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Activities

Nov 14	Sundown Swap Meet 9am-4pm
Nov 19	Member Meeting @ Shores
Dec 17	Member Meeting @ Shores
Jan 15	Chili cook-off
Feb 5-12	Breckenridge Ski Trip
March 5-12	Zermatt, UT
Apr 23-May 1	Belize Trip
July 30-Aug 6	MN Fishing Trip



BOARD MEETINGS

The next board meeting is November 17.

Members and non-members are welcome.

Time and location of the next board

Meeting can be obtained from **Ruth Van Tol**

EISC INFORMATION:

For more information about the EISC contact: mem-
bers@eastiowaskiclub.com

Annual Membership fees: Single - \$30; Household - \$60

MOVED/MOVING:

Send address change to:

East Iowa Ski Club, PO Box 843

Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0843

DEADLINE:

The deadline for the December Skiddoo is November 26.

Contact **Cathy Dick**.

EISC Financials are available on request.

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President's Message

November has always been the least favorite month of the year for me. It is that month where it seemed to be dark when I headed to work and was dark again when I headed home. November always seems to have its' share of cloudy, dreary days. It is that month when the shorts, tee shirts and sandals need to be put away for the jeans, sweatshirts, socks and shoes/boots. It isn't that I don't like winter; I do! I guess it is just that transition phase that isn't so pleasant for me.



What is great about November is that we celebrate Thanksgiving! This year will likely be much different than last since many will feel safer gathering with family, friends and larger groups of people to celebrate the Holiday. We can all be grateful and thankful for so many different things.

One of the ways to show our thankfulness is to share our bounty with those that experience food insecurity. At our November meeting you will have an opportunity to bring nonperishable food items or a cash/check donation made to HACAP. Checks are easier to transport and can be an itemized deduction on your taxes. Monetary donations to the organization can be "stretched" by HACAP with the buying power they have with large food processors. Let's see if we can set a club record it what we donate!

As I shared with you at the October meeting, the election of the board of directors will be in February. I think all of us are happy (maybe even grateful) for the club and the social, ski and traveling opportunities it provides. The club runs on volunteers.

The nominating committee of Steve Cummings, Sally Williams and Brenda Garbe may be tapping you on the shoulder and asking you to consider being a nominee. You don't need to wait to be asked. If you would like to be a candidate for the board; stand up, step up and speak up! Let one of them know you are interested in helping out. You need to have been a member of the club for a year and have an interest in skiing or traveling. Terms are for a two-year period of time.

With the cooler temperatures happening, stay warm and stay healthy!

~Ruth Van Tol

Birthdays – November:

Ange Miller (7th); Jim Landherr (9th); Jill Clark (10th); Becky Gordon & Michael Monroe (15th); Bill Petersen (18th); Gloria Jackson (22nd); Bradley Hess (27th), Don Boland (28th).

FUTURE EVENTS

November Meeting and Annual Food Drive

The November meeting will be at the Shore's Event Center – 700 16th Street NE, Cedar Rapids. Doors open at 7:00 with a meeting at 8:00. This year's **Annual Food Drive** will be collected for our local HACAP chapter. We will be collecting food items or your check donation payable to HACAP. Your check donation will go even further than food items with HACAP's buying power through many local food suppliers. If you miss the meeting, your donation, payable to HACAP, can be mailed to the EISC PO Box.

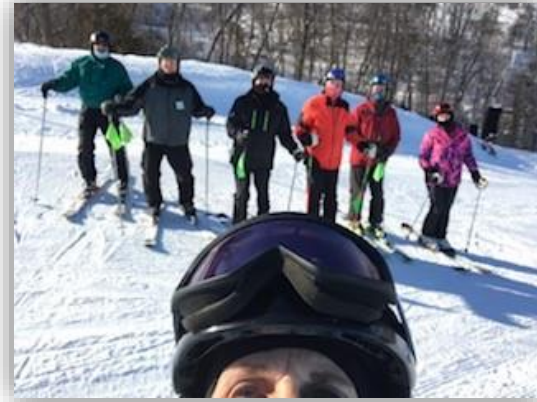
If you missed hearing about any of our skiing or outdoor sightseeing and adventure trips to Belize or Lake of Woods, it's not too late to come to the meeting and still sign up to go.

