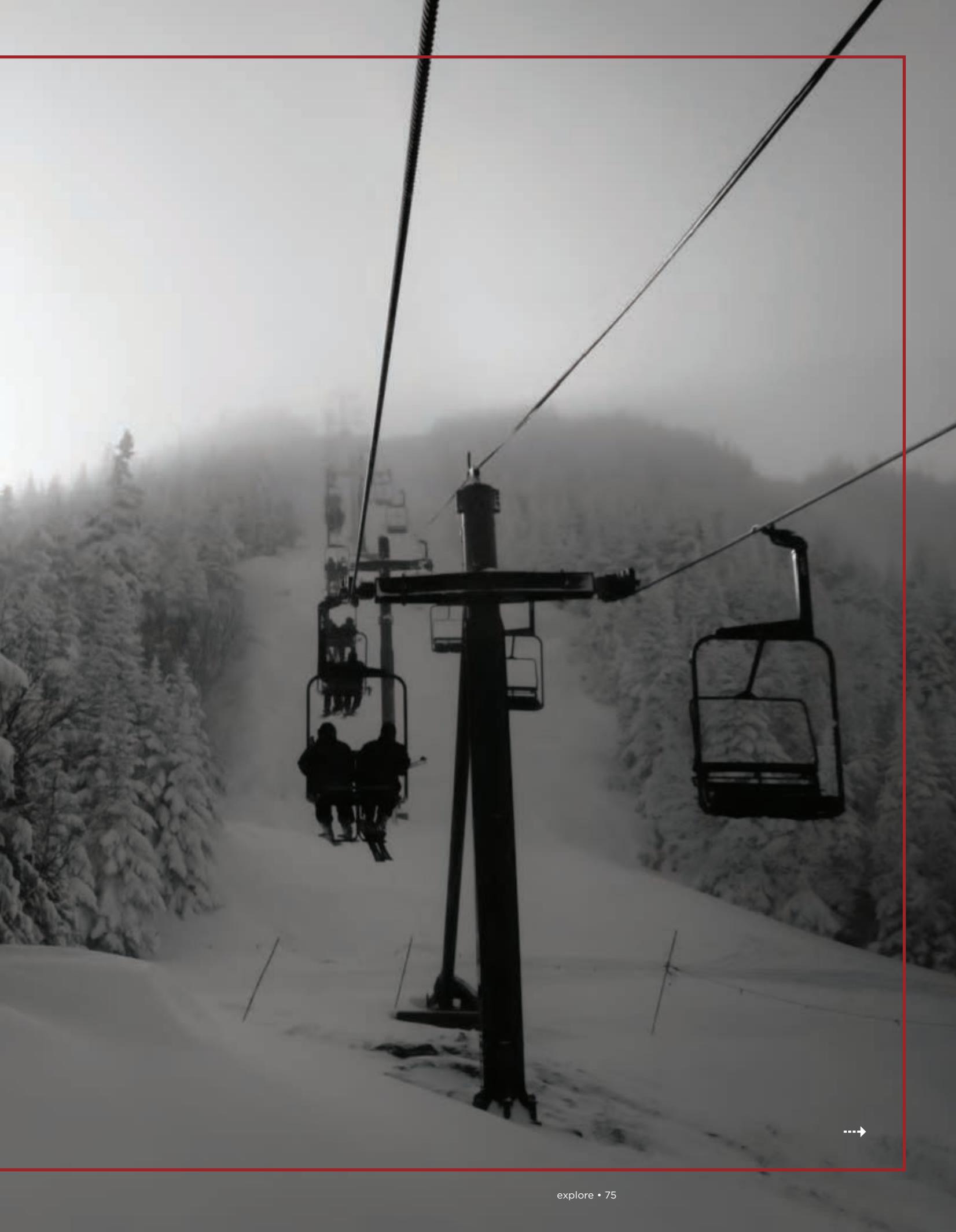


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DOUBLE CHAIR, HOW DO WE LOVE THEE? WITH THE HELP  
OF OUR FACEBOOK FAITHFUL ... LET US COUNT THE WAYS.

