

Lost Nation News



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President's Message

October 11, 2011

Greetings Fellow Fagowees!!!

Thank you to those who attended Dutch's Military Burial. Joy wanted me to thank everyone who has sent her cards, called her, helped her and the family get through this tough time. The Board has voted to give Joy, Cheri, and Connie honorary life memberships in the Tribe. John and Sandy have made a wonderful tribute book pulled from the archives of the Fagowees Albums. They have also put together a book for Dutch, and we will have copies made for Cheri and Connie. He will be missed. John and Sandy still have a limited number of CD's available for \$5 each.

As reported last month, our good friend Karen Osborne will be leaving us. This month's LNN issue is a collaboration between Karen and our newly appointed editor Ms. Stephanie Anderson! Please join me on congratulating both for their hard work. Chris Carlson has also volunteered to help with the newsletter when needed. Karen (Oz) was voted Fagowee of the month in September and she will be missed!

Have you felt the chill in the air? Fall is almost here and we all know what that means. Ski weather is right around the corner! Signups are open for the Halloween Chili Cook-off, our annual Christmas Holiday Party, a much anticipated New Years trip to Seven Springs, BRSC Andorra, Big Sky Montana, and coming soon will be Blue Knob and Ski Liberty! Post your day trips to Yahoo, Meetup.com and Facebook! Check out the fun at www.dcfagowees.com

Fagowees of the Month for October is Lisa Vignerot for her outstanding Oktoberfest trip to Munich! I have heard nothing but good things about the fun they had! Lisa has always been a great trip leader and I am happy to report that she and Marc will be running the upcoming Blue Knob trip! Sign up now! The Ski Liberty trip needs a minimum of 15 to get the discounted package and lunch, so send Ray a check now to get on the list!

Now is the time to check your gear! Sharpen those edges, wax your Skis or Boards, and check for moth holes in the gloves. Start those deep knee bends and stretching exercises! We have some great trips and good times coming to a slope near you!

Mr. Bill



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If you want to hike, bike, kayak, or anything else on a day when there is no scheduled trip, post to the users group: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Fagowee_Skiers. You might find a fellow Fagowee to go with you ☺

Member club



Meeting Location:
Kilroy's Restaurant & Sports Bar
 Ravensworth Shopping Center
 5250-A Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA
 703-321-7733

We meet in the back of the Pub on the heated deck. Tuesday specials include a Seafood Buffet from 4-8pm and \$5 off any bottle of wine between 5-9pm. Other specials vary during the year. Our meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Plenty of free parking both in the front and in back of Kilroy's, although the parking in back is closer to where we will be meeting.



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

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From D.C.: Take 395 South across the 14th St. bridge toward Richmond. Take exit 1D to merge onto I-495 North. ****Take exit 54A to merge onto Braddock Rd/VA620 West.** Turn left at Port Royal Road. Kilroy's is located at 5250-A Port Royal Road in the Ravensworth Shopping Center.

From the North: Take the Capitol Beltway 495 across the Potomac River and into Virginia. Follow directions from **** above.**

From the South: Take 95 North to 395 North/495 North toward Tysons Corner. Take exit 170B and merge on I-495 North. Follow directions from **** above.**

From the East: Take 95 South/495 West toward Richmond. Keep left at the fork to continue towards I-495 West/I 95 South. Follow directions from **** above.**

From the West: Take either 7 East, 267 East, or 66 East to I-495 South. Keep right at the fork and merge onto I-495

Greetings Fagoweets!

I am the new editor, replacing Karen Osbourne. I am going to fill her shoes to the best of my ability. I am looking forward to this challenge. Those that do not know me, My name is Stephanie Anderson and am a regular attendee of the Float trip. I was introduced to the Fagoweets back in 2003 in the Redskins parking lot (RV's) with my dad. Guess who we parked next to— that's right Lisa & Marc! Lisa was very sociable and invited my dad and I to their tailgate. This is where I met Bill, Mark (Stuporman), Dina, Joe, and Dave (later Michelle and the McIntires). (At this time, I was a mere 23 years old). Marc/Lisa's tailgate was where I did a keg stand with my dad proudly watching and playing many games of A**hole. From then on until 2008, I was a regular tailgater and had soooo many memories. Lisa recruited me to join the Fagoweets. That's my story of when I joined the Fagoweets.

