

SOLAR RAY



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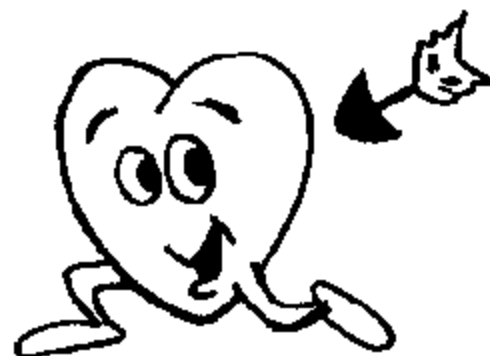
Attention all SOLAR camera nerds! This years photo contest will be held during the February general meeting. I know that there are a lot of you that like to take pictures. This is the perfect time to show off your best shots! The categories will be SOLAR and NON-SOLAR, with subcategories under each being SCENERY, NATURE, PEOPLE, and HUMOR. The rules will be as follows:

- 1.) The photo must have been taken by the person entering the contest
- 2.) All entries must have been taken during the year 2000.
- 3.) All entries under the SOLAR category must have been taken during SOLAR sponsored events.
- 4.) All entries under the NON-SOLAR category must have been taken during NON-SOLAR events.
- 5.) The photographer can enter only one photo per category/subcategory (total of 8 possible entries).
- 6.) The minimum size of an entry is 5x7, which must be matted and /or framed.
- 7.) You must specify at time of entry which category/subcategory the photo is to be entered.
- 8.) All entries must be in before the membership breaks for sign-ups.
- 9.) The judging will be by all members who attend the February general membership meeting.

You may want to cover your photos with a protective plastic to keep mats clean. There will be a winner for each category/subcategory, and an over all winner. Prizes are to be awarded that night.

If anyone has questions, please contact DAVID FOERSTER at 734-306-7887 or 734 453-0692, or e-mail David at DBFOERSTER@JUNO.COM

UPCOMING SOLAR CLUB ACTIVITIES



Feb. 3-4 Enjoying Mich. Winters
Practical #2
Pigeon River State Forest
Tom Oleffe 313-386-0057

Feb. 6 - General Membership Meeting
Program: Annual Photo Contest

Feb. 9-11 VASA XC Ski Trip
Traverse City
Jeff Zabel 810-778-1676

Feb. 16-18 Skiing, X-country, Snowshoeing
Crystal Mountain, Michigan
Mary Dunn 248-585-9954

Feb 17-18 Ice Climbing
Sault Ste. Marie
Non-solar event
Juli Penrod 248-589-2629

Feb. 23-25 - Dog Sledding Trip
Algonquin National Park
Ontario, Canada
Karen Bates 810-323-1346

Feb. 23-25 - Snowshoe/Dog Sled
Hiawatha National Forest
Lisa Boose -

Feb. 23-25 XC Skiing/Snowshoe/Cabin
Wilderness State Park
Amy Pedyk 248-543-9875

Mar 9 - A.Pastula Presentation at Troy R.E.I.
Triple Mountain Summit Expedition
Troy, 16Mile and Rochester
7pm

Mar 16-18 Skiing, X-country, Snowshoeing
Saulte St. Marie
Mary Dunn 248-585-9954

Mar 3 - A Year On The Rock Party
6-11 pm. Hazel Park Comm. Center
Rick Waller - 248-414-6991
Mike Hubbard - 248-356-2990

Apr 7 - Laser Tag
Madison Heights 3:30 pm
Jeff Enterkin 248-399-0396

May 11-13 - Rock Climbing Practical
Laura Albin -



A YEAR ON THE ROCK PARTY!!!

"The Millennial challenge"

March 3, 2000

6:00 pm - 11:00pm

Location: Hazel Park Community Center

620 W. Woodward Hgts.

(exit I-75 at 9 Mile Rd. and take the northbound Service Drive north 1/2 mile to the traffic light/Woodward Hgts.)

Turn west/left. The Community Center is 1/8 mile.)

\$5.00 at the door

Come ROCK with the best. This party is for all "Rockheads" (climbers) and "Rockhead Wannabes"

Bring a dish of FOOD to share and Your Own ADULT BEVERAGE and we will provide the CHIPS, POP & COFFEE. There will be music, dancing, stories, and lots of fun. This party will be a good introduction for those interested in taking the Rock Climbing Class in April. Come ROCK with us!

