



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

# NEWS

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## CORN ROAST



**Saturday, September 8**  
**Arrive 3pm • Dinner 5:30pm**



**GREAT FOOD • FUN • MUSIC**

**JoAnn Mok's, 53870 Fairchild Rd, Macomb**

Dinner includes world-renowned, freshly-picked Macomb County corn, BBQ pulled pork, sides and dessert. Bottled water, condiments, plates and flatware provided. Guests should bring a chair for the bonfire, a favorite beverage, a hearty appetite, and snacks to share. Covered outdoor seating – come rain or shine.

The property features a spacious backyard with a large pond. Games like bocci ball, ladder ball, bean bag toss and more will be set out, plus euchre decks available on the tables. There will be karaoke music and dancing too. **NO PETS.**

Cost: \$15. Make checks out to "JoAnn Mok" but mail checks to: Ann Enghardt, 35403 Cathedral Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48312

*RSVP by September 6: JoAnn Mok or Bill at 586-749-3540 or [jmok11@comcast.net](mailto:jmok11@comcast.net)*

Joint event with Sailing Singles & Five Star Singles.

## Weekend Cabin Campout HAWK WOODS

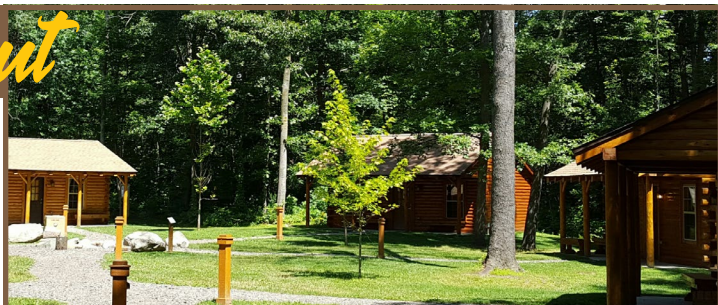
**Sept 14-16 • Hawk Woods Nature Ctr**

3799 Bald Mt Rd, Auburn Hills

We have rented all six cabins in the community again which encircle a huge fire pit. We also have the Lodge all weekend. It's a heated building that has restrooms with hot water showers, kitchen facilities and plenty of seating. Each cabin sleeps six and has electricity. Lunch and dinner provided on Saturday for everyone. There will be a bonfire each night and planned hikes on Saturday.

**Cost (per person): \$25 - 2 nights • \$20 - Saturday overnight • \$8 - Saturday visit**

*Contact: Les, [skiorsail9@gmail.com](mailto:skiorsail9@gmail.com), 248 877-1794 (call or text)*



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open

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sep 01 Debbie Cooke

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Sep 05 Kathy Clayton

Sep 17 Judy Anderson

Sep 19 Gregory Fitzpatrick



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

Your membership expires on Sept 30th.

**Renew now and save \$5!**

You can mail it in, renew at the  
general meeting or any event.

## Your Ticket To FREE Membership:



Recruit 3 new members to the  
club. Have them designate you as the referring  
member when they sign-up – **It's that 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](http://www.mdscski.org)

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, the summer just keeps speeding by. It is hard to believe it's September already. This time of year means a couple things. (1) Our final outdoor meeting of the season will be held at River Woods Park. We will be closing out the season with Mexican tacos. Please be sure to wear your favorite Mexican garb to get into the spirit of things. (2) Memberships are expiring. Most likely, you have already received reminders about this in your email. Please be sure to renew by the end of the month and save your \$5. You can renew by mail or at the next general meeting.

So as I mentioned already, the summer is passing by at an blazing pace. Hopefully you'll be taking away a lot of great memories from events such as our back yard pool party, our annual camp/canoe weekend, the summer picnic, outing to St. Dunstan's Greek Amphitheater, the seafood broil, our bike rides, kayak trip on the Clinton River, MDSC Riverboat cruise, and so many more.

But the season is not over yet. Coming up is one of our best events of the year: Our weekend of Glamorous Camping (or "Glamping") at Hawk Woods. This is the weekend where we stay in cozy, comfortable cabins, enjoy campfires, scenic hikes, play lawn games, etc. I hope you'll plan to join us on this wonderful weekend of fun. You won't regret it.

