



“A ski and travel club...  
and a whole lot more”

## April at a glance

- Every Sun.** Breakfast Club starts at 10 a.m.  
Anton's Family Restaurant  
(16 Mile Rd.) and Dequindre
- Every Sun.** Wallyball! - 1:00 p.m.  
Warren Racquet Club, Van Dyke, N. of 12
- 12 Thurs. General Meeting – Santa Maria Bistro,  
350 E. 14 Mile Rd., Madison Hts. 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Tue. Board Meeting. – Joe Kool's,  
1835 E. Big Beaver Rd., Troy 7:00p.m.
- 20 Fri. Pub & Grub Night – Roger's Roost,  
33626 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights.  
Meet at 6:30 p.m. for cocktails and a meal.
- 27 Fri. Restaurant of the Month – Pepperoni Grille  
22411 Greater Mack (between 8 and 9 Mile  
Rd.) in St. Clair Shores. 6:00 p.m.

GM SKI and TRAVEL CLUB  
Website:

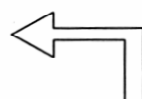
[www.gmskiclub.org](http://www.gmskiclub.org)  
(recent photos, upcoming events, membership  
applications, bylaws, forms, and fun music)

MDSC Website: [www.mdscski.org](http://www.mdscski.org)

### Deadline

The deadline for articles or pictures submitted for  
inclusion in this newsletter is 5 p.m. sharp on the  
20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.

Late submissions will be held for the following issue or discarded.



Membership expires on label date

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# NEWSLETTER

SKI and TRAVEL

APRIL 2007

WEBSITE: [www.gmskiclub.org](http://www.gmskiclub.org)

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## Elections

Board Nominations and Elections: Elections for the  
Board of Directors will be held at the April General  
Meeting. The positions open for election, with current  
nominees, are:

**President- Les Skrzycki**  
**Vice President -Denise Korzetz**  
**Secretary - Vacant**  
**Treasurer - Vacant**

Once the elections are complete, the following board  
positions will be open to appointment by the elected  
board:

<b>Activities Director</b>	<b>Newsletter</b>
<b>Activities Co-chair</b>	<b>Ski Trip Chairman</b>
<b>MDSC Rep</b>	<b>Webmaster</b>

**Ski Instruction**  
**Hospitality**

**Membership**  
**Publicity**

We would like to see some fresh faces with  
fresh ideas on the board for next year. If you would  
like to get involved by running or would like to  
nominate someone, please contact any member of  
the nominating committee. They are:

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Zirton1@aol.com

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RIVERDANCE26R340@aol.com  
Michael Bourke 586-776-7685  
excelsiormb@hotmail.com;

## GENERAL MEETING Thursday, April 12, 2007

We meet at

**Santa Maria Bistro**  
350 E. 14 Mile Rd.,  
Madison Heights  
7:00 p.m.

Free meeting! And free pizza! (While it lasts)

*Eat, drink, and socialize, in a relaxed  
and friendly atmosphere*

## Wallyball Every Sunday

Co-ed Wallyball - Sundays at 1:00  
p.m. following breakfast at Anton's.



We play at the  
Warren Racquet Club,  
Van Dyke between 12  
and 13 Mile Roads. This  
is a friendly game,  
where we play our best,  
but no one gets overly-  
excited about winning or  
losing.

Two hours of play costs about \$6,  
depending on how many people show up.  
Non-members pay \$1 more. Contact Les  
(248) 693-1794 for more information.

## The Sunday Breakfast Club

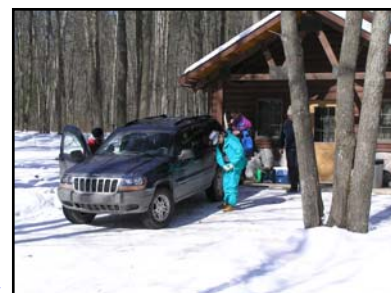
Every Sunday at 10:00 am, we meet at Anton's Family  
Restaurant for breakfast. It's on the northwest corner of  
Big Beaver (16 Mile Rd) and Dequindre.

Usually, after we clean up, at about  
4:00 p.m. we adjourn to Malone's on Van  
Dyke north of 13½ Mile Road.

