



# NEWSLETTER

**SKI and TRAVEL**

**DECEMBER 2009**

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## GENERAL MEETING

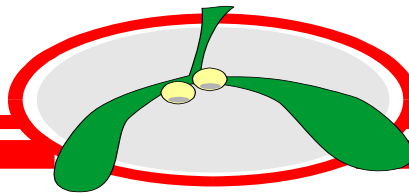
Thursday,  
December 10, 6:30 pm

## Shield's Pizza Restaurant

1476 W. Maple Rd. (Just West of Crooks) Troy, 48084.

Dress like Santa, an elf, or a reindeer if you dare! We dare you!

6:30 p.m. No admission charge.



## **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**

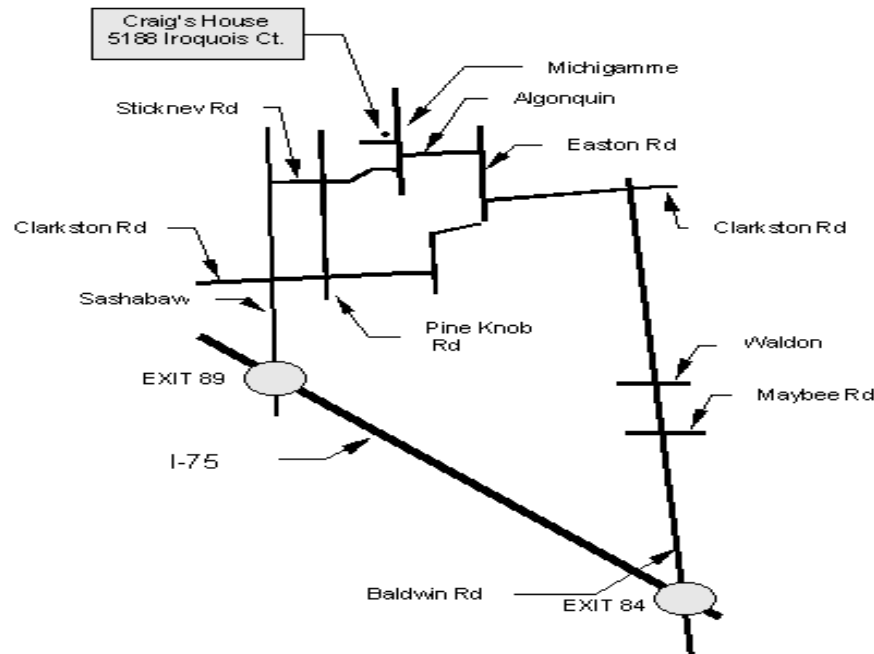
**Saturday,  
December 19th**

6:00 pm---????

Craig Petku's House—  
5188 Iroquois Ct., Clarkston  
248-394-0467

**BYOB and a Dish to Pass**

### Map to Craig's Holiday Party



Our tradition continues at Craig's, where we'll share in the company of old friends and also friends we're about to meet. Tasty food, a festive atmosphere, a cozy fire, and perhaps a soak in the hot tub will stimulate your holiday senses. Bring your swimsuit! RSVP Les: 248-693-1794.

## 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 586-219-7669

**Membership:** Darrell Ahlberg, 586-899-8203

**MDSC Rep:** Debbie Cooke 248-689-7167

**Newsletter:** Michael Bourke 586-776-7685

**Publicity:** (Position is open)

**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:

**\$7005<sup>45</sup>**

Alan Toomey

Treasurer



## December Birthdays

Brian De Leo	1
Barbara Hartley	1
Diane Pasik	2
Deborah Ross	4
Danny Boyd	11
Ann Enghardt	12
James Price	14
Michael Bourke	14



### 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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# Coming Next Spring: Zip Lining and Hocking Hills

Imagine yourself flying across the forest canopy just like Tarzan flying through the jungle on the vines in the area.

Just a few weeks ago, I had the great pleasure of doing just that, accompanying a small contingent on an excursion to the Hocking Hills Area of southeastern Ohio. The highlight of this trip was zip-lining across the canopy of the surrounding forest. I was so impressed with this foray that I've decided to pursue an event like this for GM Ski Club members.

