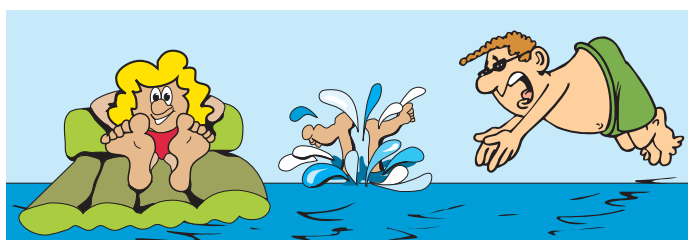




A Ski Club... And A Whole Lot More!

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POOL & Karaoke Party

Saturday, July 20 • 2:30pm - 11pm
\$5 members / \$10 non-member

16922 Mary Wood Dr, Macomb

This is the fifth annual bash. There will be karaoke by Darrell, outdoor games, euchre and a bonfire just before dusk to cap the evening. Premium burgers (beef, chicken and turkey) and brats provided, along with bottled water and chips. BYOB. Dishes to pass will be greatly appreciated.

RSVP by July 19th at noon.

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

Card Game Party

Saturday, July 13 • 2:30pm - 11pm

16922 Mary Wood Dr, Macomb

Emphasizing cards, like euchre, hearts or pinochle. Cost: Bring a dish to pass or pay \$5. Dishes to pass: Salads, homemade sides and fruit bowls, preferably no sweets or deserts. RSVP by July 12th at noon.

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



Camp & Canoe Weekend

July 26 - 28 • PaddleBrave
\$45 members/\$55 non-members (2/site)

We will spend the weekend tent camping in the beautiful campground and Saturday canoeing down the scenic Au Sable River.

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights camping with electricity (2/site)
- Food Friday night & Saturday night dinner
- Continental breakfast Saturday & Sunday

BOAT RATES: Boat rental is not included. Single kayak (\$25), Canoe/double kayak (\$32),. Bring your own (\$15 launch and shuttle).

Call Paddlebrave to reserve boat: 939-275-5273.

Be sure to let them know you're with the GM Ski Club. They will keep our group together. Reserve early. single kayaks will sell out!

CARPOOLING: If you are either willing to drive, or need a ride, please go [HERE](#) to sign up.

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



Meet & Greet - Gator Jakes

Thursday, July 18 • 4:45pm

36863 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights,
(S of Metro Pkwy on Van Dyke, across from Meijer.



Join us for a beer, appetizer or even dinner before the **Magic Bus** concert. We will meet informally from 4:45pm until about 6:15pm. No RSVP needed.

Make It A Doubleheader!

After the **Meet & Greet** head over to Dodge Park for **Music In The Park**, just two miles away. Go North on Van Dyke to 17 Mile Rd, East on 17 Mile Rd to Utica Rd, North on Utica Rd to Dodge Park. **Look for the pop-up awning with GMSC banner!**

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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!**

SPECIAL SUMMER MEMBERSHIP

New members can join for only \$10!

Valid now thru Oct 1st. Download a membership application from our website or sign up at any general meeting or club event



**Metropolitan
Detroit
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Promoting Sports & Social Activities

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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi all! This summer is moving along as one of the most active and well-received summers in a long time. Turn-outs of our hikes, bike rides, and paddling events have been spectacular. Also, events such as the Square Dance, Tiger Game and St. Dunstan's "Mamma Mia!" have seen tremendous attendance and enthusiasm. The topper of all must go to this year's Auburn Hills Summerfest. Over 35 people showed up for dinner and some raucous dancing at the concert in the brand-new Auburn Hills Amphitheater. As much fun as the attendees are having, it is even more rewarding for the organizers of these events. If you are inclined to lead an event, we'd love to hear your ideas and welcome your leadership.

Having said all that, it is somewhat concerning that the lion's share of the attendance has been from our Meetup group, Metro Detroit Fun and Fitness. As organizers, we feel we should be planning events the membership is more inclined to attend. Given the somewhat scant turnouts for many of the events, we'd like to know how we can better serve your needs. Please let any board member, including myself, know your thoughts on this either by email, or when you see us at any of our events. This has been and will continue to be one of our most active seasons and we want to make sure our general membership gets everything out of it they want. So, your input is very important.

As I mentioned turnout from the Metro Detroit Fun and Fitness Meetup group has been great and enthusiasm has been high. These people are a very friendly, fun loving group. Best of all, we have many repeat attendees and many have joined the club. This has resulted in growing membership, which is a win-win for everybody. For example, some of them are coming forward with ideas of their own and volunteering to lead new types of events. Also, worth noting, if you, as a long time member, decide to attend one of our hikes for the first time, you can be confident you'll have a good time hiking with other friendly people who are receiving our club very well.

