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# CVSC SkiZette

December, 2023



## EVENTS CALENDAR

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### DECEMBER

- 2-13 CVSC Christmas Markets Along the Rhine  
20 CVSC Board Christmas Dinner at Claudia's

### JANUARY, 2024

- 10 CVSC Board Meeting at Ann's  
17 CVSC General Meeting at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant @ 6pm  
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### FEBRUARY

- 21 CVSC General Meeting at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant @ 6pm  
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### UPCOMING

- 10/9- CVSC Portugal & the Douro River Cruise (f) pg 7  
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### BAC/FWSA TRIPS

Please visit websites for detailed information.

BAC Web site: [skibac.org](http://skibac.org)

Far West Ski Assoc: [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org)

- 3/3-9 BAC Ski Week at Whitefish, MT (f) pg 5  
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### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dan Green	5
Wendell Jeong	5
Laura Kelley	7
Lisa Statti	9
Dennie Warren	13
Jim Nicholls	21

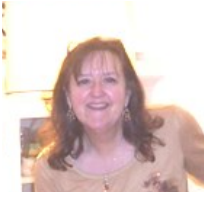


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## Castro Valley Ski Club Newsletter

### President's Message

Happy Holidays everyone, hope all is well and you are enjoying the beginning of the month of December and getting ready for your celebrations! However you celebrate may it be



Claudia Fernandes  
President

wonderful 🎉 .

We have started the Christmas Market cruise down the Rhine and it has been festive and many beautiful decorations along with wonderful food, fun and friends. Many more adventures to look forward to on this cruise. It gets you in the spirit.

The trip has had its challenges for some of our friends who due to a massive snow storm, on the pre-trip, were stuck in Munich and their luggage hasn't arrived. However, they are an amazing group and are enjoying the festivities as they wait for word. They are safe which is the most important thing, prayers that everything is located soon!

We have some events and trips coming up in the new year so stay tuned.

May you stay healthy, happy and safe this holiday season. And may we have a snowy ski season as well.

Enjoy and best wishes,

Claudia

### SkiZette Policy NEWSLETTER

#### DEADLINE: 5th of the month

Articles submitted by this date will be included in the following month's newsletter .

Submit articles to:

Dennie Warren, Editor

email: dennieluuu1@gmail.com



*Didn't get your newsletter? - Change of Address? -  
PLEASE Contact Maggie Jong, VP Membership  
email: mozoro25@gmail.com*

### SPORTING GOODS EXCHANGE

Got any sporting equipment (i.e. skis, snowboards) and/or clothing that you no longer can use, don't want, etc..... let me know & I'll put it here!!!!

OR.... If you need the above let me know as well!!!

This also goes for winter/ski cabins that you'd like to offer for rent or are looking for same.... Let me know!!!!

(Dennie—your editor — dennieluuu1@gmail.com)

### GREENHOUSE MARKET- PLACE

Do you do lots of canning (fruit — jams/ jellies/preserves) and would like members to know about it — let me know & the word will go here!!!!

Are you blessed with culinary expertise (make pies, special desserts, etc) and would like to share?? Also, let me know!!!!



## FAR WEST SKI WEEK



Steamboat, Colorado

**JAN 27 – FEB 3, 2024**



### Lodging & Amenities Package Includes:

- 7 Nights Lodging
- Welcome Reception
- Council Dinner
- Giant Slalom Race
- Farewell Party

### Not Included:

- Optional - Airfare (TBD)
- Optional - Ground Transportation (TBD)
- Optional - Lift Tickets (TBD)

### Lodging Options (prices are per person):

#### Trappeur's Crossing

~Shuttle service to ski area and downtown, hot tub, indoor pool, underground parking

- 2 Bedroom/2 Bathroom Condo - \$1,985 pp
- 3 Bedroom/3 Bathroom Condo - \$1,765 pp

