



NEWSLETTER

SKI and TRAVEL

APRIL 2010

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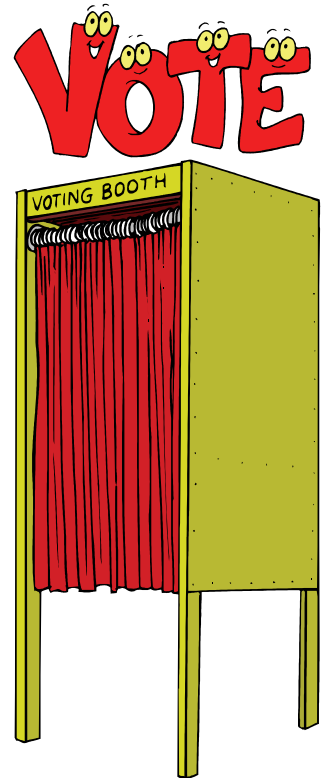
GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957

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C e l e b r a t e
100
M e m b e r s !

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday,
April 8
6:30 pm



Shield's Pizza Restaurant

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

6:30 p.m. No admission charge.

Elections Night!

Your chance to choose the leaders we'll be stuck with for another whole year!

April 17, Saturday, 7:00 pm.

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.

RSVP only.

Contact Darrell: 586-899-8203, email: dahlberg7@comcast.net



Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth: _____

Phone: () _____ Alt. Phone: () _____

Email Address: _____

Please don't publish my ☐ Address ☐ Phone ☐ Email in the member directory

☐ Single \$30 ☐ Married Couple \$40 ☐ Renewal \$25

Payment made by: ☐ Cash ☐ Check/Check# _____ Amount \$ _____

Membership runs October 1st through September 30th

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. Applicant agrees that by typing name and returning via electronic method constitutes an electronic signature. \$15 fee for returned checks.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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

☐ Friend ☐ Newspaper ☐ Racing ☐ Internet

Event (list)

Skiing Interest:

☐ Downhill

☐ Racing

☐ X-country

☐ Snowboard

☐ Other Interest: _____

Skiing Ability:

☐ Beginner

☐ Intermediate

☐ Advanced

I'd like to help:

☐ Ski Trips

☐ Publicity

☐ Meetings

☐ Activities

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

Referring Members Name

Treasurer's Report:

\$9560⁴⁵

Alan Toomey
Treasurer



April Birthdays

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| Patti-Rae Given | 1 |
| Jan Burrows | 18 |
| Michelle Pawl-Gierak | 19 |
| Janet Kangas | 23 |

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

WANTED!

THREE NEW FACES

FOR GM SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP!



REWARD

RECRUIT 3, AND GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP FREE!

(We grow by three new members who designate you as the referring member at signun)

Editor's Notes

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


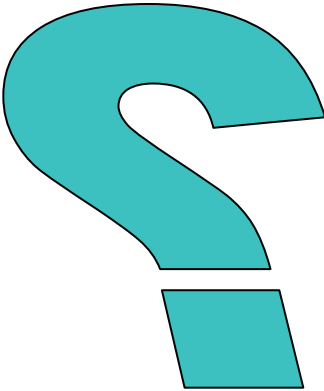
The deadline is 5:00 p.m. sharp on the 20th of the preceding month.

Michael Bourke
Home: 586-776-7685

16724 Collinson

Eastpointe, MI 48021

E-mail: gmskiclub@yahoo.com



GMSC Turns 100

Set to honor Member #100

And Have A Party April 8

Back in February's newsletter we announced we had signed our 96th member. And furthermore, once we passed 100, we would hold a special celebration at the first general meeting following the signing of member #100.

There been a lot of smoke and chaos in the ensuing months—so much so, we cannot be sure who member number 100 really is. All we can say for certain is he or she joined the club since that date. So at the April 8 general meeting, we'll have a drawing from the people who signed since the February meeting, designate that person as Member #100 and honor that person and his/her referring member accordingly.

Is it too late to get in on the running? Absolutely not. If you know someone who would like to become a member, be sure to sign them up by the meeting or get their name to me before the meeting with the understanding they'll be signing up at the meeting.

Who will it be? What will the prize be? What's this about a party? Come to the April 8 general meeting. Get the answers to these questions and anything else you want to know about what's going on.

This will certainly be a night of high drama and celebration which you will not want to miss. See you on the 8th.

