



NEWSLETTER

SKI and TRAVEL

AUGUST 2010

WEBSITE: www.gmskiclub.org

GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957

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GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, August 12, 6:00 pm

We're outdoors at Halmich Park

in Warren, 13 Mile Rd. between Ryan and Dequindre.

The meeting starts at **6:00 p.m.** under the pavilion.

- \$4 members
- \$6 guests
- Hot dogs, soda, and beverages included.



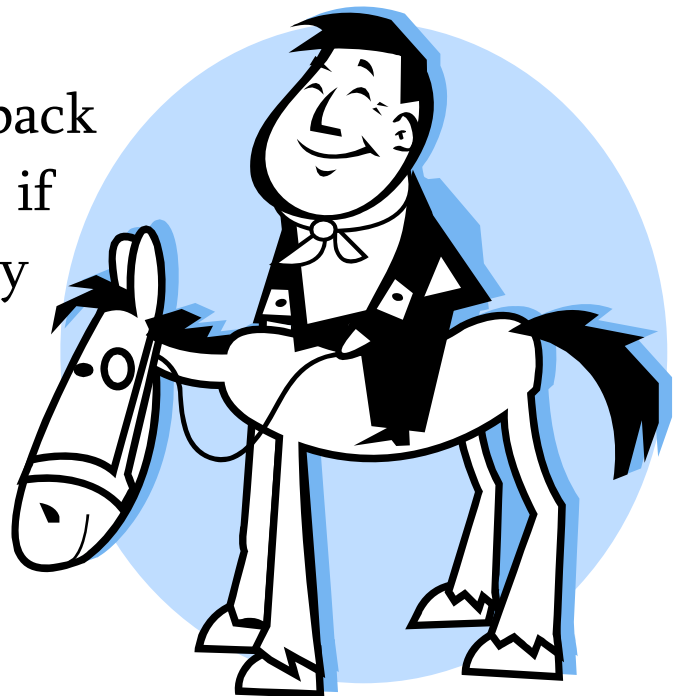
Horseback Riding

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area

Saturday, August 21

Join us for 1 1/2 hours of horseback riding. Instruction provided if needed. This event is followed by campfire and hotdogs.

Contact Carol Stanek 313-443-7527
carolbarrel1@yahoo.com



Extended Weekend In New York City. Sept 17 - 20.

We take on The Big Apple -

Cost: \$575 which includes:



Airfare



Three nights accommodations



Two breakfasts

Additional packages are being investigated including:



Tickets to a play (Broadway or Off-Broadway)



Schooner cruise up the Hudson River (past the Statue of Liberty)

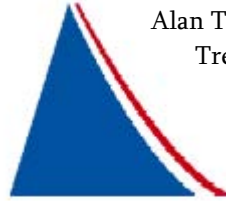
Contact Judy Heikkinen

womanatsea@yahoo.com 248-202-2361

Treasurer's
Report:

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Alan Toomey
Treasurer



August

Chris Free	Aug 04
Martin Speshock	Aug 09
Shannon Duke	Aug 11
John LeGros	Aug 13
Shirley Tresh	Aug 13
Lois Townsend	Aug 18
Linda Rokocy	Aug 20
Christy Gonzalez	Aug 22
David Littleton	Aug 23
Mary Donahue	Aug 24
Bill Given	Aug 30
Darrell Ahlberg	Aug 31
Kathy O'Driscoll	Aug 31
Steven Arcangeli	Aug 31

To join: Visit our website (www.gmskiclub.org) to download an application and send completed application along with check (payable to "GM Ski Club") to:

GM Ski and Travel Club
214 Woodsboro Drive
Royal Oak, MI 48067

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: Carolyn Fiscelli 586-215-9181

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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 SIGNUP)**

If your newsletter is coming to the wrong address, it means your information is incorrect in our files. Contact the membership chairman, Diane Reaser, at diane.b.reaser@abc.com.

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.

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Annual summer



Come one, come all, to our picnic!