~ Article by **Marty Stimson**

Sundown Mountain Open House and Ski/Snowboard Swap **November 14 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

The annual **Open House and Ski Swap** is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 14th, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

There will be chairlift rides, food, live music from Casey Klein, and the swap meet to buy/sell gently used ski equipment. This is a last chance to purchase either the Weekend or Weekday Warrior Pass for \$185 and Full Season Pass for \$340 before the final price increase on Nov. 15th. Advanced purchased passes will be available for pick up in the Mountain Center. Make plans to go to the Sundown Mountain Open House & Ski Swap as they prepare for another wonderful season on the slopes. Please go to the www.sundownmtn.com website for all the details on the Sundown Mountain Open House and Ski/Snowboard Swap.



*Sundown Mountain – Dubuque, IA
Nice selfie, Kathy Takes!*

Sundown Mountain Annual Job Fair

The Sundown Mountain Resort 2021-2022 Season Job Fair is Saturday November 6th, 2021 from 10 AM-2 PM. This is an opportunity to interview on the spot for various department positions available for the 2021-2022 season! Please see the website at <https://www.sundownmtn.com/the-mountain/employment/> for more details.

~article/photos by **Steve Cummings** photo by **Kathy Takes**

Breckenridge, CO - Feb 5-12, 2022

One spot still available!

Trip Cost: \$700 - land Only

Cancellation date was October 16

If you plan to ski, you are responsible for purchasing your own lift tickets!!

The first major EISC West trip of the 2022 season is back to Breckenridge! This area has activities for skiers and non-skiers. Breckenridge is a very unique town with a variety of activities available. The towns of Fisco and Silverthorn are also within a 15-minute drive.

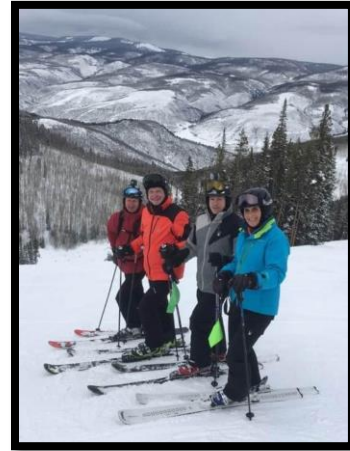
This mountain offers fantastic skiing for all abilities and is spread out over 2,908 acres, which includes five peaks! A new chairlift has been added to Peak Seven this year. It will make navigating the mountain much easier, as well as relieving the congestion at the base of peak seven. There are also groomed cross country and snow shoeing paths located along the base of the mountain.

We have 31 people registered so far, with room for 32. We will be staying in eight 2BR/2Bath suites at the Beaver Run resort. This ski in/ski out resort is one of Breckenridge's most popular.

The Beaver Run Resort offers a variety of amenities including an indoor/outdoor heated pool, a second outdoor pool, nine outdoor hot tubs, an exercise room, video arcade, retail stores, mini market/deli, bars and restaurants, ski and snowboard rental shops and complimentary in-town shuttle.

Parking is restricted during the winter to one vehicle per bedroom at a \$20 per day fee, so carpooling is suggested to keep the cost down.

EISC members will have to order their own Epic passes online. The EISC recommends using the [SKI.com](https://epicikon.events.ski.com/) link <https://epicikon.events.ski.com/> to buy your pass as [SKI.com](https://epicikon.events.ski.com/) offers a credit of \$30 on all Epic (except the Epic Day) Passes, when used on one of the EISC ski trips



For those of you already signed up, please text Kathy with any rooming preferences and we'll do our best to accommodate you!

This is sure to be a fantastic EISC ski trip! We look forward to a great year of skiing!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Steve is no longer able to co-chair this trip, so Kari Wheeler has offered to help.

Kathy Takes (563) 599-2819

Kari Wheeler (515) 444-7442

~article/photo by **Kathy Takes**

Zermatt, UT Ski Trip - March 5-12, 2022

Destination: Zermatt Utah Resort, Midway, UT

Dates: March 5-12, 2022

Address: Zermatt Utah Resort and Spa, 784 W Resort Dr, Midway, UT 94049

Website: Zermatt [resort.com](https://zermattresort.com)

Trip cost:

\$1369 Land/Air | \$456 due at sign up | \$456 due Sept 18 | \$457 due Oct 16

\$920 Land only | \$460 due at sign up | \$460 due Sept 18

Cancellation date: Was Oct 29, 2021

The trip roster is currently at 26 with room for two more!

