

North Penn Ski Club



Holiday Celebration!

***NEXT MEETING,
NEW LOCATION & TIME
7PM, Thursday
December 10***

***The Red Cedar Grille,
249 Bethlehem Pike
(Route 309), Colmar
www.theredcedar.com***

Guests & visitors welcome!

*Inclement weather? Call an
officer for any cancellation info.*

Annual gift exchange party, with a twist!

THIS THURSDAY is NPSC's December meeting, held at our new location, the Red Cedar Grille. And yes, as always, we will have a fun gift exchange party at the meeting – but this time we are changing it up a bit!

Our new meeting place provides us with great dining and a cozy space to socialize, but does not offer an open area for wandering around and hugging Santa or “stealing” gifts. So the board came up with a new way for us to play the game, and it's called “Luck of the Draw”!

You won't need to get up and continually steal the best gifts, but you WILL still have a good time and play to get what is perceived as the best mystery gift. (Packages are not opened until the exchange party is complete.) The details on how this new game is played will be explained at the meeting.

For now, you need to make sure you have an anonymously-wrapped gift (\$5 - \$10 value) for each person who wishes to play the game. Gifts can be whatever you like – ski related, funny, holiday related, etc. – but please, no inappropriate or “adult” gifts. So get wrapping!

Also at December's meeting, we will have the latest trip updates, as well as trip payments and membership renewals. If you haven't paid your dues for the 2015/16 season yet, do it now! (application on page 7)

*Downhill Times
December 2015*



NEW PLACE, NEW TIME!

We meet at **7PM** at the **Red Cedar Grille**, located on Route 309 (formerly the Inn Flight). Join your skiing friends for dinner, or drinks, or beers and appetizers, or coffee and dessert – whatever floats your boat. See you Thursday, the 10th!

And, thank you to all who came out to the Red Cedar for November's meeting! We had a GREAT turnout, everyone enjoyed some delicious food, drink, and plenty of socializing. Looking forward to the same THIS Thursday!

www.northpensskiclub.org

WINTER CARNIVAL

January 16-23, 2016



\$1,929 / PERSON, DOUBLE OCC.
OPEN SPOTS — ONE MALE, ONE FEMALE!

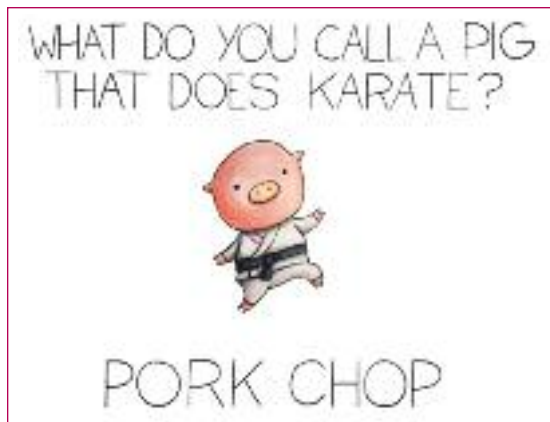
LODGING: 7 Nights lodging at the Huntley Lodge, including current taxes, 2 queen beds, round trip portage at hotel, full daily breakfast buffet, free overnight ski storage.

LIFTTICKETS: 5-out-of-7 Day ski pass; 6th day add \$48. Non-skiers deduct \$270.

TRANSPORTATION: Round trip airport transfers from Bozeman / Big Sky via private bus. Round trip airport Philadelphia / Bozeman via Delta Airlines. Checked baggage fees are additional.

ACTIVITIES: Welcome Reception Sunday with hors d'oeuvres and drink ticket; Gala dinner buffet and dance on Tuesday; Practice runs for race on Tuesday; EPSC Team Race Wednesday, Race day lunch on Wednesday; Casual dinner on Thursday; daily on-mountain tours.

PAYMENT IN FULL DUE NOW. Contact JENNY HUTCHISON 215 541 1189 jennyhutch@comcast.net



(because we all know that a pig that skis or boards is a North Penn "Snow Pig"!)



Did you know?

"Forty" is the only number in English whose letters appear in alphabetical order. Minus 40 degrees, or "40 below", is the only temperature that is the same in both Fahrenheit and Celsius.

