



NEWSLETTER

SKI and TRAVEL

AUGUST 2009

WEBSITE: www.gmskiclub.org

GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957

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GENERAL MEETING

Thursday,
August 13

We're outdoors at Halmich Park in Warren,
13 Mile Rd. between Ryan and Dequindre.

The meeting starts at **6:00 p.m.** under the
pavilion.

- \$4 members
- \$6 guests
- Hot dogs, soda, and beer included.



Celebrate your summers while you may...

Monday, August 17

Pub & Grub night at

**C.J. Mahoney's
Sports Grille**

*2511 Livernois in Troy,
just S. of 16 Mile Rd.*

Meet at 6:30 p.m.

Contact Debbie: 248-689-7167

or email, Sunsetcar@aol.com



GM SKI and TRAVEL CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (day) _____ (Evening) _____
Date of Birth _____
Email address _____

☐ New Membership-\$30 ☐ Renewal-\$25 ☐ Couple-\$40

In consideration for me being able to join the GM Ski and Travel Club, I agree to abide by the GM SKI and TRAVEL Club's by-Laws and constitution.

Membership runs October 1 through September 30.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

How did you hear about the GM Ski and Travel Club?

☐ Friend ☐ Newspaper ☐ Racing ☐ Event (list) _____

Skiing Interest:

- ☐ Downhill
- ☐ Racing
- ☐ X-country
- ☐ Snowboard

Skiing Ability:

- ☐ Beginner
- ☐ Intermediate
- ☐ Advanced

I'd like to help:

- ☐ Ski Trips
- ☐ Publicity
- ☐ Meetings
- ☐ Activities
- ☐ Other (list) _____

Referral: I am a new member and was referred to the GM Ski and Travel Club by:

Referring Members Name: _____

Payment made by: Cash Check Check # _____

I like the club so much I wish to make an additional contribution of \$ _____

To join: Please send completed application above along with check (payable to "GM Ski Club") to:

GM Ski and Travel Club
40377 Kraft Dr.
Sterling Heights, MI 48310

Or bring the completed application with you to our General Meeting. Membership runs Oct. through Sept. Mail changes of address to the above.

You don't have to work for General Motors to belong to the GM Ski and Travel Club!

GM Ski and Travel Club Board of Directors

President: Les Skrzycki 248-693-1794

Vice President: Brian De Leo 248-626-6192

Treasurer: Alan Toomey 248-391-5180

Secretary: Darrell Ahlberg, 586-899-8203

Activities: Brian De Leo 248-626-6192

Hospitality: Greg Ronan 586-979-9512

Membership: Darrell Ahlberg, 586-899-8203

MDSC Rep: Debbie Cooke 248-689-7167

Newsletter: Michael Bourke 586-776-7685

Publicity: Cathy Schneidt 586-206-2424

Ski Trips: Dave Duvali 586-754-8151

Webmaster: Kathy O'Driscoll 248-666-9057.

The board meets once a month, the week after the General Meeting

Treasurer's
Report
\$6271⁹⁴

Alan Toomey
Treasurer



Chris Free	4
Hope Dixon	10
Shannon Duke	11
Teresa Koch	14
John LeGros	14
Linda Rokocy	20
Mary Donahue	24
Bill Given	30
Steven Aicangeli	31
Darrell Ahlberg	31
Kathy O'Driscoll	31



Editor's Notes

Submissions to this newsletter will be accepted in any visual, but not oral, form. Electronic transmissions are preferred.

The deadline is 5:00 p.m. sharp on the 20th of the preceding month.

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Home: 586-776-7685

16724 Collinson

Eastpointe, MI 48021

E-mail: gmskiclub@yahoo.com

Think Snow! We are! Skiing 2010!

Besides, July temperatures were cool enough that you may have thought we were already into autumn. So!—It's looking like our 2010 western ski destination will be based in Breckenridge with the nearby resorts of Keystone, A-Basin, Vail and Beaver Creek as potential side trips. And, in consideration of the ugly Michigan economy, we believe we can run this trip at about **\$1,230.00**, that's \$65.00 **less** than last year's trip. Our time frame is similar to last year: **Jan. 30 to Feb. 06, 2010**. We are looking at two-to-a-room hotel lodging 50 yards from a lift that services Peak 9, which is where the majority of the intermediate skiing is.

