



NEWSLETTER

TRAVEL & SOCIAL

NOVEMBER 2010

WEBSITE: www.gmskiclub.org

GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957

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GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, Nov. 11, 6:30 pm

Shield's Pizza Restaurant

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

No admission charge
Just stop by!

Have dinner
surrounded by
friends—new and old

Welcome to Our
Newest Members



Don Hannan

Fun Ng

Craig Petku

Beth Broderick

Todd Lekander

June Gusler

Mildred Toomey

Patty Sandmann

John & Patty

Westcott

Barbara McKolay

June Siehda

Liz Fish

Phil Rouleau

Don Jasper

Deborah Narrin

Ski Tahoe!

Dive Cozumel!

Check out our fabulous, cold-season trips!

(Inside)

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





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

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Newsletter: Michael Bourke 586-776-7685

Publicity: Vacant

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

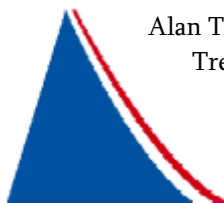
Webmaster: Kathy O'Driscoll 248-666-9057.

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

Treasurer's Report:

\$17,021⁰⁸

Alan Toomey
Treasurer



GM Ski Club Member Of
Metropolitan Detroit Ski Council

November Birthdays!



Denise Sheppard	01
Nancy Prall	04
Kathy Richardson	05
Liz Fish	10
Richard Hayes	13
Jim Walsh	14
Roy Cleland	16
Chris Johnson	16
Gail Selaty	18
John Zalewski	18
Sharyn Russ	19
Shirley Hathaway	20
Norm Kangas	27
Alan Toomey	28
Janet Schester	29

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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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. 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.

Mark your calendars now and plan on joining us November 17 at Darrell Ahlberg's House, 40377 Kraft Dr. Sterling Heights, MI 48310. 7:00 pm. Contact Darrell Ahlberg dahlberg7@comcast.net 586-899-8203

Meantime, start thinking of things you'd like to see your club do. 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

Treasurer's Corner

As the treasurer, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all who participate in our activities and trips. I do my best to keep the incoming transactions moving in a timely manner. There is a period of time from when you sign up for an activity and I receive your check and record and deposit it. Your check passes from you to the event leader and then to me. We try to keep the period of handling as short as possible because we think it is important for you to be able to balance your books.

I would also like to remind everyone it is important for you to make your submission to the club by check whenever possible. Our policy is that the treasurer does not accept cash. This is important in three ways. All cash (unless it happens to have your face on it) looks an awful lot alike. We account for every activity individually, and mix-ups about what cash applies to what can become an issue. Secondly, it helps leave a paper trail. You will have a canceled check in case there's ever a question about having paid for an event. Third, event leaders are required to change the cash received into a check when funds are turned over to the treasurer. This usually means they write their own personal check to replace the cash payment. This adds up over time and makes more work for the trip leader. We do not refuse cash, but it would be very helpful if you could use a check instead.

Reminder: Please make checks payable to the **GM SKI CLUB**. Seems straight forward, but I am getting several made out to the event leader.

Alan Toomey



Matthew J. Casey
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Pub and Grub at Malone's





Biking




**Paint Creek
 Trail**



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) ↓	2 nd payment (or total due) Nov 9 th 2010	Paid in full (or total due) Dec 10 th 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.



Rally leaders Carolyn and Michelle judging entries.

Road Rally



Some of our prize winners—



We were all winners!



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



Cozumel Update

The trip to Cozumel is selling very well. The original 20 spots we allocated to the trip sold out in short order. It seems that I am not alone in expecting February to be a cold month and expecting to come down with cabin fever. The trip was expanded to 32 spots shortly after the 20 spots sold out. Now we have just a few spots of the add-on spots remaining, and it's not even freezing—as of this writing.

The GMSC has a ski trip I would recommend you participate in if you are a skier or just want to go west to participate in other western arts. My own take on the cold is, "I'd rather be in the water rather than standing on it." The emphasis for going to Cozumel is that the average temperature in February is 76 degrees and for Detroit it is 26 degrees. Take your pick of trips, or do both! Both trips are fabulous and are in thermal contrast so that no member gets left behind this year because of personal climate preferences.

Reading of this article in the November Newsletter means that you will only have days remaining in order to get signed up for this trip, if there are any spots left. Group travel is settled with the airlines and travel agents a month or more in advance. This is when all the names and deposits are worked out and final. We had fewer numbers of airfares reserved for the trip than we have rooms, so airfare has sold out. We are not adding airfare. Despite if you hear the trip is sold out, it will be important for you to express an interest and be willing to provide a deposit. If we have a waitlist, we can expand the trip a 3rd time, if rooms are still available at the resort.

The more the merrier. The more people we have going, the better the opportunity to find fellow "GMSC Cozumites" to hang with and participate together in the unlimited activities that are available both on the island and the nearby mainland.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Cozumel Trip Leader Alan



Kathy being camera shy.



General Meeting at Shields Oct. 14



Some raffle winners are grateful...



...and some raffle winners are very grateful!



Transiting



Dining



Our waiter taught us how to do the "shoulder dip" pose. Karen mastered it.



New York

*You gotta experience it,
cuz there's no other place like it.*



How many prehistoric monsters do you see in this picture?



Traveling down the Hudson on our two-masted schooner.

Calendar of Events

Every Sunday—Our “**Breakfast Club**” starts at 10:00 am 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 Sunday—Wallyball at 12:30 pm at Warren Racquetball, Van Dyke at 12 ½ Mile. RSVP to gmskiclub@yahoo.com

Date	Event	Leaders
NOV		
5 Fri	"Polska" Night. American Polish Cultural Center. 2975 E. Maple Rd. Troy (248) 689-3636 You are invited to attend a Polish Dinner. Several area clubs are participating so this is a chance to make new friends and enjoy an evening of food, music, and dancing. Sometimes we even breakout the karaoke machine. This event is always a sellout, so book early.	Gregg Ronan (586) 219-7669 Riverdanceiii@yahoo.com
11 Thu	Meeting - Shields Pizza. 1746 W. Maple (W. of Crooks). 6:30 pm. Great night of fellowship. Hear about and sign up for upcoming events Admission is free but please come hungry and support our host.	Greg Ronan (596-219-7669 Riverdanceiii@yahoo.com
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	GMSC Activities Planning Night. Activities make the club and the club makes the activities. We need member input and member leadership Gather your thoughts and visions for future GMSC activities 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. For a breezy Island theme and upscale family dining, Anton's Island Grill is the place to go. seafood choices like the Mediterranean-crust salmon.	Janet MacCulloch JanMccl@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
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10 Fri	Christmas Karaoke Party	
18 Sat	White Christmas at Stagecrafters - If you've ever attended a Stagecrafter's play, you know they are at their best with their musicals. This year is very special. They will present their rendition of "White Christmas" and we have secured the best seats in the house. This will be a sellout before you know it. Book early.	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

See the Warren Miller Movie at the Royal Oak Music Theater; Saturday, December 11th; two showings; 6:30 pm & 9 pm. Information is on Facebook and Twitter.



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

November at a glance

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

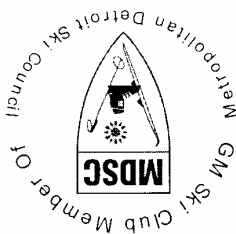
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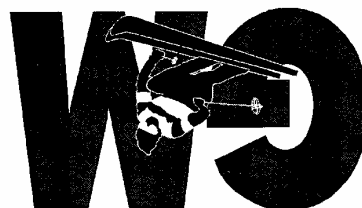
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