

# Lost Nation NEWS



## Fagowees International - Washington Branch

### President's Message

Well, it's the start of another football season as we pack up the SkinMobile for another great year of tailgating. This year we added some very appropriate decals to SkinMobile: "It's all about the Tailgating". We have grown in numbers over the years from just a few of us in the original Sin, to a group of almost 30 in the SkinMobile. Why? Because we have fun. Last month I spoke about how "Fun" is our main marketing tool of our club and how "Fun" is our biggest asset (besides our fabulous members of course). Although the SkinMobile Tailgating is not a Fagowee event, many members attend. So, to demonstrate the fun some of our members have, I wanted to give you a few clips on "A day in the life of a tailgate at the SkinMobile".

4:30 a.m. at the Vignerot Farm: Marc: "get up- we're gonna be late". Lisa: "gggrrrr - \*&^% off! My alarm hasn't gone off - I have 5 more minutes". 5 minutes later - Marc: (Lights go on) "5 minutes is up - you need to get in the freaking shower - we're gonna be late". Lisa: (shoots look of death to Marc, but gets up anyway) grrrrr \*(&^ \*\*&&^^^ (%# \$# a gggrrrrrrrr

6:05 a.m. at the Vignerot Farm: Lisa: "do we have tickets?". Marc (double checks glove compartment) "yup, lets go- we're late".

6:09 a.m.: Lisa runs over squirrel. Cussing follows due to splatter on the SkinMobile with "rat with a fuzzy tail - probably a Dallas fan anyway" and goes faster to get dead road rat off tire and end annoying thumping sound. Marc makes comment "we're late". (Lisa rolls eyes and ignores him).

6:42 a.m.: Lisa pulls off 2nd street exit - blows redskin horn to amuse guards at Ft. Myer.

6:45 a.m.: Lisa pulls into 7-11. Endless line of coolers, chairs, people dressed in burgundy, all holding either a beer or coffee. SkinMobile leaves 7-11 at 7:05 a.m. after someone says "hold up-we need more beer".

7:10 a.m.: pull over to pick up Baron and Dutch - wild shuffle in RV to get them in and get everyone seated before light changes and we get rear-ended by local crack dealer on the way to a delivery. There are 20 people in the RV at this time.

7:15 a.m.: Marc: "we're late". SkinMobile is the first vehicle in the lot. We pull up to our regular spot in the totally empty parking lot and officially park. Duties of setup proceed with shouts of "someone get me the head", "who wants a mimosa", "which keg should we tap first?", "who's on chair duty?", "stop the slide out! - man down!". Redskin horn goes off no less than 20 times as "commoners" start queuing up for the gates to open at 9:00 a.m. Tailgate is officially setup when Marc lights a cigar holding a mimosa. Pictures in front of SkinMobile taken by Johnny (local scalper we have befriended over the years). Later look at pictures shows missing half the group in picture. Dutch is yelling "who wants egg McDutches?". Larry the lot attendant comes over and gives Lisa a hug and kiss and grabs some butt. Marc rolls eyes. Larry sees someone pulling into another regular's spot and Larry jumps in cart and goes over and yells at them to move. Everyone is yelling "get em Larry".

9:00 a.m.: Dutch finishes breakfast. Every inch in the Kitchen is totally covered in grease, but breakfast was awesome! Keg one is half dead. Game of A\$hole starts up. Round one declares Stupor-man Presidente with a brownnosing Michelle as VP. Bill does weird things with cheese puffs, distracts everyone, and everyone has to drink when they miss the Presidente's thumb on the table. Marc is still whining about getting to the stadium so late and declares we will all meet at 7-11 at 6:00 a.m. next time. Lisa scowls at Marc, then goes back to card game contently as she takes over the brownnosing duties after a good hand to become VP.



