



# NEWSLETTER

June 2012

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GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957

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## **Pub and Grub of the Month**

Augies Bar & Grille  
31660 John R Road  
Madison Heights, MI 48071

Friday June 29th 6:30 PM  
Cost: Your tab Contact Al Sleeman  
[allan.sleeman@ameritech.net](mailto:allan.sleeman@ameritech.net)

## **Restaurant of the Month**

Rojo Mexican Bistro  
24026 Jefferson  
St. Clair Shores, MI

Friday June 22nd 6:30 pm  
Cost: Your tab Contact Sharon Rose  
[rosesblooming@comcast.net](mailto:rosesblooming@comcast.net)



## GM SKI CLUB MONTHLY MEETING



Visit us at [GMSKICLUB.ORG](http://GMSKICLUB.ORG)



**WE'RE OUTDOORS!!!!**  
**MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING**  
**JUNE 14TH AT 6:00PM**  
**300 N SQUIRREL RD – AUBURN HILLS**  
**RIVERWOODS PARK**  
COST: \$4 MEMBER - \$6 NON-MEMBER



Contact Cindy Hollister 810.444.3630 [cindymhollister@gmail.com](mailto:cindymhollister@gmail.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.

Contact: newsletter@gmskiclub.org

If your newsletter is coming to the wrong address, it means your information is incorrect in our files. Contact: Anne Demres at annedemres@gmail.com.

### Treasurer's Report:

## \$18,213.47

Alan Toomey, Treasurer



### June Birthdays

Judy Heikkinen	6-03
Rhen Bryant	6-05
Mary Hahnefeld	6-06
Thomas Scott	6-07
Patricia Lloyd	6-07
Robert Dugan	6-08
Matthew Casey	6-18
June Siehda	6-18
Marge Hall	6-21
Jenny Dietrich	6-24
Karen Arel	6-25
Jo-Ann Novak	6-25



### GM Ski and Travel Club Board of Directors

**President:** Dave Norkus  
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248-666-9057

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berg 586-899-8203

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame  
proudly recognizes

**GM Ski Club**

as a  
contributing member

We appreciate your support!



**WANTED!**  
**THREE NEW FACES**  
FOR GM SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP!



**REWARD**

RECRUIT 3, AND GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP FREE!  
(GM SKI CLUB GROWS BY THREE NEW MEMBERS WHO  
DESIGNATE YOU AS THE REFERRING MEMBER AT SIGNUP)

Matthew J. Casey  
TAX PROFESSIONAL

MATTHEW J. CASEY, M.S.T.

OFFICES IN  
FARMINGTON HILLS  
AND YPSILANTI, MI  
248.770.4247

Expires 12/12



## From the President

By Dave Norkus

Hello Everyone,

It really feels like summer has started with a big turnout for the Eastern Market Event (about 40 people). Thanks to Les for arranging the private room for breakfast at Vivio's overlooking the Eastern Market. Talking with the new members, it was wonderful to hear "this club does so many great activities, it is hard to pick what to go on". My response was "just go to everything, that way you don't have miss out". Looking forward to a great summer ahead.

### *GM Ski Club Theatre Night*

Join Us for a Night of Non-Stop Laughter and Farce  
In This Fast Paced Comedy

**"A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON  
THE WAY TO THE FORUM"**

St. Dunstan's Outdoor Greek Theatre (at Cranbrook Academy)  
400 Lone Pine Rd, Bloomfield Hills

**Saturday, June 9 8:30 p.m.**

***Tickets: \$22 member \$27 non-member***

Tickets are limited: Call/E-mail Bill Given  
248-819-2833/ [williamgiven9708@comcast.net](mailto:williamgiven9708@comcast.net)

### **BIKING THIS SUMMER**

Instead of sitting around watching TV, you may want to try biking this summer. On a nice ( or could be better ) Sunday afternoon we ride the beautiful biking trails around Rochester. We meet at the Rochester Hills Library, which is right next to the bike trail. Our trips are set up so that we go out on the bike trail for approximately an hour, turn around and head back for a nice meal afterwards. There is no set distance that we go, it is up the individual to decide how fast they want to go. Some of us go at a fast pace and others go at a 'smell the roses' pace, it doesn't matter, because we arrive back around the same time. The place that we mainly eat at afterwards, is a nice restaurant/pub called the Limelight which has a relaxing patio seating along the Clinton River. So if you want to exercise well, eat well, and live well come out and bicycle with us. BE A BIKER you won't regret it.





