

*Six Ski Pioneers Inducted into the
2005 Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame*



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Chairman's Letter

by Scott Ulbrich



It is hard to believe that another year has almost past, and what an exciting year this has been for the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Trustees, the Education Docent volunteers and all of our Donors for making 2005 the best year yet! We have accomplished so much this year, I would like to highlight some areas below.

- Entertained and enlightened **151,512** guests through our museum - this is a 28% increase from the previous year.
- Educated **1,450** students and **359** teachers and parents - a 23% increase.
- Inducted **six** new ski pioneers into the Will and Jean Pickett Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame (see the complete article on pages 6-8 of this newsletter).
- Attracted **97** Donor Members since December, 2004 (see page 5).
- Constructed **three** new exhibits - Collins Chair, Engen Bell and Silver Ore to White Gold Exhibits.
- Updated one of our Educational Carts by producing a new DVD - "*The History of Skiing in Utah*".
- Opened the George Eccles 2002 **Olympic** Winter Games Museum on June 9, 2005.

We are very proud of our achievements and continue to achieve our mission, ***"To preserve the rich history of skiing in the Intermountain region by providing a world class facility which highlights the many contributions made in ski area development, athletic competition, snow safety, ski innovation and ski teaching methods."***

In order for us to continue to deliver our mission statement, please consider becoming or continuing to be a donor. We provide a unique experience for all visitors and students who visit our museum thanks to your continued support. You probably have received our donor membership brochure in the last couple of weeks. If you have not had an opportunity to respond, you will find a donation envelope provided with this newsletter.

Let it snow, let it snow, see you on the slopes!

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Award inductees to the 2005 Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame.

Back Row (l - r): Alan Engen, Jim Gaddis, Ray Miller, Dale Miller, Jim Sullivan, Edi Turner, Julia Cook (Lou Lorenz' daughters)

L-R Front Row: Edgar Stern, Pepi Stiegler, Keith Lange, Alan Miller, Pam Douglas, Ron Douglas, Betty Lorenz.

Group photo by Neil Rossmiller; Background photo by Ray Atkeson

Greetings from the Executive Director

By Connie Nelson

Season greetings from the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation! May this Holiday Season find you and your families safe, healthy and happy.

We have had another sensational year here at the Quinney Center. I would like to take this opportunity to thank several folks.

Thank You....

- **Board of Trustees and Committees** - for being so supportive and proactive in all of our Foundation affairs. These folks are busy people who give their time, expertise and money generously.
- **Docent Volunteers** - you are the reason we have such a fantastic educational field trip program that schools want to come back to time and time again. Your amazing team effort, ideas and tireless patience is much appreciated.
- **Membership Donors** - without your support, we would not be able to continue to provide a world-class facility with world-class programs.

- **Summit County and Foundation support** - the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation has been able to achieve many of its goals thanks to the support of grants received from many organizations such as the Marriner S. Eccles Foundation, S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney Foundation and Summit County Tax Grants.



Connie Nelson

- **Vendors** - we have had the privilege of working with some fabulous vendors such as Libby Hyland and her professional team from Adlib Media, Winston Inoway, Klay Anderson and many more.

Please come and visit the Quinney Center soon - we have two world-class museums under ONE roof! Thank you, again, to all of you for another successful year.

New Exhibits

Collins Chair and Engen Bell Exhibit

Designed and constructed by Jay Nielson. Funded by the Office of Museum Services. (located in the lobby of the Quinney Center)



Silver Ore to White Gold Exhibit

Designed and constructed by Libby Hyland, Jared Sweet, Rob Grills and Eric Ristau. (Libby and Jared donated their time to this project- thank you!) Funded partially by the Utah Humanities Council. (located in the entrance to the Alf Engen Ski Museum)



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In Memoriam

Robert "Barney" McLean (1917 - 2005)

Robert "Barney" McLean, one of America's most recognized competitors in both alpine ski racing and ski jumping, passed away on July 19, 2005, one week following his 88th birthday.