### Hot News

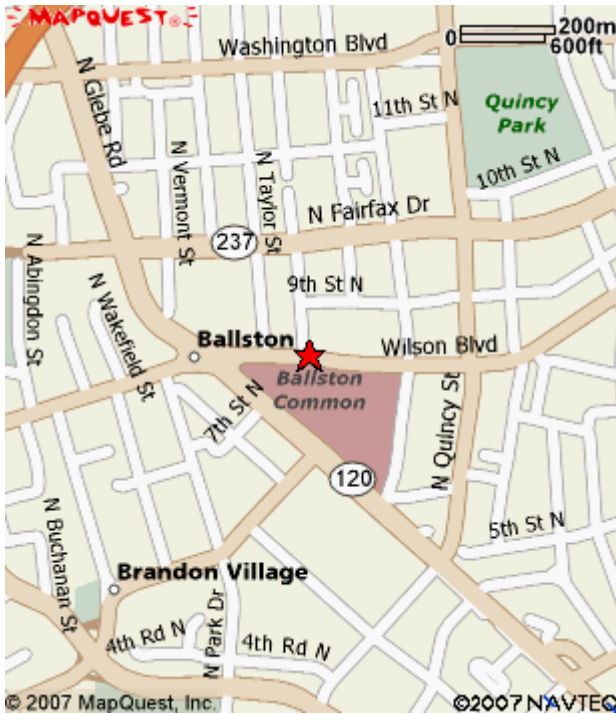
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Our meeting location for July is **Bailey's Pub and Grill @ Ballston Mall, 4233 Wilson Blvd** in Arlington, VA, 703/465-1300. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. When you walk in, head toward the right - we will be at the back bar. Try out their menu, have a beverage with your friends (40 beers at \$2.50 a pint!), make new friends, sign up for a trip, 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:** From 395, take exit 7 for S Glebe Rd, parking garage entrance is on the right before Wilson Blvd. Parking is available in the garage for \$1, and the Ballston Metro stop (Orange Line) is on the same block.

**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.**

**Board of Directors**

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**Wanted - Free Stuff!**

The club is accepting donations of new and unused items, to be used in our monthly 50/50 raffles, as well as special events such as the Christmas Party. Did you receive a present for your birthday or Christmas which you have no use for? Well, instead of stuffing it into that black void of your closet or re-gifting it, please consider donating it to your club. Please contact Marc Vignerot at [mavignerot@aol.com](mailto:mavignerot@aol.com) if you have a donation. Thanks for your support!

**Redskins September Schedule**

9/9	vs. Dolphins	1pm ET
9/17	@ Eagles	8:30pm ET
9/23	vs. Giants	4:15pm ET



**Help Wanted:**

Newsletter Designer!

Wanted! A dedicated person with an artistic flair to take over for Oz. Her job duties take her away more frequently, and she will be stepping down as soon as we can find a victim, errr, volunteer to replace her. Oz has done a fabulous job with the newsletter, and we thank her for her dedication to making the Club a better one. She is willing to train and get you up to speed, so if you have graphic layout or design experience, contact Oz or board member ASAP!

Thanks! Mr. Bill

## President's Message, cont'd

*10:00 a.m.:* Keg one is dead. Baron has given newsletters out to entire parking lot, has lipstick on his cheeks from kisses, and we have 3 new members. SpillBill has 5 splotches on front of shirt with a dribble of hot sauce from breakfast. Cusses as beer splatters while hooking up second keg. Grill is stoked up and Marc yells "3 hours to game time". Stuporman is making everyone do shots. Dave comes in with skinned knee while playing football on asphalt looking for band aid. Lisa comes out with half of an emergency supply room and patches Dave back up. ESPN comes by to shoot some parking lot party footage for Game Day show. We ARE SO the Scene! Everyone is yelling at the camera "SKINS!". Cameramen depart with soda and pledge to return later for a beer (although they never do).

*11:00 a.m.:* Lunch is served - steaks, salad, baked potatoes - the works. Just stay back while inhalation of food proceeds. For the first time, silence comes over the crowd.

*11:45 a.m.:* First call to begin packing up so we can get up to game. Marc yells "we're gonna miss kickoff- lets move it!". Final beers are gathered (it's a 2 beer walk to the stadium). Mother Lisa is pushing sun block on everyone.

*5:00 p.m.:* It's a WIN! Chanting of "they suck, they suck XX Sucks" and taunting of opponents as they slink past the SkinMobile. Yells give way to high fives and celebratory chugs.

*5:30 p.m.:* Marc has grill in full production of burgers and brots. "Old guys" are still in SkinMobile playing Pinnacle. Everyone is disgusted and yelling at the TV when Dallas scores during the 4:00 p.m. late game.

*8:30 p.m.:* Lisa is trying to herd the cats to get SkinMobile packed up to go - Drunks are trying to get 15 chairs into undercarriage bins with no luck. Garbled sounds of "screw it" are followed with sitting back down in the chairs to continue drinking. Lisa comes by and shoos them away and yells for Marc. Redskin horn goes off another 15 times.