With all this enthusiasm, we're hoping this year's Annual Club Picnic will turn out to be one of our best. In preparation, I would like to have more organized games for people to get in on. I am asking for your ideas on this and your participation on a planning committee I am forming. With this year's venue being the recently overhauled Dodge Park in Sterling Heights, we have all the ingredients for a great picnic. So please help us make it a truly great event.



Many people have suggested that we provide a way to pay for events online rather than having to mail in a check or look for the appropriate person. We have discovered you can do this with Paypal. So we are making select events available for online payments. We did this with the Camp & Canoe Weekend, the Tiger Game, and most recently, the Annual Club Picnic. In making this service available online, we wanted to find a service with minimal additional charges. Paypal will process our payments free of charge if you designate the payment as personal, as opposed to a payment for good and services. But even if you forget to make that designation, the fee is nominal – 30 cents plus three percent. So for example, a \$10 payment would be 33 cents. We view Paypal as the most attractive and economical facility to provide this service. I hope you will find it equally convenient.

That's it for now,

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

GM BIKE RIDES



Sunday, July 14 • 1:00pm
West Bloomfield Trail

We will meet at Sylvan Manor Park on Woodrow Wilson Blvd. Be prepared to depart just after 1pm. We will eat afterwards.

Sunday, August 4 • 1:00pm

Meet at the Rochester Hills Library. This is a leisurely paced ride lasting no more than 2 hours. Afterwards we will eat at Rochester Mills Brewery.

Contact: Stan, 586-808-3406 (text or call)

GM FITNESS series



PADDLING

**Saturday: July 20
Clinton River • 11:00am**

Clinton River Canoe & Kayak Rentals,
37328 Utica Rd, Sterling Hts

We will be shuttled to Clinton River Park (Near Van Dyke & Riverland) and paddle the lower Clinton River for two hours back to our starting point.

Afterward we'll do a restaurant stop.

Cost: Our group will get a \$5 discount,
\$30 single kayak/\$35 canoe.

Call Clinton River Canoe and Kayak directly at 248-421-3445 and book your own boat. Be sure to tell them you're with the GM Ski Club to get the \$5 discount and to be included in our group.

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

**Saturday: July 6 & August 17
Stony Creek MetroPark • 10:00am**

Meet at the Boat Rental at the Mt. Vernon Picnic area. You can bring your own boat or rent one at the park. We'll paddle for up to two hours. Afterwards we will go out to eat and socialize.

Cost: \$10/hour canoe and single kayak rental,
\$15/hour double kayak rental,
Plus MetroPark sticker/Park entry fee.

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



HIKING

**Saturday, Aug 3
Stony Creek MetroPark
Nature Center • 1:00pm**

After entering the park, follow the Nature Center spur to the end. Gather at the Nature Center building. We'll do a leisurely hike on the trail. There will be some hills and parts may be muddy so be sure to wear proper footwear. Allow 2 hours for the walk and we'll go out to eat afterward.

Cost: MetroPark sticker/Park entry fee.

If weather is bad, check website for cancellation.

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



**Sunday, August 11
12:00pm**

Dodge Park - Shelter #2

40620 Utica Rd, Sterling Heights

**EARLY
BIRD
PRICING**

**On/Before Aug 8:
\$15 Members
\$20 Non-Members**

After Aug 8:

\$20 Members, \$25 Non-Members

INCLUDES CATERED MEAL

by Chef Paul and drinks.

Lunch served at 3:00pm.



**BIKE RIDE
VOLLEYBALL**

**BOCCE BALL • EUCHRE
PIE EATING CONTEST**

WATER BALLOON CONTEST

Make check payable to "GM Ski Club" & mail to:
Stan Sawicki, 35767 Hatherly Place,
Sterling Heights, MI 48310

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





Baseball at JIMMY JOHNS FIELD



Thursday, August 8
5:25pm Dinner
7:05pm Game

7171 Auburn Rd, Utica

See an entertaining minor league ballgame.

They offer cheap beers on Thursdays
 (but you may have to wait in a long line).

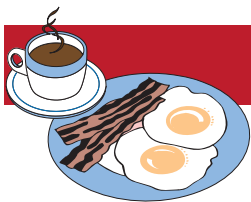
Purchase \$12 seats in section 106 (3rd base line).

Those interested in a pregame meal, meet at
 Danny J's Tavern about 3 blocks away in downtown
 Utica. Free parking between Danny J's and ballpark.