For those who have been to the Hocking Hills Area, no further explanation is necessary. But for those who have not yet visited the area, you're missing a true paradise on earth. And it's located a mere five hours away.

There are several state parks within a close proximity such that one can visit several, if not all, in a single day. Each state park features its own land formation, be it a cave, a series of waterfalls, some cliffs, or just relaxing pools of water. Each hike is between a mile and two miles of the destination for that park. Each and every one of these parks will remind the visitor of some kind of paradise.

Best of all, all Ohio state and metro parks are free. No park sticker or day permit is required.

As incredible as these places are, these will be simply side shows compared to our main attraction for the weekend, which will be Saturday morning zip-lining across the local forest canopy. In short, this consists of strapping yourself into a harness, attaching yourself to a cable which stretches from one part of the forest to another, and flying across the spans for a distance of 400 - 600 feet.

This early announcement is to create awareness for GMSC Members. More details will follow in coming editions of the newsletter. This will likely prove to be just as popular as the Lake Ann Cross Country trip. As the event grows closer, there will also be mention in the GM Ski Club Update E-newsletter as well.

To give you an idea of what to expect, pictures of my trip and a preview of what to expect can be found on our website under "Activities" at [www.gmskiclub.org](http://www.gmskiclub.org)

For now, I need to gauge the interest within our membership. If you're interested, please e-mail me expressing your interest and any questions or concerns you have. Your e-mail will be totally non-committal, but it will give me an idea of the interest within the club.

Thanks,  
Darrell Ahlberg  
[Dahlberg7@comcast.net](mailto:Dahlberg7@comcast.net)







## Whew! What a ride!

### We conquer the Upper Gauley

The Upper Gauley River represents the pinnacle of white water rafting. Continuous, demanding, and requiring strong teamwork, this river features rapids rated Class III - Class V+. White water rafting enthusiasts from around the world regularly make their way to West Virginia to experience one of the best white water rafting trips in the world. The GM Ski Club is no exception. 10 mighty GM Ski Club adventurers successfully conquered the Upper Gauley and did it in grand style by not flipping once unless it was intentional.

Our chosen outfitter was the North American River Runners (NARR). Trip organizer Cathy Schneidt chose this outfitter after consulting with several experienced river rafters and concluded NARR offered the best package in terms of experienced guides and amenities such as accommodations and meals. Unfortunately, Cathy was injured in an accident prior to the trip and was unable to participate. We all wish her well in her recovery.



The ultimate in white water, this journey features over 40 rapids including five consecutive MONSTER rapids: Insignificant, Pillow Rock, Lost Paddle, Iron Ring, and Sweet's Falls. Navigating the Upper Gauley demands quick response to your Class VI professional guide's commands, hard paddling, and a great deal of physical tenacity. Is it worth it? YOU BET! It is the maximum exhilaration. You can't describe the sensation; you've got to feel it to understand it. After navigating a rapids, it is interesting to look back upstream to see just how far you dropped!

The weekend got off to an early start with several members leaving Thursday night for an early Friday arrival. Around midnight, all five of us holed up in a single hotel room near Ripley, WV enjoyed a complimentary continental breakfast, and finished the trek around 11:00 am. After checking in, getting luggage and gear squared away, we partook in a high ropes/zip lining course. Zooming across the canopy only to be met with a treacherous high ropes walk to the next station, it was as exhilarating as it was thrilling.

Saturday was a full day. With an early 6:00 wake up, all ten of us in tow, we sauntered to the restaurant for breakfast. With full bellies, we checked out and donned our wetsuits and were ready to go at the 7:30 start time. In fact, we were ready early and had time for a quick informal chat with our lead guide. He spoke frankly about all the dangers and perils of the Upper Gauley, pointing out that we would be going through over 47 rapids in five hours. Five of these are rated Class V or higher. One of these Class V's alone takes three or four minutes on a good day. The world championships were once held here, and it is not a river for the inexperienced. He offered a lesser trip which he was sure we'd be happy with. He got us looking at one another and thinking about it, but in the end, we voted to go for it. Boy, we were glad we did. The NARR Guides were excellent. They coached each member of the raft on how to do their job, moved people around as they saw fit and, in the end, we ended up working as a great team, and it was a thrilling experience for everyone.