Flight schedule (as of now):

Round trip CID-PHX-SLC (updated flight information will be listed closer to departure). **Those with American Airlines' Frequent Flier numbers, or Known Traveler Numbers, please submit them to Diane as soon as possible, inspired2explorellc@gmail.com**

Located in Heber Valley, in the heart of the Wasatch Mountains, you will find the Zermatt Resort and Spa.

This is a specially designed European styled vacation offering, featuring lodging in a Swiss inspired village which offers many great amenities. The property is a luxury 4 star, 4 diamond, full-service resort. You will enjoy the on-property indoor/outdoor swimming pools and hot-tubs, wellness center, full-service day spa, pub, two restaurants, a Swiss bakery and complimentary shuttle service to Deer Valley, Park City, Midway and Heber Valley. Our accommodations will feature 2 bedroom/2 bathroom, 1200 sq ft Villas, including full-kitchens, fireplaces, decks/patios and Alphorns.



To date, our uniquely Euro-inspired experience has 26 Adventure-Nauts on the roster, we have room for two more adventure-minded participants.

Besides the outstanding alpine skiing opportunities offered at nearby Park City/Canyons and Deer Valley, our group can participate in many fascinating outdoor activities. Cross country skiing and snow shoeing is available at Soldier Hollow Nordic Center (prime 2002 Olympic venue), Wasatch State Park and Sundance Resort Nordic Center. Snow tubing, snowmobiling, sleigh rides, ice skating, fishing and hiking, are but a few of the alternate offerings. Also, explore the historic village of Midway and quaint offerings of Heber City, to experience great eats, shopping, cool history and cultural influences without the escalated cost of admission compared to Park City.

Something everyone in our group should consider is a "dip your toes" experience at "The Crater", a geothermal, crystal-blue, spring hidden within a 55 foot high, beehive shaped limestone dome located at the Homestead Resort, nearby the Zermatt Resort.

Another highly anticipated, whole group experience, will be a day trip to the Sun-

dance Resort. There will be live participation activities in addition to the alpine, Nordic skiing and snow shoeing, these hands-on experiences include, silver-smithing, cheese and candle making, plus, Steve personally requested goat-Macrame and “vegetables are our friends” sessions. Scenes from “Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid” were filmed here, a visit to the Owl Bar will revive memories.

Lift tickets are not included in the trip package. Park City/Canyons is affiliated with the Epic Pass family and Deer Valley is an Ikon affiliate. Visit the SKI.com link - <https://epicikon.events.ski.com/> to buy your desired pass options. Deer Valley also sells daily lift tickets online, visit their website - deervalley.com

Zermatt Resort and Spa is the perfect accommodation hub for all the adventure and recreation we can pack into a week!

The importance of protecting your travel investment with trip insurance is a worthwhile consideration. Contact Diane for further information.

We look forward to this opportunity as your trip leaders in this Euro-Plan themed experience.

Diane Scholl (319) 270-3765 and Chip Scholl (319) 329-3253

~ Article by **Chip Scholl**, clip art from public domain

Eight Days in Beautiful BELIZE - April 23rd to May 1st

Trip cost:

\$2816 total package, plus travel insurance

\$704 due immediately | \$704 due in Nov | \$704 due in Dec | \$704 due in Jan

Cancellation cost AFTER trip contract is signed, until Jan. 23rd, is \$350 (we still need three people to sign up in order to run the trip)

A Passport is needed – lead times on passports are currently running 14 weeks so you will need to get right on this if you don't have one!

Come join us on an exciting eight-day adventure trip to the beautiful country of Belize. Belize was known as British Honduras for centuries until gaining their full independence in 1981. English is the primary language in Belize and the Country is still part of the Commonwealth of Nations as are countries like Australia, Canada, Bahamas and many others.

You can still register for this trip on the EISC website:

<https://www.eastiowaskiclub.com/> Look under UPCOMING EVENTS, click on “Belize Trip” and on the top, right of the screen, “register now”.