In Utah, Barney is recognized as winning the first Alta Snow Cup race with Gretchen Fraser in 1940 and also winning the first Alta Cup race with Virginia Gurnsey in 1942. He ski jumped many times on famed Ecker Hill and was good enough to make the 1948 Olympic ski jumping team, but chose instead to compete as captain of the U.S. alpine squad. McLean was a close personal friend of Alf Engen and was inducted into the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame, with Alf, in 1959.



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Contributing: \$100 / year

In addition to the above benefits, Contributing members will receive a AESM pen and pencil and 10 admissions to the Alf Engen Ski Museum.

Supporting: \$500 / year

In addition to the above benefits, Supporting members will receive invitations to special events, the book, *First Tracks - A Century of Skiing in Utah*, and 15 admissions to the Alf Engen Ski Museum.

Sustaining: \$1000 / year

In addition to the above benefits, Sustaining members will receive a copy of *The Fire Within*, the official commemorative volume of the 2002 Salt Lake Winter Games published by the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, and 20 admissions to the Alf Engen Ski Museum.

Corporate: \$5000 / year

In addition to the above benefits, Corporate Members will receive a copy of *For the Love of Skiing* by Alan Engen, and 30 admissions to the Alf Engen Ski Museum. Corporate Members will also have the opportunity to use the Quinney Center Board Room once annually and receive 2 winter bobsled rides or 2 summer activity packages.



INTERMOUNTAIN SKI HALL OF FAME

2005 Hall of Fame Induction Draws Record Crowd

by Dr. Joseph Arave

Only in its fourth year, the Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony has established itself among the significant ski-related events of the fall season. Brilliant fall colors lit up the hillside around the Quinney Winter Sports Center on September 21st and added to the festive atmosphere as a record number of party-goers greeted friends and gathered for the Induction of the Class of 2005. During a pre-ceremony reception those in attendance enjoyed the exhibits of the George Eccles Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Winter Games Museum, unveiled to the public in June of this year, and a special photographic exhibition of the work of Ray Atkeson featuring beautiful black and white photographs of stunning winter scenes.

Following dinner, the capacity crowd was treated to an entertaining and educational DVD presentation on the history of skiing in Utah. The DVD featured Alan Engen and his

granddaughter Kelsey, and is the newest entry into the educational lineup at the Engen Museum. Scott Ulbrich, Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation Chairman, then announced that the Hall of Fame wall in the Engen Museum will now bear the name of Will and Jean Pickett, thanks to the generous contributions of their children David and Christine Pickett on behalf of their parents. Will and Jean Pickett made many significant contributions to skiing for decades, most notably the publication of the Alta Powder News.

When one thinks about significant contributions and outstanding accomplishments in the world of skiing, the inductees of 2005 are most certainly among the names that come to mind. The Class of 2005 are truly legends and deserving of Hall of Fame status. Some highlights of the accomplishments of this year's inductees follow.

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James R. Gaddis (1940 -)

- Intermountain Division Ski Racer of the Year in 1957, 1958, 1962, and 1963.
- Intermountain Division slalom, giant slalom, and downhill champion in 1957, 1958, 1962, and 1963.
- Captain of the University of Utah ski team in 1959, 1960, and 1962 and was named to the NCAA All-American Ski Team in 1960 and 1962 and won the NCAA Alpine combined title in 1960 and 1962.
- Snow Cup winner in 1962, 1963, and 1964.
- Founded the Gaddis Training Organization (GTO) which later became the Park City Racing Team.
- Coach of Junior National Ski team from 1970 - 1976.
- PSIA ski instructor and member of Utah Sports Hall of Fame and Crimson Club Hall of Fame.
- Numerous contributions of time, talents and resources to support skiing in the intermountain area.



Keith Lange (1933 -)

- Began teaching and coaching in 1950 and became a certified instructor in 1952.
- Served 23 years as a board member of PSIA.
- Served as PSIA president, vice president, examiner, clinic leader, and demonstration team member and coach, and was a member of the national demonstration team.
- Member of the first American Ski Technique Demonstration Team.
- Designed the original PSIA badge and logo.
- Named Master Ski Instructor and was awarded PSIA Lifetime Membership.
- Won first place in the inaugural National Gelände Championships.
- Taught Army Mountain Troops at Camp Hale, Colorado.