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One-day Snow Pig Adventure

Once again NPSC will hit the slopes at Elk Mountain – Tuesday, February 23rd, 2016! Here are the details:

Meet at 6 AM: Hagey Tours lot at 210 Schoolhouse Road, Souderton – just a mile or so from Route 113. Bus leaves promptly at 6:15! For folks in northern territories, we also stop at the PA turnpike's "park-and-ride" lot in Quakertown at 6:30AM. You MUST let me know in advance at which location you will be boarding!

Cost is \$75 per person (only \$65 for seniors age 65 or more). Trip includes lift ticket, bus, and OJ /donuts /snacks on the bus. Lunch is on your own; we return to Souderton around 7:15pm, so dinner is on your own too. We typically ski from 9am to 4:30pm. Discounted rentals and lessons are available; if you already have lift tickets and only need transportation, it is available for \$40 per person.

Contact JoAnne Landis to reserve your seat – please advise which location you will board and if you qualify for the senior discount. 215 234 0358 or joscott49(at)verizon.net



NEW OFFICERS!



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UPCOMING EVENTS



- **January 9:** Salter's Ski Shop CAD, Blue Mountain, \$35 lifts
- **Jan. 13:** Buckmans Ski Shop Flashback Day, Bear Creek, \$16 lifts, see page 6
- **January 14:** Buckmans Ski Shop CAD/ Demo Day, Blue Mountain, see page 6
- **January 16:** Salter's Ski Shop CAD, Bear Creek, \$20 lifts
- **January 16-23, 2016:** EPSC Winter Carnival, Big Sky, MT (artile at left)
- **Jan. 23:** Salter's Ski Shop Demo Day, Elk Mtn Winterfest, \$27 lifts (limit 2)
- **February 6:** Salter's Ski Shop CAD, Blue Mountain, \$35 lifts

Vermont Spring Skiing Spectacular!

Midweek drive-up trip to ski Killington, Pico, Okemo

Sunday, March 6th to Friday, March 11th, 2016

- Only **\$599 per person**, double occupancy
- Slope-side resort accommodations:
 - 3 nights at Jackson Gore Village (6-9 March)
 - 2 nights at Killington Grand Hotel (9-11 March)
- Welcome reception at both hotels
- 5-1/2* day lift ticket valid at Okemo, Killington, Pico
 - * Half-day is valid Sunday afternoon if you arrive early enough.(Ticket is also valid any day at Mt. Sunapee, NH)



This is a great price, people!! Compare to rack rates / window rates at \$895/person, and compare to ski-and-stay packages at \$785/person. **Sign up deadline is January 14th.** Members of all EPSC ski clubs welcome! **Contact Frank Prindle by email: prindle@ieee.org**



KILLINGTON GRAND RESORT HOTEL

Killington's only full-service mountainside hotel features hotel rooms, studios, suites, and pent-houses. A wide range of amenities are available including free wireless internet, Ovarions Restaurant and Lounge, convenience store / gift shop, ski and snowboard equipment check, valet parking, and game room. The health club includes weight and cardiovascular equipment, sauna, steam room, and a 75-foot outdoor heated pool with two hot tubs featuring views of Killington.



JACKSON GORE VILLAGE (OKEMO)

Located at the base of Jackson Gore, this property includes the Jackson Gore Inn, Adams House, and Bixby House. Offering the widest variety of on-site amenities with the charm and convenience of a country inn and the convenience of hotel services. Guests can enjoy The Adventure Zone, Spring House pool and fitness center, The Ice House, indoor/outdoor pools, a firepit, child care, retail and so much more! Plus, enjoy on-site dining at the Coleman Brook Tavern.

Monday Night Lessons

Each winter, every **adult** EPSC club member can participate in Council's **FREE** Learn-to-Ski program, which provides newcomers an inexpensive way to learn the sport and novices the opportunity to fine tune their skills. The instructors, who are also members of EPSC clubs, are certified instructors who volunteer their time to teach.

Skill levels taught in these lessons range from having never skied before to those making open parallel turns, and students are grouped based on ability levels. Even though we list this program as a "learn to ski," lessons are also open to those who want to "learn to ski better." Instructors will help build your skills and confidence from one week to the next – who doesn't want to improve their technique or increase their comfort level on any terrain?

