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Wayne C. MacMath
President

It's over! Ouch-That time passed very quickly. Yes, the West is still getting pounded with snow and hopefully this time next year the Bucks Mount group will be somewhere in Canada or Utah.

In the next few weeks Maureen and I will be going to Ski Group meetings concerning Canada and all the areas in the U.S. Hopefully we'll return with some exciting ideas for next year's trips. Thanks to your enthusiasm, dedication to skiing and trust in our judgment as to where we ski, designing our trip schedule for next year will be fun for us.

There will be a planning meeting soon for next season so if you're interested in being involved make your feelings known to an officer and you'll be contacted as to the date of the meeting.

We, the officers of the Bucks Mount Ski Club, hope you enjoyed the meetings you attended last season. Averaging 50-60 skiers per meeting seems to indicate to us that being together creates camaraderie and long lasting friendships. Or, was it the food? Anyway, your attendance is greatly appreciated by all the officers who work diligently to make your ski club experience a pleasurable one.

Hope to see everyone at the Banquet in May, the Pool Party in July, or the shore in August. Come to the pool party and get advance notice of trips for the upcoming season. For a change this year our annual August trip will be hosted by Bill and Cathy Rees in Wildwood Crest. Come for a day of surf, sun, and yes food! Make your reservations now. Don't miss out!



Our 31st Year

Annual Spring Banquet



Our Annual Spring Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 20th at 7:30 p.m. at **Joseph's Garden Grille**, 1033 Bellevue Avenue, Langhorne, PA. Menu

choices are: *Prime Rib* served with natural wild mushrooms and beef essence; *Salmon Grille* topped with roasted peppers and asparagus, drizzled with a basil infusion oil; and *Chicken and Pasta* – grilled julienne chicken, tossed with an array of wild mushrooms and green onion in a fresh shallot and pecorino romano cream over porcini ravioli. Included is a choice of Garden or Caesar Salad, dessert tray, coffee or tea. Entrée choice will be decided at dinner. The

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Upcoming Events

- May 20 -----Annual Banquet
- June 14 -----Trenton Thunder Ball Game
- July 22-----Pool Party
- August 12 Wildwood Crest Beach Party

Meetings resume in September.

Trenton Thunder Game



The Bucks Mount Ski Club will be going to see the Trenton Thunder take on the Portland Sea Dogs on Wednesday, June 14th.

Seating is in the picnic area, along the 3rd base line. The picnic includes: hamburgers, hot dogs, Italian sausage, tossed salad, potato salad, pasta salad, baked beans, pretzels, potato chips, cookies, watermelon and soft drinks. The all-you-can eat meal begins 30 minutes prior to the game at 6:35 and ends one hour after the first pitch. The price is \$30 with beer and \$25 without beer. Children under 5 are free of charge if they sit on an adult's lap.

For reservations call Karl Fleisch at (215) 493-0676. Mail your check made out to the "Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club" to Karl at 519 Aspen Woods Drive, Yardley, PA 19067. Seats are going fast! Deadline for reservations is May 11th.

Pool Party



Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 22nd. Our annual pool party will be held at Vern and Mary Shaw's, 705 Autumn Drive, Langhorne, PA.

Tell your ski tales, show your ski pictures and get advance information on the Club's 2000 ski trips! It all starts at 1:00 and lasts till? Beef burgers, hot dogs, iced tea and soda will be provided. There will be a salad and dessert table, for which attendees are asked to bring one of their favorite dishes. The cost is \$4 per person. For reservations call Vern or Mary at (215) 322-4037 or Maureen MacMath at (215) 624-7751.



Lunch Lines

Here is the perfect seafood restaurant at the Jersey Shore: **Harvey Cedars Shellfish Co.** After spending a day in the sun and surf on Long Beach Island, enjoy the fresh seafood at Havey Cedars. In season come early or plan to wait in line at this popular restaurant that also does take outs. Nothing fancy here as you eat on picnic tables and your food is served on both plastic and paper plates. It is the food that draws the crowds.

