



NEWSLETTER

August 2012

WEBSITE: www.gmskiclub.org

GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957

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Restaurant of the Month

Brownies on the Lake
24214 Jefferson Avenue
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

Tuesday August 21st 6:30 pm
Cost: Your tab Rhen Bryant
Rhenphyllis.1@gmail.com

Pub and Grub of the Month

The Moose Preserve
43034 Woodward
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Friday August 31st 6:30 PM
Cost: Your tab Contact Dave Norkus
dnorkus@comcast.net



GM SKI CLUB MONTHLY MEETING

Visit us at GMSKICLUB.ORG



WE'RE OUTDOORS!!!!
MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING
August 9th at 6:00pm
300 N SQUIRREL RD – Auburn Hills
Cost \$4.00 members, \$6.00 non-members

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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Treasurer's Report:

\$15.967.12

Alan Toomey, Treasurer



August Birthdays

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| Carol Ingall | 8/07 |
| Julie Van Deven | 8/09 |
| Shirley Tresh | 8/13 |
| Linda Rokocy | 8/20 |
| Christy Gonzalez | 8/22 |
| Connie Barnes | 8/23 |
| Dan Butterworth | 8/26 |
| Kathy O'Driscoll | 8/31 |
| Darrell Ahlberg | 8/31 |

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Expires 12/12



From the President

By Dave Norkus

Well, we are in the heart of summer or should I say the “heat of summer”. Hopefully you are utilizing all our outdoor events.

Many are selling out quickly, which is good for the club, bad for the procrastinators. One that you can attend (still open) is the GMSC Summer Picnic, August 11th. We have budgeted this for 60 people, and it is selling at a very good pace, so don't miss that one, it's a bargain at 10 bucks for members. Please see our web site for the calendar of events, www.gmskiclub.org . I heard at the board meeting recently that we are at 180 members strong. We have room for more members and we are adding more events/trips all the time. If you have an idea for a great event let us know, we are all ears. We want everyone to enjoy the club's events and trips during the year. I wish you a wonderful summer and will see you at the next general meeting, I promise.....

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

| AIRCRAFT | EVENTS | WHAT TO BRING |
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| 20 P-51 MUSTANGS P-38 LIGHTNING P-47 THUNDERBOLT B-29 SUPERFORTRESS B-25 MITCHELL F-86 SABRE C-47 SKYTRAIN SEA HARRIER (JUMP JET) | Touch and see all aircraft Fly bys of aircraft Interview pilots WW II Infantry Battle Re-enactment US & Germans Tail gate party | Sun hat Sun Screen Sunglasses Water Bottle Cooler, drinks, lunch Camera Comfortable shoes |

TICKETS – \$25

PARKING \$5

Time: 8am Sat. CAR POOL From San Marino Hall Big Beaver nr. John R

Contact: Tom Scott 586 739 5199 tescott99@yahoo.com

Information: YANKEEAIMUSEUM.ORG



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 canoe (Two People per canoe - \$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 Canoe Rental to your vehicle.

If you have your own canoe or kayak – the Village Canoe Rental allows you to park your vehicle at their site.

BYO Everything – Food (Lunch), Snacks, Drinks, Water Toys, Water Shoes, etc.

Checklist Link: <http://www.freewebs.com/villagecanoe18/equipmentchecklist.htm>

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

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

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

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

www.skiwiskiclub.com

www.gmskiclub.org



Tue 8/21/2012 - Brownies On The Lake Emerald City Marina, 9 Mile & Jefferson
Formerly Jack's. The premier restaurant on Lake St. Clair featuring delicious food, live entertainment and gorgeous views. Tuesdays are Tiki Tuesday. Live band Darrick Price & Priceless
Live 6-12pm ½ off apps (Tiki only)

Time 6:30

Cost: Your Tab

Contact: Rhen Bryant rhenphyllis.1@gmail.com 586-275--4556

GM Ski Club Annual Summer Picnic

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area—South Shelter

7800 Gale Road
Waterford, MI 48327

*Practically
on the
Beach!*

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.