Lesson registration forms are available via EPSC's website and available at sign in. www.easternPAaskicouncil.org

Current club membership cards must be shown, and participants must sign in at the front lobby registration table prior to each lesson in order to receive their discounted lift ticket and/or equipment rentals. Students develop the necessary skills to handle all types of terrain and snow conditions as lessons are held no matter what the weather, as long as the mountain is open!

For over 25 years, lessons continue to be held at Spring Mountain, 757 Spring Mount Rd, Schwenksville, PA. Lessons are free; nightly lift tickets and rentals are offered at a substantial discount. The program is open **ONLY** to current members of EPSC clubs. This season's rates are \$15 lift tickets, and \$25 for a lift and rental package.

New for this season, the program runs for just THREE Monday nights: January 11, 18, and 25, 2016. If a make-up or additional class is necessary, it will take place on February 1st. Attend just one lesson, or all three!

Get your non-skiing, novice friends and neighbors to come out, and your intermediate self and family to try it too. A brush-up lesson before your "big trip" this season is in order!

EPSC / Council News

Ski Club / Council Appreciation Days (NY)



Gore Mountain will be offering "Ski Club Appreciation Day" rates of just \$42 for one or \$75 for two days of skiing on these dates: December 5th-6th, 2015; January 14th; February 14th; March 20th-21st, 2016

Each person must show their photo ID and ski club or council card. Council day tickets may only be purchased at the Snow Sports Desk of the Northwoods Lodge or Guest Services Office. Questions: Contact Cindy at (518) 251-2411 x1008 or cindy@goremountain.com.



Tickets are just \$42 per person with a ski club card AND photo ID on the following dates: December 6th-7th 2015; January 9th, February 1st, March 6th-7th; March 31st-April 2, 2016

Each person must show their photo ID and ski club or council card to get this price. Purchase tickets at Guest Services Office.



Show the folks at Bellefayre (Highmount NY) your valid Ski Club ID card on specific days and receive a discounted ticket.

December 12 & 13, 2015; January 30, February 20, March 14, March 20 & 21, 2016
\$38 Tickets with a valid Ski Club ID

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Discount Lift Tickets

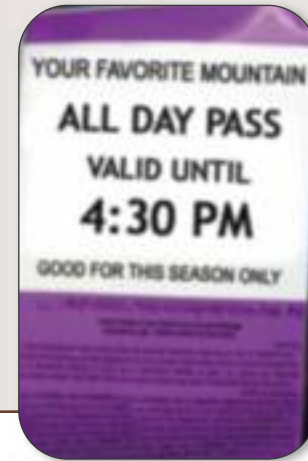


The Discount Lift Ticket program is open to all members of EPSC clubs! Tickets are available for local Pocono mountains as well as a few New England resorts. Order tickets via Council's website by completing the user-friendly order form and e-mailing it to the address provided. "The Ticket Guy", Ken Foster verifies your club membership and gets the tickets to you ASAP. The online order forms will be available to **council members** some-time later in December.

www.easternPAaskicouncil.org

Discount tickets are for use by current club members ONLY. Tickets are good only for the current season, so limit purchases to what you are sure you can use. Return fees apply for all unused tickets, and the number of returns accepted is very limited.

Also, be sure to have your ID and your ski club membership card when visiting the mountains for which you bought discount tickets!



Mount Snow Awareness Days 2015-2016

Mount Snow will extend the following discounted dates and rates to members of the Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council through its Group Sales office:

Date	Awareness Day Rate	Group Rate	Window Rate
Friday, February 19	\$52	\$76	\$92
Saturday, February 20	\$56	\$67	\$92
Sunday, February 21	\$51	\$40	\$92
Friday, March 11	\$48	\$50	\$90
Saturday, March 12	\$56	\$67	\$90
Sunday, March 13	\$51	\$57	\$90



To purchase discounted tickets, members must go to the Group Sales office. The Group Sales Office is located in the Clocktower Building Monday through Friday from 8:30AM-1:00PM and at the Sundance Base Lodge on weekends and holidays from 7:30AM-1:00PM.