For appetizers, start out with *Shrimp Bruschetta* – shrimp atop crunchy garlic toast with sundried tomatoes, basil and olive oil for \$7.95. Or try the *Shrimp Cocktail* – 12 shrimp with cocktail and dijon mustard sauce for \$7.95. Seafood entrées abound with my favorites being the *Sauteed Shrimp Scampi* – jumbo shrimp sauteed with Jersey tomato, garlic, herbs and parmesan cheese, served with linguini for \$15.95 or the *Baked Flounder stuffed with Lump Crabmeat* for \$15.95. Side dishes to order include *Jersey Corn on the Cob* for \$1.25 or *Sliced Jersey Tomatoes*, with fresh basil vinaigrette for \$3.50.

Portions are plentiful so there is no room for dessert, which is a good thing since dessert and coffee are not found on the menu. It is BYOB, and a liquor store with a huge beer and wine selection can be found across the street.

In season the restaurant is open daily from 4:30 pm to 10:00 pm. The address is: 7904 Long Beach Boulevard, Harvey Cedars on Long Beach Island, NJ. Phone: (609) 494-7112. Enjoy!

~Karl Flesch



Beach Party



“The Wildwoods... Welcome to our Island”

The Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club hits the beaches of Wildwood Crest, NJ to celebrate the Wildwoods’ Boardwalk 100th birthday! Come join the fun at Bill & Cathy Rees’ beach (& bath) house on Saturday, August 12th (rain date August 19th), from 10:00 am until ? Bring picnic food/drink for lunch on the beach. There will be a B-Q cookout at 5:00 pm. A caravan of cars will be leaving from the Pizza Hut in Fairless Hills at 7:30 am.



Bill Rees at last years beach party!

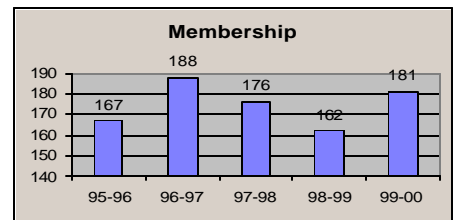
RSVP to Bill & Cathy at (215) 322-4788 or **Bill_Rees@MSN.COM** by August 3rd.

Thinking about making it a long weekend stay? Contact Bill & Cathy for motel recommendations.

Membership

This season our membership totaled 181 plus children. Membership renewal for the 2000-2001 ski season is now open. Fill out the form included in the newsletter and mail it with your check. Dues may also be paid at the Pool Party. Get the renewal rate by paying on time. (This rate applies only until the first September meeting).

Renewal Rates: \$15.00 single
\$25.00 family
New Member Rates: \$20.00 single
\$35.00 family



Make your check payable to “Bucks Mount Ski Club”. Mail to: Vern Shaw, Treasurer, 705 Autumn Drive, Langhorne, PA 19053.

Chinese Night

If it was your first time or your fourth time, this year’s Chinese Night was a success!! It was the year of the Dragon and the Chefs did a magnificent job. The Chefs and cuisine were from the Shandong Peninsula region of China, which, we are told, was the home of Confucius. The ten course meal started with a cold appetizer plate, (the

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2000 Trip Recap

The Bucks Mount Ski Club did it again with four fantastic weekend trips directed by Maureen, one exciting day trip to Elk directed by Rita, and yes, two great weeks of skiing in Europe, one in France directed by Karl and one in Austria directed by Frank. The support from our membership continues undaunted as we enter into the new millennium. We also once again concluded our ski season in the black according to our Treasurer, Vern. A great big thanks and a round of applause for Maureen's endless hours of dedicated work on trip planning.

TIGNES, FRANCE

A group of 52 people traveled to Tignes to experience l'espace Killy. We had 6 days of sunny weather with temperatures in the 20's. For many it was their 3^d time to Tignes and they helped the first timers get around, however everyone still gets lost in the hotel. The food was fantastic, with a favorite being the cheese course. The generation X'ers found places to party until the early hours of the morning. The trip concluded with a stay in Geneva, Switzerland. To look at Barbara and Leo Renze's photo album: http://homepages.go.com/~1whippet1/albums/France_2000/ Look for a return trip on 1/12/01.

SUGARBUSH, VT

Can you say Frostbite! We arrived at the condos at the Sugarbush base village amidst a howling wind, blowing snow and extremely frigid temperatures. Needless to say no one was there for the first chair, but we made it eventually to the slopes from our warm condos and skied most of the day. Both breakfast and dinner were enjoyed at *Chez Henri*, one of the local restaurants. On Sunday it warmed up to ten degrees and some people traveled the Slidebrook Express over to Sugarbush North. We all liked being close to the slopes.