We suggest buying your ticket first, then meeting us
 at the tavern. There are lots of food options at the
 park, but be prepared to wait in line if you eat there.

Cost: \$12 game ticket, plus your tab at Danny J's.

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



BREAKFAST CLUB

Every Sunday • 10am
Jimmy's Coney Grill

37246 Dequindre (at 16 Mile), Sterling Hts.

No RSVP needed, just show up!

Golf Scramble Recap

On Sunday June 23rd, we held our first of two, nine
 hole golf scrambles at the Myth Course in Oakland
 Twp (rescheduled from a May 19th washout). This
 time we had perfect weather and 17 participants.

Afterwards, a dozen of us went to RJ's Pub in

Rochester Hills for an apres-golf meal.

The next golf scramble will be scheduled
 between Sept. 15th and October 6th.



CONCERT IN THE PARK

Wednesday, August 14
6:00pm
Shain Park

270 West Merrill, Birmingham

Spend a beautiful summer night
 with the GM Ski Club with a picnic,
 concert in the park, and a near full moon! What
 more could you want? Performing from 7pm-9pm,

Nobody's Business is a seven-piece band that
 comes at you with a choice mix of funky blues,
 rock-and-roll, soul, R&B, and even a little country
 – not to mention a growing catalog of originals.

Dancing is encouraged!

We will meet at the elegant Shain Park at 6pm
 in the northeast corner, across from Brooklyn
 Pizza. After 6:45pm we will set-up close to the
 bandshell located along the Henrietta sidewalk.
 Look for the GM banner. It is suggested to park
 at the Pierce parking structure located one block
 east of the park. Parking is free for two hours (with
 credit card). Bring a lawn chair and a picnic dinner.

Brooklyn Pizza is nearby for those who prefer to
 purchase food. Please let us know if you are coming
 so we'll look for you.

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



Tiger Game Recap

On June 9th we attended our annual Tiger
 ballgame, this time vs. the division leading
 Minnesota Twins. The game was a blowout, but
 12 of us had a good time anyway. We met up at
 Harbor House afterwards for a post game meal.
 Plans for another Tiger outing are contingent upon
 the team reaching the .500 mark this season.

GM SKI & TRAVEL CLUB EVENT CALENDAR

EVERY SUNDAY - 10am • Breakfast Club – Jimmy's Coney Grill, 37246 Dequindre, Sterling Hts. No RSVP needed
12:30pm • Wallyball - Warren Racquetball, 29901 S Civic Ctr Blvd. \$7 adv, \$8 door. Contact: sundaywallyball@gmail.com

Sat, Jul 6 • Paddle Stony Creek - Mt. Vernon picnic area, 10am. You can bring your own boat or rent at the park.

Thu, Jul 11 • GMSC Meeting - River Woods Park, 300 N Squirrel, Auburn Hills. 6pm, Cost: \$5 Members, \$7 Non-Members. **Patriotic theme, wear red, white & blue.** Grilled burgers and hot dogs, sides, chips, beer, pop or water provided. Donations of dessert items and special sides are always appreciated. Contact: Dave: davehag5@msn.com, 586-275-0208.

Sat, Jul 13 • Card Game Party - 16922 Mary Wood Dr, Macomb. 2:30pm-11pm. Cards, like euchre, hearts or pinochle. Cost: Bring a dish to pass or pay \$5. RSVP by July 12th at noon. Contact: Ken, kenphillips@mail.com, 586 242-2003 (text)

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Thu, Jul 18 • Meet & Greet: Gator Jakes - 36863 Van Dyke, Sterling Hts. Drinks/dinner before Music in the Park, 4:45pm-6:15pm. Contact: Dennis Dembiec, dennis4179@gmail.com, 248-318-1491 (text)

Music In The Park - Dodge Park, 6:30pm. "Magic Bus" performing Woodstock era music. Look for the pop-up awning with GMSC banner! Enjoy the Farmer's Market 3pm-8pm. Contact: Darrell, 586-899-8203 (call or text)

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Fri, Aug 2 • Put-In-Bay - MDSC / Hawkeye Productions, One day excursion via Jet Express, leaving from Detroit Port Authority 8:30am. \$89 per person round trip. See ad on page 7 for all the details.

