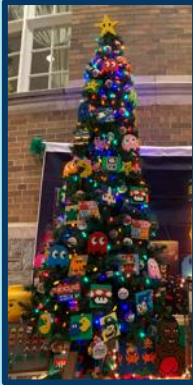




The Roanoke Skier & Adventurer

The Monthly Newsletter for the Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club

December 2023



President's Message

"To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold". *Aristotle*

I will tell you being from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, standing out in the cold from October through April (and sometimes May) was a given. When you live in that climate, you must "play" out in it, or you will go crazy! We rode our snowmobiles on the frozen rivers and through the wooded trails to meet friends at hunting camps.

Jerry became a National Ski Patrol member for 25+ years helping damsels in distress, some skiers who perhaps had too much drink, or kids wrecking their collar bones while snowboarding. Our family skied every other weekend which created many memories we treasure. So, play outside this winter, friends!

May your December be filled with love, happiness, and peace as we look forward to the

Miracle of the Holiday!



Jill

**Jill Betters,
President**

Checkout more
Board Member
Introductions on
page 5.

To actively promote and engage our members' appreciation of the outdoors, our love of skiing, travel, and adventure.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2023

Holiday Party with Dining and Dancing

- Wednesday, December 6th, 6:30-8:30pm
- At The Taubman
- Tickets – SOLD OUT



Happy Hour

- Monday, December 18th, 5:30pm
- Hotel Roanoke, 1882 Lobby Bar
- 110 Shenandoah Avenue, Roanoke
- Light hors d'oeuvres are available for purchase at the Lobby Bar.
- If you would like to make dining reservations at The Regency Room or The Pine Room, call 540-853-8280.
- Emily Hurst hosting
- Bring your camera and stroll the halls for the beautiful FESTIVAL OF TREES - FASHIONS FOR EVERGREENS.



EVENTS

- **Operation Warm, November – December** *See page 3 for details.*

FUTURE EVENTS – 2024

Membership Meeting at Grandin Theater

- Wednesday, January 10, 6:30pm
- Free Movie, starts at 7:00pm
- Visit one of the recommended local restaurants for happy hour/dinner before the movie.
- Recommendations include Community Inn, Village Grill, Taaza, Grace's Place Pizzeria, Rockfish.
- Allow 90 minutes for your meal.

FOR SALE!
SKI ROLLER BAG
See page 17

Stay tuned for upcoming fun Winter events!

Keep an eye on the Facebook Page for last minute events we may put together!

Please assess your own risk with regard to participating in RSAC activities.

OPERATION WARM

Happy Fall

The holidays are almost here and RSAC is starting the Annual Warm Winter Coat Campaign for Roanoke City Schools.

PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR \$5,000 GOAL

You can donate with a credit card by clicking the button below
or by mailing a check to:

Operation Warm

210 South Main Street, Blacksburg VA 24060


The children thank you for your continued support!



\$5,000 IS OUR 2023 GOAL!

We raised \$ 4,587 providing 180 warm winter coats in 2022

Operation Warm is dedicated to providing warmth, confidence, and the hope of a brighter future for our local Roanoke City children. Together with RSAC the gift of a brand new winter coat will make a positive difference and empower children towards success.



Donate Here

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME 3 NEW MEMBERS!

JEANELLE & PETE CORRIGAN

CHARLENE FLICK

JANE WEISMAN



CONGRATULATIONS!

Members, please reach out to these new members and welcome them to the club.

Total Active Members: 447

If you need help with your online profile, please contact me.

Susan Young

Membership Director

rkeski.membership@gmail.com

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Watch for an email blast about board/card games being held at Frank's Pizza on Brambleton Avenue.

Please be thinking of your favorite games that you can teach other club members!

Cathy Kern

Activities Director

Board Member Introductions

RSAC has a 13-member Board. Each month we'll introduce a few.....

BOB STRICKLAND (Adventure Trip Director)



Karen and I moved to Roanoke from the seacoast of New Hampshire in December of 2007. After several months here we heard about the Roanoke Ski Club and decided to attend a monthly membership meeting. Following that meeting we joined the club and signed up for our first club ski trip to Snowshoe. Several of the people we met on that trip are now some of our best friends. Since joining the club, we have participated in several ski trips and three adventure trips. As club members we have been busy supporting the club by working the club booth/tent at GO Fest and other local events. Karen has also served as the club membership director for a number of years, and I am about to start my second year as the Adventure Trips Director. Travel is a passion of ours, so we are always ready for the next trip. Our trips with the club have all been uniquely different and enjoyable so it is difficult to pick a favorite.