#### Chateau Chamonix

~Ski in/out location, slope side ski valet and locker room, hot tub, pool

- 2 Bedroom/2 Bathroom Condo - \$2,590 pp

#### The Lodge

~Shuttle service, business center, hot tub, swimming pool, near gondola, restaurants, shops, no elevator

- 2 Bedroom/2 Bathroom Condo - \$1,595 pp
- 3 Bedroom/3 Bathroom Condo - \$1,454 pp

Lift Tickets and **ONLINE registration** will be handled by Sports America. Follow this link to the online registration site: <http://bac83.sat.tours>

To hold your spot - send in your \$200 Deposit check payable to: Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs.  
Mail to: Karen Albrecht, BAC Trip Leader, 712 Matsonia Drive, Foster City, CA 94404  
[iplaythird@yahoo.com](mailto:iplaythird@yahoo.com) 650-515-9532

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## FWSA 2024 Int'l Ski Trip to Madonna Di Campiglio, Italy

### BASIC Ski Week – Madonna Di Campiglio, Italy February 25–March 3, 2024

(Group Air Departs US Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1 night stay at airport hotel on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, and returns to US from Milan Malpensa Airport on Mar. 4, 2024)

### Opt. Extension Trip: Milan, Verona and La Spezia, Italy, March 3–10, 2024

(Group Air Departs US Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1 night stay at airport hotel on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, and returns to US from Milan Malpensa Airport on Mar. 11, 2024)



HOLIDAY SET TOURS

All Prices are based on an exchange rate of 1 Euro vs. \$1.10 USD and subject to change.

### 4\* Lodging at Hotel Relais Des Alpes!

**Lodging packages start at \$1979.00pp double occupancy. Single Supplements are available.**

*Prices are based on a minimum of 67 people and are subject to change if the minimum is not met. Air transportation is sold separately.*



Madonna di Campiglio, a discreet and elegant town nestling at an altitude of 5085 feet in the stupendous valley between the Brenta Dolomites and the glaciers of Adamello and Presanella, is today most certainly Italy's number one ski resort as well as one of the most important resorts in the Alps and they have **3 Michelin Star Restaurants**. The variety of its mountain surroundings means that in winter it is possible to ski over countless miles of runs, up to an altitude of 8530 feet and with different degrees of difficulty. What's more, you can set out from the center of the town and return there without ever removing your skis. Today the Ski Area has 57 lifts, and 93 miles of ski runs, with a capacity of more than 31,000 people per hour, 12 acres of snow park, 25 miles for Nordic skiing with access to Pinzolo, Folgarida and Marilleva.

#### Lodging Package includes:

- Transfer between Milan's Malpensa Airport via private coach to Madonna Di Campiglio.
- 7 nights' accommodation at the 4 Star Hotel Relais Des Alpes – includes portorage, local taxes & fees.
- Bus transfer from the Malpensa Airport Hotel to Madonna di Campiglio.
- Breakfast daily & 5 nights' dinner at the Relais Des Alpes Hotel (2 nights to dine out in Madonna Di Campiglio).
- Multi-lingual guide meeting the FWSA Group Air people upon arrival.
- Wi-Fi for 1 device per person (Additional devices for 15 Euro at front desk).
- Welcome/Orientation on Feb. 25th at The Hotel Relais Des Alpes – 2 beverages and lite snacks.
- Après Ski & Farewell events – details to be provided.
- Optional mid-week, day tour - details to be provided.

### Ext. Trip No. Italy – Milan, Verona, and La Spezia-Cinque Terra

March 3 to 10, 2024

**\$1785.00pp - Double. Occ. & \$2396.00pp - Single Supp.**

*Based on a minimum of 35 people. Pricing is subject to change if the minimum is not met.*

Prada, Versace, Dolce e Gabbana...these luxury brands find their home in the fashion capital of the world and find irreplaceable experiences in Milan. Milan, Italy's second largest city and capital of the Lombardi region, is home to elegance, art, luxury, castles, museums and much more. Our group will crane their neck to take in all that the Duomo di Milano, Milan's staggering cathedral and we'll be offering an optional tour to the Santa Maria delle Grazie church, home of Da Vinci's "Last Supper".



