

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

September 2025



A non-profit organization founded in 1947 and dedicated to the promotion of all facets of skiing & winter sports - plus activities for the education and enjoyment of its members.

A member of Eastern PA Ski Council. <http://www.easternpaskicouncil.org>

You can also find us on Facebook. [Click here for Facebook](#)

<http://www.ptarmiganskiclub.org/>

Calendar of Events - Post in a Visible Location

General Meetings at Christopher's Columbian Home (KoC)

Happy Hour: Contact Bill Ortnier, Every Friday

Thursty Thursday: Contact Carolyn Greenland

BTC Book Club: Third Wed Contact Ronnie Rother, Mary Laronge

Sep 2025

9/05 – Happy Hour Delizioso Italian Grill 5:00 pm

9/05 – Music Levitt Pavilion Steel Stacks 7:30 pm

9/09 – First General Meeting KoC 7:00 pm

9/10 – Music Slatington Trail Head 6:00 pm

9/12 – Happy Hour Jack's Slice

9/13 – Music Levitt Pavilion Steel Stacks 7:30

9/17 – BTC Book Club at Ronnie's 4:00 pm

9/18 – Hike Walnutport Canal/Slatington (North) Slatington 9:30 am

9/19 – Happy Hour Grove St. Pub

9/23 – General Meeting KoC 7:00 pm

9/24 – Music Slatington Trail Head 6:00 pm

9/26 – Happy Hour Foundations Tavern w/Music

9/27 – Oktoberfest -- @ Blue Mtn 12:00 – 5:00 pm

Oct 2025

10/03 – Happy Hour Willow St. Pub

10/04 – Oktoberfest Part at Bill Ortnier's Place 2:00 pm

10/16 – D & L Trail 9:30 A.M. Cementon to Slatington

Save The Date:

Dec 5, 2025 – Xmas Holiday Banquet at the Barn House Village

First General Meeting Tuesday Sep 9th 7:00 pm

Christopher's Columbian Home (KoC)
1519 W. Greenleaf Street, Allentown, Pa

Come to our first meeting to socialize with your fellow Ptarmigans. There will be a Welcome Back Cake to enjoy.

Also to bring back memories, we will have a Ptarmigan Trivia Quiz for all to participate in.

Oktoberfest Party
Saturday Oct 4th 2:00 pm
Hosted by Bill Ortnier



Featuring Pulled Pork, Sauerkraut and Bratwurst

\$18 Per Person - Full Menu, Beer & Wine, Bottled Water

\$12 Per Person - Full Menu, Water, No Beer, No Wine

\$5 Per Person - No Food, No Beer, No Wine, Shared Food
and Water Only, You Must Bring Something to Share.

Beginning at 2 pm we'll be serving Bratwurst with Sauerkraut and Homemade Split-Pea w/Ham Hock Soup.

Around 5 pm we'll begin serving Pulled Pork along with some traditional sides.

Send check by Sep 27th payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to:
Bill Ortnier, 2509 Peachtree Road, Allentown, Pa.

See Flyer below for details.

Ptarmigan's Between the Covers Book Club

It's a BYOB and BYOF (if you wish) gathering for our next book group discussion. Join us!

DATE: Wednesday, September 17, 2025

TIME: Discussion begins promptly at 4 PM

LOCATION: Ronnie's

254 Kristin Lane

Allentown

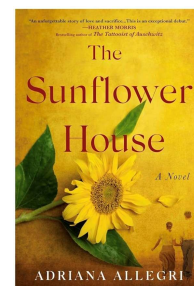
The Sunflower House By Adriana Allegri

In a sleepy German village, Allina Strauss's life seems idyllic: she works at her uncle's bookshop, makes strudel with her aunt, and spends weekends with her friends and fiancé. But it's 1939, Adolf Hitler is Chancellor, and Allina's family hides a terrifying secret—her birth mother was Jewish, making her a Mischling.

One fateful night after losing everyone she loves, Allina is forced into service as a nurse at a state-run baby factory called Hochland Home. There, she becomes both witness and participant to the horrors of Heinrich Himmler's ruthless eugenics program.

The Sunflower House is a meticulously researched debut historical novel from Adriana Allegri that uncovers the notorious Lebensborn Program of Nazi Germany. Women of "pure" blood stayed in Lebensborn homes for the sole purpose of perpetuating the Aryan population, giving birth to thousands of babies who were adopted out to "good" Nazi families. Allina must keep her Jewish identity a secret in order to survive, but when she discovers the neglect occurring within the home, she's determined not only to save herself, but also the children in her care.