*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

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



Fri 8/31/2012 The Moose Preserve Bar & Grille 43034 N. Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills

A lively, fun, "been there forever" hunting lodge atmosphere with rustic pine tables, neon signs, quarter pool tables, deer & fish mounts and the award-winning Dog Wall. Known for excellent service, premium margaritas and martini's, ice cold draft beer and an interesting wine list, and a delightful outdoor patio. Always busy, always fun, make sure you save room for hot, baked-to-order chocolate chip cookies

Time: 6:30. Get there early and take advantage of drink specials and appetizers between 5:00 - 5:30

Cost: Your Tab

Contact: Dave Norkus dnorkus@comcast.net 248-496-2275

THIS EVENT IS
SOLD OUT

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

Thursday, August 16th – Sunday, August 19th, 2012

Stu's events always sell
out fast and are fun, so
next time don't wait until
the last minute!

*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.

WAITING LIST ONLY

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).



GM Ski Club /October Fest Dakota Inn Rathskeller

17324 John R & McNichols, Detroit / 313-867-9722



Friday, October 12 6:30 pm

Join us for a fun filled night of German Food, Beer & Great Entertainment

By Tommy Schober and the Sound of Sorgenbrecher



Family Style Dinner

\$30.00 member / \$35.00 non member

Includes: Tossed Salad w/hot bacon dressing, breadsticks, Knackwurst, Bratwurst, Schnitzel, German Meatballs and potato salad, Sauerkraut, Red Kraut, Apple Strudel, Coffee, your tip & admission cost.

Reserve Your Spot ASAP by August meeting as seating is limited/payment in full required Checks made Gm Ski Club/ More info call June Siehda: 586-383-4267

Car pooling from Oakland Mall suggested



Copper Mountain

Colorado Ski Vacation

March 2 - 9 2013

- 7 day trip
- 5 day lift tickets at Copper Mountain
- Slope-side condominium lodging
- Non-stop airfare
- Transportation



All for only \$1,165

(GMSC or MDSC Members)

Non-members--\$1,190

On sale at the GMSC general meeting in August

Make checks payable to: **GM Ski Club**

Mail to:
Dave Norkus
4043 Lotus Dr.
Waterford, MI 48329

Payments:
August--\$400
September--\$400
October--\$365



Contact: Dave Norkus dnorkus@comcast.net

Sunday, the 15th, was GM's first of two July bike outings. It was deja vu all over again with the mid-June outing because the temperatures were expected to be over 90 degrees, so only about nine intrepid souls showed up. But, **surprise!** We got about a half hour downpour of rain that cooled things off. So, we started from a wet Rochester Library parking lot, as the pictures show, but almost as soon as we got west of Rochester Road, the trail was dry for the rest of the way. We went to Adams Rd. and back, stopped for supper at the Limelight where we were joined by few other GM members, chowed down, cooled off and rehashed another fun activity.

Our August rides are on 08/12 and 08/26. Join us then for exercise and fun, even if it looks like it's going to be 90 degrees. We handle whatever nature throws at us like it was nothing! - David Duvali



About our Outdoor Summer General Meetings.....

We are more than half-way through our schedule of outdoor summer general meetings....only August and September remain. This year we have a new location: River Woods Park, 300 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, Michigan. Amenities include a pavilion (rain or shine) next to the river, with a grill and plenty of picnic tables. Restroom facilities are attached to the pavilion. The cost to attend is \$4.00 for members and \$6.00 for non-members. What do you get for your entrance fee?

- Your very own name tag (wearing required as it serves as a receipt for payment of your entrance fee);
- Hot dogs and beverages (limit of two of each per person, please);
- An opportunity to hear first-hand about upcoming GM Ski Club activities/events/trips, ask questions, meet with event leaders;
- Summer fun/socializing with friends in a picturesque outdoor setting (great stress reliever from the work week).