Saturday, August 14th, 2010

Stoney Creek Metro Park
Noon till dusk

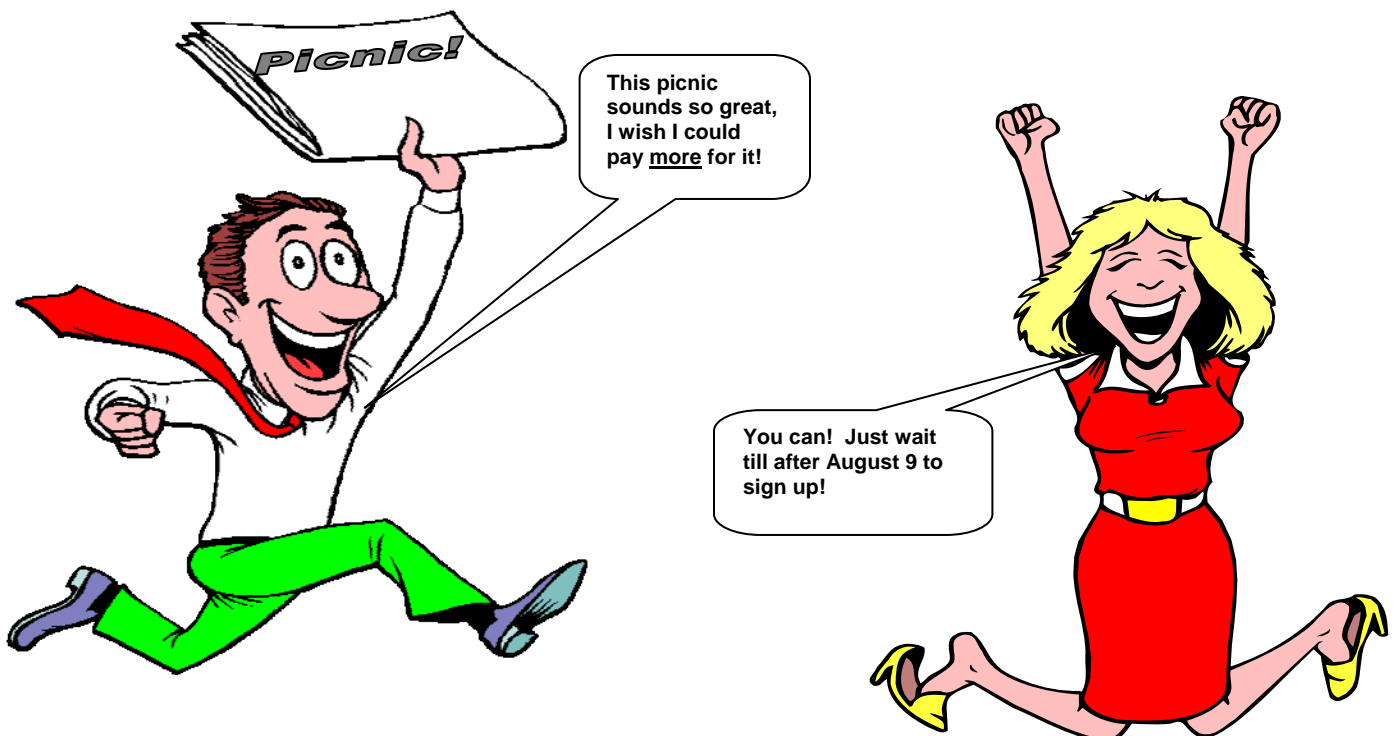
We will BBQ Angus beef burgers, some chicken, some sausage and, for the vegetarians amongst us, Portabella mushroom burgers. We'll have sides of coleslaw and potato salad and maybe a bit of corn on the cob. Beer, pop and water provided. We will have the club volleyball net set up, along with croquette, to occupy the afternoon away.

Bring your bike, roller blades, Frisbee or whatever you want to play. There is sure to be someone who would be up for a game or two. Rain or shine doesn't matter—we are an outdoor club! Maps to location will be available at the August Meeting.

- If your payment reaches us prior to **August 9, the member price is \$12; non-member price is \$17.** Advanced sales are necessary to allow time and count for catering.
- If your payment reaches our hands **after August 9, the price is \$15 members and \$20 non-members.**
- There will be no sales the day of the picnic! If you are not on the list of attendee's, you will be turned away.

