

SNOW NEWS

The FaGowee International, Sacramento Chapter

September 2004



MYSTERY CAR RALLY



Roamin' Roman Road Trip!

September 18, 2004

Competition, Excitement, Food, Music, Dancing &
Toga Party!!

Saturday Night

We will have a

Toga Party

&

Toga Costume Contest



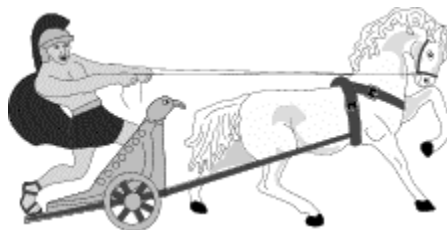
Toga Rules:

1. Toga can be an old sheet
2. Toga can be wrapped pinned, glued, cut, tied, roped and/or paper clipped to keep it together BUT
3. There can be no sewing or stitching allowed!
4. Underwear is a must!

Rally participants will also have the option of spending a 2nd night Free at our destination spot! The nights of the 18th and 19th are reserved for the rally participants so make a note on your calendar.

Trip person: Fern Goodman (916) 451- 7857

There are no more spots available for the Mystery Car Rally, however there is a waiting list and if more room becomes available it will be at an extra cost. Contact the trip person above for more information.



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The Prez Says

As summer winds down and we start to think of the autumn equinox, there are still some great events and trips we have before we begin our ski season (YEAH!).

The August events were a great success. The Abalone Dive and Dine had a record number of people who all enjoyed the delicious abalone, and, socializing with old and new FaGowees. Our next big event for the month was the Luau to subsidized the race team, that too was another success story! Thank you to every one who put on and helped for these events, you know who you are.

Our Mystery Car Rally is going in full gear, and is set for September 18th. Don't forget this year we have an extra night (Sept. 19th) to continue our fun and frolic!

Beginning with the month of September we will have one general meeting, which will be our final pot-luck for the season. This meeting will be at the Park's Abode on Tuesday September 28th, for time and directions, please read your newsletter.

I hope you are taking advantage of all the events and trips your club is offering you.....

There's more ahead so stay tuned.

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MAKE SURE YOUR E-MAIL IS UP-TO-DATE!!

Beginning January 1, 2005, you will receive the newsletter via e-mail in web page format. Please let a Board Member know if you would like to continue with the paper newsletter in addition to the e-mail. Also contact a Board Member if you don't want to receive the newsletter by e-mail. Those without e-mail will continue to receive the newsletter by mail. Thanks!!!

A Message From the New Editor!

Hello! I'm Tracee Carter and I am the new newsletter editor. My husband, Michael, and I are glad to be a part of FaGowees. We have a daughter, Catherine, who is almost three years old, and expecting another daughter, Karaline, in January. We are originally from North Central Idaho. We live in Sacramento and have been here four and a half years. We enjoy skiing (when time allows) and rafting since Michael received his raft guide training at the end of June! I enjoy the quiet hobby of cross-stitch and updating our daughter's websites. We can't wait to meet more members and look forward to putting the newsletter together every month. If you need to contact me, feel free to e-mail me at voyager72598@yahoo.com or call me at 366-3223 (home-no VM) or 801-2803 (cell), however, I do prefer e-mail!

Tracee

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Trip, Trips and more Trips

Sept 18-19, 2004	Annual Car Rally	Jack Ottosen—916-768-2933
Oct 15-17, 2004	2nd annual Ghost Town Trip, Gold Point	Don Girard—916-638-7804
Jan 29-Feb 5, 2005	Far West Ski Week, Aspen, Colorado	Shirley Schmitt—916-782-3158
Feb 19-27, 2005	FWSA trip to Japan	Kathy Hoffman—510-278-5900
Mar 12-19, 2005	FWSA Ski to St. Moritz, Switzerland	Kathy Hoffman—510-278-5900
Mar 26-April 3, 2005	FaGowee Bash at Park City Utah hosted by FaGowee Cleveland Branch	Shirley Schmitt—916-782-3158

Shirley Schmitt, Trips!

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Discount Ski Tickets

Get ready for next month's Snow News. There will be an order form for discount lift tickets for Northstar/Sierra-at-Tahoe, Squaw Valley, Homewood, Alpine Meadows, Sugar Bowl in next month's newsletter. Money will be due sometime in October or November. You will save approximately \$10 per ticket and unused tickets can be returned at the end of the season for credit. You're so lucky to be a FaGowee and get these great benefits!! For more info, call Rob Rice at 984-1567.



