



# NEWSLETTER

**SKI and TRAVEL**

**SEPTEMBER 2009**

WEBSITE: [www.gmskiclub.org](http://www.gmskiclub.org)

GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957

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## GENERAL MEETING

Thursday,  
September 10

**This is the last outdoor meeting at Halmich Park**  
in Warren, 13 Mile 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.



## WHITE WATER RAFTING TRIP

Upper Gauley River – West Virginia  
September 18 – 20

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.

Thursday, September 24, 6:30 pm  
Restaurant of the Month

### Branns Steakhouse

17757 Hall Rd., Thursday night specials abound. Contact  
Cindy: 586-850-7623, email, [ilove24nascar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ilove24nascar@sbcglobal.net)

Friday, September 11, 6:30 pm

### Rosie O' Grady's Irish Pub

36759 Mound Rd. in Sterling Heights (sw corner at 16 Mile)

**This is a popular pub for an evening get-away!**  
Live music later in the night.  
Contact Darrell: 586-899-8203, email: [dahlberg7@comcast.net](mailto:dahlberg7@comcast.net)

## GM SKI and TRAVEL CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

☐ New Membership-\$30 ☐ Renewal-\$25

☐ Married 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

**Restaurant of the month:** Cindy McCann, 586-850-7623

**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  
**\$3138.<sup>47</sup>**

Alan Toomey  
Treasurer



## September Birthdays

Debbie Cooke 9/1

Les Skrzycki 9/4

Kathy Clayton 9/5

Xenia Taganora 9/28



### 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.

Michael Bourke  
Home: 586-776-7685

16724 Collinson

Eastpointe, MI 48021

E-mail: [gmskiclub@yahoo.com](mailto:gmskiclub@yahoo.com)

## Think Snow! We are! Skiing 2010!

Temperatures are 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](http://gmskiclub.org) and have a flyer ready by the next meeting at the latest.

**Dave Duvali –**  
**(586) 754-8151**  
**[daveduvali@wowway.com](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup>!**

Join us for

## Lunfast!

For too long has the meal between breakfast and lunch been called "Brunch." In the interests of fair play, join us for **Lunfast** at 10:00 am every Sunday at Anton's Island Grill, Big Beaver Rd. (16 Mile Rd.) and Dequindre, NW corner. Phone: 248-619-0016. Just show up; no RSVP needed.

## Euchre Tournament Sign Up Early

This year's Euchre Tournament has been scheduled for October 24, 2009. Last year, this event had a special rush of signups in the final couple of weeks prior to the actual event and was actually full a week ahead of time; and we were forced to turn away some Euchre Tournament hopefuls. Fortunately, many of those simply showed up for the party and had a great time.

This year, we are encouraging GMSC members to get signed up and get their money in as early as possible in order to guarantee your spot. By signing up early, you not only take advantage of your special discounted price as a GMSC member, but you also guarantee your spot for all the fun and glory that goes with participation in the Tournament. Pricing is as follows:

### **Euchre Tournament charge:**

\$10.00 members/ \$15.00 Guests.

### **Party only charge:**

\$5.00 members, \$10.00 Guests.

Contact  
Darrell Ahlberg  
40377 Kraft Dr.  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310

586-899-8203  
[Dahlberg7@comcast.net](mailto:Dahlberg7@comcast.net)

## Membership Directories Coming

With the membership explosion we've experienced over the past year, there have been several requests for a Membership Directory. This would be a directory that lists the members of the club and their contact information. **Electronic versions will not be e-mailed to anybody. It will be distributed in printed format only and made available only to club members.** Contact information would include

Name  
Address  
Phone Number  
E-mail

In putting this directory together, we want to be sure to respect your privacy. If you prefer some or all of your contact information to not be included in this directory, please let me know. You can reach me by phone or by e-mail.

586-899-8203  
[Dahlberg7@comcast.net](mailto:Dahlberg7@comcast.net)

Thank you,

**Darrell Ahlberg**  
**GMSC Membership Chair**

# The Value of Membership

Ok, so we've all faced the question. We tell our friends and family we've joined the GM Ski Club and life has never been better. But it seems everyone's from Missouri, and they want you to prove it. So they ask what you like about this club you're so excited about. Now, I know and you know that this is the most innovative, the most dynamic, and the most active club on the planet. But when you put it in those terms, you still get this blank stare. So you wipe the sweat from your brow, and you try to come up with something just a little more concrete. And you begin to ask yourself, yes, what do I get out of this membership? Well, there's great fellowship and camaraderie to be sure. But how to quantify that? What do I really get for my membership dollar? To answer that question, you need the following table of last year's special events which feature special savings for members.