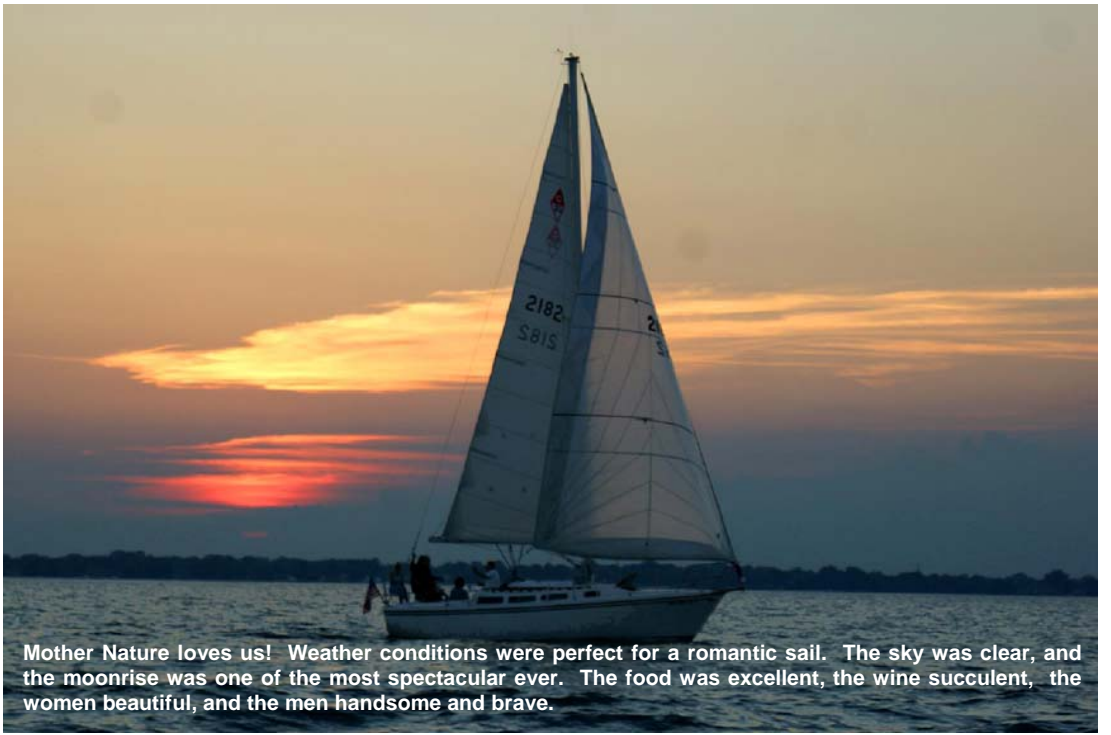
We think you'll agree that making reservations is a good idea!

Contact Les Skrzycki, (248) 693-1794 or skiorsail@yahoo.com for details or to sign up. Make checks payable to G M Ski Club, mail to Les Skrzycki, 451 Heights Rd. Lake Orion, MI 48362.





Full Moon Sail June 26



We Welcome New Leadership

The GM Ski Club continues to grow. At last count membership was up to 148. Why, it seems just yesterday we were celebrating our 100th member. You have to wonder how soon we will be celebrating number 200. Either way, our growth has been not too shabby. I hope each and every member is proud of the club they've joined and happy to participate in the wide variety of events we have to offer.

As the club grows, as you can imagine, so does the requirement for leadership. As a "not-for-profit" organization, our existence and our growth depends on club volunteers to step up and take positions of leadership.

I am happy to introduce to you two such people. These people are Carolyn Fiscelli as club Secretary and Diane Reaser as Membership Chair. These are two very-well-qualified people who have volunteered their services for the benefit of all of the rest of us.

Carolyn Fiscelli is a teacher in the Clintondale School District and also the Secretary of her teacher's union local. Thus she has vast professional secretary experience and from day one has been influencing changes for the better. She is already beginning to make her mark with changes in how board meetings are run and our reporting to the membership.

Diane Reaser is a long-time club member. Her experience and membership with the club harken back at least 20 years, during which time she has held numerous board positions—including Hospitality and Membership. Her return to the board and her experience are most welcome. You, as members attending our July General Meeting at Halmich Park, may have already felt some of her changes with her improved check-in desk.. Her enthusiasm for the club and her opportunity to serve are unmatched. We very much look forward to other innovations she has planned.



Carolyn Fiscelli
Secretary

Darrell Ahlberg



Welcome to our Newest Members May – July 2010

Brian Briggs
Danny Butterworth
Barbara DeLuca
Onita Fitz
David Fries
Marge Hall
Carla Hicks
Linda Hughes
Linda Hutchcraft
Suzanne Mueller
Marylin & Warren Puggini
Kathy & Tom Richardson
Janice Saur
Stuart Saxalby
Janet Schester
Carol Stanek
Dr. Jason & Ava Tratechaud
Shirley Tresh
John & Mary Zalewski

Skiwi Huron River Canoe Trip Saturday, August 7,



Village Canoe Rental – Milford (1216 Garden Road) – directions will be provided.

Canoe at 10:00 am – Meet at 9:30 am

Where: Huron River / Kent Lake – Milford to Kensington Metropark (East Boat Launch)

About a 4-to-5-Hour Canoe Trip

Cost: \$27 per canoe (Two people per canoe) – Single kayaks available for \$27.