**GM Ski Club Restaurant Of The Month. Friday June 22, Rojo Mexican Bistro. 24026 Jefferon, St. Clair Shores, MI**

**Former Andiamo Restaurant, over looking Lake St. Clair. We will be on the 2nd floor. Entertainment starts at 9:00 pm. Contemporary ambiance you won't find in other Mexican restaurants. The lush color red accentuating the décor evokes subtle hints of the famous "latin" passion and prepares you for a tantalizing south of the border dining experience. Traditional Mexican dishes, as well as a number of house-specialty vegetarian, poultry, fish, shellfish, pork and beef entrees.**

**Time 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Sharon Rose [rosesblooming@comcast.net](mailto:rosesblooming@comcast.net) 586-899-6845**



**GM Ski Club Pub & Grub night. Friday June 29, Augies Bar & Grille 31660 John R Road Madison Heights, MI 48071**

**Not just a sports bar, not just a local bar, not just a place to dance and party, not just great food and the best drink prices around....It's ALL THAT AND MORE!! Fridays feature all-U-Can Eat Fish & Chips \$9.99. Bar Bingo. Play for your chance to win drinks and food. Live music starting at 10pm**

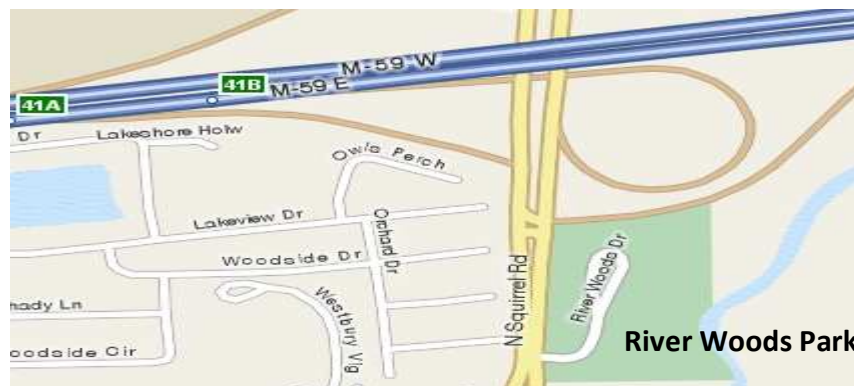
**Time: 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Al Sleeman [allan.sleeman@ameritech.net](mailto:allan.sleeman@ameritech.net)**

## **Come and join us this Summer at our new location**

The GM Ski Club has moved its outdoor meetings to River Woods Park In Auburn Hills

Located on the southeast corner of Squirrel Rd. at M-59, River Woods Park is located along the Clinton River and features a covered picnic shelter with barbeque grills, a paved pathway with a bridge over the Clinton River, basketball courts, and, oh yes, state of the art restroom facilities.

We are very excited about this move and hope you will make plans to join us.



# Join us for SPORTING CLAY SHOOTING At Bald Mountain



Saturday 6-16 at 9:45 am -2500 Kern Road,  
Lake Orion

(Kern Road is North- off Silver Bell, between M-24 & Adams)

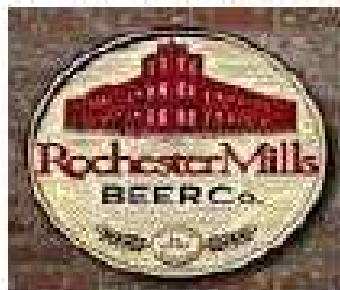
4-Groups of 5 Shooters, First 20 to send in their check.

Send Checks To: 1416 Oakstone Rochester Hills, Mi. 48309

\$26 Includes: Range Fee, Rifle Rental & Ammo

Members who bring their own: Rifle & Ammo mail in \$13.  
Non-members add \$4.

After Meet for: Lunch & Fun at Rochester Brewery  
400 Water Street – Rochester Mi.



