



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



SKI and TRAVEL

APRIL 2008

WEBSITE: www.gmskiclub.org

GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957 VOLUME LII, ISSUE IV

April at a glance

- Every Sun. Breakfast Club 10 a.m. at Anton's Island Grill, 16 Mile and Dequindre.
- Every Sun. Wallyball 12:30 p.m. at Warren Racquet and Fitness Club, Van Dyke nr. 12 1/2 Mile
- 10 Thurs. General Meeting – **17th Street Bar & Grill**, 3905 17 Mile Rd., 7:00 p.m.,
- 15 Tue. Board Meeting–17th Street Grill, 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Wed. Singles Night – Don Thomas Sporthaus 690 S. Woodward, Birmingham 7-9:00 p.m.
- 18 Fri. Restaurant of the Month –Rib City Grill 1686 John R., Troy. Meet at 6:30 p.m.
- 25 Fri. Pub 'n' Grub–Full Kilt Celtic Restaurant, 143 N Main St., North of Clinton Rd., Mt. Clemens. 6:30 p.m. for drinks/dinner.

GM SKI and TRAVEL CLUB
Website:

www.gmskiclub.org
(recent photos, upcoming events, membership applications, bylaws, forms, and fun music)

MDSC Website: www.mdscski.org

Deadline

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

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

**GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, April 10**

Our new location at

**17th Street
Bar & Grill**

3905 17 Mile Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48310.
(Northwest corner of the intersection of 17 Mile Road and Ryan Road)

Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.
Announcements at 8:00 p.m.

Come early for dinner!
D.J. AFTER 9:00 P.M.!
\$2-Beer-\$2

*17th Street Bar is a different
kind of meeting place for us.*

*It's quiet and intimate, where
you can get a burger and a beer,
and join in conversation. Think of
it as a pleasant night out with
your friends.*

Elections

Elections for the Board of Directors will be held at the April General Meeting. The positions open are:

President- _____ Vice President- **Les Skrzycki**
Secretary - **Darrell Ahlberg** Treasurer - **Alan Toomey**

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

Activities Director	Newsletter	Activities Co-chair	Ski Trip Chairman
MDSC Rep	Webmaster	Ski Instruction	Membership
Hospitality	Publicity		

If you would like to run or nominate someone, please contact any member of the nominating committee:

Brian DeLeo 248-626-6192 Zirton1@aol.com	Gregg Ronan 586-979-9512 riverdanceiii@yahoo.com	Michael Bourke (586)776-7685 excelsiormb@hotmail.com
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Nominations will be taken by phone or e-mail anytime during the month and at the April 10th general meeting at 17th Street Grill.



First Class Mail

to Darrell Ahlberg
40377 Kraft Dr.
Sterling Heights, MI 48310



Celebrating our 51st year of bringing people together.

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:	Skiing Ability:	I'd like to help:
<input type="checkbox"/> Downhill	<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner	<input type="checkbox"/> Ski Trips
<input type="checkbox"/> Racing	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity
<input type="checkbox"/> X-country	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Meetings
<input type="checkbox"/> Snowboard		<input type="checkbox"/> Activities
		<input type="checkbox"/> 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

President: Les Skrzycki 248-693-1794 **MDSC Rep:** Debbie Cooke 248-689-7167
Vice President: Denise Korzetz 248-343-0111 **Newsletter:** Michael Bourke 586-776-7685
Treasurer: Alan Toomey 248-391-5180 **Publicity:** Denise Korzetz 248-343-0111
Secretary: Darrell Ahlberg, 586-899-8203 **Ski Trips:** Dave Duvali 586-754-8151
Activities: Brian De Leo 248-626-6192 **Webmaster:** Alan Toomey 248-391-5180
Hospitality: Greg Ronan 586-979-9512
Membership: Darrell Ahlberg 586-899-8203

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

TO JOIN THE GM SKI and TRAVEL CLUB:

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

GM Ski and Travel Club
40377 Kraft Dr.
Sterling Heights, MI 48310

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

Membership runs Oct. through Sept.

Mail changes of address to the above.

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).

APRIL BIRTHDAY

Patti-Rae Given April 1



Treasurer's Report

The account balance is:
\$5792.03
 Alan Toomey,
 Treasurer

Sunday Wallyball!

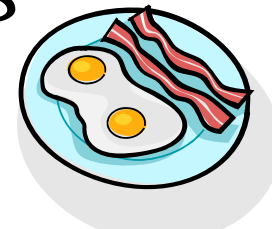
The siren song of summer is calling, but it's not swimsuit season yet!

Until it gets very nice out, we will be playing indoor wallyball Sunday at 12:30 p.m. at Warren Racquet and Fitness Club, one block east of Van Dyke at 12 ½ Mile Road.

By 3:45, we're at Malone's, Van Dyke at 13 ½ Mile, for food and drink.