Who's In The Running (so far)?

| Name | | Referred By |
|---------|------------|----------------|
| Rhen | Bryant | Tom Scott |
| Carol | Burt | Patricia Lloyd |
| Julie | DiMambro | |
| Christy | Gonzalez | Jack Price |
| Jim | Hartwig | Connie Casey |
| Tina | Howell | |
| Koby | Kobler | |
| Julie | Pawlos | Patricia Lloyd |
| Linda | Pendergast | |
| Stanley | Sawicki | |
| Gail | Selaty | Ann Enghardt |
| Denise | Sheppard | Julie Dawlos |
| Theresa | Soloman | Gail Salaty |
| Bill | Tory | Dale Goolsby |
| Darwin | Tuttle | Chris Johnson |

Darrell Ahlberg
Membership Chair





May 21-23, 2010

Hocking Hills Ziplining



- **Lodging at the Tara Lodge**
www.hockinghills.com/taralodge/
 - Limited to first 20 people
 - **Saturday Morning 3 hour Zip Lining Tour**
www.hockinghillscanopytours.com
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
586-899-8203
dahlberg7@comcast.net



Election Ballot

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

President: Les Skrzycki

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Vice President: Brian De Leo

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Secretary: Kathy O'Driscoll

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Treasurer: Alan Toomey

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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.

Please plan on attending the April meeting and casting your vote.

SPRING

Swing into Spring

Dance Party

Saturday, April 24 • 7pm • Canterbury Castle

\$15* (by April 17) • \$16 (after April 17) • \$18 (at the door)
Space is limited, so get your tickets early!

Featuring the Award Winning Cover Band **2XL!**

Opening band is **Jam Box.**

Pizza, Cash Bar & Dancing All Night!

Directions: Take I-75 to Joslyn Road, go North 3 miles to Canterbury Village.

***SPECIAL INCENTIVE** For Skiwi, GM or Star Members: Bring a non- Skiwi, GM or Star Member and receive \$1 Off your admission for each person you bring, up to \$8 Off! You must sign-up yourself & guests at same time. Special Incentive expires April 17.

Receive 20% Off Dinner at the Castle Restaurant the night of the event!

For more info contact: Bob 248-802-8101 or Sherry@malibucreative.com

WAITING LIST ONLY

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 shish 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, 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.



Sunday, May 2, 2010

Downriver Cycling Club presents the
27th Annual Metro Grand Spring Tour
covering routes along the scenic Huron River—
road routes of 25, 45 and 62 miles.

All-you-can-eat Chris Cakes breakfast is included in the registration fee.

Start & Finish at the pool area in Willow Metro Park
(I-275, Use Exits 11a or 11b)

Registration 7am 'til 11 am - Finish by 4 pm

62-mile riders start by 10 am

Or register on line at:

<http://www.lmb.org/dcc/mgst/>

\$22 Individual, \$55 Family (Parents and their children under 18 yrs old)

Entrance to Willow Metropark is \$5 per Car

Lake Ann in Review

The weekend of 02/19 - 02/21 saw us take 45 people who converged on the Lake Ann, a small village near Traverse City, for a wide variety of weekend winter fun. And what a weekend it was! Mother Nature cooperated fully. The weekend was completely sunny with temps in the mid-thirties all day Saturday. Also, the wind was nearly non-existent, which is very unusual for this area, especially in the winter time.

In terms of activities, the emphasis was on "variety," because the 45 adventurers were an extremely diverse group. However, we were all united in our love of outdoor winter fun. Some people took advantage of the glorious weather and explored the lakeshore at the sand dunes. There were several trips here to different parts of the area. Some ventured to some nearby trails including the Lake Ann Pathway and Lost Lake Pathway along Lake Dubonnet, both within a few minutes of our home resort. Others preferred a nicely groomed trail and went to the world famous Vasa Trail. Still other people had a ball snow-shoeing just about anywhere they felt like it. While others preferred downhill skiing at nearby Crystal Mountain and Caberfae Ski resorts. In all, there was something for everyone. And if, like many, you weren't sure what you wanted to do when you got there, there was plenty of time Friday night to look over materials, talk to people and arrange hook-ups for Saturday. Before long everybody had a plan.

Saturday night, all 45 of us reconvened in the Bear's Den for a party. There were lots of stories to share, and lots of great food at the pot-luck dinner. Nearly everyone participated in bringing something for the party, so there was plenty of great food for everyone. Where did everyone sit, you ask? Turns out there was plenty of room. The ping pong room was made into a dining room, the regular dining room has an extra large dining table, while others found seating in the living room, rec room, etc. Seems everyone had many great stories to share about their day.

Sunday was another great day. After breakfast, most people headed out to some planned destination on their way home. Many people ended up at Muncie Lakes for a couple hours of great groomed-trail cross country skiing.

Special thanks to Dave Norkus for being my co-leader on this trip, and to him and Kathy O'Driscoll for doing the food shopping. GM Ski Club provided food for quick continental breakfast and packed lunches. Nobody went hungry, and there was a sizable portion of food left over.

Once again this year, local resident and area expert Sara Cockrell joined us. With her enthusiasm for the sport and for the area, she was invaluable in providing her advice, leading trips, and providing that little something extra needed to enrich everyone's weekend. Once again, thank you Sara.

It was a great weekend. For all those who came, a big thanks for making it such a success. For those unable to attend, we hope to see you there next year.