Reserve the week of Jan. 30 through Feb. 06, start saving your pennies, and start working on those thigh muscles! (Diane and Ken - don't forget to practice your photo posing techniques.)

When the "i"s are dotted and the "t"s are crossed on our air package, I'll publish more trip details and then put the final cost on gmskiclub.org and have a flyer ready by the next meeting at the latest.

Dave Duvali –
(586) 754-8151
daveduvali@wowway.com

Have you had fun with us the last eleven months?
Do you want to have even more fun in the months ahead?
You must renew your membership before it expires
September 30th!



Typical GM Ski Club Meeting—lots of laughter and libations!

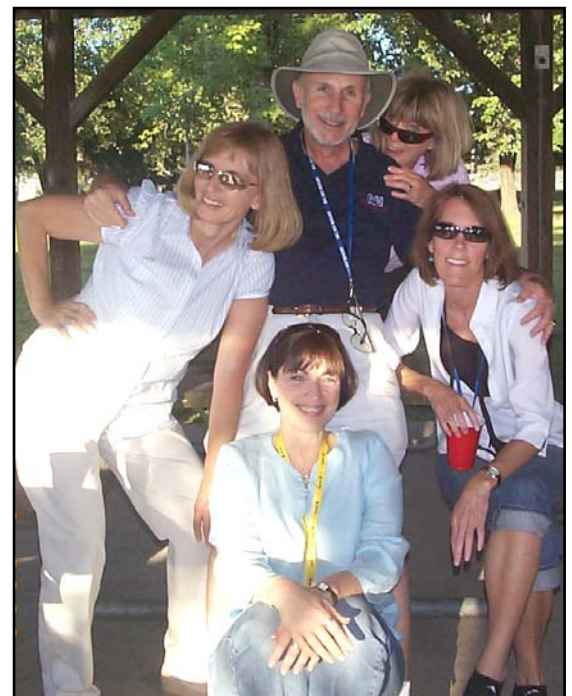


Typical GM Ski Club Meeting—more prize winners than you can shake a stick at! We know! We tried! We couldn't do it!



Typical GM Ski Club Meeting—Surf City!

General Meeting July 9



Typical GM Ski Club Meeting—Surf City times two!

Members	Guests
Darrell Ahlberg	Betty Kannell
Suzanne Vivian	Floyd Kannell
Ann Enghardt	Mark Vivian
Leslie Musser	Ed Musser
Judy Heikkinen	
Bill Given	
Patti Given	
Les Skrzycki	

GM Ski Club Goes Golfing

Everyone knows the ours is a well-rounded social club which offers something for just about anybody. But when it comes right down to it, we are all about the sun and the slopes. And in sometimes, in the summertime, getting out in the sun means enjoying a great day of golf. So Saturday, July 18th, that's exactly what happened.

That was the day of our golf trek to Chatham Ohio. Member John LeGros, owner of the Deer Run Golf course near Chatham, invited us out for a free round of golf. Since this event was only open to GMSC members, it was promoted via special e-mailings to all club members. In all, eight club members accepted. To round out the three foursomes, four of their invited guests came along as well.

It was a full day indeed. We started the drive at 6:00 a.m. from three different starting points, convened for breakfast in Windsor, and finished the drive to Deer Run by 9:30. Plenty of time to make the 10:00, 10:10, and 10:20 tee times John had set up for us.

When we arrived, John was waiting for us. Obviously proud of his place, open since 1993, he gave us a tour. The facility includes a first-class banquet hall which was fully decorated for a wedding scheduled for that afternoon, a restaurant, dining room, and a bar. John explained that to build the golf course, he carved out 300 of 900 acres of farm land for the 27-hole course. Although 300 acres is an extremely large area for such a facility, John wanted a course with fairways that did not crisscross. This keeps golfers safe from the potential of being struck by golf balls from other golfers. It has the added advantage of making the golfers feel like they have the entire course to themselves. We found out later that, in the morning and early afternoon hours, they pushed through over 400 golfers. But to us, it certainly didn't feel like it. The game moved on smoothly with no waiting between holes.