This month we also have a Corn Roast at Joanne Mok's house (her second event of the season), and the annual Square Dance at Tim & Jan Pfannes house. There is a good chance this will be their last time hosting the dance, so they promise to make it their best one yet.

For the past several years, we've been getting inquiries from members about the possibility of being able to purchase GMSC merchandise apparel such as shirts, etc. As our initial venture into this territory, we are making available polo shirts (aka golf shirts), with the club logo on the upper left chest. These are quality shirts and will sell for \$20 each. We will take orders and payment ahead of time, and notify you when your shirt comes in. To order your shirt, please or see or call Stan Sawicki. Some orders were taken at the picnic. These should be ready by the September meeting. We will also be taking more orders at the meeting. While you're at it, we'd like your thoughts on other merchandise items you'd like to see offered.



In closing, just a reminder for everyone, the September meeting will be our final outdoor meeting of the season. Beginning in October, we'll be returning to Ike's restaurant on Van Dyke just south of 17 Mile.

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

### Golf Scramble

**Sunday, Sep 23 • 12:40pm**

**The Myth Golf Course & Banquets**

850 Stoney Creek Rd, Oakland Twp

Tee-offs start at 1:03pm. Arrive by 12:40pm to pay the course and set up our foursomes. Special Club rate of \$16. Nine holes with cart – all levels

welcome. We will eat at RJ's Pub on Tienken Rd afterwards.

RSVP by Sept 22.

Contact Ken:

[kenphillips@mail.com](mailto:kenphillips@mail.com)

or text 586 242-2003



### Square Dance

**Sat, Sept 22 • 6:00pm**

5080 19 Mile Rd, Sterling Hts

The GM/Skiwi Square Dance is back!

Square dance attire is optional, but

encouraged. Jim Tait is the caller.

Beginners are welcome. Get acquainted at 6pm.

Dinner at 6:30pm. Dance at 8pm. Bring a lawn

chair for picnic-style dinner & afterglow bonfire.

Cost is \$25 (\$15 for dinner only). Includes dinner,

beer, wine, limited liquor, pop and munchies.

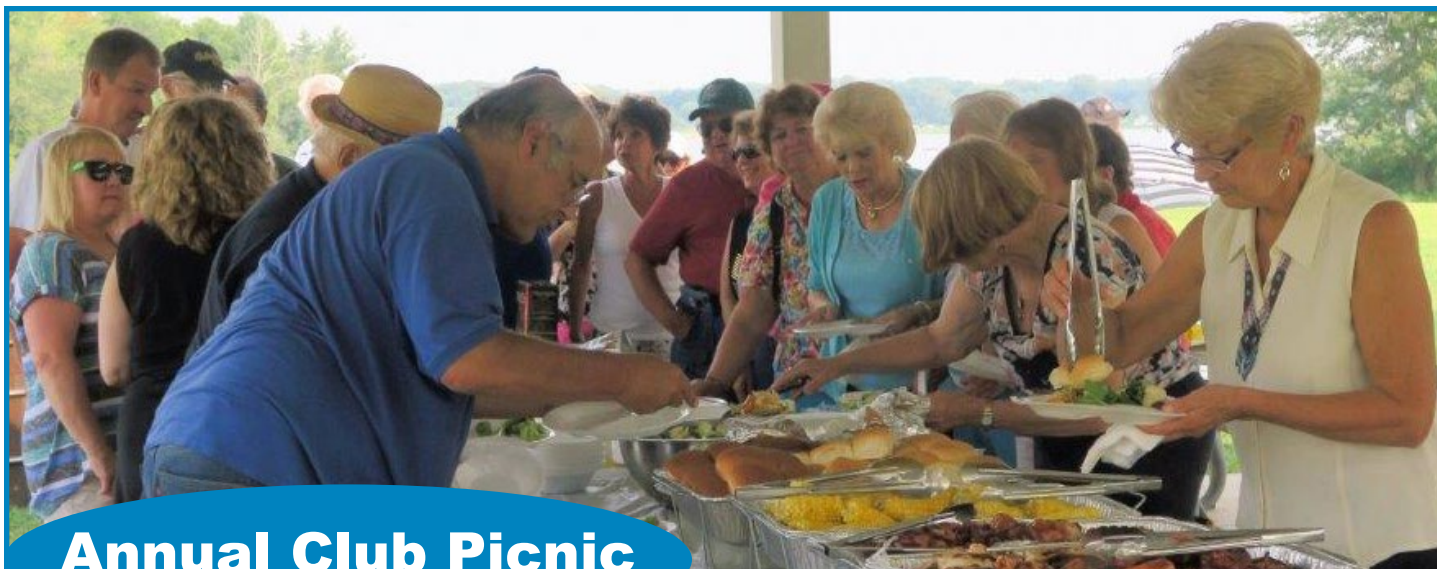
RSVP to Tim or Jan Pfannes: 586 726-0033.

