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April 13 EISC Post Party-Lowe Park
April 21/28 – Caribbean Cruise
June 1 – Summer Picnic @ Meadowlark Pavilion/Wanatee Park
June 14 – Camp/Bike @ Decorah
July 13 – Cassville Ferry Sunset Cruise
July 20 – Golf Outing
Aug 31-Sept 9 – Washington DC Trip
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Board Meetings:

The next board meeting is April 10. 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 club contact members@eastiowaskiclub.com - Annual membership: single/\$30 | Household/\$60

Moved/Moving:

Send address change to members@eastiowaskiclub.com

The deadline for the May Skiddoo is April 26.

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President's Message

Happy greetings to all from your club President. When you get a 60's plus sunny day in February you take advantage of a little deck time in the sun. Now it's April already and so thankful how well my last three months have gone. I am finally feeling a lot better since all my radiation and chemo treatments were completed the 15th of March. So, I'm back starting off with writing this month's President's Message and very happy to be back at it. I do have my tired days but overall, I'm doing really good. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again soon, and personally thanking everyone for all the cards and prayers. I cannot begin to say how much they have meant to us – and still do.

I have sure enjoyed seeing the pictures and articles of all the activities and trips the club has done in my absence. In just the first three months of the year, there was a great weekend "Ski and Fun" trip to Minneapolis, a hockey game night, and two weeklong ski trips - one to Beaver Creek and one to Telluride, Colorado. That doesn't even include the monthly member meetings, nothing nights every Wednesday, and the monthly culinary dining nights out. What club could you be a part of where you have so much to do and the year has only just begun. Writing this is my reminder too of how great a club we really have. I also know that all this doesn't just magically happen so my huge Thankyou to all our board, and all our trip and activity chairs.

So, to all those that enjoy running our trips and wonder where are we going next year, don't despair as we are narrowing our list of both ski and non-ski trip ideas. Whitefish, Montana is looking to be our big west trip. It's been 10 or more years since we last went there but I remember how fun it was. The skiing was great, and I know they have added even more runs and lifts plus the village area is even better. We did talk about doing just one big ski trip next year but if we have enough interest and a trip chair we could do a drive yourself trip to a Colorado resort that has nice and good value off mountain condo with good shuttle runs to the mountain. This could be a good second trip option so we could get two ski trips in.

Then to our nonski trips. We are still looking at another motor coach trip with one choice to the southern plantations and New Orleans areas. For a second trip, we are looking at a Canadian Rockies by Rail trip or a New England States tour, or other locations so stay tuned as we narrow down our choices.

Article by **Marty Stimson**

April Birthdays

4/1 – Tom Journot
4/8 – Rick Hurtado
4/11 – Paul Heath, Bill Bonewitz
4/15 – Darryl Hokanson, Lori Huff
4/16 – Gary Dalecky
4/17 – Loretta Conrey
4/20 – Dick Lamb
4/23 – George Van Cura, Laurel Sherman
4/24 – Dennis Bossard



Raymond C Baker III
Brenda Steinke
Jim Steinke

Culinary

The entrees may be a little hard to pronounce at the Vietnamese Pho House but, boy, they sure are tasty. The problem is solved by identifying each entree with a number. Seven EISC foodies came out on March 7th to enjoy the food and camaraderie. The restaurant looks small and simple from the outside but actually has a very nice ambiance inside.

At 6:00pm on Tuesday, April 2nd, we will be dining at Nara Thai, located at 1725 Blairs Ferry Rd in Marion. Given the distribution date of the April Skiddoo (April 1) hopefully you have already contacted Lois at lois@eastiowaskiclub.com with an RSVP if you wish to join us. Or please do so ASAP so we can give the restaurant an accurate headcount. Bon Appetit!

Article by **Lois Kabela-Coates**



EISC Post Party - April 13

Mark your calendars. The EISC Post Party will take place on Saturday, April 13th, at the Lowe Park Arts & Environment Center located at 4500 10th Street in Marion. The theme will be "Kentucky Derby" and you are encouraged to dress the part with your finest derby hats and attire. The meal will be provided by LJ Catering featuring a prime rib and chicken buffet. If you prefer a vegetarian entree, please contact lois@easttowaskiclub.com.

Due to generous memorial gifts from Brian Garbe and Helen Carlson, the cost of this event is being subsidized, therefore the cost to members is only \$15 per person. Members can pay by mailing a check to EISC, PO Box 843, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 53406. Or go on the EISC web site. **Deadline for signup is Wednesday, April 3rd.**

The fun will begin at 5:00pm with a social hour, followed by dinner at 6:00pm. A fun evening of entertainment, games, prizes and a year-end review is being planned and will follow the dinner hour. The club has paid the alcohol permit fee for the evening so you will be able to bring your own beer and wine. However, no hard liquor is permitted. (Note, the club is NOT able to provide any alcohol).

This promises to be a very fun evening. We hope you all can join us. If you have questions, please contact Lois Kabelá-Coates at lois@easttowaskiclub.com.

