

ZINAL ECS 2009 EXTREME CARVING SESSION VI



JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 2, 2009, ZINAL, SWITZERLAND
CARVING MEETING - SWOARD SNOWBOARDS TESTS - DEMOS
INFO: WWW.EXTREMECARVING.COM / WWW.ZINAL.NET





What is ECS?

SWOARD snowboards is organizing the 6th edition of its unique Extremecarving Session. Incredible slopes, friendly atmosphere and **demo testing of genuine Swoard extremecarving boards (model Swoard Extremecarver, generation 3 extended)** will be proposed for all Europeans and worldwide snowboarders desiring to discover this discipline and share good moments. If you don't know what EC is about, simply want to discover this fun and very spectacular activity or just want to carve laid turns to the max on steep and perfectly groomed slopes: come and join us! Last year, about 200 carvers from 20 countries were part of the meeting.

Activities

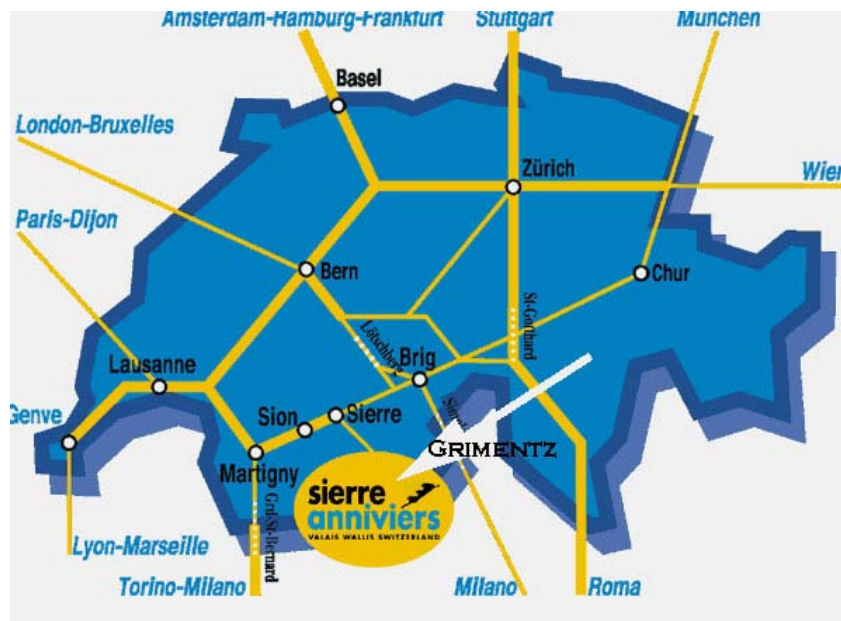
TEST of extremecarving gear: the **SWOARD boards** will be available for the riders during the three days of the meeting. Participants are required to bring their own gear.

EXTREMECARVING EXHIBITION by the Swoard team, creator of the extremecarving technique (whose style is very recognizable) with the original extremecarving boards that they have developed.

FREECARVING SESSION with informal carving advices given by the Swoard team and **3-4 instructors** while testing and riding.

INFORMAL STOKED SPIRIT: freecarving and extremecarving are just a part of the glide spirit.

MEETING other riders from different cultures and styles of carving in a wonderful panorama.



Zinal is in the "Anniviers" valley, very close to another resort named Grimentz. Switzerland is ideally located in the center of Europe. It's perfect for such an international event. The trip duration from Geneva airport to Zinal: 3 hours by train/bus, or 2 hours by car.

What to know about the 2009 session ?

DEMO boards will be delivered for a period of 2 hours in exchange of your passport – identity card – driver licence at our stand at the arrival of the main lift in Sorebois.

You are pleased to return the board on time and to take care of it as yours !

Schedule: on Saturday and Sunday 9:30-15:30, on Monday 9:30-11:30. No tests on Monday afternoon.

THE STAND is the meeting point of the event. By presenting your red or blue strap (read the text about the registration and "packages"), you will also have the possibility to buy some drinks, sandwiches and hot soup.

A program will be showed at the stand. It will be identical to the one in this document, with eventual last minute info.

A RESERVED SLOPE for all the participants only. The place will be the black slope "Le Col" in principle. Check out the details at the stand. **The photographs and cameramen will be on this slope**, so don't miss this great moment. From 11:15 and in the afternoon, you could ride all the rest of the resort.

Schedule: on Saturday and Sunday morning, from 9:15 to 11:15.

One dinner ALL TOGETHER and one dinner AT YOUR CONVENIENCE: :

you will have the possibility to meet all the carvers together on **Saturday evening** for the **big dinner** in the main hall of Zinal. On Sunday evening you can go out at your convenience by groups in the numerous restaurants and in the (only!) pub of the village.

PHOTO GROUP : don't miss it, so you could say "I was there"!

Schedule: on Saturday and on Sunday, at 11:30 near the stand.

STAFF : we thank again the numerous volunteers who helped us last year. For this session, we will be a **small staff of 6 to 8 persons**. But it will be a pleasure to accept **some help**, by example for cleaning the main hall on Saturday evening. Thank you for your support !

