



Camp Ticonderoga **July 12 • 6:30pm**

5725 Rochester Rd, Troy
 Camp Ticonderoga is an upscale, yet rustic, bar & grill with exceptional and varied menu offerings. Overlooking Sylvan Glenn golf course, it boasts a comfortable, inviting hunting-lodge interior, beautiful outdoor terraces along with award-winning and unmatched levels of customer service. Enjoy premium margaritas and martinis, ice cold draft beer and an interesting wine list. They're also known for the best homemade, cooked-to-order chocolate chip cookies! Space is limited so please RSVP.
 Cost: Your tab.

Contact: Kathy O'Driscoll, 248-421-4001,
 kathyod7@comcast.net



Bayside Sports Grill **Friday, July 19 • 6:30pm**

142 East Walled Lake Drive, Walled Lake
 248-669-3322

Bayside is right on Walled Lake with views from the patios that can't be beat! Offering a great food selection from pizza to burgers to sandwiches to more upscale entrees. Bayside has a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Happy Hour ends at 7pm (half-off draft beer and well drinks). Cost: Your tab. Hang out after dinner and enjoy the great dance floor with the band Square Pegz.

Contact: Contact: Dennis Dembiec,
 248-318-1491, dennis4179@gmail.com

GMSC Family Fun Fest Summer Picnic

Saturday, August 17 • 12pm-? • Dodge Park

40620 Utica Rd., Sterling Heights

BRING ALL YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS!

Everyone admitted for the same price. Kids Free! (12 & under paid by Aug 8)

Games For Kids & Adults • Prizes • Music • Dancing
Good Food • Beer, Wine, & Soft Drinks

Excellent Biking & Hiking Trails. BRING: Chairs, Sunscreen, Bug Spray, Bikes

— SIGN UP EARLY AND SAVE! —

EARLY BIRD PRICE - UNTIL AUG 8: Adults \$10 (Over 12) • Kids Free (12 & Under)

AFTER AUG 8: Adults \$15 (Over 12) • Kids \$5 (12 & Under)

DAY OF EVENT: Adults \$20 (Over 12) • Kids \$10 (12 & Under)

Make checks payable to GM Ski Club and mail to: Kay Sheere, 11318 Jacqueline Dr., Sterling Heights, MI 48313
 Contact: Kay Sheere, 586-939-9817, ktmc1014@wowway.com

