



# NEWSLETTER

SKI and TRAVEL

MARCH 2010

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

GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957

VOLUME LIV, ISSUE III



## GENERAL MEETING

Thursday,  
March 11,  
6:30 pm



## Shield's Pizza Restaurant

Oh, St. Pat's Day is close enough!  
Wear your beads, green shoes, hats, shirts,  
or anything green to be seen (or unseen),  
but "Go Green."

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

6:30 p.m. No admission charge.



### Restaurant of the Month

March 12 Fri.

## Pasquale's Italian Restaurant

31555 Woodward Ave., in Royal Oak.

Embrace Papa Giuseppe's tasty recipes where the food is  
still made by family members after four generations.  
Contact Brian: 248-626-6192, or email, [zirton1@aol.com](mailto:zirton1@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

☐ 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:** Shannon Duke 248-743-2554

**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:

**\$12,175<sup>76</sup>**

Alan Toomey

Treasurer



## March Birthdays

Dr. Mark Waldman	3
Darwin Tuttle	13
Paul (Gary) Barden	16
Jeff Rollins	24
Jack Maynard	28



## WANTED

## Game Night Planners

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you may have noticed an announcement for a GMSC Game Night Party.

We are looking to form a small committee from the membership to plan this party. We're looking for your ideas for a variety of games to feature which will foster meeting and mingling with other members.

If interested, please contact  
Darrell Ahlberg—Dahlberg7@comcast.net

### 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 16724 Collinson Eastpointe, MI 48021  
Home: 586-776-7685 E-mail: [gmskiclub@yahoo.com](mailto:gmskiclub@yahoo.com)



May 21-23, 2010

# Hocking Hills Ziplining



- **Lodging at the Tara Lodge**  
[www.hockinghills.com/taralodge/](http://www.hockinghills.com/taralodge/)
    - Limited to first 20 people
  - **Saturday Morning 3 hour Zip Lining Tour**  
[www.hockinghillscanopytours.com](http://www.hockinghillscanopytours.com)  
[www.hockinghills.com/parks.html](http://www.hockinghills.com/parks.html)
    - 10 Zips
    - 3 Rope Bridges
- Zip through the treetops on a network of cables and adventure sky bridges suspended high above the forest floor, overlooking a cave, rock cliffs, the Hocking River, and other nature flora
- **Other activities such as Canoeing/Kayaking**
  - **Costs:**

## Area Parks and Natural Wonders

- Old Man's Cave
- Ash Cave
- Cedar Falls
- Conkles Hollow
- Cantwell Cliffs
- Rock House
- Rock Bridge
- Clear Creek
- More

- 2 nights Lodging: \$100.00\* (Non-members add \$15.00)
  - Includes Fixings for Continental Breakfast and packed lunches
- 3 Hour Zip Canopy Tour \$85
- Superman Zip \$15 (with canopy tour \$25 without) 1400 foot zip. Fly parallel to the ground like Superman

Contact Darrell Ahlberg  
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# GMSC Turns 96 Who Will Be 100?

No, we're not talking age. We're talking GMSC membership numbers. With the nine new members signed last month, membership now stands at 96. You, along with your fellow GMSC members, have been part of one of the most explosive club growths in recent memory. We hope you continue to find value in your membership.

We are planning to cross the "**century**" mark with a special celebration at the general meeting following the registration of that elusive 100<sup>th</sup> member. All attendees will be provided a special treat and the 100<sup>th</sup> member and his/her referring GMSC member will be specially honored. We request the honor of your presence when this occasion occurs. This will be more than just a celebration for lucky number 100, but it will be a celebration for everyone who has been a part of this club during this time of growth. Moreover, it will be a special tribute to those who have stuck with the club during the lean years.

So who will these special honorees be? I'm thinking it will be you and your friend. We will find out soon. Remember, even if you and your referred member turn out to be either number 99 or 101, you will still be winners. You, as a referring member, will be on your way to receiving Free Membership award (awarded to anyone referring three members). Your friend will benefit from being a member of the most active and dynamic club on the planet, and you will celebrate this momentous occasion together with your fellow GMSC members. It's a win-win for everybody.

Watch for future announcements. When the 100th person signs up, we'll announce it by sending flares and fireworks into the sky. And for those who miss this celestial extravaganza, we'll also be sending out e-mails. HOLY MOLY!

We look forward to you joining your club members in this extraordinary celebration. The only question left will be what we do for an encore when we reach number 150? Or Number 200? These numbers may not be too far into the future. We should start planning for it now.

