



A Ski Club... And A Whole Lot More!

NEWS

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Weekend Cabin Campout HAWKWOODS

Sept 16-18

3799 Bald Mt Rd, Auburn Hills

This year, we're taking a major step up in the Cabin Campout. We're renting the entire campus of six cabins in a community circle with huge fire pit. We also have the Lodge all weekend – a heated building with plenty of seating and kitchen facilities.



AMENITIES INCLUDE:

- **6 Cabins** (sleep six each), all have electricity
- **Heated restrooms & showers** (with hot water)
- **Several inside & outside outlets**



- **Fireplace & heat in the lodge**
- **Fire pit, 13 Picnic tables, 6 grills**
- **Trail System:** 2 miles long & includes a “right before your eyes” nature interpretation signage system. Note: There is one large set of stairs near the Marsh Boardwalk.

COST OPTIONS (based on six per cabin)

One Night: \$20 • Two Nights: \$25

Saturday Daytime: \$8

Want a cabin for you and your group?

\$100 for the weekend. (Split cost amongst your group.)

All options include lunch & dinner on Saturday.

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

Euchre TOURNAMENT

Whether you're coming up for the day or spending the night, join us. This is bound to be the most fun Euchre Tournament ever!

Cost: \$6 (in addition to your chosen cost option, to be used for prizes)

Saturday • 8:00pm - ??

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sep 1 Debbie Cooke

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Sep 5 Kathy Clayton

Sep 7 Jan Pfannes

Sep 17 Judy Anderson



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
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.

www.mdscski.org

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Bernie Stevens
VP of Special Events

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi all, I hope you are continuing to enjoy the Summer. As nice as it's been, you would not get much argument if you say its been a little on the warm side. Hopefully everyone is finding ways to stay cool and still enjoy yourselves.



This month, I want to use this column to tell you about our primary publicity endeavor. In the not-so-distant past, we would pursue publicity for our club by taking out ads in the community service sections of various local newspapers. The papers usually provided this service for free or for a nominal fee. The idea being that people who were looking for things to do could always find something in these ads. But times have changed and social media has taken over this function. Sites like Facebook, Twitter, MySocialCalendar, and many others you may have heard about. But the one site that has taken this area by storm is Meetup. This has become the defacto "birds-of-a feather" site that people look to find others who share their interests. There is a wide variety of groups on this site. Some are specifically tailored for a small audience. Maybe you're interested in crochet, or maybe you're interested in séances. Whatever your interest, you're likely to find a group with people who share your interests. Most groups, however, are more broadly based social groups.

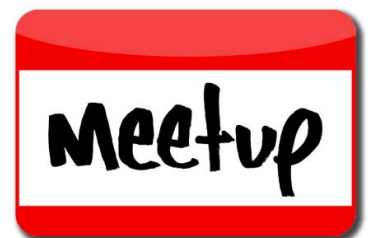
GM Ski Club has owned a Meetup group called "Metro Detroit Fun n Fitness for 49's+" for over a year now. On this site we post events that we think will appeal to an audience of people who like to stay active and are looking to get with other active people. We also post all of our General Meetings as "Meet & Greet," a widely used term in the Meetup world. All of this has the same goals as we used to have with the community service ads. We'd like to spread the word about who we are and what we're doing. We'd like to invite new people to our events, meet our members, and learn about other upcoming events. To run a site costs about \$200 per year which the club pays for, but joining Meetup is free.

I would like to encourage everyone in our club to have a look at Meetup.com. In particular sign up for the "Metro Detroit Fun n Fitness for 49's+" group. Once you do this, you can RSVP for our events through Meetup so other people who are thinking about coming along can get an idea how many people are going. The more people that RSVP, the more enticing the event is for new people looking at the site. And while you're looking at the site, you may find other groups you are interested in. I myself belong to about 15 groups. I attend many of their activities and have a ball. Naturally, in the course of introducing myself to people and telling them about myself, I go into my involvement with the GM Ski Club. In essence, I've become something of an ambassador for the club. As you find and join groups, you could do the same thing. People are more likely to attend our events if they know somebody who already belongs.