BILL HAMILL (Webmaster)



Bill grew up in Roanoke. Upon graduating from Virginia Tech with a degree in Mechanical Engineering he worked for regional architecture engineering company Hayes Seay Mattern and Mattern. HSMM later merged into international giant AECOM. He has designed heating ventilation and air conditioning systems for numerous renovations and new buildings for the federal government and institutions. He worked on the Pentagon Building renovation with the first wedge completed just before 9-11 and worked on the recovery and reconstruction efforts. His most iconic local building is the WDBJ studio. Other buildings have been around the US and the world, including offices, labs, US embassies, and military facilities around the US and the world. Notable travel destinations for work have included Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Djibouti and the non-public side of DC. He joined the Club about 15 years ago and visited Whitefish, Montana and Fernie, British Columbia on the first western ski trip, with many memorable trips since. The favorite destination has been Snowmass. Other interests are whitewater paddling, cycling, and home snow making. He has served as Webmaster of the club since 2019.

NEWS

Members Meeting at Roanoke Country Club, November 4th

123 members attended the meeting. Light refreshments were served. The revised seating layout for the meeting worked well for everyone to hear everything. The presentation, “*Tips for traveling light or how **not** to be a Sherpa Traveler*”, was given by Kate Steinbacher on how to pack for various trips without taking your entire wardrobe with comedic suitcase drama by our own President - Jill Betters.



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Clive Hillyard, Mark Hanson



Happy Hour at Crab du Jour, November 21st

Over 40 people enjoyed drinks and dining at Crab du Jour. The conversations included upcoming Thanksgiving plans and December happy hour at Hotel Roanoke - which is always a favorite.

Emily Hurst, host



PHOTO Credits
Emily Hurst, Clive Hillyard



Activity - Carvins Cove Hike, November 12th

16 members led by David Oliver hiked the trails at Carvins Cove on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

Cathy Kern

Activities Director



PHOTO Credits
Jill Betters

SKI TRIPS 2024

Tune your skis and snowboards.

All western resorts are open, and Snowshoe Mountain, WV opens Dec 2nd.
Ski season has arrived!

Our three western ski trips are sold out but you still might be able to jump on a trip if you get on the wait-list. We often have last minute openings due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts. Contact the trip leader to add your name.

We are halfway to our goal of donating 200 brand new winter coats to underprivileged Roanoke City School Children.

Calling all Skiers and Adventurers to please donate to the RSAC Operation Warm Campaign. Click the link in this Newsletter to donate and help us provide Warm Winter Coats for our underprivileged Roanoke City School Children. Donate a coat and keep our children warm this winter.

Marla Kemsey
Ski Trip Director

What do you call a slow skier?

A slopepoke :-)

SPECIAL SNEAK PEEK

The 2025 Snowmass Ski Trip has been booked for February 22 - March 1, 2025

2024 SKI TRIPS SUMMARY



Jan 27th - Feb 3rd

We will have a memorable week at The Zephyr Mountain Lodge, the premier ski in/ski out Winter Park four star destination. Enjoy spectacular mountain views from the 3 bedroom condos with a fully equipped kitchen, fireplace, and a short distance to the Village restaurants and shops. Experience a scenic 10-person gondola ride from the Village at Winter Park up to an elevation of 10,700 feet.

Trip Leader: Ted Borny

Winter Park

January 27 – February 3, 2024

Trip Leader: Ted Borny

This trip is full.



Feb 25th – Mar 2nd

Just ask anyone who's been to Snowbird-Alta and they'll tell you three things stand out: the snow, the terrain, and the tram. With 500" of annual snowfall, 3,240 feet of vertical, 4,700 skiable acres, and a tram that takes you to Hidden Peak at 11,000ft, this is a skier's dream week. Stay at one of North America's most iconic ski lodges, The Cliff Lodge, a luxurious four star ski-in/ski-out hotel with three restaurants, two lounges, and two swimming pools.

Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey

Snowbird - Alta

February 25– March 2, 2024

Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey

This trip has openings.



Mar 2nd – Mar 9th

Enjoy 7 nights in the town of Ogden UT with its rich history of a lawless frontier town and larger-than life legends. Ski 4 days at Snowbasin, the site of the 2002 Winter Olympics with the Men's and Women's Super-G downhill, with wide-open bowls, world class groomers, and steep tree runs. Powder Mountain is North America's largest ski resort with 8,484 skiable acres and on the busiest day you will only find one skier per two acres. Ski the back country for one of the most unique ski days you will ever experience.

Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey

Snowbasin, Powder Mountain

February 25– March 2, 2024

Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey

This trip is full.



Two Week Ski Trip February 25th – March 9th BIG SAVINGS

Combine Snowbird / Alta and Snowbasin / Powder Mountain with round trip airfare from Roanoke and Saturday transfer between resorts!

Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey



Since the Snowbasin trip is full, there are no more openings for the two-week trip.

ADVENTURE TRIPS 2024

Hi Everyone,

I was reading an article recently concerning the most popular international travel destination for 2023/2024. **France** was still the number one destination, but **Iceland** and **Spain** were very close behind in second and third. It was very nice to know that the RSAC has targeted all three of these destinations for our travel in 2024. The Iceland and the Southern France Trips are both full and have wait lists. The Spain Trip on the other hand is not yet full and needs more travelers. The trip leader for Spain is Kate Steinbacher (540-314-8005), an experienced international traveler and trip leader. She has arranged an amazing trip to see the very best of Spain. We will get to experience Barcelona, Madrid, Toledo, Cordoba, Seville, Gibraltar, Malaga, Ronda, and Granada, with 2- or 3-night stays in each city. The trip is October 06-20 (two full weeks), which is one of the best seasons to visit Europe. Peak travel season will be ending, while the weather and scenery should still be beautiful. Yes, this is a train and coach trip, but that is because there is no way to see all of the spectacular towns and cities on this trip by cruise ship. This trip will be relaxing and full of leisure time so you can enjoy the adventure at your pace.

Please consider joining Kate and the Spain travel group in October 2024.

Thanks and TRAVEL, TRAVEL, TRAVEL !!!

Bob Strickland
RSAC Adventure Trip Director



SPAIN: Barcelona, Madrid & Andalusia October 06-20, 2024

Exciting Barcelona, Cosmopolitan Madrid & beautiful Andalusia has it all: beautiful national parks, miles of sandy coastline, iconic architecture, gastronomic delights and thriving local culture (*European Christian & North African Islamic*) – not to mention a string of Unesco World Heritage sites. Join us as we journey by luxury coach through this amazing region of Spain. Our 14-day trip offers guided tours and leisure time to explore the magnificent natural and manmade sites of Spain:

- **Barcelona:** Be amazed by the architecture of Gaudi. Sagrada Familia, Guell Park and the bustling Ramblas
- **Madrid:** see the Royal Palace; the Basilica of San Vicente; Plaza de Espana. Visit Avila; and Segovia
- **Toledo (City of 3-cultures):** walk through quaint streets of Islamic, Jewish, & Christian neighborhoods; Tour the Toledo Cathedral; The Alcazar; Mosque of Cristo de la Luz; and the Synagogue of Santa Maria la Blanca
- **Cordoba:** stroll streets with flowery patios; visit the great Mosque-Cathedral; The Alcazar of the Christian Kings with gardens; and the Jewish Quarter
- **Seville:** Tour the Moorish Giralda Tower; the Alcazar; the Seville Cathedral; and the Royal Pala & gardens
- **The British Overseas Territory of Gibraltar:** Meet the Barbary Monkeys; See Morocco across the strait; visit the limestone caves of San Miguel
- **Malaga:** Experience Malaga & the Costa del Sol; the birthplace Museum of Picasso; and Calle Alcazabilla
- **Ronda:** The Puente Nuevo (New Bridge), was completed in 1793 it took 34 years to build
- **Granada:** Tour the Alhambra; Alcazaba fortress; Nasrid Palaces & courtyards; and the Cathedral & Sepulcher of the Catholic Monarchs.

