



NEWSLETTER

SKI and TRAVEL

MAY 2010

WEBSITE: www.gmskiclub.org

GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957

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GMSC invites you to

Juan's Hacienda

Eat Mexican tonight
Listen to live music
Sing along if you choose!

CINCO DE MAYO PARTY

31313 Dequindre
Madison Heights

Please RSVP two days in advance
Contact Debbie, 248-689-7167 or email: Sunsetcar@aol.com

6:00 p.m. or whenever you can
Wed., May 5, 2010

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday
May 13
6:30 pm

Shield's Pizza Restaurant

1476 W. Maple Rd. (Just West of
Crooks) Troy, 48084.
6:30 p.m.

No admission charge.

**Come Party
With Us!**



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

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

Referring Members Name

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: Vacant

Activities Darrell Ahlberg, 586-899-8203

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:

\$13,819⁹⁵

Alan Toomey
Treasurer



May Birthdays

George Kelly	5/3	Ronald Weishaupt	5/17
Debby Roger	5/3	Dave Duvali	5/19
Philip Ross	5/5	Ken Colden	5/23
Mary Bogush	5/6	Joe Rokocy	5/26
Lee Johnson	5/8	Gregory Ronan	5/31



Summer Dues Special:

\$20.00!

Summer membership runs from May 1st to September 30th, gives you full club benefits and discounts for five months, and allows you to renew in October for the lower, member price!

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. Submissions can be made at any time. There is no deadline.

Michael Bourke
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Eastpointe, MI 48021

E-mail: gmskiclub@yahoo.com

Twenty-Second (!) Annual Eastern Market Trek

May 15th

Come out and join us for the morning at Detroit's Eastern Market.

We will be meeting at Vivio's Restaurant at 8:30 am. (313) 393-1711 - 2460 Market St, Detroit, MI 48207. **This is a popular outing and well attended.** We will again be upstairs so we can accommodate everyone. To start the morning right we will begin with **double bloody Mary's and beer chasers or Mimosa's, or a really good coffee drink).**



Breakfast will start at **9 am ish.**

Afterwards take a slow walk through the open air Farmers Market.

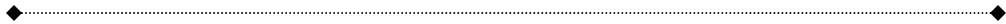
This is Flower Day so there will be a lot going on and a lot to see. While you stroll down through the barns of the Farmer's Market pickup some flowers, plants, fresh, fruits, vegetables or Pick up some fresh strawberries for pie or with ice cream.

Now that you have been awake for a few hours, we can think about somewhere to go and maybe BBQ. Maybe we could go for a sail, or just relax at the dock with some of that chilled wine we bought. It's all up to you! Let's start our summer-time fun.

All this and more Saturday May 15th 2010. For more information and directions please call Les Skrzycki at (248) 693-1794. Email skiorsail@yahoo.com.

Need a map? → <http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Detroit&state=MI&address=2460+Market+St&zipcode=48207>

Please an RSVP is needed—we do need to know how many people to expect.



Activities Planners

Darrell Ahlberg
Michael Bourke
Brian De Leo
Dave Duvali
Carolyn Fiscelli
Judy Heikkinen
Chris Johnson
Janet MacCulloch
Kathy O'Driscoll
Michelle Pawl-Gierak
Nancy Prall
Gregg Ronan
Tom Scott
Les Skrzycki
Carol Stanek
Diane Vanerberghe

Field Of Dreams Built out of ACTIVITIES

Activities Meeting Held: Committee Formed

The premise of the "Field Of Dreams" is: if you build it, they will come. So the GM Ski Club has been building its own Field Of Dreams out of exciting activities over the past couple of years. And sure enough, as evidenced by our recent growth, the people have come. By attending events, signing up for memberships, and telling your friends, we felt you spoke clearly. You want "Activities."

So we decided to kick it into high gear. March 16, interested members gathered for the first annual Activities Planning Meeting. The event was a monumental success. In about two hours time, we managed to plan out major activities for the remainder of 2010 and had some ideas left over to start year 2011.

Even with this exciting line up, we're not finished yet. There is still room for your contribution. We need people to come up with ideas and people to lead events. See either myself or anybody on the board or on the activities committee with your ideas.

Many details are still being worked out but for now, check out our calendar of events and begin planning to join us on as many activities as your schedule will allow.

Darrell Ahlberg



Waiting List Only!

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



Clinton River Cruise

We have booked the cruise for July 17th. The cost will be \$50 for members and \$55 for non-members, which includes dinner, music, entertainment, dancing and the cruise. There is a cash bar on board. Boarding time is 6:00 pm and departure is at 6:30 pm. Return at 10:00 pm. Their web site is www.clintonrivercruisecompany Our boat will be The Clinton Friendship.