You must have a ski club membership card with NCSF sticker on the back, a photo ID, and purchase (\$5 fee) an Evolution Stowe Card to get Council discounts on these dates.

Adult tickets, age 13+: 1-day = \$45, 2-day = \$90, 3-day = \$135.
Child 6-12 years: 1-day = \$33, 2-day = \$66, 3-day = \$99.

Discount lodging is also available.
www.stowe.com/groups

Member News & Travel Stories



Yama Goes Boom (crack, ouch!)

Email received from Lori Yamashita, late November:

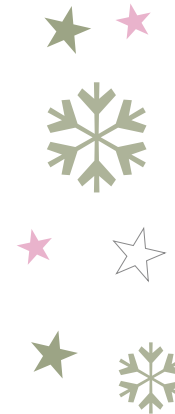
The short message is I'm fine, pain is very manageable, I'm in ChiTown having a great time. And I WILL SKI this season. Maybe in six weeks! Or in 12 weeks!

Details: As some of you know, I had a most amazing experience at Loveland, CO, Fall Ski Camp this week. It's hard for all of us to visualize, but I made consistent and continuous turns in fresh snow and moguls. One of the best compliments after three days was, "You looked so good, it didn't look like you!"

But then, late on Day 3, I hit something (likely a mound of crud) I couldn't plow through, AND a huge bounce up and out, a double forward somersault, a left ski tail that got pounded into snow, and a Left Clavicle (collarbone) which hits that cute little left Black Volkl Kenja which was dug in the snow – presumably during the second somersault (It's one of the few things I remember). SNAP GOES THE LEFT CLAVICLE.

So, the neat thing is my new Ortho guy is a US Ski Team physician, and although there is an 11mm overlapping comminuted (separated) collarbone, I didn't need surgery right away. I was able to visit Chicago and enjoy the company of old family and friends. I saw a Chicago Ortho guy, and then a Philly Ortho the next week. *(editor's note: Yama is having surgery here in PA this week. Doctor said 3 months before skiing unless she can ski without falling – funny guy.)*

Wow Lori -- Good luck with the surgery, and feel better SOON!



The "Big" Birthday: On Monday, November 23, our favorite bartender, retired Coca Cola rep, vending machine repair man, and ski instructor, Pete Ryan, turned 70! Now he's armed with a complete list of ski resorts throughout the country that offer 70+ skiers a FREE lift ticket. Congrats and Happy Birthday, Pete!

Have Adventure, Will Share

Do you have a photo, special event, adventure, or story we can share with members? Just let our editor know so it can be included in a future newsletter!

Condolences: Our thoughts and prayers go out to Les and Joan Bucher in the passing of Les's mother in early November. (She passed away on her birthday!) Les already suffered the loss of his father earlier this year, so we extend our most sincere sympathies to all of the Bucher family and friends at this doubly difficult time.

Birthdays!

Paul Catinella	Dec. 2
Alex Litka	Dec. 3
Karen Fegley	Dec. 4
Lori Levering	Dec. 5
Lauryn Joyek	Dec. 6
Rae Ann Triol	Dec. 6
Mike Long	Dec. 12
Ken Foster	Dec. 13
Jason & Jay Landis	Dec. 15
Anthony Campeggio	Dec. 17
Roberta Alvin	Dec. 23
Craig Bluestein	Dec. 23
Susan Matthews	Dec. 25
Jeff Moore	Dec. 26
Helen Kirschner	Dec. 28
Denise Fairman	Dec. 28
BettyJane Moyer	Dec. 29
Alex Miller	Jan. 1
Cory Bluestein	Jan. 4
Verna Rickert	Jan. 4
Linda Dedman	Jan. 6



Sun Valley

SUN VALLEY TICKETS

Anyone interested in TWO 5-out-of-7-day lift tickets for Sun Valley, Idaho? Jenny Hutchison has them and can't use them (good for this season only). So if you're up for a getaway to Sun Valley this winter, give Jenny a call, quick!

