

SKI and TRAVEL

SEPTEMBER 2010

WEBSITE: www.gmskiclub.org

GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957

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GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, Sept. 9, 6:00 pm

Halmich Park

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

Our last outdoor meeting!

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

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





September 26, Sunday

Renaissance

Festival

Contact Jeff Rollins. 248-879-8727.

September 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 and turn in pictures 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





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

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

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248-626-6192

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248-391-5180

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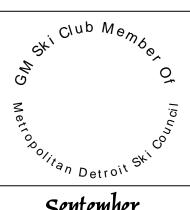
248-666-9057.

The board meets once a month, the week after the General Meeting

Treasurer's Report:

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Alan Toomey Treasurer







September Birthdays!

Debbie Cooke 01 Karen Mc Callister 04Les Skrzycki 04 Kathy Clayton 05 Theresa Soloman 06 Alan Maestri 09 Tom Richardson 11 Susan Walker 13 Linda Hutchcraft 14 Scott Schovon 25 29 Pat Tourney





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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To Our

Newest Members

We would like to extend our warmest welcome to each of our newest members!

Kathy Anderson
Karen & Larry Counts
Mary Jane Dawson
Jenny Dietrich
Ilona Hawk
Beth Kish
Alan Maestri
Sandy & David Riddell
Sharyn Russ
Vickie Slicker
Gary Ward



Renew! Renew! Renew!

2009-2010 Memberships Are Expiring. Renew Early and Save!

Save \$5 by renewing your membership before it expires on 10/01/10! Everyone is looking to save a little here, a little there! Early renewal is only \$25. After 10/01 it's the regular \$30 price. Be sure to renew early and save yourself five bucks! Not only will you save on the membership price but also on

our exciting upcoming events with special, member pricing. We have a lot going on and don't want you to miss out on anything! Check your newsletter label now and don't miss out on the savings.

Diane Reaser Membership Chair





Have you "herd" why everyone is flocking to our

Golf Outing Sunday September 12th at 2:00 P.M.

Sylvan Glen Golf Course 5725 Rochester Rd. in Troy.

Nine-hole scramble set up. All levels welcome. \$29.00/cart or \$20.00 walking.

We will eat afterwards at Camp Ticonderoga Restaurant at the course. Non-golfers welcome to join us there.

RSVP by Sept 10th. Contact **Stan** at 586-808-3406 or ssawicki@comcast.net

Save the Date Saturday, December 4

Christmas

Party

Sponsored by the Skiwi Ski Club

For more information, contact: mcasey325e@comcast.net

American-Polish Cultural Center in Troy



IS THERE ANYTHING WE DON'T DO?



The Return Of Pub & Grub and Restaurant Of The Month

In recent months, with so much focus on other types of activities, our longstanding monthly traditions of Restaurant of the Month and Pub & Grub have been largely overlooked. But that's not to say they've been forgotten. Many of you have been asking about these treasured, monthly events.

I'm happy to say that beginning in September, these two events will be revived. And to ensure these events stay alive and well-tended, we have two new coordinators.

Janet McCullough, our Clinton River Cruise coordinator, had so much fun organizing that event she wanted to know what else she could do to help out. So she will be our coordinator for Restaurant of the Month. If you know of any good candidate restaurants, please let Janet know.

Al Sleeman has volunteered to be the coordinator for our monthly Pub & Grub. Al has been a very active participant in many GMSC activities and is always willing to help out when needed. As with Janet, if you have any suggestions or recommendations for a good Pub & Grub venue, be sure to contact Al.

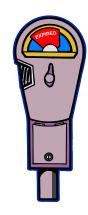
These two events can be loosely defined as follows:

- **Restaurant Of The Month** A moderately priced sit down restaurant with a nice atmosphere and friendly service.
- **Pub & Grub.** A place with a fun atmosphere where drinks and finger food can be had for very moderate prices. Usually this will be a bar with some flair, but it doesn't necessarily have to be a bar.

The objective of holding these events is to give our members a chance to meet and socialize on their own terms, to give non-members a chance to meet the folks in the club, and to learn about and experience various venues in the area. As such, we are heavily dependent on you to help us find such places. If you have any suggestions for either event, contact either Janet (janmccll@aol.com) or Al (allan.sleeman@ameritech.net), and they'll work with you in adding your suggestion to the schedule.

