



NEWSLETTER

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28655 Schoenherr Road
Warren, MI 48088

Friday September 21st 6:30 pm
Cost: Your tab
Contact: Darrell Ahlberg
dahlberg7@comcast.net

Pub and Grub of the Month

CJ Mahoney's
2511 Livernois Rd
Troy, MI 48083

Friday September 28th 6:30 PM
Cost: Your tab
Contact: Al Sleeman
allan.sleeman@ameritech.net



Renew!
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2012-2013 Memberships Are Expiring
Renew Early and Save!

Save \$5 by renewing your membership before it expires on 10/01/12! Everyone is looking to save a little here, a little there! Early renewal is only \$20 (add \$5 for mailed paper copy). After 10/01 it's the regular \$25/\$30 price. Be sure to renew early and save yourself five bucks! Not only will you save on the membership price but also on our exciting upcoming events with special, member pricing. We have a lot going on and don't want you to miss out on anything! Don't miss out on the savings.

Anne Demres
Membership Chair

<http://gmskiclub.org/forms/MemberApp.pdf>



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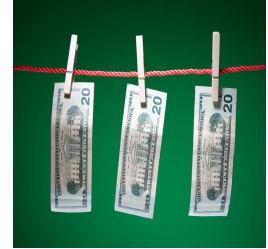
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Treasurer's Report:

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Alan Toomey, Treasurer



September Birthdays

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| Les Skrzycky | 9-04 |
| Karen McCallister | 9-04 |
| Kathy Clayton | 9-05 |
| Theresa Soloman | 9-06 |
| Jan Pfannes | 9-07 |
| Tom Richardson | 9-11 |
| Susan Walker | 9-13 |
| John Weiler | 9-23 |
| Sheila Emerson | 9-24 |
| Pat Tourney | 9-29 |
| Paul Vadovski | 9-30 |



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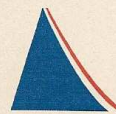
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berg 586-899-8203

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
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Expires 12/12



From the President

By Dave Norkus

I am still recovering from the Caseville camping trip that happened last weekend, what a trip. Forty GMSC adventurers camped like scouts, ate like pigs, played like kids, and partied like college students. Stu and Barb did an A-1 job to put on a great trip. Thanks.....As you can see, our members come up with great ideas to run a trip and put it together so that our members have fun adventures and activities to choose from. Once they are advertised, they sell out pretty quickly so don't delay for the next ones coming up. Some I can think of on the horizon are the Stratford weekend, October fest (Rathskeller), corn roast and the euchre tournament. Please review details in this newsletter or our web site <http://www.gmskiclub.org>.

We have a new place (Marinelli's in Troy) for our indoor general meetings that I think you will like. This place has some great beer and drink specials, tasty food along with a large room for our expanding club. As soon as I saw the place and met with the manager, I knew that it was our new home for general meetings. The service should be much improved for our needs. This will start on October 11.

We still have one more outdoor general meeting on September 13th. Let's make that one special by everyone attending. If you haven't seen our pavilion, you will be amazed at the park with the river running through it and fireplace keeping us nice and warm on a cool night. Don't miss our last outdoor meeting for the year. That's all folks...

GM SKI CLUB
MONTHLY MEETING
Visit us at GMSKICLUB.ORG



**LAST MEETING
OUTDOORS!!!!
*Boop Boop a Doop!!***

**MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14TH AT 6:00PM
300 N SQUIRREL RD – AUBURN HILLS
COST \$4.00 MEMBERS, \$6.00 NON-MEMBERS**



Fri 9/21/2012 RoM - Cutting Board Restaurant 28655 Schoenherr Road, Warren, MI

A straightforward American restaurant serving steaks, seafood and pastas in a handsome brick building consisting of a series of cozy dining rooms separated by a warm two-sided fireplace. What is especially remarkable is its reasonable price structure. Everything from spaghetti and meatballs to broiled orange roughly and herb-crusted, slow-roasted prime rib - the latter the most expensive dish at \$19.95 for the king cut.

