



# Lift Lines

= No. 270, June 2023 =

Mountain High Snowsport Club, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208



## From the Editor

### Bike rides

We are having a series of bike rides to lots of new places we haven't been before. Join us. More rides coming in July too. See our website.

### Other summer activities.

We have had a Bowling night, a Happy Hour, and on June 25 a potluck BBQ with Tanika and Raj. It will be a Mexican theme. See page 4.

If anyone wants to organize a hike, a party, or any other kind of activity, just let us know. Contact any Board member. See contact list on page 7.

### Other adventures

Walt Blomberg invites us to join him on a backpacking adventure to Marion Lake in the Jefferson Wilderness. See page 4.

John Davis highly recommends bike Tours around Portugal. He has already experienced one, and now he plans to join 2 more similar rides. Read about it on page 5.

### Trip photos

Please send us some of your best photos from our ski trips during this past Winter. We'd like to document these trips on our club's PHOTOS page. Just 1, 2, or 3 photos would be great. Preferably with a short description of the trip as a whole and a few words about who or what is in the picture.

Email your photos to Emilio at [newsletter@mthigh.org](mailto:newsletter@mthigh.org).



Skiing Schweitzer Mtn. (See p.6)

Note the color code.  
Our club is blue.

## 2023 CALENDAR

**Blue:** Mountain High events  
**Maroon:** NWSCC / FWSA / Multi-club  
**Black:** General interest events

### JUNE 2023

- June 7 (Wed) Trolley Trail Tour - SOUTH**  
Milwaukie to Oregon City
- June 11 (Sun) Best of Vancouver**  
Vancouver waterfront bike ride
- June 14 (Wed) Get Me To The Beach bike ride**  
Vancouver waterfront
- June 15 - 18 Far West Ski Association**  
Convention, Boise, Idaho
- June 17 (Sat) History Happy Hour:** Seismology of Mt. Hood, at Mt. Hood Museum
- June 21 (Wed) Camas/Washougal bike ride**  
Washougal greenway & waterfront
- June 24 (Sat) Springwater Corridor bike ride**  
Sellwood to Gresham
- June 25 (Sun) BBQ with Raj & Tanika** - 4 pm  
Potluck, Mexican theme.

### JULY 2023

- July 8 (Sat.) Mt. High Highway Cleanup**  
just west of Government Camp
- July 9 (Sun) Triple Crown bike ride**  
Council Crest, Hoyt Arboretum, Pittock Mansion

## Let's Have Some Fun!



Bicycle rides: 4 more in June  
(See pages 2 - 3)



Highway 26 Cleanup  
(July 8. See our website)



Schweitzer Mtn - Then & Now  
(See page 6)



Join us for a BBQ with Tanika & Raj  
(June 25. See page 5)

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## Best of Vancouver Bike Ride



**June 11 (Sunday). Meet at 9:30 am. Leave at 10 am sharp.**

**Tour Map: [Wintler Park to Vancouver Waterfront Ride](#)**

Start Time: 9:30 am

Start & Finish: 2340 SE Columbia River Drive.

See map: Beaches Restaurant Parking

Just stay out of the reserved parking spots in front of the Meriwether Condo or the Homewood Suites Hilton .

Length: 13 miles round trip.

**Some of the attractions:**

Wendy the Welder is a sculpture at the start of the Waterfront Renaissance Trail. It is like Rosy the Riveter. This Ride also includes Officers Row. The Farmers Market is open on weekends!

Fort Vancouver is closed on Sundays and Mondays, but we can see it from the outside.

**Please RSVP in advance. We need to be able to notify you of any changes. Give us a call:**

Harry & Lisa , [scribs3@comcast.net](mailto:scribs3@comcast.net) or 360-904-1402.

**NOTE:** Make sure your bike is roadworthy before the ride. All bike riders need to carry a patch kit, a spare inner-tube and tools to make any necessary repairs and to fix your bike if it breaks down during the ride.

**NOTE 2:** The bike ride will be held weather permitting. We will cancel it if it's raining, or temperatures near 100°F, or very windy.

**NOTE 3:** We will be stopping for a lunch break so you will need to bring your own bike lock.

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## Get Me To The Beach bike ride



**June 14 (Wednesday). Meet at 9:30 am. Leave at 10 am sharp.**

**Tour Map: [Beaches Restaurant to Frenchman's Bar Ride](#)**

Start & Finish: 2340 SE Columbia River Drive.

See map: Beaches Restaurant Parking

Just stay out of the reserved parking spots in front of the Meriwether Condo or the Homewood Suites Hilton .

Length: 18 miles round trip.

From Fort Vancouver to Frenchman's Bar. It includes the new Vancouver water front, Vancouver Lake, and Frenchman's Bar.

All paved trails and roads with bike lanes. It's vary flat and picturesque Click on the link below.