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July 14 Edwin Leonard

July 23 James Steigelman

July 24 Paul Grosso
Marie Weiner

July 25 Simon Thwaite

July 27 Judith Lay



TREASURER'S REPORT

Our current balance is \$19,594.92

FROM THE EDITOR

Deadline for the Aug. 2013 Issue
is Wednesday, July 24th



Send to Sherry at: newsletter@gmskiclub.org

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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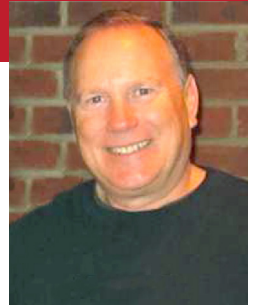
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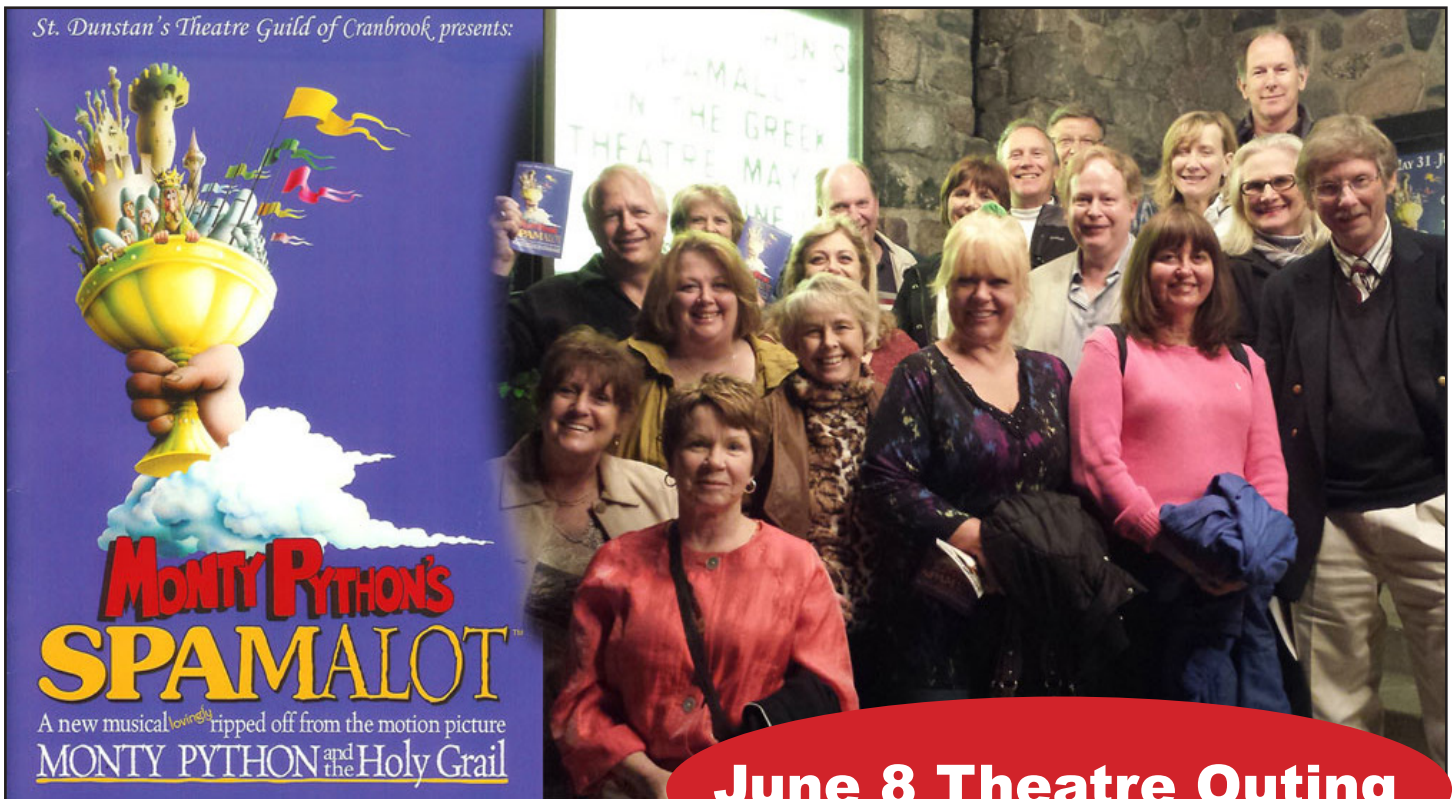
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello GMSC Members and Guests,

We just completed the Tiger game extravaganza with our trip leader and VP Don Phillips. What a time it was with a pre- and post-party at Z's downtown and a fireworks show to die for – maybe the best show I have ever seen anywhere. If the Tigers would have won the game, that would have been a trifecta. Thanks Don for organizing such an excellent outing. The diverse calendar is why I joined GMSC in the first place. So I hope all our guests see the benefits of joining our club to get the member prices and new friends to share experiences with. You may even get your picture in the newsletter enjoying one of our many events and trips throughout the year. For our culturally minded members, don't forget the Stratford weekend trip in September. It is sure to be both spectacular and fun for up to 16 people, so sign-up with Sharon Rose, trip leader, while spots last. Well, I have to go and sign up for the next function. See you soon at an event near you...



– **Dave Norkus, President GM Ski Club**



June 8 Theatre Outing

After meeting for some pre-theatre dining and libation at the Rusty Bucket in Bloomfield Hills, our group headed over to St. Dunstan's Outdoor Theatre at Cranbrook to see the hilarious presentation of SPAMALOT.

Joining a packed house of other theatre goers for this year's season ending performance, we all settled into our seats awaiting the opening act. It was a beautiful and cool early Summer night. As always is the case at the Outdoor Greek presentations, we were comfortably treated to two acts

of this unending comical "rip-off" of the Monty Python and the Holy Grail movie. King Arthur, Sir Robin, Sir Galahad, Sir Lancelot, and of course, the Lady of the Lake, kept everyone laughing and anticipating each scene as the storyline unfolded.

Everyone was entertained and enjoyed this immensely. We are looking forward to next year's performance of Guys and Dolls.

– **Bill Given**

Kayaking at Stony Creek

Sat, July 6 • 10:30am

Meet at the Mt. Vernon Picnic Area boat rental. Bring your own kayak or rent one (\$7/hr). No experience necessary. We will eat afterwards.



