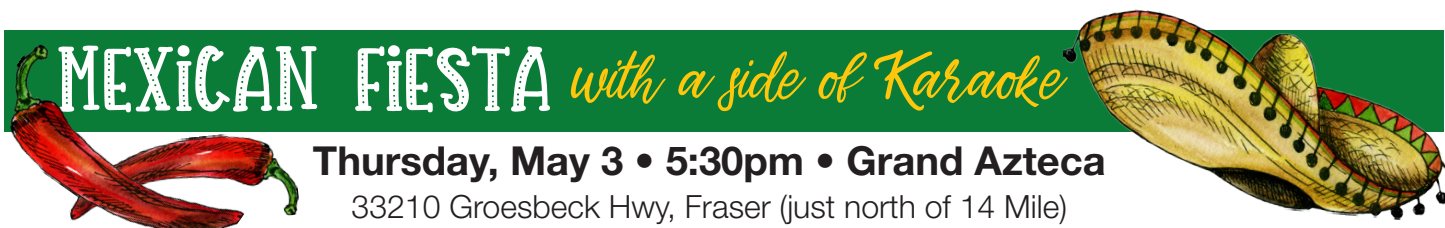




A Ski Club... And A Whole Lot More!

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MEXICAN FIESTA *with a side of Karaoke*

Thursday, May 3 • 5:30pm • Grand Azteca

33210 Groesbeck Hwy, Fraser (just north of 14 Mile)

This year we will celebrate Cinco de Mayo early! Meet at 5:30pm for happy hour: They offer a 27oz margarita for \$5.59 and a 34oz Dos Equis beer for \$5.39. You must RSVP by May 2 and be on time to save your seat. Afterwards, we'll go to Rayz Bar (36434 Groesbeck) for Thursday Night Karaoke.

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

GM Bike Ride

Sun, May 6 • 1pm • Paint Creek Trail

We will depart from the Rochester Library. Afterwards, we will eat at the Rochester Mills Brewery.

This is a leisurely paced ride, approx. 2 hours.

Contact: Ken, kenphillips@mail.com
586 242-2003 (text)

MDSC TRAVEL EXPO



Thursday, May 10 • 6pm – 9pm
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Detroit

5801 Southfield Expressway, Detroit.

This event is open to all MDSC club members and invited guest. Resorts, retailers and tour providers from the United States, Canada, Europe, and other ski destinations have been invited. Special invitations have been offered to local metro ski areas and ski shops. All will provide door prizes. Includes appetizers and free beer (cash bar). Door prizes 8:30pm-9:00pm, you must be present to win

Contact: Chris Luhrs, chris.luhrs@juno.com



31st Annual Trek

Saturday, May 19 • 8:30am

Vivio's Restaurant

2460 Market St, Detroit

Meet at Vivio's in the heart of Eastern Market. We will begin with double Bloody Mary's and beer chasers, Mimosa's or a really good coffee drink. After breakfast, we will walk through the historic Farmer's Market. It'll be Flower Day, also featuring great selections of fruits, veggies, and local specialty foods.

Later we will consider a BBQ, a sail, or relaxing on the dock. A Belle Isle bike ride is optional in the late morning. On the way to Jefferson Beach Marina in St. Clair Shores there will be a stop at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for an open house. Plan on a full day of fun activities! Cost: Your Tab,

Drawing for a free Vivio's breakfast!

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



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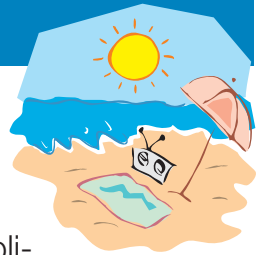
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Special Summer Membership

**New members can
join now for only \$10!**

Valid now through October 1.
Download a membership application from our website and mail it in with a check or sign up at any meeting or club event



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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Bernie Stevens
VP of Special Events

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello again, and welcome to Summer. The weather is finally starting to break and we're looking forward to some nice outings. Not the least of which will be a return to our summer picnic style meetings at River Woods Park in Auburn Hills. Our first meeting will be May 10th and we hope to see you there. Remember, even if its chilly, we can light a fire in the pavilion and stay cozy.

As we enter into our outdoor meeting season, I'd like to thank our Hospitality Chair, Dave Haglund for taking the lead in making it all happen. He does a lot of the shopping and schlepping that it takes. Of course, he gets a lot of help from others willing to pitch in. In particular Stan Sawicki and Dennis Dembiec. So on behalf of the entire club, thank you guys for all your hard work.