The golf course is a challenging but gorgeous, beautifully maintained, gently rolling landscape with hay-like rough areas and plenty of water hazards. On one hole, the green is actually an island completely surrounded by water. The finishing touches, such as flower arrangements and decorations, are detailed and plentiful.

John explained that the course is located about 1500 yards from Lake Erie, and he has a pumping system for irrigating the course. Every night he uses about half a million gallons of water. After we finished golfing, John took us to the lakefront to show us the pumping system and the location where he plans to build a house. What a gorgeous spot! John, when you're home is built, you'll be living on the stoop of paradise.

This little excursion was followed by dinner back at the golf club. Here we had the good fortune of meeting John's wife, daughter and grandson. We hung out chatting until 8:00 pm, and then started back home.

In all, it was a gorgeous day for golfing and the added bonus was the education and John's company. Everyone had a great time. We would highly recommend

the Deer Run Golf course to anyone who enjoys the game of golf on any level. Thanks, John, for a wonderful day.

Information on the Deer Run Golf course can be found on the web at <http://www.deerrungolfcourse.com/>

Darrell Ahlberg





WHITE WATER RAFTING TRIP



Where: Upper Gauley River – West Virginia

When: September 18 – 20, 2009

This is a Friday to Sunday Trip

Cost: GM Members: \$220 Guest: \$240

Maneuver through exciting rapids on the Upper Gauley. We will enjoy a day on the river, time around a campfire and eat great food. So, bring your sleeping bag, friends and get ready for an awesome adventure and new friendships.

Package Includes

2 Nights lodging in Bunk House

2 Breakfast (Sat & Sun)

1 Day Rafting (Sat)

Personal guide in every raft.

1 Lunch (Sat - Riverside)

1 Dinner (Sat)

Complete Wet Suit (farmer johns, splash jacket & booties)

Only seven spots left!

Make checks payable to G M Ski Club.

Mail to Cathy Schneidt 29931 Rosemont St, Roseville, MI 48066.

Further information please call Cathy at 586-206-2424 or email at catdancer23@hotmail.com with "WHITE WATER RAFTING" in the subject line.

 Make Checks Payable to the GM Ski Club



GM **SKI CLUB** Trip Application Destination: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Day: (____) _____ Phone Night: (____) _____

☒ Gender: ☐ M ☐ F * Smoking: ☐ Y ☐ N GM Ski Club Member: ☐ Y ☐ N or MDSC (list) _____

Please state any roommate preferences: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

In consideration for me being able to participate in this activity, I assume personal responsibility for any risks and hazards to my personal safety and equipment. I release the GM Ski Club, their Directors and Officers, and anyone affiliated with any and all activities from all liability and waive any and all claims I may have or may hereafter acquire related to any and all injuries or damages whatsoever arising as a result of my participation in any and all activities connected directly or indirectly with the GM Ski Club. I also certify that I am at least 19 years of age or older and that I have read and understand the conditions outlined above. I have read and understand the Refund/Cancellation policies applicable to this trip.

Date: _____ Signed _____

* Please see the GM By-Laws concerning smoking on Club trips or ask the Trip Leader.



Lets Do It Again **POLONIAS** **POLISH RESTAURANT OF THE MONTH** **FRIDAY 11-6-2009**

POLONIAS ADDRESS: 2934 YEMANS HAMTRAMCK MICH. 48212 (313) 505-3757

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 2ND ANNUAL POLISH DINNER . THIS IS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO MINGLE AND MEET PEOPLE FROM OTHER CLUBS. IN CASE YOU MISSED OUT ON DOING SO THE FIRST TIME@POLONIAS WONDERFUL BANQUET HALL.

INVITATIONS ARE BEING SENT TO OTHER AREA CLUBS,SO THERE WILL BE A GOOD MIX OF PEOPLE AND OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS.
ENJOY AN EVENING OF MUSIC, KARAOKE & DANCING FUN IN A POLISH DECORATED ENVIRONMENT.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE SINGLE AND WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE EVENING MORE ENJOYABLE (INTERESTING). YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING ANOTHER PERSON. HOWEVER, THIS IS OPTIONAL.