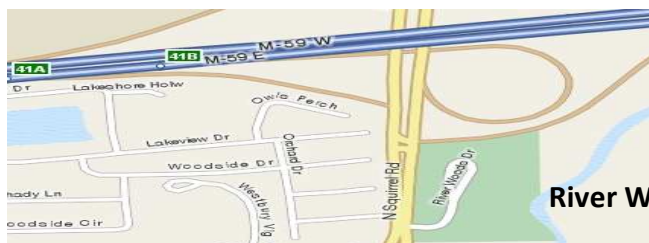
Look forward to seeing you at our remaining outdoor summer general meetings! Hope all of you are having a fun summer! Leslie Musser, Vice President

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 barbecue 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.



River Woods Park

DETROIT TIGERS



How can a GM Ski Club plan supposedly botched by TV's last minute scheduling result in a whopping afternoon of fun for all. The answer is simple. All you have to do is attend a Detroit Tiger game planned by the GM Ski Club. In particular, one planned by GM Ski Club mastermind Don Philips.

What was originally planned to be a Hockeytown meet up for a 7:00 Tiger game followed by fireworks turned out to be an afternoon affair so television could witness the Tigers moving ahead of the Chicago White Sox by $\frac{1}{2}$ game for first place. Once the TV announcement was made, Don made arrangements for us to meet at Z's Villa for some sheltered outdoor cocktails, free parking, and complimentary shuttle service to and from the game. Once at the game on this very hot afternoon, we had carefully planned shaded, behind home plate, upper deck seating with a nice breeze cutting through. A perfect location to watch Rick Porcello throw a true gem from the mound and Brennan Boesh hit a masterful home run to seal the Tiger's 7-1 victory and the Tigers waltz into first place.

Although the seats, and the logistics were masterfully planned, the capstone was the great company everyone enjoyed with fellow GM Ski Club members out for a great afternoon of fun. A huge thanks to Don for not only planning the outing, but for the emergency last minute changes needed to secure a great afternoon. If you missed it this year, we hope to see you next year. As we are all hopeful Don will plan another great outing.