UPCOMING EVENTS	
NOV 19	Member Meeting Member meeting and socializing
DEC 17	Member Meeting Member meeting and socializing
JAN 15	Meeting & soup cookoff - Red Cedar Lodge, Wanatee Park
FEB 5-12	Breckenridge Ski Trip One week in Breckenridge Colorado
FEB 18	Member Meeting Member meeting and socializing
MAR 5-12	Zermatt Utah Ski Trip Week long ski trip
MAR 19	Member Meeting Member meeting and socializing
APR-MAY 23-1	Belize trip
JUN 4	Annual Picnic - Meadowlark Shelter 3 p.m.

EISC Website

We will spend two days at Caye Caulker which is an island with a village off the coast of Belize, located close to the world's second largest barrier reef. Our guide will lead us on a bike tour of the small island where golf cart rentals are also available. If you choose to snorkel you can see manta rays, sea turtles, parrotfish, nurse sharks, and other fascinating creatures as you swim through the warm tropical waters.

In the evening, choose to take a relaxing sunset cruise around the island. You can also opt to join a full-day sailing and snorkeling trip to Hol Chan Marine Reserve—the first marine reserve in Belize. Swim alongside schools of tropical fish in this spectacular natural aquarium and visit the Coral Gardens, perhaps spotting a manatee or two among the vibrant coral formations.

For details on the itinerary go to our EISC ski club site and under UPCOMING EVENTS you will see Belize listed. Click on Belize and it will take you to additional information.

Specific trip insurance coverage **is required** by the tour provider, at an additional cost. To assure there are no problems with coverage you will be required to purchase your insurance thru Diane Scholl who will be using an insurance provider she has used for many years. Trip insurance was NOT included in the trip pricing since the cost varies by the traveler's age.



Trip coordinator: David Meyer (319) 432-8959

~ Article by **David Meyer**, photo by **Tim Westemeyer**

Fishing trip to Lake of the Woods: July 30 - August 6, **2022 Sportsman's Lodge-Baudette, Minnesota** **\$1580/person double occupancy**

First payment: \$553 due immediately

Second payment: \$553 due December 18, 2021

Final payment: \$474 due March 18, 2022 | Cancellation date: Jan. 15, 2022



Sportsman's Lodge



We already have 17 signed up for this all-inclusive (lodging, meals, and fishing) -but drive yourself – trip. This may be the easiest and best trip you could come across to fish and explore one of the most scenic lakes in northern Minnesota – Lake of the Woods. All you need is to pack a suitcase and “drive” to Baudette, Minnesota – an easy 500-mile day trip. This all-inclusive trip includes a double occupancy room in their spacious lodge, all your meals, and four full days of fishing in a guided boat. ***We are also looking for a trip leader.***

The lodge has a total of 30 standard lodge rooms. Each room has two queen beds, a full bathroom, and television with HBO, Wi-Fi, writing table, chairs and a freezer for your daily catch. All rooms are air conditioned; towels are provided and maid service is provided daily.

The meal plan included with this trip, includes three meals each full day starting with dinner on the day you arrive and breakfast on the day you leave. Dinner includes a full salad bar and soup, bread, a nonalcoholic beverage, and your choice from a large selection of steaks, seafood, walleye, chicken or ribs. They also offer a wide selection of wine, spirits, and deserts which can be enjoyed for an extra charge. For breakfast, you can choose from a large selection of egg dishes, omelets, pancakes and more. Lunch is a choice of a box lunch or shore lunch. The “Sandbar” overlooking the water is open from noon until late evening to relax in on your off days from fishing.

You can feel comfortable fishing from a 27’ Sportcraft with onboard restroom, cabin cuddy and covered top. Boats will take six people per boat. No equipment or experience is required. You just need to purchase your own fishing license. Your Coast Guard licensed guide will take care of all your fishing needs including putting you on the fish.

With over 14,500 islands, 65,000 miles of shoreline, and nearly one million acres of water you will appreciate the 200 years of guide experience between all their guides.

You can either carpool, or drive yourselves to Baudette, Minnesota leaving Saturday, July 30th. Check in time is 3:00 pm. You'll just want to get there in time for dinner. You'll depart for home on the next Saturday, August 6th.

Any questions, contact Marty Stimson at 319-389-4156.

~ Article by **Marty Stimson**, photos by **Marty Stimson** with permission from the resort

YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED IT...

Canyonlands Trip - October 4-12, 2021

It was a fun filled, action packed, nine-day tour of the canyonlands, for 24 EISC members!

