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Membership in Pacific Rim Alliance gives you membership in LA Council Council of Ski Clubs (LAC), San Diego Ski Council (SDSC) and the Far West Ski Association (FWSA).



THE ALLIANCE

—New Zealand

This is your one last chance to sign up for New Zealand and Australia. For all of you who have already signed up for this trip, your final statement is in the mail and you need to send in your final payment now. If you have never been down under, I guarantee you will never get to go for this price again AND stay in total luxury.

—Zermatt, Switzerland

The next trip on the books is Zermatt, Switzerland. We are going the week of February 3-10, 2001 BECAUSE we can't get enough rooms in March since their high season extends to the end of March. This is the most popular resort in all of Europe. As a matter of fact even at high season rates they will not accept any groups. Go figure that. The return of previous guests seem to outnumber the rooms available.

The elevation of the skiing tops out at 12,800 feet—the highest skiing in all of Europe. Snow guarantee seems to be the least of their worries since they are on a glacier. Zermatt is a no gas-car town with hospitality, cuisine and luxury at its best. The hotels we have chosen range from the typical Swiss 3-star to the truly outstanding 5-star.

We are accepting deposits now. We know this is the same week FWSA is

going to Sun Valley which is already sold out in most councils. We are still working on the extensions and should have details in the next newsletter. See page 7 for more information.

—FWSA Convention

If anyone else from Pacific Rim will be at the FWSA Convention in Phoenix, AZ (or if you live there), please contact us so we can let you know where the party suite is. Stop by for a free Stoli martini on us. We will be at the Ritz Carlton in Phoenix, AZ.



PACIFIC RIM IS GOING TO ZERMATT, SWITZERLAND
See page 7 for details

Remember Friday night is the FREE silent auction. There will be a FREE beer for all attendees and the opportunity to bid on

some outstanding snow trips. I will be easy to locate at the Convention as I will be the MC for the auction. It should be another FWSA outstanding event.

—Water Skiing at the River

Once again we will be joining the Radar River Rats on their water ski trips to the Colorado River near Needles. In fact, by the time you read this I will have already been skiing once. See page 7 for more detailed information and make plans to join us for a fun filled weekend where I'm often the designated chef.

Have a great summer and stay in shape. ❖

TRIPPING AROUND

❖ Pacific Rim Alliance ❖

- NEW ZEALAND 27 July -8 August 2000
AUSTRALIA 8-13 August 2000
Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469
- ZERMATT, SWITZERLAND. March 2001
— pre and post extensions to be arranged
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❖ Los Angeles Council ❖

- SNOW GALA, Marina del Rey. 4 November 2000
Catherine Ohl @ 310-538-5435
- SKI DAZZLE, LA Convention. . . . 16-19 November 2000
Catherine Ohl @ 310-538-5435
- LAC RACE CAMP, Mammoth. . . . 11-15 December 2000
Judith Miller @ 818-841-4192
- SNOWMASS, CO 27 January-3 February 2001
Ron Lucas @ 310-372-5236

❖ San Diego Council ❖

- ALPINE LEAGUE BANQUET 6 June 2000
Laura Meldrum @ LauraGale@usms.org
- HAPPY HOUR, Bahia Bell 21 July 2000
Susan Ely @ Elsuzzin@cs.com
- SWAP @ RANCHCRAFT October 2000
Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469
- SNOW JAM, Del Mar November 2000
Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469
- WINTER GALA, Rueben E. Lee . . 18 November 2000
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❖ Far West Ski Association ❖

- FWSA Convention 2000, Phoenix, AZ. . . 1-4 June 2000
- SUN VALLEY, ID. 3-10 February 2001

FWSA CONVENTION

This year's convention is at the Ritz Carlton in Phoenix, AZ on 1-4 June 2000. There will be the usual bar crawl, golf, tennis, Silent Auction, dinner, dancing, meetings and election. In addition, the featured guest will be **A.J. Kitt**, the only US male to ski in four Winter Olympic Games. **Rob Linde**, Director of Marketing for National Ski Areas Association, **Ellie Towns**, Regional Forester for Southwest Region of USFS and **Bob Wilbanks**, Editor National Ski Club Newsletter will also be presenting.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the Silent Auction on Friday night. It's FREE and you can bid on a number of super fantastic ski trips. There will be an open bar following the Auction in the Pacific Rim Suite. Be sure to stop by, have a drink, visit and place a bid. ❖

MEMBER PROFILE: Dave & Erika

We first met **Dave and Erika Meinhardt** on the FWSA Ski Week to Chamonix in 1995. This trip was especially memorable for all of us since we were actually able to ski the Aiguille du Midi which was something Dave had wanted to do for 30 years.



