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RECORD SEASON IN THE MAKING

With the first skiing of the season on November 7th and white cover increasing weekly to the point where there is good sport in most areas at the present writing. It promises to be the finest year in a long time and the club plans a bus every week. Some groups of Miramaniacs have already been out, so hurry up and break out your skiing gear if you want to get in some early season fun. Call WOrth 4-2000.

What's New in the Ski World

MT. SUNAPEE has a new 3,000 ft. south slope serviced by T-bar; MAD RIVER reports they have doubled the capacity of chair lift and cut a new trail; BEARPEN MT., Prattsville, N.Y. a new area, offers skiing at 3,600 ft. altitude only 135 miles from city. This area has 5 rope tows and is potentially a major area.

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"CINERAMA HOLIDAY" — opens soon at Cinerama Theatre featuring exciting scenes on Parsenn, Wolfgang and Klosters, famous ski runs in Switzerland . . . AVERELL HARRIMAN, newly elected governor of N.Y. is an enthusiastic skier, which may mean well for the further development of public skiing facilities in N. . State . . . FREE PAMPHLET on ski centers in N.Y State available from N.Y. Dept. of Commerce, Rm. 755, 112 State Street, Albany 7, N. Y.

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"20 YEARS ALONG SKI TRAILS", new illustrated book by Girtrud and Frank Ellis, well known for their snow reporting service and ski school at Mohawk, Conn. The book is a complete survey and commentary on skiing in the East. Can be ordered thru club at \$1.50 each . . . FRANK ELKINS, former ski editor of *N.Y. Times* is now with the *Long Island Press*.

LAST CALL FOR NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND TRIPS

3-Day: STOWE—leaving Thurs. Dec. 30—6 P.M.

2-Day: SPECULATOR—leaving Fri. Dec. 31—5:30 P.M.
(via Thruway to Amsterdam—New Year's Eve Party 11 P.M.)

\$5 deposit to S. Rosenbaum—73 Sherwood Rd., Springfield, N.J.

Membership Meeting at McBurney Y Dec. 15, 8 P.M.

Register for Weekend & Sun. Trips - Call WO 4-2000

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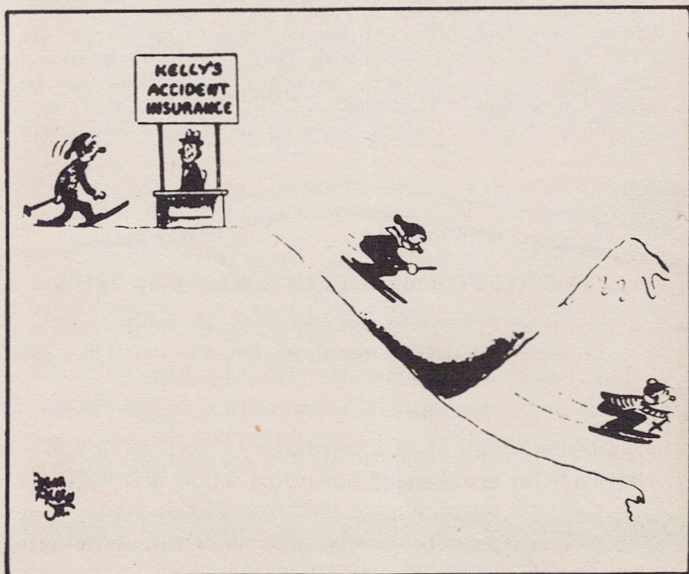
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EDITOR SEZ:

LIFT LINES can be a live and newsy sheet only if it is the result of collective effort on the part of the membership. All you shutterbugs, artists, poets and penpushers must come forward and contribute to the paper so that it may reflect the true life of the club. Send your efforts in to *Lift Lines* c/o MIRAMAR SKI CLUB, 215 West 23rd Street, New York City.

DOWNHILL BEAT

Things have slowed down a bit along the social front this past month . . . Pleez percolate a little, circulate and make things happen, huh . . . News of *Dick Bernat* and *Trudy Rivenko* tying the knot reached us too late for the last issue . . . *Jerry* and *Terry Polaner* announce the birth of a baby boy—that's one way of building the club . . . Our agents report that *Henri Isaac* was touring the Continent at the same time and places as *Rhoda Luss*, this past summer, and now on Nov. 19 they were wed. Ah-hah! . . . A chorus of feminine moans and wails was heard when *Pretty Boy George Lebolt* announced his engagement to *Judy Hirsch*—their loss is *Judy's* gain . . . Another big gap in the ranks of our bachelors will be made in mid-December when *Roy Waples* walks down the aisle with *Roz* . . . All you gals who would like to enter the **QUEEN CONTEST** of the *McBurney Y*, please inform the exec. comm. and you will be on the road to fame and also participate in the worthy cause of helping *McBurney* make good in its current fund drive.



