



## "Ski News"

**October 2021**

### **Message from the President of Austin Skiers**

Fall has officially arrived, and the anticipation of the coming snow ski season is in full swing. Austin Skiers has a strong slate of **11** trips (2 non-ski) for our members to enjoy in **2022**. Three of our trips are full while one other is just one short of being full. If you are considering signing up for a trip don't wait too long. Keep in mind that trip openings will change quickly as we get close to final payment dates. Please help us promote these trips this within your circle of friends. We will keep you updated.

Happy Fall!! I hope to see you at our next membership meeting on **Thursday, November 11** from **5-7PM** at [MarineMax/Sail & Ski](#) on 183.

Thanks for your continued support of Austin Skiers!

Thinking Snow...

G.D. "Tim" Atkinson



Tim Atkinson, President: [President@austinskiers.org](mailto:President@austinskiers.org)

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**Trip Line up for 2022**  
(subject to change)

Pass	Location	Date	Lodging
EPIC	* <a href="#">Park City</a>	Jan 8 – 15	Snowflower
	* <a href="#">Zell am See</a>	Jan 21 – 29	Superior Grand Hotel
IKON	<a href="#">Snowmass</a>	Jan 22 – 29	Top of the Village
IKON	<a href="#">Steamboat</a>	Jan 29 – Feb 5	Trappeur's Crossing

EPIC	* <a href="#">Telluride</a>	Feb 5 – 12	Mountain Lodge
	<a href="#">Sun Peaks, CAN</a>	Feb 19 – 26	The Coast Hotel
EPIC (Doubletree)	<a href="#">Vail</a>	Feb 26 – Mar 5	Highline Vail
IKON	* <a href="#">Mammoth, CA</a>	Mar 5-Mar 12	
EPIC Hotel	<a href="#">Heavenly,CA/NV</a>	Mar 12 – 19	Lake Tahoe Resort
	<a href="#">Scotland/N. Ireland</a> (Pre-Trip):Manchester	May 19-29 May 14-19	Multiple Properties
	<a href="#">Russia</a>	Sept 1-9	Multiple Properties

\*Texas Ski Council Trip

Please take time to review our [Trip Policies](#).

We encourage our members going on our trips to consider trip insurance for those unexpected emergencies before or during your trip. **Here is a link for more information on [Trip Insurance](#).**

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### **VP of Trips Report**

As we told everyone who attended the **September 27** membership meeting at [Sun & Ski](#), the Vail, Snowmass & Telluride trips are **SOLD OUT**. We have an opening for a [Single Female](#) for the [Park City](#) trip. The trip with the fewest sign-ups so far is [Heavenly](#), but because it's a late season trip it's not unusual for a trip this late in the season to take a while to fill up.

We still have an opening for Trip Chair for [Russia](#), which is scheduled for September 1-9, 2022.

You can also [download](#) a PDF file of the **2022** trips for your convenience.

Even if a trip is **SOLD OUT** or near capacity, please consider registering and sending in your deposit as there are inevitable cancellations for a variety of reasons.

If you have any questions regarding the trips, you can contact the trip chairs or myself. Looking forward to an exciting year of skiing & travel!



Cindy Berry, VP Trips: [Trips@austinskiers.org](mailto:Trips@austinskiers.org)

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## ***SPOTLIGHT ON ZELL am SEE, AUSTRIA!***

***TSC Winter Expedition – January 21 – 29, 2022***

What are you doing the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of **January 2022**? Austin Skiers has the perfect destination for the snow skier and non-skier alike!

[Zell am See](#) is one of Austria's best loved ski resorts with stunning views of the surrounding mountain ranges and Lake Zell below. The town is larger than most ski resorts and best comparable to ski towns such as Kitzbühel and Chamonix.

### **Why Zell am See?**

- Beautiful scenery
- The Opportunity to meet/or renew friendships with other [Texas Ski Council](#) members
- All TSC Activities are included!!
- Stunning mountains, lakes, castles & glaciers
- Guaranteed Glacier skiing
- **4-Star** hotel with European breakfasts and evening meals
- Optional [Excursions](#) and Optional [Pre-trip to Munich](#) and [Post-trip to Prague](#)
- Lift tickets are less expensive
- 4-Days of Excursions for the non-skier

You still have time to register. Need more details? Please email or call me.