**[Fort Vancouver to Frenchman's bar loop ride](#)**

Note that there is less traffic toward Vancouver Lake mid-week.

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## Camas / Washougal bike ride



**June 21 (Wednesday). Meet at 9:30 am. Leave at 10 am sharp.**  
**Map: [Smitty's to end of William Clark Trail - Google Maps](#)**

**Start & Finish:** Washougal Waterfront Park

The nearest street address is:

**[56 S 1st, ST. Washougal WA.98671.](#)**

**More info at: <https://parkerslandingwaterfront.com/> .**

**Directions:** From I-5, get onto Highway 14 heading East..  
 Exit #14 from Hwy. 14. (to Union St. and 2nd Street)  
 Follow signs to 2nd Street South. Go to the end.

**This ride includes:**

Washougal River Greenway Trail, Beaver Park. Washougal Waterfront Park. Steamboat Landing. Captain William Clark Park Trail. Cottonwood Beach. Pendleton clothing store outlet

**Note:** From Washougal Waterfront Park to Steamboat Landing the map shows us using Hwy 14 but we'll be on a new bike path that runs along the Columba river.

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## Springwater Corridor bike ride



**June 24 (Saturday). Meet at 9:30 am. Leave at 10 am sharp.**

**Start & Finish:** Corner of SE Tenino & SE 6th Ave

A block south of the east end of Sellwood bridge.

See map: **[Sellwood Start at 6th and Tenino](#)**

On the East end of the Sellwood bridge, go a block south. Look for 5 story apartment building called the "Holm at Sellwood".

Come experience one of the most beautiful bike paths in the Portland area. Minimum stop lights and traffic crossings. Maximum nature in the form of forests, wetlands, wildlife refuges.

**From Sellwood Bridge:** 28 miles RT, level bike path.

**Alternatively, for a shorter ride,** meet us at 11 am next to Johnson Creek. Plenty of parking along side of street at corner of SE 112 Ave & SE Brookside Dr.

**Lunch** will be at the food courts in Gresham on Burnside. This allows paper bag riders to eat alongside us

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Emilio: 503-510-1477 or [Emilio2000@earthlink.net](mailto:Emilio2000@earthlink.net)

John: 503-958-5900 or [hikedance@gmail.com](mailto:hikedance@gmail.com)

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## Mt. High

## Mt. High BBQ &amp; House Party



June 25, 2023.

Sunday - 4 pm.

House party & BBQ at the home of Raj Savara and Tanika Barsegian.

A Mexican theme is planned. Mexican BBQ.

This is a potluck. Bring something to share. A side dish, a salad, or some dessert. Please BYOB. The club does not provide any alcohol, but you can bring your own.

Please let Tanika know in advance what you are planning to bring, so we can plan the dishes better. You can leave er a message through the evite link below.

Some ideas of what to bring: guacamole, chips, shrimp, spicy chicken wings, bowl of rice, salsa, chicken ready to BBQ, and sausages ready to BBQ.

Other ideas for the party, all kinds of appetizers (remember, meat goes first), cooked corn, Huevos diablos (deviled eggs), 7-Layer Mexican dip, cakes and pies, cut fruit, cut watermelon

Please bring a couple of marked folding chairs for outside, if you want to make sure you get a seating spot. We have about 30 seats outside, but we can host up to about 80 people

Location: Raj's place  
15311 SE River Forest Dr  
Portland, 97267

Hosted by Tanika Barsegian, (503) 473-4444.

More details and RSVP at: <http://evite.me/WdB2qMnJAB>



## Backpacking in the Jefferson Wilderness

June 18- 21, 2023.

Walt Blomberg has two more openings for anyone wanting to join him backpacking to Marion Lake. He says:



“If anyone is interested in backpacking into **Marion Lake** (Jefferson Wilderness) please let me know ASAP.

I have a permit for 2 more individuals. contact me direct at: [wblomberg3@gmail.com](mailto:wblomberg3@gmail.com) .”

You can also communicate with Walt in a Chat opened recently in our club's Facebook page. Find the Chat in the left-most column of our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/437012969755636/> .

## Bicycle Tours in Portugal

John Davis a Mt High member has just returned from riding an eBike up the coast of Portugal and Spain. He is under the firm belief that Mt High club members would love any of these European eBike rides:

- 4 star hotels (John says better hotels than any Mt High ski trips.)
- luggage transfer
- fine dining
- all hotels have large free breakfasts

Currently he has booked **2 back-to-back eBike tours in October** for himself and wishes to inform the club that there are rooms still available on these 2 “guided group tours”. He is surprised at how quick they are filling up and there is no time to organize a separate Mt High event.

Those that are interested will need to book on their own. John can help advise. You won't have any more contact with John than you would on a Mt High ski trip or bike ride. Many of the popular monthly bike rides for Mt High in the last 3 years were created and led by John. He wishes to share how enamored he is with these European eBike rides.

