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2004 SOLAR Annual Holiday Party

by Pete Lamb

A large crowd turned out for the annual SOLAR Christmas party. The hall was jammed. The theme was ethnic. By a strange coincidence, most people showed up dressed as mid-westerners. The food, though, was ethnic—Greek salad, Italian pasta and cannolies, Tuscan pies, Lebanese baklava, Thai noodles, Indian curry, and Bavarian chocolate cake. There were unfortunately no French fries. As the tables filled with food and the meeting dragged on, the people on the fringes could not resist grazing on some of the goodies spread out. I almost felt sorry for the people sitting in the middle—unable to sample without getting up



Larry, Pam, & Karen—I want what they drank!

and drawing attention to themselves. And even with all those goodies out there, signups for classes and trips were brisk. I admire those straight arrow SOLARites who will put off eating until signed up to go ice climbing or something. I'm not sure if I have that kind of strength of character.

The chairs were finally cleared away for the serious business of the evening—dancing. It is not common knowledge, but we have some pretty fancy steppers in SOLAR, and they were all out there strutting their stuff to the music and having a great time. The fanciest stepper of all, the Queen of the Tango, was absent this year, and I and the rest of the men of SOLAR missed her sorely. We rallied well, though, and danced until midnight and left just before we would turn into pumpkins.



SOLARites Strutting Their Stuff



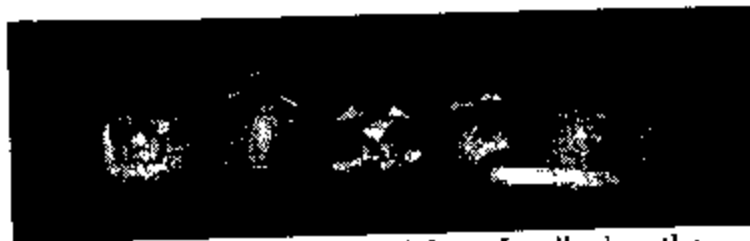
Mike & Cindy Boogie Down

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1. Solar Halloween party 2004—Bald Mountain Recreation Area

by Jim Coe

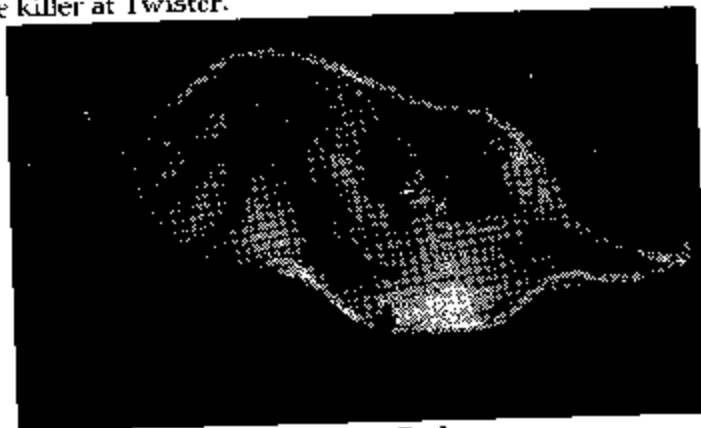


It was a dark and windy night as I walked up the pathway to the group cabins. The wind was whipping the trees back and forth with an eerie mood in the air. On the approach in the beam from my headlamp I could see life size skeletons hanging from the trees. This was the scene leading up to the cabin where Jack Kevorkian had his last assisted suicide. The inside of the cabin was also ghoulishly decorated along with jack o lanterns.



Alligator, Cat in Hat, Baby & Grandma

The guests who arrived were an eclectic mix of characters—Freddy Krueger, Elvis, a wicked witch, an alligator, cat in the hat and his sidekick thing 1, a large baby in diapers that resembled his father Gray. Believe it or not, we also had two peas in a pod (Roselle and Clay), a hippy, and a black belt karate expert who turned out to be killer at Twister.



Peas in a Pod



Eclectic Group

The food definitely matched the crazy mood with a Jell-O that was shaped like brains and lots of other tasty treats. A few were out enjoying the roaring fire down by the lake. As the evening progressed, we played dress the skeleton while blindfolded. The women dressing the male skeleton had to figure out where the banana went. The guys dressing the female skeleton and had to figure out where to put the grapefruits.