[Mary Jo Humphreys](#), Trip Chair | 512.663.2282

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### **Don't see the Trip of your Dreams on Our Slate of Trips?**

Join the [trip planning team](#) and we will try to make that happen for you. Even if you are traveling with the group, we can still use your help

in planning our trips. We will start working on the **2023** slate of trips beginning in **January**. All meetings will be via Zoom - so you don't even have to leave the comfort of your recliner to join the team. For more information, contact **Tere Mayne** at [TripPlanning@austinskiers.org](mailto:TripPlanning@austinskiers.org).



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## **November Membership Meeting**

**Thursday, November 11**

**5:00PM - 7:00PM**

**MarineMax/Sail & Ski**



12971 Research Blvd.  
Austin, TX 78750  
512-258-0733

## MAP

Looking to rent ski or board apparel, helmets, and equipment? Sail & Ski has a wide selection of quality gear to choose from for kids to adults. Or check out their latest winter sports wear and gear or visit with their expert staff. Austin Skier members receive **25%** off ski tuning & repairs.

**\*\*Wear Your Name Badge/Mask\*\***

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What a **TERRIFIC** turnout we had at the **September 27** membership meeting at [Sun & Ski!](#) Approximately **35** people were in attendance.

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**Save The Date - Holiday Party**

**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

**6:00 to 8:00 PM**

**at**

**Balcones Country Club!!**



Lara Pavanelli, VP Programs: [Programs@austinskiers.org](mailto:Programs@austinskiers.org)

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## **HAPPY HOUR/SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

### **North Austin Happy Hour**

**Thursday - October 7**

**4:30PM - 6:30PM**

### **Yard House**



**Wear your Name Badge**



Welcome the Fall Season and join Austin Skiers at Yard House in the Domain which boasts World's Largest Selection of Draft Beer. 25 places have been reserved so come claim your spot early.



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Texas Ski Council (TSC).  
Visit [Texas Ski Council](#) for more information.



The Texas Ski Council is a member of the National Ski Council Federation. Which means Austin Skiers are members and have some great benefits. Please check them out and register at [National Ski Council Federation](#).



When thinking of shopping for ski gear this season, remember to shop [Sun & Ski Sports](#). Please **let their staff know** Austin Skiers enjoy a **15% discount off regular-priced** items in the store. This discount cannot be combined with other offers.

In addition, you will receive **50%** off the cost (labor) of tune-ups, waxes & edging.

Check out their ski/snowboard bundles - goggles, ski poles, boot bags and snow apparel! Follow them on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and other social media sites listed on their website.



Also, please remember our long-time partner [Marine Max/Sail & Ski](#). Stay tuned for more information about the anticipated meeting in **November**. Follow them on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and YouTube along with other social media listed on their website.

**UPDATE:** St. Bernards has closed their North Domain Store permanently, but are planning a new location as yet undetermined.



Chris Vrba, Director: [Director@austinskiers.org](mailto:Director@austinskiers.org)

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## Message from the Membership/Communications Chair

### Gary's tidbits...

#### Membership:

Membership as of **September 30, 2021** stands at **402** "active" members. When compared to the **same time last year** membership was **321** meaning an increase of **+81** or **+25%**. We added 14 new members last month.

Also, as you are **renewing** your **membership** please double-check your **contact information** is correct - address, phone # & email. On occasion we may need to physically mail you something or call - so please take a quick glance. We appreciate it! It's also **VERY** important when it comes to airline ticketing - your government issued ID e.g., drivers' license or passport need to match.

#### Equipment/Apparel Review by Ski Magazine:

Want to know the best [apparel](#), [boots](#), [bindings](#), [backpacks](#), [gadgets/tech](#), [back country](#) & [skis](#) for men & women - - check out these reviews by [Ski Magazine](#).