Westsidiers it's only a mile north of I-696 on the westside of Schoenherr so it would be quick and worth while ride if you can make it

Time 6:30

Cost: Your Tab

Contact: Darrell Ahlberg dahlberg7@comcast.net 586-899-8203



Fri 9/28/2012 Pub & Grub CJ Mahoney's 2511 Livernois Road Troy, MI

A sports bar in the truest sense. Fifty flat-screen TVs decorate the walls and there is a ping-pong table, pool table and darts. Fun, laid-back atmosphere that has something for everyone! An affordably priced menu, a huge variety of liquors, bottled beers, and 12 beers on draft, a state-of-the-art sound system. Everywhere is a perfect view of multiple TVs at once.

Time: 6:30

Cost: Your Tab

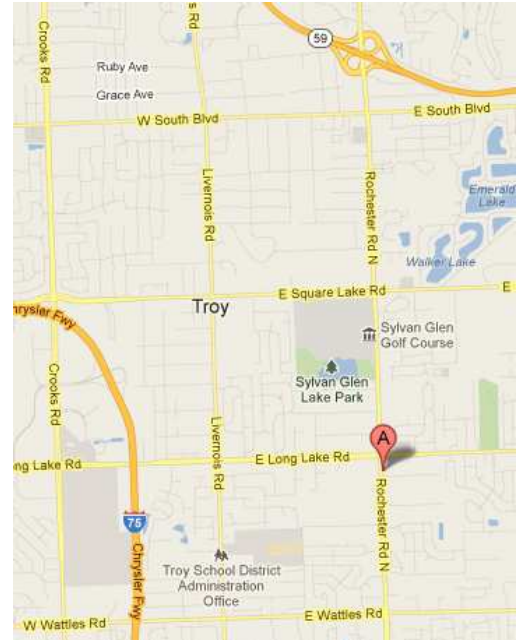
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**Activities Planning Night Is Approaching!!
Wednesday October 17th**

Its that time of year where we invite all club members to participate in the planning of next year's calendar. Activities planning night is a very special night when all those with an idea for an activity, or just simply a desire to provide input into GM Ski Club activities planning are invited to brainstorm next year's activities. It always is as much of a festive social as it is a productive meeting.

For the 4th consecutive year, the meeting will be held at Darrell Ahlberg's house. Wednesday October 17. If you have an idea or just a thought, about what you'd like to see on the calendar, your input will be extremely valuable. Details to follow. For now, just mark your calendar and plan to be a part of this very unique event.

Have you heard about the great new location for our indoor general meetings?
 Starting on Thursday, October 11th at 6:30 PM, head to **Marinelli's Restaurant**
in Troy for tasty food, drink specials and a social atmosphere!
 4924 Rochester Road, just south/east of Long Lake Road



Westview Orchards
7 Acre
Corn Maze

Sunday, October 7
1:00 pm



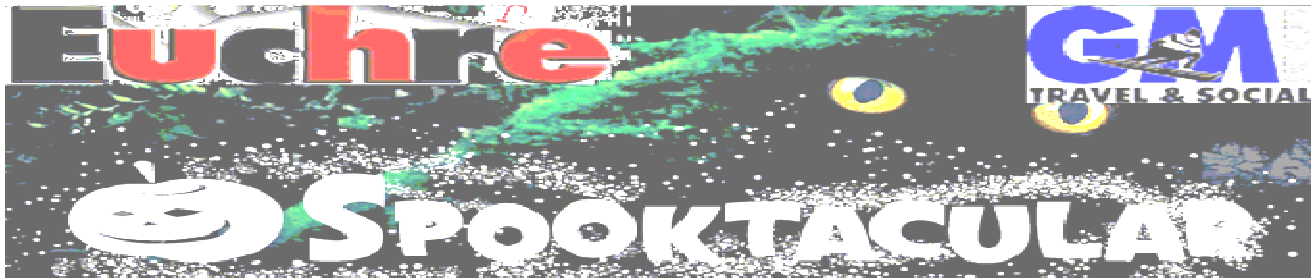
- Corn grows 8 or 9 feet tall in good weather and creates a thick , impenetrable maze. The farmer uses a tractor equipped with GPS to cut a pattern of paths into the field. This 7 Acre Corn Maze should take about an hour to navigate.
- This 6th Generation Family Farm, also features a Farm Market, Bakery, Cider Mill, Petting Farm, and Much Much More!!!
- We'll go to a nearby restaurant afterward.
- Westview Orchards is located at 65075 Van Dyke in Washington Twp. on the NW corner of Van Dyke and 30 Mile Road. Entrance is on 30 Mile Road.



Cost: \$8.99 per person. RSVP if you plan to come. We need a count and we'll look for you at the door.