OKEMO, VT

Once again we traveled to Dostals next to Magic Mountain. Someday we will ski there, but they are not ready for prime time yet. So we turned our attention to Okemo and found ourselves skiing in a large group led by Wayne, **big mistake**. The group had the most "**OUTRAGEOUS**" run of the weekend. Sorry, I thought it was a green! Just think of what you would have missed by yourself. Anyway the food was excellent as usual and we arrived home early thanks to Bud!

SUNDAY RIVER, ME & WILDCAT, NH

THE LONGEST JOURNEY! What else is new?! We completed our journey at 4:00 A.M. Where's the cheese and pepperoni? Someone who drove up left them in his refrigerator. Thanks to Barb and Bill everything went smoothly on the trip. We had 8-10" of snow on Saturday to make the long journey worthwhile. On Sunday everything was groomed to perfection for all you weenies who like lines in your snow.

Unfortunately Patti Smith-Albright and another skier decided they both wanted to ski at the same spot simultaneously, **not!** Patti fractured her leg, but amazingly her spirits were not dampened and she seemed most concerned about her outfit. Patti is now recovering and is looking forward to next season, Ed can't wait! On Monday the entire group went to Wildcat, and cover there was the finest we've ever experienced.

Hope that leg is mostly rehabilitated, Patti!

ELK MOUNTAIN, PA

THE FOG BOWL – Despite warm temperatures and rain the week before, Rita Murtha led a group of hardy skiers to Elk Mountain. Remember, rain does not hurt the snow. Even though they could not see each other, a good time in the soft snow was had by all. There were even rumors amidst the mist and fog that Ed Walton was seen skiing once again! Welcome back, Ed!

MTS. ORFORD and SUTTON, CANADA and JAY PEAK, VT

BONJOUR! Can you say in French that dessert was scrumptious? The much

ballyhooed and long awaited trip to Canada finally came to fruition. Even though 90 people signed up, only 50 people actually went. Can you say refund check?? We departed on a Thursday afternoon at 2:00 P.M. (Don't you all have jobs?) and arrived about 11:30 P.M. After a great buffet breakfast we skied Mt. Orford, which was icy, and not all open, but nary a complaint from the troops! After a great sit down dinner on Friday night we eagerly awaited Jay Peak the next day. While "Anal Annie" was detaining us at the border crossing, no one said anything, ("she had a gun.") Jay's conditions were about the same as Orford-to be fair we'll give them another chance. Patience is a virtue and we were rewarded on Sunday with some fresh snow and delightful conditions at Mt. Sutton. Everyone concluded it had some of the best gladed skiing ever.

ST. ANTON, AUSTRIA

We couldn't have timed it better. More than six feet, of snow just before we arrived and rain as we exited. Nothing but blue skies and sunshine in between. What a trip! There was something for everybody as we skied, ate hearty, drank heavily, shopped, and saw the sights for eight days in the beautiful Arlberg region of Austria, not to mention Innsbruck, Salzburg, and Munich.

The snow and therefore the skiing was just perfect. We experienced the gamut from fresh powder early in the week to Spring conditions on the lower mountain by the end of the week. We toured over to Lech and ate out of doors in our t-shirts, drank a few too many Williams (Willies) and then skied home. Some members of our group even took awesome sightseeing tours to Innsbruck and Salzburg in mid week and commandeered a train or two along the way. As a parting shot we all invaded Munich, Germany, and ate and drank our way around town for the better part of a day.

Tales from the Grave

On the February trip to Okemo, the Death March encountered me even as I was trying to avoid it at all costs. I was enjoying my annual "Girls Trip", skiing with Rita Murtha, Patti Smith-Albright (before her big adventure at Sunday River), Donna Theis, Linda Ricciardi, Ellen Chauncey and Audrey Krenzle.

It is late morning on Sunday and we come off the lift at the top of the mountain and assemble our troops. I look to my right and Wayne and Maureen MacMath appear. Suddenly to my left are Karl Flesch and Raul Valcarcel. I groan, "This is my biggest nightmare!" The Death March has caught up with me and to make matters worse here are the two men who ski about 180 days a year as compared to my average of 4 days per ski season. Hopefully these people are not easily offended, but also they did not go away either. So, we joined troops for a few runs.