Erika & David in Athens

Dave was born and raised in Chicago, IL while Erika grew up in Hannoversch-Münden about 150 miles from Frankfurt in Germany. They met through Erika's cousin, also from Münden, where Dave was living and working at the time.

Although both are old enough to be retired, they continue to work— Dave at Stanford Computer Optics, Inc., which he owns with his business partner in Munich, Germany and Erika part time in an office in Palo Alto.

Their daughter, **Stefanie**, lives in Napa and is currently a tax accountant. She graduated from UC Davis with a BS Degree in Animal Science and worked for six years as an animal trainer at Marine World. She also plays lead roles in numerous musicals and Gilbert & Sullivan Operettas.

While Erika learned to ski as a child in Germany, Dave learned in Germany after he met Erika. They spent three ski vacations in Zermatt — a favorite as it provides the most fantastic ski terrain with the highest mountains. And of course, the view of the Matterhorn looming over Zermatt is fantastic.



Dave & Erika in Selva, Italy

In recent years, the trip to Méribel was special. While the skiing was fabulous, the post trip to Nice was spent with old colleagues and friends of Dave's from the time he worked in France. He hadn't seen them in almost 30 years.

Dave and Erika joined their first ski club, Sundancers, in 1977 and Pacific Rim in 1997. Dave has been on and off the board and helped out on numerous occasions. This coming year Dave will be the BAC representative for Sundancer. Erika will continue to help with social and hospitality events.

When not skiing, they enjoy flying their own plane. Two memorable trips in their plane stand out— one a tour of Western Canada and the other flying down to Cabo San Lucas. They are also very fond of opera and took an excellent trip to Bayreuth, Germany, in 1996 for the Richard Wagner music festival, where they also met the composer's grandson, Wolfgang Wagner. ❖

SKI AREA ISSUES

—Booth Creek

Booth Creek founder and former Vail owner **George Gillett** announced he was stepping down as CEO but would purchase Grand Targhee, ID from Booth Creek for a reported \$11 million. Gillett will remain as Chairman of the Board.

Rumor is that Booth Creek will sell off Bear Mountain, CA, Waterville Valley & Cranmore, NH, and The Summit at Snoqualmie, WA while keeping Northstar & Sierra-at-Tahoe, CA and Loon Mtn., NH. ❖

—Colorado Ski Country USA

Colorado Ski Country USA's 25 member resorts reported a 9.3% drop in skier visits through February 29 from the previous year. Colorado's skier visits were off by 17% at the end of December because of a lack of snow early in the season. Y2K related worries and inflated prices were also blamed for the drop in numbers. Steamboat was the only Colorado resort ahead of last years numbers. ❖

—Lake Placid's Olympic Bid

Lake Placid is looking for an Olympic Hat Trick by exploring an Olympic bid for the Adirondack— for 2022. ❖



DISABLED TEAM USSA

The USSA Judicial Committee ruled that the USSA board made the decision to disenfranchised the Disabled Team without a quorum of its acting directors. In a subsequent meeting, the USSA board voted unanimously not to ratify the proposed jettison of the Disabled Team. ❖

JET TRAGEDY IN ITALY

The U.S. government will pay the lion's share in a \$40 million settlement to the families of victims killed in Italy on February 3, 1998 when a Marine jet cut a gondola cable sending 20 people to their deaths. Each family will receive nearly \$2 million with 75% to be paid by the U.S. and 25% by the Italian government. The ratio was set by NATO. ❖

SKIER RESPONSIBLE

The Supreme Court ruled on a skier accident that occurred 3 years ago in Vail that resulted in death when one skier collided with and killed another. This precedent setting decision will make skiers and snowboarders criminally liable for actions on the slopes that injure others. ❖

SNOWBOARD STRIP

—Gotcha Glacier

Gotcha Glacier, an indoor snowboard and surf park being built in Anaheim, CA, has signed a management agreement with Mammoth Mountain to oversee all snow-related operations— snowmaking, grooming, terrain park, ski and snowboard rentals and lessons. ❖



—Burton's Letter

Burton has stirred up a hornet's nest by sending out a letter asking 30 binding manufacturers to either pay the company a royalty on any binding sold with a three-hole compatible rotor disk or stop offering them. ❖

—SOS

The Snowboard Outreach Society (SOS) is made up of a group of socially conscious riders who are making a difference in the lives of disadvantage youth through snowboarding.