“Hearing footsteps from behind while hiking on a trail, Ann DeLaney looked back and saw a big, elk buck slowly crossing the path, four to five feet away from her!”

We flew into Las Vegas and spent our first two nights at the Sahara. A lot of walking, shopping, and sight-seeing was done by all. A few people rode the New York-New York roller coaster, LINQ High Roller, Zipline, and went to the top of the Eiffel Tower. A few others took in some the Vegas shows.

Our bus tour began on Wednesday. Our first stop was in Williams, located on Route 66. From there it was on to the Grand Canyon south rim. Mary Day, Barbara Muenster and Chip & Diane Scholl all had helicopter rides of the canyon – they said it was spectacular! The rest of us hiked and looked at the canyon from various vantage points. Hearing footsteps from behind while hiking on a trail, Ann DeLaney looked back and saw a big, elk buck, slowly crossing the path, four to five feet away from her!

Leaving the canyon on Thursday, we stopped at the Desert View Lookout Point for an amazing view. We traveled on to Cameron Trading Post on the Navajo Indian Reservation for a delicious lunch. Many tried the popular “Navajo Fried Bread Taco”. It was unique and tasty. We spent the night in Kayenta/Monument Valley area also on the Navajo Indian Reservation.



Grand Canyon

The next morning, we hopped on four-wheel drive vehicles for a tour of Monument Valley where nine John Ford movies were filmed, including *My Darling Clementine*, *Fort Apache*, *She Wore a Yellow Ribbon* and others. Then it was on to the Page/Lake Powell area. Several members participated in a short hike to Horseshoe Bend Canyon.

The next morning Yvonne Duggan took a helicopter ride that included landing on top of Tower

Butte. Meanwhile, many of us toured the Antelope Slot Canyon which was beyond words. The pictures will best describe it.

Next stop was Bryce Canyon with its eye-catching Hoodoos. The word hoodoo means “bewitch”, which is exactly what these rock formations do when you see them. We looked around, hiked and enjoyed the day.

Zion National Park was our next stop where we had a sack lunch and then headed to various hiking trails. It was another breathtaking park with its steep, red cliffs along the Virgin River. Two of the popular hikes among our group were the Emerald Pools and Riverwalk Trails. It was not disappointing.