Sat, Aug 3 • Hike - Stony Creek Nature Center - Shelby Twp. 1:00pm. Contact: Darrell, 586-899-8203 (call or text)

Sun, Aug 4 • Bike Ride - 1:00pm. Meet at the Rochester Hills Library. Contact: Stan, 586-808-3406

Thu, Aug 8 • Baseball at Jimmy Johns Field - 7171 Auburn Rd, Utica. 5:25pm Dinner at Danny J's Tavern, 7:05pm Game. Cost: \$12 game ticket, plus your dinner tab. Contact: Ken, kenphillips@mail.com, 586-242-2003 (text)

Sun, Aug 11 • Annual Club Picnic - Dodge Park, Shelter #2, 40620 Utica Rd, Sterling Hts. Time 12pm-7pm. Catered meal by Chef Paul. Fun & games! Cost: Before Aug 8, \$15 Members, \$20 Non-Members. Contact: Stan, 586-808-3406

Wed, Aug 14 • Concert in the Park - Shain Park, 270 West Merrill, Birmingham. Meet at 6pm in NE corner across from Brooklyn Pizza. Concert at 7pm with "Nobody's Business." Bring lawn chair and picnic dinner. Look for GM banner along Henrietta sidewalk. Park in Pierce structure. Contact: Dennis Dembiec, dennis4179@gmail.com, 248-318-1491 (text)

Sat, Aug 17 • Paddle Stony Creek - Mt. Vernon picnic area, 10am. You can bring your own boat or rent at the park.

Thu, Aug 22 • Music In The Park - Dodge Park, 6:30pm. "Your Generation" performing party-style music. Look for the pop-up awning with GMSC banner! Enjoy the Farmer's Market 3pm-8pm. Contact: Darrell, 586-899-8203

There are a lot more great event photos on our website! www.gmskiclub.org

Feb 11-14, 2020 • Boyne Highlands Bus Trip - Livonia Ski Club, \$495 Package **

INCLUDES all gratuities and taxes (MDSC club affiliates), 3 days of skiing at Boyne Highlands, 3 nights lodging at Main Lodge (2 per room), 3 deluxe buffet breakfasts at the Lodge dining room, Tuesday lunch and refreshments on the luxury motor coach, Welcome party at the hotel on Tuesday evening in our own private room, Wonderful sit down dinner at the hotel on Wednesday evening. Those 75+ can ski free at Boyne Highlands on Tuesday after check-in at the hotel.

**There is an additional \$20 surcharge for those under 65 by Feb. 11, 2020 (Total = \$515).

BUS INFO: Departs Tuesday, 10am from Livonia Senior Center, 5 Mile Rd. & Farmington Rd. A second pickup location is at US-23 and M-59 in front of the Kroger Store. Those who wish to ski the afternoon on arrival (Tues) at Boyne Highlands should keep their boot bags INSIDE the bus. (Anyone under 75 would have to pay the ½ day lift ticket).

Payment schedule: Sign-up \$100/person deposit. 2nd payment of \$200 due Oct. 1, final payment of \$195/\$215 due Nov. 30.



**Sail with Hawkeye Productions Inc. (In conjunction with the MDSC)
Friday August 2, 2019 for its Annual One-Day Excursion to Put-In-Bay, Ohio**

- The Jet Express II, will leave from the Detroit Port Authority, 130 E. Atwater Detroit, MI 48226
- Boarding will Begin @ 8:30am, Departure Time @ 9:00am
- Enjoy games, prizes and live entertainment aboard the boat.
- We will be transported to Downtown Put-In-Bay, Ohio via hydrofoil, to enjoy a day of shopping, dining and wine tasting.
- There are also fun family things to do such as climbing Perry's Monument. You can also search for gem stones or visit a Butterfly Exhibit. Click this link to see more: [To Do in Put-In-Bay](#)
- We will begin Boarding for Return to the Detroit Port Authority @ 6:45pm, leaving @ 7:00pm
- No alcohol on boat. Many fine restaurants and bars are on the island.



Tickets on Sale Now. All tickets must be purchased by July 19th



Round trip ticket cost per person: \$89.00

Make your check or money order payable to:
Hawkeye Productions Inc.

Mail To: P.O. Box 21746 • Detroit, MI 48221

Pay Pal available on web: hawkeyeproductionsinc.us

For more information call:

Keith or Lucille Hawkins @ (313) 341-1716



Let Us Take You Where Strangers Become Friends with the MDSC



Put-In-Bay Registration Form

NAME _____ MDSC CLUB NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE (_____) _____ # OF TICKETS _____ \$ _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____



Mamma Mia!

On June 15th, despite “iffy” weather on a somewhat rainy day, 20 of us turned out at the outdoor Greek amphitheater at St. Dunstan’s to watch their rendition of “Mamma Mia!” We all got there early enough to enjoy a wine and cheese party of our own making before the start of the play. The drizzle did not stop the festive atmosphere of the occasion. There was, however, some question whether the drizzle would prevent the performance. Incredible as it sounds, the rain stopped just as the play got under way. For the rest of the night, we enjoyed some of the finest music, dancing, sets, and costumes ever. If you missed it, please join us next time.