**-Darrell Ahlberg**

## Board Member Elections

The April General Meeting is Election Night for our club. The four positions members will vote on are:

**President**

**Vice President**

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

In addition to these four elected positions, there are several appointed positions on the board. One of the duties of the president is to appoint people to fill these positions.

As members, you are highly encouraged to get involved with the governance of the club either by running for any of the above elected positions, or seeking an appointed position.

Anyone who has been a member for at least a year is eligible to run. To nominate either yourself or someone else, contact any of the following members of the nominating committee.

Debbie Cooke

[sunsetcar@aol.com](mailto:sunsetcar@aol.com)

Greg Ronan

[riverdanceiii@yahoo.com](mailto:riverdanceiii@yahoo.com)

Michael Bourke

[excelsiormb@hotmail.com](mailto:excelsiormb@hotmail.com)

Once nominations are in, the nominating committee will publish the names of all nominees. Please plan on attending the April meeting and casting your vote.



\*  
Meet  
'n  
Ski  
Night  
Feb. 17  
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# 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**

## *Announcing GMSC Members Only Game Night Party—Saturday April 17*



Mark your calendars and save Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> aside for a very special night. We'll be having a party for GMSC members and their invited guests. Our club has had such explosive growth over the past two years, setting aside one night for us all to play together and become acquainted just seems like the thing to do.

So we'll have a party featuring a variety of games. There will be board games, card games, stand up games and a few surprises—all designed for a night of great fun.

As a member, you are welcome to invite a guest or two of your choice but it certainly is not required.

Other than being asked to bring a dish to share, there will be no charge for this event. However, RSVP is requested so we will know how many to expect.

Exact details on this party are still being formulated and announcements will be made as plans unfold. But for now, mark your calendars and plan on joining your fellow GMSC Members for a great night of fellowship and fun. This will be a great party for everybody. Hey, have we ever let you down?

**-Darrell Ahlberg**



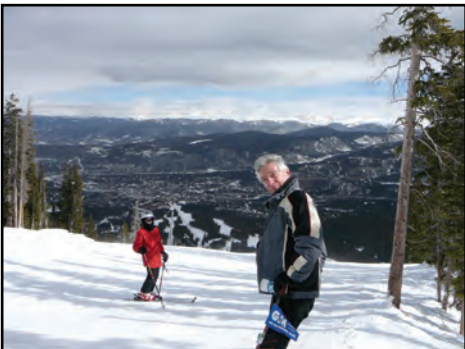
# GM Ski Club

It took hearty souls to face Mother Nature and Breckenridge during the week of January 30<sup>th</sup> to February 6<sup>th</sup>, this year. Fourteen GM'ers coped with high altitudes, high winds, exposed rocks, gnarly moguls and a sinister t-bar. Some of us were temporarily beaten to our knees but all recovered and eventually triumphed over the elements. I think those who did came away stronger than before. For all of us there was a lot of very fast skiing down long, well-groomed runs at both Breckenridge and Keystone (which we skied multiple times). We took a couple of runs off the t-bar (at the insistence of Susan Walker) which took us above the tree line where the wind was blowing horizontally and so strong, I swear it blew ice crystals in one ear and out the other. We took the one run back down that was not life-threatening. Several of us ran NASTAR gates (in the spirit of the Olympics) and


all won medals including Steve Arcangeli who had never skied gates before and who, in fact, had not previously skied out of Michigan. Overall, we skied a lot, celebrated a lot (seems a lot of my pictures had us with drinks of one kind or another in hand—even on the slopes) and we dined well and eclectically – choosing Cajun, Mexican, Italian, Japanese, American steakhouse, a brewery and, of course, pizza. Travel, both to Breck and back home came off smoothly and without any glitches. As trip leader I want to heartily thank everyone who was on the trip for being so cooperative, accommodating, generous (particularly Bob, Bob and Steve) and easy to deal with. Everybody contributed something via diverse personalities that melded together to form an infectious camaraderie that made this ski season's western ski trip another memorable one. My thanks go out to: Darrell Ahlberg, Steve Arcangeli, Bob Dennis, Bob Dugan, Chris Free, Diane Pasik, Scott Schovon, Les Skrzycki, Ken Thompson, Pat Tourney, Debbie Ulrich, Matt Walker and Susan Walker. You are all welcome on next year's trip – wherever that may be.

Dave Duvali

# Breckenridge 2010







**Full Moon Sail**  
 Saturday, June 26, 6:00 pm

Join us at 6:00 pm at the gazebo at "A" dock at Jefferson Beach Marina. We plan a pleasant party with snish kabob (chicken or beef), side dishes, pop, water, other beverages, and a barbecue grill where you can cook your meal to your own liking. Then we clamber aboard sailboats for a ride out to Lake St. Clair, to watch the romantic sunset and moonrise. 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: 9:13 p.m.  
 Moonrise: 9:35 p.m.