He wants to point out that he is not leading these tours, he is just signed up to participate and invites other club members to consider these tours as an option to sitting around in October twiddling thumbs.

He is available for any questions.

The prices for double occupancy are almost exactly \$2,600 each. Only \$500 deposit required for each ride. Extended days on either side of the tours can be added when booking RT flights.

Lunch and dinner are not included but the group almost always gathers for drinks before dinner, and then dinner at interesting and enjoyable locations usually suggested by experienced guides. A fun time is had by all. Guides are fluent in English. It is similar to an ocean cruise where everyone dresses up for dinner, more or less, or not.

Luggage is shuttled from hotel to hotel and eBikes provided by tour organizers are equipped with Panniers to carry various layers, raingear, snacks during the ride.

Google Flights has current airfares at \$885 RT PDX-Lisbon October 12- Nov1. (Nov2 might be better option, no need to buy ticket yet).

That gives 3 days before the first ride to deal with jet lag and other tourist activities in Porto or Lisbon.

Here are links to TripSite.com and the rides.

### 1. Douro Valley Wine & E-Bike Tour (Douro means Golden)

October 15-22

[www.tripsite.com/bike/tours/douro-valley-wine-and-e-bike-tour/](http://www.tripsite.com/bike/tours/douro-valley-wine-and-e-bike-tour/)



### 2. Portugal's Vicentine Coast & Algarve

Oct 24-Oct 31

<https://www.tripsite.com/bike/tours/portugals-vicentine-coast-and-algarve/>

### An ode to Schweitzer Mountain - Then & Now

*Facts and opinions by Emilio Trampuz and Tom Chasse*



**Schweitzer Mountain** has just been sold to the **Alterra Mountain Company**. Yes, they are now owned by and part of the IKON Pass. This is good news for people who have an IKON Pass, and even better news for the Alterra Company. But it is not good news for most skiers, especially the local ones.

In fact, **Tom Chasse, President & CEO** of Schweitzer Mountain admits that the locals are mortified. He says: **“As expected we’re getting beat up (locally) on social media = YOU SOLD OUT? Actually we’ve SOLD IN to what we believe is a great organization that share our values.”**

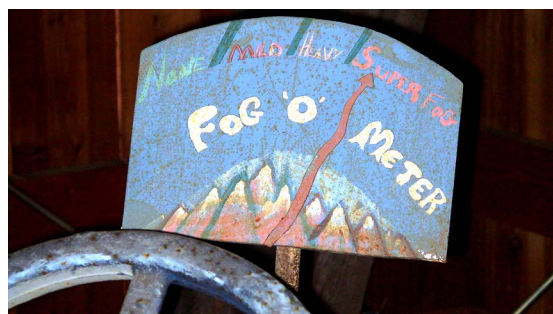
So, what are those values? Well, It turns out that this is the same CEO, Tom Chasse, who charted a new course for Schweitzer Mountain about 18 years ago, in 2006, when he decided to abandon the one thing that was **unique** to Schweitzer Mountain, **the legend of Phineus Schweitzer**, the inventor of the 6-passenger chairlift, and his wife Stella, after whom the chairlift on the back side has been named.

It’s all just a legend, of course, but it was something unique that nobody else had. When boarding the Stella 6-pack lift, everyone had to go through a combination of old barn / museum / Schweitzer’s workshop, where you could still hear him banging and sawing and filing something. You know, like his ghost was still there.



**Then they let it all go to dust.** First, the visual effects quit working and nobody repaired it. Then the sound effects were gone. Then they turned off most of the lights in the barn, so that the famous “Fog-o-meter” is now almost invisible in a really dark corner of the barn. Instead of building up on that legend, they let it die.

I complained about it very passionately at the time, but it fell on deaf ears. We lost the ability to promote a ski trip by saying you’ll be able to ski around **snow ghosts and hear the ghost of Phineus Schweitzer**. It’s all gone. The barn is still there, but dark and sad looking.



And now they sold out to Alterra. The CEO says that prices will NOT increase this year. But watch out for price increases in the coming years.

Schweitzer Mountain will now be just another expensive place with no unique character of its own.

It will also get much more crowded with IKON Pass visitors from all over the United States.

Rest in peace, Phineus Schweitzer.



2023 Volunteer of the Year



Linda McGavin has been selected as our club's Volunteer of the Year. She will next be considered a candidate for Volunteer of the Year by the NW Ski Club Council, where she stands an excellent chance of winning since she has also been nominated by another local ski club as well - the Interlachen Ski Club.

The Far West Ski Association has discontinued the Man & Woman of the Year competition and replaced it with the Volunteer of the Year.

Mountain High Board Meeting

Usually last Monday of the month.