In addition to all the mighty rapids we successfully navigated, the trip included lunch on the river, rapids we could literally swim through, and a 20 foot cliff to jump from. One of the rapids as promised took several minutes to navigate through. Another included a 12 foot drop. This one featured a crowd of some 200 bystanders all shouting orders exactly the opposite of the guides calls in hopes of witnessing a total wipe out. For many rafts they were not disappointed as rafts

and bodies went flying all over the place. But alas, our group gleefully let them down by navigating through without incident save the mighty splashing waves nearly wiped us overboard.

There were many pictures and many memories and enough thrills to last, well, to last at least until the next trip. The package included breakfast Saturday and Sunday, lunch on the river, and dinner Saturday night. The dinner featured BBQ Ribs and chicken. All meals were all you could eat and our group got their money's worth. The accommodations consisted of a bunkhouse. Although rustic, they were new, clean, and comfortable.

All agreed this would be a great trip for repeating next year, so watch for further announcements. If you're a fan of Whitewater Rafting, you don't want to miss the next opportunity to raft the great Upper Gauley.



Participants	
1	Mike Malon
2	David Littleton
3	Mark
4	August
5	Susan Woelke
6	Diana Menta
7	John Legors
8	Bob
9	
10	Darrell Ahlberg



**Darrell Ahlberg**

## Theater Outing—Saturday February 6 Members Value Price Only \$10.00

Regular price for this outing is \$18.00. But the club is putting your membership dues to work by subsidizing \$8.00 of your cost as members of the club.

**This event will be limited to the first 40 people, members and non-members, who send in their money.**

It is being offered to the membership first. After this special intro it will be offered to non-members at the regular \$18.00 rate.

*If necessity is the mother of invention, then these unemployed steelworkers from Buffalo, New York, are well on their way to making "ends" meet. When these cash-hungry guys see how much their wives enjoy watching male strippers at a girls' night out, they decide to grin-and-bare-it themselves at a local club. This toe-tapping salute to men and the lengths they will go to win back their dignity will have the audience screaming with laughter. Are you willing to go **The Full Monty**?*

Mark your calendars now and plan on joining us Saturday, February 6, for our theater outing to see The Full Monty.

For those interested, we'll meet for dinner before hand at the Sangria Restaurant which is just two blocks from the theater.

If you are interested, contact **Darrell Ahlberg** as soon as possible to get your spot assured. [Dahlberg7@comcast.net](mailto:Dahlberg7@comcast.net). (586-899-8203).



## March 20, 2010 Wine Tasting Party



For the third consecutive year, in what has become a spring tradition, you are cordially invited to a very special wine tasting event on the evening of March 20, 2010. This will be a self-run event. We would ask everyone to bring a bottle of wine which you think is an interesting brand/flavor/vintage to share with other people. When your turn comes, you can tell the group a little about it; and we'll uncork it and pass it around.

The club will be providing a cheese/cracker/fruit platter as well as miscellaneous sundry items, party favors, and pizza. The cost is \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. Also, if you would like to bring a dish to share, it would be much appreciated. All money collected will be used to pay for party extras.

**Mingling opportunities:** In addition to a great opportunity to learn about and enjoy great company and great conversation, while learning about great wines, wine-tasting parties are also great mingling opportunities for making new friends.

If you are interested, please mail a check payable to the GM Ski Club to the address below.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested. I'd like to know:

What: Wine Tasting Party  
Where: Darrell Ahlberg's house, 40377 Kraft Dr., Sterling Heights, MI 48310  
Let me know if you need directions.  
When: Saturday March 20. 7:00 - ???  
Why: Good times, good friends, and good wine.  
How: You make it a good party.  
Cost: \$5.00—GM Ski Club Members, \$10.00—non-members

Bottle of wine which offers something special you'd like to share with the group.