Sign up by contacting Michael Bourke, [gmskiclub@yahoo.com](mailto:gmskiclub@yahoo.com), 586-776-7685.  
 Member's cost: **\$15** (non-members **\$25**)  
 Reservations are a must and space is limited.  
**Deadline to sign up is June 19 at 6:00 p.m.**

## Murder!

### March 13 Saturday

Somerset Singles event--  
 "Murder at the Sands" -- A murder mystery show, buffet dinner, and dancing. Show features a Vegas style murder during a Rat Pack performance in 1960. Who dunnit? To find out, you'll have to attend. Fern Hill Golf & Country Club, 1760 Clinton River Rd. Clinton Twp., 48038. Cost is \$36.

Make checks payable to Somerset Singles Ski and Golf Club, and send to Karen Comfort, 33768 Pineridge Dr. W., Fraser, 48026.

For more info, contact Sharron Winters: 586-226-3032. (No tickets. Your name will be on an attendee list)

## Five Ways to Enjoy Your Vacation

Joy, growth and renewal are what vacations should provide, however, in our fast-paced, over-scheduled and stress filled adult lives, we often overlook the value these benefits. Here are five ways to insure you enjoy your summer vacation.

1. Always use your vacation time - According to the World Tourism Organization, Americans take an average of 13 vacation days a year compared to Brazilians who take 34 and Italians who take 42. Given those statistics, it's amazing that some of us actually don't use what little vacation time we have! If you're all about work and no play, you are surely headed for a burn-out down the road. You can't have an enjoyable vacation if you choose not to have one at all.

2. Define "vacation" on your own terms - You don't have to take a trip, spend a lot of money, or even leave your house to have a vacation. All you need to do is take a break from your normal routine or work. If you happen to travel on your job, staying at home may be the perfect retreat for you. Or perhaps you'd like to spend your free time taking a pottery class, planting a garden, reading a few good novels, spending time with friends and family, or just listening to the birds sing while you gently swing in your backyard hammock. A vacation is a frame of mind, not a place or schedule. So, do whatever gets you into it.

3. Do your research - If you do plan on taking a trip, make sure there are no unpleasant surprises when you get there. Call and ask in advance to find out about things like kid friendly or pet friendly accommodations, transportation services, safety, climate, etc. There are plenty of travel books and Internet sites that provide all the necessary information to make your trip a pleasant one. Or, you can take the old-fashioned approach and book your travel arrangements through an experienced and knowledgeable travel agent or tour company.

4. Relax and enjoy - Don't treat your vacation like a work project. Too much planning, organizing, list making and over scheduling gives you no time to relax and enjoy yourself. Get out of work mode and kick back. Don't feel as if every day needs an itinerary - unless you're on a group tour and all you have to do is show up. Try to space out planned activities to every other day with alternate days off for whatever you feel like doing in the moment. Otherwise, you'll end up needing a vacation from your vacation when it's all over!

5. Leave work behind - The whole point of vacation is to take a break from work, not to have thoughts and messages from work mixing in with your sweet, creamy Pina Coladas or daring sky diving lessons. Leave the laptop behind, don't check voice mail, and don't call the office. Change your outgoing phone messages and set up an auto reply on email to make sure everyone knows you're not available until your return date. This is your time to put yourself first and have a happy vacation! BTW, that's what I'll be doing over the next couple weeks. Look for my next column at the end of the month.

GMSC Pub & Grub Night at

# MOOSE WINOOSKI'S

Friday, March 26th  
6:30 pm

38 S. Main St.  
Clawson, MI  
(South of 14 mile)



Come for the beer and eat the FISH,  
but please don't eat the MOOSE

Contact Bill: 248-540-4547, or email: [bill\\_given@phmic.com](mailto:bill_given@phmic.com)

Please RSVP two days in advance



OUR RESTAURANT OF THE MONTH

*Pasquale's*



ITALIAN AND AMERICAN CUISINE

**YOU'RE INVITED! FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH**

31555 WOODWARD IN ROYAL OAK (BETWEEN 13 & 14 MILE RD.) 6:30 PM

EMBRACE PAPA GIUSEPPE'S TASTY RECIPES WHERE THE FOOD IS  
STILL MADE BY FAMILY MEMBERS AFTER FOUR GENERATIONS.

