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<u>Restaurant of</u> the Month

Pub an<u>d Grub of</u> the Month

La-Saj Lebanese Bistro 13776 Southcove Drive Sterling Heights, MI (Lakeside Mall & Schoenherr)

Friday July 20th 6:30 pm Cost: Your tab Kay Sheere ktmc1014@wowway.com

Gator Jakes 36863 Van Dyke Avenue Sterling Heights, MI

Friday July 27th 6:30 PM Cost: Your tab Contact Al Sleeman allan.sleeman@ameritech.net



Editor's Notes

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July Birthdays

Brian Briggs	7/02
Janice Saur	7/02
David Fries	7/03
Leslie Musser	7/06
Beth Kish	7/07
Fun Ng	7/11
David Norkus	7/12
Edwin Leonard	7/14
James Steigelman	7/23
Marie Weiner	7/24
Paul Grosso	7/24
Mildred Toomey	7/25
Karen Counts	7/26
Judith Lay	7/27

Treasurer's Report: \$17,371.72

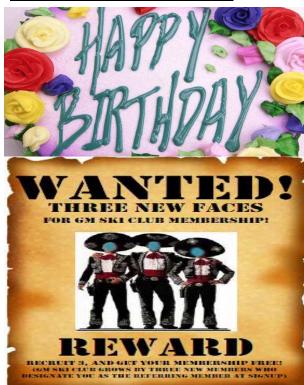
Alan Toomey. Treasurer



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From the President



By Dave Norkus

Hello everyone,

Summer has arrived and we are in full swing with our outdoor activities. Words to the wise, "Plan your events with the club soon before they fill up or you will miss another wonderful summer". We're having the President's fireworks party (sold out!), Tiger baseball game (almost sold out!), Annual Summer GM picnic at Pontiac Lake on August 11, and the Spectacular (Jimmy Buffett) camping weekend in Caseville on August 16, 17, 18 to name a few events. If you can't make those, remember our monthly General Meeting at the River Woods Park in Auburn Hills. I hope to see you at these events and share some wonderful memories.....





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

Meet 5pm @: Hockey Town Cafe for Food & Fun! Game starts at 7:05 PM, Fireworks after the game. Members: \$34, Non-Members \$39

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





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Sailing Singles & GM Ski Club Dinner-Dance Rendezvous Bayview Yacht Club 100 Clairpeinte, 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.

Seturdey: July 14	
4:30 − 6:00 p.m.	Hors d'oeuvres and cocktalls on the clock (Plea se bring both)
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Cocktal is inside (cash bar)
7.00 – 8.00 p.m.	Dirmer
8:30 —11:30p.m.	Dancing DJ - Brian Bosman
Sun day 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 8at. 7/14 - Call Marsha Miller cell 313 560 0000. Driving Directons: I-94 to Conner, **Conner south across Jefferson Avenue**, *Conner becomes Claupointe, Tum Right* into Bayview. (313) \$22-9695

Questions: Marsha Miller H: 24* 449-3449 C: 313 5*0 0*08 or serendipitybol@yahoo.com

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

Name and Phone #'______ Boat' ______

Mediterranean Chicken topped w/red peppers, prosciutto, and mozzarella cheese Swoot Poteto Engruetod Whitofish

12 oz New York Strip Steak $_$ R $_$ W (Please add \$9.00 extra to total for beet choice)

Dance only \$130-12100 | \$20.00 at the door. To reserve call Marsha | 248 449 3449

Early bird Special until June 26th ____Members \$15.00 ____Non members \$50.00 June 27-July5 ____Members \$50.00 ____Non-members \$55.00

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Fri 7/20/2012 RoM LaSaj Lebanese Bistro 13776 Southcove Dr, Sterling Heights, MI - Lakeside Mall @ Schoenherr

La Saj, an upscale Lebanese restaurant joins the Lebanese Grill, Brigette's Café, Ike's, and Steve's Backroom to enhance the east side's reputation as a secular mecca for those who fancy Mediterranean cuisine. La Saj takes its name from the unusual metal dome on which many of the restaurant's dishes are prepared. The saj, an upside-down wok whose temperature can reach 500 degrees, cooks ingredients quickly, sealing in the flavor and juices through its ancient flameless technique.