Adult Twister

Somehow the Karate expert (Linda Rodrick) and the wicked witch (Libby Neumaier) were the last two left on the twister mat. I think the guys enjoyed that. The costumes were eventually judged for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize, but for some reason I don't remember who won. One of the nicest things about the event was that no one had to drive home since we had the cabins for the night. After all the festivities we headed off to our bunks. I think I can speak for those present that this was one of the most fun SOLAR events we had in 2004. My thanks go to Tom Oloffo for organizing the event and to all those who helped with the decorations.

Dog-Sledding

by Karen Bates

WANTED: Adventure minded individuals who are looking for a new challenge to share with their family, friends and co-workers; who already think you're crazy because you call the Off the Beaten Path Travels "FUN" Come dog sledding this February 11 – 13, 2005 in the Algonquin Provincial Park, Ontario area. You will get to work with a team of dogs while sledding through beautiful snow covered, wooded landscape. Spend a night in the bush in a heated trapper tent. All-inclusive from Friday dinner through Sunday Lunch. Not to mention the trip stories you come back with will raise you to a new level of "crazy" among your family, friends and co-workers. For questions or details contact Karen Bates at lady_musher@yahoo.com or see her at the next SOLAR meeting.



CAVING OR HIKING IN KENTUCKY

ALL LEVELS, NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!!!

KID FRIENDLY, NO PETS

January 28 – 30, 2005

by Penni Lopez

It's that time of year again – time for the 24th annual Carter Caves Crawl-a-thon. What is a crawl-a-thon you might ask — this is an annual event put on by Carter Caves State Park in Olive Hill, Kentucky. It is a great way for people to get acquainted with caving a wide variety of cave tours are offered, ranging from walking tours, a little bit of crawling, a lot of crawling and vertical caving. There are even trips for kids and seniors! If you do not like the underground, join us anyway, as there is some great hiking in the area.

The basic plan is to drive down to the park on Friday, about a 7-hour drive. Rooms are available right at the Carter Caves Lodge, as well as at Carroll's Inn, about 15 miles (around the bend). The cost for 2 nights lodging is \$50 per adult and \$30 per child 16 and under, payable to SOLAR. Since this trip will fill up, only payments in full will be accepted to hold your spot.

You will need to download the crawl-a-thon entry and release forms yourself from www.crawlathon.com, or call the park at (606) 286-4411. Generally the forms are not available until mid December. If you go to the sight before the forms are available, you can sign up to receive notification the very day they are available. You will then need to send in both forms yourself with a check for \$30 (last year's fee, the current fee could be higher) to Carter Caves. Your \$30 includes 2 days of guided caving and a T-shirt from the event. Please DO NOT delay as the trips fill up quickly.

See me at the meeting for a listing of equipment you may need. SOLAR has helmets, knee and elbow pads (limited) and headlamps (limited) that you may borrow. A refundable deposit is required. I do not have enough equipment for everyone, so you will need to reserve in advance. To be fair, those who have not been on SOLAR caving trips previously will get first dibs on pads and headlamps.

Need more info? Contact Penni Lopez at (248) 336-2911 or email me - kavekrawler@yahoo.com



Cross Country Skiing Near Traverse City

Trip leader: Jim Coe

Dates: February 11th Through February 13th 2004

Purpose: Cross country skiing intermediate to advance.

Sign up for a fun weekend near Traverse City staying in a 6 bedroom lodge style home rental located on a lake in Lake Ann, Michigan. Some rooms have just one double bed, some have two single beds and one bedroom has four bunk style beds. We could therefore accommodate up to 12 people, maybe a few more if we have some couples. Cabins are also available next door if necessary. We will plan on sharing the cost and preparation for dinner Friday and Saturday night.

We will be cross country skiing on mostly un-groomed trails in Sleeping Bear Dunes NP, such as Alligator Hill. Several State forest trails are close to the lodge as well. Crystal Mountain ski resort is about a half hour drive away also. Anyone wishing to come for other activities such as hiking or snowshoeing is welcome, but most of the cross-country skiers would leave the snowshoers way behind. The lodge is 3,000 square feet with an up north rustic feel. It has two game rooms, full kitchen, and dining room. You can see the home and check out the virtual tour at www.vrbo.com221861.

Cost estimate (depending on how many sign up) would be between \$55.00 and \$65.00 person (note couples don't count as one even if they share a bed).

