



NEWSLETTER

SKI and TRAVEL

OCTOBER 2010

WEBSITE: www.gmskiclub.org

GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957

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GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, Oct. 14, 6:30 pm

Shield's Pizza Restaurant

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

Just stop by!
No admission charge

- Meet old friends
- Eat and drink
- Make new friends
- Enjoy life!

What's Happening!

Oct. 8, Friday Malone's Tavern

32350 Van Dyke Ave, Warren, MI 48093. Fun atmosphere, great food for a reasonable price (average meal is \$8.50). Awesome beer selection

October 15, Friday Hogan's Restaurant

6450 Telegraph Road Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301 Fresh-food restaurant featuring steaks, seafood, pasta, vegetarian, and gourmet desserts!

October 30, Sat. Euchre Party

Halloween Theme. Maximum of 48 Euchre Players (12 Tables). Food, snacks, and good times.

Bald Mountain Cabin Camping

Come out Friday night, October 22, and spend the weekend. We will have a fire going and have some hot dogs and beverages by the fire.

Saturday lunch and dinner will be delicious, thanks to our resident cook. And we'll have more beverages.

Bring your mountain bike, backpack (15 miles of marked trails for hiking or mountain biking), kayak (11 lakes, including one right outside our back door), horseshoes, paintball, fishing gear (panfish, northern pike, and largemouth bass) or just bring a comfortable chair and relax.



It's an indoor camping trip; we'll have board games and cards. This is the home of the never-ending Uno game.

Breakfast will be potluck; bring what you want to share. There are many great cooks in our midst!

There's room for 20 members to sleep—bring your sleeping bag. We stack 'em three high in bunks, with a lot more giggling than sleeping.

See flyer inside for more details.



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: 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

Activities: Darrell Ahlberg, 586-899-8203

Hospitality: Gregg Ronan 586-219-7669

Membership: Diane Reaser, 248-544-4387

MDSC Rep: Debbie Cooke 248-689-7167

Newsletter: Michael Bourke 586-776-7685

Publicity: Vacant

Ski Trips: Dave Duvali 586-754-8151

Sports and Ski Instruction: Stan Sawicki 586-808-3406

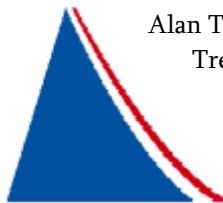
Webmaster: Kathy O'Driscoll 248-666-9057.

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

Treasurer's Report:

\$15,479⁶⁴

Alan Toomey
Treasurer



October Birthdays!

Lance Englund	5
Kathleen Anderson	6
Karen Halik	10
Christine Rollins	12
Stu Saxalby	23
Allan Sleeman	24
Connie Casey	27
Janet Blair	30
Dale Goolsby	31

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.