I found myself in need of the ladies

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cucumbers were anything but cold) and ended with a dessert.

The wine was supplied by the Club and thanks to Wayne's magnanimous offer to spend a rather generous sum for the wine, which Raul and I dutifully did. There was some "Mighty fine wine, Jeramiah"!! (for those in denial, this was a song in the 60's).

Barbara Moore and Jeff Gold supplied our entertainment, doing "the old dough twist, oh look, it turned into spaghetti, trick". Maybe a pasta night is in the making.

Speaking of entertaining, was there a food fight table in the group? There was a rumor!!

~Barbara Zurlo

room, so we decided to ski over to a lodge on the far side of the mountain and break for lunch (yes, lunch on the Death March - except for Wayne of course). Maureen checked the trail map and figured out the "easiest way" to get over there. Blindly we all followed her and found ourselves on a trail called "OUTRAGE". Once we were on it, there was no turning back.

It was all moguls and ice with some rocks showing through. The very best part was that there were trees in the middle of the moguls. Moguls, ice, rocks and glades all on one slope - a dream come true for me! It took awhile, but somehow we all managed to get down (even me in need of a potty break). Needless to say, we were all delighted with Maureen for finding this adventure for us. Oh well, the Death March was in need of some new tales and now I can say that I am a survivor of it!

~Jill Neffle

TOP 10 Reasons Why We loved TIGNES, France

10. Great Wine..it actually costs less than water and every bottle is a winner.
9. Sun,blue ski, sun, blue sky, sun, blue sky, sun, blue sky, sun, blue sky, sun, blue sky.
8. A full MOON bigger than any one of these skiers has ever seen.
7. Shopping Mecca ...even if you don't ski, you can buy an entirely new wardrobe and let France keep the VAT.
6. Happy Hour...nightly at the Casino Grocery store, of course hosted by Kathy Lott & company.
5. You came a long way for lunch - Baby...a step by step approach to skiing the ice wall to La Fornet.
4. EGGS - you can sip them through a straw, slurp them from a spoon, balance them on a fork, break them with a hammer, or skip them altogether.
3. SKI IN, SKI OUT...hill climbing, heart pounding, ski balancing - unparalleled convenience.
2. MOVENPICK- where the heck is Movenpick.

And the Number 1 reason why we loved our trip to Tignes:

1. **IT JUST DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER, Period!**

~Lyn & Joe Huttemann

Headlines in Geneva Gazette:

AP Geneva Jan 22 A tour bus loaded with American ski bums was spotted driving through the streets of Geneva seemingly unaware of its destination. After innumerable twists and turns, the bus was seen entering the airport. Strangely enough, not one skier departed the bus.

The Geneva police when summoned to the airport, recalled a similar incident last year. Police Sgt. Clousseau stated, "It's a ritual these crazy Americans go through each year in search of the elusive MOVENPICK."

New Year's Eve 2000



Karl Flesch & Judy Lott helping to ring in the new year at the Club's New Years Eve Party at Judy's.



One Ski, Two Skis

My fall occurred at Sunday River while I was coming down White Heat. I was trying to do everything the coaches in the Club advised. Diving at the moguls, turning, keeping proper weight, hands in the correct position; when out of the clear blue, the infamous Snow Snake appeared! We collide and my bucket head went down the hill, while my leg stuck up the hill. Result: broken leg – spiral Tibia and fibula. The Snow Snake was not injured! (Reality check – it happened after I had stopped at the bar for a soda (really) and to have my boots checked. I went out for one last run and at the bottom of the easy run next to the lodge, I collided with another skier. Luckily, that person was not hurt.)

The ski patrol came to the rescue and carted me off on a sled with the snowmobile. At the clinic they had to take off the boot and one-piece ski outfit. (We saved the boot and outfit without having to cut it off.)

The Club's Mounties (Raul, Billy, Chuck and Wayne) arrived and had to lift me into the MacMath Emergency Van. Of course, since my ski outfit (one piece) as off, I only had on my long underwear, which had been, cut at the leg and was hanging down. At least I had long underwear on and it was clean. Bucks Mount is such a friendly club. Well, the Mounties had to then get me out of the van and into my room at the Town & Country. They also had to call my husband (Ed, who doesn't ski) and tell him I collided with the Snow Snake. Of course by now I had to go to the bathroom and that's when the

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Annual Spring Banquet*

cost per person is \$33, which includes tax and gratuity. There will be a cash bar and dancing will be available in the lounge after dinner.