16 resorts are currently partnered in this *Learn to Ride* Program including Vail, Beaver Creek, Keystone, Breckenridge, A-Basin, Steamboat, Bear Mountain, Northstar, Sierra-at-Tahoe.

For more information or to find out what you can do to help, call 970-845-7040 or visit www.sosoutreach.org. ❖

PRICE WAR ERUPTS OVER LIFT TICKETS

All deals expire some time this spring. Incidentally, ski areas don't see this as a pass war but as a permanent way of marketing.

Winter Park and **Copper Mountain** (two areas under different ownership) announced an unprecedented "Rocky Mountain Super Pass" for \$349 that allows unlimited skiing for 2000-2001 at both resorts.

Vail countered with a \$299 "Colorado Pass" offering skiing/riding at Keystone, Arapahoe Basin and Breckenridge and up to 10 days at Vail and Beaver Creek.

Copper later announced a Copper-only unlimited season pass for \$249—\$50 off this season's best deal.

Next up were the medium-sized ski areas, such as **Loveland**, which cut its already-announced season pass pricing from \$350 to \$249 for an unlimited adult pass.

Next on deck were "Buddy Pass" deals, with **Winter Park** setting the early standard with the "Everyday Four Pack" where four friends (or associates) could purchase passes for \$800 total (\$200 apiece).

Mammoth Mountain is offering a season pass for \$375 available for purchase until July 4 (or when sold out). ❖

—Athens, Greece

After a somewhat bumpy start (flight left LA late leading to a missed connection and a six hour layover), Athens was an unexpected pleasant surprise. We did luck out with the weather—warm, balmy, summer days. We had an excellent guide (Marina) for our tour of the fabulous Parthenon at the Acropolis. After that, we were all anxious to find out more about the god Posiedon and goddess Minerva.

Marek Urbanek led **Janina Pajic, Dorota & Mark Budzyn, Jolanta & Jurek Bury, Andrew & Eva Czerski, Boggie & Maria Karpuk, Greg Stepczynski,** and **Walter Kmiecik** on a whirlwind exploration of the town where he once lived. The rest of us rode the train around and watched the changing of the guard.

On Friday, just about everyone was off to see an island or two. **Kathy Bell, Gary Bunney, Caren Dizney, David & Erika Meinhardt** opted for the full four island tour complete with regional show. **Gene Fulkerson, Catherine Ohl, Clif Payne, Kathy Sickels, John Good** and **Richard Frey** visited Attica where they rented scooters for the day to tour the island. Meanwhile, **James Davidson, Jeany Giesler, Paul Grynicky,** and **David Kahn** took the leisurely afternoon cruise to two nearby islands.

Most of us used the time we had Saturday morning to visit the world renowned Archaeological Museum—unbelievable.

—Selva, Val Gardena, Italy

Turns out that the nice warm weather we experienced in Athens, melted a lot of snow in the Dolomites. Although the snow wasn't the best, we still managed to get some good skiing in. The highlight of the skiing had to be the day that **Gene**

Fulkerson led a band of hearty skiers over to the Marmalada Glacier—one of the only days it was open during our stay. It was quite a trip.

Once they got to the Glacier, the group split up. Gene led the skiers **Roger Crawley, David Meinhardt, Kelly Roberts, Bob Schulz** up the glacier. The group of **Steve Wells, Cindy Erickson, Pam Davison, Larry Koch, Trish Daigler, Jodi Ziering** stopped for a beer before continuing on. **Eddie Erickson, Sonia Inoue, Holly Whitin, Paul Grynicky** indulged in lunch. The skiers made it back just as the lifts closed. The lunch bunch skied the opposite direction back to Selva in time for après shots. The beer drinkers missed the last lift and got to take an e-ticket ride on the back of a snowmobile to get to the top. These guys were pretty tired puppies.

Wednesday saw **Richard Frey** leading **Fred Asiri, Sima Javidan, Betty & Jim Jeffery, Kathy Bell, Gary Bunney, Walter Kmiecik, John Good, Clif Payne, Kathy Sickels, Donna Huston, K. C. Mueller, Dorota Budzyn, Mark Budzyn, Jolanta Bury, Jurek Bury, Janina Pajic, Marek Urbanek, James Davidson, Jeany Giesler** & others on a whirlwind trip to Venice. Everyone had a great time, spent lots of money, ate fabulous food, languished in a gondola and still made it back in time for dinner.