Interested persons should contact Jim Coe @ jimc36@comcast.net. Or cell 810-499-5001 home 810-220-5832.

Ski Day & Training

by Larry Mergentime

Cross Country Ski Headquarters

9135 N. Cut Road

Roscommon MI 48653

www.cross-country-ski.com

January 8, 2005

Certified instruction from Jim Bradley in three sessions:

- 10:00 AM – Beginning and Review Instruction
- 12:00 Noon – Intermediate Instruction
- 2:00 PM – Skate Skiing (Advanced) Instruction

Beginners and newcomers may attend all three sessions

We only have room for 30 students. These spots will be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis by paying a non-refundable \$20 deposit upon signup. This is the only way you can secure a spot.

For more info contact: Larry Mergentime at larrymergentime@yahoo.com

- Cost is \$35 if you need to rent equipment. This covers rental, instruction, and trail pass.
 - Cost is \$26 if you do not need to rent equipment. This covers instruction and trail pass.
 - If you rent equipment and decide to purchase skis you can apply \$14 of your rental cost toward your ski purchase.
- This offer does not extend to those not renting equipment.

Solar Hint on Finger Clock by Debbie Zuchlewski.

To estimate the time to sunset, hold your hands at arm's length, palms facing you so that your fingers line up under the sun, parallel to the horizon. Each finger (not including the thumb) that will fit between the sun and the horizon counts for fifteen minutes. Therefore, two fingers are thirty minutes; six are an hour and a half.

Solar Hint on Free Pot Set by Debbie Zuchlewski.

You can use aluminum cans (and a pot lifter) for pots and a tin pie plate as a lid. Bend a spout into one of the cans and call it a kettle. They are light-weight and work well as an alternative to a more expensive or heavier pot set. Only use sturdy cans that have no lining and are manufactured in North America. Don't try to fry in them; it doesn't work.

SOLAR JANUARY 2005 CALENDAR

School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure & Recreation

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

4	TUE	GENERAL MEETING	COLONY HALL	Tom Hayes	thomashayes@wideopenwest.com
4	TUE	Program: West Coast Trail – Vancouver Island by: The West Coast Trail Participants**		Linda Rodrick	lindamra@aol.com
2	SUN	Weekly Hike	Seven Ponds Nature Center	Need a Hike Leader	thomashayes@wideopenwest.com
8	SAT	Weekly Hike	Kensington Metropark	Need Hike Leader	thomashayes@wideopenwest.com
13	THUR	Thursday's Unique Dining	Fiddler Restaurant	Mark Mirzolan	Merz69@yahoo.com
14-17	MULTI	Wilderness State Park "Ski-in"	Straits Region (Mackinaw City)	Mike Banks	Slywolfe52@yahoo.com
14-17	MULTI	Ice Climbing	Mad Moose Lodge, Ontario	Pete Lamb	petekandu@yahoo.com
15-23	WEEK	Winter Ski/Outing trip**	British Columbia, Canada	Chip Kleinbrook	mrchip1234@aol.com
16	SUN	Weekly Hike	Lyn Oaks County Park	Need a Hike Leader	thomashayes@wideopenwest.com
22	SAT	Weekly Hike	Orion Oaks County Park	Need a Hike Leader	thomashayes@wideopenwest.com
27	THUR	Thursday's Unique Dining	Beaver Creek Restaurant	Mark Mirzolan	Merz69@yahoo.com
28-Feb. 7	WEEK	Cross Country Skiing**	Seefeld, Austria	Leslie Cordova	lestiegene@aol.com
28-30	WKND	Annual Carter Caves Crawlathon	Kentucky	Penni Lopez	kavekrawler@yahoo.com
30	SUN	Weekly Hike	Ortonville State Rec Area	Need a Hike Leader	thomashayes@wideopenwest.com

JANUARY CLASSES

5, 12, 19, 26	WED	SOLAR Basic Mountaineering & Safety Class	Moosejaw- Birmingham, MI	Lou Szakal	everest2006@aol.com
6, 13, 20, 27	THUR	SOLAR Winter Backpacking -Class	EMS, Farmington Hills	Tom Oloffo	mcmountainman@yahoo.com
8	SAT	Ski Day and Training	X-Country Ski HQ Roscommon, MI	Larry Mergentime	larry.mergentime@charter.net
22-23	WKND	SOLAR Winter Backpacking -Practical #1	Waterloo State Park	Tom Oloffo	mcmountainman@yahoo.com
29-30	WKND	SOLAR Basic Mountaineering & Safety Class - Practical #1	Island Lake State Rec. Area	Lou Szakal	everest2006@aol.com

ATTENTION ALL SOLAR MEMBERS!!!!