A tale of one woman's determination to resist and survive, The Sunflower House is also a love story. When Allina meets Karl, a high-ranking SS officer with secrets of his own, the two must decide how much they are willing to share with each other—and how much they can stand to risk as they join forces to save as many children as they can. The threads of this poignant and heartrending novel weave a tale of loss and love, friendship and betrayal, and the secrets we bury in order to save ourselves. ~ Amazon



Ski Trips – Member Lead 2025 - 2026

These trips are lead and organized by Ptarmigan Members and will have non-members on them. Ptarmigan does not sponsor or sanction them. We only Advertise them as a service to our Members.
See Flyers below for details.

Bormio & Milan, Italy

- Jan. 23 – Feb. 01, 2026
- \$2,400 per person/double occupancy (pp/do)
- Contact: Catherine Chrapaczat (610) 428-3547 or katyataz@yahoo.com

Sunday River, Maine

- Jan. 25 – Jan 30, 2026
- \$949 Lodging & Bus Transportation (Lift Tickets Extra \$)
- Contact Vicki Morris 610-597-8666
vlmorris@astound.net

St. Anton, Austria

- Jan. 23 – Feb. 01, 2026
- \$3,350 per person/double occupancy (pp/do)
- Contact: John Yerman at (484)241-5213
jfyiii.mail@gmail.com.

Ski Utah – Park City, The Canyons, Deer Valley

- Feb 28 – Mar 7, 2026
- \$2494
- Contact: Mark Baechle (610)657-5825
SkiPro99@gmail.com.

Editor's Notes:

All trips advertised must have a clearly stated cancellation policy, please read it carefully.

Friday Happy Hours

Every Friday at 5:00 pm

- 09/05 - Happy Hour Delizioso Italian Grill
- 09/12 - Happy Hour Jack's Slice
- 09/19 - Happy Hour Grove St. Pub & Grill
- 09/26 - Happy Hour Foundations Tavern w/Music
- 10/03 - Happy Hour Willow St. Pub

Note: The scheduled Happy Hour location may change occasionally. So, watch your email for changes as Friday approaches.



Membership DUES: 2025/2026 Season

Renew your membership for the 2025/2026 Season.
Send your dues to: Mary Laronge, 556 Parkside Court, Allentown, PA 18104. Please Pay by Check.
We will not accept cash.

Early Renewal: \$16 Single or \$26 Family.

Late Renewal (after Oct 31st): \$20 Single or \$30 Family

New Members: \$20 Single or \$30 Family

New Memberships are valid for 2 years, until Apr 30, 2027

All Members will receive the Ptarmigan Newsletter FREE by Email.

UPDATE: Due to increasing publishing and postage costs, members wishing to receive Hardcopy must pay \$20 in addition to their annual dues by Oct 31st.

To receive your Membership Card by mail, enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope. The Card entitles you to various Ski related discounts and benefits.

Treasurer's Report

Checking	\$5,696.94
Money Market	\$6,001.68
7 Mo CD	\$5,416.55

Total: \$17,115.17

Ptarmigan Flag/Banner

We trying to locate the second Ptarmigan Flag/Banner. If you have it or know where it is, please contact Bill Ortnier at wortner@ptd.net.

In Memoriam

Long time Ptarmigan member Donna Rader passed away on Aug 24, 2025.

She was an avid skier and traveler. Donna met her husband Bruce through the Ptarmigan Ski Club in Allentown in 1976. Together, they skied everywhere from the Rockies to the Alps to the Poconos.

Our Condolences to Bruce and Family

Winter Gear Sales

Blue Mtn. Tent Sale / Winter Gear Blowout -- Sat. Oct. 18 - Sun. Oct. 19, 2025 10:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Held Inside Valley Lodge at Bottom of the Mountain . Cashless Event
After shopping, head over to Fall Fest in the Valley Courtyard

Buckman's October Tent Sale -- Wed. Oct. 15 -- 18 -- 2025 -- 10:00 A.M. - 9P.M. All Locations

Five Outdoor Store Locations -- King of Prussia, Montgomeryville, Reading, Whitehall & Exton, Pa.
Huge savings on consignment & clearance apparel, equipment & consignment items.



Thursday, September 18 at 5:00 pm – Casa Toro Mexican Grill, 7001 Pennsylvania 309, Coopersburg. Morning Call's Reader's Choice 2024 Award for Best Mexican Restaurant. Happy Hour Specials from 4:30 to 6 pm. www.casatoromexgrill.com



WANDERLUST BEER GARDEN

Thursday, October 9 at 5:00 pm – Wanderlust Beer Garden, 1600 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA. Eclectic Outdoor Beer Garden, food and drinks. www.wanderlustbeergarden.com



Thursday, October 23 at 5:00 pm – Shanty on 19th, 613 North 19th Street, Allentown. Half Off Happy Hour: 1/2 off Appetizers, Draft Beers, House Wines, House Liquors, 4:00 to 6:00 pm. www.theshantyon19th.com



Golf – Ptarmigans are on the links every Friday at various courses around the Lehigh Valley. The season is winding down - limited tee times available. Contact Tom Weiser at Weiser@ptd.net if you are interested



Ptarmigan STEM Discussion for September 25th 4:30 – 6:00 pm via Zoom

A follow up discussion on our August topic: [StartUp Lehigh Valley - Entrepreneurs](#)

Start Up Lehigh Valley technologies presented included hydroelectric power generators using water and wave motion.