Upcoming Events **TRAVEL & SOCIAL**

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| 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. | | No Wally ball for the summer, watch the calendar for when it starts up again! |
| 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 8/ 09/2012 GM Meeting River Woods - Auburn Hills 300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills, MI Time 6.00 PM Cost \$4.00 members, \$6.00 non-members Contact Greg Ronan 586-979-9512 riverdanceiii@yahoo.com | | |
| Sat 8/11/2012 GMSC Annual Picnic - Pontiac Lake Recreation Area 7800 Gale Road, Waterford, MI 48327 time: Anytime after 12:00 . Cost: Before August 9 early bird price. Member \$10; non-Member \$15.00 . After August 9 add \$5.00 Contact Les Skrzycki 248-236-0837 skiorsail@yahoo.com Mail check payable to GM Ski Club to Diane Reaser at 214 Woodsboro Dr, Royal Oak, MI 48067 | | |
| 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 ** SOLD OUT, WAITLIST BEING TAKEN ** Time Weekend Cost Members \$70 pp/ \$80 non members. 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 \$20 including cart, Time 2:00 pm Contact Bill Given bill_given@phmic.com | | |
| Tue 8/21/2012 RoM - Brownies On The Lake Emerald City Marina, 9 Mile & Jefferson Formerly Jack's. Live Band Darrick Price ~ Price-less Live 6-12pm ½ off apps (Tiki only) Time 6:30 Contact: Rhen Bryant rhenphyllis.1@gmail.com 586-275-4556 | | |
| 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 FEES PAYABLE IN ADVANCE NO LATER THAN 8/15/12 AS WE NEED A COUNT FOR FOOD Contact Joann Mok 586-749-3540 jmok11@comcast.net MAKE CHECKS OUT TO JOANN MOK MAIL TO ANN ENGHARDT 35403 CATHEDRAL ST. HEIGHTS MI 48312 | | |
| 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 | | |
| Wed 8/29/2012 Grace Center of Hope 35 E Huron St, Pontiac, 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 | | |
| Fri 8/31/2012 Pub & Grub Moose Preserve Bar & Grille 43034 N. Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills Time: 6:30. Get there early and take advantage of drink specials and appetizers between 5:00 - 5:30 Cost: Your tab. Contact: Dave Norkus dnorkus@comcast.net 248-496-2275 | | |
| Sat 09/01/2012 Pub & Grub Moose Preserve Bar & Grille *** CANCELLED *** | | |
| Sun 9/9/2012 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 09/13/2012 GM Meeting River Woods - Auburn Hills 300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills, MI Time 6.00 PM Cost \$4.00 members, \$6.00 non-members Contact Greg Ronan 586-979-9512 riverdanceiii@yahoo.com | | |
| Fri 9/14/2012 Muskegon Irish Festival Weekend Muskegon, Michigan *** CANCELLED *** | | |
| Fri 9/21/2012 Restaurant Of The Month TBD Time 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Libby Morningstar star001@ameritech.net 586-532-9940 | | |
| Wed 9/26/2012 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: 4:30 pm Contact: Susan Walker swneko@aol.com 248-660-5329 | | |
| Fri 9/28/2012 Pub & Grub Augies Bar & Grille 31660 John R Road Madison Heights, MI Time: 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Al Sleeman allan.sleeman@ameritech.net | | |
| Sat 9/29/2012 Stars/GMSC Square Dance 5080 19 Mile Sterling Heights, MI Fun for everyone. No previous experience necessary. Cost: TBD Contact Tim Pfannes: 586-726-0033 | | |
| Sun 9/30/2012 Renaissance Festival 12600 Dixie Highway, Holly, MI 48442 Time TBD Cost TBD Contact: Jeff Rollins TEAMROL@aol.com | | |
| Sun 10/6/2012 Art Prize Weekend Grand Rapids, MI *** NOTE DATE CHANGE *** Art Prize is an international art competition held in Grand Rapids. Contact Kathy O'Driscoll kathyod7@gmail.com | | |
| Sun 10/7/2012 Corn Maze TBD Time TBD Cost TBD Contact Kathy Thorton 248-589-2568 kthornton314@yahoo.com | | |
| Thu 10/11/2012 GM Meeting: Shield's Pizza Restaurant 1476 W. Maple Rd. (Just West of Crooks) Troy, MI 48084 * Private Room * Come Join us for dinner * Come Join us for fun & Friends * Learn about upcoming Trips And Activities Time 6.30 PM Cost No charge Contact Greg Ronan 586-979-9512 riverdanceiii@yahoo.com | | |
| Fri 10/12/2012 RoM Dakota Inn 17324 John R Street, Detroit, MI 48203-2237 German food, German restaurant, Detroit restaurant, German dining, German food, dancing, sing-along, Detroit piano bar, Rathskeller, Time 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: June Siehda jsiehda@hotmail.com | | |



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

August 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.

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| 8/09 | General Meeting River Woods Auburn Hills |
| 8/11 | GM Ski Club Annual Picnic Pontiac Lake |
| 8/12 | Bike Ride 500 Olde Towne in Rochester |
| 8/16 | Sleeper State Park Camping Trip |
| 8/19 | Golfing at Hampton Golf Club |
| 8/21 | ROM Brownies on the Lake |
| 8/25 | Corn Roast Macomb MI |
| 8/26 | Bike Ride 500 Olde Towne in Rochester |
| 8/29 | Grace Center of Hope Pontiac MI |
| 8/31 | P&G The Moose Preserve Bloomfield Hills |

GM SKI and TRAVEL CLUB Website:

www.gmskiclub.org
(recent photos, upcoming events, membership
applications, bylaws, forms, and fun music)

MDSC Website: www.mdscski.org

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