About 12 Noon- All invited

Contact Don Phillips @ 313-378-9079  
E-Mail: [bjp21 @ wowway.com](mailto:bjp21@wowway.com)

**Waiting list only  
Currently Sold Out**



## **President's Fireworks Party – Members Only**

(Limit of 50 people)

**Open** to new members!

**Date: Saturday, June 30, 2012**

**Time: 5:00 PM (dinner at 6:00)**

**Place: Dave's house on the lake**

**Member price: \$10.00**

**New member price: \$15.00 (includes membership)**

**Includes: Hamburgers, hotdogs, vegetarian dish, potato salad, coleslaw, beans, and dessert**

**BYOB in your own cooler**

**Bring lawn chair, bathing suit, towel, or floats. Kayaks and canoes welcome too.**

**Make checks payable to GM Ski Club and mail to Dave Norkus at  
4043 Lotus Drive, Waterford, MI 49329**

**New members - include a membership application which can be found at  
<http://www.gmskiclub.org/Membership/MemberApp.pdf>**

**Contact Dave Norkus at [dnorkus@comcast.net](mailto:dnorkus@comcast.net)**



**Sailing Singles & GM Ski Club  
Dinner-Dance Rendezvous  
Bayview Yacht Club  
100 Clairpointe, Detroit, MI 48215**



**July 14-15 2012**

**Please** join us on Saturday July 14 at the charming **Bayview Yacht Club** on the Detroit River for a relaxing evening with friends. Enjoy happy hour, delicious food and the large wood dance floor. Then take a step outside into the magical night and feel yourself swept away to another world. The soft lights of Canada glistening on the water, the cool breeze, water, music, moon, stars, and balmy night air transcend us to a gifted place and we never want to leave. **Please** come help us create a beautiful "together" memory for summer 2012.

**Saturday: July 14**

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails on the dock (Please bring both)
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Cocktails inside (cash bar)
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Dinner
8:30 – 11:30 p.m.	Dancing DJ - Brian Bosman

**Sunday Morning** 9:30 a.m. Potluck Breakfast on the dock (each boat 2 dishes)

Boat reservations ahead & docking assistance after 2:00 p.m. on Sat. 7/14 - Call Marsha Miller cell 313 580 0808.  
Driving Directions: I-94 to Conner, **Conner south across Jefferson Avenue, Conner becomes Clairpointe, Turn Right** into Bayview. (313) 822-9595

**Questions:** Marsha Miller H: 248 449-3449 C: 313 580 0808 or [serendipitybb@yahoo.com](mailto:serendipitybb@yahoo.com)

**NO CHANGES TO MEAL CHOICES.** You will be served the dinner marked on your place card.

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Name and Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Boat: \_\_\_\_\_

Mediterranean Chicken topped w/red peppers, prosciutto, and mozzarella cheese

Sweet Potato Encrusted Whitefish

1 12 oz New York Strip Steak \_\_R \_\_M \_\_W (Please add \$9.00 extra to total for beef choice)

Dance only 8:30-12:00 \$20.00 at the door. To reserve call Marsha 248 449 3449

Early-bird Special until June 26<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_Members \$45.00 \_\_\_\_Non-members \$50.00