Date	Event	Members	Guests	Savings
27-Sep	Euchre	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
10/17-10/19	Bald Mountain	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$10.00
7-Nov	Polonia's	\$21.00	\$26.00	\$5.00
6-Dec	Redford Christmas Classic	\$0.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
7-Jan	Ski Night Pine Knob	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$5.00
1/31-2/6	Steamboat Springs	\$1,295.00	\$1,325.00	\$30.00
7-Feb	Stagecrafters	\$5.00	\$17.00	\$12.00
2/20-2/22	Lake Anne	\$45.00	\$55.00	\$10.00
25-Feb	Pine Knob Ski Night	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$5.00
3/6-3/8	Carnival Weekend	\$210.00	\$220.00	\$10.00
14-Mar	Curling	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$5.00
21-Mar	Wine Tasting	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
7-Aug	Full Moon Sail	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$10.00
8/22-8/29	Erie Canal Boat Cruise	\$560.00	\$610.00	\$50.00
				\$166.00

And voila!! There you have it. Not only did the GM Ski Club have well over 56 events in the past year as documented elsewhere in this newsletter, but the above events represent special savings for you just for being a member.

If you had participated in all of them, then for your membership dollar, you would have saved \$166.00. Even though most people do not participate in all events, it is not difficult to see how participation in just a few will pay for membership. Now that's something concrete you can tell people about and get their attention.

In the coming year we will be repeating many of these events and throwing in some new ones as well. The season is like a living document. It will be changed and added to as the year progresses. A lot of these dynamics come from your suggestions. So keep an eye on the changing schedule and in the meantime, **get your membership renewal in early.**



## Co-ed Wallyball Is Returning

The day we all hoped wouldn't come is fast arriving. We'll be putting away all of our summer toys and preparing to hole up for another cold, blustery winter. But the good news is that this time of year marks the return of Wallyball Sunday.

Beginning Sunday, October 4, and continuing every Sunday at 12:30, we'll be meeting at the Warren Racquet Club for two hours of Wallyball. As always, this event is friendly, non-competitive, and most importantly, co-ed. So plan on joining us in our endeavor to keep those mid-winter pounds at bay with a great afternoon of fellowship, fun, and exercise.

**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 a few 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](mailto: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.





# Euchre Tournament



You are cordially invited to a Euchre Tournament October 24, 2009. This will be a great opportunity to meet new people. Invitations are being sent to other area clubs, so there will be a good mix of people with lots of opportunity to make new friends and enjoy an evening of fun. The house rules explicitly state this is a friendly, non-competitive event.

The format is simple enough. Every game you get a new partner and a new set of opponents. Whatever score you and your partner get is carried forward toward your point total for the evening.

Here are the particulars:

Darrell Ahlberg's House.  
40377 Kraft Drive.  
Sterling Heights, MI. 48310.

## **Saturday, October 24**

**7:00 - 8:00.** Arrival and gathering.

**8:00** Tournament starts.

Euchre Tournament charge:

\$10.00 members/ \$15.00 non-members.

Party only charge:

\$5.00 members, \$10.00 non-members

Money collected will be used for food, refreshments, and prize money.

Due to space constraints, this will be limited to the first 48 people who respond.

Please RSVP as soon as possible to Darrell Ahlberg  
([dahlberg7@comcast.net](mailto:dahlberg7@comcast.net)) (586) 899-8203

Or mail check payable to the GM Ski Club  
40377 Kraft Dr.  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310



# **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) DILL PICKLE 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) 219-7669***



# Canoeing Aug 1





# 2008-2009

## The Year in Review

Hello fellow GMSC Members. I hope you enjoy this special edition of the GM Ski Club Newsletter, featuring the YEAR IN REVIEW.

As you may already know, our membership year goes from **October 1 thru September 30**. So as the 2008-2009 membership year comes to a close, we thought we'd take a look back at everything that's happened in the past year and take a peek ahead at the year to come.