Contact Stan at 586-808-3406 or
ssawicki@comcast.net

GMSC Bike Ride

**Sunday, July 14
12 noon**



500 Olde Towne Rd., Rochester
Meet at the Rochester Hills Library parking lot.
All levels welcome. We will eat afterwards.

Contact: Stan Sawicki,
586-808-3406 or ssawicki@comcast.net.

Summer Fun - Outdoor Meetings at the Park

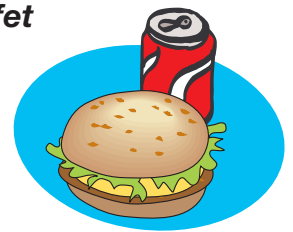
Our July 11th meeting theme is **Cheeseburger in Paradise** – featuring the Sounds of Summer: Island favorites, Beach Boys, and of course, Jimmy Buffet



River Woods Park - 300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills
Time: 6:00pm, Cost: \$4 Members, \$6 Non-Members
(All in attendance must pay fee.)

Includes cheeseburgers & assorted beverages.

Contacts: Barb, 248-217-0866, bjp21@wowway.com or
Jan, 734-645-7964, jan_burrows55@hotmail.com



June 7 ROM: Tin Fish

This event was enthusiastically supported by 34 members and six guests. We celebrated two birthdays that fell on June 7th and one from two days earlier. The guests were enthusiastic at the event and are likely to become members in the near future – we got great feedback from them.

After dinner a number of us adjourned to Dock A where we enjoyed the ambiance of the cool dry evening – even the fish flies behaved themselves and stayed in their quarters.

Look for more events with many different themes. We are keying on new memberships as our summer will be topped off with the August 17th picnic. Invite your friends to upcoming events. Show them the fun they can have by attending our activities.



DON'T MISS THE BOAT!



Lake Orion Pontoon Boat Party Cruise ★

Saturday, July 27 • 10am-5pm

\$40 Members, \$45 Non-Members



THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT!
A WAIT-LIST IS BEING TAKEN

PRICE INCLUDES:

**Pontoon Boat Ride, Gas
& Grilled Hot Dog Lunch!**

BYO Beverages & Snacks to pass. ★

Arrive at 9:40am, Take-off 10am.

Boarding at Orion Marine
10 S. Park Blvd., Lake Orion

**For massive, lake fun in the sun,
reserve now! In-lake volley ball
game at the party sand bar!**

Join us afterwards (around 5:30-6pm), at the
Sagebrush Cantina, 28 S. Broadway in
Lake Orion. Cost: Your tab.



Make Check payable to "GM Ski Club"
and mail to: Don Phillips 1416 Oakstone,
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Contact: Don Phillips, bjp21@wowway.com,
248-219-5470

**Reservations are Going FASTER
than the Pontoon Boat!**

IF YOU SNOOZE, YOU DON'T CRUISE!

GMSC/Skiwi Huron River Day Canoe Trip

Saturday, August 3

Village Canoe Rental,
1216 Garden Rd, Milford



Meet at 9:30am, Canoe
at 10am. Cost is \$24 per canoe (two per canoe).
Single Kayaks are \$24. Price is based on a rental
of 12 watercraft – if we don't get 12 rentals, the
price will be slightly higher. Pay John Z. when you
arrive and sign the release form. Please RSVP.

Paddle the Huron River from Milford to Proud
Lake and back. (5 hours total.) If you have your
own canoe or kayak – park your vehicle at Village
Canoe for \$5. BYO: Food (lunch), drinks, toys, etc.

Contact: John Zalewski, 586-979-2392,
johnzalewski@wowway.com

Camp & Canoe Trip

**Old Log Resort
August 9-11**

\$55 Members

\$60 Non-Members

(Tent Camping)



TRIP INCLUDES:

- 2 Nights Camping
- All Meals
- One Day Canoeing
- Group Campfires

Bring Your Own Beverages

Bring camping gear, bikes, outdoor games, etc.
The Old Log Resort is on the Muskegon River.

Single kayaks available for an additional \$8.50
each. RV's add \$4/person (pay extra fees to
Old Log upon arrival). No pets allowed on this
trip. Cabins are no longer available. Please Do
NOT contact the Old Log directly – they are not
organizing this event! Please direct all questions &
concerns to trip leader Ken Colden.