Contact: Kathy Thornton 248-589-2568 kthornton314@yahoo.com





Saturday October 27, 2012

You are cordially invited to the 5th annual GM Ski Club Euchre Spooktakular

The best remains the same:

Fun and socialization will be stressed over winning. Hey, it's a party. Help someone become a better Euchre Player, make a new friend, and you'll be in the spirit of this party.

Non Card players are always welcome to join in on the party.

Its Halloween. Whether you're playing cards or just joining in on the party, you're invited to wear your favorite Halloween garb. Dress to impress your fellow ghouls and goblins.

2012 Party Improvements.

More Prizes. To give everyone an even greater chance to win a prize, 10 cash prizes will be awarded.

All Food will be provided. Just bring yourself and plan to have a good time.

Limit: Only 48 Euchre spots. First paid, first served.

Cost: Euchre players - \$15.00 members, \$20.00 non-members. Party only - \$5.00 members, \$7.00 non-members.

Time: Gathering 6:30. Games begin 7:00

Place: Darrell Ahlberg's House. 40377 Kraft Dr. Sterling Heights, MI 48310. Near 18 & Ryan

Contact: Darrell Ahlberg. Dahlberg7@comcast.net. 586-899-8203

Mail checks **payable to GM Ski Club** to

Darrell Ahlberg

40377 Kraft Dr.

Sterling Heights, MI 48310

Last year memories... Or nightmares...



Camping Weekend (Caseville/Sleeper State Park)

If Ludington was great last year, this place was over the top with lots to do, gourmet food, tournaments and just fun people. The group started on Thursday, setting up tents with music of cheeseburgers in the air (I mean Jimmy Buffet music). Neighbors looked on in amazement as we gathered picnic tables, setting up food tents and amassing people in joyous atmosphere. You could tell from the first night with cheeseburgers cooking on the grill that it was going to be a special weekend of camaraderie and joy.

We did get a storm the first night while many were in town dancing to the music under the tents. It only lasted for an hour or so but it did fill up one of our tents with water, sorry Bob. The rest of the weekend was absolutely wonderful with sun and blue skies. We ate on schedule with meals like steak, barbeque chicken, pizza, and of course cheeseburgers. Everyone chipped in with the food prep, cooking and cleanup which made us look like a restaurant to envy.

The activities ranged from a horse shoe tournament with prizes, volleyball on the beach, kayaks in the water, to shopping in Caseville for precious knick knacks from the street vendors. We even got in some karaoke at one of the local bars. That kept Darrell happy and I have to admit a few more. Thanks to Stu and Barb for their tireless organizational skills to make this a special weekend for our club. As Stu put it, "Barb and I were on working on adrenaline for 3 days straight".



Chef Steve A. hard at work



Linda P's private ladies room



Shopping for hats, in Caseville, or are these mad hatters?



Cindy Lou Who's of Caseville



Pinkies of Caseville (way to young for red hats!)

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



Pine Knob Ski Resort is getting ready to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. Mike Burny and Pine Knob are currently working on a view of the resort throughout the years using photographs, stories, articles, etc. He is looking for participation from local ski clubs in SE Michigan from the 70s, 80s and 90s by sharing any fond memories members may hold of Pine Knob. He is most interested in recollections of trends at the hills, improvements made to the layout, photographs, funny stories and other such things.

If any of our GM Ski Club Members are interested in contributing a few lines and/or photos, Mike would love to hear from us. Please make sure to let him know you are a member of the GM Ski Club.

Mike Burny can be reached by email at: patriot737@hotmail.com
Diane Reaser, MDSC Rep

Hola! Howdy! Bonjour! Ni hao! Al salaam a'alaykum! Dziendobry!

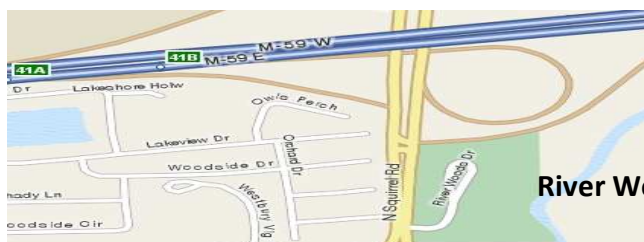
To taste the flavors of the world, check out the Restaurant of the Month (RoM), hosted by various GM Ski Club members. Members have a chance to catch up with each other and to welcome guests and prospective members, while savoring delicious and distinctive dinners, at their own tab. In June, at Rojo Mexican Bistro on the Nautical Mile in St. Clair Shores, twenty six of us enjoyed each other's company! Margaritas, edged with salt or sugar, went down smooth, according to friends. In July, twelve of us noshed on Mediterranean mouthwatering morsels. These are only two examples of the types of fare enjoyed at the RoM. Of course, good ol' American dishes are offered, if you'd prefer. So, you are invited to come, to catch up or get better acquainted with our membership...and, of course, to eat! L'chaim!