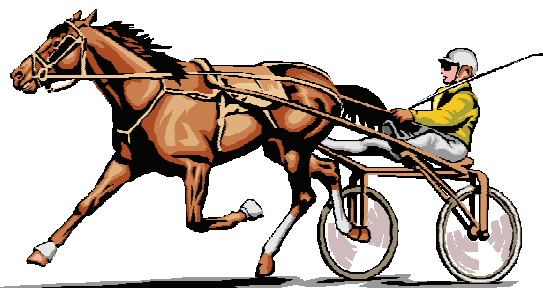
At this point we are booked for 20 people but we can always add (up to 80!). They will seat us all together. This sounds like a fun event, and I hope we get lots of people.

For more information, or to sign up, contact:
Janet MacCulloch H-248-539-4536 C-248-421-4334
Carol Stanek, 313-443-7527



GM Ski Club is now a sponsoring member of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame.

The U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame and Museum is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of America's skiing heritage through the permanent recognition of nationally outstanding skiers, snowboarders and ski sport builders from the United States, through the preservation of and providing public access to the artifacts and archives that make up that heritage and by providing leadership for snow sports in the USA.



A Night at the Races

May 28, Friday, at Hazel Park
Eating, drinking, socializing and gambling

Contact Bill Given 248-540-4547 bill_given@phmic.com

If your newsletter is coming to the wrong address, it means your information is incorrect in our files. Contact the membership chairman, Darrell Ahlberg, at 586-899-8203, dahlberg7@comcast.net.

Newsletter
new policy
no deadline

Your submissions will be included at the earliest opportunity.

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.



Wine, Women & Song... *And More Wine* *(& a few good men)*

March 20th



It gets scary inside the circle!



The Ultimate Value Some Winners... Some Getting Close

There are many ways new members are attracted to the club. There is the internet; there is the MDSC, the tri-folds being left at area restaurants and sport shops. But far and away 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 award you **a year of free membership for every three new members you recruit.**

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."**

Who Are The Winners?

Thus far, in the 2009-2010 membership year, the following people have won this coveted award:

Chris Johnson, Patricia Lloyd, Patti Given, and Tom Scott

And Who's Getting Close?

In addition the following people have two referrals and need only one more to win their **Ultimate Value Award.**

Ann Enghardt, Connie Casey, Jim Steigelman, Julie Pawlos, and Linda Rakoczy,

How about you? We would dearly love to award you an Ultimate Value Award before the year is out. 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?

Darrell Ahlberg
Membership Chairman



New Member

Tom	Arnold
Mary	Bogush
Rhen	Bryant
Carol	Burt
Barbara	Clarke
Roy	Cleland
Grace	Damico
Kevin	Damico
Julie	DiMambro
Ann	Enghardt
Pam	Gerecke
Christy	Gonzalez
Barbara	Hartley

New Member

Jim	Hartwig
Shirley	Hathaway
Shirley	Heleski
Tina	Howell
Koby	Kobler
Karen	McCallister
Julie	Pawlos
Debby	Roger
Stanley	Sawicki
Gail	Selaty
Denise	Sheppard
Theresa	Soloman
Martin	Spechock
Lois	Townsend

First Name	Last Name	Referred By
Gail	Selaty	Ann Enghardt
Marie	Weiner	Ann Enghardt
Mary	Bogush	Bonnie Michalak
Barbara	Clarke	Chris Johnson
Barbara	Hartley	Chris Johnson
Darwin	Tuttle	Chris Johnson
Karen	Halik	Connie Casey
Jim	Hartwig	Connie Casey
Bill	Tory	Dale Goolsby
Hugh	Thomas	David Roger
Theresa	Soloman	Gail Salaty
Christy	Gonzalez	Jack Price
Doug	Bailiff	Janet Blair
Norm	Kangas	Janet Kangas
Roy	Cleland	Jim Steigelman
Pam	Gerecke	Jim Steigelman
Denise	Sheppard	Julie Pawlos
Martin	Spechock	Julie Pawlos
David	Norkus	Kathy O'Driscoll
Richard	Leidheiser	Linda Rakocy
Lois	Townsend	Linda Rakocy
Ray	Jones	Marie Weinardt
Shirley	Heleski	Michael Bourke
		Michelle Pawl-
		Gierak
Carolyn	Fiscelli	
David	Littleton	Mike Malon
Ann	Enghardt	Patricia Lloyd
Julie	Pawlos	Patricia Lloyd
Thomas	Scott	Patricia Lloyd
Dr. Mark	Waldman	Patricia Lloyd
Tom	Arnold	Patti Given
Grace	Damico	Patti Given
Kevin	Damico	Patti Given
Shirley	Hathaway	Rhen Bryant
Robert	Dugan	Robert Dennis
Scott	Schovon	Steven Aicangeli
Matthew	Walker	Susan Walker
	Pawl-	
Michelle	Gierak	Suzanne Vivian
Rhen	Bryant	Tom Scott
Carol	Burt	Tom Scott
Barbara	Worley	Tom Scott



Welcome New Members

In the past two months, we have added 28 new members. We would like to extend our warmest welcome to each of you and our hope you will find the club and all its members the friendliest, liveliest group on the planet.

