.net

To Make Directory Changes

Members who have changes in address, phone, email or other information are to notify Ann Stanley at eastanley@comcast.net.

Event Planning

You can get an event planning packet by calling the Event Director, Pat Martin, 683-7379, or pick one up at the general or board meetings.

Some reminders:

Sign-Up Policy: The first opportunity to sign up for an event is at the first general meeting after the board-approved event appears in the newsletter. After the first general meeting, the trip captain can take signups over the phone or at any other time or place, i.e. TGIFs. If you are not able to attend a general meeting, another Altair member (not the trip captain) can sign up for you. No one is considered signed up unless and until payment is received. Guests cannot sign up for an event for the first 30 days - Altair members have priority- unless the trip captain has chosen to allow guests to sign up earlier.

Paying For Events: Checks should be payable to Altair, not the trip captain. Altair does not accept cash. Payments can be made by check, Visa or MasterCard. (No American Express or debit cards, no 2-party or post-dated checks). Trip captains: Please don't hold checks - turn them in immediately!

Questions: Pat Martin, 683-7379, Event Director

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

April Birthdays

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Best Wishes to our April
 birthday members.

Membership Report

187 MEMBERS

Attending the March General Meeting

New Members: 6

Guests: 15

New Members:

Patricia Mennis

Jen Larsen

Tom Moss

Kathleen Wilkowski

Larry Majors

Brian Cory

Thank You to Our March Greeters:

Dale and Louise Billings

Thank You to Our Membership Helpers:

Annie Luttrell and Debra Murray

MARCH WINNERS

New Member/Guest: Patricia Mennis

March Birthday Drawing: Terri Chrones

Raffles: Reese Miller

Roberta Fairchild

Sandi Sanders

COMMUNITY SERVICE

April is National Donate Life Month

National Donate Life Month is an opportunity to celebrate the tremendous generosity of those who have saved lives by becoming organ, eye, tissue, marrow, and blood donors and to encourage more Americans to follow their fine example.

During National Donate Life Month, I urge you to make the decision to donate the gift of life. Individuals can learn more about becoming an organ and tissue donor at www.organdonor.gov. By saying yes to organ and tissue donation on their driver's licenses, adding their name to donor registries, or talking about their decision with family and friends, citizens help save lives and contribute to a more compassionate and hopeful society.

Here is some exciting news for the Donate Life Northwest office in Portland:

With the passage of the revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (UAGA) last year, Oregon's recovery agencies will join the national movement towards accepting the "D" designation on driver's licenses as first person consent for donation. This change should provide increasing numbers of opportunities for organ, eye, and tissue donations.

As of January 2008, young adults, ages 15-17, can also designate their wish to be a donor with a "D" code on their driver's permit or license. People of any age can be signed up through the online donor registry. For anyone younger than 18 the parents or guardian will still need to give consent prior to donation.

If you still have concerns or questions you can call me at 914-1610 or go to our local Donor web site www.donatelifenw.org

Thank you,
Nelda Copsy

Become a legend
Be an Organ Donor

SOCIAL

T.G.I.F.'s

6:00 pm until whenever.....
.....Please Remember To Tip!!.....

April

4 Jogger's
710 Willamette St, Eugene

11 Horsehead
99 W Broadway, Eugene

18 Bene
1665 W 18th, Eugene
(Chambers Shopping Center)

25 Peabody's
444 East 3rd, Eugene

May

2 Quacker's
2105 W 7th, Eugene (The Old Y)

Texas Hold'em

Thursday, April 3
6:30PM-9:30 PM

Start your weekend early (always a good idea) with a little Texas Hold'em. All skill levels are welcome. Just bring a drink of your choice. We'll have desserts at 9:00. Anyone interested in bringing a dessert let me know. We play limit poker so everyone keeps playing. We usually have time for 3 or 4 mini-tournaments that cost \$1.50 up front.

No signup is necessary but please RSVP so we know how many tables to set up.

In consideration of those who are allergic, we ask that you not wear scented products.