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Lou Lorenze (1924 – 2003)

- Lou was an innovator, motivator, and administrator in the art and science of ski instruction for 48 years.
- Started skiing in 1946 and first taught skiing as part of the Deseret News Ski School in 1950.
- Became a fully certified instructor in 1956.
- Taught skiing at Alta and Little Mountain for 10 years, and was co-founder of the Greater Salt Lake Ski School.
- Joined the Park City Resort Ski School in 1970 and retired from ski teaching there in 1998.
- Served on the ISIA Board of Directors for 17 years.
- Served three years as ISIA president.
- Inducted into the PSIA Hall of Fame in 1996.



Edgar B. Stern Jr. (1922 -)

- Edgar Stern has been a visionary in ski area development.
- Acquired 7,000 acres in the Park City Area in 1971 that included present day Park City Mountain Resort (then Treasure Mountain and present day Deer Valley).
- Built Deer Valley, realizing a dream of combining skiing with world-class food, service, and amenities.
- Established the business philosophy now known as the “Deer Valley Difference”
- Established amenities such as valet ski service, on-site child care, complimentary ski check, parking lot shuttles, immaculately groomed and uncrowded slopes.
- In 2001 Deer Valley was named #1 ski resort in North America by readers of Ski Magazine.
- Deer Valley hosted 2002 Olympic Winter Games slalom, aerials, and moguls events.



M. Earl Miller (1917 – 2000)

- Earl excelled as both a ski instructor and coach.
- Director of the Snow Basin Ski School for 35 years.
- Coach of the Weber State College Ski Team from 1964 to 1975.
- One of the Founders of the Intermountain Ski Instructors Association.
- Served for 35 years as a PSIA examiner.
- Played significant role in the drafting of the American Ski Technique.
- Was PSIA- Intermountain Ski School Director of the year in 1973.
- Recipient of Lifetime Membership in PSIA



Pepi Stiegler, a member of the class of 2004, in Europe during last year’s induction, was also present to be officially inducted during this year’s ceremonies.

Pepi Stiegler (1937 -)

- By the age of fifteen Pepi was the Austrian Junior Champion in slalom.
- 1960 Olympic Silver medal in giant slalom at the Squaw Valley games.
- 1964 Olympic Gold medal in slalom.
- 1964 Olympic Bronze medal in giant slalom.
- Austrian National Champion in 1965.
- Named Ski School Director/Director of Skiing for Jackson Hole Ski Corporation in 1966.
- Board member of PSIA-I from 1978 - 1982.
- Inducted to US National Ski Hall of Fame in 2001.



All in all, an outstanding evening recognizing an exceptional group of ski heroes. Watch for the dates and times, and join us next year for the class of 2006.

Neil Rafferty (1909 – 1995)

- Founded Snow King Ski Area in 1939 in Jackson Hole Wyoming, making it Wyoming’s first ski area.
- Created a model for working relationships between ski areas and the U.S. Forest Service.
- A founder/organizer of the Jackson Hole Ski Club.
- Established Snow King as a reliable venue for ski racing; a reputation which remains.
- A pioneer in ski patrolling.
- During the 50s and 60s Neil ran ski operations on Teton and Togwotee passes.
- Name Citizen of the Year by the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce in 1989.
- Received the Pioneer Award in 1988 from the Intermountain Ski Areas Association.





INTERMOUNTAIN SKI HALL OF FAME



John and Kristi Cumming and Heidi Voelker



Stein, Françoise & Bjorn Eriksen with Chuck English

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Spencer F. Eccles speaking with Scott Ulbrich in the entrance to the George Eccles Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Winter Games Museum.



Mike McConwill, Ann Miller, Alan Miller, and Russ Larson



Edgar and Polly Stern holding the 2002 Olympic Winter Games Torch in the museum.



David Quinney presenting the ISHF naming rights (Will & Jean Pickett) to David and Kristine Pickett.

Flying Without Wings

Early Account of **Henry Christian Hall** – America's First World Champion Ski Jumper

Excerpts by Fay Hall (daughter of Henry Hall)

Henry Hall was born in Ishpeming, Michigan in 1893. At that time, Ishpeming had more ski jumps than baseball diamonds. According to Henry Hall, "As soon as I could walk, my uncle made skis from barrel staves that we shared. My father worked fourteen hours a day but he would ski with us in the dark." His father, a Norwegian immigrant, was determined to train Henry and his brothers by sprinting, tight-rope walking, broad jumping, and high jumping.