Calendar of Events



Every Sun. Breakfast Club starts at **10:00 a.m.** at Anton's Island Grill, Big Beaver Rd (16 Mile Rd.) and Dequindre, northwest corner. Phone: (248) 619-0016. For a great breakfast and fun with friends, just show up, and we'll make room for you. No RSVP needed.

APRIL

- 10 Thurs. General Meeting - 17th Street Bar & Grill, 3905 17 Mile Rd., Sterling Heights. Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m., announcements at 8:00 p.m. Come early for dinner!
- 15 Tue. Board Meeting - 17th Street Bar & Grill, 7:00 p.m., Contact: Darrell, 586-899-8203
- 16 Wed. Singles Night - Don Thomas Sporthaus, 690 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham (248) 220-1999, Free drinks and snacks, games and activities, giveaways including a \$100 gift card. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



18 Fri. Restaurant of the Month - It's Rib City Grill for the ribs, 1686 John R., Troy. Gather at 6:30, dinner at 7:00 p.m. Contact: Debbie, 248-689-7167



25 Fri. Pub 'n' Grub - We'll meet at Full Kilt Celtic Pub & Restaurant, 143 N Main St., North of Clinton Rd., Mt. Clemens. 6:30 p.m. for drinks—then dinner. Contact: Dave, 586-754-8151

MAY

- 5 Mon. Pub 'n' Grub - Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at Juan's Hacienda, 31313 Dequindre in Madison Hts. Meet at 5:00 p.m. for cheers, dinner soon after. Contact Debbie: 248-689-7167
- 8 Thurs. General Meeting - 17th Street Bar & Grill, 3905 17 Mile Rd., Sterling Heights. Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m., announcements at 8:00 p.m. ... Come early for dinner!
- 10 Sat. Eastern Market Flower Day - The tradition continues when we meet at Vivio's Restaurant at 8:00 a.m. Enjoy the rest of the day as we browse, barter and stroll the historic area of Easter Market. Reservations are a must! For more info and directions, contact Les: 248-693-1794
- 13 Tue. Board Meeting - 17th Street Bar & Grill, 7:00 p.m., Contact: Darrell, 586-899-8203
- 16 Fri. Restaurant of the Month—Mongolian Barbeque, 3325 University Dr. & Squirrel Rd. in Auburn Hills. Meet at 6:30 p.m., Contact Gregg: 586-979-9512 or email: riverdanceiii@yahoo.com
- 18 Sun. MDSC Travel Roundup - Hyatt Regency, Dearborn. 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. For more info: mdscskiclub.org

JUNE

- 12 Thurs. General Meeting - We've moved outdoors! Join us at Halmich Park in Warren, 13 Mile Rd. between Dequindre and Ryan. We'll meet under the pavilion at 6:00 p.m., announcements at 8:00 p.m.
- 13 Fri. Pub 'n' Grub - Choose from 152 brands of beer at Shores Inn, 23410 Greater Mack @ 9 Mile Rd., SE corner (1 block S. of 9 Mile) Contact Gregg: 586-979-9512, email: riverdanceiii@yahoo.com
- 17 Tue. Board Meeting - 17th Street Bar & Grill, 7:00 p.m., Contact: Darrell, 586-899-8203
- 27 Fri. Restaurant of the Month - Filippa's Wine Barrel, 45125 Mound Rd. & M59 in Shelby Twp. Meet at 6:30 for cocktails, dinner at 7:00 p.m. Contact Darrell: 586-899-8203

ON THE HORIZON

Hazel Park Raceway - A night at the races! C'mon out for dinner, reserved seating in the clubhouse, followed by harness racing ... All for about \$25! This is a great opportunity to meet new friends... plans are underway for May.
The Fabulous GMSC Moonlight Cruise - We'll board our boats on Lake St. Clair for a romantic evening on the water. Here, you will experience the magic as we watch the sunset fade to a rising full moon! ... Friday, July 18. Watch your email for our up-to-the-minute E-Newsletter for last minute events and activities

Editor's Notes

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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 Eastpointe, MI 48021

Nineteenth Annual



Eastern Market Trip

May 10th, 2008

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. 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!

Saturday May 10th 2008.

For more information and directions please call Les Skrzycki at (248) 693-1794.

Email lskrzycki@comcast.net

Reservations are a must!

It's spelled just like it sounds:
SKRZYCKI!!!

CHICAGO SKI CARNIVAL, THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 7-9, AT SCHUSS/SHANTY CREEK



The Travel Round-Up is coming to Detroit Sunday May 18, at the Hyatt, 12:00 till 4:00.

Eastern Market— 204 Years and Still Going!

The Eastern Market will be celebrating its 204th birthday in 2008. From horse-drawn carts to the present-day semi-trailer trucks, farmers have annually hauled thousands of tons of fresh produce to the area for re-sale to wholesalers, retailers, and the general public.

The 43-acre Historic Eastern Market area is open six days a week, (closed on Sundays). Flower Day is held each year, offering bedding plants, flowers, shrubs, evergreens, etc. It is recognized as the world's largest bedding flower market.