For reservations, please call Judy Lott at (215) 321-3485 by May 13th. Mail your check made out to the "Bucks Mount Ski Club & Snowboard Club" to Judy at 1380 Violetwood Court, Yardley PA 18940.

Mounties duties ceased. My roommates (Linda and Helen – the only people willing to room with me (I guess after this episode I better start paying for a single room) had to take over.

The Club members came by later with the best get well card and all I kept doing was talking (what else is new?). Luckily, Harry and Mary Ellen had driven up and they were going home the next day. Harry's car is the Club's second emergency vehicle because it has a big back seat and he leaves a little earlier than the bus. Arrival at home was another story – Ed was so happy to see me like this! I had an operation the day after I came home and now have a rod and four screws in my leg. This goes along with the hole in my head from previous brain surgery (now you know the reason for the way I am). I asked the surgeon if I could ski again and he wanted to know "Why do you want to do this again?" Ed also wanted a reason for this request. Well, I didn't save the boot and ski outfit for nothing!

I want to thank all of you for taking care of me, the cards, fruit basket, plant and dinner. If anyone gets hurt, you are the best group of people to be with. Keep skiing and be careful. Hope to see you on the mountain next year? I better get a new outfit with padding!



Patti Smith-Albright – aka "Bucket Head and/or Rod Leg"

TOP 10 Reasons Why We Enjoyed St. Anton, Austria

10. The Willies, you can never have enough of them.
9. T-bars, just ask Linda Ricardi about them. They now have a new lift called the Linda Bar.
8. Interesting beer glasses. The Reses have now appropriated a service for 12.
7. Free mammogram's as you enter the lift.
6. Where is Jerry and what does the finger under the nose mean?
5. Playing musical ski poles. Raul definitely was a winner.
4. Late night revelers playing kick the can outside our hotel at 3 am.
3. If you drink enough beer, you can speak any language.
2. Skiing down into town from the Crazy Känguruh after 3 Jaeger Meisters.

And the Number 1 reason why we loved our trip to St. Anton:

1. Leaving the hotel's sauna and not remembering a single face.

~Karl Flesch

Winners

Congratulations to Joe Huttemann, Barbara Moore and Dick Owen for introducing the most new members to the club. They each received a free day of skiing on the trip of their choice.

Ski Club Hats A Big Success

Many members came on the bus trips this year proudly sporting their new hats. If you missed out, call Evi Paul (215) 785-6257 and place an order. There are two styles available: the "stiff traditional" style in black or the contemporary cap in green or light blue denim.

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Snow Flakes

On our way one morning to Sunday River, the bus stopped to pick up some of the group of 42 high school students from Massic High School in Monroe, CT, whose bus had broken down along the road. Kidding, we told them we were off to Wildcat, and we watched their anxious faces. Bill Rees kept eyeing the pretty blond teacher/chaperone, but we told her that his wife was the Sumo wrestler in the back of the bus.

Karl Flesch celebrated his birthday (an ultimate high) while flying to Tignes. Others on the trip stood in the plane's aisle and sang while presenting him with a carrot cake. The cake later entered France, where the maître d at the hotel snubbed his nose at the thought of a carrot cake with butter cream icing.

Did anyone see Carol Evans in her ducky pajamas running down the hall at the Town & Country, yelling at kids to shut up?

Much to her horror, Barbara Zurlo got pulled onto the dance floor at the Town & Country to dance with Uncle Bob, who was trying to entertain a very captive audience.

Don't ever ask the egg man Dick Hagen to boil your eggs, unless you like them hard boiled.

Linda Ricciardi hung out the window to clear the windshield of snow on Frank Dattilo's 14 hour express car ride to Sunday River. She also doubled as navigator. For the record, those that traveled by bus made it in 11 hours. Did Linda give bad directions?

Jason Diamond, wins the Snowflake Award for trying...but next time you need a first class ticket to sit in first class.

Ellen Chauncey, when you ski Okemo, you need the Okemo map, not the Stratton map.