*9:00 p.m.:* Drunks are finally loaded into SkinMobile and Marc does the final check of "jacks up, satellite down, everyone present". We are not the last to leave, but we are one of the few left. Parking lot looks vastly different than when we arrived. Lisa goes to bar and starts mixing shots. There are bodies everywhere, including passed out on bed in back. Every cooler is empty.

*9:35 p.m.:* all drunks unload at Bills. ½ of crowd announce they are crashing at Bill's house - Jen will be sooo thrilled.

*10:30 p.m.:* SkinMobile arrives at Vignerot farm. Lights go on and it looks like a bomb went off inside the RV. Lisa yells "how the heck do they spill beer on the ceiling?" Bar is sticky from pouring shots while going down the road. Empty beer bottles are found under pillow on bed. There are no less than 2 pieces of clothing left behind by one of the drunks. Lost and found box is now overflowing. Dutch calls looking for his coffee mug. Lisa promises to deliver it at the meeting but forgets it for 2 months, then throws mug in lost and found box when she can't remember where it came from.

So, remember- it's all about the tailgating! Pure Fun at our best!

*Head Bartender, Lisa*



## Rehoboth Beach Blast 2007, September 7th – 9th



**Celebrate the last blast of summer weekend!**  
**Only 1 Space Left for 1 Female!**

This year we will be staying in our old neighborhood at a recently updated beach house, 47 & 33 Pennsylvania Avenue. View the houses at [www.jacklingo.com](http://www.jacklingo.com).

Members Only Prices for the three night Weekend:

- Bed Spaces: \$220 per person
- Day-Tripper: \$50.00 per person for the weekend
- \* Stay the week at either house for \$10 per extra night \*

Trip Includes accommodations in a Beach House two blocks from the beach, walking distance to the heart of downtown. Friday night welcome dinner and party with festive beverages. Saturday family style Mexican dinner (fajitas and paella) at Mariachi's. Enjoying more fun and sun on Sunday and Monday.

Rehoboth Attractions are many and varied. Check out [www.rehoboth.com](http://www.rehoboth.com) for more info. Here are just a few:

- For Beach Bums - ride the waves, play sand volleyball, stroll down the boardwalk, or just bask in the sun.
- Need a break from the sun? Shop till you drop! There's plenty of prime outlet shopping and some very quaint shops and boutiques. Added bonus - Delaware has no sales tax.
- Water-logged? You'll find tons of activities such as go-karting, tennis, sight-seeing in neighboring beach communities, miniature golf, or for you 'serious' golfers play a full 18 holes.
- Evening options are limitless – tons of great restaurants and bars.
- \$100 deposit to sign up and the balance due by September's Monthly Meeting.
- Mail checks payable to "Fagowees" to Ty Williamson at 1029 N. Stuart Street, #400 Arlington, VA. 22201
- Contact Ty at 703/522-7420 or [tywdc@yahoo.com](mailto:tywdc@yahoo.com) with questions.
- Cancellation policy: Refund less \$25 cancellation fee if space is re-sold.

## DUTCH NEEDS HELP!!!

This is Dutch, your Fagowee Chief Cook, and once again, it's that time of the year to ask for Fagowee HELP. Events will be the annual Ski Chalet "Dilly in Chantilly" three-day end-of-summer sale and then two weeks later, the Gaithersburg Swap Shop, also at Ski Chalet.

CHANTILLY, 14130 Sullyfield Circle, Friday, September 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, September 29th from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 30th from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. I'll cook. Rest of Fagoweews help promote club, distribute food, help with set-up, collect money, etc. Volunteer for all day every day or just one hour. ANY and ALL help will be appreciated!

GAITHERSBURG, Rt. 270 to Rt. 370 West (Sam Eig Highway). Go right at 2nd light, Diamondback Avenue and then proceed a couple of lights and turn right at Muddy Branch Road. Mile or so and shopping center on right. Look for large Ski Chalet tent. Saturday, October 13th, 8:00 a.m. until around 5:00 p.m. and then Sunday, 10:30 a.m. until around 4:00 p.m. If you can help, please call me at 301/699-8114 and let me know what hours you think you might be available. At Gaithersburg Swap, great time to sell your old equipment or clothing and/or pickup terrific deals on somebody else's.

## WARM UP FOR TAHOE – SKI LIBERTY TRIP THIS JANUARY

Fagoweews used to run up to Ski Liberty a lot and we want to get back into that so we're going to have a group rate weekend at Liberty this January 26th and 27th. We are also going to plan a midweek ski day on Wednesday, January 23rd.

