



## GM Bike Rides

### Paint Creek Trail

500 Olde Towne Rd, Rochester. Meet at Rochester Hills Library. This is a moderate ride, approximately 18 miles. All levels welcome.

**Sunday, September 6 • 1:00pm**

We will eat afterwards.

**Sunday, October 4 • 1:00pm**

We will ride the trail to Lake Orion and eat lunch at the Sagebrush Cantina before going back.

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

## Beginning Line Dance Lessons

**Every Thursday starting Sept 17**

**5:30 - 6:30pm**



Have lots of fun and get some exercise at the same time, with experienced instructor,

Doug Mazzola. Kensington Church, 1825 East Square Lake Rd, Troy. Use West entrance, go up to the third floor. Cost is \$5 at the door.

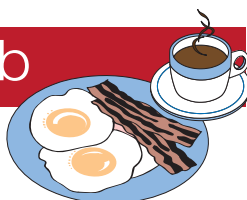
Contact: GM member Meg Baker at  
248-765-2991, mbake1430@yahoo.net

## Breakfast Club

**Every Sunday • 10am**

**Jimmy's Coney Grill**

37246 Dequindre (at 16 Mile), Sterling Hts.



**Sat, Sept 12 • 3:00pm • \$13**

JoAnn Mok's home, 53870 Fairchild Rd, Macomb  
(W of Gratiot, E of North Ave, at E end of  
Chapman, 1/2 mile N of 24 Mile)

**Dinner includes: freshly picked CORN, meat, side dishes and dessert. Plates, flatware, & condiments provided.**

Dinner at 5:30pm. Guests responsible for a hearty appetite, chair, beverages and snacks to nibble.

**RESERVATION DEADLINE SEPT. 5.**

Make check payable to JoAnn Mok and mail to:  
Ann Enghardt, 35403 Cathedral,  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Contact: JoAnn Mok, 586-749-3540,  
jmok11@comcast.net



**Eastside Marios**

**Friday, Sept 18 • 6:30pm**

2273 Crooks Rd, Rochester

Featuring a huge selection of appetizers, salads, sandwiches, burgers entrees, pasta etc. Weather permitting we'll be on the patio.

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

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Sep 05 Judy Christakis  
Kathy Clayton

Sep 06 Theresa Soloman

Sep 07 Jan Pfannes

Sep 08 Margaret Roach

Sep 13 Susan Walker

Sep 17 Judy Anderson

Sep 26 Gary Marx

Sep 28 Jacqueline Spatafora

Sep 29 Anne Bastenie

Sep 30 Paul Vadovski  
Renee Henderson



Get your ticket to a  
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Simply recruit three new members to the club. Have the new members designate you as the referring member on their application when they sign-up – EASY!



The MDSC has existed since 1955 and is the umbrella organization for twenty ski clubs located in the Metro Detroit area, Toledo Ohio, and from Grand Rapids to Windsor and Sarnia, Canada.

The GMSC is a member of the MDSC. As such we are allowed to attend other MDSC Clubs' advertised trips at their member fee. There are also discounts and many other benefits.

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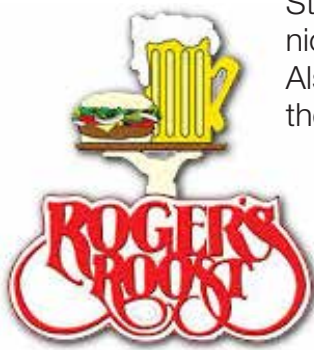
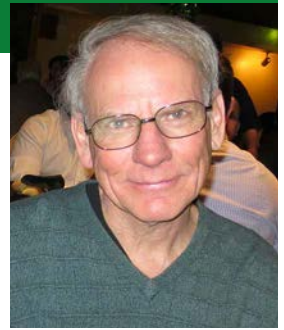
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall is fast coming upon us, with its crisp clear morning air and a whiff of seasonal change to be aware of in our surroundings. Since it is a beautiful time of the year, we are still keeping our September meeting outdoors at the River Woods Park. Being that it is football (and still baseball) season we are using a tailgate party as our theme, so please wear your favorite sports team jersey or other wearable to the meeting. Later that weekend Joan Mok is having a Corn Roast Party at her house on the 12th. She has a very large backyard with a pond, perfect for throwing a get-together. On the 18th we are going to a nice Italian restaurant called East Side Marios. Later in the month on the 26th Tim and Jan Pfannes are holding their Annual Square Dance. This has always been a popular event especially since you don't have to know how to square dance to have fun. To end the month we are having a golf outing at the Blackheath course.