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.



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 | |
| Sun 9/9/2012 Bike Ride New Location: West Bloomfield Area Trying something new. Location will be near West Bloomfield rail trail. Meet at West Bloomfield Nature Center on Arrowhead Rd off Pontiac Trail. Pot Luck at Vickie's Afterward. Time: 1:00 pm Contact Stan Sawicki 586-808-3406 or Vickie Slicker 248-736-4566 vslicker52@gmail.com | |
| Thu 9/13/2012 GM Meeting: River Woods - Auburn Hills 300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills, MI Final Outdoor Meeting. Time 6.00 PM Cost \$4.00 members, \$6.00 non-members Contact Greg Ronan 586-979-9512 riverdanceiii@yahoo.com | |
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| Sat 9/29/2012 Stars/GMSC Square Dance 5080 19 Mile Sterling Heights, MI No previous experience necessary. Dinner, Drinks, Adult Beverages, Square Dance, Pool, Darts, Campfire Cost: \$20.00 Contact Tim Pfannes: 586-726-0033 | |
| Sun 9/30/2012 Renaissance Festival 12600 Dixie Highway, Holly, MI 48442 Time: 10:00 Meet at Front Gate. Cost: Advance Discount tickets available at Kroger: Adult tickets are 17.95 Kids are 9.50 Contact: Jeff Rollins TEAM-ROL@aol.com | |
| Sat 10/6/2012 Art Prize Grand Rapids an international art competition held in Grand Rapids. Contact Kathy O'Driscoll kathyod7@gmail.com if you want to be in on the dinner or need other help. | |
| Sun 10/7/2012 Corn Maze - Westview Orchards 65075 Van Dyke Road, Washington Township . 7 Acre Corn Maze. Time 1:00 pm Cost \$8.99 per person. RSVP in advance. Pay at the door Contact Kathy Thorton kthorton314@yahoo.com | |
| Thu 10/11/2012 GM Meeting: New Location Marinelli's of Troy 4924 Rochester Road Troy, MI Time 6.30 PM Cost Your Tab 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 dining, food, dancing, sing-along, Detroit piano bar. Time 6:30 Cost: \$30 members, \$35 non-members. Includes Dinner, show, tax and tip. Contact: June Siehda jsiehda@hotmail.com | |
| Wed 10/17/2012 Activities Planning Night All club members are invited to help plan 2013 activities. We hope to fill the entire calendar on this one planning meeting. Contact: Darrell Ahlberg dahlberg7@comcast.net 586-899-8203 | |
| Fri 10/19/2012 Stratford Weekend Stratford Ontario Featured play 42nd Street, Cost: \$250 members, \$275 non-members. Includes two night accommodations at the B&B. And premium seating at the play. Contact Marge Hall. 586-216-1744 margeahall@aol.com | |
| Fri 10/26/2012 Pub & Grub TBD Time: 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Al Sleeman allan.sleeman@ameritech.net | |
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| Fri 11/9/2012 Pub & Grub TBD Time: 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Al Sleeman allan.sleeman@ameritech.net | |
| Fri 11/16/2012 Restaurant Of The Month TBD Time 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: TBD | |
| 11/17/2012 Stagecrafters Royal Oak, MI Details forthcoming Contact Judy Heikennen womanatsea@yahoo.com | |



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

September 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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| 9/09 | Bike Ride New Location West Bloomfield Area |
| 9/13 | Gen Meeting River Woods, Auburn Hills |
| 9/21 | ROM Cutting Board Restaurant, Warren |
| 9/26 | Grace Center of Hope, Pontiac |
| 9/28 | P&G CJ Mahoney’s, Troy |
| 9/29 | Stars GMSC Square Dance, Sterling Hts |
| 9/30 | Renaissance Festival, Holly |

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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