Payment reserves your spot.

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







## Annual Club Picnic

This year's picnic was another rousing success. For picnic planner Stan Sawicki, it seemed like just another day's work, but for the rest of the 60 something attendees, it was an action packed day of fun, games, and great food. This year, we featured a bean bag tournament, a first ever pie eating contest, and the ever popular water balloon toss. Other activities included a pre-picnic kayak paddle, and a once around the park pre-lunch bike ride to work up an appetite.

### CONTEST WINNERS

Bean Bag Toss: Marie Weiner & Trisha Lloyd.

Water Balloon Toss: Danny Boyd & Shirley Tresh

Pie Eating Contest: Stan Sawicki was the champion with June Siehda, Carla Hicks, and Les Skrzycki getting honorable mentions. All competed ferociously like all gladiators do.



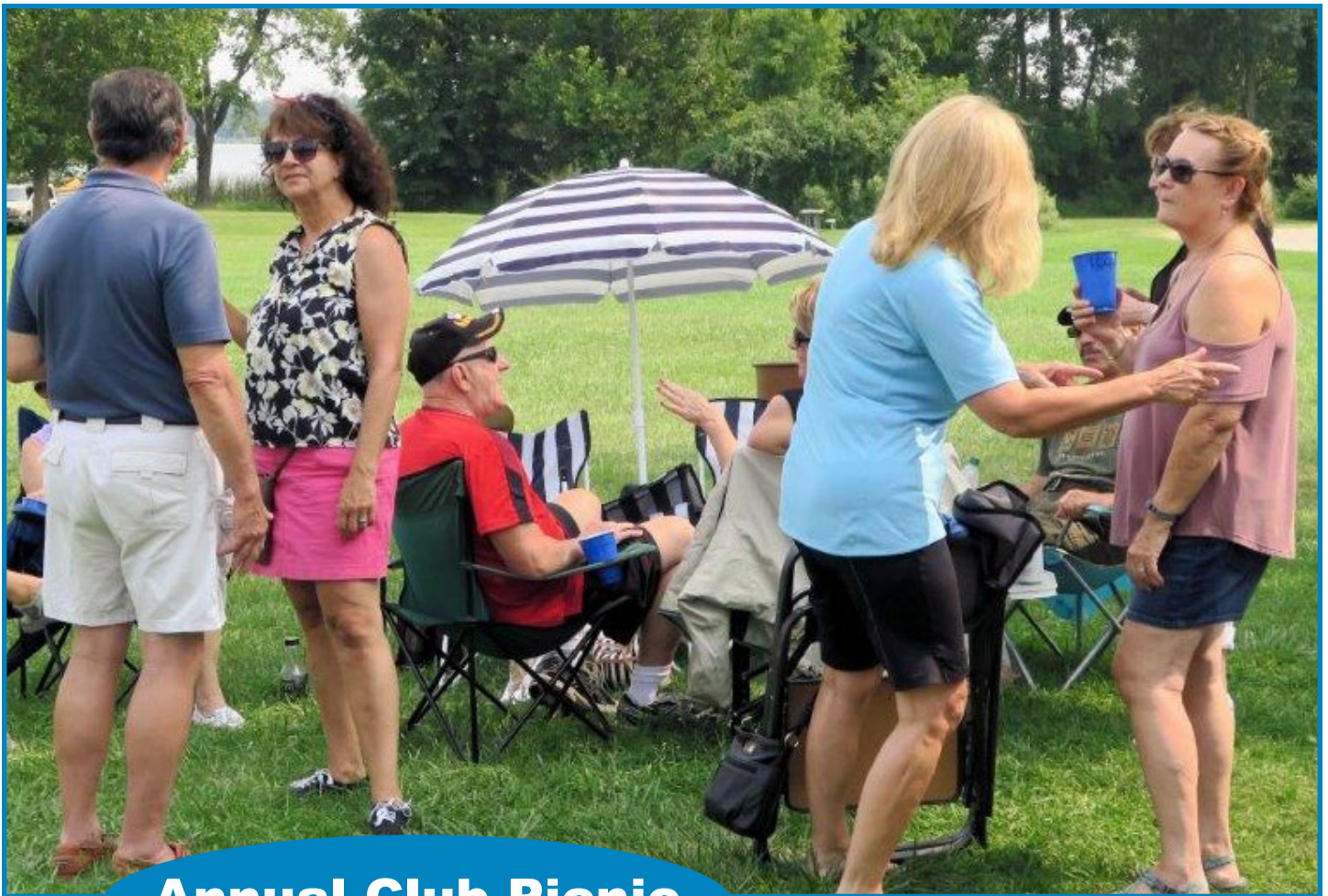




**Annual Club Picnic**







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**PUB & GRUB**  
**Wednesday**  
**Oct 3 • 6:30pm**

31660 John R Rd, Madison Hts

Augie's is a great neighborhood bar with a fun atmosphere. Offering a full menu, including specially-seasoned burgers. \$3 Long Islands all day! Half-off large square pizzas 5pm-close. Hang-out after dinner and enjoy karaoke at 8pm. Arrive by 6:30pm to be seated at our group table.

Please RSVP to Dennis, [dennis4179@gmail.com](mailto:dennis4179@gmail.com) or 248-318-1491

## HALLOWEEN PARTY



**Saturday, Oct 27 • 7:30pm**

16922 Mary Wood Dr, Macomb