215 541 1189



Ski-Related News

Buckmans Ski Shop Events

- January 13, 2016:** Flashback Day - Bear Creek, \$16
(Advance Ticket Purchase Required)
- January 14:** Blue Mountain - CAD/DEMO DAY
(Advance Ticket Purchase Required)
- January 22:** Elk Mountain - CAD/DEMO DAY
(Advance Ticket Purchase Required)
- February 4:** Flashback Day - Spring Mountain - \$12
All Day Lift Ticket (Advance Purchase Required)
- February 6:** Bear Creek Mountain Resort, "Rail Jam"
- February 26:** Blue Mountain - CAD DAY
(Advance Ticket Purchase Required)
- February 27:** Spring Mountain, "Big Air" Competition
- March 1:** Bear Creek, Women's DEMO Day
(Advance Ticket Purchase Required)
- March 19:** Blue Mountain, "Rail Jam"



New Lifts at U.S. Resorts

Utah's **Solitude Mountain Resort**, now owned by Deer Valley, has upgraded the Summit chair to an express quad, creating a faster route to the expert terrain of Honeycomb Canyon.

Stratton, VT is adding \$8.5 million in upgrades to its base lodge. The now-23,000 square-foot facility houses an upscale cafeteria-style restaurant that will serve up to 400 guests within its two-story design. Called the Summit, it is the highest year-round, lift-served guest facility in North America. The second level of The Summit and adjacent outdoor decks are available for private functions, group meetings, etc.

Sugarbush, VT, has upgraded their Valley House double chair to a quad with a loading conveyor belt which will double uphill capacity.

Vail Resort is swapping out the frontside Avanti Express, which was a quad, with a high-speed six-pack with a loading conveyor belt in the hopes of dispersing skiers more quickly from Lionshead.

Purgatory, in Colorado, has a new high-speed quad chairlift and three new runs just west of the new lift.



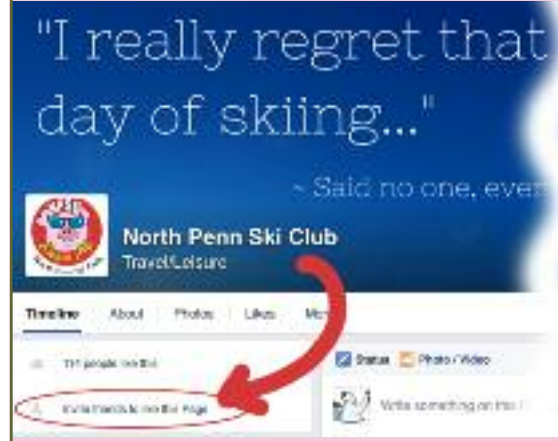
Banchi Outdoor Adventures

Interested in a weekend bus trip to a Vermont destination, or maybe to Lake Placid / Whiteface? Banchi runs complete motorcoach packages to a variety of Vermont and New York locations, leaving from a variety of ski shops (such as Buckmans in Montgomeryville). For complete details, check out Banchi's website:

<http://www.banchi.com/ski-bus-packages>

Facebook Friends:

If you're on Facebook, we invite you to "LIKE" North Penn's page! Support the club by being a friend and recommending the page to other Facebook friends and skiers. Simply go to North Penn Ski Club's page, click on the "invite your friends" link, and then hit the "invite" button next to each of your friends' names. It's simple and easy. Thanks!



Our page features comics, member photos, interesting resort information, upcoming club events, ski shop deals, other club's trips, etc. Check it out!

Northern Websites & Phones

www.belleayre.com	1-800-942-9604
www.goremountain.com	1-800-342-1234
www.greekpeak.net	1-800-365-7669
www.windhammountain.com	1-800-SKI-WINDHAM
www.killington.com	1-800-422-3261
www.mountsnow.com	1-802-464-2151
www.okemo.com	1-802-228-5222
www.loonmtn.com	1-603-745-8100

NORTH PENN SKI CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2015 / 2016

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone #: (_____) _____ Work #: (_____) _____

- New Member Family \$25
 Renewal Individual \$20
 Change of Address since last year

E-Mail: _____
 this information is required to receive your newsletters -- please print clearly

Please inform membership personnel if the address your newsletters go to changes!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

