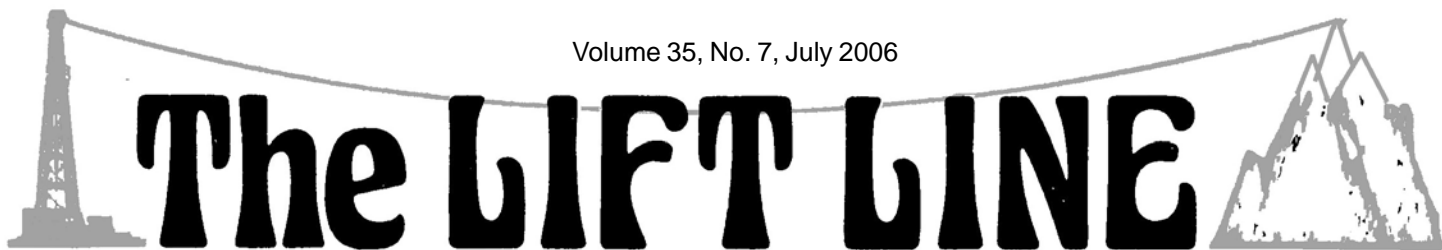


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Gotta Scoot!

By John Hill

A sign of the season?

A little after noon on a recent Sunday I was riding on Cherry Street, scooting my way westward from Utica. Traffic stopped up ahead, and I could see flashing lights on top of police cars. Still, I couldn't hear any sirens or see any sign of an accident. Taking a closer look I saw a large moving mass coming toward me. "A charity run?" I asked myself. "Some kind of demonstration?" As the mass drew closer I solved the mystery. Ringling Brothers had come to Tulsa, and the big gray mass turned out to be a dozen or more circus elephants — ambling their way westward along Cherry Street with a police escort! What a surprise! What a spectacle!



Anyway, I'm taking it as a sign that summer is here — that and the hot weather.

So ... what's happening this summer?

- First, thanks to **JoAnn Huber** and **Ken Gowriluk** for hosting June's Skiers' Night Out with the annual pool party. I don't do a lot of swimming anymore, but this party was sure a lot of fun.
- By the time you see this, we'll have been to the ball park to watch the Drillers play the Midland Rockhounds. Thanks to Social Chair **Regina Mullings** for organizing the event.
- Speaking of aquatic events, the Lake Party is coming up on Saturday, August 12th at Fort Gibson. See details in this issue.

Summer trips — yes, they're coming.

- Rugged Outdoor Trip to Rocky Mountain National Park. Labor Day Weekend.
- Cruise the Caribbean — November 5-12.
- More are being planned.

Winter Trips — we're planning them, too. Here's what we've got so far:

- 12/13 — 12/18 — Aspen
- 12/26 — 12/31 — Keystone, staying at Silverthorne
- 1/11 — 1/16 — Telluride
- 1/19 — 1/24 — Steamboat
- 1/30 — 2/4 — FSA at Heavenly (Tahoe)
- 2/15 — 2/20 — Breckenridge
- 2/23 — 2/28 — Copper
- 3/1 — 3/5 — Taos
- 3/16 — 3/20 — Angel Fire
- 3/21 — 3/26 — Crested Butte
- A trip to Europe that's still being planned — stay tuned!

So ... enjoy your summer and all the swell warm weather activities, but remember that ski season is coming and be saving some vacation time and trip money.

Gotta scoot! ... And I'm watching out for elephants!

Skimeister Photos

We are gathering photos to include in the 2006–07 SKIMEISTER. Please either email your digital photos to tulsaskimeister@yahoo.com or mail your photos to:

Jan Simpson
6305 E. 24th Place
Tulsa, OK 74114

Please remember to include your name and mailing address so that we can return your photos to you. Also, please identify the people in the photo as well as the trip location and date(s). Thank you!

Lift Line Editor's Notes

By Chris Gavin



Sunday June 4th was the closing day at A-Basin in Colorado. I passed by the ski area on the way to Keystone at 5:30am that morning, and vehicles were already in line to get into the "Beach" area at the ski resort. Since I had just driven 12 hours straight from Tulsa, I was not going to add my vehicle in the line at that time. I was back by noon with a skiing buddy from Louisiana and had a great day. We mountain biked before skiing, played outdoor tennis after, all at a sunny 65 to 70 degrees. I tell you all this to inspire you to take our summer trip to Rocky Mountain National Park to get out of the heat of Tulsa and enjoy these cooler temperatures.