### EPIC/IKON Pass Price Increases Coming:

If you haven't already purchased your [EPIC](#) pass you need to do so pretty quickly as prices will increase on **October 14**. Accordingly, the [IKON](#) pass will increase on **October 15**.

### EPIC Pass Update:

You may have already read your email of September 20, 2021 from Rob Katz, CEO of Vail Resorts concerning their [COVID-19 safety protocols](#) for the 2021-22 season. If you haven't and can't find your email, please check this [link](#) as it address those issues.

In summary, their focus will be on [INDOOR](#) protocols. The **five** major areas of emphasis are: **(1)** No reservation system for mountain access; **(2)** face coverings will be required in Indoor settings, but not Outdoor (unless required by local public health officials; **(3)** guests will be required to book a reservation to eat at many "on-mountain" restaurants; **(4)** guests will be required to show proof of COVID-19 vaccinations to dine at their indoor, on-mountain quick service (cafeteria-style) restaurants; AND **(5)** all Vail employees will be [required](#) to have COVID-19 vaccinations.

### Travel - International:

For our [international](#) travelers you can check the U.S. State Department website by country for specific travel requirements relative to [COVID-19](#). Check this site for [re-entry](#) requirements into the United States. U.S. citizens may want to consider registering for the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program ([STEP.state.gov](#)) so you can receive important information from your nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate, including alerts and updates to Travel Advisories.

Recent action by the [European Commission](#) recommended to their members the United States be removed from the list of COVID "safe" countries. However, the [recommendation](#) by the EU Commission [only](#) applies to travelers "who have no received the COVID-19 vaccine. Here is a link to the EU Council [press release](#) that was released on August 30. In addition, here is another [article](#) on the EU Councils recommendation on COVID-19 restrictions on travel from

third countries. Also, always check with your airlines as they may have some additional requirements e.g., mask while in the airport & on their plane.

In what appears to be a response to the EU action the White House [announced](#) recently the US will [lift](#) COVID-19 travel restrictions to all [FULLY](#) Vaccinated passengers from the UK and most of the EU to travel into the country beginning sometime in [November](#). Here is a [link](#) to the Guardian in the UK and their take on the matter. More details to follow concerning protocols.

The way things are developing, if you intend to do any international travel expect to have to be [FULLY](#) Vaccinated ([COVID-19 card](#)) [AND](#) show evidence of a [Negative COVID-19 test PRIOR](#) to leaving the U.S. [AND returning](#). [Three](#) things to keep in mind: [\(1\)](#) find out [which test](#) you will need to have; [\(2\)](#) how many hours in advance of travel does it need to be given; [AND \(3\)](#) the form of [payment](#) accepted, especially in a foreign country - you may need to bring extra cash. One [tip](#) - when you get your [COVID-19 card](#) [make a copy](#) front/back and take the copy to a business who can [laminates](#) the card. Put your [ORIGINAL](#) card in a safe place - so when/if it needs to be updated you will still have your original card. I'd also take a [picture](#) of it with your phone.

#### [App Use:](#)

Apps you use on your phone are [not](#) designed to be as "fully functional" as using your computer on-line. During the recent trip registration, we found some shortfalls that apparently would not let you add a "guest" to your registration and some realized a delay in it showing up in our system. For the time being we recommend you do [NOT](#) use your app for this purpose, but use your computer. We will let the software developer know to see if a remedy can be found.

#### [COVID-19:](#)

For those of you that have recovered from [COVID-19](#) or know someone who has and developed the antibodies from the virus, please consider donating your [convalescent plasma](#) through "[We Are Blood](#)," which is the local blood bank for the Travis County Medical Society. They are in [desperate](#) need for donations! They have

an [online form](#) you can submit your information to see if you qualify. If so, the total amount of time at their facility will take you 1-1/2 to 2 hours. They have [multiple](#) locations around the Austin area. Your donation can literally **save a life**! Please check out this [link](#) for an updated COVID-19 antibody testing policy.

We look forward to providing another **GREAT** year of **Ski/Non-ski** trips, special activities and other social opportunities for you and your family to enjoy!

[Click here to renew your membership](#)

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