Come in a costume, wear a mask, or don't shave or shower for two days and act like a zombie. There will be some food provided, but feel free to bring a special dish, plus your own beverage. There will be a pool table, card tables, and 1980's Atari games. Open to club members and their guest.

RSVP to: [kenphillips@mail.com](mailto:kenphillips@mail.com)

## Euchre Party



**Saturday, Nov 10 • 6:30pm**

**\$15 Euchre • \$5 Party only**

28539 Aline Dr, Warren

Our Euchre Parties are designed to be fun! All levels of abilities are welcome. There will be cash prizes (including worst score) and food will be provided. BYOB. You may come just for the party. Cards start by 7pm. We play 7 rounds of 8 hands. Seating limit of 36 players. This will also be open to members of the Skiwi Ski Club.

Contact: Sharon Rose, 586-899-6845,  
[rosesblooming1@gmail.com](mailto:rosesblooming1@gmail.com)

## ArtPrize Weekend Trip

**Sept 28-30 • Grand Rapids**

Best Western Hospitality Hotel & Suites,  
5500 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512

See the famous ArtPrize competition in downtown Grand Rapids. Stay 2 nights Sept. 28 & 29 for \$135 per night + tax if you join the Best Western rewards program. Add about \$8 per night if just using a senior discount. There could be an optional meet-up at Meijer Gardens around 12:30pm on September 28th for those who are interested. We may also meet up at a restaurant Friday and/or Saturday night. Note: ArtPrize will only occur in alternating years after 2018.

Each room has 2 queen beds, a refrigerator, microwave, HBO, wi-fi, free shuttle to and from downtown, an indoor pool & hot tub, fitness center and free breakfast buffet.