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

**I think this will be a great time and I hope you will be able to make it.**

**Darrell Ahlberg**



# Movie Night at the Redford Theater

December 4, Friday



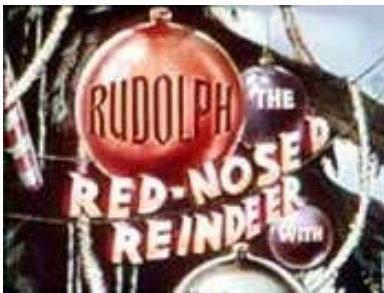
Redford Theatre Holiday-Movie Night – This Friday eve will kick off your holiday spirit! Start off with a great dinner from Steve's Family Diner in Livonia. Then, it's off to the historic Redford to see the classic film "A Christmas Carol" starring Reginald Owen and Gene Lockhart. This is 1938's black & white version that many of us have seen and loved as a child, but probably have never seen on the big screen. This festivity includes **live organ music**, old-fashioned cartoons, and an amazing model railroad display. Tickets are only \$20 for members, \$25 for guests. Movie only, \$4. RSVP Darrell: 586-899-8203, email: dahlberg7@comcast.net

## Plus

Two Classic Fleischer Studio Cartoons

"Christmas Comes But Once A Year"

and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"



## Three Reasons Why You Should Travel More

### Andy Hayes

The world is an amazing place. They say the world is a book, and if you haven't traveled then you've only read one page. Today, it's so easy to see more and travel more. Here's a few reasons why you should pack your bags and get out to see the world.

**Hang outside of your comfort zone.** When you travel, you'll be in strange and unusual confines. From weird and wonderful toilet experiences to just wondering if you've gotten on the right train, you'll have uncomfortable times on the road. Don't worry - you will probably laugh about them when you get back. But at the end of the day, hanging outside of your comfort zone builds character.

**Appreciate your own culture.** By experiencing how other societies and cultures work (or in some cases, don't) you'll more appreciate the ways of the

world in your own country. Even in other cities and states/provinces of your own country you'll find nuances in the way people speak, act and operate that will help you reflect on your own home.

**Learn.** The best way to learn a foreign language is immersion, but even just touring you'll pickup tidbits and random trivia about history, architecture, and local customs. Even if you find it all to be useless information, just by exercising your brain you're learning more about how the world works.

So, next time you're letting inertia or fear or anything getting in your way from booking your next trip, stop and consider the benefits. If the world's a book, don't you want to see what's in the next chapter?

Andy Hayes is the managing editor of Sharing Travel Experiences, a popular travel website offering a unique travel concierge service as well as other resources to help travelers travel more.

# Ski Breckenridge, Keystone, et al.



Pictured above is Breckenridge, your base of operations for skiing at **A-basin, Beaver Creek, Keystone, Vail and of course, Breckenridge**, if you join our distinguished group of fun loving, adventuresome GM Ski Club skiers during the week of **Jan. 30, 2010 to Feb. 06, 2010**. Here's your chance to explore up to five exciting, world-renowned ski resorts—all available on a single lift pass from a town with great dining, shopping and nightlife.

The trip includes:

Round trip air to Denver on Southwest Airlines – **NO LUGGAGE FEES**

Jan. 30 – depart Detroit 8:10AM, arrive Denver 12:45 PM

Feb.06 – depart Denver 2:35PM, arrive Detroit 8:00PM

Ground transportation to and from Breckenridge,

Two to a room, ski in / ski out, 2 blocks to Main Street lodging at the classy Great Divide Lodge,

**Five day, five area lift ticket.**

Cost: **\$1,230.00** for GM members or MDSC affiliated club members and \$1,280.00 for those with no MDSC club membership. \$130.00 due at sign-up. Subsequent payment schedule to follow.

Contact Dave Duvali at (586) 754-8151 or via E-mail at [daveduvali@wowway.com](mailto:daveduvali@wowway.com) for more info.

Mailing address: 27216 Dover, Warren MI 48088



### Cancellations:

- 1) If full payment, or written notice of cancellation, is not received by the last payment deadline, then deposit and payments will be forfeited per the schedule below.
- 2) The following schedule details the amount a person may forfeit if they cancel or fail to show on time on the day of the event. Unrecoverable expenses are expenses incurred by the club for transportation, lodging, etc. due to cancellation of the member:
  - a) If more than ninety (90) calendar days prior to the event, he/she is assessed only unrecoverable expenses.
  - b) If less than ninety (90) calendar days prior to the event, he/she is assessed a \$50 cancellation fee plus unrecoverable expenses.
  - c) "No Show" on the day of the event forfeits the total cost of the trip.
  - d) If a canceller finds a substitute for himself, he/she will only be subject to any unrecoverable expenses. The canceller is responsible for collecting all forms and monies for the trip and transferring them to the Trip Leader before the commencement of the trip.