ALSO IF YOU HAVE ANY MUSIC YOU WOULD LIKE TO HEAR, BRING IT WITH YOU
(CD OR MEMORY STICK)

BUFFET STYLE TO INCLUDE:

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| A) CITY CHICKEN | D) BEET SOUP |
| B) ROAST PORKLOIN | E) MIXED VEG. BREAD & BUTTER |
| C) STUFFED CABBAGE | F) POTATOS, BAKED KRAUT & POTATO PANCAKES |

6:30 PM FOR DRINKS (CASH BAR) BARTENDER UPSTAIRS (INCLUDED)
7:00 PM FOR DINNER

MEMBERS: \$23.00 NON MEMBERS: \$28.00

GM SKI CLUB DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4TH 2009 FOR SIGN-UP
"""" ***THERE WILL BE NO SIGN-UP'S THE DAY OF*** """"

RSVP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO : G. RONAN
MAKE CHK OUT TO GM SKI CLUB
MAIL CHK TO 38175 BEECHER DR.
STERLING HEIGHTS MICH. 48312
CELL: (586)876-1013

Erie Canal Boat Trip

August 22 – 29, 2009

Welcome Aboard!!

Weeklong vacation on the Erie Canal.

This is a Saturday to Saturday trip.

Depart from Macedon, near Rochester New York, heading west towards Buffalo and return.

There are many sites to see on this historic journey down the Erie Canal.

What's the Erie Canal like? Simple navigation, our own pace, a lock or 2. Check out the taverns, parks and farm markets, visit museums, hike or bike the tow path.

Tie up at night is easy, there are a number of canal villages with public docks or anchor in a secluded spot along the banks or the locks.

Carpooling to departure location. What's included on the boat: Fuel, bow thruster for easy maneuvering. 12V DC and 120V AC for inverter for outlets for shaver or CD player. Full galley, cooking utensils, table service and plenty of storage. Fresh hot water system with 100 gal. Capacity.

We have 2, 41 foot vessels that sleep 6 people each. There are 2 bikes included but you may want to bring your own.




Cost: Members \$495.00. Non-Members \$545.00

Deposit \$200.00 Payment April 15, \$200.00 Final payment May 30, balance.

Make checks payable to G M Ski Club.

Mail to Les Skrzycki 451 Heights Rd. Lake Orion, MI 48362.

Further information please call Les at 248-693-1794 or email at lskrzycki@comcast.net

 Make Checks Payable to the GM Ski Club



SKI CLUB Trip Application Destination: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Day: (____) _____ Phone Night: (____) _____

☒ Gender: ☐ M ☐ F * Smoking: ☐ Y ☐ N GM Ski Club Member: ☐ Y ☐ N or MDSC (list) _____

Please state any roommate preferences: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

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I have read and understand the Refund/Cancellation policies applicable to this trip.

Date: _____ Signed _____

* Please see the GM By-Laws concerning smoking on Club trips or ask the Trip Leader.

98% Moon Sail

(We can't lie to you—it's not going to be quite "full")



Friday, August 7, 6:00 p.m.

✧ Wait List Only!

You can still sign up for all the food and drink, but you can't count on getting the boat ride.

But food, drink, fellowship...!



Join us Friday at 6:00 p.m. (or whenever you can make it after work) at the gazebo at "A" dock at Jefferson Beach Marina.

We plan a pleasant party with shish kabob (chicken or beef), side dishes, pop, water, other beverages, condiments, and a barbecue grill where you can cook your meal to your own liking.

We'll also have a few special treats, including a bottle of Luna di Luna wine per boat.

⚓ Boats shove off: 8:00 p.m.

⚓ Sunset: 8:44 p.m.

⚓ Moonrise: 9:20 p.m.

(Phase of the Moon on 7 August: waning gibbous with 98% of the Moon's visible disk illuminated.)

Sign up by contacting Michael Bourke, excelsiormb@hotmail.com, 586-776-7685.

Member's cost: **\$15** (non-members **\$25**)

Deadline to sign up is July 31 at 6:00 p.m.

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Name _____
Email _____
Phone _____

☐ Chicken shish kabob ☐ Beef shish kabob

Amount enclosed (check payable to GM Ski Club):

☐ \$15 Member ☐ \$25 Non-member ☐ \$45 Full-moon sail and membership good until Sept., 2010

☐ I need a map to know where to get the boat.