--Stephanie--

The Electric Spademan Story

by John McIntire

For nearly 40 years I have been going on ski trips led by our Fearless Founder starting as early as 4BS (4 years Before Sandy). The most memorable were the many trips to my home state of California and my favorite ski areas at Tahoe where I learned to ski. In the early days I would occasionally ski with Dutch, in part because he was a good ski partner and in part just to hear him extol the virtues of his prototype Electric Spademan bindings.

At the time, Spademan bindings (the traditional non-electric versions) were a popular state-of-the-art plate-type binding. They were a much improved design invented by Dr. Richard Spademan who had vast experience treating ski injuries at Tahoe Forrest Hospital.* However, despite its advanced features, it was still a purely mechanical design (*or at least we thought so*).

Dutch had Spademan bindings but, in addition, each ski had a battery pack and connecting wires; and each ski pole had what looked like a pushbutton on the top of the grip. This attracted much attention in the lift line or whenever we stopped on a run. Young skiers would gather round in wonder and ask about this unusual set-up. Dutch would graciously stop to explain that these were the new **Electric Spademan** bindings. Most on-lookers would accept this explanation while we Fagowees knew that this was a joke. It was great fun to watch Dutch carefully explain all of the features and advantages of these new prototype bindings. The key feature was the ability of a skier, knowing he was in trouble, to push one of the ski pole buttons which would cause him to eject out of his bindings to avoid a more serious fall. Several onlookers would get quite excited and want to know where they could buy these revolutionary bindings.

Until recently, I, like most of the old-time Fagowees, was convinced this was just one of many of Dutch's great gags. That is until I did a Google search of *Electric Spademan bindings*. To my great surprise I discovered that these were REAL. See Dr. Spademan's patent above. On behalf of all the Fagowees who doubted Dutch for all these years I offer my humble apology.

Dutch, you were ahead of your time.

United States Patent [19] [11] **4,360,218**

Spademan [45] **Nov. 23, 1982**

[54] **STEP-IN ELECTRICAL RELEASABLE SKI BINDING** *Primary Examiner—Joseph F. Peters, Jr.*

[76] Inventor: **Richard G. Spademan, Box 6410, Incline Village, Nev. 89450** *Assistant Examiner—Milton L. Smith*

Attorney, Agent, or Firm—Townsend and Townsend

[21] Appl. No.: **155,302** [57] **ABSTRACT**

[22] Filed: **Jun. 2, 1980**

[51] Int. Cl.³ **A63C 9/08**

[52] U.S. Cl. **280/624; 280/611; 280/612; 280/623**

[58] Field of Search **280/612, 611, 623, 624, 280/625, 626**

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4,140,331	2/1979	Salomon	280/612

[57] **ABSTRACT**

In a step-in electrical releasable ski binding (1) there is provided clamping means (5,6) having an open condition and a closed condition and a force unit (15) for providing a clamping force for releasably securing a ski boot (4) to a ski (2). A holding means (32) is provided for holding the clamping means (5,6) in its open condition against the force of the force unit (15). An electrically operated solenoid assembly (40) is provided which is responsive to the placing of the ski boot (4) in skiing position in the binding for releasing the clamping means (5,6) from the holding means (32) for closing the clamping means (5,6) with the force of the force unit (15).

23 Claims, 9 Drawing Figures

JOIN THE FAGOWEES AT LIBERTY MOUNTAIN, PA FEBRUARY 4-5, 2012

Liberty Mountain is a great beginner's mountain for new skiers; they offer an opportunity to learn snowboarding or skiing. Plus, you can sharpen your skiing technique and prepare for out west skiing. Fagowee Bonus – they have a bar!

Here are the options for our group with cost per day –

Beginner Package: Cost \$81 per person includes rental of skis/or snowboard, boots, poles, beginner's lesson, all day beginners' area lift ticket and lunch.

All Mountain Plan: \$94 per person includes rental of skis/or snowboard, boots, poles; lesson at your level, all day, all access lift ticket and lunch.

Lift Ticket Plan: \$66 per person includes all day, all access lift ticket plus lunch. Bring your own skis.

Note: rental of helmet is available for \$10

Without a group, the prices for the ski plans are substantially higher and lunch is not included – Beginner Package is normally \$87; All Mountain is \$109, plus a lesson at \$39; and Lift Ticket is \$68

We need a minimum of 15 paying skiers to get these great ski rates. Unfortunately Season Pass Holder tickets and senior rate tickets do not apply towards the 15 person group rate. If we do not have enough skiers for group rates on Sunday, rates are at the normal Liberty daily rate.