I'd also like to note that along with ushering in Spring/Summer, we are also ushering in a new year. The turnout for our April elections was fabulous. On behalf of myself and the elected board members, Danny Boyd (Treasurer), June Siehda (Secretary), and Joe Yoblanski (VP), thank you for your turn out, your spirit and your vote. I also want to welcome back returning appointed board members, Ken Phillips (Activities), Dave Haglund (Hospitality), Stan Sawicki (Sports), Chris Luhrs (MDSC), Dennis Dembiec (Publicity), Kathy O'Driscoll (Webmaster) and Sherry Letavis (Newsletter). At this time, I'm looking for someone who is familiar with Microsoft Excel to take over membership. If interested, please let me know. Also, let me know if you'd like to get involved in any capacity and I'll get you set-up.

As the new year rolls out, it's a good time to remind everyone that the reason our club is such a successful eclectic group is because the members make it so. If you have an idea for an outing, or would like to run an outing, we'd love your help. Please see Ken Phillips (Activities), myself, or any of the board members and we'll see about getting your idea on the calendar.

A few returning events worth calling attention to include (but not limited to) the following:

Camping/Canoing (8/3-5), St. Dunstan's Outdoor Theater (6/9), Clambake (6/16), MDSC Clinton River Cruise (7/21), Club Picnic (8/19), Hawk Woods Weekend (9/14-16). And much more. New events are added to the calendar all the time, so as always, check the website for the latest information.

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

Golf Scramble

Sunday, May 20 • 1pm
Myth Golf & Banquets

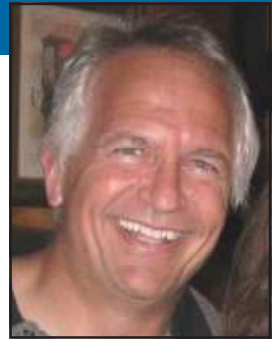
850 Stoney Creek Rd, Oakland Twp

Join us for nine holes with cart.

All levels are welcome. We will eat afterwards at RJ's Pub in Rochester Hills. **Cost: Special GM Ski Club**

Member rate of only \$16. Meet at the course by 12:40pm to pay and choose foursomes. RSVP by May 18.

Contact: Dave, davehag5@msn.com,
586 275-0208



Square Dance

Saturday, June 2 • 7pm

Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District
388 W Predmore Rd, Oakland Twp.

Square dance runs until 9pm with one break in between. This takes place in a big barn at a serene farm/park in Oakland Twp. There are picnic tables outside. Glen Morningstar is the caller with the Ruffwater String Band. This is a free event – but with limited capacity. More details to come.

RSVP to: Ken, kenphillips@mail.com





Tiger Game

Sunday, June 3

11:30am Carpool

1:10pm Game vs

Toronto Blue Jays

Jimmy's Coney Grill

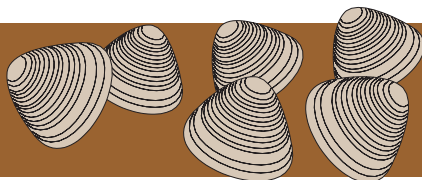
37246 Dequindre, Sterling Hts

Our annual Tiger outing to Comerica Park. We will form carpools from Jimmy's Coney Grill. Please join us early for breakfast. We recommend parking at or near Greektown Casino. After the game we will eat at the Harbor House near Greektown. Seats are in the right field Mezzanine with full view of the field, no sun in your face, and shade in the later innings. Please RSVP by May 20. Tickets will be ordered on Monday, May 21

Cost: \$22 members, \$27 non-members.

Contact: Ken, kenphillips@mail.com

CLAM BAKE



Sat, June 16 • 2:30pm-11pm

\$15 members, \$20 non-members

JoAnn Mok's beautiful and spacious backyard features a pond with a fountain. Various games will be set up around the pond including ladder ball, bean bag toss, bocce ball, and croquet. There will be euchre games, a bonfire at dusk and possibly karaoke. A delicious seafood broil will be featured including: clams, shrimp, crab claws, sausage, red potatoes and corn, plus veggie sides and desserts. BYOB (some water bottles will be available). NO PETS. Seating provided, but extra chairs are encouraged.

Tables will be covered – come rain or shine.

You must RSVP by 5pm June 14!

Location: 53870 Fairchild Rd, Macomb.

(Fairchild Rd. runs north-south and is east of North Ave. and north of 24 Mile Rd. in Macomb Twp.)