Contact: Rick Waller 248-414-6991 rciw47@juno.com

Mike Hubbard 248-356-2950 mhubbard@jerviswebb.com

2001 SUBURU NORTH AMERICAN VASA SKI TRIP

AH! Time again for the VASA. This is a fun and challenging event. If you have never done the VASA before, let me describe the experience. The VASA is a timed race. Each participant is given a number and a starting position. The faster established skiers are given an earlier starting position. When the word is given, every skier in your starting group sets off in a mad rush. If you survive this period, you will be well on your way to fame and fortune.

The trail first winds its way up hill through beautiful forestry. After a short while, when you're just getting used to the exercise, you hit the "WALL". A rather large hill with hundreds of skiers crawling upon its rather steep face. Seriously, this is the largest hill on the course, and it really is not that steep.

After the "WALL" you will encounter the free style skiers. These maniacs will pass you like you're standing still, and have the rather annoying habit of discarding water bottles in the middle of the trail. REMEMBER, the 50K skiers will pass you again later.

About every 5K you will pass rest stops that provide bananas, cookies, water and sports drinks. It is highly suggested that you stop, refuel, and drink lots of liquids. It is also important to bring power bars or other energy substitutes to recharge yourself when needed.

The 27K trail is a fun, intermediate course with small ups and downs and curves. There are some open areas, but most of the trail is wooded. The 50K skiers do the 27K trail twice.

At the start of the race, you will be provided with a bag to leave your coat and personal items in. At the finish line, you will find your personal items in a warming tent. Cookies and other refreshments will be available.

This years VASA ski event will occur February 9th, 10th and 11th. On Friday the 9th, I will check in at the Days Inn in Traverse City around 5:00pm. Dinner will be at a local restaurant of your choice. Breakfasts are free at the motel restaurant.

The VASA race is on Saturday, February 10th, between 8:30am and 9:45am. Saturday evening we usually order pizza and socialize in our rooms. Saturday night is the awards ceremony. We usually make an appearance, pick up awards, and check the published race results.

Sadly, Sunday brings about our time to return to civilization. But before you leave try skiing the 27K North Peak Grand Traverse Classic, or join me at Fourbush Corners for some additional skiing.

For additional information check the VASA website: WWW.VASA.ORG or call Jeff Zabel at 810-778-1676.

ACCOMODATIONS: Days Inn
420 Munsen Ave
Traverse City, MI 49686
(231) 941-0208

Has bedroom w/queen size bed, a bedroom w/2 dbl beds,
a Hideaway bed in the living room, small refrigerator,
wet bar, microwave, cable TV

COST: \$70.00 per person

SKIING: \$25.00 for the 12K Fun race
\$55.00 for the 27K & 50K races (each)

This is in addition to the room fee. Each participant is required to register with VASA. You can find an entry form on the web site, or I will have them available at the January meeting.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! REMEMBER, ONLY 12 SPOTS OPEN,
AND MOST ARE ALREADY FILLED.**

LASER TAG

Saturday April 7, 2001

Friendly challenge between the SOLAR club
and the SKIWI's

Armed with a laser pistol and moving through
a DARK MAZE
of NARROW PASSAGES, find the opposing
club and FIRE.

HIT one of the many targets and help your
club be VICTORIOUS.

NEED: 15 People from EACH club

TO: Play 3 GAMES, EAT PIZZA, DRINK
POP, HAVE FUN.

COST: \$19 per person for both CLUBS
MEMBERS.

Day of challenge \$20 PER

PERSON

\$20 For ALL GUESTS

WHERE: LASER QUEST
31401 JOHN R ROAD, MADISON

HEIGHTS

(1/2 mile south of 14 mile on the
west side of the street)

TIME: 3:30 PM (Be on time to register
your code name)

Last game will end at 6 PM.

CONTACT: JEFF ENTERKIN at (248) 399-0696
or E-mail at

Jente69690@aol.com

Ice Climbing

I'm running an Ice Climbing trip
in Sault Ste. Marie, February
17th and 18th. Cost is \$220 and
includes instruction, climbing
gear, accommodations for
Friday night and Saturday night,
and gratuity.

Non-Solar event. My phone
number is 248-589-2629, e-mail
address is juli@mediaone.net.

Many thanks., Julie Penrod
Juli Penrod

Lisa Boose is leading a snowshoeing/dog sledding outing
in the Hiawatha National Forest February 23-25. You
arrive on the 23rd, snowshoe on the 24th, and dogsled
on the 25th... what a trip!