On any given Saturday, some 45,000 Detroiters, suburbanites and out-of-staters can be found shopping elbow-to-elbow at farmers' stalls or area retail shops. It's a people-watcher's delight. The rich and poor, old and young browse and bargain old-world style for what suits their interests, absorbing the sights and sounds, color and excitement.

Although an open-air farmers' market existed prior to the Civil War, the first sales shed was built in 1891 in the Vernor, Russell, Gratiot area, amid several other food establishments which had already located there. As the market area prospered, additional sheds were constructed in 1922 and 1929. Through the post-Depression era, the Eastern Market grew, expanding in size and logging record truckloads of farm products and other items as well, including beverages, and unique retail merchandise.

Eastern Market was declared a historic area in 1977 by the State of Michigan Historical Commission. Many of the original buildings are still in operation today.

Other interesting tidbits include the fact that Generals Ulysses S. Grant, George Custer and John J. Pershing were headquartered in the area and marched troops up and down where the Eastern Market is presently located.

In addition, parts of the Underground Railroad went under the Eastern Market through to the Detroit River where escaping slaves were able to make safe haven to Canada. Also, part of an ancient American Indian burial ground was located in the area, and later relocated to a cemetery.

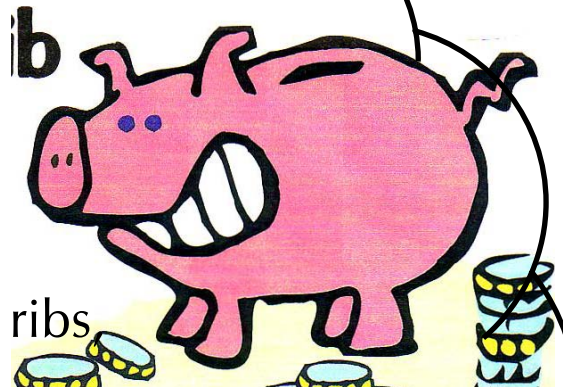
Historic Points of Interest:

- Sacred Heart Church, Rivard at Eliot, Built for the German immigrants in 1875.
- Roma Cafe, 3401 Riopelle.
- R. Hirt, Jr., Co., 2468 Market St., a family-owned and operated business since 1885.
- Ciaramitaro Bros. Produce, 2506 Market St., built in 1885, now Detroit Wholesale Produce
- Vivio's Restaurant, 2460 Market St.
- Cost Plus Wine Shop building, 2448 Market St.
- Gratiot Central Market, 1429 Gratiot Ave., was designed by Smith, Hinchman and Grylls in 1915. (Building was destroyed by fire in June 1995 and re-opened in 1999.)



April 18, Friday

Restaurant of the Month –
It's **Rib City Grill** for the ribs
1686 John R., Troy



Gather at 6:30, dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Contact: Debbie, 248-689-7167



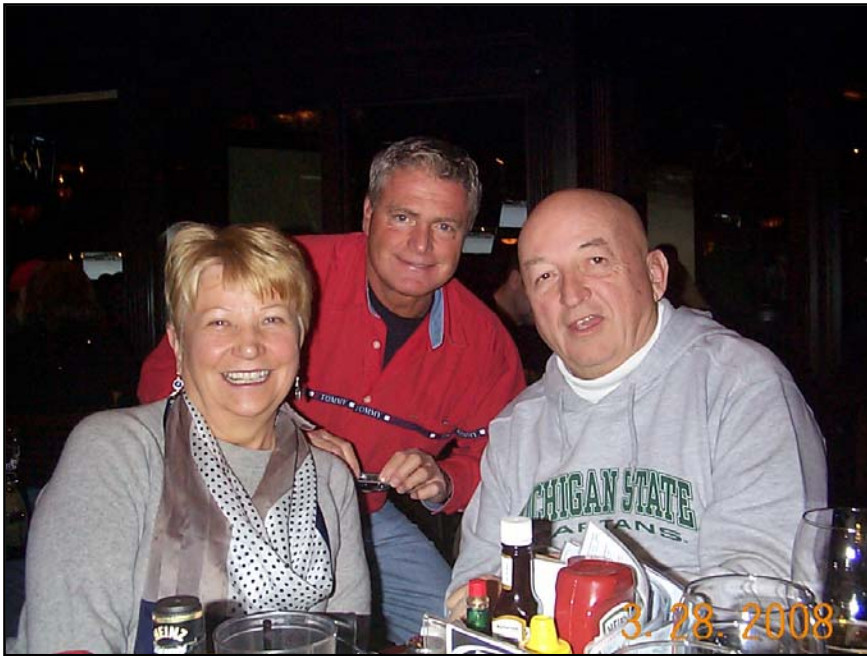
April 25 Fri.
Pub 'n' Grub –
We'll meet at
**Full Kilt Celtic
Pub & Restaurant,**

143 N Main St., North of Clinton Rd.,
Mt. Clemens.

6:30 p.m. for drinks—then dinner.

Contact: Dave. 586-754-8151

HAMLIN PUB—FRIDAY, MARCH 28



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