CONTACT BRIAN: 248-626-6192, EMAIL: ZIRTON1@AOL.COM

PLEASE RSVP TWO DAYS IN ADVANCE



Psssst...Hey bud,  
wanna eat cheap?  
Pasquale's has e-  
coupons on their  
website:  
<http://www.pasqualesrestaurant.com/coupon.htm>



# Baldwin Theater Feb. 6





# **WANTED!**

**THREE NEW FACES  
FOR GM SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP!**



# **REWARD**

**RECRUIT 3, AND GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP FREE!  
(GM SKI CLUB GROWS BY THREE NEW MEMBERS WHO  
DESIGNATE YOU AS THE REFERRING MEMBER AT SIGNUP)**

# 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.** **Wallyball Time!** Work off that Sunday breakfast at Warren Racquet and Fitness Club, one block east of Van Dyke at 12½ Mile Rd. 12.30 p.m. Everybody is invited, we play for kicks! Contact Michael: 586-776-7685, gmskiclub@yahoo.com

## MARCH

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- 13 Sat. Somerset Singles event--"**Murder at the Sands**" - A murder mystery show, buffet dinner, and dancing. Fern Hill Golf & Country Club, 1760 Clinton River Rd. 48038. \$36. See article elsewhere.
- 16 Tue. **GMSC Activities Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. We encourage your participation! Work and play with us at Darrell's place for an evening of planning future happenings. Contact Darrell: 586-899-8203 \*
- 20 Sat. **Wine-Tasting Party, GMSC Style!** - This is a unique and creative way to meet new folks and share your favorite wines. Always popular and always fun! Members \$5 and a bottle of wine, Guests \$10 and a bottle of wine. A dish to pass is greatly appreciated. See enclosed flyer for details.
- 23 Tue. Board Meeting at Darrell's place, 6:30 p.m. Contact Darrell: 586-899-8203
- 26 Fri. Pub & Grub at **Moose Wynyowski's**, 38 S. Main St. in Clawson. Come for the fun & the fish. Meet at 6:30 p.m. Contact Bill: 248-540-4547, or email: [bill\\_given@phmic.com](mailto:bill_given@phmic.com) \*

## APRIL

- 8 Thurs. General Meeting - **Shield's Pizza Restaurant, 1476 W. Maple Rd. (Just West of Crooks) Troy, 48084.** April showers bring Club Elections! Members, cast your vote for your chosen candidate.
- 13 Tue. Board Meeting at Darrell's house, 6:30 p.m. Contact Darrell: 586-899-8203
- 17 Sat. **Member's Game-Party!** - Invitations are for members only, but you may bring a friend. Party includes board games, card games, air hockey, etc. No cost tonight. RSVP only. Contact Darrell: 586-899-8203, email: [dahlberg7@comcast.net](mailto:dahlberg7@comcast.net) \*
- 24 Sat. Bocce Ball/Restaurant of the Month - **Palazzo di Bocce**, 4291 S. Lapeer Rd. in Lake Orion. Details coming soon.
- 30 Fri. Pub & Grub Night at Eastside Mario's, 2273 Crooks Rd., Rochester Hills, 48309. Contact Les: 248-693-1794 \*

## MAY

- 5 Wed. Cinco de Mayo Party at **Juan's Hacienda**, 31313 Dequindre in Madison Hts. Eat Mexican tonight and listen to live music. Contact Debbie: 248-689-7167 or email, [Sunsetcar@aol.com](mailto:Sunsetcar@aol.com) \*
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- 15 Sat. **Eastern Market Flower Day** - Our annual outing makes its 21<sup>st</sup> year! We'll meet at Vivio's Restaurant at 8:00 am. Enjoy the rest of the day as we ponder, barter, and stroll the historic Eastern Market. Don't forget your camera! Reservations are a must. Contact Les: 248-693-1794 \*
- 21-23 WKND Hocking Hills Ziplining - "Zip-a-dee-doo-dah" for the thrill of flying through the air like superman! Many adventurous choices to do on this trip. See flyer for info. Contact Darrell: 586-899-8203

### ON THE HORIZON

You'll love the festive atmosphere of our traditional Eastern Market Flower Day Outing and "A Night at the Races" at Hazel Park Raceway will keep you on the edge of your seat! Plan for "The Moon on the Lake," a full moon sail coming June 26.

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

\* Please RSVP two days in advance





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

## March at a glance

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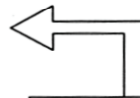
[www.gmskiclub.org](http://www.gmskiclub.org)  
(recent photos, upcoming events, membership applications, bylaws, forms, and fun music)

**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

First Class Mail



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