#### Trip includes:

- All airport ground transfers for both weeks.
  - 2 nights in Milan - 4 Star Hotel Nasca or similar hotel.
  - 2 nights in Verona - 4 Star Hotel Palace Verona or similar hotel.
  - 3 nights in La Spezia - 4 Star CDH La Spezia Hotel or similar hotel.
  - 1 night hotel stay at the Malpensa Airport Hotel – Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - English speaking tour escort/manager for entire tour.
  - Breakfast daily
  - Day excursions – details to be provided.
  - Day tours in Milan, Lake Como, Balsamic tasting in Modena, Verona, Cinque Terre, Portovenere & Genova
- **Stand Alone Northern Italy ONLY is available. (Excludes Madonna Di Campiglio ski week)**
- **Contact Debbie Stewart for details and pricing.**

For more information contact: Debbie Stewart at [FWSAIntlTrvl@prodiav.net](mailto:FWSAIntlTrvl@prodiav.net) or cell: 559/737-0882

State of California Registered Seller of Travel #2036983-40



## Bay Area Sports Council trip to Whitefish, Montana March 3-9, 2024

<p><b>Lodging and Amenities Package.</b>  \$856 based on double occupancy.  Single Supplement \$399  Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 6 nights at Grouse Mountain Lodge</li> <li>- Welcome Reception and Group Dinner</li> <li>- Free daily hot breakfast</li> <li>- 4 days shuttle to/from the ski resort</li> <li>- On demand shuttle to downtown Whitefish</li> <li>- Large hot tub, outdoor firepits, bar and restaurant</li> <li>- Cross country trails next to the lodge</li> </ul>	<p><b>Additional Options</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Group Airfare on Alaska Airlines : SFO to/from Kalispell. \$580</li> <li>- Shuttle from/to Kalispell airport. \$45</li> <li>- Lift tickets, dependent on age bracket ( \$26-\$75 per day)</li> <li>- Adventure trip to Glacier National Park</li> </ul> <p>Register online, select options and pay a deposit of \$200 to Sports America</p> <p>Follow this link:  <a href="http://bac-whitefish.sat.tours/">http://bac-whitefish.sat.tours/</a></p>
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Once you have registered, you can pay a deposit by check or credit card. There is a 3% fee when using a credit card. A deposit of \$200 deposit will hold your spot. Make checks payable to Sports America and mail to: 1700 County Rd, Suite B, Minden, NV 89423

**Final Payment is due December 1, 2023**

Questions? Ask the Trip Leader: Janet Spencer 925-639-9948 or email [jspen52@gmail.com](mailto:jspen52@gmail.com)  
or Gail Burns, [gailb3098@gmail.com](mailto:gailb3098@gmail.com)

**BAC CST # 2050870-4**



"The Voice of the Western Skier"



## Far West Ski Association's 2024 Mini Ski Trip March 17—22, 2024

### *Copper Mtn., CO*

**TRIP PACKAGE PRICE STARTING AT**  
**\$944**

*Based on double occupancy. Single supplement pricing is available.  
Price does NOT include air, transfer, or lift tickets.*

*Sign up by October 1<sup>st</sup> and you will get a discount on your trip price.  
Early Bird discount expires October 2, 2023*

*Trip Insurance is highly recommended to protect your trip costs*

Gold Quality Condo Lodging is supreme level of accommodation strategically located throughout the Center Village allowing convenient access in all the Resort's exciting activities. Amenities include a fitness center, outdoor spa and heated pool, underground parking. Buildings are within 0-4 min. walk to closest chairlift. Gold lodging have one bed in each bedroom and a sofa sleeper in the living room.

The Cambria Hotel is the newest building at Copper Mtn. located on the Ten Mile Creek in Center Village. Sophisticated, modern finishes throughout and a short walk to the slopes, retail, and dining. Other amenities: lobby bar open every evening and breakfast available to purchase each morning, mini fridge, comp WIFI, two outdoor hot tubs overlooking the creek, exercise room and outdoor uncovered parking.

