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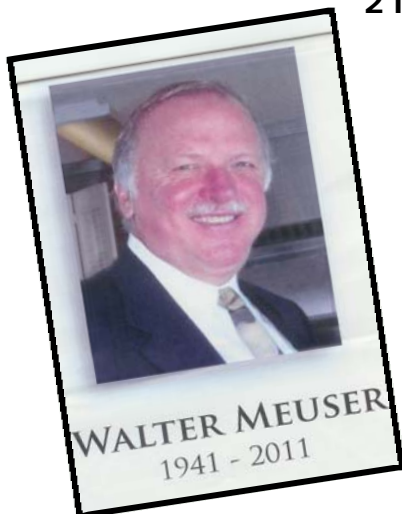
The Prez Sez Time Not Wasted

I've been asked to keep it brief this month, which is not a problem. So for those of you who enjoy my ramblings, I apologize, and for those of you who don't, consider this a break. Because I couldn't stay for the celebration of Walt's life, I'd just like to say he was a hell of a man and friend, a life not waste. If there are choo choo trains in heaven, I'm sure he is riding one right now. I hope it is a long time before I write about another good friend that has passed, because no matter how much I consider it a celebration of their life, it depresses me. Now on to the BVSA stuff, BVSA has a great line up of Summer Events and Ski Trips, so please don't waste anytime, just show up and enjoy them. Nothing says appreciation, like good attendance, so tell the organizers and hosts that you appreciate their effort by attending an event and/or going on a trip. Remember they work hard for you. This looks like a good place to end the ramble, THE END

Making Time For Fun
Tom Ward

Walter, you will be missed!

Thanks for the Memories!
A BVSA Railroad Salute to you!
2 long, 1 short, 1 long



WALTER MEUSER
1941 - 2011



June/July 2011

BVSA UPCOMING EVENTS

FLOTILLA DAY Summer Picnic
Marsh Creek—June 4th

Eagleview Concerts Start June 7th

St Michaels Bike Ride
June 11th

Chester County Cancer
Bike Ride—June 19th

W C Train Ride & BBQ
June 25th

Summer Pool Party—July 23rd

EPSC Phillie's go Green -July 24th

Rickett's Glen Camping Week-
end—July 29

SUMMER POOL PARTY—AUG 13TH

Deal Island Bike Tour—Sept 11th

Gauley River Raft Trip—Sept 17th

Horseback Riding—Oct 22nd

Mt. Batchelor OR Ski—Jan 2012

Winter Park CO Ski -Feb 2012

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BVSA members.**

Email your BVSA news articles &
photos to memiller1208@juno.com
by 17th of the month.

**BVSA meetings are usually held the
first Wednesday of each month at
8:00 pm September through May at
Ruffini's, Valley Run Shoppes,
43 North Bailey Road ~ Thorndale**

BVSA HAPPY HOURS 6 P.M.

June 10th

*On the Border
103 Bartlett Ave (Main St
Mall)*

Exton 610-692-5702

June 24th

*Four Dogs Tavern
1300 W Strasburg Rd
Marshallton 610-692-5702*

July 8th

*Vicker's Tavern w/KOP Club
192 E Welsh Pool Rd (@ Gordon Rd)
Lionville 610-363-7998*

July 15th

*Ruffini's Restaurant
N Bailey Rd
Thorndale 610-380-8263*



EPSC TRIP RECIPROCITY

In accordance with the Eastern PA Ski Council (EPSC), Brandywine Valley Ski Association participates in the Trip Reciprocity Policy to promote Inter-Council (EPSC) member participation on ski trips without requiring membership in BVSA. Members from other EPSC Clubs with Trip Reciprocity Policies may participate in BVSA trips, when spots are made available, without having to pay guest fees or additional membership fees. All participants must comply with the policies established by BVSA.