Darrell Ahlberg Activities Chair

Date	Event	Location
9/10	P&G	Tipsy McStaggers
		12 mi w. of Van Dyke
9/17	RoM	The Hills Bar & Grills
		Rochester Hills
10/1	Activity	Janet McCullough's House
	Appreciation	
10/8	P&G	Malone's. Our Apres Walleyball Venue
10/15	RoM	Hogan's restaurant Bloomfield Hills.
11/13	P&G	Snooker's Billiards
		Hall Rd. Utica
		Stan Sawicki to plan it.
11/17	Activity	TBD: Probably my house
	Planning	
11/19	RoM	Anton's Island Grille



DON'T LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRE!

What an exciting year it has been for the growth of our club. It's been a wonderful challenge as your new membership chair to keep up with all the new memberships you have added in the last couple of months. As we enter the 2010-2011 membership year, we are happy to report our growth shows no signs of slowing down.

This is where you come in. As a GM Ski & Travel Club member, your membership year begins on October 1st and continues through September 30th, 2011. Make sure you check your label on this newsletter if you're not sure when your membership expires. If you need to renew, please make sure to do so **before October 1st** to take advantage of the \$25 renewal rate for singles and \$40 for a married couple.

Membership applications can be found on our website and mailed with your check made out to the **GM Ski Club** or brought with you to our next general meeting Thursday, September 9th. You can find me at the check-in table.



On behalf of the entire board, we thank you for renewing your membership.

Diane Reaser Membership Chair







A Membership Explosion!

The **Summer of 2010** will go down as one of the fastest-growing membership summers your club has experienced in decades! Not only do we continue to offer the greatest activities and socialization out there but continue to offer our members the greatest value with our member pricing. Even though most members don't participate in all events offered, participation in just a few will pay for your membership. On behalf of all the GM Ski and Travel Club members and board, we thank you for your continued support.

Diane Reaser Membership Chair

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

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Fiesta Americana Cozumel Dive Resort



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

Trip Includes:

- Round Trip Airfare
 - Includes airport transfers
 - o 1 checked bag (2nd bag additional)
- All Inclusive Resort 7 NIGHT (Sat-Sat)
 - Double occupancy **
 - Resort located 5 miles south of town
 - Stay in the guiet secluded Tropical Casitas
 - o Meals (3 restaurants & 3 bars)
 - o Drinks, Drinks, Drinks (local alcohol)
 - On-Site All-Inclusive Activities
 - Kayaks •Outdoor pools •Snorkeling
 - •Sailing Water Sports (non-motorized equipment) •Sunshine •Warm Oceans
 - •No Snow •



Scuba diving - Dive House is a PADI 5 Star Dive Resort

o 5 days/2 tank boat dives + UNLIMITED tanks for shore dives on dive days.

Add-on Activities (additional cost and planning on your own)

Diving lessons • more boat dives • Parasailing • Wave runners • Boating • Fishing • Golf • Hiking • Mayan Ruins Tours • Dinner Cruises • Horseback Riding • ATV Excursions • Ferry to the mainland • Just do it!

***<u>NOT INCLUDED</u>: Additional baggage, increases in airport taxes, fuel surcharges, airport departure tax, marine park fee.

To get started with this great winter getaway vacation, send an email to <u>a.k.toomey@sbcglobal.net</u> and get your signup package. **ONLY 20 spots available**.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE – 4 options – Member Only Pricing/non-member add \$30

	SKI & TRAVEL CLUB	Total Cost	Due at signup (Till Nov 9 th) ↓	2 nd payment (or total due) Nov 9th 2010	Paid in full (or total due) Dec 10th 2010
1	Resort & Airfare & Diving	\$1605	\$405	\$600 (\$1010)	\$600 (\$1605)
2	Resort & Airfare	\$1230	\$300	\$465 (\$765)	\$465 (\$1230)
3*	Resort	\$525	\$135	\$195 (\$330)	\$195 (\$525)
4*	Resort & Diving	\$869	\$215	\$327 (\$542)	\$327 (\$869)

^{*}Some trip options have limited availability. Sign up early!

^{**} Double occupancy trip suggests for you to bring a friend. The GMSC would prefer you arrange your own roommate. The GMSC may limit signup on a single signup basis if double occupancy cannot be satisfied with our efforts.

^{***} Base airfare ticket price guaranteed. The GMSC is not responsible for increases in taxes/surcharges that affect ticket price at time of travel and must be paid by the participant.