I think we can all agree, 2008-2009 was a banner year for our club. Including our Restaurants of The Month, Pub & Grub outings, and our additional Special Events, we held 44 events. Add in our 12 monthly general meetings, and you have 56 events over the past year. That's more than one activity per week. And if that's not enough, you can add our Sunday events featuring breakfast in the morning followed by Wallyball in the winter months and you get the idea that we're not a club that likes just sitting around.

Also in the past year, we've added over 50 new members and recruited two new board members.

So enjoy taking a trip down memory lane as you peruse through these pages and plan for the coming year.

## 2008-2009 in Review - August - December

8/22	Dragonmead	Once again, we convened on this great brewery and ordered dinner to be delivered from nearby restaurants. A small, cozy, intimate place great for a nice time.
9/19	Moose Winooski's	The old Ted's bar & Grill has been refurbished and re-opened. Great turnout including some guests who went on to join the club
9/26	Cheli's Chile	A natural environment for a party, we had a great turn out at this newest location for Cheli's. With a full menu and great sports memorabilia, this was a great time
9/27	Euchre	12 tables, 48 players, and another 25 party goers. Over 70 showed up for this annual classic.
10/3	Mangan's Karaoke	Several individual crooners and one big group croon, the GM Ski Club was looking and sounding pretty good until Good Vibrations brought us down. How does that song go again?
10/9	Don Thomas	Our first indoor meeting of the season was held in this special location. Beer, Wine, Cheese, Munchies and a little education supplied by the host, it was a great way to start the season.
10/17-10/19	Bald Mountain	This annual classic was marked by extraordinarily good weather. Together with the traditional bon fire, hiking the trails, hillbilly horseshoes, indoor games, and Saturday pot luck, it was a great weekend
10/24	Alibi Inn	How many were coming again? 18?? 20?? 25?? The fluctuation of numbers confused the staff and the host in this crowded restaurant. But in the end everyone was seated and well supplied with libations and great food.
11/7	Polonia's	What a night! 65 people converged on Polonia Restaurant's upper ballroom floor for a most memorable evening of great Polish food and a great party filled with dancing the night away and special renditions of karaoke.
12/6	Redford Christmas Classic	This annual Christmas classic just keeps growing. 75 people converged on the Redford Theater for a special screening of the classic "Miracle On 34th Street." The crowd was so great, dinner before hand was split between two separate restaurants. Looking forward to an even bigger event next year.
12/20	Holiday Party	This annual event was once again hosted by Craig Petku. Over 50 members and guests floated in and out during the evening as we spread Holiday cheer to one another in grand style.

# 2008-2009

## Memberships Expiring Renew Early and Save

Be sure to check the mailing label of this newsletter for the expiration date of your membership.

The GMSC Membership Calendar goes from October 1 - September 30. If you renew your membership prior to expiration, you save \$5.00. That's correct! Early renewal is only \$25.00. Renewal after 10/1 is the regular \$30.00 price.

So be sure to renew early and save yourself five bucks!!