Place: Pat Tuel's home
78 Federal Lane, Eugene
(Off River Road, North of Beltline)
Contact: Pat Tuel 689-0076
tuel@earthlink.net

New Members Social

Tuesday, April 29, 2008
7:00 PM

New members and "seasoned" new members: Let's get together to meet some summer sports representatives, board members and each other. If you have questions about Altair, or ideas to make your experience a better one, we want to hear them. All new members since November are invited.

Please bring a beverage of your choice. Light refreshments will be served.

Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2008 7:00 PM

Host: Pat Tuel
79 Federal Lane, Eugene
(off River Road, north of Beltline)

RSVP: Pat Tuel 689-0076
tuel@earthlink.net

PINOCHLE

Thursday, April 17, 2008
6:00 PM- 9:30 PM

Come join us for a Pinochle potluck. All skill levels welcome. Just bring a drink of your choice and a dish to share - a starter, salad, main dish or dessert. We'll eat at 6:00 and play at 6:30. No signup is necessary but we ask that you RSVP so we know how many tables to set up.

Maximum of 20 due to space.

In consideration of those who are allergic, we ask that you not wear scented products.

Place: Pat Tuel's Home
78 Federal Lane, Eugene
(Off River Road, North of Beltline)
Contact: Pat Tuel tuel@earthlink.net

BALLOT

YOUR MEMBER NUMBER: _____ (Your member number MUST be included for your vote to count.)

Write-ins are allowed.

Please vote for one person in each of the following positions.

PRESIDENT Gordon Waske

VICE PRESIDENT Fred Thomas

TREASURER Mary Spencer

SECRETARY Janice Wardan

Vote for two:
BOARD MEMBERS Pat Martin
AT LARGE Sigrid Lambros

NOW: Fold it, tape it shut, put a 41-cent stamp on it and mail it before April 30th.
OR, bring it to the April General Meeting!

HIKING/BIKING

Bike Planning Meeting

Thursday, April 17 7:00 pm

We will be having a bike planning meeting, Thursday, April 17, at 7:00 p m, to set up a schedule for various bike rides, from easy to moderate and beyond. Everyone is welcome. We will schedule in some of our favorites such as the Row River Ride (Dorena Lake) and Feed the Horses Ride (Cottage Grove Lake), plus many others. Please bring your ideas, calendars and a beverage. We will provide some snacks and dessert. If you can't make it but would like to lead a ride, please let Larry know.

Location: Ros and Larry See's home
3322 Twin Elms Drive, Eugene
For Directions/Info: Call Larry 510-3846

GOURMET COAST HIKE

Cape Perpetua — Sat., May 24th—8:30 am

Calling all coast lovers...Join us on one of Altair's signature hikes at the Cape Perpetua Scenic Area, near Yachats. We'll carpool over, look for whales and sea lions, check out the fascinating Visitor Center. Then we hike the easy/moderate 6.5 mile trail up and through lush rain forest, stopping for a sack lunch along the way.

When we return comes the main event: Ye Grande Shrimp Feed! As we rest our muscles—often in welcome sunshine—we'll enjoy a delicious potluck dinner in the late afternoon, featuring large, succulent shrimp cooked on the spot—YUM! It's our just desserts after such a fine, exhilarating hike. But hurry, this event fills fast and is limited to 20 members. Info at the April meeting, signups at the May meeting. (Pending approval at April board meeting.) Fun ahoy!

Meet: 8:30 am, Sat., May 24th, at W. 11th Target store parking lot.

Cost: \$7.00 (Refunds only if you find someone to take your spot.)

Other costs: \$3 day-use per car, to be shared along with gas mileage (about 180 miles round trip).

Provided: Shrimp, appetizers, non-alcoholic Captain's Punch.

Bring: Daypack, hiking boots, sack lunch, water, rain jacket, camera and a dessert or salad to share.

Trip Captain: Demetri Lontos 345-0207

Coast Trip Fossil Hike

Saturday, May 10, 2008

This trip is SOLD OUT. A wait list is being taken.