Time 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Kay Sheere



Fri 7/27/2012 Pub & Grub Gator Jakes 36863 Van Dyke Avenue Sterling Heights, Everything you're looking for in great food in a sports bar, Creole and Southwestern food, backed up by thick, juicy steaks, succulent fish, and tasty, filling pasta and sandwiches, We have reservations for patio seating.

Time: 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Al Sleeman allan.sleeman@ameritech.net



SKIWI/GM SKI CLUB - HURON RIVER CANOE TRIP

SATURDAY AUGUST 4, 2012

VILLAGE CANOE RENTAL - MILFORD (1216 Garden Road) - directions will be provided.

CANOE AT 10:00 AM - Meet at 9:30 AM

Where: Huron River and Proud Lake – Milford to Proud Lake Recreation Area and Back

About a 4 to 5 Hour Canoe Trip

Cost \$24 per cance (Two People per cance - \$12.00 pp) – Single Kayaks available for \$24. Based on a rental of 12 watercraft – if we don't get 12 rentals, price will be slightly more. There will be NO bus shuttle this year – we will be paddling upstream for the first part of the trip. After lunch, you will be paddling back to the Cance Rental to your vehicle.

If you have your own cance or kayak - the Village Cance Rental allows you to park your vehicle at their site.

BYO Everything – Food (Lunch), Snacks, Drinks, Water Toys, Water Shoes, etc. Checklist Link: <u>http://www.freewebs.com/villagecance18/equipmentchecklist.htm</u>

Tips: http://villagecanoe18.webs.com/tips.htm

You will need to pay me (John Z.) when you arrive and sign the Release Form (No-Load Event).

To reserve your spot and/or need more information - Contact:

John Zalewski 586-979-2392 - johnzalewski@wowway.com

www.skiwiskiciub.com





Thunder Over Michigan Air ShHow Willowrun Airport, Ypsilanti August 4, 2012, Saturday

AIRCRAFT 20 P-51 MUSTANGS P-38 LIGHTENING P-47 THUNDERBOLT B-29 SUPERFORTRESS B-25 MITCHELL F-86 SABRE C-47 SKYTRAIN SEA HARRIER (JUMP JET)	Events Touch and see all the aircraft Fly bys of aircraft Interview pilots WW II Infantry Battle Re-enactment US &Germans Tail gate party
What To Bring SUN HAT SUN SCREEN SUNGLASSES WATER BOTTLE COOLER, DRINKS, LUNCH CAMERA COMFORTABLE SHOES	TicketsBefore June 17\$20After June 17\$25Parking\$5See website for more informationYANKEEAIRMUSEUM.ORG

Time: 8am Sat. CAR POOL From San Marino Hall Big Beaver nr. John R **Contact:** Tom Scott 586 739 5199 tescott99@yahoo.com

Sneak peek at what's coming up next year...

Copper Mountain Colorado ski trip

on sale at the August general meeting

Date: March 2 – 9, 2013 Includes:

- 7 day trip
- Five day lift tickets
- Non-stop airfare
- Slope-side lodging condominiums
- Transportation



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 BBO 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.

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

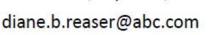
Reservations a must. Advance sales are necessary to allow time and a count for food purchases. Price goes up after the August general meeting on 8/9. \$15 members and \$20 non-members

Event Leader: Les Skrzycki



Rain or shine ... we have a pavilion!





Sleeper State Park Weekend Campout And Jimmy Buffett Cheeseburger Festival (Caseville, MI) Thursday, August 16th – Sunday, August 19th, 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

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.