While at Keystone that week, I got a call from a Chicago friend asking me to make a reservation for rafting the "numbers" on the Arkansas River (yes, the same river that goes through Tulsa). I have not rafted for quite a while, and I was a little apprehensive to take on the "Numbers" at this time of year. The flow was at the fastest permissible level for commercial operators. They called it a Class 4++. I was wondering what I was getting into. My Chicago friend is a very gung-ho type who pushes himself to be the very best at every thing he does. He has no fear. So he was not one to ask if this was a smart thing to do at this time of year.

After you put on a wetsuit, full fleece, rain jacket, life jacket, brain bucket, and travel a few miles by school bus, you meet the three guides for the two rafts that were going down the river that afternoon. One of the guides is going in a Kayak ahead of us to help save anyone if we get ejected from the raft. Great... I asked the Kayak guide if this was normal, and he indicated that this extra service was only performed at this peak flow rate. Nice... Colorado has been in a drought for many years, and the water has not reached this peak flow rate very often.

As expected, the safety orientation discusses the methods used to help prevent the raft from flipping. Then it turns to how to survive if you have accidentally exited the raft. The first method is to keep your feet downstream and ride it out on your rear end. The second method is to swim aggressively with all your might to the side of the river.

Once the raft is in the water, you have a mile of mild rapids to get ready as a team to survive the trip ahead. The guides know exactly what they are doing, and you must pay attention to them. The guide is at the back steering and yelling instructions at the top of his lungs. To be in the front of the raft you must be willing to be very aggressive with your paddling. Jake volunteered us for the front. What are friends for? The next hour was the most thrilling and exhausting ride I have ever had. When you are in the thick of things, you just follow directions from the guide as you try to keep your raft afloat from the crashing water hitting you from all sides. During the first major rapid, our Kayak guide went over a boulder and headed nose first into the roaring water. He did not surface for the longest time. We saw him try to get his Kayak upright, but after seven rolls and losing his paddle, he gave up and exited the Kayak. We then witnessed the defensive and aggressive swimming from an expert for the next ½ mile down the rapids. The Kayak was going down stream faster than the swimmer, so we eventually picked him up on one of our rafts and got ready for the next rapids without the Kayak. Four more miles down the river, some Forest Service employees were able to grab the Kayak and bring it to shore. Once we witnessed this event from a professional, we doubled our efforts to make sure that we did not

end up in the water. So much for our safety guy ahead to save us upon upset.

We managed to not fall off the raft by holding on with our feet while we were trying our best to paddle. They have foot holds in the raft floor that you try as hard as you can to keep your feet in. These foot holds kept me in the boat when the waves knocked me fully backward. You cannot imagine the thrill of this event. When we completed the rapids, the guides were truly excited. It made us wonder why they were so excited because they do this every day. I guess they never get tired of the thrill. Once loaded back in the bus, the ride back takes us right next to the water that we just rafted. It was very impressive when looking at the river from above. Now we know why the guides were so excited. The Arkansas is a wild roaring river between Buena Vista and Leadville, Colorado.

Rafting during our September trip in Colorado should be tamer by then, and I encourage you to try it. I had forgotten how much fun it is. There are many easier and calmer river rafting sections to meet everyone's needs. Fun, Fun, Fun!

*Remember – you can always call the
Ski Club Hot Line – 748-1757 – for all
the latest information on trips, social
activities, and membership or visit
the website at www.tulsaskiclub.com*

Membership Report

By Matt Moss

Greetings, Members and Guests! Renewals and New Memberships continue to make up the bulk of my duties as Membership Chair. Thank you to all members who have helped in recruitment and with making all guests to Tulsa Ski Club activities feel welcome.

Special thanks to **Kelley Phillips** for assisting me at the front table at the June General Meeting. Any member in a cheerful mood is welcome to sit down and help me greet members and guests at our meetings. This simple gesture is greatly appreciated.