The hike will be guided by Greg Retallack, a geologist from the U of O. Greg was born and raised in Tasmania and educated in Australia. He is a world traveled geologist and will provide a wealth of interesting information. He'll be leading us to several locations, such as Florence, Devils Elbow State Park, Seal Rock and north of Newport. We'll park along Hwy 101 and hike down to the beach area to find fossils. The trip has been timed with a low tide at mid afternoon. We can keep the fossils we find due to Gregs credentials, so bring small hammers/picks to help remove them.

Afterwards, we plan on having dinner at the Waterfront in Newport and then returning to Eugene that evening. Dinner cost will be up to each person. More information will be provided closer to the event date.

Meeting time: Saturday, May 10, 9:00am sharp.

Location: Target parking lot on W 11th.

Cost: \$ 17.00 members; \$19.00 non-members.

Car pooling: Volunteers needed. Non-drivers should plan on helping with gas costs.

Bring: sack lunch, water/beverages, small hammer or pick, bucket, appropriate shoes/ clothing, extra \$ for dinner. This trip is full, but we are taking names for a waiting list.

For more information call the trip captain; Larry See at 541-510-3846

HIKING AND WALKING

Come out and join other Altair hikers and walkers. Bring a guest!

IMPORTANT!! CALL THE HIKE LEADER before the hike to indicate your interest and find out more details of the outing. Hikes may be cancelled due to weather, or changes made to meeting times. Be prepared to share in the cost of carpooling; hike leaders will be asked to estimate the cost per person per car @ 5-7 cents per mile. Also, with respect to those who are sensitive to fragrances, please do not wear scented products on hikes. Hiking lengths are round trip. WEAR APPROPRIATE WALKING SHOES OR HIKING BOOTS.

Anyone interested in leading or suggesting a hike please call either of the hiking co-directors, Helen Martz 345-6229 or Carol Ipsen 484-0496.

Meeting locations are as follows unless indicated otherwise:

Jerry's - Hwy 99, Eugene (under the hammer nearest Hwy 99)
Albertsons - 58th and Main, Springfield – east side of lot
LCC northeast parking lot (near the traffic light on 30th), Eugene
Shari's – Beltline Hwy, Springfield (Gateway area)
Target - W. 11th & Beltline, Eugene, meet near W.11th Ave

Hiking Planning Meeting April 13 7:00 PM Helen Martz' house 345-6229 for info
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April 5 – Sat: SWEET CREEK – 3-4 miles Moderate
10:00 a.m. Target W. 11th – Helen Martz 345-6229

May 4 – Sun: HENDRICKS PARK “RHODY FESTIVAL” – 5 miles easy.
1:30 p.m Meet at MidTown on Willamette & 16th - Joe Neal 334-6416

May 24 – Sat: ANNUAL COAST GOURMET HIKE. Sign-up event, watch your newsletter for details; pg 6

June 7 – Sat: ENCHANTED VALLEY (at the coast) 5 miles moderate
9:00 a.m. Target W. 11th - Alex & Clare VonderHaar 465-1009

Join the Altair Yahoo e-mail group to get the latest updates and announcements of spontaneous hikes and events! To join all you have to do is go to www.yahogroups.com and register, then follow the steps to join the Altairsports group.

Regular In-town hikes/walks:

Every Weds and Fri: Walk the town – 5-6 miles

9:00 a.m. Mid-Town (old L & L Market) on Willamette St. Ruth Romoser 726-8154

Come early for coffee at 9:30

Every Sat: Walk the river bike trails/Skinner's Butte, 4 miles, easy. Stay for coffee after.
9:00 a.m. Cafe Aroma at Valley River Mall - Walt Jacobsen 343-7893

Walkers First Wednesday Lunch will be held at Poppi'a Annatolia, April 2, 2008 at 11:30 am.
Contact Barb Bakke 744-1681 if interested.