Starting in October we are going to Rogers Roost to have our meetings. It is a very nice restaurant with good food providing a private room to hold our gatherings. Also happening will be a Euchre Party at Sharon Rose's house on the third. The next day we have a bike ride to Lake Orion.

Our Annual Bald Mountain outing will be on the weekend of the 16 to 18th. There are still openings for our Keystone Ski Trip out West. So if you are interested or know somebody that might be contact Dave Norkus our trip leader.

**– Stan Sawicki, President GM Ski Club**



## Square Dance & Dinner

**Saturday, September 26**  
**7pm Dinner • 8pm Dancing**  
**\$23 per dancer • \$13 dinner only**



**The Pfannes Barn – 5080 19 Mile,  
Sterling Heights (between Mound & Ryan)**

This is not an event of skill – it is a night of fun! Jim Tait will once again be the caller and beginners are welcome. Square dance attire is optional, but encouraged. Bring a lawn chair for picnic style dinner and afterglow bonfire.

**INCLUDES: Dinner, Beer, Wine, Limited  
Liquor, Pop, and Munchies.**

*RSVP to Tim or Jan: 586-726-0033.*

Make checks payable to:  
"Tim Pfannes"  
and mail to: 5080 19 Mile,  
Sterling Heights, MI 48314



## Golf Outing

**Sunday, Sept 27 • 1:00pm**  
**Blackheath**

3311 Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills  
We will be golfing at the scenic  
Blackheath Golf Course. All abilities  
welcome. Cost: \$22 for nine holes with cart.

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







**Saturday, October 3 • 6:00pm**

Sharon Rose's House, 28359 Aline Dr, Warren  
All levels of abilities are welcome. There will be cash prizes, and food will be provided. BYOB.

People can come for just the party.

Card playing starts promptly at 6:30pm.

Cost: \$15 for Euchre, \$5 for Party only. RSVP by September 26. Make checks out to Sharon Rose, if paying at the door, cash is preferred.

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



**Dooley's**

**Friday, October 9 • 6:30pm**

12414 Hall Road, Sterling Heights

Offering a large selection of burgers, pizza, sandwiches and appetizers. \$1 Beer of the Month until 8pm as well as half price appetizers from 4pm-7pm. See their web site for other promos  
www.dooleysirish.com. Please RSVP!

**Gator Jakes**

**Friday, November 20 • 6:30pm**

36863 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights

Gator Jakes offers a large selection of burgers, pizza, sandwiches, salads and appetizers. Beer of the month is \$1.50 until 6pm and \$2 after 6pm. We will meet at 5:30pm at the bar to capture the beer deals and be seated for dinner at 6:30pm. Please RSVP!

**Canterbury Village**

**Friday, December 4 • 6:30pm**

2369 Joslyn Court, Lake Orion. Get into the Christmas spirit at Canterbury Village. The Clansman Gaelic Pub offers great food, a comfortable atmosphere, and a full service bar. The Village shops will be open for those that wish to shop or browse. A nice setting for a festive holiday evening. Please RSVP!