Price is \$490 per person, includes three nights lodging, one lunch
on the trail, guide service, snowshoes, dogsleds, and related
equipment. Breakfasts, dinners, and gratuities not included.
Minimum 5 sign ups. Deposits required by December 10th.

Possible bus transportation at additional cost.

See Lisa Boose at the SOLAR meeting for more info.

WINTER RETREATS

Crystal Mountain Extravaganza

Mark your calendars for February 13-18 and a winter weekend at Crystal Mountain. We will have a choice of cross country skiing on 40 KM of meticulously groomed trails or downhill skiing on 34 slopes including 24 lit for night skiing. Snowshoe trails are available too. Crystal Mountain is 40 miles NW of Cadillac and its terrific cross country trails are not familiar to skiers sticking close to I-75. The cost is estimated at \$70 and will include lodging with 2 people to a room in a nearby motel and Saturday dinner. All trail fees are additional. Call Mary Dunn 248-585-9954 for more information. Final price, maps and sign up at the December meeting.

Fun in Saulte Ste. Marie

What; Cross Country Skiing with option to do Wabos Loppet. Downhill skiing, and snowshoeing is also available.

Take the train from Saulte Ste. Marie to Wabos and back to Saulte Ste. Marie, (approximately 26K) for a \$50.

Each individual is responsible for their own reservation.

Cost increases each month so register early to save. Contact Mary for the form.

This is truly a XC event best suited for skidding for intermediate level skiers. Are you a beginner? Then ski with friends at Saulte Ste. Marie or Hiawatha for a wonderful ski experience.

Lodging: Glen View Cabins, linens and furnished kitchen, laundry, wax room, sauna and hot tub. Four people per cabin. Cost: \$60 for 2 nights lodging and Saturday group dinner. \$30 deposit required at January meeting.

Directions: I-75 North into Canada. Highway 17 North. Cabins are on the left side of the road.

See me if you need a map.

Call Mary Dunn for more info at 248-585-9954.



notice!!

The Rock Climbing Practical originally scheduled for May 4-6 has been changed to May 11-13

JOIN ADAM 'A.J.' PASTULA ON MARCH 9, 2007, AT THE TROY LOCATION OF R.E.I., AT 7 PM; AS HE GIVES A PRESENTATION ON A TRIPLE MOUNTAIN SUMMIT EXPEDITION IN WASHINGTON. NINE PEOPLE TRAVELLED TO SUMMIT MOUNT BAKER, MOUNT COLFAX, AND MOUNT RAINIER. LEARN ABOUT THE TERRAIN, SKILLS, ATTITUDE, AND GEAR NECESSARY FOR THIS TYPE OF TRIP. FIND OUT WHY THE WILDERNESS FIRST AID CLASS (AVAILABLE THROUGH S.O.L.A.R.) IS A GREAT SKILL TO HAVE ON ANY ADVENTURE. SEE THE BREATHTAKING SCENERY THROUGH THE PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY ADAM, AND LEARN ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE FROM A CLIMBERS' PERSPECTIVE. THERE WILL BE A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION.

THE TROY R.E.I. STORE IS LOCATED IN THE SOUTH WEST CORNER OF ROCHESTER AND 16 MI. RD. ALTHOUGH THE PRESENTATION IS FREE, WE WILL BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF MONEY, FOOD, CLOTHING, AND TOILETRIES TO BENEFIT THE GENESIS SHELTERS. GENESIS SHELTERS HELP NEEDY PEOPLE IN THE DETROIT AREA. PLEASE PASS THE WORD ON TO ANYONE YOU FEEL MAY BE INTERESTED.

YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PRESENTER AT WWW.ADVENTURE-GEEK.COM

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

ADAM PASTULA HOSTED BY: R.E.I. 766 E. BIG BEAVER RD
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Meeting Location: Join us on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall, located at 21780 Evergreen Rd., between 8 and 9 Mile R.S., in Southfield at 7:30 PM. Visitors can attend the meetings for FREE. Membership dues are:
Individuals- \$30 annually or \$150 lifetime.
Family- \$45 annually, or \$225 lifetime.



The SOLAR Club is a non-profit organization of people interested in promoting appreciation of outdoor activities through education and practical experience. The club offers educational programs and various activities, which are listed inside.

We sponsor trips as well as informal gatherings to provide an exchange of expertise, experiences, and information. All of these contribute to fellowship among its members.

The SOLAR club activities will enhance and further the skills and information taught in the basic and more advanced classes through active participation.

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