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.

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	River Woods Park

Our group of theatergoers met at the Rusty Bucket Grill on Woodward in Bloomfield Hills, prior to the theater, to enjoy some light entrees and libations at this newer casual venue. We had a reserved table to sit together and the menu offered good choices with good service for the group.

We then carpooled the short distance to the "Outdoor Greek Theater" on the grounds of Cranbrook off Lone Pine Road. After the short walk from the parking into the theater, we were able to find good seating in this open seating amphitheater. As dusk drew near the 2-act play began with a never ending array of Comedy, Farce, Song, and Hysteria...all under the night sky. As the play concluded, everyone left with a smile on their face and a lighthearted feeling.

This was/is definitely a great venue for an enjoyable evening out and will be looking to repeat this outing next June 2013 when the play will be Monty Pithon's musical SPAMALOT!!

Bill Given

SUNDAY BIKE RIDE

June 10th. was one of our intermittent Sunday bike rides. The temperature that day was anticipated to hit 90 so only eight foolish, I mean, fearless souls showed up. But it turned out to be a fun trip because we stuck together as a group both out and back. At a leisurely pace we rode a bit further than we usually do on our one-hour-out, one-hour-back policy, stopping for an ice cream break at the Paint Creek Cider Mill and the we all went to the Rochester Limelight Pub for cool drinks and food afterward. It was a good day!

Our July ride is July 15, starting again from the west parking lot of the Rochester library. Join us. It's good, low impact exercise, a good social opportunity and an all-around great way to spend a Sunday afternoon. Dave Duvali







Hazel Park Raceway---Friday June 15th

A small but friendly group enjoyed an evening at the track. The night was beautiful with a comfortable temperature inside the clubhouse and great views of the track from our reserved table seating. Everyone eagerly picked their favorites and some longshots as the racing excitement was paired with the desire to win and beat the odds. Names, colors, drivers, previous times were some of the criteria used... but mainly old fashioned luck prevailed. Race 5 was the featured GM Ski Club race and a few were lucky and picked some winning horses. All in all the group enjoyed the evening and looked forward to returning in the future.

Western Summer Weekend at Canadian Lakes



We had a wonderful time on our June 1-3 western themed weekend. On Friday night we were able to get to know everyone over a very entertaining game of western charades. Stay tuned for Darrell on Dancing with the Stars with the new Whale Dance! Saturday was horseback riding, back at the cabins we made our own horse races and later participated in outdoor activities galore- including an evening wagon ride and bon fire. Sunday was a beautiful sunny day and everyone was able to enjoy it however they chose: bike riding, tennis, golf, kayaking, paddle boat or just enjoying the lake views. Sharon Rose summed it all up in this poem she wrote-

Hi Buckaroos! A Poem for YOU!



The horses whinnyed, brayed, and snorted, The riders ate, drank, and cavorted!

Our tummies were full of delicious fine foods, Fixed by good-lookin' gals and dashing dudes!

We danced and sang around the fire, Laughing, and joking, our spirits soared higher!

We raced our fine horses to the finish line, While boasting that each had the winning equine!

The cottages were grand! The lake, so blue! The games were fun! The company, "howdy-do!"



Cheers for Julie, in her pink feathered flashin' hat! She made this Western Summer Weekend the place to be at!



Thank you to everyone for truly making it a great weekend to remember! Yee haw!



Every Sunday—Our "Breakfast Club" 10:00 am at Jimmy's Coney Grill, 37246 Dequindre, NE corner at 16 Mile. Just show up. We'll make room.