DETAIL MAP OF SPRUCE PEAK—Mt. Mansfield, Stowe, Vermont
11—Spruce Peak Slope; 12—Smugglers Trail; 13—Main Street;
14—Whirlaway; 15—Sterling Run; 20—Spruce Peak Alpine;
21—Spruce Peak Double Chair Lift.

THE SPRUCE PEAK STORY

Of all the areas visited by *Miramar*, few have extended the hospitality offered by the management of Mount Mansfield at Stowe. Not only the convenient arrangements made for our groups in their fine ski school and for use of the lifts, but also the general spirit of cooperation, is something we have always been grateful for, and why we head for Stowe so often.

Therefore, a special bulletin from *Kerr Sparks* telling us that the new double chair lift will open on December 18th was especially welcome. 6,200 feet in length, with a vertical rise of 1,700 feet, it will carry 800 skiers per hour and will service a variety of slopes for novices, intermediates and experts. The riding time to the top is 12 minutes and the time it takes to get down is up to you. Running parallel to the lift is *Main Street*, a very wide, smoothly graded open slope. More than one mile in length, this slope has a vertical descent of 1,700 feet. For the intermediates, the *Sterling Run* should prove most interesting, with a vertical descent of 1,700 feet and a run over two miles long. The *Whirlaway* is one to challenge the experts; only one-half mile long, it drops sharply down the mountain to join the *Sterling Run* and *Main Street*. Under construction is *Smuggler's Trail*, a trail designed to test advanced and expert skiers. It will be 1 and 3/4 miles long with a vertical descent of 1,900 feet and will connect with the *Spruce Peak* slope. We have no word of the opening date of this trail but the next issue of *Lift Lines* should carry this information.

Of course, all of the above is in addition to the T-Bar Lift which services *Spruce Peak* slope, an extremely wide open slope. Prices for use of the chair lift are 85 cents for a single ride and \$4.00 for a 5 ride book. The T-Bar at *Spruce Peak* will cost 25 cents for a single ride and \$4.00 for a 20 ride book.

All this promises to be a terrific addition to a wonderful area, and remember . . . there's always snow at Stowe.

PHOTO CONTEST

Here is your chance to win a free weekend. For the best black and white print of any skiing scene taken during the 1954-1955 season, a 2 day weekend, all expenses paid, will be awarded. The contest is open to Miramar members in good standing and will close on March 4, 1955. Decision of the judges will be final and all prints will be returned when the contest is over. We suggest that you submit 5x7 or 8x10 prints to aid the judges in their selection. — Come on,, shutterbugs, let's see those pictures you have been telling us about.

SKI FLIGHTS

Would you like to leave New York at 7 P.M. and be in Stowe by 9 P.M.? This was always possible by using the commercial airlines, but the price was prohibitive when added to hotel and taxi expenses. Now an imaginative outfit known as Ski Flights has packaged the complete week end for \$39.30.

This price includes taxi to and from the airports in New York and Burlington, round trip plane fare, hotel accomodations, breakfasts and dinners on Saturday and Sunday, tips and transportation to and from the slopes. In short, *all* expenses except lunches and tows.—Comparing this with the 9 hour car ride, late start to the lifts on Saturday morning and early departure on Sunday makes it sound very attractive. A good night's sleep on Friday should make skiing most enjoyable and, on Sunday, one may ski until the lifts close and still be home and in bed by 11 P.M. at the very latest.

Bob Lyons, majordomo of Ski Flights, has told us that he will be using luxury DC-6's, DC-4's, DC-3's and C-46's in a pool of aircraft that would otherwise be idle over the weekend. Since it is so early in the season, we have not been away with Ski Flights up to this moment. In keeping with our policy of not recommending anything until we have thoroughly tested it ourselves, we can only say that this new venture is well worth your investigation. For any information call Bob Lyons at ORegon 4-3224.—To Ski Flights we say . . . the best of luck.

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