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LOST NATION NEWS



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Hot News

Well, I am sitting on the couch right now with my knee in a continuous motion machine. It keeps my knee moving continuously so it regains mobility after my full ACL reconstruction. I also have my cryro sleeve that runs cold water around my knee to keep the swelling down. I wish I had these things the last time I got my knee worked on. The doctors are hopeful that I will be on the slopes for Meribel France next year and will be back in full force.

Even though I couldn't ski, I still managed to have a total blast on the Kitzbuhel Austria trip and the Blue Knob trip. The Kitzbuhel trip was attended by 29 Fagowees and the trip report is included in this newsletter. The Spring Frolic at Blue Knob was also a total success. With 78 adults and 22 kids, good snow was experienced by all. Everything was open, the lines were not bad, and even the glades were open. Everyone had a great time! We have some new crowns that were awarded:

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| Beer Chugging: | Men - Marc Vignerot | Women - Michelle McIntire |
| Best Legs: | Men - Jim Starr | Women - Lisa Luks |
| Dance Contest: | Shannon and George | |

There are so many times I have gone on trips and had a good time. In fact, I have never had a bad time on a Fagowee trip. There is always "the drunk" to laugh at, the Baron to share a beer with, and countless people I have met for the first time and ended the trip leaving as best friends. We have so many different types of people in our club you can't help but love us-not a bad bone in the bunch. Every one of them would give you an arm if you asked for it, and I can't begin to say thank you to all my fellow Fagowees for being such great friends. I couldn't have found such good people if I went looking for them. With that said, I want to wish everyone a good time on the Salt Lake City trip. Most of all, I want everyone to stay safe. Have a beer for me, take a run for me, and smile for me! And I wish I could be with my friends out there, but I will be starting a new job and can't go, but that doesn't mean I won't be thinking about all of you!

Head Bartender, Lisa

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Member club



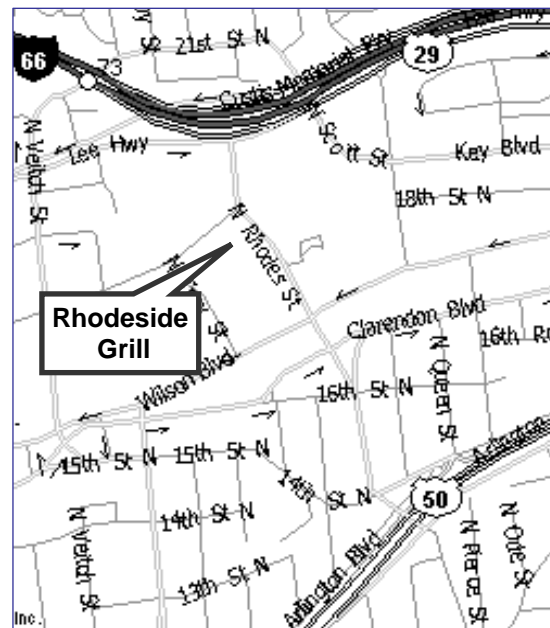
March Meeting Wednesday March 14th!

Our Monthly meeting location is the **Rhodeside Grill, 1836 Wilson Blvd** in Arlington, just a few blocks from Orange line Courthouse Metro, on the corner of Rhodes St. & Wilson Blvd. We meet in the downstairs bar just left of the entrance. Meetings begin at 7:30 pm, arrive early enough to park close to the place. Try out their menu, have a beverage with your friends, make new friends, sign up for a trip, have another beverage, and catch up on what happened last month and what's coming up. Be sure a beverage is in hand when Dutch gets up to talk! And plan to stick around for the 50/50 raffle.

Driving Directions: Exit from the **Capital Beltway, I-495 Outer loop**, via ramp at sign reading "Exit **43-44 VA-193 to G.W. Pkwy/Georgetown Pike**" go .9 miles. Continue on **GW Pkwy** 9 miles. Bear right on ramp at sign reading "**I-66 E/US-50 to Roosevelt Bridge/Washington/ Rosslyn**" go 0.3 miles. Bear right on **Arlington Blvd, US-50** and go 0.5 miles. Bear right on ramp at sign reading "**N Queen St/Fairfax Drive to 14th Street**" and go 300 feet. Turn left on **Fairfax Dr** it turns into **14th St**. Follow 14th turning right on **N Rhodes St**. Take next left on **Wilson Blvd**, just passed corner is entrance to Rhodeside on left.

Metro Directions: Upon exiting Courthouse Metro (Orange Line), head east along Clarendon Blvd, then left on Rhodes.

MEMBERS: Don't forget to wear your name tag for a free 50/50 ticket!



Members and visitors, please ask the following officers any questions regarding the club.