Article by **Lois Kabelá-Coates**

7-Night | 5 Ports Eastern Caribbean Cruise from the Port of Miami Norwegian Cruise Line "Breakaway" April 21-28, 2024



Twenty-four fellow EISC'ers will be headed to Miami in a few weeks where we will board our ship "the Breakaway" for our weeklong cruise through the Eastern Caribbean.

Watch the May Skiddoo for the summary of this trip!

Article by Bill Clark | non-copyright online photo

EISC Camping/Bicycling/Exploring June 14 & Sept 27

There has been a scope change on the first bicycle trip weekend to Decorah, on the Trout Run trail. The EISC Camping Committee ran into some problems on this weekend as the planned campground was already full. I understand the Camping Committee is looking at alternatives and may have an update in the future.

However, the club has decided to ride the **Trout Run trail and make a day of it anyway. We have decided to meet on Saturday, June 15, at the downtown trailhead for a 10:30 bike ride start.**

We have some rooms at the Quality Inn (information below) that we can check into after the ride. The club has enjoyed riding this trail in the past and is anxious to go back.

The Trout Run Trail runs next to the Decorah Trout Hatchery--the second largest trout hatchery in Iowa. The 11-mile loop around Decorah crosses trout streams five times. The trail follows the Upper Iowa River for its first two miles. As you travel the Trout Run Trail, you might have to remind yourself you're right next to the city of Decorah because of the secluded route the trail takes. The city is close at hand--and so are restaurants, hotels, gift shops, bike shops and several ice cream shops. While you're on the trail look up! You may see the famous Decorah Eagle's nest. Mom, Dad and eaglets live in this six-foot-wide nest weighing more than 750 pounds. While much of the trail is flat, there are sharp switchbacks (tight curves along the trail) that weave you back and forth along beautiful Iowa countryside. There are a few slight climbs as our members from previous trips can confirm.

The Quality Inn and Suites at 705 Commerce Drive, Decorah, IA, 52101, has a block of nine rooms under the EISC name for one night, Saturday, June 15. The rooms will be held until May 15, then released to the public. Apparently, the hotels in Decorah sell out on weekends in the summer. The AARP rate is \$151 a night for a room with twin queens. If you want to stay over with the club, **call - (563) 382- 2269 to reserve your room before May 15.** This hotel is two blocks off the Trout Run trail and right on Hwy 9, five minutes away from Toppling Goliath Brewery. Several members have expressed interest in visiting the brewery again on this trip. There are many other attractions in the Decorah area to explore.

The second camping weekend has been set up for Friday September 27 through Sunday Sept. 29. The camper's plan is to arrive on Thursday again at Howell Station Campground on Lake Red Rock near Pella. Please contact Kim for more information on camping at this nice Army Corp of Engineers Campground. Sept 28 is a Hawkeye bye week. The hotel folks plan to arrive on Friday afternoon, Sept 27 to prepare for the Saturday bicycle ride. Saturday, Sept 28 at 9:00 the EISC will be riding the Volgweg trail that runs from Pella towards the Howell Station Campground and along the north shore of Lake Red Rock. There are many attractions to explore along with all of the Dutch history to learn about & enjoy in the Pella area. The hotel for the members who prefer not to camp will be named later. The group will spend Saturday evening in Pella and plans to return home Sunday, Sept 29.

So far we have six campsites booked with 11 people camping. If you want to camp, it is imperative you get your site secured. We have sites 103-107 and 142 at the Howell Station campground. Contact Kim for more information.

More information on both of these bike rides will be coming in future Skiddoo's. This is a great way to kick off our EISC Camping Committee's first season and keep our members ski conditioning up through bicycle rides. We hope to schedule several training day rides through the summer. Thanks!

Article by **Kim Betts/Steve Cummings**

Cassville Ferry Sunset Cruise on the Mississippi - July 13



We are excited to announce a day trip to the Cassville Ferry for a **sunset** cruise on the Mississippi River. This is a 2-hour cruise that runs from 8:00-10:00 pm, and they allow us to bring our own chairs, coolers (with alcoholic beverages-no glass allowed) and snacks.

The date of the cruise is July 13 with live music performed by Johnny Walker, a well-known musician in Dubuque. The cost is \$15 per person.

Registration/money needs to be turned in by the end of the evening, April 13. Feel free to bring your checks to the post party at Lowe Park or mail them before that to EISC, PO Box 843, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0843 or you can register with credit card on the EISC website.

We will depart from the Marion Walmart at 3:30 pm (carpooling is encouraged but keep in mind you will need extra room for chairs & coolers). Google maps suggests taking highway 13 north out of Marion to Manchester, then heading east to Dyersville then north on 52 to Millville. We will stop in Dyersville along the way for dinner. Then head to the ferry landing. Dinner will be on your own and there are plenty of restaurants in Dyersville, including Happy Joe's, 7 Hills East Brewery, Chad's Pizza, just to name a few.