Ski Tahoe From Reno



Jan. 29th to Feb. 5 2011

Enjoy the luxuries and cosmopolitan amenities of Reno in the evening and ski the awesome and less often offered North Lake Tahoe ski resorts in the daytime. The snow is better up north, and Squaw Valley, Alpine Meadows and North Star have varied, exciting and scenic terrain. Nevada/California temperatures are relatively mild even in January and Tahoe's base elevation is about 6,200 ft. This has got to be a great trip!

Included in the trip are:

- Round trip air to Reno & the ground connections:
- Seven nights lodging in the Silver Legacy Resort Casino in the heart of the downtown casino district.
- Five days of lift tickets: 1 at Alpine Meadows, 1 at Mt. Rose, 1 at North Star and 2 at Squaw Valley.

Cost: **\$1,125.00** for GM members or MDSC affiliated club members and \$50.00 more for those with no MDSC club membership. \$125.00 due at sign-up, \$500.00 more by Oct. 22 & the final \$500.00, by Nov. 26, 2010.

A non-skiing option is also being offered at \$805.00 for those who just want to partake of Reno and/or southwest Nevada.

Contact Dave Duvali at (586) 754-8151 or via E-mail at daveduvali@wowway.com for more info. Mailing address: 27216 Dover, Warren MI 48088.

Make checks payable to **GM Ski Club** but mail to Dave Duvali.



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 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

SKI CLUB Trip Ap	plication	Destination:	7.5	Date: -	
Name:		Waste Marks			
Address:		City:	St	ate:	Zip:
Primary Phone: ()	Alternate Phone: ()		<u> </u>

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iability and waive any and all result of my participation in	any and all activitie I have read and un	or may hereafter acquire related to any a s connected directly or indirectly with th derstand the conditions outlined above.	e GM Ski Qub.		

Bald Mountain Indoor Camping Weekend



Dr. Jack Kevorkian may stop by over the weekend to check on one of his favorite haunts. Just kidding people, we are in the *other* cabin!

The Tamarack Cabins are in the Bald Mountain Recreation Area located off Harmon Road just north of Stoney Creek Road.

Come out Friday night and spend the weekend. We will have a fire going and have some hot dogs by the fire. Saturday lunch and dinner hasn't been decided yet, but surely we will have something good.

Bring your mountain bike, backpack (for hiking) or, just about anything you want. I think we may do a little hillbilly horseshoes as well. This is an indoor camping trip; we'll have board games and cards. There is no electricity, so bring flashlights and a lantern. Breakfast will be potluck, bring what you want to share. We will have stoves and coffee pots.

There is room for 20 members to sleep—bring your sleeping bag and pillow. The cost for members is \$25.00 for the weekend, \$20 for one night (\$30 and \$25 for non-members) and \$5 for Saturday afternoon. For further information please call Les Skrzycki 248 693-1794, or e-mail skiorsail@yahoo.com.

By the way, the cabin doesn't really look like what's pictured. OK?

This is a fun weekend, if you have never been here—try it—you will have a good time.

Make checks payable to GM SKI Club Mail to: Les Skrzycki 451 Heights Rd. Lake Orion, MI 48362

Please see website for trip application; www.gmskiclub.org





American Polish Cultural Center

Address: 2975 E. Maple Rd. Troy Mich. 48083 (248) 689-3636 Use Dequindre Road entrance.

You are invited to attend a *Polish Dinner*. Invitations are being sent to Somerset Ski & Golf, Sailing Singles, Five Star, Skiwi Ski Club, Solar Club & Thunderbirds. There will be a good mix of people and a chance to make new friends and enjoy an evening of food, music, and dancing.

To make the evening more INTERESTING, you are encouraged to bring a friend. It's optional but could be fun.

Last year was a total sell-out

Family-style (sit down) dinner to include:

A) Dill pickle soup **D)** Potato pancakes

B) Roast pork loin **E**) Baked kraut

C) Roasted potatoes F) Pierogi

Bread, coffee, and tea included

6:30 pm for drinks 7:00 pm for dinner in an elegant banquet facility Beer, wine & soda included. Cash bar for mixed drinks.

Members: \$32.00 Non Members: \$37.00

Deadline Is Friday, October 29th 2010

THERE WILL BE NO SIGN-UPS THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT AT THE DOOR

RSVP as soon as possible to: G. Ronan Make check out to GM SKI CLUB Mail check to 38175 Beecher Dr. Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Cell: (586) 219-7669 E-Mail Address: Riverdanceiii@yahoo.com

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 Deguindre, NW corner. Phone: 248-619-0016. Just show up, and we'll make room for you. No RSVP needed.

