



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

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS SPREADING A LITTLE CHEER



Prep 1 - Thurs, Dec 3 • 6pm
Prep 2 - Wed, Dec 9 • 6pm
Event - Thurs, Dec 17 • 6pm
Darrell's Garage

In this era of COVID, many in lockdown could use a little cheering up. We are putting together a hearty group to go to senior living centers and spread cheer with Christmas Carols.

We've already lined up 4 senior living centers in the Clinton Twp/Sterling Heights area for the night of December 17th. The prep meetings are to meet and discuss any details of what we'll do that night. Including any ideas you have for props, dress, and of course, which songs we'll sing. (The December 9 Prep 2 meeting may not be necessary.)

Your creative ideas, vocals, and harmonizing talents are the glue that makes this happen. If you're interested, but cannot make the meeting, please let me know.

We'll meet in my garage, with a fire in the driveway. If the weather is crazy, we'll go inside.

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SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Every Sunday • 9:30am
Leo's Coney Island



[1858 E. Big Beaver Rd., Troy](#)

All Are welcome. No need for reservations. Just show up and we'll make room for you.

Contact: Tony Kelof
248-567-9167



SCHOONER TRIP-ROCKLAND, MAINE INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, Dec 6 • 6pm Darell's House

Step back in time and enjoy a leisurely sail along the coast of Maine, where the wind blows and leaves the world behind. Lighthouses, wildlife, and unspoiled scenery are part of every trip. Each trip is a unique vacation: exciting sailing at a reasonable price.

A trip like this offers a lot to see and do on the side. If you choose to drive, you might make stops along the way. Whether driving or flying, you might like to see other things in the area such as Acadia National Park.

We are planning for the Wed, Aug 14-Sat, Aug 17 Perseid Meteor Showers trip. Cost for the trip is \$795. You would be responsible for calling the company to reserve your spot and for your own transportation. The price includes all your meals with an all-you-can-eat fresh lobster bake dinner.

If you are interested and want more information attend this meeting. Alternatively, you can reserve your spot and get more information by calling 1-800-648-4544.

Or visit www.schooneramerican eagle.com

This is purely an informational meeting. There will be no representatives from the company.

There is no cost and no obligation.

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec 1 Gayle Bettega
Brian Deleo
Barbara Hartley

Dec 2 Diane Scipione

Dec 9 Sharon Rose

Dec 11 Danny Boyd

Dec 12 Ann Enghardt

Dec 14 James Price

Dec 25 Christine Luhrs



NOVEMBER HIKEs



Our hiking events have continued unabated throughout the month of November. Although late in the year, the weather has been balmy and enjoyable.

Look for more of these events to continue through the winter. Its always great to get outdoors. Even if seems chilly at first, once the hike starts, you heat up and it is always enjoyable and rewarding.

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!**

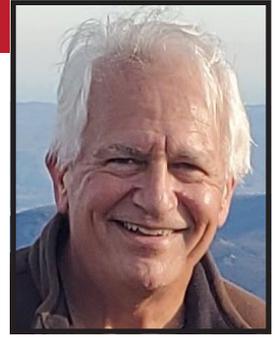


The MDSC has existed since 1955 and is the umbrella organization for twenty ski clubs located in the Metro Detroit area, Toledo Ohio, and from Grand Rapids to Windsor and Sarnia, Canada.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

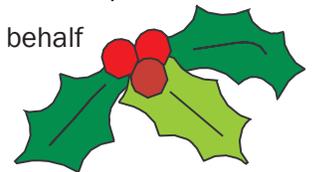


Hello again everybody. As we enter into the Holiday Season, it seems almost unbelievable that another year is about done. Its that time when we look back on all that's happened, all the challenges we've faced, all that we have to be grateful for, and all that we have to look forward to. This has been a year like none other. There are many reasons for this, but none more consequential than dealing with a global pandemic. I pray you and yours have weathered the storm. If the vaccine proves to be all its cracked up to be, we can be extremely grateful for the record rapid development and look forward to things getting back to normal by the middle of next year. So keep praying and hoping. This year, of course, large Holiday and New Year's parties are not likely to happen. So we'll celebrate quietly at home with family and friends.

GMSC Activities will be limited for a while. We will continue with winter hikes and other activities. We are also working on some mid-winter weekend trips such as Cross-Country Skiing. We'll also be planning some online events over Zoom such as the online euchre parties we started last spring. Activities in large venues may be scheduled. One example is bowling. But there will be others. Keep an eye on the calendar and the weekly emails for updates.

I look forward to the day when we can have our restaurant outings as before. But for now, on behalf of the GM Ski Club board, I wish you and yours the happiest and merriest Holiday Season.

- Darrell Ahlberg, President, GM Ski Club



Shuffleboard At The Red Ox

This was a first of its kind event. In all we had 32 people show up to enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and two hours of non-stop indoor shuffleboard. The wearing of masks and social distancing was a rule, and everyone followed it, thus creating a safe environment for all to enjoy. The venue, although indoors, was large and ventilated enough that nobody felt "crammed in". It was a fun time for all. No doubt, once the shutdown is resolved, this event is sure to be reprised. Hope to see you next time.



CROSS-COUNTRY SKI WEEKEND



January 15-17 • January 18 (MLK Day) optional

In the course of the great summer we've enjoyed, I've heard a lot of interest in a cross-country ski weekend. I've heard this interest from both experienced skiers and cross-country wannabe's who would love some lessons. Best of all, our friends at the Grayling Ramada have offered the same discounts they offered for the October Canoe trip. The Grayling Ramada is a short drive to the Cross-Country Ski Headquarters.

