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The Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation is embarking on a fundraising campaign to install a new interactive ski experience exhibit at the Alf Engen Ski Museum at Utah Olympic Park.

The proposed exhibit promises to be the museum’s ‘signature’ feature. It will give visitors two interactive experiences – one that affords them an opportunity to a “virtual ski run” on one of many Utah (and Olympic) ski runs and one of riding a chairlift up a mountain slope.

The skiing experiences may include:

- A bird’s eye ride over the Intermountain Region’s ski resorts
- A downhill skiing experience on one of Utah’s famous ski slopes
- A ski run on a Downhill or Super G race course, including courses used during the 2002 Olympic Winter Games
- A breath-taking aerial ski jump or Nordic ski jump

Each visitor will be drawn into the experience by a looping video clip that identifies the attraction. A “teaser” video clip will give the guest a brief visual of an exciting downhill ski experience. Then the guest will step up to the ski platform, select a ski experience and begin the downhill sensation as though he or she were actually skiing a mountain race course, ski jump, mogul chute or flying off an aerial ramp.

These exhibit options can be updated annually so the experience will fascinate repeat visitors.

The video-enhanced chairlift will accommodate up to four visitors on the stationary chairlift located on a motion platform. Signage and a video cue will direct the visitors to connect their retractable buckle for safety. Upon selecting which type of downhill ski experience they desire, visitors will be given a visual and audio cue that the “ride” is beginning. As the video is flashed on a high-resolution screen, its images are synchronized with the motion base. This gives visitors the sensation of being taken on a ride that simulates the actual motions and scenery one would see as an Olympic downhill skier, Olympic ski jumper or another selected experience.

Adding more reality to the synchronized motion and video images will be “wind gusts” that turn on and off as the motion tilts from side to side and the ski jump segments take flight. A light mist will be felt by the guest as key points of the video suggest the impact of landing on the ski hill or other key events. Upon conclusion of the video/motion clip, the visitor is congratulated on being a “true” Olympic athlete and is encouraged to enjoy the numerous other museum offerings.

The actual “ride” will last approximately 30 seconds but it will be a museum experience that is remembered and talked about for a lifetime.

Editor’s Note: The museum is inviting interested donors to contact the museum for details. Naming rights are available for this exciting new exhibit. Call 435-658-4240 or email connie@utaholympiclegacy.com.
The Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation

Thanks to a generous grant from the State of Utah Division of Arts & Museums, the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation has achieved one of its Exhibit Committee goals – “To bring more of the museum’s artifacts out of the Archive Room and into the public eye.”

The development of four mobile exhibits enables the museum to showcase various themes throughout the year. Currently the museum has two mobile exhibits featuring a bobsled athlete from the 2002 Olympic Winter Games and two mobile exhibits featuring “Snurfing” artifacts from two local Park City residents, Robert Patterson and Howard Sorensen. This exhibit incorporates a flat screen mobile television and DVD player featuring original footage of the “Snurfing” boys from 1966 to 1971.

The Alf Engen Ski Museum enjoys many repeat visitors and has a commitment to changing exhibits regularly to bring in fresh stories. The ability to change out one or more exhibits on a regular basis encourages repeat guests from the local community and beyond. The museum can also respond to a current event and exhibit the ‘story’ in a timely manner.

Dr. Greg Thompson, Alf Engen Ski Museum Board member, 2010 Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame Inductee and co-founder of the University of Utah’s J.W. Marriott Library, was one of two individuals named to receive the Far West Ski Association (FWSA) Snowsports Builder Award for 2012. Bill Marolt, president and chief executive officer of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association, was the other recipient.

The awards were presented at the FWSA’s 80th Annual Convention and Meeting June 7-10, 2012 at the Ogden Eccles Conference Center in Ogden, Utah, hosted by the Intermountain Ski Council. The Far West Ski Association, founded in 1930, is a volunteer, nonprofit organization representing 180 affiliated ski clubs located throughout eleven regional councils in the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, South Dakota, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. The association conducts active programs in public affairs, skier safety, ski heritage, athletics, racing, communications, travel, council development, ski industry and community outreach.
By David L. Vandehei

In 1996, just a year before Alf Engen left us at age 88, he wrote a letter to the new Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation Board. The following is a small part of what he wrote. “I believe that although it is appropriate for the world to know what has happened in the past, it is no less important to let people know what is happening today and what lies ahead in the future of the sport we all care so much about. It is especially important to me that we have a special place for children to visit and experience what it is like to be a participant in many of the world class ski events through pictures, displays, and modern technology.”