SPORTS

Bowling

Saturday, April 12, 2008

Meet at Firs Bowl at 5:45 pm. We start bowling at 6:00 pm, then head to Abby's Pizza afterwards for no-host pizza and beverages. All skill levels welcome from beginner to professional.

Time: 6:00 pm Bowling
Pizza afterwards @Abby's

Place: Firs Bowl, 1950 River Road, Eugene
Cost: \$10 members / \$12 guests
Contact: Gordon Waske 689-1895

Volleyball

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
June, July, August

Hey! It's almost time for volleyball!! Tuesdays at 6:30 this summer - June, July, August. Meet at Alton Baker Park between the bathrooms and the shelters. It's time to get together and have some fun, hit the ball. Some players may want to meander over to 'The Cooler' afterwards for food or drink. All are welcome!
For info/directions: Steve Alderson 935-4289

ALTAIR GOLF:

Swingers Wanted!

The Altair Golf Planning Committee had a very productive session on March 9 and we have a full slate of golf events for the coming season. Full details on the SIX proposed scrambles, and at least THREE show & golf events will be at the April membership meeting. If you are not already on the Altair golf e-mail list, contact Golf Chair Scott Barkhurst at scottb@uoregon.edu In the meantime, start swinging those clubs!

Golf @ Sandpines in Florence

Saturday, April 26 10:30 am

We have a great deal for golfers who want to play at the beautiful Sandpines course in Florence; \$49 for 18 holes, including golf cart! We have three tee times reserved, beginning around 10:30.

We have enough coupons for the first 12 people to call Steve Phillips 485-8029

Celebrate Spring on the Ranch

May 17, 2008 10 am to 5 pm

This event is SOLD OUT. A waiting list is being taken. Contact hostess Kaye Johns.

A lovely day of hiking, socializing and good food. Bring drink of choice and folding chair. Catered lunch served around 2 pm. The ranch is about 12 miles east of Sutherlin; please consider carpooling. Bring your camera, binoculars, hiking shoes - even a mountain bike.

Cost \$16 members/\$18 nonmembers. No refunds after March 31st; may find a replacement.

Hostess: Kaye Johns 10803 Nonpariel Road Sutherlin, OR (approx 70 miles from LCC)
Contact: 746-0731 or 459-5912 (ranch)

GOLF

GOLF TOURNAMENT THREE IRON WARM UP Saturday, May 31 - 9:30 am

3-iron only BEST BALL Scramble

Two persons per team with team partners drawn randomly from cap. Two teams per foursome. Each person can have no more than three irons on the course.

Three foursomes will start on the front nine while three foursomes will start on the back nine.

PRIZES:

First Place - 2 prizes, \$20 Fiddler's gift certificates; K P on 7 holes, \$15 Fiddler's gift certificates

LUNCH AT 11:30 at Fiddlers

Lunch consists of chicken, two salads, roll, small drink and cake.

WHERE: Fiddler's Green Hwy 99

WHEN: Saturday, May 31st

TIME: 9:30 a.m. Tee Off time

COST: \$9 (18 holes of golf) individual pay at course; PLUS \$15 collected at registration for catered lunch and prizes.

CANCELLATION DATE: May 23, 2008

Co- captains: Donna Waske (689-1895)
Carol Fernlund (484-6332)

Altair

Spring Fling Golf Tournament (formally Golf 4 the Roses) Saturday June 14, 2008 1:00PM Middlefield Golf Course

Format: 4 person best ball scramble — mini shotgun start

Be among the 32 golfers, from beginners to low handicappers in the first scramble tournament of 2008. We will mix players of all abilities in each foursome for fairness.

There is an after tourney Salmon & Chicken BBQ at the Kaufman's.

PRIZES - PRIZES - PRIZES

Cost: \$12.00 members — \$15.00 guests
(does not cover green or cart fees)

Green Fees \$24.00 / Carts \$18.00
(payable at course)

Cancellation date: May 14th

Contact: Erich Kaufman 484-4365

OUT OF TOWN TRIPS

South Umpqua Valley Barrel Tasting Wine Tour

Roseburg April 5 & 6, 2008

This trip is SOLD OUT. A paid wait list is being taken.