Let us now welcome the following new members to the Tulsa Ski Club:

Adam Oglesbee	William and Anne Berky
Penni Sutherland	Vickie Sanborn
Jesse and Dana Jamison	Judy Saxbury
Jamie Short	Raymond Peltier
Lane Collier	

If your personal information needs updated in the Membership database:

1. You can update it on our website (under UPDATE MEMBERSHIP) at, www.tulsaskiclub.com
2. You can contact me with any updates via e-mail at, mattmoss@cox.net
3. You can contact me by phone, 918-307-8371

2006-2007 Winter Ski Trips

as of 6-25-06

*European foreign trip pending information next month.

Date	Trip #	Destination	Cost	Trip Captain	# Ski Days
DEC 13 - 18	6121	ASPEN The Gant	\$399.00 1/4 = \$99.75	Anita Greiner	4 ski days
DEC 26 -31	6122	KEYSTONE SILVERTHORNE Days Inn	\$405.00 1/4 = \$101.25	Phil Wiltfong	4 ski days
JAN 11 - 16 MLK weekend	7011	TELLURIDE LuLu City	\$447.00 1/4 = \$111.75	Bill Millis	4 ski days
JAN 19-24	7012	STEAMBOAT Rockies	\$354.00 1/4 = \$88.50	Bill Wright	4 ski days
JAN 30/31	7013	HEAVENLY - FSA Forrest Suites	\$501 + Air fare & Reno Shuttle	Gene Elsberry	
FEB 15-20 President's weekend	7021 7022	BRECKENRIDGE Wedgewood	\$423.00 1/4 = \$105.75	Bill Obermark & Terry Gordon (2 buses)	4 ski days
FEB 23 - 28	7023	COPPER with Frisco shuttle Best West Lake Dillon Inn	\$354 1/4 = \$88.50	Lowell Whitlock	4 ski days
MAR 1 - 5	7031	TAOS Kachina Inn	\$276 1/4 = \$69.00	Don Woolsey	3 ski days
MAR 16 - 20 First week end of Tulsa spring break	7032	Angel Fire	\$306.00 1/4 = \$76.50	Katie Roberts	3 ski days
MAR 21 - 26 Spring break mid week thru 2nd weekend	7033	CRESTED BUTTE Nordic Inn	\$429.00 1/4 = \$107.25	John Hill	4 ski days

New Year Brings New Changes!

By Anita Greiner, Winter Trip Assistant

To help club members with rising costs, we are going to a **4** (four) payment plan! You can start payments as soon as you sign up for a trip. Hopefully this will make it easier and might even make it possible for you to go on more trips!

The early trips (December and January) always struggle, so we're starting **now!** Take a look at the trip schedule and start planning! Maybe you can go on a trip every month or add one more with this new payment plan. Give the trip chair a call, ask questions, get an application online, and mail with initial payment to me – your Winter Trip Assistant: Anita Greiner, 5811 E. 64th Street, Tulsa, OK 74136. Of course, make checks payable to Tulsa Ski Club.

The fly up trip is to Heavenly in Lake Tahoe and is also the Flatlands trip. We have reserved rooms for 48 people. We will start taking \$100 deposits **now.** This will be refundable until the Sign-up Picnic when the standard rules will apply. This trip will be a lot of fun, and we don't want anyone to be left out, so call Gene Elsberry at 477-9001 and get your deposit in the mail!

Let's make this our best year yet! See you on the slopes!! And at the meetings...

Summer's 5th Night at Utica Square

By Social Director, Regina Mullings

Let's meet at Utica Square on Thursday night – bring your lawn chairs and cooler of favorite beverages and listen to some great music. As an incentive, I will have one cooler full of various beers and a couple of bottles of wine.

July 13th - Jim Sweney and Chris Campbell Band (Variety Rock)

July 27th - Chuck Cissel (blues)

Summer's 5th Night, Tulsa's favorite free outdoor concert series, is underway every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. through August 25 at Utica Square. Summer's 5th Night serves up everything from jazz to rock to country.



2006 Tulsa Ski Club – Annual Lake Party

Where: Ft. Gibson Lake – Rainbow Inn Club

When: Saturday, August 12th from 11:00am to 4:00pm

Tickets: Members – In Advance \$12.00
Members/Guests – Day of Party \$15.00

Contact: Helen/Gary Cheatam 663-3420 or cell 695-8879
Regina Mullings 857-4993 or email
rlmullings@yahoo.com

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Contact: Sunni & Homer Wager, Trip Chairmen,
Email: super_sunni@yahoo.com
Phone: 918-749-5572

Southern Hills Training Hikes

WHEN:

Every Sunday at 8:00a.m.