This year marks ten years since we opened the museum for public tours and ten years of our education program for fourth grade field trips. That educational program resulted in over 20,500 students, parents and teachers visiting our museum and learning about our rich history. The museum and park have experienced continual success. “The Park Record” of April 2012 states “The Utah Olympic Park just finished its strongest winter on record.”

With our ten-year anniversary comes a need to update some of the exhibits and follow Alf’s admonition to use modern technology. We are currently looking for sponsors of a new “must see” exhibit that takes four people on a ski lift and gives them a visual and motion experience of winter sports. Two other exhibits are being evaluated for upgrading. It’s our goal to make the museum experience more than just the artifacts.

During the last ten years we have been blessed with a wonderful steward of the museum. She has been fiscally responsible as well as a great leader. We appreciate Connie Nelson as our Executive Director.

We look forward to the future and appreciate the great support from all who are contributing in many ways to the Museum Foundation.
Happy 10th Anniversary Alf Engen Ski Museum!

Wow! It is hard to believe it has already been 10 years since our Grand Opening in July 2002 with the ribbon cutting ceremony by Randy Dryer and Evelyn Engen and blessing from Clifford Duncan.

We have proudly been labeled by all who visit, “a world-class facility and ski history museum.” Our success can be directly attributed to the dedicated team of Board members, volunteer docents, donor members, grantors, Utah Olympic Park and community partners. Our team is looking to the future now with our sights set on updating our ten-year-old exhibits with state-of-the-art, high-definition interactive features throughout the museum.

Our museum timeline on pages 8 and 9 highlights many of the achievements over the past ten years. Additional achievements include:

• Visitation numbers have increased over 20% this past winter entertaining and educating over 250,000 guests over the past 12 months. Since opening in 2002, we have enlightened more than 1.61 million visitors.
• Educational Field Trip Program – Since 2002 we have educated over 20,500 students, parents and teachers.
• Exhibits – We have added, updated and/or remodeled 20 of our 35 permanent exhibits.
• Membership – Our membership numbers increased 27% from the previous period last year.
• Website – We continue to update our website and visitation numbers have skyrocketed a whopping 773% since 2008.

As with any successful non-profit, we could not achieve our mission without the support of our generous donors and grantors. Thank you for helping us continue to achieve our mission “to preserve the rich history of skiing in the Intermountain West.” We look forward to working with everyone for many decades to come!
MEMORIAM:

Passing of Joe Arave—A Dedicated Supporter of Skiing History

By Alan K. Engen

The Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation suffered a substantial loss in early March of this year by the passing of founding board member Dr. Andrew Joseph Arave.

Beginning in the late 1980s, Dr. Arave played a key role in helping to create the Joe Quinney Winter Sports Center/Alf Engen Ski Museum. He was highly regarded as a knowledgeable ski historian in the Intermountain Region and provided many articles on subjects related to skiing history. He also played a very important role in the development of the Utah Ski Archives program at the University of Utah Marriott Library and was the primary source of many oral histories that were conducted with outstanding ski pioneers and recognized ski personalities throughout Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming. In addition, Dr. Arave made valuable contributions as a board member on the Alta Historical Society and the International Skiing History Association in the 1990s.

Perhaps not so well known was the fact that in his earlier years he was recognized as an outstanding rodeo performer. He also was an avid outdoors person and spent much of his free time skiing, backpacking, and fishing. His professional career was spent as a professor in the Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department at the University of Utah.

Joe and his wife Holly were married in June, 1982, and had four children. His life was sadly cut short in his mid 50s due to strokes sustained in the months prior to his passing on March 8, 2012. Joe’s loss is felt by all who knew him and he will be long remembered for the many contributions he made to the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation and the Utah Ski Archives.

QUICK FACTS

- September, 2002—Bronze sculptures of Joe Quinney and Alf Engen unveiled. Professional Ski Instructors of America, Intermountain Division Hall of Fame installed and the inaugural class of the Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame inducted.
- May, 2004—Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation sells Quinney Center to the Utah Athletic Foundation.
- July, 2007—Five-Year Anniversary recognized with Family Fun Day on July 12th.
- November, 2007—New entry to museum is installed.
- April, 2009—Museum hosts U.S. National Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at Deer Valley.
- June, 2009—Museum receives "Best of State" for a second time.
- January, 2010—Both the Professional Ski Instructors of America, Intermountain Division, Hall of Fame and Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame remodeled.
- April, 2010—Museum hosts annual International Skiing Heritage Association Week.
- October, 2010—Museum hosts Utah Museum Association Conference.
- June, 2011—"Hometown Heroes" and "Little Skiers" Exhibits installed.
- May, 2012—Mobile exhibit displays set up in entry of museum.
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