The North Penn Ski club is a year-round social/sports club providing a variety of activities for its members. Most of the activities are, to a varying degree hazardous. By making application for membership, I voluntarily assume the risks involved. By assuming all risks involved, I agree not to hold THE NORTH PENN SKI CLUB, its Officers, or Board Members liable for any accident or injury resulting from my (or other family member) participation in a club activity. After reading and understanding this Release of Liability, I hereby apply for membership in the NORTH PENN SKI CLUB. **MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL APPLICANTS AGE 21 AND OVER.**

Family membership includes any child, regardless of age, who is enrolled in an institution of higher education during the period of such enrollment. Upon graduation, any person who is 21 years of age or older may become an individual member.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send application to (or bring it along with you to one of the meetings):
 Linda Dedman (if you wish to have your membership card
 4819 Spencer Drive mailed to your home, please provide a
 Schwenksville, PA 19473 self-addressed, stamped envelope.)

SPECIAL INTERESTS
 Enter your # next to all interests that apply

MEMBER INFORMATION

SKIING EXPERIENCE

- | | |
|-------------------|-------|
| 1. Alpine Skiing | _____ |
| 2. Alpine Racing | _____ |
| 3. Cross Country | _____ |
| 4. Ski Instructor | _____ |
| 5. Ski Patrol | _____ |
| 6. Snowboarding | _____ |
| 7. Golf | _____ |
| 8. Hiking | _____ |
| 9. Biking | _____ |
| 10. Sightseeing | _____ |
| 11. Museums/Tours | _____ |
| 12. Movies/Plays | _____ |
| 13. Ball Games | _____ |

1 Name _____ Beginner _____
 Occupation _____ Intermediate _____
 Birthday _____ Advanced _____
 _____ Expert _____
 _____ Need a Lesson! _____

2 Name _____ Beginner _____
 Occupation _____ Intermediate _____
 Birthday _____ Advanced _____
 _____ Expert _____
 _____ Need a Lesson! _____

3 Name _____ Beginner _____
 Occupation _____ Intermediate _____
 Birthday _____ Advanced _____
 _____ Expert _____
 _____ Need a Lesson! _____

4 Name _____ Beginner _____
 Occupation _____ Intermediate _____
 Birthday _____ Advanced _____
 _____ Expert _____
 _____ Need a Lesson! _____

Club functions where you would like to help:

- | | |
|-----------------|-------|
| 14. Photography | _____ |
| 15. Activities | _____ |
| 16. PR / Promos | _____ |
| 17. Newsletter | _____ |
| 18. Website | _____ |
| 19. Trip Leader | _____ |
| 20. NPSC Board | _____ |
| 21. Other: | _____ |

This section to be completed by NPSC officer: Cash Check # _____
 Membership Card issued _____ (date & initials)

Amount Paid: \$ _____




**North Penn
Ski Club**
819 Chestnut Street
Lansdale, PA 19446

Visit our web site! www.northpenskiiclub.org

Ski Related News

Skiing in the Rain ...

One of the best times to hit uncrowded slopes is in the rain. Sometimes that is what early season ski days bring us. It's not exactly the bluebird day most of us hope for, but before you turn on the TV for a Netflix binge, consider these rain advantages.

- The temperature is above freezing and the snow is soft and pliable, even like spring corn skiing.
- Not only are the slopes close to empty, ditto the base lodge where you can find ample space and a good window view. Hang your wet stuff out to dry over several chairs.
- You have the dryers in the bathroom pretty much to yourself.
- It's warm out, so although you may get damp, you don't get cold.
- Ski outerwear is designed to combat the elements, rain included. However, if you have a GoreTex raincoat handy, not a bad idea. Bring a spare set of mittens or gloves, maybe two spares.
- Your bum gets wet sitting on the chairlift. Bring a dry change of clothes to go home in, and maybe invest in a pair of "hot buns".
- Mountain weather is fickle. Wait five minutes and the rain may stop, allowing you a rain-free run. The views can be stunning with low level clouds and fog shrouds lifting off the mountains.
- One item you should be aware of: Lift attendants may stay in their shacks so you may have to load yourself onto the chairlift, but at least there's no waiting time.



Remember the old expression,
"There is no bad weather, just bad clothing."
(source: www.seniorsskiing.com)



Safety Note: Do NOT however, opt to wear plastic or a trash bag to ski in the rain. It's highly dangerous because if you should fall, you will slide uncontrollably at a high rate of speed!