Contact: Ken Colden, 248-494-0578,
kenlee1083@yahoo.com. Make checks payable
to the "GM Ski Club."

GM SKI & TRAVEL CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

EVERY SUNDAY - *Just show up!*

10:00am • BREAKFAST CLUB - Jimmy's Coney Grill, 37246 Dequindre (at 16 Mile).

ONE WEDNESDAY A MONTH

Grace Center of Hope • 4:30pm - July 24 / Aug 28 / Sep 25 / Oct 23 / Nov 27

35 E Huron St, Pontiac. Contact: Susan Walker, swneko@aol.com, 248-660-5329

FULL CALENDAR AVAILABLE AT WWW.GMSKICLUB.ORG

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Fri, Aug 2 • ROM: Crews Inn - 31988 N River Rd, Harrison Twp (on the Clinton River). Time: 6:30pm. Cost: Your tab. RSVP: Stan Sawicki, 586-808-3406, ssawicki@comcast.net

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Thu, Aug 8 • GM Meeting: River Woods - 300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills, GM Drive Event with Classic Rock, Time: 6:00pm Cost: \$4 Members, \$6 Non-Members. Grilled hotdogs & beverages Contact Barb 248-217-0866 bjp21@wowway.com or Jan 734-645-7964 jan_burrows55@hotmail.com

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Fri, Aug 23 • P&G: Roger's Roost - 33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts, 6:30pm, Cost: Your tab. Contact: Dennis Dembiec, dennis4179@gmail.com, 248-318-1491

Fri, Sep 6 • ROM: Joe Bolgna - 2135 17 Mile, Sterling Hts, 6:30pm, Cost: Your tab. Contact: Kay Sheere, 586-939-9817, ktmc1014@wowway.com

Sat, Sep 7 • Corn Roast - 53870 Fairchild, Macomb, 3pm, Cost: \$9, Corn, pork, beans, slaw, soda & dessert. MUST SIGN-UP BY AUG 15. Contact Joann Mok, 586-749-3540, jmok11@comcast.net

Sun, Sep 8 • Golfing At The Boulder Point - 1 Champions Circle, Oxford. Meet at Golf Course for nine holes. Time: 1:00pm, Cost: TBD. Contact: Stan Sawicki 586-808-3406 ssawicki@comcast.net

Sep 13-15 • Stratford Festival - "Waiting for Godot," \$245 Members, \$270 Non-Members, Includes B&B & theatre ticket. Contact: Sharon Rose, 586-899-6845, Rosesblooming@comcast.net

Thu, Sep 19 • P&G: 526 Main - Dueling Piano Bar, 526 Main St, Royal Oak, 5:30pm Meet & Greet, 6:30pm Dinner, 7pm Show, Cost: Your tab. Contact: Dennis, 248-318-1491, dennis4179@gmail.com



Activities CORNER

– Darrell Ahlberg,
Activities Chair

Hello everyone! A couple months ago, in my first Activities Corner, I appealed to members to come up with ideas for community service. Since then, Deb Lawson has joined our club. She is an avid community service volunteer and promised to come up with service event possibilities. The first such outing was the Crawford Armstrong "Fun Day In The Sun" which benefited physically and mentally challenged people from various group homes. Volunteering for these kinds of events is a very rewarding experience. I hope you'll consider answering the call to serve as these service opportunities arise.

Speaking of Community Service, our assistance to the Grace Center Of Hope on the 4th Wednesday of every month is still continuing, headed up by Susan Walker. About six volunteers are needed every month. So if you are interested helping prepare and serve meals to people who are trying to make it, but haven't had the same advantages as the rest of us, please give her a call.

Our outdoor meetings are really taking off. Every month we have a different theme and different music. The July meeting will be our annual "Cheeseburger In Paradise" and the August meeting will be a very special treat for everyone. It will be called "GM Drive Event." We will have several General Motors cars on hand for you to observe and test drive. And there will be representatives from GM to answer questions and provide other information. Huge kudos to Susan Walker for putting this event together.

Be sure and check out the calendar and make plans to join in on the fun.



September 13-15, 2013

"Waiting for Godot"

starring film, stage, & TV star, **Brian Dennehy**,

Saturday, Sept 14 • 8:00pm

Tom Patterson Theatre

*an intimate venue which seats just 496!
(Patterson is the founder of the Stratford Festival)*

Members: \$245 • Non-members: \$270

Includes B&B accommodations & theatre ticket

This autumn, enjoy a weekend away in Ontario. Stroll along Stratford's Avon River, or bike its quaint streets. Shop the fruit & flower markets, and experience quality dining.