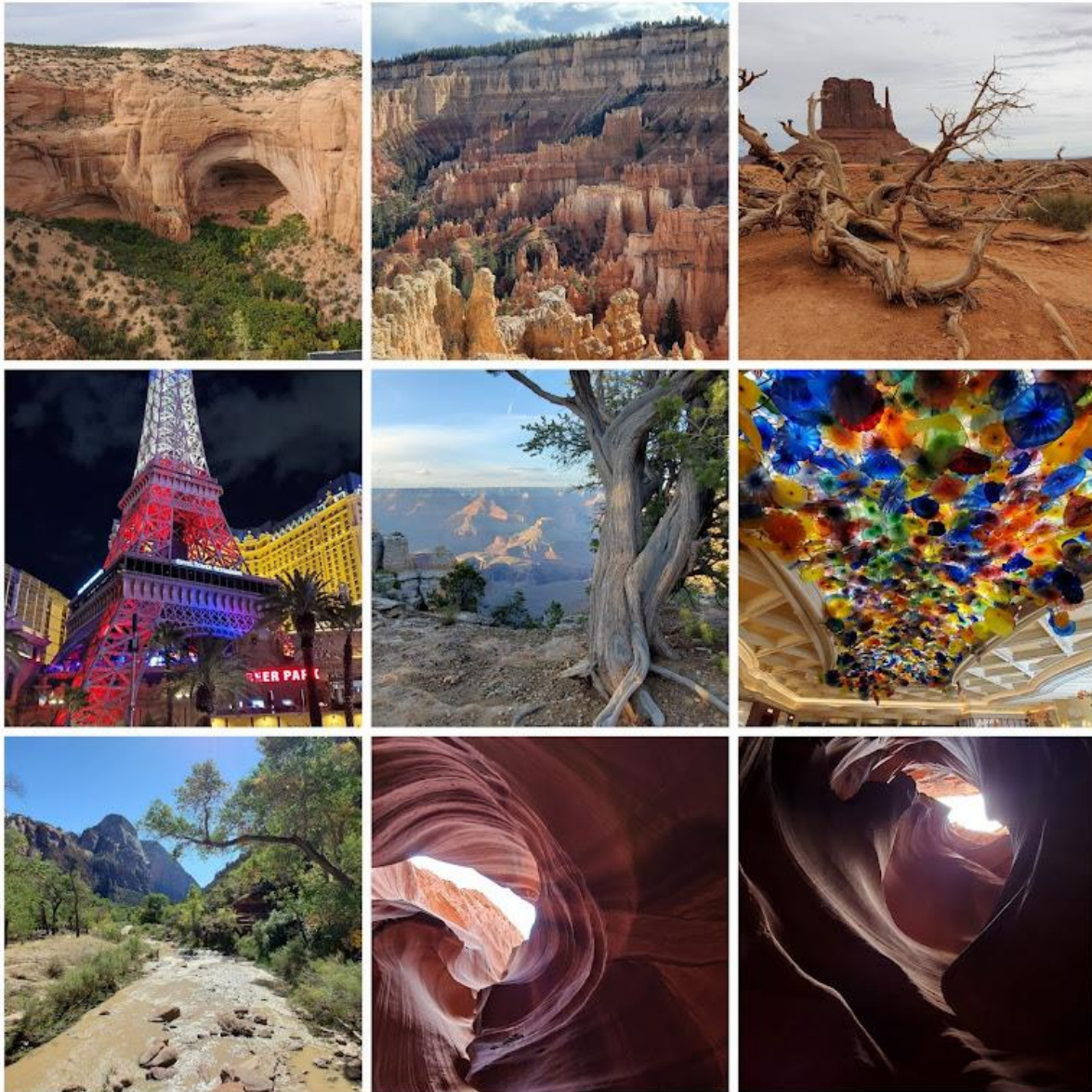
Monument Valley

From Zion we headed to St. George, Utah for the night. While there we got to see Snow Canyon State Park which is a 7,400-acre, hidden gem, for sure, with its petrified lava flows, sand dunes and soaring sandstone cliffs.

The next day, we headed back to Las Vegas for our final night at the Sahara. There were sustained 60 mph winds in Vegas, which made for an interesting evening. Our power went out at 6 pm, the hotel went dark briefly but generators brought the slot machines back on. The lobby was lit, the halls to our rooms were lit but our rooms were dark and the elevators were not working. Thank goodness we were not on the 17th floor like the week before, but most of us were on floors five and eight. Some walked the stairs to their rooms while others waited it out in the lobby until about 11 pm, when the power came back on. On a positive note, one very lucky EISC member won close to a thousand dollars on a slot machine!

It was an exciting moment while we dealt with the inconveniences of the power outage. Overall, it was a fantastic trip!

Photos Top L to R: Pueblo dwelling, Bryce Canyon Hoodoos, Monument Valley, The Paris in Vegas, Grand Canyon, the ceiling at the Bellagio/ Las Vegas, Zion National Park/Virgin River, last two pics: Antelope slot canyon



~ Article and photos by **Cathy Dick**

Fall Bike Ride

On October 18th and 19th, **2020**, it snowed about 2.5 inches in Cedar Rapids.

On October 18th, **2021**, the forecast was for clear skies, light breezes and a temperature of 74 degrees. To take advantage of this beautiful weather a group of EISC bike enthusiasts met at Tait Cummins Park for a bike ride to Solon.



Most of the usual coffee shops/restaurants and bars are closed on Monday in Solon, so we had to search out a new place to stop and refuel. We ended up at ZoETIC COFFEE, a new coffee shop on the South edge of Solon along Hwy 1.

The little girl in the picture is the daughter of the gal that took our picture. The little girl wanted to be in the photo too. It was a perfect day for a 30-mile bike ride!

~article by **Darryl Hokanson**, photo by **Ruth Van Tol**

EISC October Meeting - Saturday, October 23rd - 3:00pm Noelridge Park, Cedar Rapids

We lucked out again with a pretty decent day for the October meeting at Noelridge Park in Cedar Rapids. Fifty people attended to catch up with fellow ski club friends, munch on some good Halloween treats, and sign up for next year's trips. Hope to see everyone at the Shore's Event Center for the November meeting!

~Article by **Marty Stimson**, photos by **Ruth Van Tol**

Photos following on next page...



Member Meeting on October 23rd at Noelridge Park