## 2008-2009 In Review: January - March

1/3	Peking House	Our first Restaurant Of The Month for the new year, over 20 holiday weary people came for some great Chinese food.
1/7	Ski Night Pine Knob	Reviving a great GM Ski Club tradition, several of us met at Pine Knob for a great night of skiing. Chilly weather kept the crowds at bay and it seemed we had the place to ourselves.
1/10	Jim Walsh	GM Ski Club member Jim Walsh marked his return to the stage after a long hiatus. Unfortunately, a bad winter storm kept the crowds away, but Jim's performance was so dynamic, he was invited back for several repeat performances
1/21	Don Thomas	Complimentary beer, wine, and munchies, we had instruction on how to pack efficiently for a ski trip. We also received a checklist. Also, some of us received a free ski bag.
1/31-2/6	Steamboat Springs	10 GM Ski Club members flocked to Steamboat Springs for a great week of Sun and Skiing. The weather held up all week with temps in the high 20's to low 30's, glorious sunshine all week, and great skiing conditions. We look forward to more great trips by our leader Dave Duvali.
2/7	Stagecrafters	An incredible crowd of 62 people converged on the Sangria restaurant for dinner and to the Baldwin Theater to watch Stagecrafters present La Cage Aux Folles. It was an incredible production filled with lights, colorful costumes and stage sets all set to great music and uproarious comedy.
2/13	Schilla's Restaurant	Small turnout, but great Korean food.
2/18	Don Thomas	Another evening of cheese, wine, fellowship and education.
2/20-2/22	Lake Anne	Our inaugural experiment with a weekend of cross-country skiing is bound to become an annual classic. So much to do with so little time. Downtown Winter fest, cross country skiing and snowshoeing, nearby downhill skiing, and great cabin space to lounge around in. Great welcoming party Friday and wonderful pot luck dinner Saturday night made for a great time for everyone. Be sure to join us next year
2/25	Pine Knob Ski Night	For this second outing, Don Thomas held "demo days" just for our club. Participants were able to try several sets of ski equipment with no waiting between changes. A warm, balmy night made for a great night of skiing.
2/27	Buffalo Wild Wings	We had a great turnout with many new guests and we had to keep adding tables (to the happiness of the restaurant management)
2/28	Jim Walsh	Jim's return to the stage after the weather beaten inaugural was a smashing success. Good crowd and an extremely pumped performer made for a great evening.
3/6-3/8	Carnival Weekend	GM Ski Club participation in the Chicago Carnival was small, but those that went had a great weekend. Crazy costumes, games on the hill, and free beer. How can you beat that?
3/14	Curling	Another first for the GM Ski Club was such a success, its bound to be another annual tradition. Filled to capacity, 32 club members used all four lanes at the Detroit Curling Club. We received instruction, equipment and two hours of curling.
3/21	Wine Tasting	This was the wine tasting to end all wine tastings. What started as a plan for 20 wine tasters ended up attracting nearly 60 people. The party was moved from the upstairs to the basement. Even the loudspeaker couldn't attract everyone's attention, but nobody had far to look if they got thirsty for another glass of wine.
3/27	Dueling Pianos	Always a classic party environment, we had about 30 people show up for song, dance, jump, and shout.

# Where Ideas and New Members Come From

So where do all these ideas and new members come from? Well, our most valuable source is you, the membership. If you have an idea for an outing, please feel free to suggest it to any board member. And while we're at it, the club is in dire need of your leadership, so we'd like to invite you to attend any of our board meetings just to see how they work. You also would be most welcome to take a position on the board. We have several openings.

Once again this year, we will periodically print up our **tri-fold pamphlets** such as the sample included in this newsletter. For many members, these have proven extremely valuable in explaining to friends and family what we're all about. They have also resulted in new membership. We will have plenty of extra copies at most of our club functions and we invite you to take some home with you. Remember, if they help you recruit at least three new members during the 2009-2010 year, your membership for the 2011-2012 year will be complimentary. So what have you got to lose? You have an opportunity to turn a friend or loved one on to a great value and in turn receive that value yourself, free of charge. Now that, my friends, is the **"Ultimate Value."**

## 2008-2009 in Review: April-August

4/10	Swing Into Spring	Swing Dance Party
4/17	Max & Erma's	We ended up with 3 groups. The first group was sitting outside in the beautiful sun and didn't want to come in. The second group was at the bar getting happy hour discounts and didn't want to move. The last group sat in the reserved section for dinner. It was like a traveling road show. Fun for all.
4/24	Dick O' Dow's	Another great turnout for this legendary Birmingham Locale.
5/5	Juan's Hacienda	Margaritas, Mariachi Music and Mexican fiesta. We had our own little corner to enjoy Cinco de Mayo.
5/9	Eastern Market	The annual Flower Day trek began with the traditional Bloody Mary breakfast at Vivios, gallivanting through the market and shops and culminating with a barbeque at Jefferson Beach Marina.
5/15	Oxford Inn	
5/22	Parrot Cove	The Best Kept Secret in Troy with a Key West atmosphere. Fun and frolic in the sand. If you weren't there you missed a unique experience.
5/29	Hazel Park	Fine dining and horse racing. Even if you're not a gambler, it's a fun evening. For the first two races my horses came in last. Bill won the Perfecta! What does he know that I don't?
6/12	Crash Landing	What a surprise that this turned out to be the Red Wings final game. Lots of TVs everywhere and great food and drink. Too bad they lost.
6/20	Opening Of Summer Party	Kayak Clinic and demo days by Don Thomas in conjunction with our opening of summer party at Bob Shutter's.
	Kayak Clinic	
6/26	PARS Restaurant	Great evening of good food and gorgeous Belly Dancers.
7/10	Pizza Papapalis	A warm summer evening to sit outside on the patio and have pizza and beer with friends. Also, we were able to enjoy a beautiful sunset.
7/18	Golf Outing	The golf trek Deer Run Golf Course for a round of golf, compliments of GMSC member and golf course owner, John Legros. A great way to spend a sunny summer day.
7/24	Jack's On The Water	Always a summertime favorite, this event was attended by 30 people and followed up by a relaxing summer evening on Greg Ronan's boat
8/1	One Day Canoe Trip	Another fast growing tradition, this was an excursion down the Huron River to a very windy and challenging paddle across Kent Lake in Kensington. Followed by dinner in Milford.
8/7	Full Moon Sail	Our most popular event of the summer, this year's event was a winner from the outset. Although too cloudy to see the moon, the weather, wind, and temps were great for a BBQ on A-Dock followed by a great nighttime sail.