You can define the GM Ski Club as a broadly based social club with a wide variety of eclectic social activities. We do ski, but we do much more than that. You can be proud of the club's variety of activities and of the fact that all its members are encouraged to engage in making things happen. Your enthusiasm for the club will surely rub off on people you meet along the way.

That's it for now.

– **Darrell Ahlberg, President, GM Ski Club**



Golf Scramble - The Myth Golf Course

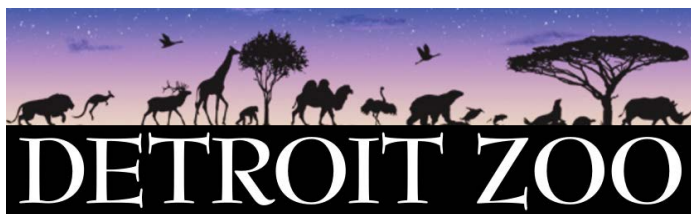
Sunday, October 2 • 2:20pm - 5:00pm

850 Stoney Creek Rd., Oakland Twp. **Cost: \$15 members.**

Tee times are 2:40pm, 2:48pm and 2:56pm. Arrive at the course by 2:20pm to get organized. We will eat afterwards in Rochester Hills.

Contact: Ken, kenphillips@mail.com





Wednesday, September 7

9am Panera • 10:30am Zoo • 5:30pm Mr. B's

8450 W 10 Mile Rd, Royal Oak

This is Free Senior Day, for ages 62+ including zoo parking. Bring legal ID. Regular admission is \$14 Adults, \$10 Children. Meet at Panera Bread in Troy (NW corner of Big Beaver and Rochester Rds) at 9am for light breakfast and forming carpools. Or meet behind zoo admission gates at 10:30am. Dinner will follow at 5:30pm at Mr. B's Pub, 215 S. Main Street in Royal Oak.

Cost: Your tab. Please RSVP.

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

Square Dance & Dinner

Saturday, September 24

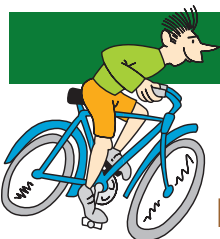
**6:45pm • \$25 per dancer
(\$15 for dinner only)**

5080 19 Mile Road, Sterling Hts

A night of fun, not skill! Jim Tait will be the caller, beginners are welcome. Includes: dinner, beer, wine, limited liquor, pop, munchies. Square dance attire is optional, but encouraged. Bring a lawn chair for picnic style dinner and bonfire.

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

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



GM Bike Ride

Sunday, September 25

11:30am – 1:30pm

Macomb Orchard Trail

Special memorial ride honoring our late club secretary and bicycle guru, Stella Moulton.

Meet at Dequindre & 24 Mile. We will stop for lunch at Saporì Italian Restaurant on 26 Mile Rd.

Contact: Gwen Moore, Balabay@aol.com

Annual Corn Roast



Sat, Sep 10 • \$14

3:00pm Arrive

5:30pm Dinner



53870 Fairchild Rd, Macomb

Dinner includes world renowned Macomb County corn, pulled-pork, side dishes & dessert. Plates, flatware & water provided. Guests bring beverages, chair, hearty appetite, and snacks.

Spacious backyard with a large pond, bonfire before dusk, music & dancing, yard games will be set out & euchre decks available on the tables.

Come rain or shine. **RSVP by September 6.**

Make checks out to JoAnn Mok.

Mail to: Ann Enghart, 35403 Cathedral,
Sterling Hts, MI 48312

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



Hamlin Pub - Shelby

Tuesday, September 27 • 6:00pm

48929 Hayes Rd, Shelby Twp

Join us for great food, ice-cold beer and fun in a warm comfortable setting. Meet by 6:00pm for happy hour. Offering "Burger & Brew" for \$5.99, plus others specials during the Tiger game.