As of January 1st, 2005, all 2004 annual memberships will have expired. Be sure to stop by the Membership Table at the General Meeting on February 3rd to complete an application or mail your completed application to Penni Lopez, 22801 Tulane, Farmington Hills, MI 48336, along with a check or money order made out to SOLAR.

To request an application form through e-mail, contact either Mary (flumprice@ameritech.net) or Pete Lamb (petekandu@yahoo.com).

Prices remain: \$40 for a single membership, \$55 for Family, \$175 for Single Lifetime, and \$250 for Family Lifetime. Don't miss out on the upcoming classes or trips because you haven't renewed your membership.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

1	TUE	GENERAL MEETING	COLONY HALL	Tom Hayes	thomashayes@wideopenwest.com
1	TUE	<i>Program: Working Canines- Training & Vet Care</i>		Linda Rodrick	lindamra@aol.com
5	SAT	Weekly Hike	Maybury State Park	Need a Hike Leader	thomashayes@wideopenwest.com
6	SUN	Super Bowl Party	Howell	DeFrance's	mcodefrance@aol.com
9-16	MULTI	Winter Carnival	Michigan Tech- IIP	Mike Hobig	mehobig@ford.com
10	THUR	Thursday's Unique Dining	Everest Express Rest.	Mark Mirzorian	Meiz69@yahoo.com
11-13	WKND	Dog Sledding	Algonquin Prov. Park, Ontario	Karen Dates	lady_musher@yahoo.com
11-13	WKND	X-Country Ski	Lake Ann, MI	Jim Coe	jimc36@comcast.net
13	SUN	Weekly Hike	Proud Lake State Rec Area	Need a Hike Leader	thomashayes@wideopenwest.com
18-20	WKND	Xcountry Skiing & Snowshoeing	Hartwick Pines	Maria Edwards	mariaedwards@peoplepc.com
19	SAT	Weekly Hike	Seven Lakes State Park	Need a Hike Leader	thomashayes@wideopenwest.com
24	THUR	Thursday's Unique Dining	Blue Nile Restaurant	Mark Mirzorian	Meiz69@yahoo.com
25-27	WKND	Xcountry Skiing & Snowshoeing	Hartwick Pines	Pam Riehl Szakal	pariehl1@netscape.net
27	SUN	Weekly Hike	Brighton State Rec Area	Need Leader	thomashayes@wideopenwest.com

FEBRUARY CLASSES

4-6	WKND	SOLAR Winter Backpacking - Practical #2	Pigeon River	Tom Orloff	mcmountainmar@yahoo.com
9	WED	SOLAR Basic Mountaineering & Safety Class	Moosejaw-Birmingham	Lou Szakal	everest2006@aol.com
11-13	WKND	SOLAR Basic Mountaineering & Safety Class - Practical #2	Nordhouse Dunes	Lou Szakal	everest2006@aol.com
15	TUE	Wilderness First Aid Review Class	Christ the King Koelzer Hall	Mary Egan Price	mathilcet@Sbcglobal.net
26	SAT	Enjoy a Winter Day- Hiking & Safety	Maybury State Park	Michelo Ganske	boundarymonn@tamvid.com

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES /CLASSES

March 18-20	WKND	Wabos Loppett	Sault Ste. Marie, CA	Mike Banks	Slywolfe52@yahoo.com
Mar 30, April 6,13,20,27	WED	Rock Climbing Class Sign up in Dec.	Moosejaw, Birmingham	Pete Lamb	petekandu@yahoo.com
Jun. 18 - Jul. 2	MULTI	Multi activity: Hiking, Biking, Wine Tasting - FULL	Tuscany, Italy	Pete Lamb	petekandu@yahoo.com

Articles due Jan. 7 for the February RAY. Please send to Pete Lamb at petekandu@yahoo.com