JUNE 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Kayak 6:30 Marsh Creek	2	3	4 Flotilla w/ KOP @ Marsh Creek
5	6	7	8 Kayak	9	10 HH 6PM On the Bor- der, Exton	11 St Michaels Bike Ride
12	13	14	15 Board Meeting Ruf- fini's 7PM Kayak	16	17	18
19 Chester Cty Cancer Bike Ride	20	21	22 Kayak	23	24 HH 6PM Four Dogs Marshallton	25 W Chester Rail Ride & BBQ
26	27	28	29 kayak	30		

JULY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Holiday	5	6 Kayak	7	8 HH 6PM Vicker's Lionville w/KOP	9 W Chester Criterium Bike Race
10	11	12	13 Kayak	14	15 HH 6PM Ruffinis	16
17	18	19	20 Board Meeting Ruffini's Kayak	21	22	23 Pam Terry's Pool Party
24/31	25	26	27 Kayak	28	29 Rickett's Glen Camping	30 RGlenn Camping

CHOO CHOO BBQ—Saturday, June 25th 6-8PM

Take a ride on the West Chester Railroad to the PIG OUT BBQ PIT in Glen Mills and enjoy a delicious meal featuring: Baby Back Ribs, Pulled Pork BBQ, NC Pork BBQ, Pulled Chicken, Homemade Sides, BoxCar Beer and more!

This event has won awards that include 2009 Chester Cty Choice Awards, 2009 Best of the Main Line, 2010 Talk of the Town.

The group cost for this event is only \$15.00pp!

Bring your own chairs & blankets & BYOB.

Departure from Train Stn, 250 E Market St, West Chester

Reservation deadline—June 17th to Jean Stuart, jmstuart10@verizon.net or 484-995-8204 .

EVENT IS DEDICATED TO WALT MEUSER AND HIS LOVE OF TRAINS!

FLOTILLA SUMMER PICNIC June 4th

Hi Everyone: We will be having our annual Flotilla summer picnic by the lake to celebrate the beginning of the warm weather activities. Bring your kayaks, canoes, or anything that floats. Once again, King of Prussia and Brandywine Valley Ski Clubs will be joining forces, so expect a little larger crowd than normal. Members, family, friends and dogs are all welcome.

WHAT: Flotilla Day or Summer Picnic

WHEN: Saturday, June 4th, 10: AM till sundown

RAIN DATE: Sunday, June 5th, same times

WHERE: Marsh Creek State Park

COST: No Charge

Members, their families and dogs are welcomed

WHAT IS PROVIDED: Hot Dogs, hamburgers, ice, soda, water, etc. There will also be volleyball, horseshoes, bocce ball, etc. Feel free to bring your kayaks or small day sailing boats.

WHAT TO BRING: If your last names are from,

A-I: Please bring an appetizer, J-O: Please bring a picnic salad (Example, potato salad, coleslaw, pasta salad, fruit salad), P-Z: Please bring a desert

DONATIONS: If anyone has a canned item for Philabundance for Hungar and would like to donate to the cause, please feel free to bring the item.

UPON REQUEST: In addition to the water balloon toss and other games, we are going to have a volleyball tournament where the 2 clubs will play against each other. The winner will receive a trophy.

WHATS NOT ALLOWED: No alcoholic beverages or motor boats

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN LAWNCHAIRS

Should you have any questions, etc., please contact us, thanks,
Dave Mertz & Joyce Molinaro

BVSA Team is FULL Thank You!!

13th Annual Chester County Challenge for Cancer June 19th 2011

This is a well organized and supported event including shirts, sag wagons, and refreshments during and after the ride. Tours of 5, 10, 25, 50, and 63 miles are available with the 5 and 10 mile rides geared for beginners and families. The 25, 50, and 63 are designed to be a challenge and include hills. The tours take you through some of the most scenic and beautiful parts of our County.

Sign up by 6/17 and ride with your BVSA friends we'll meet at 8:30am

http://www.active.com/register/index.cfm?CHECKSSO=0&EVENT_ID=1948589

Can't Ride but want to Volunteer:



Saint Michaels Bike Ride Saturday June 11th, 2011

Back by popular demand, BVSA is heading to Saint Michaels MD for a bike ride! Everyone is welcome whether you plan to ride or not. Saint Michaels is a quaint eastern shore town with neat stores, marinas, a couple of museums!