150 Runs—25% Beginner; 24% Intermediate; 34% Advanced; 17% Expert

Contact: Nancy Ellis – 530-414-8261 – [FWSAtravelnancy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:FWSAtravelnancy@sbcglobal.net)

Information & Online Signup: <http://fwsaminiCP.sat.tours>

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### **Included:**

Five night's lodging

- Cambria Hotel
- \*1bdrm Condo (K/Q Bedding)
- \*2bdrm Condo (K/Q Bedding)
- \* Gold Quality Condo Lodging

Welcome Reception

### **Optional for Purchase:**

3-day Adult Lift Ticket—\$273

4-day Adult Lift Ticket—\$346

Discounted Equipment Rental

Copper is on the IKON Pass  
(Resort Access w/out reservations;  
Unlimited Access without Blackout  
dates)

### **Optional Activities:**

- Sledding
- Ice Skating
- Mountain Coaster
- NASTAR Racing
- Snowshoeing
- Sleigh Rides
- Free Mountain Tours
- Snow Maze

## 2024 Castro Valley Ski Club

# Portugal & the Douro River Cruise

October 9-19<sup>th</sup>, 2024



**\$5490 to \$6199** (depending on cabin choice)

Experience the unique sites and culture of Portugal with a taste of Spain on this combination land and river cruise Main trip. We start our journey by flying into Lisbon and we stay there for two nights in a four-star hotel. We then travel to Fatima and sightsee in Coimbra and then board the *MS Emerald Radiance* for our seven-night river cruise along the Douro River. We also venture to Rodrigo, Vega Terron, and Salamanca Spain. We end the trip in the home of Port wine, Porto, and fly back to the US.

### Your tour includes:

- RT air from LAX or SFO
- Two-night hotel stay and touring in Lisbon, Portugal before cruising
- 7 night Duoro River Cruise on the Emerald Radiance
- 23 Meals (8 dinners, 6 lunches, and 9 breakfasts)
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided
- Included shore excursions escorted by local, English-speaking guides in Salamanca, Pocinho, Lamego and Porto
- All onboard meals feature local and international specialties
- All onboard lunches and dinners are four courses and served with complimentary regional wines, beer and soft drinks
- All gratuities included
- Complimentary WiFi onboard

Send \$400 per person non-refundable deposit to:

Tucker Hoffmann - CVSC Travel Director  
2657 Rivers Bend Circle Livermore, CA 94550  
510-329-4242 [tkhoffmann@icloud.com](mailto:tkhoffmann@icloud.com)

**Note: due to the popularity of this trip please send us an email to let us know if you're sending a deposit. We already have quite a few already signed up.**

CVSC CST # 2081040

# Portugal and the Douro River Cruise



Experience the cosmopolitan charm of Lisbon, Portugal



Feel the rhythm of the city in the Plaza Mayor, Salamanca, Spain

**DAY 1 Depart the USA:** Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Lisbon, Portugal.

**DAY 2 Lisbon, Portugal:** Upon arrival, you'll be met by a representative of Mayflower Cruises & Tours and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure to explore Lisbon. This evening, join your Mayflower staff and fellow travelers for an included dinner. **Meal: D**

**DAY 3 Lisbon:** After breakfast, an included tour highlights the famous sites of the city. During a panoramic coach tour, see 'Monument to the Discoveries,' and Belem Tower, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit Jerónimos Monastery and discover the unique architecture and history. Enjoy a free afternoon to shop, dine and experience this cosmopolitan city on your own. **Meal: B**