### Refunds

- a) A full refund will be made if, for any reason, the trip is canceled by GM Ski Club and/or the Tour Operator.
- b) A refund of the deposit will be made if a member cancels while still wait listed.
- c) Requests for refunds will be processed by the Trip Leader; only after the event is run and all revenues and expenses detailed. The Trip Leader shall provide the respective Trip Chairperson or Activities Chairperson the requests which includes the names, addresses, phone numbers, date of cancellation, and amounts requested within thirty (30) calendar days of completion of the event. At the next Board Meeting, the Treasurer will write refund checks for approved requests
- d) Members may appeal any determination of a refund to the Board of Directors. Any request to deviate from the above policy must be submitted in writing to one of the officers within sixty (60) calendar days of the completion of the event and approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.



*Make Checks Payable to the GM Ski Club*



Trip Application

Destination: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: ☐ M ☐ F \*Smoking: ☐ Y ☐ N GM Ski Club Member: ☐ Y ☐ N Other MDSC club? \_\_\_\_\_  
(member of)

Please state any roommate preferences: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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 GMSki 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 Ski Club By-Laws concerning smoking on club trips or ask the Trip Leader.*



# Polonia's A Great Place for dancing, singing, And great Polish Food

Club Representation	
Sailing Singles	30
GM Ski Club	28
Somerset Singles	26
Skiwi Ski Club	17



Friday November 6 marked the return to Polonia's Restaurant in Hamtramck. It was a classic "make-your-own-party" kind of night. Host club, the GM Ski Club, brought in a stereo system, a variety of music, and a karaoke setup complete with a decent selection of karaoke songs. The lively, spirited crowd provided all the fun and excitement. This year's event proved to be even more popular than last year's. Indeed, the capacity maximum of 100 was sold out a full week ahead of time. And for those lucky 100, the evening did not disappoint.

The crowd was represented by four clubs. GM Ski Club (host club), Skiwi Ski Club, Sailing Singles, and Somerset Singles. Organizer Gregg Ronan started the evening by greeting people at the door as they entered, announcing their name and their club. Gathering and cocktails continued until about 7:30. Dinner started with the wait staff bringing soup and bread to the tables. This was followed by buffet style dinner featuring fresh-cooked Polish Food.

After dinner Gregg kicked off the festivities by awarding a prize to Sailing Singles for bringing in the most people on the evening. This was followed by a set of classic Polish Polkas, and the dancing and the party really moved into full swing.

Darrell Ahlberg kicked off a karaoke set with Tracy Byrd's country music hit, Watermelon Crawl. Jim Walsh followed with a rousing rendition of Soul Man. Then Judith Benn graced us with a fabulous rendition of the Patsy Cline classic, Crazy. Her performance brought on a standing ovation and immediate clamoring for another song. Judith did not disappoint. Other notable performances were: Dave Norkus led a dance troupe and backup singers with New York, New York. A Sailing Singles ensemble did Staying Alive, a Somerset Singles ensemble did "Heard It Through The Grapevine." Skiwi President Jim Elek led a crowd-inspiring version of "Secret Agent Man."

There were many more great singers and dancers, and the impromptu backup singers could not get enough. Eventually we got back to playing dance tunes and the dancing continued until midnight, which marked the end of our allotted time at Polonia's. However several were not done for the night and the party continued at Whiskey in a Jar across the street, until they closed at 2:00 am.

All in all, it was a great evening of singing, dancing, and merriment. We are looking forward to an even better time next year. Hope to see you there.

**Darrell Ahlberg**





**CROSS  
COUNTRY**

**Lake Ann, Michigan**



GM Ski Club Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe. Lake Ann, MI. Feb 19 - 21, 2010

## Calling All Cross Country Skiers and Snowshoers

You don't want to miss this classic trip to the Traverse City area. We'll be staying at the Sleeping Bear Resort Lodges.