Check out their selection of craft bottle and draft beer. Cost: Your tab. Please RSVP.

Possible afterglow for Karaoke at 9:00pm.

Gator Jakes

Wednesday, October 19 • 5:30pm

36863 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights

By popular request, we are returning to Gator Jakes. We will meet at 5:30pm – happy hour extends to 6pm (\$2.50 beers). Offering a selection of burgers, sandwiches, pizza, salads and appetizers. Discount in the Entertainment Book. Cost: Your tab. Please RSVP.

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



Saturday, October 22 • 7:30pm
Macomb Center for Performing Arts

44575 Garfield Rd, Clinton Twp

Always fresh and crispy, right from the headlines. Capitol Steps puts the “mock” in democracy.

American political satire group, Capitol Steps, has been performing since 1981, and has released over forty albums consisting primarily of song parodies. They have performed on PBS, public radio and in various small- and medium-sized venues around the United States.

Their show is constantly updated and they have released several albums under the Obama administration, including “Obama Mia.”

GM Ski Club has 15 seats in the Gold Circle. This is sure to be a sellout, so get your seats early.

Cost: \$40 Members, \$45 Non-members

Contact: Sharon Rose
 rosesblooming@comcast.net



Saturday, Nov 12 • 7pm - 1am
Lakeland Manor
 21801 Harper Ave, St Clair Shores

The biggest event on the Eastside!

Music, dancing, raffles/auctions, open bar & all-you-can-eat buffet.

You must RSVP to sit with our group.

Cost: \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door

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



One of Colorado's snowfall leaders, Steamboat skiing is almost always incredible. Combine its 350 annual inches with state-of-the-art grooming capabilities and you get ski cruising runs that are among the world's best.

AVOID THE CROWDS 26% more trails & 10% more lifts than the average Colorado ski resort.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE From expert chutes to our kids-only terrain, and plenty of cruising on well-groomed, open slopes. If you want to try tree skiing, Steamboat has some beautiful, widely spaced evergreen or Aspen glades on some very gentle trails.

APRES SKI With over 100 restaurants & bars there is a broad spectrum of night life for a great time. And of course, there are the nearby world famous Strawberry Park hot springs.

For a special morning, join **1964 Olympic Silver Medalist/World Champion Billy Kidd**, for some free pointers and a run down Heavenly Daze.

Skiable Area: 2965 acres. **Vertical Drop:** 3667 ft.

Accommodations at The West Condos

Perched atop its own private hillside, The West Condominiums offer spectacular views of the Steamboat Ski Area and the Yampa Valley.



Also featured are:

- **Heated swimming pool & two outdoor hot tubs**
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Lodging at The West Condos, five days lift tickets & non-stop round-trip flights for \$1,435 (members). March 11-18, 2017.

Contact: Dave Duvali, daveduvali@att.net



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- 7 day trip
- Non-stop flights
- All transfers
- 5 day lift tickets
- 2 bedroom condos
- Short walk to gondola



\$500 deposit and trip application are due at sign-up

Payment Schedule: \$500 due at sign-up • \$500 due Oct. 1 • Balance due Nov. 15

Contact: Dave Duvali, daveduvali@att.net, 586-754-8151, 27216 Dover, Warren, MI 48088



Trip Application

Destination: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt Number: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: () _____ Alternate Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Gender: M ☐ F ☐ Smoking*: YES ☐ NO ☐ GM Ski Club Member: YES ☐ NO ☐ MDSC Club: _____

*Please see the GM Ski Club By-Laws concerning smoking on club trips or ask the Trip Leader.

Please state any roommate preferences: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: () _____

In consideration for me being able to participate in this activity, I assume personal responsibility for any risks and hazards to my personal safety and equipment. I release the GM Ski Club, their Directors and Officers, and anyone affiliated with any and all activities from all liability and waive any and all claims I may have or may hereafter acquire related to any and all injuries or damages whatsoever arising as a result of my participation in any and all activities connected directly or indirectly with the GM Ski Club. I also certify that I am at least 19 years of age or older and that I have read and understand the conditions outlined above. I have read and understand the Refund/Cancellation policies applicable to this trip.