Trip Details:

- Luxury Charter Bus to and from Wash/Dulles (IAD)
- Direct **Non-stop** Flight to Barcelona on United Airlines return from Madrid
- Welcome Dinner in local restaurant in Barcelona
- Breakfast daily and most Dinners provided in trip cost.
- Travelers will enjoy free time and lunches on their own.
- Luxury coach with driver and english speaking guide will be provided for daily tours.
- 4-Star luxury hotels will be provided for 13 nights
 - 3 nights Barcelona, "Jazz Hotel"
 - 2 nights in Madrid, "Hotel Emperador"
 - 1 night in Cordoba, "Hotel Eurostars Palace"
 - 2 nights in Seville, "Hotel Abba"
 - 2 nights in Gibraltar, "Hotel Eliott"
 - 2 nights in Granada, "Hotel Catalonia"
 - 1 night in Madrid, "Hotel Emperador"
- Entrance fees included in trip cost for tours to castles, cathedrals, museums, and historic sites.
- Trip cost includes all ground transportation :Luxury buses, Train from Barcelona to Madrid, and transfers

Base Price: Ground & Airfare = \$5,282 (p/p; dbl. occupancy) (Base price is subject to change based on potential changes in Airfare and exchange rate) Includes: 4 Star hotels, Luxury coaches, Fast train from Barcelona to Madrid, 14 breakfasts, 10 dinners, most all gratuities

4 Trip Payments: (Price per-person).

- #1 Due: \$1,320 (Aug 1, 2023)
- #2 Due: \$1,320 (Nov 1, 2023)
- #3 Due: \$1,320 (Mar 1, 2024)
- #4 Due: \$1,322 (June 1, 2024)

Make checks payable to: **Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club**

Mail trip applications and payments to the trip leader

Kate Steinbacher (trip leader)

6781 Mount Chestnut Road,
Roanoke VA, 24018

Questions: 540-314-8005 / bizcoachkate@gmail.com



2024 ADVENTURE TRIPS SUMMARY



Iceland – The Land of Fire and ICE

May 16 - 26, 2024

Hillyard 540-529-4761 or cahillyard@outlook.com

This trip is full.



Southern France - Provence

June 12 - 22, 2024

Jerry Betters 540-597-4087 or jerbetters@hotmail.com, and

Jill Betters 540-597-4250 or jbettters@live.com

This trip is full.



Slovenia and Croatia

August 20 - 31, 2024

Dave Brammer 540-529-7392 or dbrammer973@gmail.com

This trip is full.



Greek Isles

September 25 – October 5, 2024

Bill Fleshman 540-354-3417 or bill.fleshman1@gmail.com

This trip is full.



Barcelona and Southern Spain

October 7 - 20, 2024

Contact Kate Steinbacher 540-314-8005 or bizcoachkate@gmail.com

This trip has openings.




New Zealand and Sydney

November 1 - 14, 2024

Dave Cohan 540-330-3312 or dcohan720@gmail.com

This trip is full.

****If you are interested in a trip that's currently full, please contact trip leader to get on the waitlist.**

 *Link to flyer on RSAC website*



Treasurer's Report: October 2023

Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club General Account Budget & Summary Through October 2023 (FY 5/1/23 - 4/30/24)

	As of 10/31/23 FY 2023/24 YTD Total	2023/24 Budget	Difference
<u>Income Category</u>			
Membership (incl. \$2 online fee)	17,654.33	15,750.00	1,904.33
50/50 Raffle	253.00	550.00	(297.00)
Guest Fees	-	-	-
Holiday Party (budgeted equal to expenses)	-	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
IKON Pass (referral commission)	-	300.00	(300.00)
Transfer from Trip Escrow (7/18 party)	675.00	-	675.00
Misc.	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	18,582.33	21,600.00	(3,017.67)
<u>Expense Category</u>			
Activities	-	220.00	220.00
Insurance	-	715.00	715.00
Marketing	-	250.00	250.00
Membership Meetings	7,194.00*	12,000.00*	4,806.00
Domain & Email (\$6/mo email; \$12/yr domains)	66.00	84.00	18.00
Membership & Email software	2,669.76	2,667.00	(2.76)
Credit Card Fees - Membership Dues	388.51	314.00	(74.51)
Holiday Party (budgeted equal to sales)	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Office (stamps, name badges, folders...)	92.59	75.00	(17.59)
Corporate (PO Box, SCC reg)	251.00	250.00	(1.00)
Transfer to Trip Escrow (7/18 party)	675.00	-	(675.00)
Misc.	-	25.00	25.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	11,336.86	21,600.00	10,263.14
<u>NET INCOME (LOSS)</u>	<u>7,245.47</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,245.47</u>

Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club

Treasurer's Report

October 31, 2023

General Checking Account:

Beginning Balance 10/1/2023		\$ 23,825.23
<u>Income</u>		
Membership Dues (check)	\$ 135.00	
Membership Dues (credit card)	\$ 218.00	
50/50 - Oct meeting	\$ 120.00	
Total Income	\$ 473.00	
<u>Expense</u>		
Credit Card Service Charge	\$ 2.36	
Roanoke Country Club - Sept Membership Meeting	\$ 3,505.44	
Total Expense	\$ 3,507.80	
Ending Balance 10/31/23		\$ 20,790.43

MARKETING

Pictures! Pictures! Pictures!