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



## Bald Mt Cabin Campout

**Oct 16 – 18 • Tamarack Cabins  
Bald Mountain State Park**

- Enjoy the colors of the crisp fall outdoors
- Sleep in the warmth of the cabin
- Great trails for hiking & biking
- Roaring campfires
- Indoor games & cards



Includes soft drinks, Saturday lunch and dinner.  
Breakfasts are communal/optional.

**Cost: \$25 for Fri & Sat nights, \$20 Sat night only, Sat visit \$8, Non-members add \$5.**

Contact: Les Skrzycki, 248-877-1794,  
skiorsail9@gmail.com



**Do you enjoy the  
Restaurant of the  
Month events?**

If so please consider hosting.  
We are looking for people to help out. It's a great way to meet people and it's easy!

Contact Stan if interested,  
586-808-3406, ssawicki@comcast.net.





## Hamburg Bike Ride

On August 8th, we finally held the Hamburg bike ride after the first attempt got rained out last June. This time around, we had cloudy skies and mild temps. We rode the beautiful Lakeland bike trail for two hours up and back before stopping for lunch on the rooftop patio of the Zukey Lake Tavern. Our hosts were great as they seated us under a cover just in case it rained. And it's a good thing they did because during our two hour stay, it did, in fact rain for about 20 minutes but we stayed dry as we just drank beer and watched it rain. Afterward, we still had another two mile pedal back to our cars. Everything went without a hitch and a great time was had by all.







by Darrell Alhburg

The Erie Island trip is now in the GMSC history books. But on the way there, it supplied lots of good memories for some 30 GMSC members. It seemed the three day campout started and ended so quickly we barely had time to breathe. Upon arrival on Thursday, we enjoyed dinner at Dock's Beach house, a Lake Erie beach front restaurant. Both Friday and Saturday we were up at the crack of 7am for some fresh coffee and breakfast before heading out to catch the 9am ferry of the day. We spent the day Friday on South Bass for a festive Christmas in July in Put-in-Bay.

On Saturday we spent the day on Kelley's Island where we enjoyed a leisurely tour of the Island's sites and attractions. Some rode bikes and some rented golf carts.

That's the trip in a nutshell. Its hard to sum up all the individual stories since there were so many. So I asked for contributions for this article from some of the participants. And to give you an idea of how awe-inspiring the trip was, one person submitted a poem, and a second person submitted a song.







## GMSC 2015 Camp-Out: Erie Islands, Ohio

### COMMENTS:

*"Truly enjoyed the weekend. Great campsite, and much thought and preparation was done to ensure we got the most from the weekend. Schedules were adjusted well in advance when it was learned by the organizers (Darrell and Jan) that it was Christmas in July at Put-In-Bay and this made for a much more enjoyable time. We learned/set an example to other campers about inside voices at night."*

— Libby Morningstar.

The best quote of the Put-In-Bay trip:

*"I have gone camping before and it was awful. But this time it was a tad above awful!"*

— Sharon Rose

*"Darrell, I am sure that you were very flattered by this [Sharon's] comment."*

— Tom Scott







## GMSC 2015 Camp-Out: Erie Islands, Ohio



### **Ballad Of The Erie Islands**

(to the tune of Gilligan's Island)

*Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale  
A tale of a real cool trip  
That started from an Ohio port  
Aboard a ferry ship*

*The weather started getting nice  
The bikes we all loaded up  
If not for the courage of our trip leaders  
The islands wouldn't see us  
The Islands wouldn't see us.*

*We cruised South Bass Put-in-Bay  
Celebrated Christmas in July  
Ate & drank all along the way  
I cannot tell a lie.*

*The night bonfire was a restive sight  
With campers all circled 'round  
Next day off to Kelley's Island  
On another ferry bound*

*No phone, no lights, no motor cars  
Not a single luxury  
Unlike Robinson Caruso  
We had fresh coffee*

*So just check out these photos friends  
You're sure to get a smile  
From all the GM Campers  
Who thouroughly enjoyed each isle!!!*