A short bus ride took **Caren Dizney, David Steffes, Viki Turnipseed** & others to Bolzano to see the famous Ice Man (aka Frozen Fritz—more than 5,000 years old) at the Archaeological 



Richard, Gene, Catherine, David, John, Erika, Caren, Kathy, Clif having dinner up on the hill



Goddesses Dorota, Janina, Jolanta



K.C., Roger, Dee, Sam



Andrew, Bill, Clif, Kathy, Kelly, Simi, Betty, Fred, Jim, Bob Shultz, Allison, Bob Miller, James, Maria, Boggie, Eva, Kathy Bell, Gary, John, Richard, David Kahn, Jeanette, Caren, Viki, David & Erika, Roger, Jeany, Greg, K.C., Steve, Jodi, Cindy, Holly, Sonia, Eddy, Geno



Jolanta, Mark, Dorota, Janine, Marek, Jurek



Cindy, Allison, Pam



Maria & Boggie



Sisters Sonia from Japan & Holly from Belgium



Marek, Jurek, Eva, Greg



Aaritz Owner & Dynamo Susy with Geno



Bob Miller, Geno, John



David Steffes, Kelly



Eddie, Cindy, Giulio, Trish



James & Jeany overlooking Taormina

Museum. Many also took advantage of the plentiful shops in the pedestrian area.

Some folks were more focused on skiing. **Allison Branigan** and **Bob Miller** delayed their departure because they didn't want to miss the promised powder which they never got to. **Dee Horn** and **Sam Unjian** likewise were in the search of fresh snow. Most of us missed the powder since the winds kept the upper lifts closed. We heard that Dave & **Erika Meinhardt**, and **Jeanette Day** managed to catch the right bus that took them to an area where the tracks were minimal and the skiing outrageous. **Giulio Catallo** (recent knee surgery and shouldn't have skied) and **Bill Ziering** (jammed toe), skied in spite of it all.

A Pac Rim ski week wouldn't be complete without the assorted parties. The welcome party was at the Gran Biata on Monday night where we were able to join the other guests for appetizers and cocktails. Gran Biata hosted the St. Patrick's Day party where Gene treated us to Baileys, Bushmill, coffee, hats and tees. Friday's pre-dinner party was at the Aaritz where Susy out did herself with appetizers and Gene provided the Goldslaugher and Vanilla Schnapps which was especially enjoyed by **David Kahn, Boggie & Maria Karpuk, Andrew & Eva Czerski, and Greg Stepczynski**

—Taormina, Sicily, Italy

We arrived in Taormina in time to watch the setting sun with Mt. Etna in the background. From our wonderful hotel on the beach, we all hired taxis to take us to town for some outstanding Sicilian meals. Sunday we started the day with a tour of the amazing amphitheater with a view of the sea and Mt. Etna and enjoyed a wonderful local lunch before heading back to the shops, the beach or town. *Cont'd page 9*

ALASKA, THE GREAT WHITE LAND TO THE EAST

by Gene Fulkerson

Twelve club leaders in the Far West Region (those with trip decision making power or a publishing track record) were hand picked by Tia Froehle, Director of Sales at **Mt. Alyeska Ski Area**, to look over this resort in Alaska. The resort, located in Girdwood, 40 miles east of Anchorage, is reached via the Turnagain Arm, a national scenic highway affording one of the most spectacular views in Alaska with ever-changing tidal waters' and the rugged snow-capped Chugach mountain range. The word Alyeska, pronounced "Alley-Eske", is derived from the Aleut word meaning "great land of white to the east." The state name "Alaska" is also a derivative of this native word.



Alaska Airlines brought us all to Anchorage from Los Angeles, San Diego, Las Vegas, Orange and Phoenix. Nanc Wilson of the **Anchorage Convention & Visitors Bureau** was another key person who helped made this trip a success. Transportation was handled very capably by **The Magic Bus** who took control of all our travel needs. The first night we were guests of the very luxurious **Hotel Captain Cook** in the heart of Anchorage—a must for anyone visiting as it really adds to the feel and ambiance of the Alaskan experience.

For the next three days we were guests of the **Westin Alyeska Prince Hotel** which is a fabulous ski-in, ski-out property located on the mountain. There are a number of exceptional things you'll notice right away about the 307-room chateau-styled Alyeska Hotel, opened in August 1994 — the first-class and friendly staff, the variety of four-star cuisine, a fitness center, two lounges, a skier's bar, a fireside lobby, indoor swimming pool, indoor Jacuzzi, retail shops, meeting facilities, ice skating pond and Tram.