Reserve directly with the Hotel: 616-949-8400.  
Then email [kenphillips@mail.com](mailto:kenphillips@mail.com)

## MACOMB CENTER SHOW Jeanne Robertson

**Thursday, Nov 15 • 7:30pm**

Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Rd, Clinton Twp

At 74 years young, Jeanne Robertson continues to charm audiences with her humorous observations about life. This former Miss North Carolina, standing tall at six-foot-two, has an infectious personality, heart and sense of humor. Robertson's witty depiction of everyday situations

never fails to have audiences rolling with laughter. Don't miss this performance by a truly funny lady!



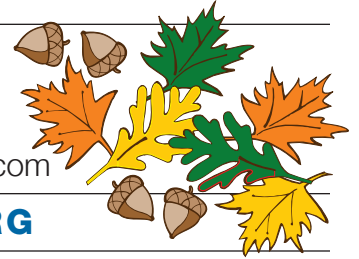
Show starts at 7:30pm. We have 12 tickets available at the reduced rate of \$40. You must order by no later than October 9 to sit in our special block and receive the discount. An optional dinner before the show may be added.

Mail checks to: GM Ski Club, 51194 Romeo Plank Rd. Macomb, MI 48042.

Contact: [kenphillips@mail.com](mailto:kenphillips@mail.com)

# 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](mailto:sundaywallyball@gmail.com)



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

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**Thu, Sep 13 • GMSC Meeting** - River Woods Park, 300 N Squirrel, Auburn Hills. Time: 6pm  
Cost: \$5 Members, \$7 Non-Members. Our final outdoor meeting for 2018! Enjoy tacos, chili, potato salad, coleslaw, chips and more. Beer, pop and water provided. Donations of dessert items are greatly appreciated. Announcements after 7pm. Contact: David, [davehag5@msn.com](mailto:davehag5@msn.com), 586-275-0208

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**Thu, Oct 11 • GMSC Meeting** - Ike's Restaurant - 38550 Van Dyke, Sterling Hts. (located on the Southeast corner of 17 Mile & Van Dyke). Time: 6pm, Announcements around 7:15pm. Cost: Your tab. Contact: David, [davehag5@msn.com](mailto:davehag5@msn.com)

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**Sat, Dec 8 • Legends Live** - Club Venetian, 29310 John R Rd, Madison Hts. A great line-up of tribute performers preceded by an excellent meal. More details to come.

**Thu, Dec 13 • GMSC Meeting** - Ike's Restaurant - Sterling Hts. Time: 6pm, Cost: Your tab.

**Sat, Dec 15 • Christmas Party** - Darrell's House. Annual club holiday gathering. More details to come. Contact: Darrell, 586-899-8203 (call or text), [dahlberg7@comcast.net](mailto:dahlberg7@comcast.net)





## Camp & Canoe Weekend

This year's camping trip turned out to be one of the best in a few years. We returned to the simple format of a weekend of camping and canoeing Saturday afternoon. A total of 18 hearty outdoor enthusiasts joined in on the fun. We were rewarded with some fantastic weather the entire weekend. About half the paddlers optioned for the shorter 2 ½ hour route and the others took the longer 4 hour route. All had a great time.

We also enjoyed continental breakfasts Saturday and Sunday mornings completed with bottomless coffee pots, and a delicious Saturday night dinner of BBQ chicken, hamburgers, corn-on-the-cob, and assorted sides. Needless to say, no one was left hungry. If you weren't able to join in this year, we hope to see you next year. Be sure to sign up early, these trips fill up fast!