Before our September meeting, watch the entrepreneurs make their competitive pitches as well as the [\\$20K winning presentation](#) both as recorded on WFMZ.



Charity Golf Outing – Monday, September 29, 2025, 9:00 am shotgun start, 4-person scramble format. \$125 pp includes dinner. Mainland Golf Course, 2250 Rittenhouse Road, Harleysville, PA. Benefits PA Adaptive Sports, Nat'l Ski Patrol, Special Olympics, and PA Snow Sports Museum. www.easternpaskicouncil.org

EPSC Fall Meeting – Bear Creek Ski Resort – Save the Date: October 5, 2025

2026 Winter Carnival – Sun Valley, Idaho **

2026 International Trip – Grindelwald, Switzerland – Feb. 27 – Mar 7 **

2026 Summer Ski Trip – Valle Nevado, Chile – August 7-21, 2026 **

2027 Winter Carnival – Mt. Bachelor, Oregon – dates TBD

2027 Summer Ski Trip – New Zealand & Australia - TBD

*** All still have openings. More details and trip fliers for all of the above can be found at.

www.easternpaskicouncil.org



Hiking – Please notify the activity leader that you are attending so you may be contacted in case of inclement weather.

September 18, 2025 -- Thursday -- 9:30 A.M. Walnutport Canal/Slatington (North) Slatington Trailhead

Meet at the D & L Trail - Slatington Trailhead -- 101 Main St. Slatington, Pa.
Cross the Bridge to Walnutport & Hike North on the Towpath. Easy Hike - - 4 Miles on Shaded Trail.
Flat with fine gravel & packed dirt.
Bring Lunch, snack, Water. Restrooms, Pavillion, & Food Truck at Slatington Trailhead.

Hike Leader -- Joyce Gilmore -- Contact Joyce, if you are going at mindycat36@yahoo.com or Call (610) 683 - 6593



Biking – Please notify the activity leader that you are attending so you may be contacted in case of inclement weather.

October 16, 2025 -- Thursday -- D & L Trail -- 9:30 A.M. Cementon to Slatington

Bike Cementon to Slatington -- Meet at Riverwalk Park -- 5200 Front St., Whitehall, Pa. 18052 - (Cementon Trailhead)
Bike 18 Miles (Roundtrip) . Bike on Gravel/crushed stone on shaded trail along the Lehigh River.
Pavillion / Restrooms. Lunch Stop at Slatington Trailhead. Food Truck is there. Also can bring lunch, snack & water.
Bike Ride Leader -- Joyce Gilmore
Contact: Joyce if you are going . at mindycat36@yahoo.com or CALL (610) 683-6593



Music

Contact: Cindy Simoson, if any questions (484) 515-0181

Friday September 5, 2025, Levitt Pavillion, Steel Stacks -- 7:30 P.M. The Side Cars Band -- A Tribute to the Cars
645 E. 1st St., Bethlehem, Pa. 18015

September 10, 2025 -- Wednesday Unwined -- Two of a Kind (From Band of Brothers) 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.
Slatington Trailhead -- 101 Main St. Slatington, Pa.
Stone Lake Winery will also be present. Food Truck

Saturday -- September 13, 2025 -- Levitt Pavillion Steel Stacks -- 7:30 P.M. The Aardvarks

September 24, 2025 -- Wednesday Unwined -- Band -- Burn Unplugged -- 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.
Slatington Trailhead -- 101 Main St. Slatington, Pa.
Stone Lake Winery will also be present. Food Truck

October 12, 2025 -- Sunday Flirtin With The Mob -- at North Catty Park 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.
701 Grove Street, Catasauqua, Pa. 18032
Join fellow Ptarmigans at this Event. Enjoy the Live Music , Dancing, Food, Vendors, & the wonderful Classic Cars.

Some Ptarmigan Summer Activities

Ptarmigan Bike Ride on Saucon Trail - July 12



Ptarmigan Bike Ride with Baxter - Ironton Rail Trail - Aug 10th



Ptarmigan Kayaking - Leaser Lake- August 25



More Summer Activity - Pool Party at Eric's Aug 16th



Ptarmigan Ski Club

Oktoberfest 2025

Featuring Pulled Pork and Bratwurst



When: Saturday Oct 4th 2 pm until?
Where: Ortner's Hofbrauhaus
Cost: \$18 Per Person - Full Menu, Beer & Wine, Bottled Water
\$12 Per Person - Full Menu, Water, No Beer, No Wine
\$5 Per Person - No Food, No Beer, No Wine,
Shared Food and Water Only, You Must
Bring Something to Share

Beginning at 2 pm we'll be serving Bratwurst (par-boiled in Beer then Grilled) with Sauerkraut and Homemade Split-Pea w/Ham Hock Soup.

