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Pico and the Rutland Winter Carnival

This article featuring “Pico and the Rutland Winter Carnival” was written by Nathan Allen former correspondent for the Mountain Times and longtime Chef.

The story describes the Rutland Winter Carnival that took place annually from 1951 until 1960. These were made possible primarily due to Pico Mountain and its role in Alpine Skiing.

As Pico evolved, the concept of a winter carnival became a reality in 1951 , with coronation balls and a parade added in 1955. Adding additional interest, the article is illustrated with numerous pictures including among others the 1955 parade; Robert Wagner(actor) posing with the 1955 Queen, Joan Looker; the Queen with Dave Garroway on TV; and last a photo gallery of The Carnival Queens from 1951-1960.

An interesting account of the origins and decline of a popular annual winter activity in Rutland.