Make checks payable to the **GM Ski Club** Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ (\$15 fee for returned checks)

Applicant agrees that by typing name and returning via electronic method constitutes an electronic signature.

Date: _____ Signed: _____

Refund/Cancellation Policy: See the website gmskiclub.org or ask the trip leader.

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!*

12:30pm • WALLYBALL - Warren Racquetball & Fitness. \$5-\$6 per person.
29901 S Civic Center Blvd, Warren. Contact: Michael, sundaywallyball@gmail.com

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

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Thu, Sep 8 • GMSC Meeting "Mexican" theme - River Woods Park, 300 N Squirrel, Auburn Hills. Time: 6pm, Cost: \$5 Members, \$7 Non-Members. Wear your favorite sombrero. Tacos, burritos, sides and beverages. Dessert contributions welcome. Contact: Greg Ronan, riverdanceiii@yahoo.com

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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

For more info contact: Amy Skozke, amy.skotzke@gmail.com

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Paddle/Party/More

On August 6th, GM Ski Club member, Colleen Karalis welcomed the GM Ski Club and friends to her place for a special day of paddling and partying. Her place is beautifully situated on Watkins Lake in Waterford. We hired a water toy rental vendor to bring an assortment of kayaks (one and two man), canoes, and stand up paddle boards. Party goers spent the afternoon playing with the toys. Colleen also treated us to rides on her pontoon boat. In between all of this, we enjoyed great food.

Colleen would like to pass the following message to all who attended:

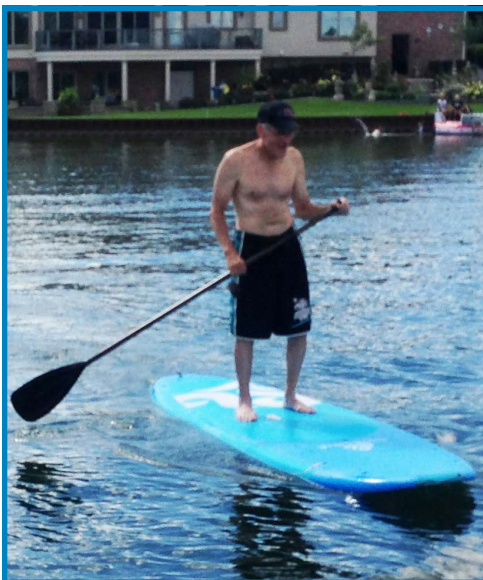
Thanks tons for attending the summer Paddle/Party/More event at my home. When I suggested it, I wasn't sure it was a good idea, but everyone that came had great time! Almost 30 people, 86 degrees, hamburgers, hotdogs, tons of side dishes, paddle boards and kayaks for 3 hours, pontoon rides, swimming, bocce ball, sand bag toss, line dancing on the lawn, relaxing in lawn chairs and the evening bon fire made me happy I could share my home with such a wonderful group!

Thanks Stan for sharing the Pontoon Captain's role with me so everyone got out for boat rides all day, Larry for his devoted role as chef, Greg for his pre-and post-event help, Tom for the firewood, Mary for the Jello shots and the Darrell for bringing the huge canopy tent, tables, chairs, plates, napkins, plastic-ware and awesome music and sound system! Thanks to everyone for great food, helping out and having a great time!! It was a special day and a huge success for all!