The weekend of February 23-25, six brave GM Ski Club members trekked up north for a fun-filled weekend of camaraderie and cross-country skiing. Les, Sharon, Jim, Andrea, Denise, and Darrell all holed up together in a cozy cabin in Hartwick Pines State Park. We brought enough food, water, beer, and other libations to last a month, but did our best to consume everything in a single weekend. Everyone arrived in their own time Friday night, but by 9:00 p.m. everyone was there and the libation consumption commenced. After a lazy roll out of bed Saturday morning, we made breakfast of eggs, sausage, bacon, fruit, and other goodies. We were having so much fun that it wasn't until around noon when, almost as an afterthought, we decided, you know what? We came here to ski, so we ought to try some of that. With that thought, we left for the trails.

Hartwick Pines has some great ski trails which are well maintained by the park service. We skied the rest of the afternoon and managed to get our tired bones and sore muscles back to the cabin for some well-deserved rest.

Denise very astutely noticed the beer was almost gone and she and Darrell decided to go brave the mighty four miles to downtown Grayling to pick up the extra provisions. Jim asked for some Jack Daniels also. So the stage for the evening was set.



Before dinner, we headed back to the trails for some lantern-lit night skiing. For this the park service lines the trails with lanterns so you can find your way. However, as Andrea pointed out several times, it helps to bring a headlamp. However, Sharon managed to navigate the trail on skis without any such device, thus baffling the rest of us. Les and Denise decided to hoof it rather than ski, much to the delight of Denise's dog, Nala, who seemed to like the trails and fresh air as much as any of us. Almost as soon as the nighttime odyssey began, Andrea lost control of a downhill run and went crashing into one of the lanterns. It was a gorgeous, crisp, clear, peaceful, silent night. Andrea's blood-curdling scream was heard from one end of the park to the next. For a short time, she was shook up; but fortunately she was not hurt. The incident made for hilarious fodder for conversation for the rest of the weekend.

That night, we dined on the plentiful supply of spaghetti Denise prepared. Jim broke out his guitar, and we all entertained ourselves in song until one by one everyone dropped off to sleep.

The original plan called for skiing on Sunday as well, but the weather turned rather quickly, so we spent the morning lazily enjoying breakfast and cleaning up the cabin.



It was a very enjoyable weekend filled with a good mix of camaraderie, food, and exercise.



# Euchre Night

On the evening of Saturday March 3, Darrell Ahlberg opened his house for a Euchre party that included members of the Solar Club, BSHikers, Sailing Singles, and of course, our beloved GMSki Club. There were also a number of people from other walks to round out the night. All totaled, there were 37 people. That was enough to fill eight Euchre tables and left five for substituting throughout the night. It was a great night for meeting new people as well as socializing with old friends. It was billed as a "partial" meet and greet with people encouraged to bring other single friends. This arrangement worked out quite well.

Original plans called for 10 games of Euchre to be played between 8:00 and Midnight. But people were having so much fun; the evening was terminated at 12:30 after only eight games. The club supplied munchies, soft drinks, bottled water and about two cases of beer. Other participants brought hors d'oeuvres of their own specialty as well as their favorite adult beverages. Later in the evening the club ordered ten pizzas. So needless to say, there was much inter-game socializing around the food table.

Prizes were awarded. Jason Ahlberg took first place with 64 points. Jim Walsh and Butch shared 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 57 points each. Throughout the night, teams who were "Euchred" had to endure the humiliation of trekking to the Euchre Pot and flinging a loud clanging quarter into the pot. The intent was to award this paltry sum to the last place finisher as booby prize. Well the paltry sum turned out to be quite a lucrative prize. Solar member Jim Coe, who scored a pitiful 32 points for the night, took home the loot. I'm sure he was crying all the way to the bank.

The night was capped by awarding GM Ski Club umbrellas, CD Cases, toolkits, pedometers, and other souvenirs as door prizes. There were enough such that everybody went home with a nice GM Ski Club souvenir.

Hopefully, we'll see the guests in attendance at other GM Ski Club events in the near future. I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who provided a set of tables and chairs. Lugging these things out to the car for the night isn't always the most fun, but without them the evening would not have been possible.