## GMSC 2015 Camp-Out: Erie Islands, Ohio

### CAMPING MUSINGS

by Sharon Rose

*Exciting, the drive, to the campgrounds, so near,  
Marblehead, Bass & Kelly Islands,  
greeting friends with a cheer!*

*The beautiful woods, woodsy smells from camp fires,  
Bites from mosquitos, mighty, tiny vampires!*

*Biking, hiking, driving paths around Erie Lake,  
Savoring wine, food, nature, enough to breath-take.*

*Returning to campground to laugh and retell,  
Adventures of the day, that were just plain old swell!*

*Mornings with coffee, breakfast 'til nine,  
Yawning past sleep, yes, camping, divine!*

*Oh, there were some bloopers, some mishaps, so rare,  
Yet, camping was fun, with the GM Ski Club friends there!*



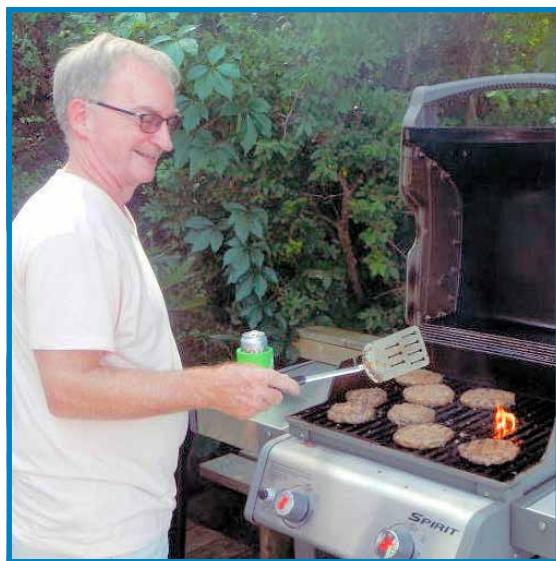




## GM BIKING

It has been a while since I wrote an article on GM's biking events. That doesn't mean that there haven't been any. In fact, this summer season we have had three really stellar local outings. In July, there was the always well-attended Harsen's Island trip which, of course, includes the ferry ride to the island and a lunch stop at the waterside Sans Souci Restaurant where we always get to watch a freighter or two coast by.

On August 8 we attended the ride put together by Jan Burrows and Darrell Ahlberg down around Hamburg, Michigan which was a new venue





## West Bloomfield Trail

for most of us. It was an easy, blacktop surfaced, well-shaded trail with the lunch stop at the quirky Zukey Lake Tavern which actually is on a lake named Zukey and seems to attract the Ann Arbor crowd.

But on August the 16th, we had the premiere bike outing (every time it is held) on the West Bloomfield Trail. This is a very attractive trail with unique features like a little tunnel, an “oriental-ish” looking bridge and passage by several lakes like Orchard, Pine and Mirror Lake. Some of us even saw some deer on the trail ’til we almost ran them over.

But the great feature of this event is the post-ride supper stop at Vickie Slicker’s home on Union Lake. Gary Ward & Vickie set out a great spread for us to chow down on and afterwards almost everybody took a refreshing dip in the lake and/or went out for a boat ride. The pictures accompanying this article, taken by John Zalewski, are from this event.

Our next bike ride on Sept. 6 will be on the Paint Creek Trail out of Rochester. It may not have any of the exotic features of the previous three trips but it is the friendly GM members’ camaraderie that really makes all of these rides great and you will find that on the Paint Creek ride too. Come on out and join us... hope to see you there.