We will go to the Roscommon Area and visit Cross Country Ski Headquarters. Here they have: Rentals & Lessons. If you are interested in lessons, advance payment is required. They will put together lessons just for our group for a cost of \$15 per person. This will be perfect because they will move at the pace and the level of our people. I've taken lessons here before and I personally testify it is well worth it.

Reserve and pay for your own accommodations. About 25 of us stayed at the Grayling Ramada in October and the experience was great. We have a very good relationship with them. They are offering SPECIAL PRICING FOR THE GM Ski Club. Call this special number: 989-745-3325 and ask for Jennifer. She is the General Manager and will give you 20% off any room you want and an additional 10% for seniors. I don't know if they make you prove you're a senior.

Apres Ski: The bar at the Grayling Ramada.

There are two ways to pay for the \$15 Ski Lesson (optional):

- 1) Send a check, made payable to Darrell Ahlberg to: 40377 Kraft Dr, Sterling Heights, MI 48310
- 2) Paypal - easy online payment: <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8uiQhJGoeQ>

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SNOWMASS Mountain - COLORADO

February 27 – March 6, 2021

Sponsored by the Metropolitan Detroit Ski Council

MDSC serves skiers, snowboarder, golfers, outdoor enthusiasts and social gathering throughout Michigan, parts of Ohio and Ontario

\$1750.00/person (based on double occupancy)

1st payment due \$500.00 by November 30, 2020 - 2nd payment due \$500.00 by December 30, 2020,

3rd payment due \$400.00 by January 15, 2021 and Final payment due \$350.00 by January 30, 2021

\$150.00 Non refundable

Includes: United Airlines from Detroit to Denver and Denver to Detroit

Crestwood Lodging Condos - 2BR/2BA - Double occupancy

5 Day Lift pass good at 4 local ski areas, (Snowmass, Buttermilk, Aspen Highlands, and Aspen Mountain)

Contact Information: Ceci Brinson-West, President MDSC ceciski1220@gmail.com (TEXT) 313 -618-3250

Address payments to MDSC, Attention Chris Luhrs - 23210 Harrellson St., Macomb, Michigan 48042

Name _____ Address/Phone _____

Roommate Name _____ Address/Phone _____

Emergency Contact Info _____

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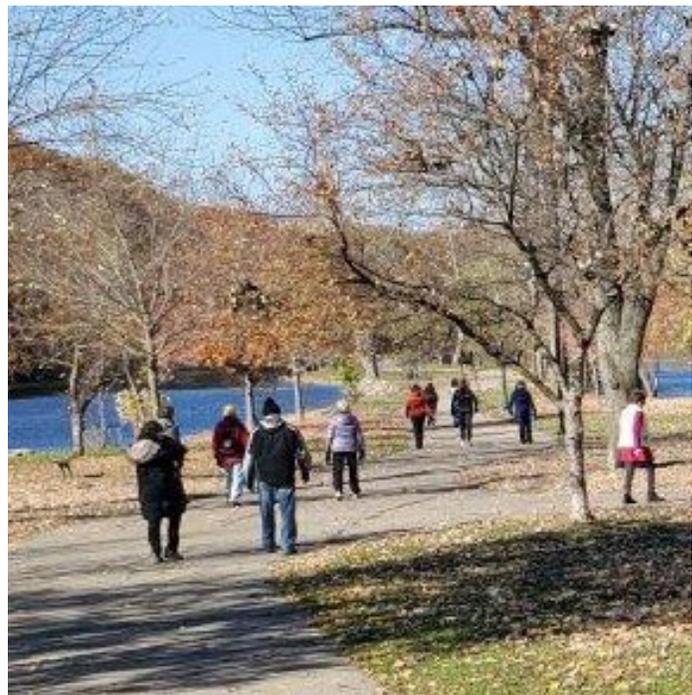
Grand Ledge

Over 25 people traveled about two hours to check out the sites at Grand Ledge, Michigan. A little town, just west of Lansing, it features several parks with land formations, rock cliffs, and ledges the likes of which you'd never expect to find in central Lower Peninsula. We were blessed with great weather and an abundance of great fall colors. In all we toured three separate state parks, and enjoyed a picnic lunch at one of the most scenic parks in the area. Everyone left very excited about the experience. No doubt we will reprise this event next year. Hope to see you there.





Grand Ledge





Pumpkin Carving

About 11 people congregated at Darrell's Garage for a night of Pumpkin Carving, driveway fires, and great company. What sounded at first like a crazy idea, turned out to be a great "why not" event. The club provided pumpkins, stencils, and carving tools. The result was 11 classic pumpkins to be taken home and displayed Halloween night. A huge thanks to our secretary, Deborah Ellinger for thinking outside the box and coming up with this idea. We hope to do this again next year on a larger scale.





Pumpkin Carving



GENERAL MEETINGS

Next Meeting:

Thursday, December 10 • 6pm-8pm

We have the large banquet room and the tables will be spaced apart. There will be special measures in place to assure safety and social distancing: no more than six per table. We ask that you adhere to safety requests from either the restaurant and/or GM board members.

We want to assure attendees they can have a good time and remain safe in these trying time of COVID. Announcements around 7:15pm. Ike's specializes in Mediterranean and Greek food. Cost: Your tab.

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davehag5@msn.com

2ND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Ike's Restaurant • 6:00pm

38550 Van Dyke, Sterling Hts
(SE corner of 17 Mile & Van Dyke)



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