FOR INFORMATION ON JOINING THE SOLAR CLUB, CONTACT PENNIE OPEZ (248) 477-7547 OR VISIT WWW.SOLAROUTDOORS.ORG

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP PLAN OR LEAD A SOLAR ACTIVITY, CONTACT PAM RIEHL SZAKAL AT (248) 685-0367 OR SEND EMAIL TO solaractivities@netscape.net
SOLAR HAS A NO-REFUND POLICY. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND AN ACTIVITY YOU MAY "SELL YOUR SPOT" TO ANOTHER CLUB MEMBER

** DENOTES NON-SOLAR ACTIVITY (Solar will not be held responsible for these activities)

SOLAR Program Schedule
From the SOLAR Program Director
Linda Rodrick

JANUARY PROGRAM:

The "West Coast Trail" presentation
By: Tom Oloffo and fellow participants

Last summer two Solar groups hiked the beautiful and highly challenging West Coast Trail. If you participated in one of these trips, please join in sharing your experience. If you haven't hiked this trail, you won't want to miss hearing about this adventure!



West Coast Trail

Note: The photo contest has moved from January to the May meeting and is now held along with the annual steering committee elections.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

February: Canines of SATRA (Safety and Technical Rescue Association)—includes breeds and temperaments, canine training, search and rescue incidents, hazards, scent demonstrations and more!

March: "The Haute Route" presentation by fellow trip participants

Please note: All programs take place at Colony Hall immediately following the SOLAR business meeting.

Samples from the West Coast Trail

Pictures by Don Wold



Dave, Pete, Don, Moe at Trail Start



Beach Vagrants



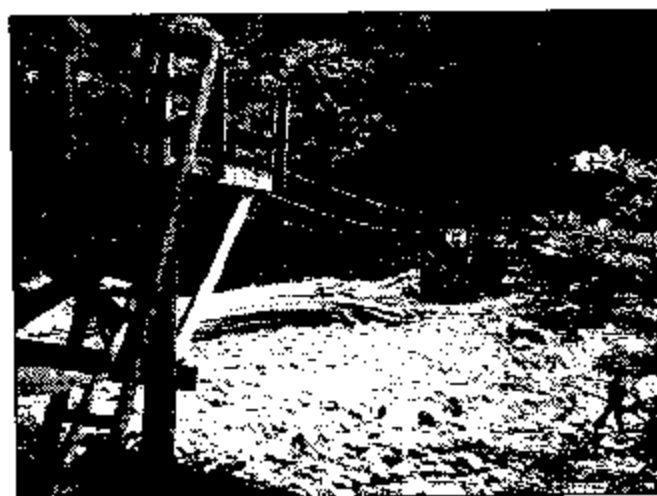
Hiking the Shelf



Sea Cave Silhouette



Salmon or Crab Barbecued to Go



River Crossing

Hiking Schedule: January – March

Any one wishing to volunteer to be hiking leader, please let me know what week you are available so we can up-date the information. All hikes are at 9:30 a.m.

Reggie Hayes e-mail-thomashayes@wideopenwest.com



Sun. Jan. 2nd Seven Ponds Nature Center Hike leader: *Needed*
I-69 to M-24 to Dryden Rd., then east 7 miles to Calkins Rd. then 1 mile south to the nature center. Hiking Trail Difficulty: *Easy*

Sat. Jan. 8th Kensington Metropark Hike leader: *Needed*
Exit I 96 at Kent Rd, exit 151. Meet in the first right hand side parking lot past the golf course. Hiking Trail Difficulty: *Easy to moderate.*

Sun. Jan. 16th Lyon Oaks County Park Hike leader: *Needed*
Entrance on Pontiac Trail, just east of Old Plank Rd. Park is bordered by I-96 on the south. Old Plank Rd. on the west, Pontiac Trail on the north. Hiking Trail Difficulty: *Easy to moderate.*

Sat. Jan. 22nd Orion Oaks County Park Hike leader: *Needed*
I-75 to Baldwin Rd., north about 3.5 miles to the park entrance. Trailhead parking at Baldwin Rd. Hiking Trail Difficulty: *Easy*

Sun. Jan. 30th Ortonville State Recreation Area Hike leader: *Needed*
Between Flint and Pontiac, 2 miles north of Ortonville and east of M-15. Just east of Sands Rd. on State Park Rd. Follow the main road to the parking lot at the end. Hiking Trail Difficulty: *Moderate to Difficult.*