We're talking about a basic old school ski trip where we meet at the bar and get some skiing in. We are arranging lift tickets and rooms for folks who want to stay Friday and/or Saturday night. It's a great opportunity to warm up the joints, test your skis and get your form back.

I don't have prices yet, but to give you an idea, last year during the week a lift ticket was \$34 for an adult, senior was about \$21, and weekend group rate was \$46 for an adult. The hotel room is right there at Liberty, cost is approx \$77 per person. More details will be available in future newsletters and at the meetings!

*Ray Stoll*

## Kennedy Center Opera House

My Fair Lady - Wed., Jan. 9, 2008

The Lion King - Wed., July 9, 2008

We're returning to the Kennedy Center twice in 2008 to enjoy two of the most popular musicals ever performed on the stage. My Fair Lady opened on Broadway in 1956 and became an instant classic and made Julie Andrews a superstar. The Lion King, featuring the songs of Elton John, opened in 1999 and continues to play before sold-out audiences today. So far I have blocked off 45 tickets for My Fair Lady and 50 tickets for Lion King. Ticket prices are \$81.00 for My Fair Lady and \$90.00 for Lion King. The deadline for signups and payment for My Fair Lady is November 25. The deadline for Lion King signups and payment will be in late May of 2008. However, we already have about 35 signups for Lion King, so don't wait too long. For more details, call Tim Gordon at 703/931-7795 or contact by E-mail at [MLSM@worldnet.att.net](mailto:MLSM@worldnet.att.net). Make checks payable to Fagoweews and mail them to Tim at 3310 Nevius Street, Falls Church, VA 22041.

## Chili Cook Off and Halloween Party



- When:** October 27, 2007  
**Where:** Mike and Lora Kidd's Haunted Mansion  
9116 Triple Ridge Road, Fairfax Station, VA 22039  
**Cost:** \$5.00 – if you bring chili – you're a contestant and a judge  
\$10.00 – if you don't – you're a judge  
Vote early, vote often. Everyone's vote counts!!  
**RSVP:** No Later Than October 20, 2007 703/690-1099



OK, Bats and Ghouls, it's time again for the Chili Cook Off. Bring your tastiest chili recipe and wear your favorite costume for a hauntingly good time. There is going to be chili (of course), beer, soda, wine, dessert, LOTS of socializing with fellow goblins.

Please bring at least two quarts of chili for judging. Feel free to bring additional sides or enhancements.

## Fun in the Sun Cruise // November 4-11, 2007

Avast yee Maties!

Sign-ups for the Cruise are now closed. Please welcome last minute additions, Jim Brown, Karen Eckert and Thomas Kates!

All unsold Cabins have been released. People are still welcome to join us but rates will be at the prevailing rates!

If you haven't done so already, please join the e-group setup for the Cruise. Go to: [groups.yahoo.com/group/fagowee\\_cruisers](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fagowee_cruisers), click on the "Join" button. In the request put your legal name, so I will know who you are. Only registered cruisers are permitted.

Once signed up, the e-group will be how we distribute cruise information, Miami activities, and shore excursions. So please sign up! Once you are signed up and approved, I will send you more information.

If you are interested in trip insurance, you can purchase it from Carnival, [www.accessamerica.com](http://www.accessamerica.com). Some insurance companies are now offering travel insurance, as are Credit Card companies.

Check Your Passport! This is the last time I will mention it! It must expire after the end date of the cruise! November 11th.

It's going to be a great cruise and hopefully the Hurricanes will not mess with our favorite Islands!

If you have any questions, send me an email or give me a call!  
All Aboard!

Cruise Director Bill  
703/861-5503



## The 2007 Fagowee Christmas Party

**When:** Saturday, December 15, 2007

**Where:** Doubletree Hotel, Crystal City  
300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia, 22202-2891  
703/416-4100

Your cost will only be **\$48 per person!** The actual cost will be about \$75 each, but the club has once again graciously offered to pay the difference. Special Room Rate of \$99 is being offered to the Fagowees. Call 703/416-4100 to reserve your room and tell them you're a Fagowee!

Make your checks out to the "Fagowees" and mail it to: Marc Vignerot, 1472 Mountain View Rd, Stafford VA 22554. Please include your e-mail address and phone number. Questions? E-mail Marc at [mavignerot@aol.com](mailto:mavignerot@aol.com).