FREE EXTREME CARVING LESSONS : some lessons and/or workshops will be given on Saturday and Sunday afternoon by **3-4 instructors selected by the Sward team**: Arnaud, Alex, Anthony, ... Only a restricted number of places will be available ! Registration & information at the Sward stand in Sorebois.

Patrice and Jacques won't give private lessons in order to stay at your entire disposal and to answer your questions, at the stand and on the snow.

Schedule: on Saturday and on Sunday, from 13:00 to 15:00. No lessons on Monday.

ECS 2009 program

SATURDAY 31 JANUARY 2009

08:30	Meeting at the departure of the main lift in Zinal
09:00 - 09:30	Swoard team will welcome you on his stand in Sorebois (at 2500m)
09:15 - 11:15	Free carving. The slope "Le Col" will be reserved for the ECS
⇒ 11:30	Group photo near the stand
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch break
13:00 - 16:15	Free carving
09:30 - 15:30	Swoard boards to test (for periods of 2h)
13:00 - 15:00	Free extremecarving lessons
19:00 - 23:00	Meeting place: Zinal village hall Menu: side dish, main dish, dessert (drinks not included) Swoard Goodies Stand – Video presentation – Music – Speech of the Swoard team Bar and drinks

SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2009

08:30	Meeting at the departure of the main lift in Zinal
09:00 - 09:30	Swoard team will welcome you on his stand in Sorebois (at 2500m)
09:15 - 11:15	Free carving. The slope "Le Col" will be reserved for the ECS
⇒ 11:30	Group photo near the stand
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch break
13:00 - 16:15	Free carving
09:30 - 15:30	Swoard boards to test (for periods of 2h)
13:00 - 15:00	Free extremecarving lessons
	Evening at your convenience

MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2009

08:30	Meeting at the departure of the main lift in Zinal
09:00 - 09:30	Swoard team will welcome you on his stand in Sorebois (at 2500m)
09:15 - 16:00	Free carving until departure
09:30 - 11:30	Swoard boards to test

Disclaimer:

Swoard snowboards is the inviting party which proposes, but participants are required to organize for themselves their trip and take care of all expenses (hotel, food, gear, eventual insurances, lift costs...).

Swoard organizes many activities, the dinners and the tests of the products it sells: Swoard Company will not be held responsible of bad weather, lack of snow, or any accident that would occur during this informal meeting, which goal is to have people sharing the same passion together. Snowboard riding is a dangerous activity, and shall be taken seriously with all knowledge of your level. Please note that you will be required to fix the bindings on the boards yourself for security/liability reasons.

In case of heavy snowfalls that will make it impossible to do any form of carving, participants will be able to discover the fantastic freeride possibilities of Zinal, at own risks (freeride boards, beacon, shovel and pole mandatory can be rented, but not for 200 persons!).

How to join us ?

Warning: the **PACKAGES** must be bought **BEFORE THE MEETING**. It's impossible to buy one in Zinal. Indeed we are working with the **Reservation Center "Sierre-Anniviers Tourisme"**, which is **NOT** in Zinal. The cashier at the main lift of Zinal will give only the packages bought in advance. The skipasses for the people who have not read the info will be sold at the normal price.

1 CHOOSE YOUR FAVOURITE PACKAGE

Package Red 125 CHF (about 79 Euros)

Skipass for: **2 days** (Saturday + Sunday or Sunday + Monday)

Dinner on Saturday: menu + one T-shirt + stickers

You will get such a red strap:



Package Blue 155 CHF (about 98 Euros)

Skipass for: **3 days** (Saturday + Sunday + Monday)

Dinner on Saturday: menu + one T-shirt + stickers

You will get such a blue strap:



Dinner only : for the rare persons who have already a skipass available for more than 3 days, we will exceptionally sell dinner tickets on Saturday evening at the main hall entrance.
Price : 55 CHF (about 35 Euros). Included : menu + one T-shirt + stickers.

2 PACKAGE PURCHASE + HOTEL

Warning: to do BEFORE the meeting

Please call the **SIERRE-ANNIVIERS RESERVATION CENTER**: (NOT the Zinal tourist office).

Phone number: +41 (0)848 848 027 (Mon-Fri 08:00-18:00) info@sierre-anniviers.ch

You have to phone them to buy your package there and eventually to book your hotel !

Thus they could help you for your accommodation if you don't have one yet.

More info about accommodation in Zinal here: www.zinal.ch/en/Accommodation/Hotels/

3 After reception of the payment of your package, the Sierre-Anniviers Reservation Center will send you a voucher and all the important information you need for your stay in Zinal.

4 Please, do not forget to register yourself on the Forum too: [list here](#).

5 At your arrival on Saturday morning present to the cashier at the main lift of Zinal the voucher you received from the Reservation Center. They will give you the skipass and your blue or red strap.

WARNING: the strap will give you the access to all facilities during the event. Please do not loose it or remove it before leaving Zinal !

6 Enjoy riding and extremecarving in Zinal on January 31st to February 2nd, 2009 !!!