Mail check to: GM Ski Club,

51194 Romeo Plank #425, Macomb, MI 48042.

This is a joint event with the Sailing Singles Club.

Contacts: Ann Enghardt, 586-268-2027

Ken, kenphillips@mail.com, 586-242-2003 (text)



ST. DUNSTAN'S

Saturday

June 9

8:00pm

400 Lone Pine Rd, Bloomfield Hills

Join us at St. Dunstan's outdoor Greek theater for the classic Broadway musical "Oliver." Dickens' novel springs to life with some of the most memorable characters and songs ever to hit the stage. All seats are general admission. Several of us will meet early to grab seating and have a wine & cheese social. BYO (no glass bottles or glasses). Doors open at 6pm, play starts at 8pm. Cost: \$17 (Includes \$2 discount). Call the theater to arrange for your ticket. Tell them you are with the GM Ski Club. Let Shirley know you're coming so we save you a seat and look for you.

Contact: Shirley Tresh, shirley@tresh.net
978-994-2610 (call or text)

GM Bike Rides

Mon, June 18 • 6:45pm • Heritage Park

Van Dyke Rd in Utica. Be prepared to depart at 6:45pm. We will ride thru River Bends Park to downtown Utica, going by Jimmy John's Field and over to Irma's Custard for a delicious ice cream stop, then back to Heritage Park. All paved, less than ten miles, woodsy and serene most of the way. Go at your own pace. This is a joint event with Skiwi Ski Club, and will be repeated in July and August.

Contact: Ken, 586-242-2003 (text)
kenphillips@mail.com



Sun, June 24 • 1pm • Harsen's Island

Meet at the Kroger parking lot at 2600 Pointe Tremble Rd, Algonac. We will bike to the ferry - no charge if on bike. We will travel side roads along the south channel and eat at the Sans Souci Bar on the way back. Sit in their popular outdoor section and watch the freighters go by. Note: The Bar is slow in processing credit cards. To ride back with the group, pay your bill in cash. This is a leisurely ride of about 12 miles on paved roads.

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



Pool Party

**Saturday, July 14
2:30pm-11pm**

16922 Mary Wood Dr, Macomb

Enjoy outdoor games and cards along with the pool. We'll have a campfire before dusk. A large selection of Qdoba burritos and bottled water provided, BYOB. Bring a lawn chair. Karaoke by Darrell (celebrity guest singers are a possibility).

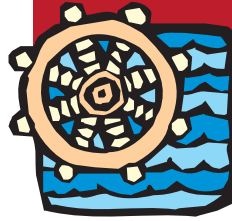
\$5 members / \$10 guests

A dish to pass will be most appreciated.

You must RSVP by July 13!

Contact: Ken
kenphillips@mail.com
586-242-2003 (text)

MDSC Clinton River Dinner Cruise



Sat, July 21 • 6pm

152 N River Rd, Mt Clemens

Cruise Includes a buffet dinner, DJ with dancing and cash bar.

Boarding at 6pm and lasts until about 10:30pm.

This event is limited to members of the GM Ski Club and all MDSC clubs. Free parking at dockside. Tickets available at general meetings.

Cost: \$45 in advance (\$50 on cruise day).

Make checks payable to GM Ski Club. Mail to:
GM Ski Club, c/o 23210 Harrellson St.,
Macomb, MI 48042

Contact: Chris, chris.luhrs@juno.com

GM SKI CLUB ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC

**Sunday, August 19 • 12pm
Stony Creek MetroPark**

4300 Main Park Dr, Shelby Twp

**EARLY
BIRD
PRICING**

BEFORE AUGUST 1st:

\$15 members, \$20 non-members

AFTER AUGUST 1st:

\$20 members, \$25 non-members

Our Annual Club Picnic will feature an excellent catered dinner, and many fun activities.

Our shelter is right next to the lake!

**VOLLEYBALL • BIKING
FUN GAMES**

Kayaking at 10:30am

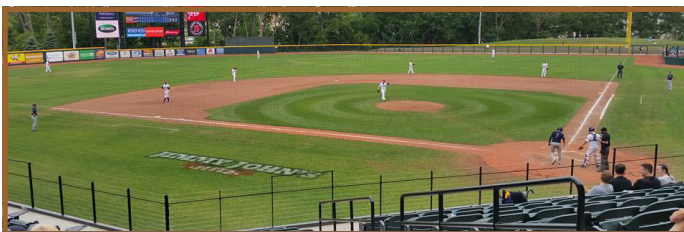
Meet at the boat rental area.