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## ONE A RIDE ON A DOUBLE CHAIR ENHANCES FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

They afford me the time to spend just talking to my daughters. Even though they are getting older, they will always be daddy's little girls on the ride to the summit. Simple times to treasure!

My husband and I take turns going up the lift with each of the kids. Love the one-on-one time. We make up silly games like animal alphabet - Can YOU name an animal for every letter?

My daughters are now 13 and 16. They started skiing or riding when they were two and three years old at Smuggs. They've been skiing or riding to this day. What's the rush? The doubles gave us time to talk, check-in, plan for the upcoming week, how is life .... what great conversations, funny stories and moments to remember on those doubles. Hard to have those heart-to-hearts on the Gondola or a quad. No rush anymore getting up the top or to the bottom anymore. Years go by too fast as it is. Can't buy back time. Enjoy the ride and the one your with.

## TWO A RIDE ON A DOUBLE CHAIR MEANS LESS CROWDING ON THE SLOPES

I thought this was the most obvious of them all: Less people going up at the same time — less people going down at the same time. I love not worrying about crowded slopes.

## THREE A RIDE ON A DOUBLE CHAIR GIVES TIME FOR THE BIG TALK

I used the Madonna Chair to talk to my son about The Birds & The Bees. He couldn't run away!

My husband took a memorable ride up with my father on Sterling on Christmas Day, he asked for my hand in marriage! The movies always make this look like a short question, but my father took advantage of that long ride to make sure my husband was going to take good care of me. My father even warned my husband that I will be a lot to handle! At about pole 22, my husband finally spoke and said 'so, is that a yes?' And as they pulled up the bar my father cheerily agreed and we all celebrated at the top! Best part is that it was also my father's birthday. A forever special memory of Smuggs!!

## FOUR A RIDE ON A DOUBLE CHAIR GIVES YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE UNIQUE NATURAL PHENOMENA

The ride up is the most amazing chair I've been on. Every time you think you're at the top there's a new rise ahead. And the best part was the first time I saw the phenomenal skiing ape man! I thought my friend and I were going to get whiplash we spun around so fast to see if we were hallucinating!





## **FIVE** A RIDE ON A DOUBLE CHAIR IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SLOW DOWN THE PACE OF TODAY'S WORLD

The double lifts at Smuggs helped me develop as a skier. They provide amazing views of the surrounding area while still allowing time to scope lines under Madonna & Sterling lifts. They teach patience on and off the lift. Trails have less people on them. They hold history. Smuggs lifts have a higher percentage of PASSIONATE skiers and riders amongst them and help filter out all the rest. Our world seems to always be speeding up and Smuggs double chair lifts allow you to take a step back, slow down, and enjoy the mountain experience to the fullest. Keep the doubles!

I have been coming to Smuggs since 1977 (did I say that?) It just feels like I never grew up and moved on to the high speed quad or 6-pack life. I get to Smuggs about one weekend a year or so (long drive) but would never want it to change. After the challenge of many of the trails (well, trees), the ride up is a breather and savior for the legs - to be ready for the next run down...!

## **SIX** A RIDE ON A DOUBLE CHAIR OFFERS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR FUN GAMES

My siblings and I learned to ski at Smuggs! When we were kids, my sister and I used to tap songs with our poles on to the safety bar, and we took turns guessing what song it was.

I'll never forget where I learned how to spell Mississippi! Whether I hear, read, or say it myself it brings me right back to that lift, being elbow to elbow with my Dad, and that 11-letter game of memory we played each ride up. M-i-s-s-i-s-s-i-p-p-i...thanks double-chair!

## **SEVEN** A RIDE ON A DOUBLE CHAIR BRINGS OUT ONE'S INNER PHILOSOPHER

A fixed grip chair is like an old friend. Dependable, comfortable and without extraneous frills to dilute the pleasure of the scenery. Give me a few moments to rest my legs and simmer in the stoke of the last run over blistering speed and a crowd at the top any day. Fixed grips for life!

It's not a Mercedes - it's more like your first car - not much to look at but you know it will get you where you got to go

It's not an Armani tux. It's more like your favorite pair of old blue jeans — it just feels right

It's talking to your teenage son about his day on the way up — God knows you'll have the time

Best of all — when you finish your run you get go do it all over again

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