

Fagowees of the Month - January 2010



When writing an article to honor the Fagowee of the Month, it is always a pleasure to find the person is well liked by so many. That is the case once again this month. Everyone I spoke with about Jay "Chip" Smith agreed he personifies what Fagowees stand for. He is easy to like and his attitude often encourages those around him to better things. Chip often takes a "hands on" approach and helps to make Fagowee events succeed. He has many interests which include all the water sports, bicycling and other summer activities. When seasons change, he enjoys the standard cold weather recreation of downhill skiing. He moves seamlessly among the many and varied subgroups of the club. He always livens up every group he's in. When you see Chip around it is evident that he is comfortable with all kinds of people and he puts them at ease. I know if you take the time to say "Hi" or congratulate him when you next see him that you'll likely wind up having a few laughs with him. You too will realize he is a "genuine nice guy."



Some of Chip's recent accomplishments include making the Ohiopyle raft trip and the Halloween Party huge successes. For the Ohiopyle trip he helped haul all sorts of gear in his truck. When Shelli S. needed help he stepped up and brought many items which helped make her life easier. All that in excess of what he and three friends needed for the trip. Made it look easy and then really enjoyed the beautiful surroundings and the "rafting experience." As for the Halloween Party it was a big smash. Everyone deserves kudos for the way it came out. (Rich and Martina, Pat M. and her sister Ann T., Mike K. and Shelli S. — all did a GREAT JOB!!!) When Mike K. and Shelli S.

were looking for help with the decorating and the last minute details, Chip was available. He volunteered for the set up and to tear down as well. He showed up on Friday night to decorate and brought cool decorations, a casket, and assorted...DEAD THINGS... (I don't know but I can imagine??) Anyone who has planned an event knows the stresses involved, and realizes that a good crew is indispensable. Doesn't hurt when one of the workers gives a kickass back rub too. (Again I don't know...) Point is that's the way Chip is. Good for the hard parts and good for the enjoyment too.

He rides hard and then helps club members with their bikes after the outing. He will likely be there at the watering hole afterwards too. Big Smile. Just Chillin'. Great job Chip. Congrats on being FOM!!