Based on a rental of 12 watercraft – if we don't get 12 rentals, price may be slightly more. Includes shuttle back to vehicle.

If you have your own canoe or kayak – the Village Canoe Rental allows you to park your vehicle at their site. Need to call them if you need a shuttle back for cost (about \$7) or provide your own shuttle (vehicle drop).

BYO Everything – food (lunch), snacks, drinks (alcohol allowed), water toys, water shoes, etc.

You will need to pay when you arrive and sign the release form (no-load event).

To reserve your spot (spots are filling fast) and/or need more information – Contact:

John Zalewski 586-979-2392 - johnzalewski@wowway.com
Chris Patterson 586-322-7097 cmpson@att.net



JULY 8 GENERAL MEETING



Ski Trip Chairman Dave D., the man to see to sign up for our great ski trip to Tahoe.

Men!
This
lucky guy
could be
you, if
you were a
member
of our
club!



Trip Leaders and Participants Know What to Expect

By Jeff Meyer, Vice President,
Suffolk Skiddaddlers From Their Newsletter

All ski club members should be aware of both their and the trip leader's responsibility on club trips -- something that is often overlooked, but that applies to all club activities.

Trip Leaders: It is the responsibility of your trip leader to collect money for the trip, arrange for payment to vendors, to hold a trip meeting to disseminate information about the trip, answer questions received by telephone or e-mail within a reasonable time, to be available at club meetings, to ensure that trip participants receive their lift tickets, meal coupons, etc., purchase food, beverages, etc. for the club party and or bus ride and usually a number of other tasks as well. It is not the responsibility of the trip leader to arrange car pools, wake you up in the morning, find your lost luggage, pack your bags, put your lift ticket on your jacket or "be your mother" on the trip.

Trip Participants: It is the responsibility of participants to make payments on time, attend scheduled trip meetings, or tell the trip leader that you will not be attending so he or she doesn't wait for you, advise the trip leader ahead of time of any specific requirements you may have (i.e., vegetarian meals) so that arrangements may be made. Tell the trip leader if you will not be coming to a scheduled activity on the trip, be aware of bus departure times and be on time, be prompt to scheduled activities

such as a group meal, so that everyone does not have to wait because you decided to go to the hot tub, have another beer at the bar, etc. With regard to this last item, a restaurant will usually not begin serving until everyone is present. So arriving late holds everyone up, possibly throws off the restaurant's evening schedule, and potentially jeopardizes the club returning to the restaurant in the future.

Expectations: If a trip leader asks you to bring something on the trip -- a case of soda, a small cooler, some snacks, etc. -- please say "yes". It's not an easy task to buy everything and transport it camp site, ski lodge, bus, etc., and your help contributes the success of an activity. After all, these are club activities where everyone including the trip leader -- supposed to have fun, opposed to a packaged deal that you paid a lot of money for and should be catered to the group's escort.

Always bring your ID medical card as well as a credit card since first aid stations medical clinics don't always take medical insurance. better to be prepared.

Remember that you're sharing your room -- which means splitting the dresser drawers, dividing the hangers, and not taking all of the room's amenities for yourself. If you bring something like a DVD, it should be used for everyone's enjoyment.



In the camera!

**Photos from Hazel Park May 28
and the General Meeting June 10**



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



The U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame and Museum, located in Ishpeming, Michigan, 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.

Newsletter
new policy
no deadline

Your submissions will be included at the earliest opportunity.



Cozumel

Mexico

February 12-19, 2011

Mark Your Calendar, ready your passport, and think back to last winter. Miserable cold weather, snow and ice. Brrrrr. We have a better idea if you're not a winter person.

Our club is planning to break the upcoming 2011 winter chills with a warm-weather trip. We are in the planning stages, but have settled upon the date.

Below are thoughts about how this trip should look for the perfect Cozumel vacation:

- Round Trip Airfare
- All Inclusive (adult only)
 - Meals
 - Drinks, Drinks, Drinks, Drinks
 - On-Site All-Inclusive Activities
 - ✚ Tennis •Basketball •Cardio-vascular equipment •Free weights •Health club
 - Kayaks •Live entertainment •Outdoor pools •Snorkeling •Sailing • Water Sports (non-motorized equipment) • Whirlpool/Spa • Windsurfing •Sunshine •Warm Oceans •**No Snow** •
 - Add-on Activities (additional cost)
 - ✚ Scuba diving •Diving lessons •Parasailing • Wave runners•

While in Cozumel you can also plan your own:

- Boating •Fishing •Golf •Hiking • Mayan Ruins Tours •Dinner Cruises •Horseback Riding • ATV Excursions

The COST of the Trip and the resort LOCATION are still to be determined.