Trip Captains: Dawn Carlile 686-1421 and Ted Merydith 484-1558

North Umpqua Valley Barrel Tasting Wine Tour

Sutherlin Saturday/Sunday, May 3-4

There are only 3 spots open on this trip.

The Umpqua Valley wine region has become famous for the unusual wines, some grown only in this region. Spend the day visiting eight wineries tasting wine and food paired with each wine. Tour-goers will receive a souvenir wine glass and enjoy a full day of wine tasting and food pairings at the wineries.

The North Valley tour will depart from Sutherlin on Saturday, May 3, and visit Bradley Vineyards, Brandborg Vineyard & Winery, Henry Estate Winery, Marshanne Landing, Sienna Ridge, Misty Oaks, River's Edge Winery, and Anindor. Two of these wineries, Misty Oaks and Anindor, have not been on the tour before.

We will drive to Sutherlin early Saturday morning and will stay Saturday night at the Sutherlin Inn. Sunday you may want to play golf at Oak Hills Golf Club, visit the Oakland Historic District or take the scenic road to Cottage Grove Lake.

Includes: Wine tour on a school bus, souvenir wine glass, and hotel room.

Not included: Dinner Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning, tip for the bus driver, transportation to Sutherlin. Carpooling is suggested.

Bring water to drink on the bus, tip for the bus driver, and cash, check or credit card to purchase wine to bring home. No need to worry about eating lunch on Saturday as you will not go hungry! If you are allergic to chocolate or do not eat beef you may want to bring a snack. We do not have any idea what the wineries will be serving until we get on the bus and get the tour guide sheet with wine and food pairings.

Sign ups start at the January General Meeting. Trip is limited to 20 people.

Cost: Members \$80, Guests are \$90. (2 people per room, 2 queen beds)

Full payment is due at sign-up. No refunds after February 1 unless you sell your spot except on lodging which can be refunded up until April 1.

Planning meeting: to be announced.

Trip Captains: Dawn Carlile 686-1421
Kevyn Paul 741-3480

OUT OF TOWN TRIPS

Silver Falls Camp Out / Oregon Garden Brewfest

Friday-Sunday April 25-27, 2008

We'll be camping at Silver Falls State Park. Located about 15 miles south of Silverton, the campground provides restrooms, picnic tables, fire pits and water. The group site is listed as RV since there is plenty of room, but there are no hookups. There are showers in the campground about 3 miles from the group campsite (State Parks pass or day pass needed). On Saturday, we will go to the Oregon Garden, which has thousands of plants displayed in more than 20 specialty gardens. While we're there we'll be sampling handcrafted beers at the Oregon Garden Brewfest, held indoors and complemented by live music. If you would rather skip the Garden, you can explore historic downtown Silverton and, of course, there is also plenty of hiking, biking or just relaxing in the park.

Cost: \$16 for members / \$20 for nonmembers

Price includes breakfast and dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday and camping fees.

Not included: Entry to the Garden and/or Brewfest.

Admission to the Garden only is \$8. Admission to the Brewfest is \$10 and includes entrance to the Garden, a mug and 4 scripts to purchase beer samples. Lunches are on your own.

What to bring: Snacks, beverages other than coffee & tea, chair, camp gear.

Check-in time is 4:00 on Friday. Leave on Sunday when you're ready.

Cancellation date: March 25th. No refunds after that date unless you find a replacement.

Trip Captains: Tommy and Kevyn Paul 741-3480 554-2140

Altairsports Yahoo Email Group

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The CANADIAN NATIONAL PARKS 2008 Sept 19-28,2008

This is a 10 day trip starting September 19th through 28th for an extraordinary trip to 4 and possibly 6 Canadian National Parks. We will visit the ever popular Banff and Jasper National Parks in Alberta Canada; and Yoho and Kootenay National Parks in British Columbia; with a possible side trip to Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks in British Columbia. We will board motor homes in Eugene and make the approximately 2500 mile round trip in the comfort of our own traveling accommodations.