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
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| Ty Williamson | 703/522-7420 |

Appointed Officials

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Membership Chair | Open |
| Members Database | Bryan Tye |
| Trea\$urer | Marc Vignerot |
| Asst Trea\$urer | Tim Gordon |
| Pin Engraver | Marty Griffin |
| Greeting Chairs | Renée Gannon |
| Sgt. At Arms | Marty Griffin |
| Secretary | Betsy Troeder |
| Activities Chair | Bill Steinhour |
| Trip Leader Advisor | Dutch Mueller |
| List Serve Monitor | Andrea Steinhour |
| Newsletter Editor | Karen Osborne |
| Webmistress | Karen Osborne |
| Racing Coordinator | Keith Stinson |
| Fagowee Store | Stacy Hickman |
| | Jim Starr |
| | Baron von Harlow |
| | Jim Brown |
| Branch/Club Representatives | |
| Fagowees International | Rhonda Smallwood |
| BRSC Council | Ray Stoll |
| | Baron von Harlow |

New Members Party @ the Steinhour's

June 23rd, 4:00 p.m. - ???
13406 Glen Taylor Lane Herndon VA 20171

New members are free, non-member guests are \$20, Members are \$15, Kids under 12 are \$10.00, Kids 12-17 are \$12. Bring a dessert and get \$2.00 off one member. Menu will include Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Mac-N-Cheese, Potato Salad, Chips, Veggie trays, etc. Beer, wine, and soda's! Heavy drinkers plan on checking your keys and staying the night. We have some guest rooms, blow-up mattresses, and the camper trailer will be on-site (sleeps up to 8, 2, 2, 2, 1,1) and a limited number of tent camping spots. \$\$ Donations for Breakfast. Email Mr. Bill at winglover1@yahoo.com or call 703/467-9779 to RSVP!



On the Grill

MEMBER NEWS

We wish speedy recoveries to Lisa Vignerot, John Webb and Pat DuFour, all recovering after auditioning for the next Warren Miller movie :o)

UTAH...WHERE ARE THOSE PEOPLE????

Many times in the past, Fagowees unable to go on a specific event needed to contact, or follow-up on those fortunate enough to go. This is Dutch, your Utah trip leader with the following information that might be helpful to you.

We will have a two-hour party from 8:00–10:00 p.m. (**EST!**) in my Fagowee Suite and the group should be there. Call SHILO INN at 801/521-9500. Party nights will be Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Thursday, March 3rd, 4th, 5th and 8th.

Those Fagowees with Fagowee flights will depart Southwest Airlines on Saturday, March 3rd on Flight #405 at 10:10 a.m. and connect with Flight #1463 in Chicago for a Salt Lake City arrival at 2:45 p.m. They will be Diane, Diana, Freed and Kathy, Bonnie and Jeff, Alan and Barbara, Beth and Steve, McGuff, Marissa, Phyllis and Haven, Don, Sam, Rick and Marjorie and Rebecca, Gary, Ross, Dutch, Jim Rule, Jim Claffey and VC.

Diane, Diana, Freed and Kathy and Jim Claffey will return on Southwest Flight #253 at 7:35 a.m. on March 10th and connect with Flight #2780 in Denver for a 4:30 p.m. BWI arrival.

Everyone else will depart on Southwest Flight #2919 at 3:10 p.m. and connect with Flight #1335 in Chicago for a BWI arrival time of 10:50 p.m.

If you must contact me, my cell is 240/423-3640, but do not leave a message if you cannot reach me. Try again, or call me at the Shilo.

Dutch

FAGOWEE STORE SALE!

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| 40th Anniversary Polo Shirts | \$20 | 40th Anniversary Pins | 50¢ |
| 40th Anniversary Shot Glasses | \$5 | 40th Anniversary Beer Wrenches | 50¢ |

Contact Stacy if you are interested, 703/960-2539, or see her at a meeting.

SKI CHALET DEMO DAY - Sunday, March 4, 2007

Don't Forget, Ski Chalet will hold its annual Demo Day at Wisp Ski Area on Sunday, March 4, 2007. At this time, you have the opportunity to try several pairs of new skis and snowboards at no charge and with a FREE LIFT TICKET.

The Fagowees will bring our famous cooker and be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs. In addition, we have secured ten rooms at the Comfort Inn, less than one mile away at a cost of \$100 per room plus \$10 tax. Room will be available for either Friday and Saturday nights or just Saturday night. **You must make your own reservations with the Comfort Inn!**

**Activities meeting March 14th, 6:30 p.m.
At the Rhodeside Grill**



The next Activities meeting will be before the monthly meeting on March 14th in the basement of the Rhodeside Grill at 6:30 p.m. Come and help shape the summer activities. Activities already in the works include the Mothers Day Picnic, New Members Party, Float Trip, Speedy's Summer Splash, and last but not least, Ty one on at the Rehoboth Beach Blast!