Lunch selections:

Lunch includes your choice of Personal Pizza, Hamburger or Hot Dog, Soup & Salad, OR Turkey or Ham Sandwich, and includes chips, drink, and your choice of cookie or fruit, i.e. apple

Lunch Only Package-\$10 per person

Non-members please add \$5 to the packages above

Signup deadline: January 24th, 2012. Please note – payment in advance is due. You must pay for the first day at Liberty in advance before January 24th. Let me know which package(s) you want and make check payable to "Fagowees". Send to Ray Stoll, 12498 Fanleaf Ct, Fairfax VA 22033. Full refund up to January 24th, 2012, just let me know. No refund after Jan 24th. Questions – email batrantula@yahoo.com

Someone asked what Liberty's website is – www.skiliberty.com

Where is Liberty Mountain? In Pennsylvania just north of Maryland, about 90 minutes northwest of DC. Easy to get to, see website for simple clear directions.

Is there ski racing that weekend – there is no organized race event that weekend.

Dinner out after skiing? Yes – for those that chose to do so, we gather for a dinner at the nearby Fairfield Inn after skiing and enjoy a fine repast and good conversation.

Stayover at Liberty? – yes – Liberty has rooms. Non-slope side is \$159 + tax. Carol Valley Resort (next door) is \$179 + tax. Both hotels can be reached at 717-642-8282 option 1. Other hotels in the area are available.

We'll meet at the cafeteria (second floor above the ticket booth) at 8:30 a.m. or anytime after that.

You can show up at 10 or whatever time works for you. We ski all day.

Contact Ray or Donna Stoll at 703 -865-4179 or at batrantula@yahoo.com or dcampel@aol.com.

If you have a question, email me. Looking forward to seeing you there! - Ray



Fagowee Annual Blue Knob Spring Frolic February 17-20, 2012

- Are you ready for the annual Spring Frolic at Blue Knob? For skiers and non skiers alike, this weekend is one not to miss! Staying at the Bedford Best Western once again, we'll start the weekend off right a party at the outdoor hot tub Friday night after an optional dinner at the Jean Bonnet Inn if you are arriving early.

Included in the package are two nights lodging at the Best Western including all taxes (pet deposit/fee additional), full breakfast buffet Saturday and Sunday mornings, lunch at the Lodge Saturday at noon, and of course the Imler Fire Hall family-style dinner with soda/wine/beer, DJ and contests, bus transportation to and from the Best Western to the fire hall, and an after-Imler party at the hot tub again! If you are staying the optional 3rd night (2/19), full breakfast buffet is also included Monday morning.

<u>Cost person:</u>	<u>2 nights</u>	<u>3 nights</u>
Single	\$218	\$293
Double	\$144	\$182
Triple	\$125	\$154
Quad	\$116	\$140

Frolic Package alone will be \$40 and includes: bus to and from the Best Western to the Imler fire hall, dinner and unlimited beverages at the Imler, DJ music and contests. Saturday Lodge Lunch is included in the overall package price, not the Frolic price.

Cost for children 17 and under- FREE (*note that no children under 18 will be admitted to the after dinner Frolic activities; they can attend the dinner for \$10 but must leave the hall before the adult festivities begin*)

NASTAR racing will take place on Saturday, and snow tubing, playing cards, and relaxing in the lodge are all optional activities as well.

Cancellation Policy: Prior to January 1st—\$25 cancellation fee
After January 1st—no refund unless substitution is made

How to sign up: Bring your check to the November meeting, or send check for full amount made out to "The Fagowees" to Lisa and Marc Vignerot, 1472 Mountain View Rd, Stafford, VA 22554.

Reservations must be received by January 1st. After January 1st, reservations will be based on availability of room at the hotel.

Any questions, email Lisa at lvignerot@aol.com or Marc at mavignerot@aol.com

Fagowees Annual Christmas Party

When: Saturday, December 10, 2011,
6:00 PM-Midnight

Where: Crowne Plaza, Washington National Airport
1480 Crystal Dr. Arlington, Virginia, 22202
703-416-1600

Cost: Now only \$50



That's right; your club has once again agreed to contribute up to \$1,000 in order to reduce your price from \$75 to \$50! Last year we sold out and had to turn people away, so don't wait and sign up now! Get a room and stay for the "after hour party."