2nd Thursday of Month —GM General Meeting 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

Thu 7/12/2012 GM Meeting: New Location: River Woods - Auburn Hills 300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills, MI Our new summer location, only a stone's throw from M-59 or I-75. East off Squirrel Rd, South Of M-59, Auburn Hills, MI Time 6.00 PM Cost \$4.00 members, \$6.00 non-members Contact Cindy Hollister 810-444-3630 cindymhollister@gmail.com

Sat 7/14/2012 Sailing Singles Bayview Rendezvous Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit, MI 48215 Cost: Several Options. Contact: Marsha Miller H: 248 449-3449 C: 313 580 0808 or serendipitybb@yahoo.com

Sun 7/15/2012 Bike ride 500 Olde Towne Rd in Rochester Meet at the Rochester Hills Library. All levels welcome. We will eat afterwards. Time: 1:00 pm Contact Stan Sawicki 586-808-3406

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Sat 7/21/2012 Detroit Tiger Baseball Cost: \$34 members/ \$39 non-members. Time: Hockeytown gathering: 5:00 Game Time: 7:05. Contact: Don Phillips. bjp21@wowway.com 248-217-0866

Wed 7/25/2012 Grace Center of Hope 35 E Huron St, Pontiac, MI 48342 Doing our part in giving back to the community by serving meals to those on hard times. Time: Arrive by 4:30 pm Contact: Susan Walker swneko@aol.com 248-660-5329

Fri 7/27/2012 Pub & Grub Gator Jakes 36863 Van Dyke Avenue Sterling Heights, MI We have reservations for patio seating. Time: 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Al Sleeman allan.sleeman@ameritech.net

Sun 7/29/2012 Bike ride 500 Olde Towne Rd in Rochester Meet at the Rochester Hills Library. All levels welcome. We will eat afterwards. Time: 1:00 pm Contact Stan Sawicki 586-808-3406

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Sat 8/4/2012 Skiwi/GMSC Huron River Canoe Trip Village Canoe Rental – 1216 Garden Road, Milford, MI TIME: Meet at 9:30 AM CANOE AT 10:00 AM COST: \$24 per canoe (Two People per canoe - \$12.00 pp) – Single Kayaks available for \$24. CONTACT: TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT, John Zalewski 586-979-2392 - johnzalewski@wowway.com

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Contact Les Skrzycki248-236-0837 skiorsail@yahoo.com

Sun 8/12/2012 Bike ride 500 Olde Towne Rd in Rochester Meet at the Rochester Hills Library. All levels welcome. We will eat afterwards. Time: 1:00 pm Contact Stan Sawicki 586-808-3406

Thu 8/16/2012 Camping Three Day Weekend Sleeper State Park An encore to last year's very successful and highly popular three day weekend. Cost Members \$70 pp/ \$80 non members. includes Thursday dinner, Friday breakfast, lunch, dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday breakfast. Contact Stu Saxalby 248-814-8089 stusaxalby@comcast.net

Sun 8/19/2012 Golfing at Hampton Golf Club 2600 Club Drive, Rochester Hills, MI 48307-4207 Cost TBD Time TBD Contact Bill Given bill given@phmic.com

Tue 8/21/2012 RoM - Brownies On The Water Emerald City Marina, 9 Mile & Jefferson Formerly Jack's. For the very best in waterfront dining at moderate prices Time 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Rhen Bryant jmbxxxjmb@gmail.com 734-546-4491 Sat 8/25/2012 Corn Roast 53870 Fairchild, Macomb, MI 48042 Roasted corn fresh from the field. Time: Anytime after 3:00. Get there early, play games. Cost \$9.00 Contact Joann Mok 586-749-3540 vjmok11@comcast.net

Sun 8/26/2012 Bike ride 500 Olde Towne Rd in Rochester Meet at the Rochester Hills Library. All levels welcome. We will eat afterwards. Time: 1:00 pm Contact Stan Sawicki 586-808-3406

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and a whole lot more!"

July at a glance

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7/27	Pub & Grub Gator Jakes, Sterling Hts
7/29	Bike Ride – 500 Olde Towne Rd, Rochester

GM SKI and TRAVEL CLUB Website:

www.gmskiclub.org

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

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