

September 2020

Hello, fellow skiers,

Thank you all for responding to our query about a potential 2021 ski trip out west. It was a lot to absorb and process. We heard from 70% of the participants from Telluride 2020. Of those respondents 70% said they would not be interested in a group trip in the coming season. Bill and I shared many of the majority's discomforts and, sadly, saw many of the restrictions to be a deterrent. Much of what makes a Western ski trip so enticing is the opportunity to interact and share our passions for the sport together, not only on the slopes but in the social settings as well.

Therefore, we have made the difficult decision that Ski Cruisers and Bill and Cathy Korreck will not be running a trip out west in 2021. We share your disappointment but know you understand the reasoning. The decision was made in the interest of keeping everyone safe as the nation slowly adapts to new protocols. As time goes on we hope to see a healthier environment and a vaccine to protect us all. We remain optimistic about offering a trip in the 2022 ski season.

If you would still be interested in some kind of skiing adventure, we have attached the flyer for a "U-Drive" ski trip to northern Michigan sponsored by Livonia Ski Club and chaired by our own Jim Millman. Many of us are planning to fulfill our need to get out and play in the snow by taking advantage of this opportunity. Maybe we'll see you there! (Note, first payment expected by Oct 1, Final payment by Oct 25)

Take care! Enjoy your families, stay healthy and have Happy Holidays.

Sincerely,

Cathy and Bill Korreck

Report out on August 2020 Zoom meeting

13 members showed up to chat on Zoom in August. Cathy kicked the meeting off with a trivia game. Using their knowledge about skiing, Ski Cruisers (and its Burroughs Employees Ski Club roots), the Metropolitan Detroit Ski Council (MDSC) and COVID news from around the world, Gary Zack, Mark Miller and John Helwig all earned \$10 gift cards for most points scored.

The group learned that Bill and Cathy K. had spoken at length with a tour operator and planned to survey 2020 ski trip participants on their interest in a 2021 trip.

As a group we supported Tom Pakula's suggestion that the club forward a donation of \$250.00 to Lighthouse of Oakland making the case that in these recent times many families have suffered significant financial hardships.

During the "Good and Welfare" portion of our gathering:

Nancy N. shared her hobby in raising monarch butterflies. Woody H. shared his adventures out west with the 4-wheel club. Tom G. shared his explorations of the U.P. and Tony S. shared

some good health news. Barb P. got a terrible case of poison ivy and Diane W. wouldn't let us watch her eat. Bill S. and Linda K. and Mark M. and Lynn W. shared their pups with the viewing audience.

Other news: Tom Pakula is off to Florida until May. Packing up some belongings and getting settled in his new condo. Unfortunately Tom P. still has complications from the shingles he had over 3 years ago. We wish him well. Norm and Janet K. and Barb P. purchased new cars. Tom G. has a new retro styled camper that he can stand up, cook, eat and pee in. Woody is enjoying his retirement.

Treasurer's Report

Tom reports we have forwarded the donation to Lighthouse and also paid the club dues to remain as members of MDSC.

The present treasury balance is \$4902.19

Trip Discussion Update Since August meeting

70% of respondents said they were not interested in a ski trip out west in 2021. Bill and Cathy Korreck made the difficult decision not to run a western ski trip in the upcoming season. Everyone remains optimistic that a trip can take place in 2022.

Skiing Ski Cruisers support Livonia Ski Club's "U-Drive" Up North MI Trip Feb 2021

A tempting alternative to a trip out west is a package at Boyne Highlands. Definitely something a little closer to home, cost effective and less public exposure than an airport or ground transportation bus. You may want to consider the trip offered in the attachment.

Save The Date

We will have another ZOOM gathering on **Wednesday, October 14 at 7 p.m.** Watch for an email closer to the date with a link and passcode to enter the room.

'Til We Meet Again, Take Care, 'Cruisers!