Michael Bourke
Home: 586-776-7685

16724 Collinson

Eastpointe, MI 48021

E-mail: gmskiclub@yahoo.com

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



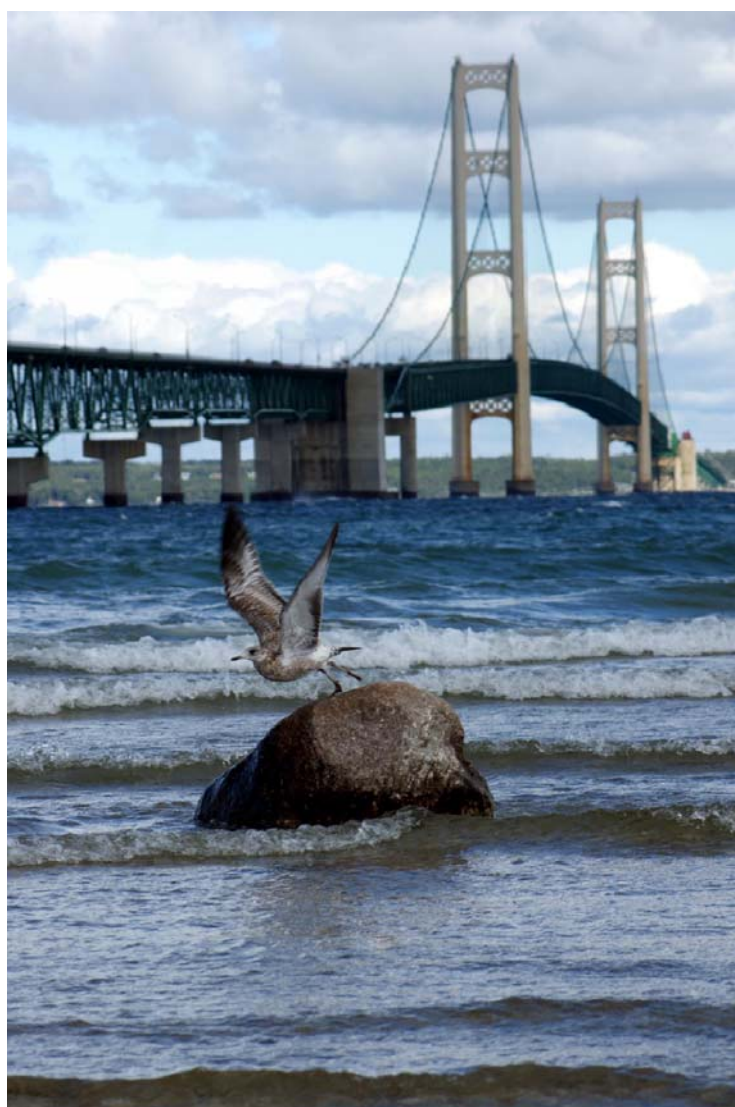


Mackinac Bridge Walk





Labor Day Weekend



Activities Planning Night

November 17, 2010

The first Activities Planning night was held back in February 2010. The outcome of that meeting set the calendar for the rest of 2010. As I'm sure you're aware, we had a variety of activities—all based upon your input. We did everything from zip-lining through the Hocking Hills to relaxing at Metro Beach on the 4th of July. We had many GMSC firsts. Such events included, but were not limited to, the Clinton River Cruise, Classic Car Night at Continental Lanes, hot air ballooning, horseback riding, Renaissance Festival, Mackinac Bridge walk, and the list goes on. At members suggestions, we also initiated golf outings, kayaking outings, and biking outings. We've partnered with area clubs such as Skiwis to offer an even greater variety of activities, such as a weekend canoe trip and whitewater rafting.

In all I think you'll agree, 2010 has been a great year for activities for our club. To all those who found some activity to enjoy you wouldn't have found otherwise, we are gratified. To the rest, we'd like to hear from you as to what you'd like to see.

Wednesday November 17, we'll hold a very special meeting. All GMSC members are invited to participate. We invite your input for activities for the coming 2011 calendar year. The objective will be to fill the calendar as much as possible. Your participation is welcome whether you come to help out in leading activities or simply want to listen in and perhaps make a few suggestions.

So mark you calendars now and plan on joining us November 17. The location will be announced later. Meantime, start thinking of things you'd like to see your club do. We welcome all input. The club belongs to you and me—the membership. We need everyone's thoughts and ideas so the club can be what the membership wants it to be.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday November 17.

Darrell Ahlberg
Activities Chair

HURRY!



TIME IS RUNNING OUT.
Renew your membership now!
**This is your last chance to RENEW
& SAVE \$5**
on a single's membership.

If you like waiting till the last minute, congratulations! The time is here! The last minute is **8:57 pm** at the Thursday, Oct. 14 meeting.

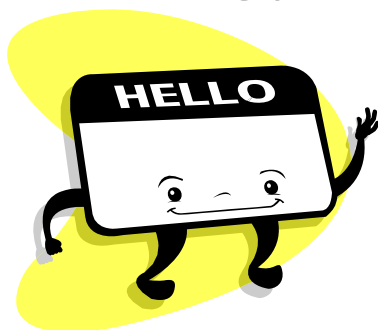


CHECK YOUR LABEL on this newsletter FOR YOUR EXPIRATION DATE*.

(*Disclaimer ~ If you just renewed in the past few days, don't worry. Your label date will be revised next month.)

Diane Reaser
Membership chair

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Donna Hutchins
Nora Kachaturoff
Bonnie Lewis
Carol Lieving
Bob Malcolm
Marsha Miller
Sandy Porter
Cynthia Wowk



Pub and Grub

Pub and Grub night, Saturday, November 13th, 7:00 pm at Snookers Pool and Pub, 45100 North Pointe Blvd., off of Hall Rd. between M-53 & Schoenherr Rd. Utica.

We will split the cost of pool. All levels are welcome.

Contact Stan at 586-808-3406 or ssawicki@comcast.net



Polska Night III

American Polish Cultural Center

Friday 11-5-2010

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

The **Skiwi Ski & Social Club** Presents:



Annual Christmas Party



*I'm dreaming of a white Christmas,
Just like the ones I used to know.
Where the tree tops glisten,
And children listen,
To hear sleigh bells in the snow.
--White Christmas, Irving Berlin*

When: **Saturday**, December 4, 2010. Cocktails at 7:00pm; Dinner at 8pm

Where: American Polish Cultural Center
2975 E. Maple Rd (at the corner of Dequindre)
Troy, MI 48083

Price: \$49/person on or before 11/18/2010; \$55/person after 11/19/2010

Includes: Open Bar, Family-Style Dinner, Music, Dancing, and Door Prizes

Toys for Tots Charity!

Bring a new, unwrapped toy
and help unfortunate children have a Merry Christmas!

For more information, contact **Matt Casey** at **248-770-4247** or
mcasey325e@comcast.net.