YOU CAN HELP! If you want to make a recommendation for this trip about your favorite place to stay on Cozumel and think it would be ideal for this trip – contact me ASAP and tell me why.

a.k.toomey@sbcglobal.net



Michigan Bridge Walk Weekend September 4-6, 2010



The annual **Mackinac Bridge Walk** has been held every year on Labor Day since the Bridge opened in 1957, so, like the Mackinac Bridge itself, The Bridge Walk is celebrating its 53rd anniversary. The 5-mile walk begins at 7am. Last bus across at 11am.

Members participating will be staying at the Driftwood in Rogers City. All rooms have a view of Lake Huron. Double occupancy. 6 rooms 12 participants. Breakfast daily 7-10 am. Indoor pool with hot tub and free WiFi. Show your room key and get 10% off on meals in the restaurant. There may be a

room or two with a mini fridge. Included in price of the weekend is the cost of the ticket for the bus across the bridge.

This will be a drive up event, carpooling recommended.

Price is \$110.00 Members and \$125.00 non-members. Make checks payable to GM Ski Club. Mail to Les Skrzycki 451 Heights Rd. Lake Orion, MI 48362

Contact info at 248-693-1794 or Skiorsail@yahoo.com

Parrot Cove Pub & Grub June 25



No advance planning here...



The color-coordinated ladies (trust us, they match!). Apparently they all phoned each other before getting dressed for the evening.

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
August		
12 Thu 8/14/2010 Sat	Meeting Picnic Catered BBQ Best BBQ Chicken around, BBQ Angus Beef Burgers, BBQ Portabella Mushroom Burgers. Assorted side dishes, beer, pop, and water, assorted games. Bring your bike, roller blades, Frisbee or whatever you want to play. There is sure to be someone who would be up for a game or two.	Les Skrzycki skiorsail@comcast.net 248-877-1794
15 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
21 Sat	Horseback Riding. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area. Come join us for 1 1/2 hours of horseback riding. Instruction provided if needed. This event is followed by campfire and hotdogs.	Carol Stanek 313-443-7527 carolbarrel1@yahoo.com
28 Sat	Restaurant Of The Month. Dinner at Bahama Breeze, 539 E. Big Beaver rd. Troy. For reservations count, RSVP is requested.	Contact Stan Sawicki 586-808-3406 ssawicki@comcast.net
Sept		
9/4-9/6 Mon	 Labor Day Bridge Walk Weekend Stay at the Driftwood Motel in Rogers City. All rooms have balconies overlooking Lake Huron. Located next to Water's Edge Restaurant & Lounge. Free Wifi. Indoor pool & spa. Free breakfast bar!	Les Skrzycki skiorsail@comcast.net 248-877-1794
9 Thu 17-19 Fri-Sun	Meeting Weekend in New York City. \$575 (non-GMSC members add \$15) which includes: airfare, three nights accommodations, Hudson River Dinner Cruise (past Statue Of Liberty), Two breakfasts. Taxi to & from airport,	Contact Judy Heikkinen womanatsea@yahoo.com 248-304-2855
25 Sat	Photo Rally - The party game on wheels. It's a scavenger hunt with digital cameras. You will have some hilarious memories from this event! Teams of 3-6 people will be given photo options for picture taking to earn the most points possible. Trust us, this will be a night you won't forget.	Michelle Pawl-Gierick 586-291-0810 shelly7406@yahoo.com
26 Sun	Renaissance Festival	Contact Jeff Rollins. 248-879-8727. TEAMROL@aol.com
26 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
October		
14 Thu 22-24 Fri-Sun	Meeting Bald Mountain Weekend. We reserve one of the Tamarack cabins for the weekend. Cabin camping at its finest.	Les Skrzycki skiorsail@comcast.net 248-877-1794
30 Sat	Euchre Party. Halloween Theme. Darrell Ahlberg's House. Come to play cards or come just for the party. Maximum of 48 Euchre Players (12 tables). Six games. Food, snacks, and good times.	Darrell Ahlberg 586-899-8203 Dahlberg7@comcast.net

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



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

August at a glance

Every Sun. Our “**Breakfast Club**” starts at 10:00 a.m. at Anton’s Island Grill, 16 Mile Rd. and Dequindre

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28 Sat. Dinner at Bahama Breeze , 539 E. Big Beaver Rd. Troy

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Website:

www.gmskiclub.org

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

MDSC Website: www.mdscski.org



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Snowboard Hall of
Fame.**

Your membership
expires
on label date

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