Cost includes a gourmet buffet dinner, lots and lots of door prizes, and DJ entertainment by our one and own, Marty Griffin.

A special Room Rate of \$99 is being offered to the Fagowees. Call 1-800-2CROWNE (1-800-227-6963) to reserve your room and tell them you're with the "Fagowees Ski Club Holiday Party."

- * NOW TAKING SIGN-UPS *
- * DON'T WAIT, SPACE IS LIMITED*

Make your checks payable to "Fagowees" and mail to: Marc Vignerot, 1472 Mountain View Rd, Stafford, VA 22554

Questions? E-mail Marc at mavignerot@aol.com



Billy Elliot Kennedy Center Opera House Wed., Jan. 4, 2012, 7:30 p.m.



Join us for Billy Elliot, the Musical, winner of ten Tony awards, including Best Musical of 2009! Set in a small English town, the story follows Billy as he stumbles out

of the boxing ring and into a ballet class, discovering a surprising talent for dance that inspires his family and his whole community.

We have a block of 30 tickets in the orchestra section for the January 4th performance. You may need to sign up pretty quickly, because the availability of additional tickets is always subject to what is available. Tickets will cost \$85. If you are interested, please contact Tim Gordon at 703-931-7795 or by E-mail at MLSM@att.net. Send payments made payable to Fagowees to Tim at 3310 Nevius Street, Falls Church, VA 22041. The final deadline for signups and payment is Decem-

BIG SKY MONTANA MARCH 17-24, 2012

WITH THE CLEVELAND FAGOWEES & CMSC

7 night Big Sky Trip package includes:
3 bedroom condos (sleeps 6 people), Shuttle service to/from Big Sky & Airport,
5 day adult lift ticket, and Multiple parties!

Cleveland is currently selling ground packages ONLY! BUT they hope to have the airfare costs this month. If you want a ground only package, please specify when signing up.

Member: \$719 per person
Non-member: \$769 pp

\$200 deposit needed to sign up. They are half-full on this trip, so don't wait too long.

Trip Leader: Tom Keller 440-248-3694 or email: Tom_P_Keller@Keybank.com.

Send your check payable to "Cleveland Fagowees" to Tom Keller, 28720 Trails End, Solon, OH 44139.

Come join Marc & Lisa Vignerot and 4 other DC Fagowees on this trip!

**New Year's Weekend at Seven Springs Resort
December 30, 2011-January 2, 2012**

Over half of the rooms have been sold. Don't delay signing up for this trip. **Deadline to sign up for this trip is November 15th.** End and Start your year skiing and celebrating New Year's with the Fagowees at Seven Springs, PA. 3 nights at Seven Springs Ski Resort, staying at the hotel on the mountain in non-slopeside rooms for New Year's Weekend. Seven Springs features not only skiing on 32 trails and 9 lifts plus 5 terrain parks, snow tubing, snowshoeing, game rooms, full service spa, swimming, bowling, miniature golf, roller skating, racquetball, hot tubs and more, plus 12 restaurants, eateries and bars.

3 night lodging package:	<u>2 per room</u>	<u>3 per room</u>	<u>4 per room</u>
Queen Family Rooms	\$387 per person	\$246 per person	\$192 per person

Queen Family rooms feature 2 queen beds separated by the bathroom, and the back bedroom has a door.

Included in the package: 3 Nights lodging each night with breakfast buffet each day, 1 dinner buffet (Buffet dinner is at the Slopeside Dining room, person can choose which night to use it). Lift tickets are valid beginning at 4pm day of arrival until 7pm day of departure and all taxes and gratuities. Plus a Fagowee New Year's Eve Party and New Year's Day-Jan.1 football watching party to celebrate the weekend! This does not include any parties that the Seven Springs resort may be having during the weekend.

Non-Skiers in the group will receive Ski Bucks instead of lift tickets (a gift certificate which can be used as cash throughout the resort. 3 night package-Non-skier certificate=\$65 value).

For those needing rentals or lessons for the weekend, they are available for an extra cost and must be purchased prior to check-in. Ski Rentals (includes skis, boots & poles): 1 day-\$21 2 Day-\$52 3 Day-\$52
Group Lessons: \$30 per person Private Lessons: \$75 per hour.