Darrell Ahlberg



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| Darrell | Ahlberg | GM |
| Connie | Casey | GM |
| Matt | Casey | GM |
| Ann | Enghardt | GM |
| Bill | Given | GM |
| Patty | Given | GM |
| Karen | Halik | GM |
| Roy | Jones | GM |
| Isabella | Leslie | GM |
| Diana | Mente | GM |
| Bonnie | Michelak | GM |
| Dave | Norkus | GM |
| Kathy | O'Driscoll | GM |
| Nancy | Prall | GM |
| Jeff | Rollins | GM |
| Chris | Rollins | GM |
| Marie | Weiner | GM |
| Beth | Woods | GM |
| Pat | Charbonneau | BS Hikers |
| Drew | Lathin | BS Hikers |
| Carol | Rogers | BS Hikers |
| Ann | Schoepfle | BS Hikers |
| Paul | Freund | Skiwi |
| Chris | Patterson | Skiwi |
| Earnie | Pilon | Skiwi |
| Pablo | Balan | Solar |
| Bob | Conrad | Solar |
| Michelle | Delaporte | Solar |
| Linda | Hill | Solar |
| Teresa | Infante | Solar |
| Grey | Ivanov | Solar |
| Natalie | Jewell | Solar |
| Bill | Matthews | Solar |
| Lois | Matthews | Solar |
| Brian | Nordhaus | Solar |
| Jackie | Ostrosky | Solar |
| Fawn | Reeves | Solar |
| Linda | Ringlein | Solar |
| Robyn | Vargyas | Solar |
| Rick | Wisz | Solar |
| Tina | Howell | |
| Kobe | Koebler | |



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GMSC Pub & Grub Night

EASTSIDE MARIO'S

2273 Crooks Rd. Rochester Hills, MI 48309

You'll feel as though you're in New York's famed "little Italy" as soon as you walk through the door!



Friday, April 30, 2010
6:30 p.m.



Contact Les: 248-693-1794
email: skiorsail@yahoo.com

Please RSVP two days in advance

Everyone is Irish at our General Meeting!



Pasquale's



Restaurant of the Month



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 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

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. 7:00 pm. Contact Darrell: 586-899-8203, email: dahlberg7@comcast.net *
- 30 Fri. Pub & Grub Night at **Eastside Mario's**, 2273 Crooks Rd., Rochester Hills, 48309. You'll feel as though you're in New York's famed "Little Italy" as soon as you walk through the door! 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. Sing along if you choose! Contact Debbie: 248-689-7167 or email, Sunsetcar@aol.com *
- 13 Thurs. General Meeting - **Shield's Pizza Restaurant**, 1476 W. Maple Rd. (Just West of Crooks) Troy, 48084. This meeting's theme will be "**May Flowers.**"
- 15 Sat. **Eastern Market Flower Day** - Our annual outing marks its 21st year! We'll meet at Vivio's Restaurant at 8:00 a.m. Enjoy the rest of the day as we wander through the historic Eastern Market. Don't forget your camera! Reservations are a must. Contact Les: 248-693-1794 *
- 18 Tue. Board Meeting at Darrell's house, 6:30 p.m. Contact Darrell: 586-899-8203
- 21-23 WKND **Hocking Hills Ziplining** - "Zip-a-dee-doo-dah" this weekend 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
- 28 Fri. Hazel Park Raceway - "**A Night at the Races**" will keep you on the edge of your seat as the horses fight for the finish line! Free parking, free admission, and fantastic friends who'll meet in the clubhouse for dinner and an evening of excitement! Contact Bill: 248-540-4547, or email: bill_given@phmic.com*

JUNE

- 10 Thurs. General Meeting - **We're outdoors at Halmich Park** in Warren, 13 Mile Rd., between Ryan and Dequindre. Meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. under the pavilion. \$4 members, \$6 guests. Hot dogs, soda and beer included.
- 15 Tue. Board Meeting at Darrell's place, 6:30 p.m. Contact Darrell: 586-899-8203
- 26 Sat. "**Full Moon Sail**" - Sign up today for our annual moonlight sail/barbeque on Lake St. Clair. Always popular even without werewolves! Members, \$15, Guests, \$25. See this newsletter for more details. Contact Capt. Mike: 586-776-7685 or email, gmskiclub@yahoo.com

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 be here just in time to start your summer! As we plan our calendar, look forward to our "Full Moon Sail" on Lake St. Clair and the **GMSC Picnic**. We'll include camping, canoeing, kayaking, car shows, bowling, golf, concerts, and MORE!

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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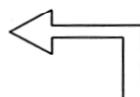
www.gmskiclub.org
(recent photos, upcoming events, membership applications, bylaws, forms, and fun music)

MDSC Website: www.mdscski.org

Deadline

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

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



Membership expires on label date

First Class Mail



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