June 26 (Mon.): Open to all who want to get involved with the club.

Gather at 6:15 pm. Start at 6:30 pm.

This will be an online meeting via Zoom.

Mountain High snowsport club contacts:

- President: Bill King H: 614-371-4762
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DOUGH TRANSMITTAL FORM

Mail check payable to: Mountain High Snowsport Club, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY: [ ] New membership or [ ] Renewal

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (MM/DD) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Hm): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Wk): \_\_\_\_\_

Email (Hm): \_\_\_\_\_ Email (Wk): \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I am 21 years of age or more. I acknowledge that I am responsible for my own safety and conduct. I hereby agree to be bound by all Mountain High Snowsport Club bylaws and regulations, including the Trip Cancellation Policy. I hereby release Mountain High Snowsport Club, and any of their agents (officers, directors, trip captains, and any other Club representatives) from liability for personal injury, property damage, or any other liability of any kind connected with my participation in any club-related activity. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify and hold the Club and any of their agents harmless from any and all liabilities of any kind which may be incurred or asserted against the Club or any of their agents in any way relating to my negligence or willful misconduct connected with my participation in the club's activities.

- Email Preferences: - Newsletter (once a month): [ ] yes, link only [ ] yes, complete file [ ] no
[ ] No changes - Club news & events (between newsletters): [ ] yes [ ] no
(same as last year) - Other ski news (NWSCC, FWSA, ski areas, trips...): [ ] yes [ ] no
- Is it OK to share your email address with other club members? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Please take my money, and apply it toward the following Ski Club fun stuff: Deposit? Paid in full?

- Annual Membership (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30): Single (\$30); couple (\$50) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
Mountain High Cookbook: 34 pages of recipes from our members \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
Other: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Comments (For whom you are paying. Roommate requests,...): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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See our Trips cancellation policy on our web site: http://www.mthigh.org/Documents/Trip-Cancellation-Policy.pdf

Checkmark all desired options.

### Club membership = 175 Newsletter Distribution

The June 2023 issue is posted on our web site. Also:  
204 copies sent via email (as PDF file)  
0 paper printed copies sent via US Mail.  
Copies are also sent to potential members, other clubs, the Mount Hood Museum, etc.

### Count Your Ski Areas

Set up your own counter of ski areas visited. Use a modified form of John and Jewel's spreadsheet with 3 added columns, for up to 3 more people. Make one of these your own. Enter a "1" for every ski area visited. See: <http://www.mthigh.org/Documents/North-American-Ski-Areas-2022-03-03.xls>

### Mt. High Credit Card Payments



You can pay your membership fee and your trip payments by **credit card**. We are processing it through PayPal.

No need to have a PayPal account to make a payment by credit card. Just go to our new web page: "Signup & Pay" at: <http://www.mthigh.org/Signup-Pay.htm>

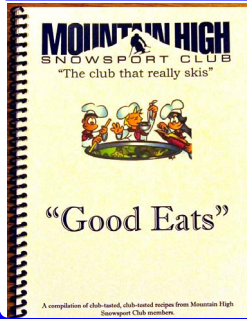
### Shred Hood



**Shred Hood**, a very informative online magazine, published by **Ben Jackett**, covers everything related to Mt. Hood. See: [ShredHood.com](http://ShredHood.com)

- \* [Who's Afraid of Change in the Cascade Range?](#)
- \* [Fluke Crash at Meadows and Determined Comeback](#)
- \* [Mt. Hood Gets New Volcano Monitoring Station](#)

### Mt. High Cookbook

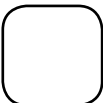
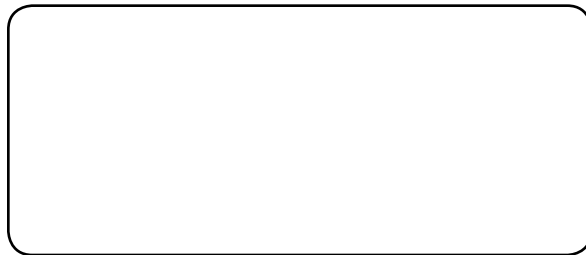


This 34 page cookbook is available for \$10. It has soups, salads, entrees, desserts, from our club members.  
The cookbook includes recipes from the late Swiss chef Kurt Mezger. Contact Debbi Kor: [ijustwannarun1@comcast.net](mailto:ijustwannarun1@comcast.net) , or call 503-314-7078.

### Stories from Seniors Skiing

A good resource for skiers and riders of all ages. Check out: [SeniorsSkiing.com](http://SeniorsSkiing.com) . Subscribe to weekly or monthly emails from them. Click on the Community tab and select "Subscribe". Examples:

- \* [When Errol Flynn Skied At Alta](#)
- \* [NASTAR Racing for Seniors](#)
- \* [5 Tips from a Senior Skier](#)



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