Paddle/Party/More





Annuual Club Picnic

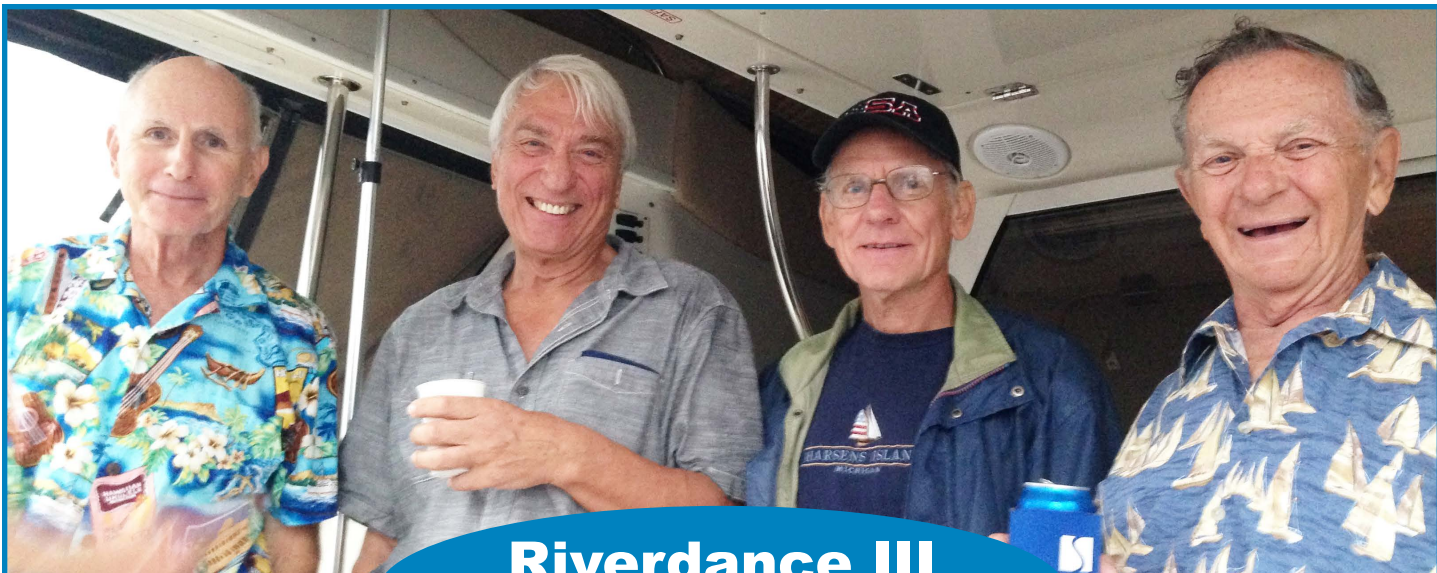
Once again the annual GMSC Picnic was a great success and everyone had a fun time. In all there were over 60 people in attendance including a significant showing from our Meetup group: Metro Detroit Fun n Fitness for 49's+.

Early morning, we had about 15 participate in the kayak outing led by Jim Hartwig. This was followed by the picnic itself. Officially the picnic started at noon and the catered lunch was served at 3pm. The time in between was filled with people playing volleyball and various yard games. Ken Phillips also led a bike ride at 1:30pm.

The catered lunch was fabulous – Chef Paul outdid himself again. The pulled-pork and chicken dishes were nothing short of spectacular. A generous selection of desserts were supplied by the club and people in attendance. After lunch, we had a water balloon toss led by Tom Scott.