## TAHOE/RENO March 1-8, 2008

This is Dutch, your Tahoe/Reno trip leader and answer man. Have been asked several times how can a trip that is so much fun be that inexpensive and organized? Easy. Set up a two-hour party EVERY evening, then put Webb and Carol and Harwood and Joy in charge, then get 100 Fagowees. Fantastic and varied Tahoe skiing doesn't hurt. As far as organization, we've been running trips to Tahoe since the 60s (even two charters). As far as inexpensive is concerned, that's easy. Cut out the middle man. Deal directly with Group Sales at the airline. Eleven or twelve months in advance, book the lowest rate you can find and then wait for Southwest to publish. For rentals, we used to use Enterprise, but AVIS beats them in so many ways that we don't even bother with other rental agencies. Once again, direct with Group Sales. For lodging, contact all hotels in the area you wish to consider, make sure they understand what we want to do partywise, etc., get good comps and there we are. We buy lift tickets by the day because it is the LOWEST possible price, and no forfeitures.

For those reading about this trip for the first time, we will be staying at the luxury Peppermill Hotel/Casino in Reno, with its seven signature restaurants, twelve bars and all of the hot tubs, etc., and other amenities you'd expect at a four-star hotel. You will have an AVIS 4x4 SUV (4 to a vehicle) for all seven days, and may upgrade to fewer in a vehicle, a small mid-size or full-size or a minivan. Seven nights lodging AND roundtrip air from either Reagan National Airport or BWI. In addition, every night for two hours, a fantastic hosted party with Webb and Carol Ellis and Joy, plus John Harwood. Almost any kind of casual food (cheese, meats, breads, crackers, dips, veggies) plus beer and wine and soft drinks. Every night, two hours. At this party, you pay for your next day discounted lift tickets. Bad skiing or just don't want to ski tomorrow. . . .don't buy the ticket. Below prices include complete package of lodging, AVIS, air, party and ALL taxes and fees. Is this a popular trip? Over 100 will go, and so far, of the 45 signed up, only three have not been on this trip during the past two trips.

### PRICE PER PERSON

	<u>REAGAN</u>	<u>BWI</u>	<u>NO AIR</u>
2 per room (1 or 2 beds)	\$775	\$ 808	\$368
3 per room (2 beds)	\$707	\$ 740	\$300
4 per room (2 beds)	\$673	\$ 706	\$266
Private Playpen	\$979	\$1,012	\$572

As always, you can stay fewer or more days, add or subtract number in each vehicle or anything else that will help make your trip more enjoyable.

To sign up, call me direct, and then follow with a check. \$200 and then additional \$100 per month until paid-in-full. \$25 forfeiture if cancelled by September meeting and \$50 after, or unrecoverable loss. If unable to attend meeting, mail, payable to FAGOWEES, to Dutch Mueller, 4613 Clemson Road, College Park, MD 20740-3601 or call me at 301/699-8114.

Time to add your name to this list. See the web version of the newsletter for the lucky members currently signed up!

# September 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 <i>Monthly Meeting</i>	5	6	7 <i>Rehoboth Beach Blast</i>	8 →
9 →	10	11 <i>BOD Meeting</i>	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>Dilly in</i>	29 <i>Chantilly</i> →
30 →						



## Future Dates to Remember...

- September 7-9: Rehoboth Beach Blast (*Ty*)
- September 28-30: Dilly in Chantilly (*Dutch*)
- October 13-14: Gaithersburg Swap Shop (*Dutch*)
- October 27: Chili Cook-off (*Lora Kidd*)
- November 4-11: Fun in the Sun Cruise II (*Mr. Bill*)
- December 15: Fagowee Christmas Party (*Marc V.*)
- January 9: My Fair Lady (*Tim G.*)
- January 23, 26-27: Ski Liberty Trips (*Ray*)
- March 1-8: Tahoe/Reno (*Dutch*)
- July 9: Lion King (*Tim G.*)

- Cleveland Branch Trips:**
- September 28-30: Fall Gauley Rafting Trip

**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](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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## TIME SENSITIVE MAIL

### OUR BACK SIDE



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The *Lost Nation News* is always looking for news or stories of topical interest.

Submission deadline is the 15th of each month.

If you would like to contribute, please send your article as an attached MS Word file.

#### Membership Rates

##### Lifetime

Individual \$200

Family \$300

##### Renewal

Individual \$20

Family \$25

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_