Have an idea for a summer or winter activity or trip? Bring them! Motorcycle trips, biking excursions, NY City weekend, are all suggestions that have been made. We need leaders to organize and run these trips as well. The Club is only as strong as our volunteers make it!

Mr. Bill

**MARCH Bar of The Month
Friday, March 16th, 6:00 p.m.**



Bistro Europa

715 King Street (Old Town)
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-549-0533

Bistro Europa's happy hour (5:00-8:00) specials include:

½ price burgers ½ select appetizers \$.25 wings

\$2.50 Miller Lite and Yuengling draft

\$3.00 Blue Moon draft

\$2.50 rail drinks

\$3.50 house wine



Bistro Europa's bar menu and fine dining menu items are also available. Their fine dining menu includes several German specialty dishes, such as Wiener schnitzel, red cabbage, and spaetzle. They have the best apple strudel on this side of the Atlantic!!

FAGOWEE ELECTIONS

May 1, 2007

It's that time of year again when we select the future leaders of our club. As usual, voting will be by secret ballot of all voting members present at the meeting or by absentee ballot. Any member not able to attend the May 1 election may vote by absentee ballot. However, we must receive requests for absentee ballot either by mail or by E-mail on or before April 3, 2007. Requests for absentee ballots should be mailed to: Tim Gordon, 3310 Nevius Street, Falls Church, VA 22041 or E-mailed to Carl Harlow at runstamp@erols.com.

We will be electing a president and vice president, both for one-year terms, and three board members, each to be selected for two-year terms. To be eligible for office, a member must be a member in good standing, at least 21 years of age, a member for the 12 months immediately prior to the election and a member for a total of at least 18 months. We will accept nominations at the March and April meetings. Also, please keep in mind that Speedy Carder, Stacy Hickman and Ray Stoll were elected last year for two-year terms on the board. Therefore, they should not be nominated for the board this year. They may, of course, be nominated for President or Vice President.

If there are any questions, please call Tim Gordon at 703/931-7795.

Annual Fagowee Mothers Day Picnic

Sunday, May 6, 2007

Come join the fun at our annual Mother's day picnic.

Great food including: Hamburgers, Hotdogs & Chicken cooked just the way you like 'em by chef Dutch, Side dishes prepared by the rest of the tribe.

All the beer you can consume, soft drinks and lemonade, volleyball, kids games & adult games with prizes, egg toss, horseshoes & more. In honor of Cinco de Mayo... Margarita Jell-O shooters!!!! We have shelter, so rain or shine, grab Mom and join the fun, you won't want to miss this!!!!!!

DATE: MAY 6, 2007

TIME: 11:00 a.m. - TILL?

LOCATION: D.C. Ramblers club, Fort Washington Md.

COST: Mother of Fagowees- free

Children 4 and under- free

Children 5 to 10 - \$5.00

Adults - \$12.00



Adults with paid renewal membership receive additional \$2.00 off your adult price. Bring a covered dish and knock \$5.00 dollars off adult price. For more information, please contact Lisa Vignerot at 703/209-6776.



Fun in the Sun Cruise November 4-11, 2007 From Ski to Shining Sea in the Eastern Caribbean

Join the Fagowees as we cruise the Eastern Caribbean in November of 2007! Our week-long **Eastern Caribbean** cruise departs from Miami on the Carnival Valor and stops at Nassau, St. Thomas, and St. Maarten with 3 fun days at sea. Club planned activities include one or two one-hour open bar socials, an open Bar Captain's reception and the Past Cruisers reception will also be available. Door prizes of facials, massages, T-shirts, Lift tickets, and much more. More details on club-planned activities will be provided as the trip date approaches.

Itinerary:

| Day | Port of Call | Arrival | Departure |
|------|----------------|---------|-----------|
| Sun | Miami | | 4pm |
| Mon | Nassau Bahamas | 7 am | 2 pm |
| Tues | Fun day at sea | | |
| Wed | St. Thomas | 9 am | 8 pm |
| Thur | St Maarten | 7 am | 6 pm |
| Fri | Fun day at Sea | | |
| Sat | Fun day at Sea | | |
| Sun | Miami, FL | 8am | |

Cost*:

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| Inside Cabin | \$570 |
| Ocean View | \$670 |
| Balcony (recommended) | \$820 |

All rates are based on double occupancy. Travel to and from Miami is the responsibility of each traveler. Optional trip insurance is recommended and can be purchased individually at the discretion of the traveler. Carnival adds a gratuity of apx. \$110 pp which can be adjusted up or down by you. A \$50 pp deposit will reserve your spot now! Additional \$200 by May 1, Balance by August 15. Fully Refundable until August. 15 2006! Send a check made out to the Fagowees to Bill Steinhour, 13406 Glen Taylor Lane, Herndon, VA 20171. Questions? Suggestions? Contact Bill at 703/467-9779 or win-glover1@yahoo.com. Check out Fagowee_cruisers at yahogroups.com