There is something for everyone on this trip with exceptional hiking, sight seeing; shopping, rafting, arts (shopping), history (shopping), fishing, and glacier rides.

The trip is limited to 25 and registration begins at the February Altair General Meeting. At the March General meeting registrations will be accepted from nonmembers should any spots be available.

All meals are included in the cost. Breakfast and lunch items will be provided and we will have 1 dinner as a group. The rest of your dinners will be at your choosing in local diners with a daily allowance. There will be limited kitchen duties for breakfast and lunch preparation.

There will be a pretrip and posttrip gathering. The first, to allow us to get organized, list the proposed itinerary and plan on what to take and not take. The second meeting after the trip is for sharing photos of the trip with others.

The cost of the trip will be \$1,450 for members.

Sign up at the February meeting with \$250 registration fee required to hold your reservation. Subsequent monthly payments of \$200 per month will be due by each General Meeting through August. All cancellations will have a \$150 penalty. Last day to cancel with a refund (less penalty) is at the March General Meeting.

Contact: Gary Chaffins 741-8052 or Email gary_chaffins@orsa.uoregon.edu
Diane Kaufman 484-4365, skifreely@yahoo.com

Altair's Winter Sports Calendar and Local Events

April 18-20th – Altair's Moonlight Madness Snow Shoe Tour at Mt. Bachelor. This trip is filled, please contact Helen Martz 345-6229 to be put on a waiting list. PRETRIP MEETING: April 9 @ 5:30 at the Vet's Club just before the Altair general meeting.

April 11th Mt. Bachelor is having a free ski day
Bring a minimum of 3 cans of non-perishable canned food items or a cash donation and receive a free full day lift ticket. Also there will be a bus leaving from Bergs for only \$25 round trip.

April 21-24th Sunriver Trip #1 by Pete Matthey and Joyce Axelson of Salem. Pete just joined Altair, welcome aboard Pete!

They have a house rented in Sunriver and the trip has an opening for 6 people at \$95 per person for food and lodging. Accommodations arrangements:

1 loft bedroom w/queen bed and private bath

1 master bedroom w/queen bed

1 private bedroom w/queen bed

1 private bedroom w/bunk bed, bottom bed regular size

All 3 bedrooms downstairs share 1 common bath

Please contact them at: Pete Matthey (503) 581-4165, Joyce Axelson (503) 370-7946 or email Joyce at jaxelsonj@comcast.net

May 19th-22nd Sunriver Trip #2, same trip captains and same house! What a great deal for spring skiing and snow shoers! Please contact them at: Pete Matthey (503) 581-4165, Joyce Axelson (503) 370-7946 or email Joyce at jaxelsonj@comcast.net

Local Ski Bus Transportation, some of the dates may changes so please call to confirm date and times.

Berg's Ski and Snowboard Shop 683-1300

Mt. Bachelor: April 5, 11 Free ski day, 11th

Willamette Pass: April 5 and 12th

Hoodoo: April 5th Spring fling day

Joe's Sports and More Ski Bus

Willamette Pass- March, all Friday, Saturday and Sundays

Call Willamette Ski phone to confirm bus dates in April at 345-SNOW

Northwest Ski Club Council and Far West Ski Association Trips and Events

Altair is member of the Northwest Ski Club Council and Far West Ski Association. By being affiliated with these two organizations we are able to take advantage of great trips they offer. If you like to travel, these are great deals you don't want to pass up! Grab a cup of tea and read through some of these great trips, start planning your travel schedule as some trips are already filling up!

NWSCC is the host council for 2008 FWSA Convention, in Bellevue!

June 5-8, 2008 Bellevue, Washington

Hosted by Northwest Ski Club Council - That is Altair's Council!