— Dave Duvali





# GM SKI & TRAVEL CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

**EVERY SUNDAY - 10am • BREAKFAST CLUB** – Jimmy's Coney Grill,  
37246 Dequindre, Sterling Hts. *No RSVP needed, just show up!*

**4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH - 4:30pm • Grace Centers of Hope**  
35 E Huron St, Pontiac. Contact: Susan Walker, swneko@aol.com, 248-660-5329



**FULL CALENDAR AVAILABLE AT [WWW.GMSKICLUB.ORG](http://WWW.GMSKICLUB.ORG)**

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**Thu, Sep 10 • GM Meeting "Tailgate Party Theme"** - River Woods Park, 300 N Squirrel,  
Auburn Hills. Time: 6pm, Cost: \$5 Members, \$7 Non-Members. Contact: Greg, riverdanceiii@yahoo.com

**Sat, Sep 12 • Annual Corn Roast** - 53870 Fairchild Rd, Macomb, MI 48042. Time: 3pm, Cost: \$13  
Reservation Deadline Sept. 5. Send check (payable to JoAnn Mok) to: Ann Enghardt, 35403 Cathedral,  
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for details). Contact: Les Skrzycki 248-877-1794, skiorsail9@gmail.com

## It's Time To Renew Your Membership!

**Your GMSC Membership expires on September 30.**

Current members who "renew" by Sept 30 will save \$5. After Sept 30,  
you will have to pay the "new" membership fee. The Membership Form  
can be downloaded from our website: [gmskiclub.org](http://gmskiclub.org)

For more info contact: Darrell, 586-899-8203, dahlberg7@comcast.net

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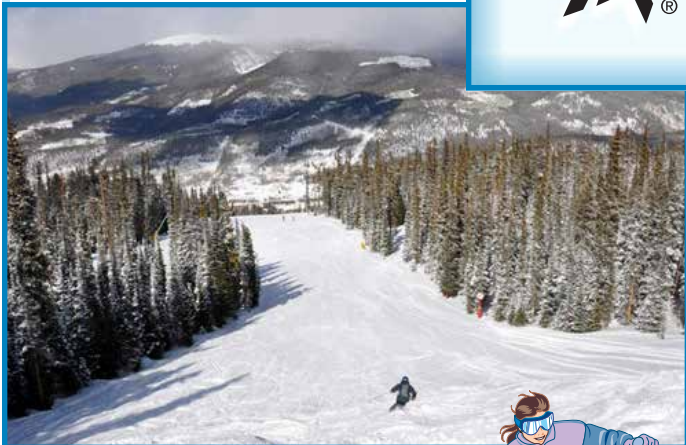






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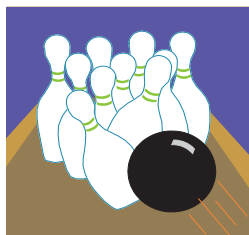
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*Contact: Dave Norkus*  
[dnorkus@comcast.net](mailto:dnorkus@comcast.net)



## Bowling Subs Are Needed

Sept 14 - Dec 21

We will have a team on Monday nights at Classic Lanes (off Crooks, north of M-59 on Avon Industrial Drive) in Rochester Hills. Show up around 6:55pm and bowl until 9:30pm.

Cost: \$10. Includes 2 mystery game draws. 100% handicap, all bowling levels are welcome.

Greatest need for subs will be in October and November.

Send an email to: [kenphillips@mail.com](mailto:kenphillips@mail.com)  
if you are interested in participating.

## General Meetings

*2nd Thursday of every month*

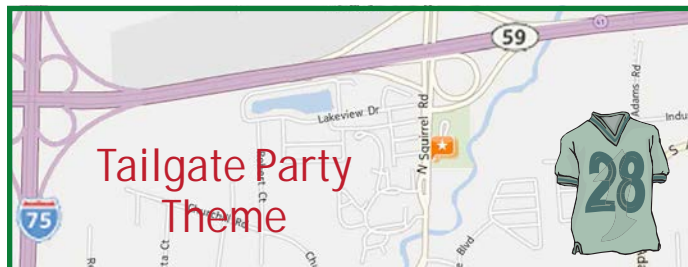
**River Woods Park • 6:00pm**

300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills

Cost: \$5 Members, \$7 Non-Members

Includes hamburgers, brats, potato salad & dessert.

***Wear your favorite sports team clothing!***



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