In 1906 at age 13, Henry "Hank" Hall borrowed his father's skis and won a puppy in the 3rd National Ski Jumping tournament. He showed aptitude and started setting hill records early. He won his first silver cup at Ironwood, Michigan in 1911. He captured the 1913 World Amateur Champion Title at Duluth and the 1914 Amateur National Title in Glenwood, Minnesota.

In those early days of skiing, snow had to be hauled and packed to jump off haystacks, over knolls or fences, and even an outhouse. Going down was great sport but going up was hard work. They climbed, herringboned, or side-stepped. Hank said, "It packs da landing and it's good for da legs." The early jumping hills were limited by scaffold and hill engineering. Scaffolds swayed in the wind and many blew down, causing a number of early clubs to fold. Competition began for building ski



Henry Hall

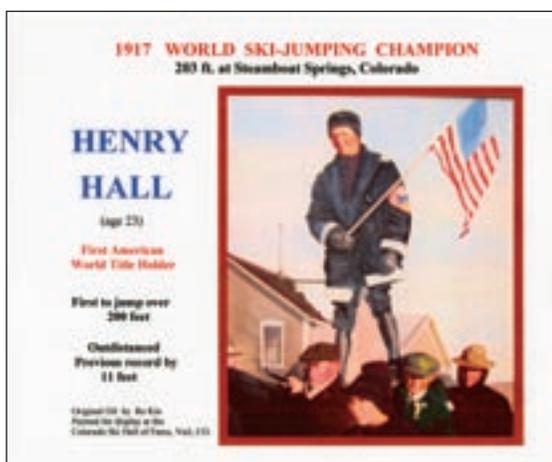
jumps capable of setting records. They became landmarks and drew thousands of spectators to see the wonder of construction as well as the daring of the skiers.

"The 200-foot barrier was broken in 1917 when Henry Hall rode 203 feet at Steamboat Springs to become America's first native-born world champion. The ski world knew then that man could safely ride skis 300, 400 500 feet and further...."

(75 Years Of Skiing, 1904-1979)

Henry served in the Army during WWI from 1917 to 1920 when he was at his prime competitively. While overseas, his world title held for two years but within a year of his return, he regained the World Title in Revelstoke, British Columbia in February 1921 by jumping 229 1/2 feet.... Over the next ten years, in spite of the Great Depression, money incentives were posted to break his professional world record, which was accomplished by Alf Engen at Ecker Hill in Salt Lake City, Utah in 1931.

Henry Hall was inducted into the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in 1967, into the Michigan Amateur Sports Hall of Fame in 1974, and is honored at the Trondheim Folkanemuseum in Norway. He passed away in 1986 at the age of 93.



Skiing News

2005 Ski Affair By Mike Korologos

The 15th Annual Ski Affair was held on Thursday, October 27th at the Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City with some 600 ski enthusiasts renewing friendships and reminiscing.

Thirteen Intermountain Area skiers who turned, jumped and trekked their way into the record books in the 1950s and 1960s and a woman whose generosity in helping to preserve the region's rich ski history were honored.

Janet Quinney Lawson, a former competitor in premier races and a long-time "Grande dame" of skiing in the region was presented the S.J. Quinney Award. The Salt Lake City resident was recognized for being a major benefactor of matters pertaining to preserving the region's ski history, primarily through her support of the Ski Archives.

Safia Keller was the recipient of the Sue Raemer Award. This is presented annually to a Ski Archives board member who exemplifies the volunteer spirit and enthusiasm toward the Ski Affair - both were attributes of the award's namesake. Sue, along with Dr. Greg Thompson, assistant director of the Marriott Library, was a co-founder of the Ski Archives in 1989. She died in 1995.

One-time United States Olympic Ski Team member and dominant women's racer of the 1940s, Suzy Harris Rytting and her husband, Bill, were the honorary chairs for the 2005 Ski Affair.