Sept	Event	Leaders
9/3-9/6	Labor Day Bridge Walk Weekend Stay at the Driftwood Motel in	Les Skrzycki
Fri-Mon	Rogers City. All rooms have balconies overlooking Lake Huron. Free	skiorsail@yahoo.com
	Wifi. Indoor pool & spa. Free breakfast bar!	248-693-1794
9 Thu	Meeting	
10 Fri	Pub & Grub Night. Tipsy McStaggers. 7280 E. 12 Mile just west of	Al Sleeman.
	Van Dyke. (586) 806-4481. The name says it all. A great place to	allan.sleeman@ameritech.net
	meet, drink and eat. Home of the piled high corn beef sandwich.	586-596-5276
12 Sun	Golf Outing 2:00 pm Sylvan Glen Golf Course. 5725 Rochester Rd.	Contact Stan Sawicki
	in Troy. Nine-hole scramble set up. All levels welcome. \$29.00/cart	586-808-3406
	or \$20.00 walking. Eat afterwards at Camp Ticonderoga Restaurant	ssawicki@comcast.net
	at the course. Non-golfers welcome to join us there.	
17 Fri	Restaurant Of The Month: The Hills Bar & Grille. 6810 N Rochester	Janet MacCulloch
	Rd Rochester Hills, MI 48306 248-652-4455. Night dining in	JanMccll@aol.com
	breathtaking ambiance. Thirty foot ceilings, a two-story fireplace,	248-539-4536
	three outdoor patios.	
17-20	Weekend in New York City. \$575 (non-GMSC members add \$15)	Contact Judy Heikkinen
Fri-Mon	which includes: airfare, three nights accommodations, Hudson River	womanatsea@yahoo.com
	Dinner Cruise (past Statue Of Liberty), Two breakfasts, taxi	248-202-2361
25 Sat	Photo Rally - The party game on wheels. It's a scavenger hunt with	Michelle Pawl-Gierick
	digital cameras. You will have some hilarious memories from this	586-291-0810
	event! Teams of 3-6 people will be given photo options and turn in	shelly7406@yahoo.com
	pictures to earn points. This will be a night you won't forget.	
26 Sun	Renaissance Festival. This weekend is the "Harvest Huzzah"	Contact Jeff Rollins.
	weekend which includes Wine Tasting, Grape Stomp, and Vow	248-879-8727.
	renewals, as well as the usual as far as jousting, etc. Tickets are	TEAMROL@aol.com
	\$19.95 at the door, with discount tix available at Kroger's.	
26 Sun	Biking - 10-15 Miles of Easy Riding with lunch afterward	Stan Sawicki
	Meet 12:00 at Rochester Hills Library	586-808-3406
		ssawicki@comcast.net
Oct		
8-Fri	Pub & Grub of the month. Malone's Tavern. 32350 Van Dyke Ave,	Al Sleeman.
	Warren, MI 48093 586-978-0055. Great food for a reasonable	allan.sleeman@ameritech.net
	price (average meal is \$8.50). Chicken piccata, nachos, fish & chips.	586-596-5276
14 Thu	Meeting	
22-24	Bald Mountain Weekend	Les Skrzycki
Fri-Sun	We reserve one of the Tamarack cabins for the weekend. Cabin	skiorsail@yahoo.com
	camping at its finest.	248-693-1794
15 Fri	Restaurant Of The Month. Hogan's restaurant. 6450 Telegraph	Janet MacCulloch
	Road Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301 248-626-1800 Fresh-food	JanMccll@aol.com
	restaurant—steaks, seafood, vegetarian, and gourmet desserts!	248-539-4536
30 Sat	Euchre Party. Halloween Theme. Darrell Ahlberg's House. Come to	Darrell Ahlberg
	play cards, or come just for the party. Maximum of 48 Euchre	586-899-8203
	Players (12 Tables). Six Games. Food, Snacks, and good times.	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"

September at a glance

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9 Thurs. Meeting

12 Sun Renaissance Festival

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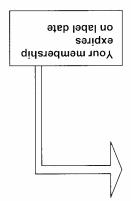
www.gmskiclub.org

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

MDSC Website: www.mdscski.org



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