Please email fun pictures from your favorite ski and adventure trips to us!

We are updating our social media and websites to encourage new membership, and we would love to include your memories.

Email photos to:

Bill Hamill at billh1970@yahoo.com or

Clive Hillyard at RSAC.newsletter@gmail.com (Please note that this is not my private email address)

Thanks!

Carol Quarles
Marketing Director

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# NEWSLETTER

Want to add an entry for the monthly newsletter? – An anniversary, a birthday pending retirement, and other significant milestones, member recognition, “In the News”, “Memories” .....

Please contact the [Newsletter Editor](#).

## **ITEMS FOR SALE?**

To place a “For Sale” notice in the newsletter, please contact the [Newsletter Editor](#).



# CLASSIFIEDS

## FOR SALE

### Brand new Dakine Ski Roller Bag



- Dimensions: 74"x12"x8". Weight of bag 6 lbs.
- Made to fit up to 175cm skis.
- Could also potentially be used for snowboard.
- Asking \$130, regular price \$180.

I got this on sale last week and would love to keep it, but unfortunately, I forgot I already bought one at the end of last season. I would like to sell locally to prevent losing on shipping fees.

Contact: Amanda Schutt.

Email: [Schutta@gmail.com](mailto:Schutta@gmail.com) or Phone 540-998-0740

Website for more info on the bag:

<https://www.dakine.com/products/fall-line-ski-rollerbag?variant=39770971734096>

# CLASSIFIEDS

## Embroidered RSAC logo available!

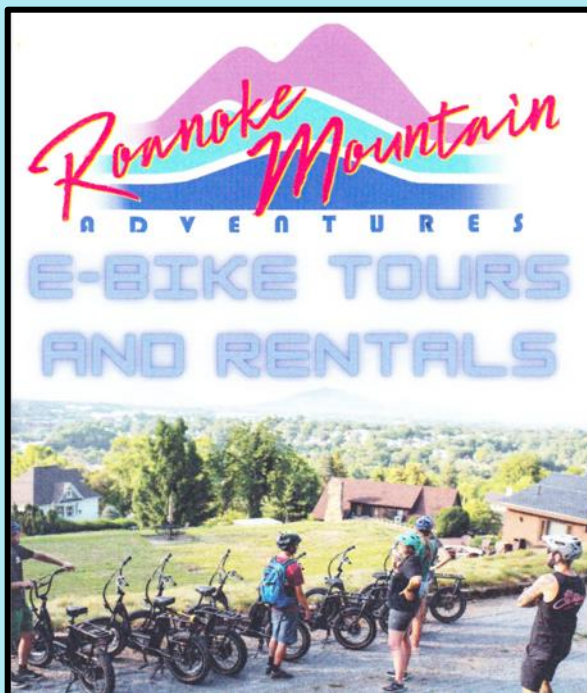


Take your items to:  
**Embroidery Concepts**  
146 W 4th Street  
Salem, VA 24153  
Phone 540-387-0517

Show your club spirit and look great on your next trip!  
For only \$5 per item, you can now get the RSAC logo embroidered (as shown above) in black or royal blue on your favorite jacket, sweater, vest, shirt, hat or tote!  
(No leather, please.)

## Roanoke Mountain Adventures, RAM

E-Bike tours and rentals



### VIEWS AND BREWS TOUR

Ride with Roanoke Mountain Adventures on one of our amazing guided e-bike tours with three flight pours at local breweries

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540-525-8295  
806 WASENA AVE SW

**THAT'S ALL FOLKS!**

Stay tuned for next month's news  
and activities.



**WE ARE NOT JUST A SKI CLUB!**

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**[www.roanokeskiclub.org](http://www.roanokeskiclub.org)**

**[Click here](#)** to follow our Page on Facebook!

**Contact us at [info@roanokeskiclub.org](mailto:info@roanokeskiclub.org)**

**Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club Board Members:**

| <b><u>OFFICE</u></b>    | <b><u>NAME</u></b> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
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| Vice President          | Jeff Wendell       |
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| Secretary               | Melinda Cohan      |
| Ski Trip Director       | Marla Kemsey       |
| Adventure Trip Director | Bob Strickland     |
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