**June 27-July5 \_\_\_\_Members \$50.00 \_\_\_\_Non-members \$55.00**

**Please send check made out to "Sailing Singles" to:**

**Loretta Slawinski**

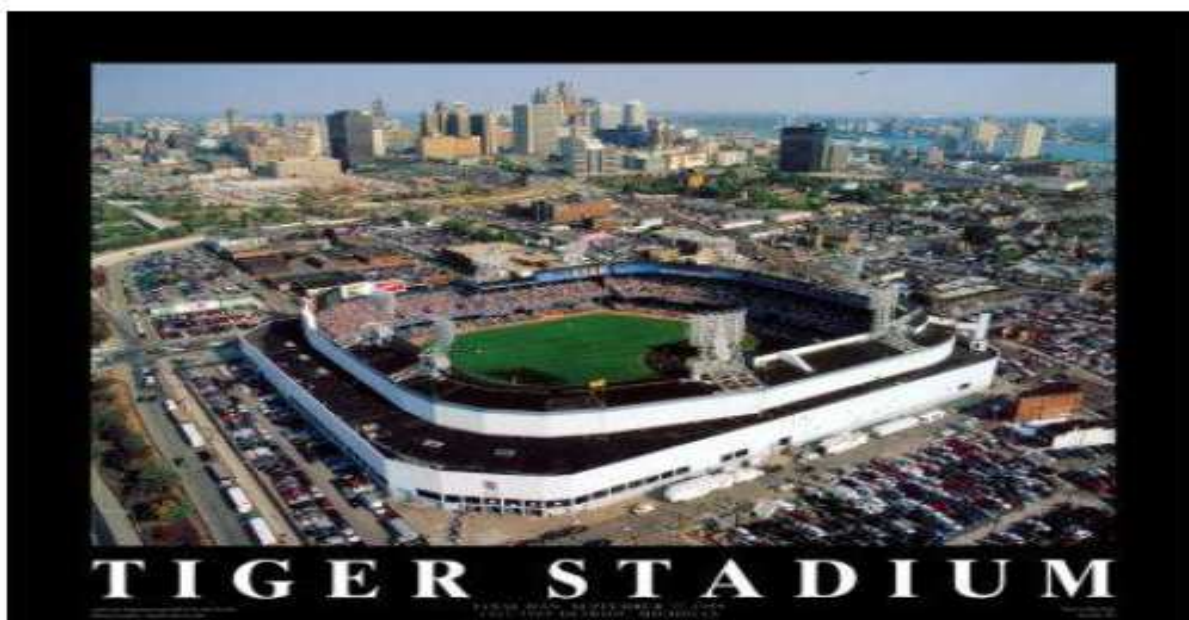
**5350 Shrewsbury Dr.**

**Troy, Michigan 48085**



DETROIT TIGERS VS.CHICAGO WHITE SOX  
July 21 Saturday Evening    Section-326 Rows 16 &17

Please Make Checks out to: "GM Ski Club"  
Mail Checks By: June 12<sup>th</sup> To:  
Don Phillips-1416 Oakstone Drive Rochester Hills,  
Mi. 48309 24 Tickets available





# GM Ski Club Annual Summer Picnic

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area—South Shelter

7800 Gale Road  
Waterford, MI 48327

**Saturday, August 11, 12:00 noon till dusk**

**1:00—2:00 Hiking or Biking** (meet at pavilion)

**Dinner at 3:00 PM**

Traditional summer BBQ includes:

**Food:** hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, dessert

**Drink:** keg of beer, wine, pop

**Activities:** swimming (we can walk to the beach... it's close), mountain biking, hiking, volleyball, bocce ball, horseshoes

**What to bring:** chair, swim suit/towel, bike (mountain bike or hybrids), hiking boots, Frisbee or other games.



Practically  
on the  
Beach!

Rain or shine...  
we have a pavilion!

**Member Price \$10.00, Non-member \$15.00.**

Mail check payable to GM Ski Club to Diane Reaser at  
214 Woodsboro Dr, Royal Oak, MI 48067  
[diane.b.reaser@abc.com](mailto:diane.b.reaser@abc.com)

Reservations a must. Advance sales are necessary to allow time and a count for food purchases. **Price goes up after the August general meeting on 8/9.**  
\$15 members and \$20 non-members

Event Leader: Les Skrzycki

## **Sleeper State Park Weekend Campout And Jimmy Buffett Cheeseburger Festival (Caseville, MI)**

**Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

*Swim, or canoe/kayak, bike or hike on trails, fish and catch supper  
... or just lay on the beach or take part in the cheeseburger festival in Caseville.*

Sleeper State Park is 723 acres of forest, wetlands and sandy beaches and dunes located in the Saginaw Bay approx 3.9 miles from the town of Caseville-State. Park entry permit is required.

This weekend adventure includes:

- Camping at Sleeper State Park (Thurs, Fri, & Sat)
- Pizza Party Thursday night
- Group cook-out dinner (Friday & Saturday night)
- Breakfast (Fri, Sat & Sun)
- Lunch (Fri and Sat)
- Group hike trail (Fri &/or Sat Morning)

Lots of free time for tubing, biking, beach bumming, etc.

***You are free to dine in Caseville on your own or cook-out with the group Saturday night.***

Members: Only \$70 all inclusive, meals included, BYOB. A \$20 deposit will hold your place.  
Non-member cost is \$80.

**Checks payable to the GM Ski Club. Mail to Stu Saxalby at:  
2160 W. Buell Rd., Oakland Twp., MI 48363**

**Reserve early** by contacting Stu Saxalby at [stusaxalby@comcast.net](mailto:stusaxalby@comcast.net)

We have reserved 10 campsites and have a max capacity of 40 campers (4 campers per site/2 tents per site or 1 camping trailer per site).