**Limited to the first 24 signups.** This trip is selling out fast. Please do not hesitate if you're thinking about it.

**Accommodations at the Bear's Den Lodge at the Sleeping Bear Resort.**

- Two Houses, Eleven bedrooms , Five full baths
- Each house features Living Room, Full Kitchen, Dining Room, Rec Room

**Plenty of area trails for cross-country ski and snow shoe**

- The "venerable" Vasa trail within 20 minutes.
- Lake Ann Pathway right outside the house
- Many other area ski opportunities
- Downhill resorts nearby within 30 minutes: Crystal Mountain

**Coincides with the Annual Lake Ann Winterfest**

- Something in the village for those who don't do the all day ski thing
- Games, exhibitions, food, beer, and more

**Cost: \$60 GMSC members (\$70 non-members) includes**

- Two nights lodging
- Two continental breakfasts
- Two pack your own lunches.

**Contact: Darrell Ahlberg.**

[Dahlberg7@comast.net](mailto:Dahlberg7@comast.net)

586-899-8203





# The Euchre Party In Review

The night of October 24, the annual Euchre Party Classic was once again held at Darrell Ahlberg's House. Forty four hardy Euchre players filling 11 tables battled it out in a night of fun, frolic and a little karaoke.



A victorious Connie knows the prize money is hers

In addition to the Euchre players, an additional 15 showed up just to participate in the fun.

True to the schedule, everybody started arriving right at 7:00. Debbie Cooke was the "check in" lady. For about an hour solid she worked at a feverish pace checking people in, matching them up with a custom name tag designating their particular club, and instructing them on filling out the score board.

Then at 8:00 Darrell officially opened up the party with his own karaoke interpretation of Elvis Presley's "Party." Well, actually he did it on a dare, but it got everybody's attention; and he used his performance as a challenge to everyone else to make an even bigger fool of themselves.

In all six games were played, and we were done by about 10:30. While the winners were being calculated, Michelle Pawl-Gierak treated us all to her rendition of Black Velvet (accompanied by karaoke music). Prize money and door prizes were awarded, and the karaoke was open to all comers. Jim Walsh was up first. As is his habit and his nature, he surely didn't disappoint.

As always, the party was not so much about winning as it was about having fun and making friends. To that end everybody was good about playing even on the games where there was a newbie at the table. Thanks to the patience of the "sharks" and their willingness to reach out to those learning, there were some folks who came away enriched with a better understanding of the game.



There was prize money involved for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> places. Although it was thought to be a simple matter to award the prizes, things turned out to be much more complicated. The spread was only three points. There was a two-way tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place. They split the combination of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place money. And a two way tie for 4<sup>th</sup> place. So they simply split the 4<sup>th</sup> place money. In all there were five winners



A big thanks to all who attended; I hope you had a good time. For those who missed it, I hope to see you at next year's classic euchre event.

**-Darrell Ahlberg**



## Final Standings

1	Connie	Casey	44
1	Diane	Vandebarger	44
3	Alan	Toomey	43
4	Roger	Darling	42
4	Michael	Fera	42
6	Dan	Boyd	41
7	Samantha	Mozdzierz	41
8	Karen	Woodgate	41
9	Mary	Zalewski	41
10	Dan	Butterworth	40
11	Ann	Enghardt	39
12	Bonnie	Michalak	39
13	Kathy	O'Driscoll	39
14	Debby	Roger	39
15	Jim	Walsh	39
16	Trevor	Steer	38
17	Leslie	Musser	37
18	Alan	Sleeman	37
19	Suzanne	Vivian	37
20	Alan	Lyons	36
21	Dave	Norkus	36
22	Pam	Robson	36
23	Tricia	Lloyd	35
24	Chris	Rollins	35
25	Cindy	Cicchelli	34
26	Lee	Johnson	34
27	Ed	Musser	34
28	Ken	McLaughlin	33
29	Jeff	Rollins	33
30	Shannon	Young	32
31	Jenny	Dietrich	31
32	Valerie	Miller	31
33	Michelle	Pawl-Gierak	31
34	Jeff	Primeau	31
35	Linda	Hollern	29
36	Bob	Malcolm	29
37	Peggy	McLaughlin	29
38	John	Zalewski	29
39	Carol	Rogers	28
40	Bourke	Thomas	27
41	Julie	Dimambro	26
42	Jim	Hartwig	25
43	Matt	Casey	24
44	Mary	Panetta	24





# General Meeting Nov. 12



Laughter



We have fun meetings!