This is a fun yearly event and this year it is located in the Northwest - Bellevue Washington! Great for new and established members to attend! Here is just a sampling of what is going on: Thursday, unique pubs crawl to the space needle kicks off the weekend. Friday is optional event day – choose from golf, wine tour, kayaking, and a Duck Tour to Pike Place Market. Friday night is the infamous Silent Auction where you can get fantastic bargains on ski trips at bargain prices. Saturday is the Travel Expo – meet one-on-one with industry, lunch and multi-media snowsports celebrities' reception/presentation, and leadership panel sessions. Saturday night is the Awards Banquet & Dance.

Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of events during the 3-day Convention.

Please contact Diane Hicks at: Diane.Hicks@horizonair.com for detail on how you can help! We invite you to attend the annual FWSA Convention and enjoy the camaraderie of an association of over 160 clubs in 6 states. For more information, click here: [http://www.fwsa.wbees.com/f/](http://www.fwsa.wbees.com/f/2008_Convention_Flyer.pdf)

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FWSA Alaskan Cruise June 8-15, 2008

Price: \$995 - \$1655

Following the FWSA Convention in Bellevue, Washington, on Sunday afternoon June 8th, FWSA members who sign up for this trip will sail on the Norwegian Cruise Line's "Norwegian Pearl," which will set sail from Seattle, Washington. FWSA members will be sailing to the Inside Passage, Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan, Victoria and return back to Seattle. For more information and to sign up for the cruise, click on the link: www.cruisecompany.com/fwsa. Sign-ups will be made directly through The Cruise Company.

FWSA 2008 Greek Island Tour

Oct 1—17, 2008

Price: \$3390 per person

Travel to Rhodes, Crete, Santorini and Mykonos plus two day tour of Athens. Deposit is \$200 and be sure to get your deposit in soon before this trip fills! For details see the flyer at http://www.fwsa.wbees.com/f/FWSA_-_Greece.pdf Optional extension to Turkey October 17-24. Contact Norm Azevedo by email fwsaitravel@sbcglobal.net or phone 925-944-9816.

FWSA 2009 Ski Week will be in Big Sky, Montana January 24 - 31, 2009. A \$100 deposit payable to NWSCC and mailed to the NWSCC, P.O. Box 1915

Portland, OR 97207 will hold a place for you on this trip. For details contact Barbara Bousum at BBousum@gmail.com

FWSA/NWSCC Member Benefits

10% Discount at Joe's Sports and More Store. Only at the Eugene Oregon store!
Just present your current FWSA Membership Card when checking out at Joe's. The 10% only applies to regular price items and not sale items and can not be combined with other coupons or promotions. You must be a current Altair Member to take advantage of these discounts!

Please be patient with the new clerks as they learn the system, if you need assistance, just ask them to verify with the manager on duty that day.

- Hertz offers FWSA members a discount when they go to the National Ski Federation members' benefits page. (ID skiclub; password member)
- Ski Essentials: Identify yourself as a ski association member; provide your ski club name as a password and receive a 15% discount on any item purchased online. www.skiessentials.com
- SPECIAL FLEET PRICES on Subaru, Chevrolet, or Suzuki vehicles at Carr Auto Group! Fleet pricing on used cars too! Simply call Kalei Mau at 503-672-3340 for an appointment. You can also email him at: kmau@carrauto.com.

You can then select the car you want from a large fleet of brand new cars. You will receive the lowest wholesale price right away. No haggling; no hassles. Mary Olhausen, President of NWSCC and recent speaker at Pray for Powder, just did it. She says: "I am now the proud owner of a 2008 Subaru Forester. No showroom sharks for me. The whole thing took less than 3 hours."