WHERE:

97th and Riverside Parkway at the parking lot on the southwest corner of the intersection.

WHY:

Prepare for the Tulsa Ski Club Labor Day Backpacking Trip.

Get in ski shape for the upcoming 2006-2007 fun-filled season.

Get used to your backpack and hiking shoes.

Logistics:

Hikes will start at the parking lot and travel east on the hiking/biking trail that parallels the Creek Turnpike. We will start easy and increase the distance as everyone gets used to the hike. The hike will be a certain distance out, which is generally uphill, and then we will turn around and return back.

The first day will probably be 1-1/2 miles out for a total of three miles. You can decide on your own pace, pack weight, and total distance. I would recommend you start with a light pack to get used to the weight and work up during the summer to your final packing weight. Since we are returning the same way we travel out, you can hike the distance you are comfortable with and wait to pickup the group on the return leg.

Things to Bring:

Backpack (I use books for my weights). I would suggest you start light and work up to your final pack weight.

Water or other thirst quencher and plenty of it. There is no water along the trail.

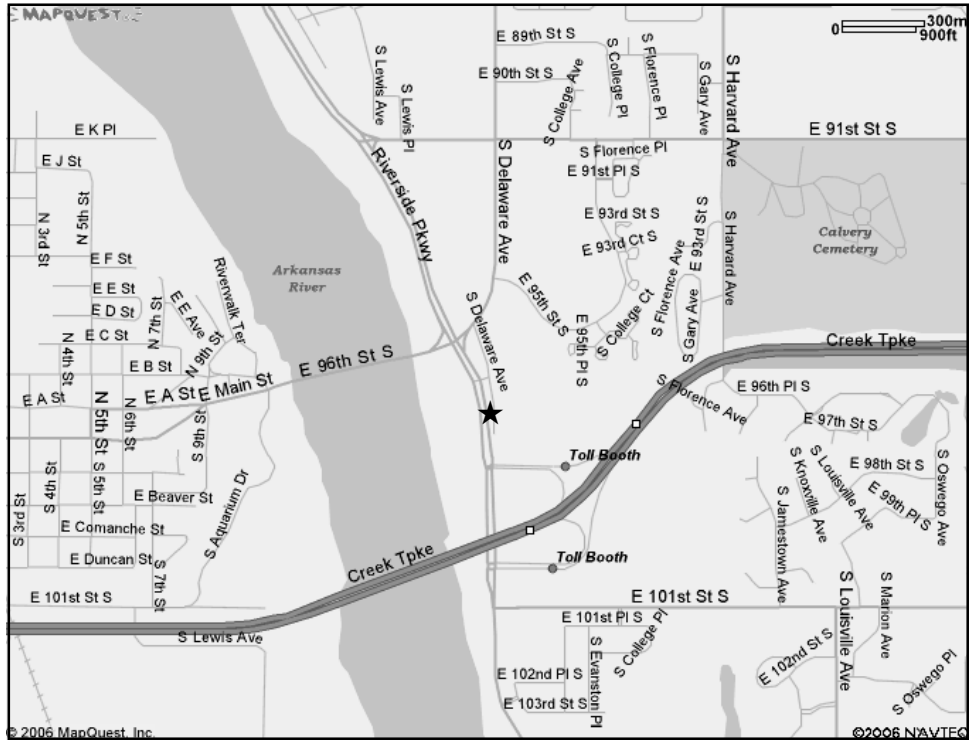
Good shoes. This would be a good time to break in your hiking shoes.

Hat.

Sunscreen.

Apres' Hike:

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Chris Gavin

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Thursday, July 20
5:30pm - 7:30pm Skier's Night Out
Joe's Crab Shack
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Upcoming Events:

August 12 Annual Lake Party
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Ft. Gibson Lake, Rainbow Inn Club

August 30-September 5 Rocky Mountain National Park

September 17 Sign-up Picnic for Winter Trips

November 5-12 Royal Caribbean "Rhapsody of
the Seas" Cruise

December 13-18 Aspen Ski Trip

December 26-31 Keystone/Silverthorne Ski Trip
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