# 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.

**Every Sun.** **Walleyball Time!** Work off that Sunday breakfast and join us at Warren Racquet and Fitness Club, one block east of Van Dyke at 12 ½ Mile Rd. 12.30 p.m. Everybody is invited, we play for kicks! Contact Michael: 586-776-7685

## DECEMBER

- 2 Wed. Don Thomas Sporthaus's Night School - Tonight's lesson is "How to Layer" and includes a fashion show. Door prizes, complimentary snacks & beverages. 7:00 p.m. 690 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham.
- 4 Fri. **Redford Theatre Holiday-Movie Night** - Kick off your holiday spirit! Start with a great dinner from Steve's Family Diner in Livonia. Then, it's off to the historic Redford to see the classic 1938 film "A Christmas Carol" starring Reginald Owen and Gene Lockhart. Tickets are \$20 for members, \$25 for guests. Movie only, \$4. RSVP Darrell: 586-899-8203, email: [dahlberg7@comcast.net](mailto:dahlberg7@comcast.net)
- 10 Thurs. General Meeting - **Our new location at Shield's Pizza Restaurant, 1476 W. Maple Rd. (Just West of Crooks) Troy, 48084.** Dress like Santa, an elf, or a reindeer if you dare! 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Tue. Board Meeting - Darrell's house, 6:30 p.m. Contact: Darrell: 586-899-8203
- 19 Sat. **Holiday Party** - Our tradition continues at Craig's where we'll share in the company of old friends and also friends we're about to meet. Tasty food, a festive atmosphere, a cozy fire, and perhaps a soak in the hot tub will stimulate your holiday senses. RSVP Les: 248-693-1794.



## JANUARY

- 14 Thurs. General Meeting—**Shield's Pizza Restaurant, 1476 W. Maple Rd. (west of Crooks) Troy, 48084.**
- 15 Fri. Pub & Grub night at **Big Beaver Tavern, 645 E. Big Beaver Rd., Troy**, where \$3 buys a magnificent Margarita. Burgers, green stuff, soup & sandwiches. Come to eat and enjoy great company! Contact Debbie: 248-689-7167 or email, [Sunsetcar@aol.com](mailto:Sunsetcar@aol.com) \*
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- 20 Wed. Don Thomas Sporthaus's Night School - "All you need to know for your trip out West." Door prizes, complimentary snacks & beverages. 7:00 p.m. 690 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham.
- 27 Wed. Restaurant of the Month is **Rib City** where they boast their famous mouth-watering ribs! Enjoy a beer with your dinner for only 50 cents. 1686 John R in Troy. We can use our auction paddles again! Contact Debbie: 248-689-7167 or email, [Sunsetcar@aol.com](mailto:Sunsetcar@aol.com) \*
- 1/30 - 2/06 **Colorado Ski Trip** - Vail, Breckenridge, Keystone, and Beaver Creek is skiing at it's best! ... Only \$1,230 for GMSC /MDSC affiliated club members, non-members \$1,280. Sign up now! See enclosed flyer or contact Dave: 586-754-8151, email, [daveduvali@wowway.com](mailto:daveduvali@wowway.com)

## FEBRUARY

- 9 Tue. Pub & Grub night will be Bailey's Sports Grille, 1965 W. Maple Rd. in Troy. Take your choice of 36 draft beers. pool tables, dart boards, basketball hoop game, lots of TVs, fun & games. Contact Debbie: 248-689-7167 or email, [Sunsetcar@aol.com](mailto:Sunsetcar@aol.com) \*
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- 19-21 WKND Lake Ann Winter Wonderland Weekend - Cross country skiing and various activities set the stage for your enjoyment. Located near Traverse City, an early sell-out is expected. See flyer.

### ON THE HORIZON

Hurry, hurry! Sign up now and hit the slopes for skiing at it's best in Colorado ... And when snow arrives in Michigan, our "Meet 'n' Ski" nights at Pine Knob will once again beckon us

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

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

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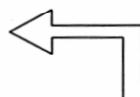
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**MDSC Website:** [www.mdscski.org](http://www.mdscski.org)

## 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.



Membership expires on label date

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