We're meeting at the Crab Claw Restaurant lot at 304 Burns Street in Saint Michaels, ready to ride at 11:00am. The bike ride is a circular route of approximately 30 miles of flat paved roads. Much of the route is semi-rural farm country. Then meet for a late lunch at the Crab Claw Restaurant on the water.

Last year most folks just met at the Crab Claw parking lot, instead of carpooling, so see you there ... ready to ride J

The Crab Claw is a cash or check only establishment and the ferry crossing is \$4 for a person and bike (Part of the ride). Pedestrians can make a round trip for \$5. HELMETS PLEASE. Directions and cue sheets will be available.

Please RSVP to me for the reservation by June 4th !!!

Sofie Minisi 610-529-1944 Sofie@Minisi.com

Summer Pool Party Saturday

July 23rd 1pm-7pm

1593 Winfield Drive, Downingtown

Join your BVSA friends for a cold beverage, hot dog, and a refreshing dip in the pool. Our good friend Pam Terry has, once again, generously offered up her yard for our group. BVSA will provide the burgers, dogs, beer, wine, soda and water; you provide your own chair, sun screen and a side to share. Folks with last names starting A-K please bring a desert, those with L-Z please bring something other than desert. Cost is \$10 per person.

Those wishing to serve on the set-up and clean-up crews should contact Tim Noonan at 484-680-8435. Parking instructions to follow.

SAVE THE DATE
August 13th
Summer Pool Party

Kayaking Time Again

Please contact Ian Plane at plane@comcast.net to be on the email list for kayaking adventures. We plan to kayak on Marsh Creek Wednesday evenings @ 6:30. Ian will send out an email to those interested.

P.O. BOX 549

DOWNINGTOWN, PA 19335-0549

Attention Current Club Members:

JUNE IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME FOR 2011 –2012!

Do not miss out on another great year of fun and activities with your BVSA friends!

We've made it easy: just use the enclosed Renewal Application Form from your emailed application, newsletter or website to renew your membership. For any changes

to your information, please use the Enter Changes Only area. **You can continue to receive the newsletter online, or if you would like to receive a mailed hard copy of the newsletter each month, please make sure to check the box entitled, "Check here to receive a printed copy."**



If you would like to exclude any information from the Membership Directory, please check the appropriate box next to the information that you would like omitted from the directory. Otherwise, all information will be printed and on-line when the directory appears on the internet and/or in hardcopies.

We will be accepting membership renewals after June 15, 2011. In order to qualify for early ski trip sign-ups, you must be a current member. You have until November 15th to renew your membership. For anyone who is a non member, you will have to purchase a membership first before you can sign up for a ski trip.

You can send in your membership renewals to the club address listed above, but if you want to save time and be processed quicker, please feel free to send you renewals and checks to the following address. **Please remember to make your checks payable to BVSA and note that it is for membership,**

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. **DON'T DELAY-RENEW TODAY**

NEWS FROM EPSC:

Hi everyone!
Here is new information for two EPSC summer events.
Jon Doman, last year's event chairman, has set the date of the 2011 EPSC Golf Outting. After many accolades of the course, dinner food and ease of access from the PA Turnpike, it will once again be held at the Fox Chase Golf Course in Stevens, PA. It will be on Saturday, August 27, 2011 with a 1:00 pm shotgun tee time. Jon will have more details in flier form shortly, but for now, please add this to your club's summer event schedule. The more club teams, the better! Last year, the golfers, along with the outlet and antique shoppers, all had a fun day! Oh, and for the Penn State fans, this date does not interfere with the Penn State football schedule.
Jon Doman: JKDOMAN@aol.com

RICKETTS GLEN CAMPING

July 29—July 31

Join us at one of the most popular and scenic camping sites in Eastern PA for weekend of hiking (21 Waterfalls), biking, canoeing/kayaking on a beautiful lake. Spend evenings sharing stories & appetizers around a group bonfire. Note: alcohol is NOT allowed in state parks. For reservations call 1 888 727 2757 (7am to 5pm) or reserve online at www.dcnr.state.pa/stateparks/parks/rickettsglen.aspx or contact Jean Stuart for additional details
Email: jmstuart10@veerizon.net

EPSC GOES GREEN

The Phila Phillies are asking organizations in the area to form "Red Goes Green" teams (max 100 volunteers on a team) to help their recycling by collecting plastic and aluminium bottles during the Phillies home games. Only one team per game.