Receiving the Ski Affair's History-Maker Award for 2005 were:

Karen Budge, Wyoming, member, U.S., FIS and Olympic teams from 1967-1972

Spence Eccles, Utah, member, FIS World Championship team, 1959

Alan Engen, Utah, NCAA All-American, U.S. Ski Team/military

Jim Gaddis, Utah, NCAA All-American, NCAA champion, three-time Snow Cup winner

Pete Karns, Wyoming, U.S. Biathlon Team, NCAA All-American

Karen Korfanta, Wyoming, 1968 U.S. Olympic Team, 1966 FIS team

Marv Melville, Utah, 1956/1960 U.S. Olympic Teams, FIS team 1957-59

Mack Miller, Idaho, 1952 U.S. Olympic Biathlon Team

Ray Miller, Utah, U.S. Ski Team, NCAA All-American

Dick Mitchell, Utah, 1956 U.S. Olympic Team, NCAA downhill champion

Dean Perkins, Utah, 1950 U.S. FIS team

Bill Spencer, Utah, 1964, 1968 U.S. Olympic biathlon teams

Ralph Wakley, Utah, 1968 U.S. Olympic Cross-Country team.

Individuals who received History-Maker awards in other categories during the past five years were excluded from the 2005 award selection process.

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The Ski Affair is a fund-raiser for the University of Utah J. Willard Marriott Library's Ski Archives, one of the nation's most comprehensive collections of ski records, photos, films, scrapbooks, special collections and other archival items

Oral History Project with Pepi Stiegler



Josef "Pepi" Stiegler and Alan Engen at the Alf Engen Ski Museum

On September 22, 2005 one day following the formal induction of Josef "Pepi" Stiegler to Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame, class of 2004, Alan Engen sat with Pepi and recorded a 45 minute oral history of his life. The gathering of oral histories pertaining to recognized ski pioneers and legends is an integral part of the combined efforts involving both the University of Utah J. Willard Marriott Library Ski Archives and the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation. Stiegler was inducted into the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in 2001 and Alan Engen was elected in 2004.

Education Program Update

Meet a Docent

Ray Miamidian

Ray was born and raised in Camden, New Jersey. He earned a BS in Library Science from Mansfield State University in Pennsylvania and a MA in Library Education from Glassboro State University in New Jersey. Ray worked for Cherry Hill Public Schools in New Jersey for thirty-two years as librarian. Ray married his lovely wife, Madelyn, in 1988 and moved with her to Park City in 2002 from Voorhees, New Jersey.

"This program provides a wonderful opportunity for local children to learn about Northern Utah's rich skiing history and the people who brought the sport to our wonderful country." Ray Miamidian

The first time Ray skied, in 1974, he was immediately hooked! In 2001 he attended The "Learn to Be a Pro Clinic" which is held at Killington Vermont each year for aspiring ski and snowboard instructors. Ray became a full-time ski instructor at Killington Vermont during the 2001-2002 season and has worked the last three seasons at Park City Mountain Resort as a ski instructor. Ray is looking forward to returning to PCMR this season!



Words from Docents...

"I have been on many field trips. As a fourth grade teacher myself, as well as a parent accompanying my own children on field trips over fifteen years, I believe there is no better field trip offered to Utah students than the Alf Engen Ski Museum. We offer such a diverse array of learning stations and activities that every child has the opportunity to engage in something that he or she can relate to and be excited about what they are learning. As a docent of the Museum's field trips children say again and again to me, "this is so fun!"

Charlotte Pratt



"It is important for volunteers to feel that they have an opportunity to be part of a team with a chance to make a difference to someone. As a volunteer docent at the museum we have that opportunity. Some things just make you feel good and this is one of them."

Dick Taylor



New DVD for the "History of Skiing in Utah" Station

"Alf Engen's Great-granddaughter, Kelsey Engen, learns from her Grandfather, Alan Engen about the history of skiing. This new history film is delightful and very authentic using the descendents of one who was such a big part of skiing in Utah."



Susan and David Vandehi,
Education Committee Members and docents

Thank you to the Education Committee, Spy Hop Productions and Marriner S. Eccles for producing this fabulous educational tool for our education program.

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