**DAY 4 Fátima – Coimbra – Porto:** Depart Lisbon by coach and journey to the ship in Porto. Enroute, visit Fátima, home to the Sanctuary of Fátima, an important Catholic pilgrimage site. The city's fame originates from the apparitions of Our Lady of the Rosary that appeared to three shepherd children in the nearby fields. Continue to Coimbra and its famous university before arriving in Porto to embark the *MS Emerald Radiance*, home for the next seven nights. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 5 Porto – Pinhão:** Today is a day of sailing through the twists and turns of the Douro Valley. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this area is sparsely populated by quaint villages, sun-drenched vineyards and small farms. Later today, arrive in the village of Pinhão, perfectly situated on a river bend surrounded by terraced hillsides that produce some of the world's best Port wine. Tonight, enjoy a welcome reception and dinner. **Meals: B, L, D**

**EmeraldPLUS:** A Portuguese cooking demonstration onboard

**DAY 6 Pinhão – Vega de Terrón:** Begin the day with a visit to the beautiful 18th-century estate of Quinta do Têdo Vineyard with spectacular views of the Douro Valley. Learn about wine production, its importance to the culture and economy, and enjoy a tasting of the local vintage. This afternoon, the ship sails for Vega de Terrón, gateway to Spain. **Meals: B, L, D**

**EmeraldACTIVE\*:** A guided walk through the vineyards

**EmeraldACTIVE\*:** Kayak experience in Pinhão

\*The included tour and both ACTIVE tours all operate simultaneously. Only one can be selected.

**DAY 7 Salamanca, Spain:** Today's excursion takes you to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Salamanca, Spain. During the guided walking tour, see amazingly detailed and intricately carved buildings of the university and the House of Shells. Regal splendor abounds in the Plaza Mayor, the heartbeat of the city. Visit the market and taste the local products including cheese, olives and bread. You'll have free time for lunch and to explore independently before returning to the ship in Portugal. **Meals: B, D**

**EmeraldPLUS:** Entertainment by a Tuna music band in Salamanca

**DiscoverMORE:** Tour of Castelo Rodrigo (instead of city tour to Spain – additional expense)

**DAY 8 Pocinho / Régua, Portugal:** Arrive in Pocinho and disembark for a morning tour to the Côa Valley Museum. Designed to blend in with its surroundings, the museum's concrete structure houses prehistoric stone carvings made by the early inhabitants of the Douro which were uncovered during construction of a nearby dam project. Return to the ship for lunch and relax on deck as the ship sails through idyllic surroundings on the way to Régua. This evening, enjoy an off-ship dinner at a traditional vineyard estate. **Meals: B, L, D**

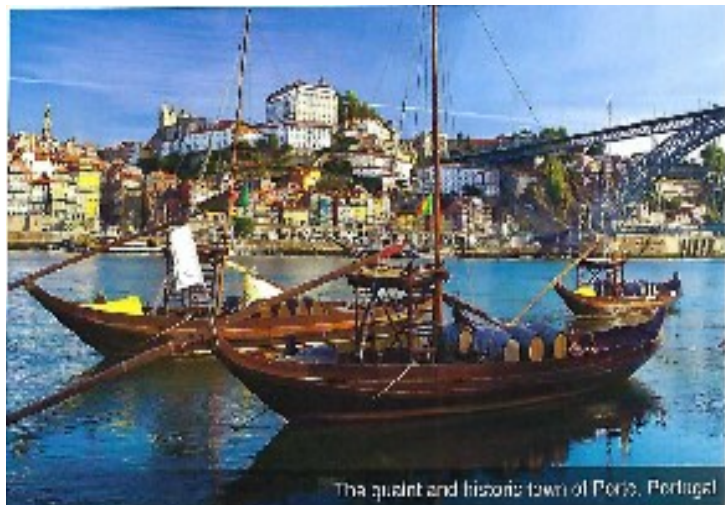
**DiscoverMORE:** Archaeological 4x4 Tour at Côa Museum (additional expense)

The included tour and DiscoverMORE operate at the same time.