## Twenty fourth annual Eastern Market Breakfast.

What a beautiful morning to be out and enjoying the warm sun and all the activity at the Eastern Market. The bloody Mary's and beer chaser breakfast upstairs at Vivio's included 38 members who were circulating and talking and enjoying their "breakfast." Most came by car, but we did have a number of souls that biked to the market. What a blast! From breakfast, we headed out eager to start shopping at the Eastern Market.

After shopping, we moved on to the Jefferson Beach Marina for a little more refreshment and some time on the water. There was plenty of celebration, some of the wine purchases never made it home. Two boats went out, one of which was Craig P's who was happy to show off his new boat.

Afterwards we did a little barbequing along the waters edge and just hung out. This day brought plenty of sun and clear skies, and great friendship, you couldn't have wanted more. Once again we want to thank the boat owners for helping us extend the Eastern Market adventure.

Have a great summer and see you next year. Les Skrzycki



## Quatro de Mayo May 4, 2012 Abuelo's—The Flavor of Mexico



## Bocce Ball at Palazzo di Bocce in Orion Township

Our Bocce Ball event was held on April 21. We had 17 people that came to play. With two courts, there was a lot of action, and a lot of fun. There were times where the Bocce Balls were so close that a measuring tape was brought out to determine who was the closest. We welcomed in 2 new members. If you missed this event, you missed a great time, great food and great conversations!