Sat. Feb. 5th Maybury State Park Hike leader: *Needed*
5 miles west of I-275 on 8 Mile Rd., between Napier and Beck Rds. Trail head at first parking lot far right corner. Hiking Trail Difficulty: *Easy to Moderate*

Sun. Feb 13th Proud Lake State Recreation Area Hike leader: *Needed*
From I-96 take Wixom Rd., exit 159 north about 6 miles to the park. Follow the signs to the Annex parking. Hiking Trail Difficulty: *Easy to Moderate.*

Sat. Feb. 19th Seven Lakes State Park Hike leader: *Needed*
Exit I-75 at Grange Hall Rd. then go 6 miles west to Fish Lake Rd. then north on Fish Lake Rd. 1 mile to park entrance. Follow signs to the boat launch trailhead. Hiking Trail Difficulty: *Easy to Moderate.*

Sun. Feb 27th Brighton State Recreation Area Hike leader: *Needed*
West from Brighton on Brighton Rd. about 4 miles to Chilson Rd. then south 1.5 miles to Bishop Lake Rd. then east to Bishop Lake Rd. picnic area parking lot. Trail head on the south end. Hiking Trail Difficulty: *Easy to moderate.*

Sat. Mar. 5th Pinckney State Recreation Area Hike leader: *Needed*
From US-23 west on N. Territorial Rd. about 10 miles to Dexter-Townhall Rd. turn north for 1.2 miles to Silver Hill Rd. bear left to parking lot at Silver Lake Beach. Hiking Trail Difficulty: *Easy to Moderate*

Sun. Mar. 13th Island Lake State Recreation Area Hike leader: *Needed*
I-96 to exit 151 at Kensington Rd. then south to the park entrance. Follow the signs to Riverbend picnic area. Hiking Trail Difficulty: *Easy to Moderate*

Sat. Mar. 19th Heritage Park-Farmington Hills Hike leader: *Needed*
On Farmington Rd. Between 10 and 11 Mile Rds. Meet in front of the visitor center. Hiking Difficulty: *Easy.*

Sat. Mar 26th Bald Mountain State Recreation Area Hike leader: *Needed*
From I-75 to M-24 north. North Unit. Harmon Rd. Parking Lot. Hiking Trail Difficulty: *Easy to moderate.*

Thursday's Unique Dining

By Mark Mirzoin

BY POPULAR REQUEST! I would like to introduce what I hope will become a SOLAR tradition. We will try this for four dates initially, and if successful, we will plan more dates for the rest of the year.

January 13, 2005 "Russian"

7:00 pm Fiddler Restaurant

6576 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield, MI

(248) 851-8782

(West side of Orchard just south of 14 mile. In the strip mall beside Papa Romanos pizza)

Meals range from \$15.00 to \$20.00

RSVP by 5:00 pm. Jan. 12th to Merz69@yahoo.com

January 27, 2005 "Wild & Non-Wild Game"

7:00 pm Beaver Creek

1639 Wayne Rd., Westland, MI

(734) 722-5330

(West side of Wayne about a 1/4 mile south of Ford Rd.)

Meals range from \$7.00 to \$17.00

RSVP by 5:00 pm. Jan. 26th to Merz69@yahoo.com

February 10, 2005 "Nepalese"

7:00 pm Everest Express Restaurant

23331 Orchard Lake Rd, Farmington, MI

(248) 474-8024

(West side of Orchard just north of Shiawassee Rd. In the tiny strip mall.)

Meals range from \$20.00 to \$30.00

RSVP by 5:00 pm. Feb. 9th. To Merz69@yahoo.com

February 24th, 2005 "Ethiopian"

7:00 pm Blue Nile Restaurant

345 W 9 Mile Rd, Ferndale, MI

(248) 547-6699

Call for Directions

Meals range around \$17.00

RSVP by 5:00 pm. Feb. 23. To Merz69@yahoo.com

These dinners are not limited to SOLAR Members only. So, bring a friend and enjoy a nice night out with friends, old and new. Solar Thursday's Unique Dining is a great way to relax from the week, enjoy camaraderie and have a GREAT dinner!

After each week's dinner, a brief review of the event will be sent out via email.

Tab's will be broken up into groups of four. Please expect to pay 25% (6% tax & 19% tip) in addition to your meal and drinks.