**EmeraldPLUS:** Port wine cocktail lesson onboard

**EmeraldPLUS:** Dinner at a vineyard estate





The quiet and historic town of Porto, Portugal

**DAY 9 Régua – Lamego:** From Régua, journey to the marvelous baroque village of Lamego, home to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies - one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Portugal. Visit the Sanctuary perched atop the hill, with its iconic 686-step granite staircase, decorated with the traditional Portuguese blue and white 'azulejos' tiles. During a guided walk through the village, learn about the importance of wine production to the local area. Return to the ship in Régua after the excursion. **Meals: B, L, D**

**EmeraldACTIVE:** Walk down the stairs of the Sanctuary

**DiscoverMORE:** Visit to Mateus Manor House (additional expense)

This tour operates at the same time as the included visit of Lamego.

**EmeraldPLUS:** Mosaic tile painting lesson onboard

**DAY 10 Porto:** Having traversed the Douro River, the ship returns to Porto – a city with an eclectic mix of modern and ancient architecture. An included tour highlights the sights from its scenic beauty to the historic landmarks of the Castelo da Foz and Castelo do Queijo. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure in Porto. **Meals: B, L, D**

**EmeraldACTIVE:** A guided walking tour of Porto (instead of included tour)

**DiscoverMORE™:** Guided bike tour to the Atlantic Ocean (additional expense)

**DiscoverMORE™:** Visit to Quinta do Aveleda with Vinho Verde tasting (additional expense)

**EmeraldPLUS:** Evening cruise through Porto's enchanting waters

\* The DiscoverMORE's operate at the same time; only one can be selected.

**DAY 11 Porto / USA:** This morning, disembark the *MS Emerald Radiance* and bid a fond farewell to Portugal, filled with memories of this remarkable cruise along the 'River of Gold.' **Meal: B**

Itinerary is subject to change.



## Exceptional Inclusions

- **22 Meals:** 3 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 8 dinners
- **Airport transfers** on four dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- **Visit two countries**
- **Two-night hotel stay and touring** in Lisbon, Portugal before cruising
- **Seven-night cruise** on the *Emerald Radiance*
- **First-class service** by an English-speaking crew
- **Onboard Activity Manager** will support all EmeraldACTIVE excursions and host daily onboard wellness activities, games, classes and evening entertainment
- **Shore excursions** with English-speaking local guides
- **All gratuities included**
- **Personal listening device** for onboard excursions
- **Many meals included** onboard with a variety of **international cuisine**
- **Complimentary regional wines, beer and soft drinks** accompany onboard lunches and dinners
- **Complimentary bottled water** in your stateroom
- **Complimentary WiFi onboard**
- **Variety of onboard evening entertainment**

## CRUISE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Days 2 and 3 – Avani Hotel** or similar, Lisbon, Portugal

**Days 4 through 10 – Aboard the *MS Emerald Radiance***



## ***2023/2024 Avid Skiers in Control***

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Singles league racing: [slracing.tripos.com/schedule.htm](http://slracing.tripos.com/schedule.htm)  
 Open league racing: [olrc.org](http://olrc.org)  
 Weather: [nws.mbay.net/home.html](http://nws.mbay.net/home.html)  
 Best weather website for snow: [Tahoeweatherdiscussion.com](http://Tahoeweatherdiscussion.com)

Far West Racing Assoc: [fwra.com](http://fwra.com)  
 Web cams on the slopes: [magnifeye.com](http://magnifeye.com)  
 Road conditions: 1-800-427-7623  
 Info on all ski areas: [onthesnow.com](http://onthesnow.com)

Take a bus to the slopes: [nacski.com](http://nacski.com) & [tahoeskkitrips.com](http://tahoeskkitrips.com)  
 Sierra webcam: [sierravisionsstock.com:80/sierravisions/sierra-nevada-webcams/](http://sierravisionsstock.com:80/sierravisions/sierra-nevada-webcams/)

## ***SKIZETTE FOR DECEMBER, 2023***



All monthly general meetings are held  
 at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant,  
 3430 Village Dr., Castro Valley, CA

**SKI WITH PRIDE, LET IT RIDE, WATCH ALL SIDES**  
*First With Safety Awareness Slogan award sponsored by:*



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