AREN'T WE LUCKY TO BE FaGOWEES
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FaGOWEE EVENT / TRIP REFUND POLICY

Revised, Approved and Adopted at the Executive Board Meeting, October 8, 2003

1. The following Refund Policy applies to any Club event for which a fee is charged.
2. You will automatically receive a 100% refund for any trip or event cancelled by the Club.
3. If you cancel and someone takes your place from the waiting list, you will receive a refund of the amount you paid, less a cancellation fee. The cancellation fee will be \$10.00 or 10% of the event/trip fee- whichever is more, unless a specific cancellation fee is advertised for the event/trip.
4. If you cancel and there is no waiting list, or no one on the list takes your place, you will receive a refund of the amount you paid less a cancellation fee and less any expenses that the Club incurs due to your cancellation.
5. If you arrange for someone not on the waiting list to take your place, you will be responsible for full payment to the Club plus any transfer fees or costs the Club incurs because of the change. Other money transactions are between you and your replacement. You must provide that replacement with a note for the trip leader or you must confirm the replacement directly with the trip leader prior to the event/trip. The person who submits payment must request all refunds from the Executive Board in writing within 60 days after the completion of the event/trip. The Executive Board will review the final financial report from the event/trip and may approve refunds in accordance with this refund policy.
6. Any member may appeal to the Executive Board for refunds greater than provided by this policy if special circumstances warrant.
7. There will be no refund for events that are designated as "Fund Raisers" unless they are cancelled or rescheduled by the Club.

Social Corner

Meredith Meschini

I hope to see all of you at different social events and trips over the rest of the summer, the upcoming fall and winter. I would love to have your suggestions on different functions you would like to do. I need people to continue to come forward to run an event.

I will promote it for you and be there to help. Come have some great times and lots of laughs.

Call me on any events listed if you would like additional information

916-920-1502

September 14th – **Board and Social Meeting at Karen and Norman Benedict's house --- phone # 916-985-8523**

September 28th – **Social Meeting at Tom and Adrienne Parks house
Phone # 916-391-3160**

October 24th ----- **Bike Trip to Angel Island. This will be a full day and you need to pack your lunch. Please put this date on your calendar. More details to follow in the Oct. newsletter.**

December 11th — **Christmas Party at the Buggy Whip. Please if you have not already done so, put this date on your calendar. Full details will be coming in the October newsletter.**

Sierra League Race Schedule for 2004-2005



Sat Dec 4, 2004	Clinic	Northstar
Sun Dec 5, 2004	Clinic	Northstar
Sat Dec 11, 2004	Race 1 - G.S. Christmas Party	Northstar
Sun Dec 12, 2004	Race 2 - Slalom	Northstar
Sat Jan 22, 2005	Race 3 - Slalom	Homewood
Sun Jan 23, 2005	Race 4 - G.S.	Homewood
Sat Jan 29 - Feb 5, 2005	SKI WEEK	ASPEN
Sat Feb 12, 2005	Super G Clinic	Northstar
Sun Feb 13, 2005	Race 5 - Super G	Northstar
Sat Feb 26, 2005	Make-up Race	TBA
Sun Feb 27, 2005	Race 6 - Slalom	Diamond Peak
Sat Mar 12, 2005	Race 7 - G.S.	Northstar
Sun Mar 13, 2005	Race 8 - Slalom	Northstar

~Andrea

THE RENO SKI AND RECREATION CLUB (Formerly FaGowees) CELEBRATES 25 YEARS!!!

Five years ago we celebrated our 20th anniversary with a party at Northstar and at the end of that wonderful celebration we discussed holding a 25th, and in a flash, here we are! My, my!! Haven't those five years just flown by!!

Please join in the fun for an afternoon of celebration at Rusty Crook's "This Is It" Ranch, 11900 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV, the scene of the former "Club Summer Olympic Games" with the Sacramento FaGowees. The reunion will run from noon until dusk on September 18th. We will have games & sporting events organized by none other than Mark Murray starting at 1:00 PM for those inclined to get off of the couch. A catered Old Fashioned Southern Barbeque is planned for late afternoon along with live music and a large tent for shade. Plus there will be plenty of time to visit & get re-acquainted with old friends as well as make new ones.

Rusty & Susie Crook have generously donated the use of their ranch for our party and for "old time's sake"!! In the old days, the Reno FaGowees held their annual "Summer Olympics" competition with the Sacramento FaGowees at Rusty's. For an entire weekend the clubs camped out at the ranch, partied and competed with one another in a variety of sports to see which club was the most athletic both Summer and Winter! We of course always won!