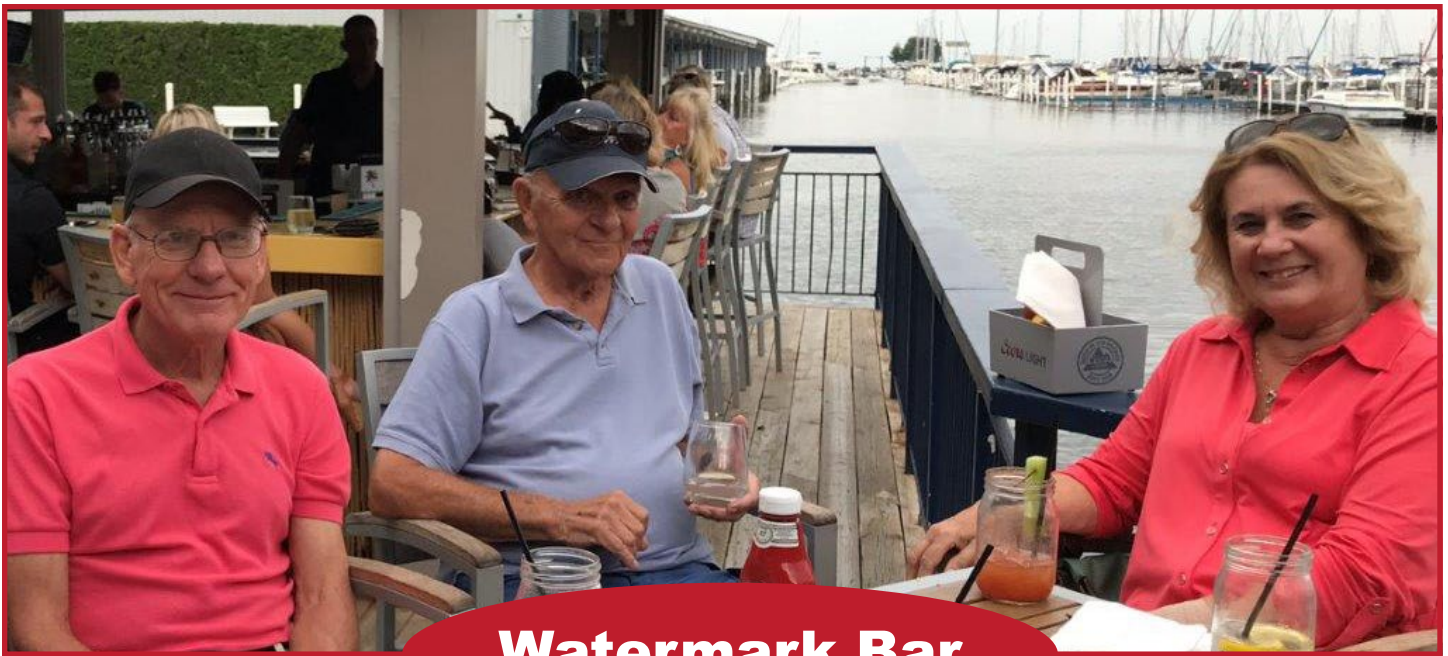




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## Watermark Bar

Once again, Dennis Dembiec planned a great outing at the Watermark Bar at Jefferson Beach Marina. It was planned for the night of the full moon and the idea was to keep an eye peeled for the first sighting of the moon. Although nature gave us a cloudy evening and the moon was never actually spotted, about 15 attendees enjoys a great meal on the patio anyhow. There was also a Caribbean steel drum band that kept us dancing and imbibing until about 11pm. Another fun evening. Thanks again, Dennis.







**Watermark Bar**



**Paint Creek Bike Ride**





## Camp & Canoe Weekend

### Last Outdoor Meeting

**Thursday, September 13 • 6:00pm**



Enjoy tacos, chili, potato salad, coleslaw, chips and more.  
Beer, pop and water provided.

Donations of dessert items are appreciated. Announcements after 7pm.

Contact: David, davehag5@msn.com

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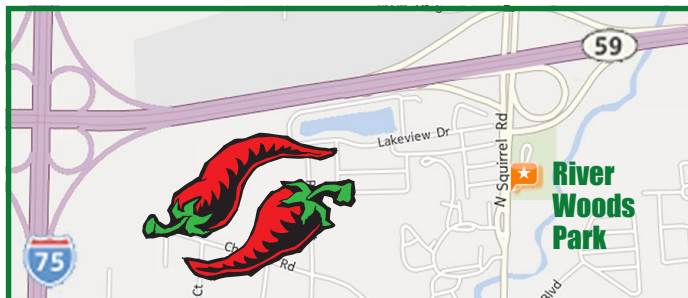
### General Meetings

*2nd Thursday of every month*

**River Woods Park • 6:00pm**

300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills

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



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