On behalf of all the GM Ski Club members and board, welcome to the club.

Darrell Ahlberg
Membership Chairman

Martin Speshock--Member #100



With all the pomp and circumstance befitting such a special occasion, the we officially announced we had surpassed the coveted 100-member mark by throwing a party for our members and guests and selecting a lucky new member as member #100.

Back in February's newsletter, we announced we had signed our 96th member. At the April 8 general meeting, we had a drawing from all members who signed up since that date to determine who would be crowned member #100. New members had until the moment of the drawing to sign up in order to be eligible for the drawing. Nine people took advantage of the opportunity and signed up at the meeting.

Almost poetically, as if to demonstrate that it is never too late, the lucky winner was one of those who signed up the night of the drawing. **Martin Speshock** and his referring member **Julie Pawlos** (herself also a new member as of the March general meeting) were so honored as our symbolic 100th member and sponsor.

So congratulations Martin and Julie. For having been selected, each was awarded a \$30 gift certificate to Outback Steakhouse, a \$20 gift certificate to Don Thomas Sporthaus in Birmingham, and a complimentary 2010-2011 membership. Total package value of \$80.

But they were not the only winners of the evening. Everyone in attendance enjoyed a festive atmosphere and were treated to free cake.

So congratulations once again, not only to Martin and Julie, but to the entire GM Ski Club membership for doing your part to help make the club what it has become. Total membership now stands at 126. So keep referring your friends, neighbors, coworkers, etc., claim your Ultimate Value Award for referring at least three new members, and let's start planning to celebrate member #200.

Darrell Ahlberg
Membership Chair



Julie's lucky night, receiving her cash from Gregg after she won the 50-50 raffle.



General Meeting



Games Night April 17



Karaoke April 9



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.

Date

Event

Leaders

May

5 Wed Cinco De Mayo - Juan Hacienda

Les Skrzycki
skiorsail@comcast.net
248-693-1794

9 Sun Biking - 10-15 Miles of Easy Riding with lunch
Afterward Meet 12:00 at Rochester Hills Library



Stan Sawicki
586-808-3406
ssawicki@comcast.net

3 Thu Meeting

15 Sat Eastern Market

Vivio's Restaurant at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast. Enjoy the open-air Farmers Market. Afternoon BBQ at Jefferson Beach Marina

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21-23 Fri-Sun Hocking Hills Zip Lining - SOLD OUT.

Darrell Ahlberg
586-899-8203
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28 Fri Hazel Park - "A Night at the Races" will thrill you to the bone as the horses run for the finish line. With dinner in the clubhouse, this is always a popular event.

Bill Given
248-540-4547
bill_given@phmic.com

June

4 Fri Classic Car Show/Dinner/Bowling
Continental Lanes. Gratiot in Roseville. The fun starts at 6:00 with the viewing to the classic car show and BBQ. Then four games of bowling. \$10 members, \$12 guests.

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6 Sun Golf Outing - Hampton Golf Course. 2600 Club Drive off of E. Auburn Rd. between John R and Rochester roads.
Play "Best Ball" for the fun of it. Meet at 2:00

Stan Sawicki
586-808-3406
ssawicki@comcast.net

10 Thu GMSC Meeting

26 Sat Full Moon Sail - SOLD OUT

Michael Bourke
586-776-7685
gmsclub@yahoo.com

July

3 Sat Metro Beach Boats & Dancing
GMSC Members dock their boats for the day. Spend the day at the metro beach marina hanging around the boats and having a picnic, followed by dancing under the stars.

Michael Bourke, Greg Ronan
586-776-7685
gmsclub@yahoo.com

8 Thu Meeting

17 Sat Clinton River Boat Cruise

152 North River Road Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 (586)468.0212

Meet at 6:00. Cruise from 6:30-10:00 (3 1/2 hours) \$50 per person (\$55 Guests) includes dinner, dancing, DJ music, and cash bar

Carol Stanek, Janet MacCulloch
248-421-4334
JanMccl@aol.com

25 Sun Biking - 10-15 Miles of Easy Riding with lunch afterward
Meet 12:00 at Rochester Hills Library

Stan Sawicki
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7/30-8/1 Stratford Weekend

Fri-Sun Home of the Shakespeare Festival.

Always a classic weekend. Plan now. Details coming soon.

Les Skrzycki
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248-693-1794

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

GM CLUB

SKI and TRAVEL

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

May at a glance

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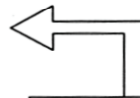
(recent photos, upcoming events, membership applications, bylaws, forms, and fun music)

MDSC Website: www.mdscski.org

Deadline

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

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



Membership expires on label date

First Class Mail



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