# Year In Review

## 2008-2009

### Membership Growth

2008-2009 has seen a literal explosion in membership growth for the club. This past month was no exception. We now have 50 new members for the year.

I would like to welcome the following newest members to our club.

Al Sleeman  
Susan Woelke  
Mike Malon  
David Malon  
Janet Blair  
Doug Baliff  
Hugh Thomas

If you're wondering where all these new members come from, the most important source of new membership is from you, our existing membership. We're gratified that, as members you find enough value in the club to tell your friends about it. As an expression of the club's appreciation to you, our policy is to offer you a year of free membership for every three new members you recruit.

This year, we've had one award winner.  
**Connie Casey**

In addition, the following members have two recruits and need only one more for a complimentary membership. There is still time.

**Linda Rakoczy**  
**Patricia Lloyd**  
**Teresa Koch**

How about you? There is still time before the 2008-2009 membership year comes to a close. If you know of someone looking for great activities and socialization, why not let them know about your club and invite them to any of our meetings and socials?

Think of it. You have an opportunity to turn a friend or loved one on to a great value and in turn receive that value yourself, free of charge. Now that, my friends, is the **"Ultimate Value."**

Once again, on behalf of all the GM Ski Club members and board, welcome to the club.

**Darrell Ahlberg**  
**Membership Chairman**

### 2008-2009 New Members

			Referred By
1	Stephanie	Aicangeli	
2	Steven	Aicangeli	
3	Georgian	Balay	
4	Mary	Bogush	Bonnie Michalak
5	Janet	Burrows	
6	Connie	Casey	Michael Bourke
7	Mathew	Casey	Connie Casey
8	John	Chesney	
9	Hope	Dixon	
10	Mary	Donahue	Teresa Koch
11	Evelyn	Douglas	
12	Ann	Enghardt	Patricia Lloyd
13	Chris	Free	
14	Bill	Given	
15	Patti-Rae	Given	
16	Dale	Goolsby	Suzanne Vivian
17	Jeff	Grewe	Shannon Duke
18	Barbara	Hartley	Chris Johnson
19	Tina	Howell	Teresa Koch
20	Christian	Johnson	
21	Lee	Johnson	
22	Walt	Kearsley	
23	Carol	Kent	
24	Koby	Kobler	Tina Howell
25	Teresa	Koch	Darrell Ahlberg
26	Patricia	Lange	
27	John	LeGros	
28	Elise	Levasseur	Connie Casey
29	Janet	MacCulloch	Carol Kent
30	Bonnie	Michalak	
31	Isabella	Muscott	
32	Kathy	O'Driscoll	Mary Donahue
33	Diane	Pasik	
34	David	Roger	
35	Deborah	Ross	
36	Philip	Ross	
37	Cathy	Schneidt	
38	Thomas	Scott	Patricia Lloyd
39	Lynda	Siewewright	
40	James	Steigleman	
41	Xenia	Taganora	Elena Bankowski
42	Ken	Thompson	
43	Lois	Townsend	Linda Rakocy
44	Marie	Tuohey	
45	Suzanne	Vivian	Connie Casey
46	Teresa	Walny	
47	Al	Sleeman	
48	Susan	Woelke	
49	Mike	Malon	
50	David	Malon	Mike Malon
51	Janet	Blair	
52	Doug	Bailliff	Janet Blair
53	Hugh	Thomas	David Roger





The food was excellent,  
the boat ride superb.