<http://www.skiwiskiclub.com/>



Christmas





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) 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



Trip Application

Destination: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: (____) _____ Alternate Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Gender: ☐ M ☐ F *Smoking: ☐ Y ☐ N GM Ski Club Member: ☐ Y ☐ N Other MDSC club? _____ (member of)

Please state any roommate preferences: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

In consideration for me being able to participate in this activity, I assume personal responsibility for any risks and hazards to my personal safety and equipment. I release the GM Ski Club, their Directors and Officers, and anyone affiliated with any and all activities from all liability and waive any and all claims I may have or may hereafter acquire related to any and all injuries or damages whatsoever arising as a result of my participation in any and all activities connected directly or indirectly with the GM Ski Club. I also certify that I am at least 19 years of age or older and that I have read and understand the conditions outlined above. I have read and understand the Refund/Cancellation policies applicable to this trip.

Date: _____ Signed: _____

**Please see the GM Ski Club By-Laws concerning smoking on club trips or ask the Trip Leader.*

Fiesta Americana Cozumel Dive Resort



MEXICO

February 12-19, 2011

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
 - 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 quiet secluded Tropical Casitas
 - Meals (3 restaurants & 3 bars)
 - Drinks, 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**
 - 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!

*****NOT INCLUDED:** 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 a.k.toomey@sbcglobal.net and get your signup package. **ONLY 32 spots available (We've added 12 more!)**

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



		Total Cost ↓	Due at signup (Till Nov 9 th) ↓	2nd 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.

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.

Oct	Event	Leaders
8-Fri	Pub & Grub of the month. Malone's Tavern. 32350 Van Dyke Ave, Warren, MI 48093 586-978-0055. Fun atmosphere, great food for a reasonable price (average meal is \$8.50). Awesome beer selection. Chicken piccata, nachos, fish & chips, burgers, pizza, and more. Outdoor patio, flat panel TV's galore.	Al Sleeman. allan.sleeman@ameritech.net 586-596-5276
14 Thu	General Meeting at Shield's Pizza, 1476 W. Maple Road, Troy, 6:30 pm	Gregg Ronan
15 Fri	Restaurant Of The Month. Hogan's restaurant. 6450 Telegraph Road Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301 248-626-1800 Fresh-food restaurant featuring steaks, seafood, pasta, vegetarian, and gourmet desserts!	Janet MacCulloch JanMccll@aol.com 248-539-4536
22-24 Fri-Sun	Bald Mountain Weekend We reserve one of the Tamarack cabins for the weekend. Cabin camping at its finest.	Les Skrzycki skiorsail@yahoo.com 248-693-1794
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
Nov		
5 Fri	Polish Dinner Dance at the American Polish Cultural Center, Maple Road at Dequindre in Troy. Dinner includes dill pickle soup, potato pancakes, roast pork loin, baked kraut, roasted potatoes, pierogi. Member price is \$32.	Greg Ronan riverdanceiii@yahoo.com 586-979-9512
11 Thu	General Meeting at Shield's Pizza, 1476 W. Maple Road, Troy, 6:30 pm	Gregg Ronan
13 Fri	Pub & Grub of the month. Snookers Pool & Pub. 45100 Northpointe Boulevard, Utica 586-726-0510. Full bar with fireplace. Flat-screen TVs throughout, table games, darts, and select video games.	Contact Stan Sawicki ssawicki@comcast.net 586-808-3406
17 Wed	Activities Planning Night. Activities make the club, and the club makes the activities. We need member input and member leadership. Gather your thoughts and plan to join us in planning the next year.	Darrell Ahlberg Dahlberg7@comcast.net 586-899-8203
19 Fri	Restaurant Of The Month. 2891 East Big Beaver Road Troy, MI 48083-2466 (248) 619-0016. Anton's Island Grill has a breezy Island theme and upscale family dining. Seafood choices like the Mediterranean-crusted salmon.	Janet MacCulloch JanMccll@aol.com 248-539-4536
Dec		
4 Sat	Skiwi Ski Club Christmas Party. Wear your formal best and be prepared to have a good time.	Contact Matt Casey mcasey325e@comcast.net
9 Thu	General Meeting at Shield's Pizza, 1476 W. Maple Road, Troy, 6:30 pm	Gregg Ronan
10 Fri	Christmas Karaoke Party	
18 Sat	White Christmas at Stagecrafters	

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”**

October at a glance

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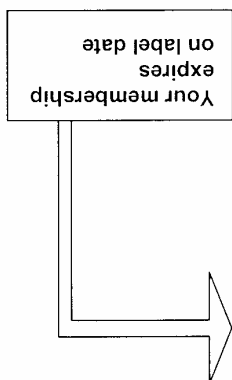
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(recent photos, upcoming events, membership applications, bylaws, forms, and fun music)

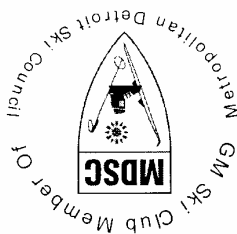
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Snowboard Hall of
Fame.**



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