The next two days were action packed as we experienced what the real Alaska is all about. **Chugach Express** provided us dog sledding tours. **Kenai Fjords Tours** took a group whale watching on a 4.5 hour cruise. **Alpine Air** treated us to a ride and a glacial landing on a lake while flight seeing Alaska. Snowmobiles, which proved a bit traumatic for a few of us, were provided for our group by **Alaska Snow Safaris**. All I can say is if you have not been to Alaska before, it is an experience of a lifetime. A great trip for skiers and non-skiers alike.

February and March are the best times to ski Mt. Alyeska when the average temperature is 30°F (although the mercury has been known to drop to 0°F) and it stays light for 11 to 14 hours a day. Mt. Alyeska is a small resort by our standards but there's room for expansion — some of which has already been completed. There are 9 chairs, including the Tram from the Alyeska Hotel, accessing 60 runs which are mostly intermediate. What the statistics don't tell you is that you can find a dozen different ways down each run that are

more difficult. There's some really extreme stuff too — the Glacier Bowl, Lola's Leap (Lola said it wasn't pretty) and Gear Jammer. At 1000 acres, the area skis bigger than it is.

What makes Alaska so different has more to do with magnitude than anything else — more space, more wilderness, more mystery than a human mind can comprehend. There is not enough time or space to tell you all about Mt. Alyeska and Alaska. This is a place you must experience first hand. One trip will be worth a thousand words. Thank you Alaska.



Rusty, Clarence, Stacy, Elaine, Cheri, Barbara, Jay, Bob Gene Ann, Bill, Jessica

Some of the people on this trip are already making plans to bring groups back to Alaska in 2001 & 2002. Stay tuned for news as it develops. ❖

ALYESKA STATISTICS

Average Daylight	11 Hours in February - 14 Hours in March (your hair blows as the earth tilts)
Average Snowfall	583"
Best Northern Nights	March and October
Ski Season	November - April
Vertical Feet	3,150 Feet (from 250' to 3,400')
Number of Lifts	9 (includes Tram & Detachable Quad)
Lift Capacity	10,355 Skiers/Hour
Number of Ski Runs	68 Trails on more than 1,000 acres
Terrain Variation	12% Beginner, 71% Intermediate 17% Expert
Snowmaking	12%, 18 Trails
Daytime Skiing	10:30 AM - 5:30 PM
Night Skiing	4:30 PM - 9:30 PM with 2,000 Feet Vertical, 19 Trails
Other Activities	Flightseeing, Cruises, Heli-Skiing, Cat Skiing, Snowmobiling, Cross Country Skiing, Ice Skating, Sledding, Snowshoeing, Bar Hopping

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Central Holidays

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ZERMATT

Zermatt is a mile high ski Mecca for all levels of skiers! Best known for its southern exposure, high snowfall levels and quintessential Swiss charm, Zermatt is an incredible ski destination.

Ski the three main ski areas of Tiefbach, Aeroleid or Momatt, and then ski across the border to Cervinia, Italy for lunch. And if that isn't enough, Saas Fee is just a short train ride away.

Zermatt is also renowned for its "all inclusiveness" and for its prohibition of gasoline cars in the village. Nightlife, entertainment, shopping and non-stop skiing—Zermatt has it all.

You can choose to stay in 5-star super elegance, 4-star luxury, or 3-star comfort. Experience some of the best of Switzerland within steps of your hotel with easy access to the ski buses and the rest of the bustling village. Enjoy views of the Matterhorn, gourmet dining, indoor pool (5-star), sauna, solarium and more.

** NOTE: Since cars are not allowed in Zermatt, we will be taking a train from Tasch to Zermatt. Since the earliest train out of Zermatt leaves at 6 AM, there is no way we can make a 10 AM flight in either Zurich or Milan. Therefore a return from Zermatt directly to the States will require an overnight for an additional estimated \$125 / person. ❖



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Qantas Vacations



HEALTH & SAFETY

—Gone Hiking

During moderately strenuous exercise, your body needs a combination of fat, protein and carbohydrates (plus about 8 ounces of water every 20 minutes) to stay energized. For short hikes, pack trail mix, fruit, hard candy and crackers and nibble as you go. For longer hikes, add a substantial lunch, such as sandwiches, cheese, crackers and fruits, and eat when you start to feel hungry.

