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Nine spirited, smiling skiers showed up for the Annual SMS New Year's Ostrander Trip— six bound for the warm, cozy hut (Eddie Nunez, Marcia Male, Diann Fried, Tom Marsh, Pete Matulavich, and Nancy Gordon) and three bound and determined snow campers (Joe McGuire and newlyweds Elena and Cory Hinds). It's always a small miracle that we all show up at 0800 at the Badger Pass where greetings, eating breakfast, and trip logistics are delightfully intermixed.

We had excellent snow coverage on Glacier Point Road and only a few places on Horizon Ridge had thin snow coverage on our 9-10 mile approach to the hut. It was certainly more than we anticipated. At the Horizon Ridge turn off on glacier Point Road, we regrouped, stopping for a bite to eat, putting on climbing skins, and offering moral support for those straining under the weight of gargantuan packs. This trip is repeated each year by several skiers in our group because its a fun trip and the snow-covered Yosemite terrain offers the most beautiful backcountry ski touring experience on this planet. As John Muir said, "It is easier to feel than to realize, or in any way explain, Yosemite grandeur."

When we arrived, the hut was brimming with party-hearty, bare - chested dudes; Eddie described them as the "Wayne's World at Ostrander." They had hauled in a 15-pound turkey, enough spirits to warm the cockles of W. C. Field's heart, and an abundance of a very identifiable, aromatic herb. We deferred to their need for kitchen space and decided to have our communal dinner New Year's Day. Several of us delighted in ice skating by starlight, and some partied to their heart's content New Year's Eve, seriously red-lining the fun-meter. The hut was suspiciously quiet until the sun was high above the horizon on January 1st. Happy New Year!

For you skeptics who thought we wouldn't have snow to ski, you were wrong! After a scenic tour to the top of Horse Ridge for magnificent vistas, we gravitated to huge powder pockets above Hart Lake and at the Overlook just west of the hut. Talk about unexpected delight! We cranked those whooping and hollering powder telemark turns, blasting down the slope in absolute, delirious abandon. We celebrated this marvelous ski day as we dined feasting on Polish cucumber-tomato-dill salad, seafood linguini (salmon and crab with all sorts of veggies), garlic bread, and carrot cake. It was delicious! Thanks to Marcia for planning and executing this feast. But we all miss Rose terribly.

This was Marcia's 9th, Eddie's 8th, and my 5th or 6th Ostrander New Year's. After this trip, I'm in better shape, I've cranked a few backcountry teles, and I've shared a wonderful experience with people I enjoy. What a splendid way to start a new year!

-Nancy

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Date	Location	Leaders / Program
Feb 12	Local Introductory Tour	Mark Goebel / Don Pies
Feb 15	Griffith Park Ranger Station,	"Epic Ski Descents" - Craig Dostie
Feb 19-21	Pear Lake Ski Tour, Sequoia Nat. I Park	R. Stenzel Nancy Gordon
Feb 26-27	XC Downhill Practice, Keller Hut	Nancy Gordon Paul Harris
Mar 5	Local Mountain Ski Tour	Tom Marsh/ Pete Matulavich
Mar 5-6	Snowshelter Course	Reiner Stenzel / Howard Schultz
Mar 12-13	Mount Baldy, San Antonio Hut	Marcia Male/ Nancy Gordon
Mar 15	Griffith Park Ranger Station	"Mount Everest" - Randy Danta
Mar 19-20	Kaiser Wildemess Ski Tour	Tom Marsh/ Howard Schultz
Mar 19-20	Beginners Snowcamp, Local Mts	Todd Yuen / Nancy Gordon
Mar 26	Local Mountain Ski Tour	Ken Deemer/Mark Goebel
Mar 26-27	Dunderberg Peak/ Buckeye Hot Springs	R. Stenzel /P. Matulavich
Apr 9	Snow Creek, San Jacinto	Craig Dostie /Howard Schultz
Apr 9- 10	White Mountains Ski Tour	Owen Maloy /Eddie Nunez
Apr 16-17	Piute Pass	Ken Deemer/ Gerry Holleman
April 19	G. P Ranger Station, "Ski Traverse of the Monashees".	M. Goebel
Apr 23-24	Bodie Ghost Town Tour/ Snow Camp	K. Crandall / N. Gordon
Apr 30-May 1	Lamarck Col	Don Pies/ Eddie Nunez
Apr 30-May 1	South Mount Morgan (13,748')	Scot Jamison / Larry Tidball
May 7-8	Ski Mountaineers Peak	Gerry Holleman / Paul Harris
May 14-15	Mammoth Lakes Touring	Andy Fried/ Nancy Gordon
May 14-15	Hilton Lakes Ski Camp	Scot Jamison / Larry Tidball
May 17	Griffith Park Ranger Station	Members' Favorite Slides"
May 21-22	Cloudripper Peak, Inconsolable Range	O. Maloy /T. Marsh
May 21-22	Basin Couloir and Who Knows?	Craig Dostie / N. Gordon
May 28-30	Ritter Range Ski Camp	Reiner Stenzel / Eddie Nunez
Jun 4-5	Rock Creek	Reiner Stenzel /Pete Matulavich
Jun 25-26	Mount Baldy Bash, San Antonio Ski Hut	Gordon /C.Corrn.

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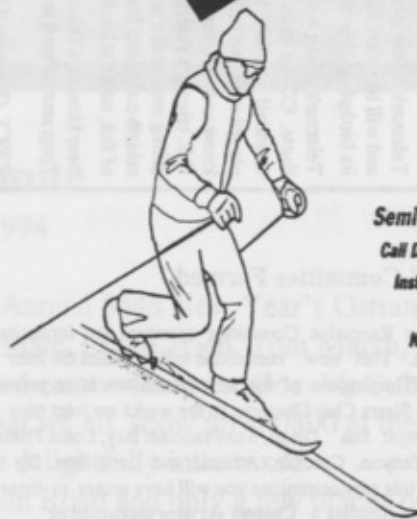
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