FWSA Member Benefits: NWSCC is a member of Far West Ski Association and the National Ski Council Federation. All club members of NWSCC clubs receive FWSA/NWSCC membership cards, which will be distributed when you join or pay your annual dues. Check out the sites below to get a full listing of benefits available:

NWSCC (Northwest Ski Club Council) – www.nwskiers.org

FWSA (Far West Ski Association) – www.fwsa.org

NSCF (National Ski Council Federation) – www.skifederation.org

ALTAIR SKI & SPORTS CLUB EVENTS

Apr 2	11:30 am	First Wed Walkers Lunch, Poppi's Anatolia	Barb Bakke	744-1681
Apr 3	6:30 pm	Texas Hold'em, 78 Federal Lane, Eug	Pat Tuel	689-0076
Apr 4	6:00 pm	TGIF @ Joggers, 710 Willamette, Eug	Diane Kaufman	484-4365
Apr 5	10:00 am	Hiking: Sweet Creek	Helen Martz	345-6229
Apr 5&6		South Umpqua Wine Tour, Roseburg	Dawn Carlile	686-1421
Apr 9	5:30 pm	Moonlight Snowshoe Pre Trip, Vet's Club	Helen Martz	345-6229
Apr 9	6:00 pm	Altair General Meeting, 1626 Willamette, Eug	Diane Kaufman	484-4365
Apr 11	6:00 pm	TGIF @ Horsehead, 99 W Broadway, Eug	Diane Kaufman	484-4365
Apr 12	5:45 pm	Bowling @ The Firs/Abby's Pizza, River Rd, Eug	Gordon Waske	689-1895
Apr 13	7:00 pm	Hiking Planning Meeting	Helen Martz	345-6229
Apr 16	6:00 pm	Altair Board Meeting, 440 E Broadway, #300	Diane Kaufman	484-4365
Apr 17	6:00 pm	Pinochle, 78 Federal Lane, Eug	Pat Tuel	689-0076
Apr 17	7:00 pm	Biking Planning Meeting, 3322 Twin Elms Dr, Eug	Larry See	510-3846
Apr 18	6:00 pm	TGIF @ Bene, 1665 W 18th, Eug	Diane Kaufman	484-4365
Apr 18-20		Moonlight Snowshoe at Mt Bachelor	Helen Martz	345-6229
Apr 21-24		Sunriver Trip #1	Pete Matthey	(503) 581-4165
Apr 25	6:00 pm	TGIF @ Peabody's, 44 E 3rd, Eug	Diane Kaufman	484-4365
Apr 25-27		Silver Falls Camp Out, Silverton, OR	Tommy Paul	741-3480
Apr 26	10:30 am	Golf @ Sandpines, Florence	Steve Phillips	485-8029
Apr 29	7:00 pm	New Members Social, 78 Federal Lane, Eug	Pat Tuel	689-0076
May 2	6:00 pm	TGIF @ Quacker's, 2105 W 7th, Eug	Diane Kaufman	484-4365
May 3-4		North Umpqua Wine Tour, Sutherlin, OR	Dawn Carlile	686-1421
May 4	1:30 pm	Hiking: Hendricks Park Rhody Festival	Joe Neal	334-6416
May 10	9:00 am	Coast Trip Fossil Hike	Larry See	510-3846
May 14	6:00 pm	Altair General Meeting, 1626 Willamette, Eug	Diane Kaufman	484-4365
May 17	10:00 am	Spring at the Ranch, Sutherlin, OR	Kaye Johns	746-0731
May 18	10:00 am	Hiking: Little River Six Waterfalls Hike	Joe Neal	334-6416
May 19-22		Sunriver Trip #2	Pete Matthey	(503) 581-4165
May 21	6:00 pm	Altair Board Meeting, 440 E Broadway, \$300	Diane Kaufman	484-4365
May 24	8:30 am	Hiking: Gourmet Coast Hike	Demetri Lontos	345-0207
May 31	9:30 am	3 Iron Warm Up, Fiddler's Green	Donna Waske	689-1895
Jun 7	9:00 am	Hiking: Enchanted Valley	Alex VonderHaar	465-1009
Jun 14	1:00 pm	Spring Fling Golf Tourny, Middlefield	Erich Kaufman	484-4365
Sep 19-28		Canadian National Parks	Gary Chaffins	741-8052

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