Some of the people that are working on this event are: Club Founder Dan Halcomb, Current President Jan Holman, Doug Fletcher, Mark Murray, Dan Lutterman, Gil Baertlien, Don Landa, Susie Hughes-Landa, Lynda Earnest and Lynn Legoy. Anyone willing to help with the event or needing additional information can contact Dan Lutterman evenings at 746-1496. Also, please contact Lynda Earnest at 626-2872 if you know former members that would like to come or the addresses of former members that have moved away so we can send invitations to them.

The Sacramento FaGowees, Capital Ski & Sports clubs and children are invited as well!
Dogs & pets are not allowed on the ranch for the protection of their animals.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SEPTEMBER 18th AND CELEBRATE ALL OF THE FRIENDSHIPS AND FUN TIMES THAT HAVE RESULTED FROM THE CREATION OF OUR CLUB!

Tickets to go on sale soon: \$25 per person, \$40 per couple. **After September 6th: \$30 per person.**

Food, Water, Soft Drinks, Games, Pool, Live Music and use of the ranch included.

Tickets will be available at any general meeting; TGIF or payment can be made online at www.renoskiandrec.com

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LUAU RECAP

By: Andrea Woelfle

We threw a party. You came. You ate. You laughed. You ate more. All the while, listening to our great band: Albert and Rich who flirted with the girls and put everyone in a great mood. Almost 50 FaGowees and friends showed up for the Luau on Sunday, August 22. The setting at Eileen Kennedy's house was gorgeous and the weather, perfect. There were yummy snacks, BBQ ribs & chicken, salads and beans. Just when you thought you couldn't eat a bite more, the cheesecake bar arrived and you decided that, aw, what the heck; those are the calories worth splurging on.

Andrea Woelfle gave hula lessons and the hula-skirted students were awesome. Everyone picked up on the dance beautifully; the guys, Norm Benedict and Rick Dangles did especially well: those va-va voom coconut shells must have inspired them! Notable female participants were Adrienne Parks, Cindy Dangles, Ellen Page, Marilyn Miller, Chizuko Kawamoto, Sandy Lange, and Ruby Lerner. The prize for the most original costume, by unanimous decision, goes to Ruby Lerner, who will be getting her prize later.

Special thanks go to Joe Woelfle, for his superb ribs and beans, and to Karen Fountaine, who along with Joe, was the most important contributor and a HUGE moral support in the planning process and helped out with EVERYTHING at the luau itself; always with a smile! Thanks to Jim Van Riper, Sally Green, and Ron Tiche as the welcoming committee. Also thanks to Ann Fajen, Marilyn Miller, and Katie White for bringing extra special treats; and thanks to Bob McDonald for being the unofficial FaGowee photographer with the official FaGowee camera.

This was a very successful fund-raiser for the race teams that will provide enough money for lots of extra prizes and subsidies this race season. Now, isn't that a great reason for **YOU** to try racing this season?!

Gold Point

October 14-17, 2004

Everything is now at hand. Sheriff Stone has returned to me the 7 ½ minute USGS's with the locations of mines and ghost towns marked, and I have the costs put together. The cost will be \$140.00 each person. This includes two nights in Gold Point and breakfast and dinner for two days. There are three ramshackle cabins with two beds each, a deluxe dilapidated cabin with a bedroom and a fold down in the living room, an old trailer with a bedroom and a fold down couch. This makes sleeping available for 14 people. If more sleeping is needed Sheriff Stone has an old mattress he can throw out on the trailer table for a short person and a rollaway what can be put out under the stars. He also has a couple of knocked down primitive cabins that could be put into service as well as some old junk cars lying around the town. Remember, this is a ghost town, not Cancun. Campers pay only \$44 per person, which includes breakfast and dinner for two days. If you are bringing your own RV there will be a hookup fee of \$30.

Here is how it works: I will fill up the cabins and deluxe and the trailer. First come, first served. First checks in to me, made out to FaGowee will get their choice of cabins. People who choose the deluxe and trailer get their choice of cabin mates as we move up past 10 people. However, the deluxe and trailer should go to couples.

We will meet in Lee Vining at 8:00 pm, October 14th at the Mono Inn for an elegant dinner (a la carte). We will stay in Lee Vining overnight so make your own hotel reservations. Lee Vining Motels: Gateway (cheap) 760-647-6467; Lakeview Lodge (expensive) 760-647-6543.