Mail to: Michael J. Bourke
 16724 Collinson
 Eastpointe, MI 48021

This event will happen, rain or shine, but skippers may elect to not take their vessels out if they deem the weather to be unsuitable.

Calendar of Events

Every Sun. Our "**Breakfast Club**" starts at 10:00 a.m. at Anton's Island Grill, Big Beaver Rd. (16 Mile Rd.) and Dequindre, NW corner. Phone: 248-619-0016. Just show up, and we'll make room for you. No RSVP needed.

AUGUST

1 Saturday

Canoe the Huron River with a group of fun folks! A one day event for thrills and spills! For more info and meet-up time, contact John: John.Zalewski@wowway.com

7 Fri. **98% Moon Sail** - Sign up now for our popular moonlight sail/barbeque on Lake St. Clair. Members \$15, guests \$25. See newsletter for full details. Contact Capt. Mike: 586-776-7685 or email, excelsiormb@hotmail.com

13 Thurs. **General Meeting - Halmich Park** in Warren, 13 Mile Rd. between Ryan and Dequindre. Meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. under the pavilion. \$4 members, \$6 guests. Hot dogs, soda, and beer included.

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18 Tue. **Board Meeting** at Darrell's, 6:00 p.m. Contact: Darrell: 586-899-8203

22 - 29 **Erie Canal Trip** - Sign up today! Only two spaces left for this one-week barge adventure through the historic Erie Canal in New York. Members \$495, guests \$545. More details in this newsletter. Contact Les: 248-693-1794 or email, lskrzyski@comcast.net

SEPTEMBER

10 Thurs. **General Meeting - Halmich Park** in Warren, 13 Mile Rd. between Ryan and Dequindre. Our **last outdoor meeting** starts at 6:00 p.m. under the pavilion. \$4 members, \$6 guests. Hot dogs, soda, and beer included.

11 Fri. **Rosie O' Grady's Irish Pub** - This is a popular pub for an evening get-away! 36759 Mound Rd. in Sterling Heights (Southwest corner at 16 Mile Rd.) Live music later in the night. Join us at 6:30 p.m. Contact Debbie: 248-689-7167 or email, Sunsetcar@aol.com *



15 Tuesday **Board Meeting** - Darrell's house, 6:00 p.m. Contact: Darrell: 586-899-8203

18-20 WKND **White Water Rafting** - Sign up now for an exciting weekend of splash & bash on the Upper Gauley River in WV! See this newsletter for additional info. Early sellout expected! Contact Cathy: 586-206-2424, email at catdancer23@hotmail.com with "White Water Rafting" in subject line.

24 Thursday **Restaurant of the month** at Branns on Hall road in Sterling Hts. (near Lakeside Mall).

OCTOBER

8 Thurs. **General Meeting - We're indoors** at Don Thomas in Birmingham! A new regular indoor meeting place will soon be decided. Your suggestions are welcome.

9 Friday **Restaurant of the month** at LaSaj Lebanese Bistro, 13776 Southcove, Sterling Heights, 6:30 p.m.

13 Tue. **Board Meeting** - Darrell's place, 6:00 p.m. Contact: Darrell: 586-899-8203

ON THE HORIZON

Bald Mountain Camping Weekend - Imagine yourself inhaling the pleasant autumn air, enjoying a hike through the fall color, and relaxing around a campfire with many friends. We sleep in cabins with bunk-style beds and even roast marshmallows. Plan on this annual tradition to take place in October. Just so you never miss a thing, please remember to contact membership or any board member regarding changes to your email address.

[* Please RSVP two days in advance.]



**“A ski and travel club...
and a whole lot more”**

August at a glance

Every Sun. Breakfast Club 10 a.m. at Anton's Island Grill, 16 Mile and Dequindre.

1 Sat. **Canoe** the Huron River .For more info contact John: John.Zalewski@wowway.com

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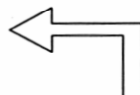
(recent photos, upcoming events, membership applications, bylaws, forms, and fun music)

MDSC Website: www.mdscski.org

Deadline

The deadline for articles or pictures submitted for inclusion in this newsletter is 5 p.m. sharp on the 20th of the preceding month.

Late submissions will be held for the following issue or discarded.



Membership expires on label date

First Class Mail



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Sterling Heights, MI 48310