All in all, it was a wonderful evening of fun and friendship.





# Carnival Weekend



## Backpacking Opportunity

Hello All,

I am leading a backpacking trip to Buena Vista area at Easter time. It will be near summer temperature (at day time) and near Himalayan landscape. This year is unique because of high snow accumulation in Colorado. For safety reasons, there should be at least four persons in the group.

It is four days backpacking and one day reserved for extreme weather conditions. From the trail head we go to Cottonwood path and further to the foot of Mt Columbia. The ultimate goal is to hike Mt. Harvard and Mt. Columbia. However if such a hike would not be possible, the valley itself is worth the trek.

You can contact me at (248) 876-2432 or [sergey.ivanov@us.bosch.com](mailto:sergey.ivanov@us.bosch.com)

Best regards, Grey



## Eighteenth Annual Eastern Market Trip

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Disturb your usual Saturday morning sleep-in and join us at **Vivio's Restaurant** at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast (menu is the morning after, double bloody Mary's or Mimosa's, or a really good coffee drink), and then a slow walk and talk through the open-air Farmers Market.

While at the Farmers market, pickup some flowers and plants to enhance the décor of your home.

Make things look fresh and cheerful.

This is not Flower Day, which is the 19th this year.

Buy your fruits, vegetables, meats and fish products for dinner, or those fresh strawberries for pie or with ice cream.

### Sounds like a commercial doesn't it?

Now that you have been awake for a few hours, we can think about somewhere to go and BBQ all that fresh food. Maybe we could go for a sail, or just relax at the dock with some of that chilled wine we bought. It's all up to you!

Let's start our summer-time fun!

All this and more Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> 2007. For more information and directions please call Les Skrzycki at (248) 693-1794. Email [lskrzycki@ameritech.net](mailto:lskrzycki@ameritech.net)

**Please call; we do need to know how many people to expect.**

## Full Moon Sail

Saturday, **June 30**, our sun, the bringer of life, will set at 9:13 p.m.

Forty-one minutes later, we will be able to see sunlight again, as it reflects off the full moon rising out of Lake St. Clair at 9:54 p.m.

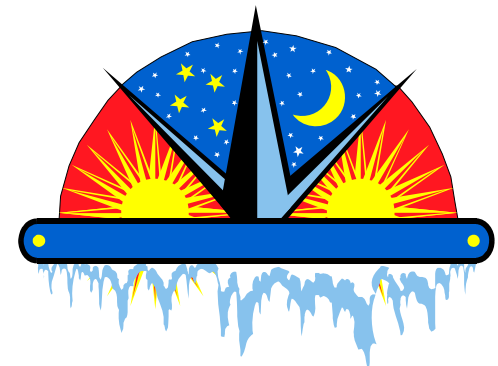
This humbling, celestial phenomenon cannot be scheduled; but when it occurs on a Saturday in June, it is an opportunity not to be missed.

We will assemble at 4:00 p.m. at the gazebo on "A" dock at Jefferson Beach, Jefferson between Nine and Ten Mile Roads, where we will feast before setting out.

For \$15 (non-members \$20), we will provide shish kabob (chicken or beef), side dishes, pop, water, condiments, and a barbecue grill where you can cook your meal to your own liking. We will also provide a bottle of Luna de Luna wine for each boat. Bring your own special beverages.

The boats shove off at precisely 7:30 p.m., so that we can be well out to sea before the show begins. The moon will not wait for us, and we will not wait for you. We also don't control the weather, so the party happens rain or shine; though, if the weather is bad, the skippers may elect to leave the boats in the marina. Bring your official GM Ski Club umbrellas for the dock party.

We have fewer boats than usual this year, so this event will fill up fast. Reserve your berth by contacting Michael Bourke, [excelsiormb@hotmail.com](mailto:excelsiormb@hotmail.com), 586-776-7685.



**GM SKI and TRAVEL CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **NEW MEMBERSHIP \$30**

☐ **RENEWAL \$25**

In consideration for me being able to join the GM Ski and Travel Club, I agree to abide by the GM SKI and TRAVEL Club's by-Laws and constitution.

Membership runs October 1 through September 30.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the GM Ski and Travel Club?