(Park admission not included, \$5 for seniors.)

Send check made payable to "GM Ski Club" to: Stan Sawicki, 35767 Hatherly Place, Sterling Heights, MI 48310

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

NOTE: The Picnic will double as the August General Meeting



Utica Ball Game

Thursday, Aug 9 • 7pm • \$12

Jimmy John's Field, Moscone Dr, Utica



In place of our August meeting, let's meet at the ball park for an enjoyable minor league game. Two ways to attend: Show up at the stadium before 7pm. Just buy a \$12 admission (ask to be in or near Section 206)—we'll try to sit together after the game starts, look for the GM Ski Club sign. Or meet at Danny J's Brick Tavern on Auburn in downtown Utica 5:15-5:30pm, then walk about 4 blocks to the stadium. We suggest you park and purchase ticket(s) before going to the restaurant. Free parking off Auburn Rd., just east of the ball park.

Contact: Ken, kenphillips@mail.com
586-242-2003 (text)

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. \$6-\$8 per person.
29901 S Civic Center Blvd, Warren. Contact: Michael, sundaywallyball@gmail.com



FULL CALENDAR AVAILABLE AT WWW.GMSKICLUB.ORG

Thu, May 3 • Mexican Fiesta +Karaoke - Grand Azteca, 33210 Groesbeck Hwy., Fraser. 5:30pm. RSVP by May 2. Afterwards, we'll go to Rayz Bar (36434 Groesbeck) for their Thursday Night Karaoke. Contact: Dennis Dembiec, dennis4179@gmail.com, 248-318-1491

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Thu, May 10 • GMSC Meeting - River Woods Park, 300 N Squirrel, Auburn Hills. Time: 6pm, Announcements at 7:15pm. Hamburgers, hotdogs, sides and beverages – hot chocolate also provided. Cost: \$5 Members, \$7 Non-Members. Special \$10 Membership thru October 1st may be purchased at meeting (for new members). Contact: David, davehag5@msn.com, 586-275-0208.

• **MDSC Travel Expo** - DoubleTree Hotel Detroit - 5801 Southfield Expressway, Detroit. Time: 6pm-9pm, No Cost. Free food & prize drawings. Contact: Chris Luhrs, chris.luhrs@juno.com

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Hartwick Pines Camp & Canoe Weekend

August 3-5 • \$45 members, \$50 non-members (based on 3 people per site)

We will spend the weekend tent camping in the beautiful state park campground and Saturday afternoon canoeing down the picturesque Au Sable River.

Hartwick Pines State Park preserves the largest stand of old growth white pine (49 acres) in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Situated among the towering trees of one of Michigan's largest remaining stands of virgin white pine, Hartwick Pines Logging Museum depicts the state's 19th-century logging era, when Michigan led the nation in sawed lumber production.

- **2 Nights / 3 Days of Camping**
- **Friday & Saturday Dinners**
- **Saturday & Sunday Continental Breakfasts**

Boat rental is extra. We will be using Borchers's Canoe rental.

RATES: **Single Kayak** - \$26/2.5 hr • \$30/4hr

Canoe or Double Kayak - \$32/2.5 hr • \$37/4 hr

Bring your own boat - \$10 launch and shuttle

Call Borchers at 989-348-4921. Be sure to let them know you're with the GM Ski Club. They will keep our group together.

Contact: Darrell Ahlberg, 586-899-8203 (call/text)
dahlberg7@comcast.net



Save The Dates!

Annual Corn Roast
Saturday, September 8

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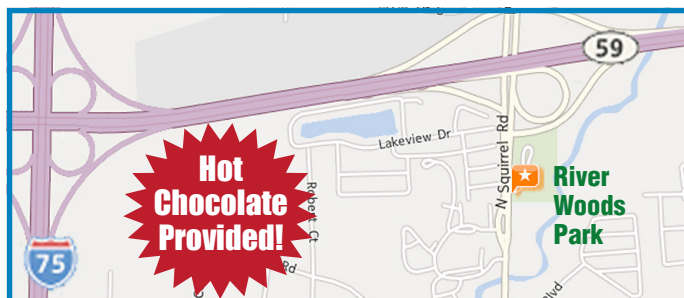
Weekend Cabin Campout
September 14-16

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Art Prize Weekend
September 28-30

General Meetings

2nd Thursday of every month
River Woods Park • 6:00pm
300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills
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