We'll return to **Dunn-Drac B&B**, our favorite Stratford home-away-from-home. Cozy comfort and private partying in our unique GM Ski Club manner, with friends, food, & fun!

Prior to our play, we'll dine at **The Parlour**, reserved by request, at your tab.

ABOUT THE PLAY: "Waiting for Godot" is an absurdist play by Samuel Beckett, in which two characters, Vladimir and Estragon, wait endlessly and in vain for the arrival of someone named Godot. Godot's absence, as well as numerous other aspects of the play, have led to many different interpretations since the play's premiere, 1940ish. It was voted "the most significant English language play of the 20th century."

**Please reserve your spot early!
Deadline is August 1st**

Contact: Sharon Rose, 586-899-6845,
Rosesblooming@comcast.net

Please make checks payable to: GM Ski Club,
and send to: Sharon Rose, 37399 Garfield,
Clinton Township, MI 48036



Biking Report

The June 2nd bike outing was a precedent setting change of venue for the GM Ski Club. It was on Harsens Island. The beauty of the island is that it gives you a feel of being up north, but you're only a few miles from urban Detroit. Approximately forty intrepid people participated according to the count that I took at the Sans Souci restaurant where we stopped for drinks and food.

The ferry ride to the island was free for people with just a bike. I also think cows, goats, pigs and sheep get on for free. Once there, the island was flat so it didn't take much pedaling effort and it was quite a relaxing ride. Riding next to the South Channel along the water was very pleasant. The entire ride was on a residential street where we got to see a lot of pretty cottages decorated many

interesting ways. Dining on Sans Souci's covered outdoor patio was a real treat and the one freighter that passed by us added to the ambience. On the return trip some people took an alternate route in order to view one of the historic buildings on the island. Everybody managed to get back to our "jumping off" site at an Algonac bank that let us use their parking lot, at pretty much the same time. We then piled into our cars and headed home, pleased with the way the day turned out.

I think we will want to repeat this ride next year. That will give those of you who missed this event a chance to experience one of the nicest rides in our schedule.

For now... enjoy the pictures.

Yers truly, **Dave Duvali**





Tiger Game

Friday, June 21 turned out to be the perfect night to watch a ballgame. From the start, it was about as splendid as one could hope. We all met at 5:00pm at Z's Villa for an outdoor covered patio dinner. The weather was warm and there was a nice breeze. A great summer night for baseball, grub and beer.

Afterward, we boarded the bus to the stadium. Our seats were in the upper deck right behind home plate which gave us a perfect vantage point to help the umpire call every pitch. And of course, from this location, the view of the city is magnificent.

During the game, they prominently displayed the name of our club on the scoreboard and it gave us all a moment of excitement. Unfortunately Doug Fister was off his game and the home team lost the game 10-6. This made us all sad, but they put on a fantastic fireworks show which lifted our spirits. A great finish to a night at the ball park.



Community Service: Crawford Armstrong

The Crawford Armstrong "Fun Day In The Sun" at the Detroit Yacht Club proved to be a very rewarding Community Service Opportunity for the GM Ski Club. In all we had seven members participate.

This is a day of activities for mentally and physically challenged people who wouldn't have an opportunity like this otherwise. There were several different activities going on all afternoon mainly featuring boat rides. Tasks for our volunteers included helping serve the food, assisting with PFD's, assisting boarding and unboarding the boats, and a host of other items. There were 10 power boat owner volunteers who took people out for short rides. There were about 800 handicapped people benefiting and about 200 volunteers, for a total turnout of nearly 1000 people. It was a very festive day and it was so rewarding to see the expression of joy on the everyone's faces.

The volunteers were treated to continental breakfast and lunch. After the event ended at 3:00pm several gathered on the DYC waterfront patio for afterglow refreshments. Thanks to Deb Lawson for organizing our club participation and to the other six volunteers: Gloria Hart, Barb Demopolis, Suzanne Mueller, Libby Morningstar, Dennis Dembiec, and Darrell Ahlberg.



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Harsens Island



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General Meetings

2nd Thursday of every month
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300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills
 Cost: \$4 Members, \$6 Non-Members
 Includes cheeseburgers & assorted beverages.