Around 5 pm we'll begin serving Pulled Pork along with some traditional sides.



Enjoy a Selection of Seasonal Beers.

An Excellent Selection of Wine.

Bottled Water will also be available.

If you like, bring an Appetizer or Dessert to Share.

Bring a Picnic Chair if you want to sit.

There will be a Campfire after Dinner.

Directions: 2509 Peach Tree Road, Allentown Ph: (610)799-2549. Take the 15th street exit from Route 22, go north three miles on Mauch Chunk Road past Scherersville toward Balliettsville. Just past Mechanicsville Road, turn right at Grumpy's onto Peach Tree Road. Go in about 6 or 7 homes then turn left and go up the driveway.

----- Tear off and send along with your check -----

Enter Names and Price Selections Below

Send check by Sep 27th payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to: Bill Ortner, 2509 Peachtree Road, Allentown, Pa 18104 610-799-2549 or wortner@ptd.net



Join us for our 30th Year at

Sunday River®

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 — FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026

Accommodations: Grand Summit Hotel located slopeside to the Moonstruck trail. Hotel features a health club with outdoor heated pool and two hot tubs, Camp Restaurant and the Last Run Room, fieldstone fireplace.

Rooms Available: 16 Standard Hotel Units: 2 Queen Beds and a Private Bath
12 Studio Deluxe Units: Queen Murphy bed and Sleep Sofa in Living Room, Kitchenette and a Private Bath

Cost Per Person: \$ 949.00 Double Occupancy Lodging Only
Pricing for Triple and Quad Occupancy also available

Lift Tickets – Additional Cost paid directly to Sunday River via Link on Internet

Static Rate Lift Tickets:

	4 Days	5 Days
Adult (19-64)	\$219	\$269
Senior (65-79)	\$163	\$199

Will receive a link at later date to
Purchase at a discount

Super Senior (80+)

1 Days	\$5	80+ tickets need to be
2 Days	\$6	Purchased on line.
3 Days	\$7	No discount for Super
4 Days	\$8	Senior tickets
5 Days	\$9	

Cost Includes: Round-trip bus transportation; 5 Nights Lodging; Breakfast Buffet (includes tax and tips); taxes and gratuities; refreshments on bus. Group Rates for Lessons and Rental Packages.

Reservations: \$315 per person Due by July 25
\$315 per person Due by September 13
Balance Due November 12

Departure: Bus leaving 7 a.m. sharp from **UAW Local 677 Parking Lot, 2101 Mack Boulevard, Allentown** (Directly across the street from Lehigh Valley Health Network)

Cancellation Policy: No Refunds will be made until after the trip and only if a replacement is made. Partial refunds will be made depending on lodging, transportation, and agency cancellation.

Trip Leaders: Vicki Morris and Joelle Akowskey
For Additional Information: 610-597-8666 484-883-2049
Email: vlmorris@astound.net Email: JoelleA1@outlook.com

Mail your payment along with your reservation form to: Vicki Morris
(Payable to Vicki Morris) 2378 South 10th Street
Allentown, PA 18103

SUNDAY RIVER, MAINE

Make Check Payable to "Vicki Morris"

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
of Seniors _____ Non-Skier _____ Number in Room _____

Required Deposit - \$315.00 per person

Phone # _____ (C)
_____ (H)
Amount Enclosed _____
Email _____

PLEASE CHECK YOUR PREFERENCE:

Standard Hotel Unit _____ **Studio Deluxe Unit** _____

Early Deposit will guarantee room of your choice! If preference not specified, the Standard Unit will be assigned.
Trip Insurance is NOT included, MSC urges participants to consider purchasing trip insurance. Two good sites are
www.myra@travelprotectors.com or www.insuremytrip.com

Sunshine



Please forward any information you may have of a member who has recently experienced the loss of a spouse, partner, parent, close family member or friend, etc. or someone in need of a bit of cheer. Contact Mary Ann Bedics by cell (610-704-0582) or email (maryannbedics@rcn.com).

Year In Review



Please forward any pictures you've taken at Ptarmigan Ski Club events to Eric at Eric.Schoeppner@icloud.com. Eric will collect pictures throughout this membership year to create a "Year in Review" for presentation during our March election meeting.

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To Join or Renew Your Membership Please See the Membership Application.

[Click here to download Membership Application](#)