According to Google, the ferry landing on the Iowa side of the river is about 13 miles SE of Guttenberg (45 minutes), 37 miles north of Dubuque (47 minutes) and roughly 68 miles (1 hour-10 minutes) from Marion. I am giving you estimates to help you decide on where to stay in a hotel overnight or if you want to drive back home at 10 pm when we disembark.

There are several hotels in Guttenberg, including the Eagleview Motel & Retreat (563-252-1653), The Landing (563-252-1615), and the Guttenberg Motel (563-252-1433). There are many more in Dubuque that you can find by searching online.

These are the directions for getting to the ferry landing (taken from the Village of Cassville website): Take highway 52 to Millville. Turn onto C9Y. Watch for the electrical substation and directional signs. The gravel road leads to the Turkey River boat landing, which is where the ferry picks up passengers. Again, if we caravan/carpool, we can make sure everyone stays together and finds the landing. Important note: **we will need to be at the ferry landing at 7:30 pm to board.**

If you are interested in reading more information about the ferry, you can go to the website at <http://www.cassville.org> - Any other questions contact Cathy Dick @ editor@easttowsskiclub.com

Article by **Cathy Dick** | photo courtesy of Cassville.org website

Four Person Best Shot Golf Outing - July 20

The 2024 EISC golf outing will take place on Saturday, July 20 with a shotgun start @ 9:00 am with an 18-hole, 4-person best shot format.

This event will take place at the picturesque Meadowview Golf & Country Club, 1500 East Maple Street in Central City. The cost of the golf outing will be \$40 per person, which will include 18 holes and a cart.



Upon completion of our golf rounds, we plan to proceed to BIT Brewery, LLC

26 4TH ST N in downtown Central City, which is only three miles from the golf course.

Bit Breweries original beers are on tap and their famous wood fired pizzas will be available for purchase. Some great prizes will be awarded to the top performers at the golf outing.

Signup sheets will be available at all meetings and Kim has set it up so you can sign up and pay on line. We will gladly accept cash or checks at the meeting. Get your team together or we will match you up. Looking forward to summer time fun and a great game.

For those interested in doubling your fun - there is a camping event scheduled at Pinicon Ridge on that weekend. If you so desire you could camp and golf the same weekend! Contact Kim Betts for camping details. Sandra Cummings is the Event Leader: Cell – 319-536-5882 / email – sandrella2121@hotmail.com

Article/Photo by **Sandra Cummings**

Washington, DC Bus Tour | Aug 31-Sept 9, 2024

Total Trip Cost | \$2,050 per person, double occupancy

Payment 1 | \$650 due January 20

Payment 2 | \$700 due March 16 (Cancellation date)

Payment 3 | \$700 due June 1

Credit Card Cost | \$2,112 per person, double occupancy

Payment 1 | \$650 due January 20

Payment 2 | \$731 due March 16 (cancellation date)

Payment 3 | \$731 due June 1

First and second payments have now been made, and the March 16 cancellation date has passed. That puts us another step closer to this wonderful trip. The last payment will be due at the Spring Picnic on June 1. We are looking at a fun time ahead. Please feel free to reach out to Sandra Cummings or me with any questions at mary@eastiowaskiclub.com or 319-270-3828.

Article by **Mary Day**

YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED IT...

St. Pat's Themed Member Meeting - Saturday March 16

Around 60 members turned out for the March member meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall. A big thank you to Brenda VanGorp for her master gardener presentation. We had about 20 people attend Brenda's presentation on Perennials.

As always, the snack table was full of delicious treats to eat and many people were decked out in their green attire. A fun time was had by all!

Article & photos by **Cathy Dick**





Telluride Ski Trip February 24 - March 2

This trip did not disappoint! Telluride is one of the most beautiful, scenic places we have skied! The drive into Telluride was beautiful as was the view from the top of the mountain! Every direction you looked was a snow-covered peak!

We arrived at Bear Creek lodge Saturday evening and were greeted with a wine and cheese party provided by a mountain host who gave us a rundown of the area, answered lots of questions as well as providing us all with real paper maps! (Something that is becoming hard to find at most resorts).



We had easy access to the slopes or the gondola via a free on call shuttle. We had the



same driver most of the week, he was even able to locate some of us one evening when we got turned around in the middle village and couldn't find the pickup spot.

The gondola was free for all, ran late into the night and you could take it to the middle village or a 13-minute ride up over the mountain then down into Telluride. Several trips were made into town for shopping, sightseeing or socializing.

The skiing was great! Lift lines were very short and in some areas, we had the slopes to ourselves! We got several inches of snow Tuesday, which made for a fun powder day in and out of the trees.

We did all get together for socializing, a group photo and a lasagna meal one evening. (Thanks

again Jane, it was excellent.)

The condos were all fairly close together and were very nice. They were large and well equipped with a nice pool and a couple hot tubs for us to enjoy. Overall, we had very positive reviews on the trip and everyone seemed to really enjoy the resort. It's somewhere I look forward to revisiting again!!