BRING A KID TO SOUTH MANITOU: MAY 2005

by Vida Ruggero

My son is often the only kid at very cool outdoor events, such as the Oct. Lunar Eclipse canoe outing and Oct. 2003 North Manitou. He really wants to go to South Manitou this spring, so I am looking for experienced backpacking adults with kids ages 8-13 who want to escape TV, phones, video games, traffic and large crowds and get out to have some real fun! (The kids don't have to be yours, but you do have to at least know them!) This could be a great opportunity to spend some "quality time" with a child in your life. The nearest campsite is one mile from port so you can hike as much or as little as you like. Some other fun ideas include a scavenger hunt, night hike to the cemetery, summit the dunes, wildflower hunt, campfire story telling, and PRIZES! Further details to come, but please contact me if you are interested: rageti@hotmail.com or 810-923-3839. Some ideas about how to backpack with kids will be provided but you yourself must have the skills to care for you and a child in the backcountry.

Important Parking Notice

Because of Snow Clearing, Southfield is strictly enforcing this ordinance!!!

The City of Southfield has posted NO PARKING signs on the side street next to Colony Hall. The city is enforcing this new ordinance by issuing rather costly parking tickets. Please try to park in an orderly fashion in either the paved parking lot or on the lawn. We need to park as many cars in these two areas as possible.

Ice Climbing Martin Luther King Weekend

by Pete Lamb

Meet at the Montreal River at the top of Lake Superior for a weekend of ice climbing on January 14th to 17th. Martin Luther King weekend.

No experience is necessary and equipment can be rented at the Mad Moose Lodge where we will also be staying in cabins or the lodge.

I strongly recommend this weekend to mountaineering class members.

Prices vary, a rustic, wood-heated cabin (you gotta be tough is \$15). A cabin that sleeps as many as you care to jam in is \$90 per cabin. You can wallow in the lap of luxury for \$60 per room (sleeps two) at the lodge. Meals are available or cook your own.

Signups at January meeting or contact Pete Lamb at 248 644-5831 or Petekandu@yahoo.com.



Getting There



Mad Moose Scenery



Good Technique

Climbing Really Rocks

by Pete Lamb

After an absence of several years Rock Climbing classes will resume.

Where
When

Moosejaw on Woodward between 14 and 15 mile next to Borders Books.

Starting on Wednesday 30th of March for five consecutive Wednesdays until the 27th April. 30. 6:00 till 9:00. A final practical Friday 29th April until May 1st at either Mad Moose or West Virginia.

There is also a one day practice at a local park.

Cost

\$150. Signups at January meeting or e-mail Pete Lamb at petekandu@yahoo.com. Signups are invited to a local climbing wall prior to class starting: date to be determined.

SOLAR is a non-profit Club with 400-plus members dedicated to the intelligent enjoyment of nature and outdoor pursuits.

Membership is only \$40 a year per person (\$55 per family) and includes discounts to a number of retail outfitters, access to club-owned equipment, a monthly newsletter, and a chance to meet hundreds of other like-minded adventurers drawn together by a common love of pristine lakes, breathtaking vistas, virgin forests and scenic shorelines, and the experiences to be found there.

SOLAR MEETINGS

Are held the first Tuesday of every month in Southfield at the Colony Hall, 21700 Evergreen (between 8 & 9 Mile Roads) at 7:30 p.m. Visitors can come in for free.

Solar Steering Committee

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SOLAR Steering Committee Meetings The Steering Committee meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. These meetings are usually open to the general membership. Anyone who is interested in learning what topics are discussed, the decisions being made, or contemplating running for a position on the Steering Committee, is welcome to attend. If you are interested in attending the Steering Committee Meeting, contact Tom Hayes at (586) 778-3539 or thomashayes@wideopenwest.com.

SOLAR RAY is a monthly publication of SOLAR and is sent free to current dues-paid members. If you change your address please tell the membership chairperson, Penni Lopez at kavekrawler@yahoo.com

Submission Guidelines:

(Submissions are due on the Friday two weeks prior to the monthly Steering Committee Meeting (January 7 for February issue). Electronic files accessible to Word are required.) Pete Lamb, 409 E. Southlawn, Birmingham, MI 48009 Or call 248-644-5831 E-mail: Petekandu@yahoo.com

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