What we will be doing: **Friday**- Breakfast at Nicely's; Short excursion to Olmstead Point; Onto Bishop and a stop for pastries, ice cream and sandwiches at Schatz's; Then onto Gold Point. **Saturday**- Bring your SUV! There will be a tour of another ghost town and old mines. Then back to Gold Point for refreshments and dinner. **Sunday**- Back home after breakfast. Bring munchies (apples, oranges, nuts, wheat thins etc), a big thermos for water, and hiking boots to ward off rattlesnakes.

Here are the places we are going to explore:

{N37 23.85', W117 43.46'}; {N37 23.53', W117 39.08'}; {N37 21.91', W117 37.92'}; {N37 17.88', W117 31.85'};
{N37 15.864', W117 15.002'}; {N37 15.600', W117 20.328'}; {N37 15.484', W117 19.433'};
{N37 15.88', W117 18.35'} plus many more!!

Mail your checks to me, Don Girard, at P.O. Box 338, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741 by September 30, 2004 with your e-mail address so that I can keep you informed.



COMING SOON!!

ENTERTAINMENT 2005 BOOKS

Andrea Woelfle



Entertainment books will be arriving the week of August 30. Start realizing the savings immediately and get yours now! They make fantastic Christmas presents; think about all the people you know that would like one. Everybody loves saving money. Also, you can sell them at work or to your friends.

Plus, such a deal! Same price as last year: **\$40**, a \$5 savings over retail plus you'll be helping to support the FaGowees race team!

Over \$10,500 in local savings:

Dining: both formal and casual: e.g., Mace's, Scott's Seafood, Slocum House, Bella Italian Bistro and Wine Bar, Steve's Place Pizza, as well as Subway, McDonald's and Cold Stone Creamery, etc. etc.

Travel: save up to 70% on hotels as well as savings at Hertz, Avis, and Carnival Cruises

Fun: e.g. Cherry Island and Woodcreek Golf Courses, Granite Arch Climbing Center, Crocker Museum, etc.

Call Andrea Woelfle at 487-9052 to arrange delivery to you now.

2004 ABALONE DIVE & DINE

by Jim Van Riper

The 2004 Annual FaGowee Abalone Dive & Dine camping trip has come and gone, and now I'm reflecting on all the fun everybody had. This was the most successful Ab Dive that I've ever attended. There were 9 divers who provided the primary reason for our attending (abalone) to a total of 68 attendees. We had 10 children in attendance this year, more than in past years. I'd personally like to see this annual trip become a regular "Family Event", with contests and games directed toward the children. (Maybe starting with a sand castle building contest next year.) Your suggestions and comments are always welcome.

On Friday evening, we had a potluck dinner where everybody brought a dish to share. There were quite a variety of dishes on the table and **Don Girard** was a hit with his homemade blueberry shakes. We were all entertained by the live bluegrass music every evening provided by a group that calls themselves the "Ab-Grass Band". They have made reservations at Caspar Beach campground to be there again the same time as the FaGowee's next year. So mark your calendars. We will be returning Thursday through Sunday, August 11th to 14th, 2005.

My personal thanks to each and every one of you who helped to make this trip such a fantastic event; The divers: **Tim & Ellen Page, Keith Price, Greg Holman, Shannon & Andrea Powell, Rod & Angie Shroufe** and **Bill Johansen**; the abalone cooks: **Keith Price, Lauri Thompson, Jan McKissick, and Jon Johnson**; to **Jackie Chesi** for her scrumptious salad and for the sliced watermelon, to **Phyllis Figlioli** for her garlic bread and to **Nancy Glebov** for providing a large bowl of potato salad. Thank you to **Margaret Norville** for providing the "wake-up" alarm and a laugh or two for a few in the R/V camping area. My special thanks to my Trip Co-Leader, **Jon Johnson** who, without all his help, this trip would not have been the success it turned out to be.

September 2004

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12	13	Board/Social Meeting @ Benedict's Residence	14	15	16	17
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Mystery Car Rally						
26	27	Social Meeting @ Parks' Residence	28	29	30	

Upcoming September Events

14	Board & Social Meeting at Karen & Norman Benedict's	985-8523
18-19	Mystery Car Rally — Contact Fern Goodman	451-7857
28	Social Meeting at Tom & Adrienne Parks residence	391-3160

October 2004

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24 Angel Island Bike Trip	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Upcoming October Events

15-17 Gold Point Ghost Town Trip — Contact Don Girard
 24 Bike Trip to Angel Island

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