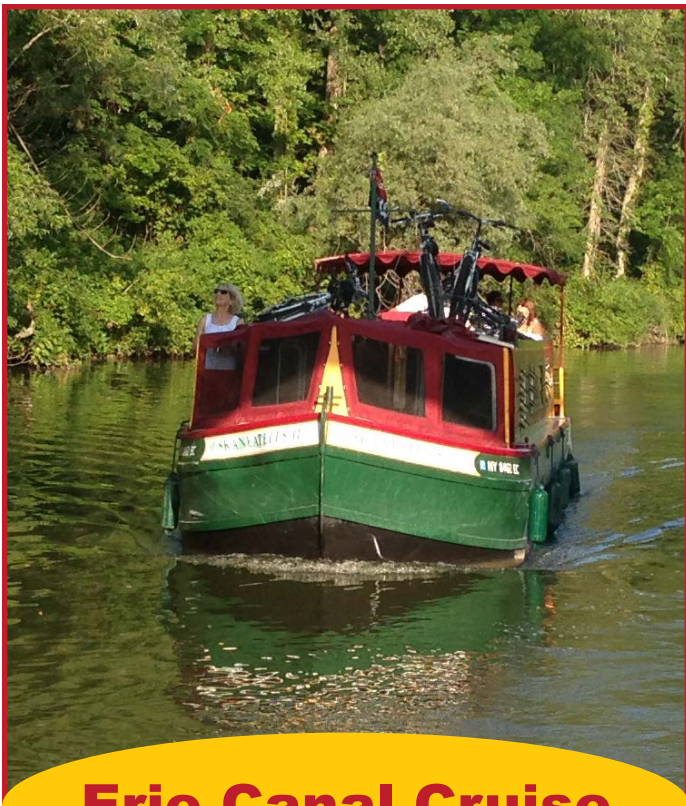
It was a great afternoon with the last leaving around 8:00pm. We all look forward to next year's picnic. We can't close out this article without thanking Stan Sawicki for organizing this picnic. A lot of work went into it and his efforts are deeply appreciated. Thank you, Stan!





**Riverdance III
4th Boat Bash**



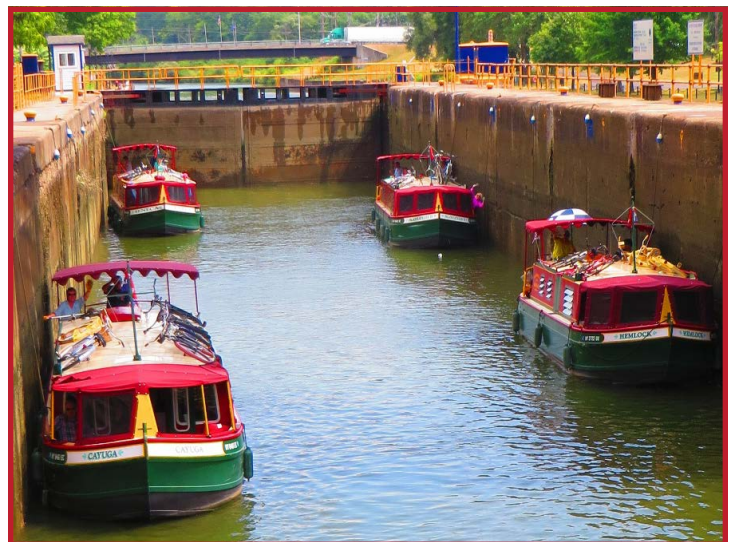


Erie Canal Cruise

The Erie Canal boat cruise was as much fun as it was hot. Each night we'd pull up in a different town along the canal, do some exploring, bike riding, and of course, some eating and drinking. During the day, we were usually up early with continental breakfast and coffee on the boat and with coffee in hand shoving off by 8:30am. The day's travel were usually long and hot. With temps in the mid 90's every day, we stayed relaxed and enjoyed the sites along the way. Going through the locks was an interesting first time experience for most of us.

One town in particular, Lyon, NY, we were visited by Bob Stopper. He was a walking Lyon encyclopedia. He spent a lot of time with us telling us all about the history of Lyon and its special place as the former peppermint oil capital of the world. His visit with us made the stop so much more enriching as his enthusiasm for the town rubbed off on all of us. As we were leaving he took some pictures of our boats and published them in their local newspaper. Suddenly, the GM Ski Club became famous.

We may be doing another Erie Canal Boat cruise next fall when the colors are vibrant and the weather is cooler. For those who missed this one, hopefully you'll join us next time.





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General Meetings

2nd Thursday of every month

River Woods Park • 6:00pm

300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills

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

Tacos, burritos, sides & beverages.



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