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Payment Schedule:
\$150 at sign up
Final Payment due by November 21, 2011

Cancellation Policy:
Sept 1-Oct 1-\$25 cancellation fee plus unrecoverable losses
Oct 1-Nov 8-\$50 cancellation fee plus unrecoverable losses
After Nov 8-\$100 cancellation fee plus unrecoverable losses

Sign up contact: Stacy Hickman 703-960-2539 or hotmail1928@hotmail.com or send checks made payable to the "Fagowees" to PO Box 1283, Alexandria, VA 22313



BRSC Eurofest 2012 Andorra, Spain March 3-10, 2012



Hey Fagooees! Let's ski Europe again! We will visit 3 countries in one trip (Andorra, Spain and France) and ski the Pyrenees Mountains! Andorra has 177 miles of fresh powder in the Pyrenees between France and Spain in the ski areas known as Vallnord and Grandvalira. <http://www.skiandorra.ad>

Cost: \$1975 per person

You can add an extension to Barcelona March 10-13 for \$425 per person. Please let me know if you are interested in that option.

Included: Round-trip air from DC to Barcelona, Spain,

* All current taxes and fuel charges (subject to change)

* Round-trip transfers from hotel to airport

* 7 nights lodging (double occupancy) at the all suite Crowne Plaza Hotel

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/cp/1/en/hotel/aroan>

* Breakfast and Dinner daily

* Service charge, local tax and VAT are included,

* Three BRSC parties (Welcome Party, Apres Ski Party and Dance Party),

* Emergency Medical and repatriation insurance is included but not trip insurance.

Lift tickets and Optional Day trips are extra.

Lift tickets are \$250 per person for 5 days.

Senior skiers 70 and older ski free and persons 65 to 69 pay just \$24 a day for lift tickets.

Optional Day trips for non-skiers:

1. Day trip to Barcelona, Spain

2. A Day at the Calderona Spa

3. A day in the Medieval town of Carcassonne, France

4. Explore the Med Coast Villages of Fiqueres/Cadaques/Besalu plus visit the Salvador Dali Museum

Payment schedule:

\$200 payment due by September 13, 2011

\$300 payment due by October 11, 2011

\$300 payment due by November 8, 2011

\$500 payment due by December 6, 2011

Final payment due by no later than January 3, 2012

Cancellation Policy:

After September 1-\$50 cancellation fee

After October 11-\$100 cancellation fee plus unrecoverable losses

After December 6-\$200 cancellation fee plus unrecoverable losses

To sign up, contact: Stacy Hickman 703-960-2539 or hickman1928@hotmail.com and/or send a check made out to "Fagooees" to PO Box 1283, Alexandria, VA 22313.

Signed up so far:

Stacy Hickman

Fred Cruise

Marge Sell

Brian Kerrigan


Nancy Cruise

Rich Kavanagh

JB Bourne

Ski the Alps!

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 All Saint's Day	2 Monthly Meeting	3	4	5	6 Daylight Savings Ends
7	8 Election Day	9 BOD Meeting	10	11 Veteran's Day	12 Maggiano's Dinner	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26 Black Friday	27
28	29	30			Don't Forget: Connect to the Fagowees on Facebook, Meetup, and Yahoo Groups!	

Coming Events

- November 12: Maggiano's Dinner (Donna Stoll)
- December 10: Annual Christmas Party (Marc Vignerot)
- Dec. 30—Jan. 2: Seven Springs New Year's Weekend (Stacy Hickman)
- January 4: Billy Elliot at Kennedy Center (Tim Gordon)
- February 17-21: Blue Knob President's Day Trip (Marc/Lisa Vignerot)
- March 3-10: BRSC Eurofest—Andorra, Spain (Stacy Hickman)
- March 17-24: Big Sky with the Cleveland Fagowees (Tom Keller)



Monthly Meetings: November 1, December 6
BOD Meetings: November 9, December 13

Editor's Note: If you have any notable Fagowee member news to report—birthdays, anniversaries, etc., please send an email to the editor at smanderson99@yahoo.com to have it included in the next Fagowee newsletter (as space permits :).

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* includes monthly Newsletter and member pin

A member year is June-May

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Individual \$25
Family \$35

Lifetime

Individual \$400
Family \$500

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