** Prices are per person based on double occupancy and do not include travel to Miami. Trip prices will not exceed these figures and might end up a little cheaper. If you need assistance with a roommate, please state your preferences with your deposit. Smoking, non-smoking, etc. I will attempt to find you a suitable roommate, but the responsibility is still yours.*



Fagoweeing Europe 2007

Banning the Fagowees from a country just makes us come back in stronger force. And that's just what we did the first week of February, 2007. New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, and Virginia were well represented as 29 of the faithful skied, toured, ate and drank our way through Austria and Germany. Specifically we skied Pass Thurn, Jochberg, Kitzbuhel, and the 10,000 foot high Kaprun Glacier. The first day snow didn't cover all the runs in Kitzbuhel, but plenty of long runs, blue cruisers, and the challenging Hahnenkamm were available, and the snow got more plentiful each day of the week. Some days we skied from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with lunch at a mountain café, and caught the ski bus back to town from wherever we ended up. Carl and Jeff arranged daily sight seeing trips for non- skiers and those seeking a breather from the lifts. We toured the medieval town of Rattenberg, circa 1200, and home to craftsmen glassblowers and cutters. There was lots of beautiful crystal to choose from that made Waterford look like Kmart special glasswear. Amazing handmade pieces. And one nice sunny day there was a day trip to Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart. There was plenty to do - tour the castle, shop, sample chocolates, or just windowshop, there was more to see than there was time. On another day we toured the town of Berchtesgarden where the famous Eagles Nest of Hitler is, and the bunkers that housed many of the elite and high ranking army leaders. This was a stunning place, but unfortunately, the weather prevented us from seeing the spectacular view. Afterwards, we went down to the salt mine of Halliense, where you can slide down a 50 foot shoot into the mine and it gets really dark there without the lights on. We all got samples of salt as we caught the mining train back out of the salt mine.

Kitzbuhel had a Tyrolean parade one night, where marchers displayed their Austrian heritage and culture. Speaking of culture, on "Superbowl Sunday" (actually "Superbowl Monday At 12:30 a.m.") we took over the club Sigi, where they offered free chili at half time, and the chili was good. Some of us stayed up til 3 a.m. to watch the very end. Another night we had a pub crawl. The Hefeweizen, Steigl, vodka, and Jack and cokes flowed plentifully through the week. Marc arranged for a local cameraman to do his best Warren Miller and make a DVD of Fagowees on snow. After it was finished and mixed, we watched it at the bar and everyone enjoyed the production. Regarding the skiing prowess displayed, well, you'll have to see it to believe it. We ate real Austrian cooking - cream soups, seeded breads, a selection of meats and fish, desserts, and enjoyed the fruit of a good wine list. Oh yes, and we did stop in Munich, Germany. Since we arrived in Munich around noon, we had a sunny afternoon to sightsee the Glockenspiel, and the shopping district downtown, as well as walk past a German McDonald's and German Burger King almost next door to each other. Our evening destination after dinner was that Fagowee favorite, The Hoffbrau House, across from the Munich Hard Rock Café, where once again we powwowed and maintained our reputation as the drinking club with a skiing problem. It's hard to describe all that happened with every person's experience, especially after drinking several shots of Ziggy's special schnapps, but photos to help fill in some of the blanks will be on the Yahoo Groups site for Fagowees.

As many of you read this, the story doesn't capture an eighth of the good times that were had by the Fagowees. You really have to go on a Europe trip to experience the special bond and friendship that is forged between members on the trip - it is a very special experience that cannot be summed up in 100 pages of reporting. Next year, we will be going to Meribel France, which is part of the famous 3 Valleys. More information will be forthcoming, but a side trip to Paris will be included.

March 2007

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 ← |
| 4 Demo Day @ Wisp ← | 5 | 6 | 7 <i>Utah Trip</i> | 8 | 9 | 10 → |
| 11  | 12 | 13 | 14 Monthly & Activities Meeting | 15 | 16 BOM: Bistro Europa | 17  |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |



Dates to Remember...

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| March 3-10, 2007: | Ski UTAH |
| March 4, 2007: | Ski Chalet Demo Day @ Wisp |
| March 11, 2007: | Daylight Savings Time Begins - set your clocks forward! |
| March 14th: | Activities Meeting 6:30 p.m., & Monthly Meeting |
| March 16: | Bar of the Month - Bistro Europa, Old Town Alexandria, VA |
| May 1: | Elections |
| May 6: | Annual Mother's Day Picnic |
| June 23: | New Members Party |

Are you in the Know? Stay on edge

with the latest on trips, events, and informal gatherings by joining the
Fagowee_Skiers Yahoo group.

Go to: http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/Fagowee_Skiers to sign-up or
send an e-mail to oz528@yahoo.com for help signing on.

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