☐ Friend   
 ☐ Newspaper   
 ☐ Racing   
 ☐ Event (list) \_\_\_\_\_

**Skiing Interest:**

☐ Downhill

☐ Racing

☐ X-country

☐ Snowboard

**Skiing Ability:**

☐ Beginner

☐ Intermediate

☐ Advanced

**I'd like to help:**

☐ Ski Trips

☐ Publicity

☐ Meetings

☐ Activities

☐ Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_

**Referral:** I am a new member and was referred to the GM Ski and Travel Club by:

Referring Members Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment made by:**    Cash    Check    Check # \_\_\_\_\_

I like the club so much I wish to make an additional contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GM Ski and Travel Club Board of Directors**

<b>President:</b> Les Skrzycki 248-693-1794	<b>MDSC Rep:</b> Debbie Cooke 248-689-7167
<b>Vice President:</b> Denise Korzetz 248-343-0111	<b>Newsletter:</b> Michael Bourke 586-776-7685
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<b>Membership:</b> Darrell Ahlberg 586-899-8203	

*The board meets once a month, the week after the General Meeting*

Please send completed application at the left along with check (payable to "GM Ski Club") to:

Or bring the completed application with you to our General Meeting.

**You don't have to work for General Motors to belong to the GM Ski and Travel Club! (but it's okay if you do).**

Patti-Rae Given  
April 1



The account balance is:

**Alan Toomey,  
Treasurer**

Submissions to this newsletter will be accepted in any visual, but not oral, form. Electronic transmissions are preferred.

The deadline is 5:00 p.m. sharp on the 20th of the preceding month.

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APRIL

5 Sat.	Eastern Market Outing - Our day in Eastern Market begins at Vivio's Restaurant, 2460 Market St. in Detroit, 8:00 a.m. Browse specialty shops, pick up some flowers for your garden, or take home some fresh produce. Bring your camera and enjoy the atmosphere as we explore this historic area of old Detroit. Contact Les: 248-693-1794
10 Thurs.	General Meeting - Please visit our "Tailgate Party," Halmich Park in Warren, located on 13 Mile Rd. between Ryan and Dequindre. Delicious hot dogs and beverages provided. Starts at 6:00 p.m. under the pavilion. \$4 for members, \$6 for guests
15 Tue.	Board Meeting. - Joe Kool's, 1835 E. Big Beaver Rd., Troy 7:00p.m. Contact Darrell (586) 899-8203
18 Fri.	Pub & Grub Night - Joe Kool's, 1835 E. Big Beaver Rd., in terrific Troy. Meet at 6:30 p.m. for beer and dinner. To join us, contact Debbie: 313-310-1130 or email: sunsetcar@aol.com

## MAY

# JUNE

8 Fri.	Pub & Grub Night - TGI Friday's, 591 W. Big Beaver in Troy. Meet at 6:00 p.m. Contact Debbie: 313-310-1130 or email: sunsetcar@aol.com
14 Thurs.	General Meeting - Halmich Park in Warren, located on 13 Mile Rd. between Ryan and Dequindre. Hot dogs and beverages provided. Meet at 6:00 p.m. under the pavilion. \$4 members, \$6 guests.
19 Tue.	Board Meeting. - Santa Maria Bistro, 350 E. 14 Mile Rd., Madison Heights Contact Darrell (586) 899-8203
30 Sat.	Full moon sail. Assemble at the gazebo at "A" dock, Jefferson Beach. BBQ at 4:00 p.m., shove off at 7:30 p.m. sharp.

## ON THE HORIZON

**Our June Moon Sail** -Join us for snacks, cheers, great company, and a romantic sail on Lake St. Clair as we watch sunset hues turn to moonlight glow. This is our popular "full-moon sail" not to be missed!

**Volleyball Sundays** - We'll replace wallyball with volleyball on Sundays beginning in May at Jefferson Beach Marina in St. Clair Shores. It's a great way to enjoy the outdoors and get rid of those extra winter pounds. No charge, just for the fun of it!

Watch your email for our up-to-the-minute E-Newsletter for last minute events and activities.



**Smiles**



**Food**



**Fun**



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**Drink**



**Music**



**Friends**