# **Upcoming Events** **TRAVEL & SOCIAL**

<p><b>Every Sunday—Our “Breakfast Club”</b> 10:00 am at Jimmy’s Coney Grill, 37246 Dequindre, NE corner at 16 Mile. Just show up. We’ll make room.</p>	<p><b>No Wally ball</b> for the summer, watch the calendar for when it starts up again!</p>
<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Month —GM General Meeting</b> Summer Meetings are at River Woods in Auburn Hills. Winter meetings are at Shields Pizza In Troy, Contact Cindy Hollister 810-444-3630 cindymhollister@gmail.com</p>	
<p><b>Sat 6/9/2012 Community Theater. St. Dunstan's 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304</b> Outdoor Presentation of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" Cost: \$22.00 Members / \$27. Non Members Contact Bill Given bill_given@phmic.com</p>	
<p><b>Sun 6/10/2012 Bike ride 500 Olde Towne Rd in Rochester</b> Meet at the Rochester Hills Library. All levels welcome. We will eat afterwards. Time: 1:00 pm Contact Stan Sawicki 586-808-3406</p>	
<p><b>Thu 6/14/2012 GM Meeting: New Location: River Woods - Auburn Hills 300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills, MI</b> Time 6.00 PM Cost \$4.00 members, \$6.00 non-members Contact Cindy Hollister 810-444-3630 cindymhollister@gmail.com</p>	
<p><b>Fri 6/15/2012 Hazel Park Raceway 1650 E 10 Mile Rd Hazel Park, MI 48030</b> Enjoy a night of harness racing together with friends in air conditioned viewing comfort while placing a bet or two on your favorite pony. Maximum of 20 people. Time: 7:00 Cost: Your tab. Contact Bill 248-819-2833 williamgiven9708@comcast.net to reserve your spot</p>	
<p><b>Sat 6/16/2012 Sporting Clay Shooting at Bald Mountain Shooting Range 2500 Kern Road Lake Orion, MI 48360</b> 20 Person Maximum - Sign Up Early Cost: Members. \$26 with Gun and Ammo Supplied. \$13 Bring your own gun &amp; ammo. Non-members add \$4.00 Time: 10:00 A.M. Contact: Don Phillips bjp21@wowway.com</p>	
<p><b>Fri 6/22/2012 RoM - Rojo Mexican Bisto 24026 Jefferon, St. Clair Shores, MI</b> Time 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Sharon Rose rosesbloomington@comcast.net 586-899-6845</p>	
<p><b>Sun 6/24/2012 Bike ride 500 Olde Towne Rd in Rochester</b> Meet at the Rochester Hills Library. All levels welcome. We will eat afterwards. Time: 1:00 pm Contact Stan Sawicki 586-808-3406</p>	
<p><b>Wed 6/27/2012 Grace Center of Hope 35 E Huron St, Pontiac, MI 48342</b> Doing our part in giving back to the community by serving meals to those on hard times. Time: 4:30 pm Contact: Susan Walker swneko@aol.com 248-660-5329</p>	
<p><b>Fri 6/29/2012 Pub &amp; Grub Augie's Bar &amp; Grill 31660 John R Road Madison Heights, MI 48071</b> Time: 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Al Sleeman allan.sleeman@ameritech.net</p>	
<p><b>Sat 6/30/2012 Presidents Fireworks Party - Dave Norkus House 4043 Lotus, Waterford, MI MEMBERS ONLY PARTY.</b> *** WAIT LIST ONLY. CURRENTLY SOLD OUT. *** Time: 5:00 Dinner 6:00 Cost Members \$10.00. New Members \$15.00 includes membership through 9/30 Contact Dave Norkus. dnorkus@comcast.net</p>	
<p><b>Sun 7/1/2012 Kayaking At Stoney Creek Stoney Creek Metro Park Mt. Vernon picnic</b> TIME: 10:30 AM COST: \$6.00 per hour - Pay at the park. CONTACT: Stan Sawicki at 586-808-3406 or ssawicki@comcast.net</p>	
<p><b>Thu 7/12/2012 GM Meeting: New Location: River Woods - Auburn Hills 300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills, MI</b> Time 6.00 PM Cost \$4.00 members, \$6.00 non-members Contact Cindy Hollister 810-444-3630 cindymhollister@gmail.com</p>	
<p><b>Sat 7/14/2012 Sailing Singles Bayview Rendezvous Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit, MI 48215</b> Cost: Early-bird Special until June 26th Members \$45.00 Guest \$50.00. Add \$5.00 after June 26 Contact: Marsha Miller H: 248 449-3449 C: 313 580 0808 or serendipitybb@yahoo.com</p>	
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<p><b>Fri 7/20/2012 RoM LaSaj Lebanese Bistro 13776 Southcove Dr, Sterling Heights, MI - Lakeside Mall @ Schoenherr</b> Time 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Kay Sheere</p>	
<p><b>Sat 7/21/2012 Detroit Tiger Baseball</b> Watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Chicago White Sox. Fireworks will follow the game. LIMIT OF 24 PEOPLE. Order tickets by June 12. Cost: \$34 members/ \$39 non-members. Send check payable to GM Ski Club to 1416 Oakstone Rochester Hills, Mi. 48309 Time: Hockeystown gathering: 5:00 Game Time: 7:05. Contact: Don Phillips. bjp21@wowway.com 248-217-0866</p>	
<p><b>Wed 7/25/2012 Grace Center of Hope 35 E Huron St, Pontiac, MI 48342</b> Doing our part in giving back to the community by serving meals to those on hard times. Time: 4:30 pm. Contact: Susan Walker swneko@aol.com 248-660-5329</p>	
<p><b>Fri 7/27/2012 Pub &amp; Grub TBD</b> Time: 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Al Sleeman allan.sleeman@ameritech.net</p>	
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<p><b>Sat 8/4/2012 Huron River Canoe Trip Huron River, Milford</b> Details TBD Contact John 586-979-2392 johnzalewski@wowway.com</p>	
<p><b>Sat 8/4/2012 Air Show &amp; WWII Flights</b> Contact Tom Scott tescott99@yahoo.com</p>	
<p><b>Thu 8/9/2012 GM Meeting: New Location: River Woods - Auburn Hills 300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills, MI</b> Time 6.00 PM Cost \$4.00 members, \$6.00 non-members Contact Cindy Hollister 810-444-3630 cindymhollister@gmail.com</p>	





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

## June at a glance

Every Sunday Our “Breakfast Club” starts at 10:00 a.m.  
At Jimmy’s Coney Grill, 37246 Dequindre, NE corner  
at 16 Mile.

6/09	Community Theater at St. Dunstan’s
6/10	Bike Ride 500 Olde Towne Rd, Rochester
6/14	GM Gen. Mtg. River Woods, Auburn Hills
6/15	Hazel Park Raceway
6/16	Sport Clay Shooting—Bald Mountain
6/22	ROM Rojo Mexican Bistro, St. Clair Shores
6/24	Bike Ride 500 Olde Towne Rd, Rochester
6/27	Grace Center of Hope, Pontiac
6/29	P&G Augie’s Bar & Grill, Madison Hts.
6/30	Presidents Fireworks Party

## GM SKI and TRAVEL CLUB Website:

[www.gmskiclub.org](http://www.gmskiclub.org)  
(recent photos, upcoming events, membership  
applications, bylaws, forms, and fun music)

MDSC Website: [www.mdscski.org](http://www.mdscski.org)

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