EPSC is organizing a team to support this initiative again this year (our third yr to do so). This year's game is confirmed for **Sunday, July 24, Phillies vs. Padres**. Sunday games typically start at 1:00 in the afternoon, but they have not designated the exact time as yet. You will be notified when the time is determined. All volunteers must be at the Citizen's Bank Park one and one half hours prior to the game.

Volunteers receive the following: FREE entrance to the July 24th game, FREE parking w/Pkg Voucher (Lot on Pattison Ave, located btwn Broad St & 20thSt). You may walk to the ballpark from this lot or take the free shuttle, Meal Ticket worth \$7.50 at Park's food vendors, view of the game while collecting recyclables, option to stay for remainder of the game after 7th inning, GREEN apron (MUST be returned to Phillies at end of game or EPSC will be charged), gloves, and trash bags.

Our Council and reference to the 35 member ski clubs will be recognized in a pre-game announcement that night.

All volunteers must be able to stand the entire game and be able to walk up and down steps between sections to collect recyclables until the 7th inning.

Volunteers between ages 8 and 16 are required to have one adult volunteer for every three children participating.

Please email Janet Elliott if you and your ski club friends can volunteer for this event by Friday, July 1, and indicated if you will need a parking voucher(s). Please provide a mailing address to mail the Parking Voucher to. Janet's email is janetelliott09@gmail.com

Janet's email is protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. Dave Mertz

Happy Hour at Bordley House & Grille

No golfing due to the rain, but a great turnout for Happy Hour and a great sunset to end our rainy week. Thanks, Laird, for the photos.



THE DEAL ISLAND/CHANCE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.

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An authentic Skipjack “The Kathryn” will be at the harbor and Captain Stony Whitelock will be giving tours & short sails out on the Tangier Sound. (Weather & Wind permitting) The proceeds from the sails will go directly to the Deal Island/ Chance Volunteer Fire Company.

Come for the weekend and bring your Kayaks

Registration: \$30 preregistration before Aug. 31st - \$40 after Aug. 31st

For Additional information and download registration go to:

www.dealilandmaryland.com or www.visitsomerset.com

email ecross@lswa.org or call 410-784-2335 for more information



BRANDYWINE VALLEY SKI ASSOCIATION

Membership/Renewal Application

MAIL TO:

BVSA
 P.O. BOX 549
 DOWNINGTOWN, PA
 19335-0549



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	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone
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The Brandywine Valley Ski Association (BVSA) is a year round sports/social club providing a variety of activities. Most of the activities are, to varying degrees, hazardous. By making this application for membership, I voluntarily assume the risks involved. By assuming all risks, I agree not to hold BVSA, its officers, board members, or agents liable for any accident of injury resulting from my participation in a club activity. After reading and understanding this release of liability, I hereby apply for membership in the Brandywine Valley Ski Association.

Signature of Applicant	Date
Signature of Spouse/Significant Other	Date

The membership year runs from November 1 to October 31. New applications received after June 15 will be considered early signup for the next membership year.

Membership Fees			BVSA ONLY		
Individual	\$ 25.00	\$ _____	Date Paid	Check No.	Cash
Couple	\$ 30.00	\$ _____	Deposit Data	Amount	
Family	\$ 35.00	\$ _____	Entered Into Database		
Initiation Fee (if you were not a member last year) OR	\$ 5.00	\$ _____			
Late Fee After November 15					
Total		\$ _____			

<p>How did you here about BVSA?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pamphlet</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internet – Web Page</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Friend – Please give name _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>	<p>Would you like to assist with?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Speaker/Activity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non-skiing Activity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Newsletter</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Directory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ski Trips</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non-Ski Trips</p>	
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