Harsen's Island



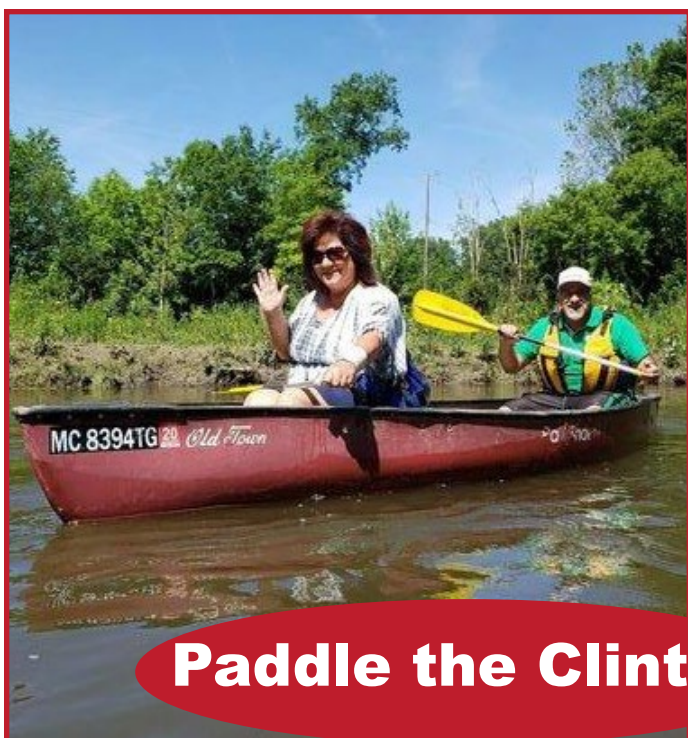


Music In The Park Recap

On a near perfect evening, about 30 of us turned out under the green canopy to watch the "Prolifics" perform the finest Motown music as only they can do. It was definitely a fun-filled evening. If you missed it, we have two more Music In The Park outings this summer. We hope to see you there.

Pub & Grub Summerfest

In what may well be our best turnout of the season, 37 people gathered for this year's Auburn Hills Summerfest. The night was near perfect for music and dancing. We started with dinner at the brand new Dimitri's Opa. The management and the staff were very accommodating, giving us our own private section of the restaurant. It was very festive with lots of mingling. We finished just in time for the start of a concert at the new Auburn Hills Amphitheater. The band was "Your Generation" and they were spectacular. This eight-piece band is a live multi-media spectacular celebrating five decades of pop, rock, dance and R&B hits. Their picture perfect harmonies and well choreographed stage presence was a sight to behold. The dance floor was jammed all night. If you missed it, we will be attending another "Your Generation" performance at our August 22 Music In The Park in Sterling Heights. Hope to see you there.





Paddle the Clinton

On June 22, a picture perfect day (sunny, temps in the low 70's) we took a group of 22 people out to paddle the Clinton River. Calling this stretch of river beautiful is a vast understatement. It is amazing what an "up north" feel you get from a stretch of river that, in reality, goes through the heart of Sterling Heights. But beautiful, and remote it certainly is. We met at the livery parking lot then shuttled to the drop off point at Clinton River Park just south of Riverland Drive. The paddle itself took about two hours. After the paddle, we went to the Great Baribou Brewing Company for some socializing while enjoying a bite and a brew. If you missed it, we have three more paddles scheduled for this summer. There will be a repeat of this Clinton River paddle, as well as two more at Stony Creek MetroPark. Hope to see you there.



Paddle the Clinton



music in the Park

Dodge Park • 6:30pm
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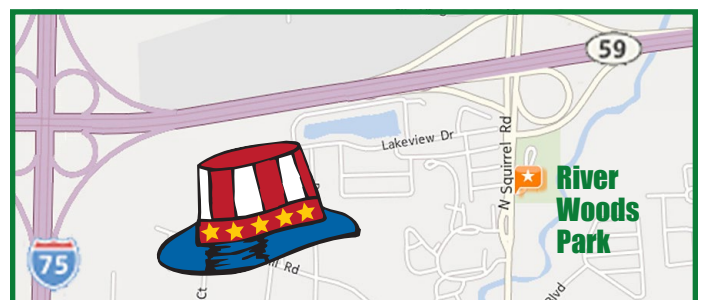
Contact: Darrell Ahlberg, dahlberg7@comcast.net
586-899-8203 (call or text)

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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