The man in the moon  
must have been jealous,  
since he only joined us for  
a minute or two.

Maybe next year.







*We enjoy ourselves  
outdoors...*



# General Meeting Restaurant of the month



*...and indoors*



# 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.

## 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 Darrell: 586-899-8203, email: [dahlberg7@comcast.net](mailto:dahlberg7@comcast.net)
- 12 Sat. **Glow Golf** - Sunnybrook Golf, 17 & Van Dyke. Play "night golf" with a Glowing Ball, only \$25. RSVP, Contact Darrell Ahlberg, 586-899-8203 [dahlberg7@comcast.net](mailto:dahlberg7@comcast.net) \*
- 15 Tue. 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 and bash on the Upper Gauley River in WV! See flyer for additional info. Only a few spaces left! Contact Cathy: 586-206-2424, email at [catdancer23@hotmail.com](mailto:catdancer23@hotmail.com) with "White Water Rafting" in subject line.
- 24 Thurs. Restaurant of the Month at **Branns Steakhouse**, 17757 Hall Rd., Thursday night specials abound. Meet at 6:30 p.m. Contact Cindy: 586-850-7623, email, [ilove24nascar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ilove24nascar@sbcglobal.net) \*

## OCTOBER

- 8 Thurs. General Meeting - We're indoors at Don Thomas Sporthaus, 690 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham. 6:30 p.m. A new meeting place for the rest of the year will soon be decided. Suggestions encouraged!
- 9 Fri. Restaurant of the Month will be at LaSaj Lebanese Bistro, 13776 S. Cove Rd. in Sterling Heights. Contact Cindy: 586-850-7623, email: [ilove24nascar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ilove24nascar@sbcglobal.net) \*
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- 16-18 WKND Bald Mountain Cabin Camping - Inhale the autumn air, hike through the fall color, play games in the cabin or just relax around a bonfire with many friends. We sleep in cabins with bunk-style beds and even roast marshmallows. Always popular! See newsletter for more info. Contact Les: 248-693-1794
- 23 Fri. Pub & Grub night at Dooley's Irish Tavern, 12414 Hall Rd. in Sterling Heights, 48313. Meet at 6:30 p.m. Beers are only \$1 before 8 pm. Contact Cindy: 586-850-7623, email: [ilove24nascar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ilove24nascar@sbcglobal.net) \*
- 24 Sat. "Night of the Euchre Party" - Card game and party you can't beat. Meet at 7:00 p.m., tournament starts at 8:00 p.m. \$10 members, \$15 guests. Party Only: \$5 members, \$10 guests. RSVP ASAP See this newsletter for more info or contact Darrell: 586-899-8203, email: [dahlberg7@comcast.net](mailto:dahlberg7@comcast.net)

## NOVEMBER

- 6 Fri. Polonias Restaurant is back by popular request! Enjoy music, karaoke, dancing, and a great Polish dinner. 2934 Yemens, Hamtramck, 48212. Starts 6:30 p.m., \$23 members, \$28 guests. See additional info in this newsletter. Contact Gregg: 586-219-7669. \*
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- 21 Sat. Feather Bowling - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Bath City Bistro in Mt Clemens. For more info contact Debbie: 248-689-7167 or email, [Sunsetcar@aol.com](mailto:Sunsetcar@aol.com) \*

### ON THE HORIZON

Feather Bowling and an evening wine-tasting party are now being planned. December's holiday-movie night at the Redford Theatre returns for the 5<sup>th</sup> year and the GMSC Holiday Party will be a sure bet for meeting new and old friends. Of course, we'll be hitting the slopes this winter for skiing at it's best in Colorado.

Watch your email for our up-to-the-minute E-Newsletter for last minute events and activities

**[ \* Please RSVP two days in advance. ]**



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and a whole lot more”**

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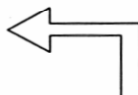
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## Deadline

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

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



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