To save your back, pack heavier items low in the pack and close to your back, to better utilize your center of gravity. Pack snacks in re-sealable plastic bags and containers, drinks in non-glass water bottles. If you are carrying food that needs to be chilled, a water bottle filled with half ice, half water, or a frozen ice pack, will help keep your provisions fresh. ❖



—Summer Ski Storage

Skis should be prepped for summer and stored carefully. At the very least, have your local ski shop put storage wax on you ski's bottoms so that the base material doesn't dry out. Ideally, you should get a complete, end-of-season tune, so you're ready to go when the snow starts flying again. Once tuned, stored your skis in a dry place. Hang them vertically so the tails don't sit on a floor where they can absorb moisture.

You should also have your technician lubricate and loosen the tension on your binding springs. This ensures good function and adds life to the bindings.

Boots also need end-of-season attention. Before storing them, remove the liners and dry them thoroughly. Then place them back in the shells, buckle the boots, and store them in a dry place. ❖

More on Sicily (from pg 5)

Monday, most of us opted to go on a group tour to Siracusa—the trip highlight for many of us. Rosa (originally from NJ) really connected with our group and excitedly shared her heritage and the history with **Gene Fulkerson, Catherine Ohl, Kathy Bell, Gary Bunney, Jolanta & Jurek Bury, Roger Crawley, Andrew & Eva Czerski, Boggie & Maria Karpuk, David & Erika Meinhardt, Clif Payne, Kathy Sickels, Kelly Roberts, Dee Horn, Sam Unjian David Steffes, Dorota Budzyn.**

The bus returned to the hotel to find that **Mark Budzyn** had been having the time of his life riding a rented scooter all over. **James Davidson, Jeany Giesler, Janina Pajic, Marek Urbanek,** and **Donna Huston** took advantage of the quiet to shop, walk the beach and just relax. **Paul Grynick** wisked **David Kahn, Jeanette Day, Caren Dizney,** and **Viki Turnipseed** for a full day of touring from Mt. Etna to Agrigento.

Because of all we learned and saw in Athens, we were better able to understand and appreciate the history and mutual influences in Sicily by the Greeks and Romans. What a wonderful country. ❖

PACIFIC RIM MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 1999-2000

ALL Pacific Rim Alliance attendees must be a member to participate in one of our trips. Our membership year is from 1 July 1999 through 29 September 2000.

To join the Pacific Rim Alliance, fill out the following and send with your check (payable to Pacific Rim Alliance) to:

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Indicate Membership (Includes membership in FWSA)

- \$8 INDIVIDUAL Membership
- \$10 FAMILY Membership—Significant other, spouse, children, friends residing at same residence qualify

WAIVER: I am aware that participation in the Pacific Rim Alliance events has, in addition to the usual risks, dangers and hazards associated with travel, snowboarding, alpine, Nordic, Heli & off-piste skiing, certain additional risks, dangers and hazards including, but not limited to: boarding, riding and disembarking ski lifts; changing weather conditions; exposed or hidden natural or man-made objects; avalanches; failure to ski or ride safely or within one's own ability; and negligence on the part of other skiers and boarders, the organization or their staff. I freely accept and fully assume all such risks and danger and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage or loss, resulting therefrom.

Signature Date

Signature Date

PACIFIC RIM TRIP SIGN-UP FORM

(You must be a current member to sign up for this trip— include Dues and Membership Application if not a member)



PRINTED NAME(S)

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

HOME PHONE

FAX

E-MAIL

- New Zealand
- Australia
- Zermatt

DEPOSIT DUE: \$300/ person for New Zealand + \$100/ person for Australia OR \$400/ person for Zermatt, Switzerland

—SEND THIS FORM WITH YOUR DEPOSIT MADE OUT TO PACIFIC RIM ALLIANCE TO:

Gene Fulkerson, 10818 Viacha Dr., San Diego, CA 92124

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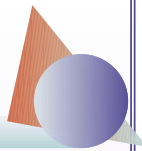
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Mission Statement

The PACIFIC RIM ALLIANCE is a non-profit organization dedicated to the appreciation of skiing, snowboarding, sight-seeing, photography, travel, public affairs and civic awareness. The Alliance is further oriented to the building of international relations among skiers, snowboarders and sports organizations throughout the Pacific Rim. The Alliance is a member of San Diego Council, Los Angeles Council, Far West Ski Association.

Surplus moneys above requirements for deposits for future trips will be donated to non-profit organizations devoted to charity, research & education. We are especially interested in, but not limited to, supporting Ski Area Development, Adaptive Ski Programs, Jimmie Heuga Center and Olympic & Junior Racers.

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