Entering Canada was an experience. The Club was told



The smile on this Frenchman's face was not brought on by the French wine, but by three lovelies from America. His name is Pasqual and HE is OURS for the 2001 Tignes Trip!
~Carol, Evi & Neilan

to leave their guns and mace at the border....we could pick them up when we leave.

On the return to the US, the bus was greeted by a mean looking gun totting grandma. Next time we need to coach Norm Lamont. When he was asked "What is your status", he replied "Single". Norm, "Citizen" is the

Coming in the Fall:



Hike in the Poconos

Bike ride



correct response.

New Club activity: Ice Skating Party on Friday, from 9:00 – 3:00 at the Mt. Orford Rink.

You have heard about Frost Bite. At Mt. Orford, the chairs were covered with a coating of hard ice. We quickly got Butt Bite, followed by Soggy Bottoms.

Question for Judy Lott: What was that ugly green stuff under your seat on the bus?

Complaints were made about the cramped overhead luggage space on the bus. Jerry Cape's reply: "How else do you get the (hotel) towels out of here?"

Dick & Neilan Hagen, and gang (you know the folks), camped outside the breakfast room at the Auberge Estrimont in order to be first in line for breakfast – I tripped over their sleeping bags on the way in.

Thanks to Patti Lewin, those that went to St. Anton were all wear'n the green on St. Patrick's Day. We all had green leis, the envy of the flight staff.

Karl Flesch had the worst seat on the plane to St. Anton: last row, middle section, middle seat, between Frank Dattilo and Jerry Cape. "There was not even elbow room between them." On the return he had the same seat assignment, but quickly changed it to an exit row seat with plenty of room. However, Frank and Jerry made out OK too...Karl's seat replacement was a pretty, blonde co-ed from Princeton.

Last, but not least: Barb Zurlo: Is it time now to open the Asti Spumonti?

Thank You

Thank you from the MacMath family for your kind expressions of sympathy on the loss of Maureen's Dad. Your kind words, visits, flowers and fruit basket helped console our hearts. We will miss him dearly.



Bucks Mount Charitable Contributions

Keep saving:

Soda and Beer Pull Tabs - benefit Ronald McDonald House

Genuardi register tapes - benefit the National Tuberosus Sclerosis Association (NTSA)

Congratulations!



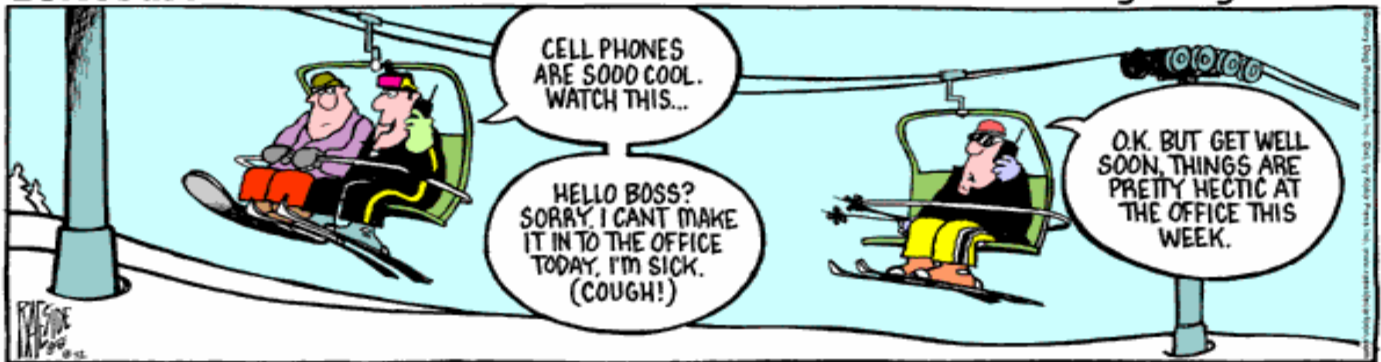
Congratulations to Michael and Lisa Mattie on the birth of their son John Robert on March 12th. He was 8 lb, 6 oz, 21" long. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Cutting Lettuce A No-No

When in France, eat as the French do. Never cut your lettuce. Instead, use your knife and fork to fold the leaves into bite-sized pieces. And don't order soft drinks with your meal. That's considered close to barbaric.

Leftcoast

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