



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

## December at a glance

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3-10	Scuba Bonaire --- Call Alan Toomey for trip info 248-391-5180
13 Tue	Board Meeting – Maggiano's Little Italy 2089 W. Big Beaver, Troy.
17 Sat	Holiday Party- Craig's house, 5188 Iroquois Ct., Clarkston. Call Connie: (586) 291-8654
25 Sun	Merry Christmas!

## 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 the next newsletter is 5 p.m. on the  
20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.

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



# NEWSLETTER

SKI and TRAVEL

DECEMBER 2005

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

GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957

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GENERAL MEETING

## Thursday, December 1, 2005

(Now on the FIRST Thursday of the month!)

**WOW! The first Thursday has a way of sneaking up on you!**

## Warrilow's Restaurant

**2140 Hilton, Ferndale Mi 48220 (248) 545-5861.**

**Door opens at 7pm. Come early for dinner.**

**(Map inside)**

**\$2.00 Admission for our members and \$4.00 for Guests**

## Early Gift-Giving!

Our present to our members this year is an attractive, 39-inch-long golf umbrella. None will be mailed, so you must come to a club function to receive yours. We will start giving them away to our current members the second week of December.

December 1<sup>st</sup>, our next meeting, is the deadline for renewing at \$25, after which the new membership price of \$30 will be in effect, even for our long-standing friends.

Renewing will provide you with a year of fresh promise of what our social and service club can do for you: parties, trips, and, most of all, people—dear old friends we cherish and the wonderful new ones we are about to meet.

That's a lot for \$25.

## A CHRISTMAS STORY Saturday, December 3, 2005

December's classic movie will be “A CHRISTMAS STORY” starring Peter Billingsley, Melinda Dillon, and Darren McGavin. This is a comedy of a boy's obsession to acquire a Red Ryder BB-gun for Christmas, during the 1940s. It's based on Jean Sheperd's autobiographical story “In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash.” The grouchy department-store Santa is a must see! Filmed in 1983, this movie is a treat for all.

So, do join us on Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Redford, 17360 Lahser Rd., Detroit, just a few doors north of Grand River. Lighted and supervised parking is adjacent to the theatre. .... Surely an entertaining evening for \$4.00!

Meet in the lobby at 7:30 p.m. Call Brian 248-626-6192.

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 #\_\_\_\_\_

GM Ski and Travel Club Board of Directors

**President:** Bill Given  
248-540-4547

**Vice President:** Les Skrzycki 248-693-1794

**Treasurer:** Alan Toomey  
248-391-5180

**Secretary:** Darrell Ahlberg,  
586-899-8203

**Activities:** Brian De Leo  
248-626-6192

**Hospitality:** Greg Ronan  
586-979-9512

**Membership:** Darrell Ahlberg, 586-899-8203

**Newsletter:** Michael Bourke 586-776-7685

**Ski Trips:** Ted Zubeck  
248-549-5082

**Webmaster:** Alan Toomey  
248-391-5180

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).**

December Birthdays

Brian De Leo

Cathy Ragan

James Price

Michael Bourke

December 1

December 13

December 14

December 14

**Breakfast Club.** Every Sunday at 10:00 am, GM Ski Club members and friends meet at Anton's Family Restaurant for breakfast. Anton's is a place that truly believes life is about the THRILL O' THE GRILL. Northwest corner of Big Beaver (16 Mile Rd) and Dequindre. For a great breakfast and fun with friends, c'mon out and join us and be sure and bring a friend.

# Calendar of Events

## DECEMBER

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3-10	Scuba Bonaire --- Call Alan Toomey for trip info 248-391-5180 or email: scuba@gmskiclub.org
4, 11, 18 Sun	Breakfast Club every Sunday (except Christmas) starts at 10 a.m.. Anton's Family Restaurant Big Beaver (16 Mile Rd.) and Dequindre, Northwest Corner. GMSC Board Meeting – Maggiano's Little Italy, 2089 W. Big Beaver, Troy. Holiday Party- Craig's house, 5188 Iroquois Ct., Clarkston. Bring a dish to pass. Call Connie: (586) 291-8654 (evenings or weekends) email: ccaseyslp@aol.com
13 Tue	
17 Sat	
25 Sun	Merry Christmas!

## JANUARY

1 Sun	Happy New Year 2006!
Every Sun	Breakfast Club every Sunday except New Year's Day, starts at 10 AM. Anton's Family Restaurant Big Beaver (16 Mile Rd.) and Dequindre, Northwest Corner.
5 Thur	General Meeting Warrilow's Restaurant, 2140 Hilton, Ferndale, Mi (248) 545-5861 Doors open at 7 pm. Come early for dinner.
10 Tues	GMSC Board Meeting. TBD
13 Fri	Dive of the Month – Ted's Pub and Café, 38 S. Main St. in Clawson 6:30 cocktails, dinner at 7 p.m. Call Les (248) 693-1794
19 Thur	Restaurant of the Month – Nipponkai, 511 W. 14 Mile Rd., Clawson Call Brian (248) 626-6192 or email: Zerton4@aol.com

## FEBRUARY

Every Sun	Breakfast Club every Sunday, starts at 10 am. Anton's Family Restaurant Big Beaver (16 Mile Rd.) and Dequindre, Northwest Corner.
2 Thur	General Meeting – Warrilow's Restaurant, 2140 Hilton, Ferndale, Mi (248) 545-5861 Doors open at 7 p.m. Come early for dinner.
5-12	Aspen Ski Trip --- Call Ted Zubeck for info. (248) 549-5082
7 Tue	GMSC Board Meeting. TBD
10 Fri	Dive of the Month – Dragonmead Microbrewery, 14600 E. Eleven Mile Rd., Warren, Mi ...Call Les (248) 693-1794
24 Fri	Restaurant of the Month – The Post Bar, 3880 Lapeer Rd., Auburn Hills, Mi Call Les (248) 693-1794

Always watch your email for our up to the minute E-Newsletter

### Treasurer's Report

The account balance is:

**\$12,357.54**

**Alan Toomey,  
Treasurer**

### 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. on the 20th of the preceding month.

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## HALLOWEEN SPECIAL AT THE REDFORD

The film "*INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS*" was a frantic, but fantastic way to commemorate Halloween. If you were one of the GMer's at the historic Redford Theatre on October 29<sup>th</sup>, you would have experienced the nostalgia of this 1956 science-fiction film about a small-town doctor who discovers that his family and friends have been taken over by pods from outer space that replicate humans. Perhaps just a bit reflective of the post McCarthy Era and the Red Scare of the 1950s.

Nobody in our group won the 50/50 drawing, but we were amused by the creepy cemetery display and swirling ghost on stage. A bit of the willies with some cold chills running down our spines, we managed to survive the numerous ghosts, monsters, and pods from outer space. We were also entertained by Tony O'Brien at the Barton Theatre Pipe Organ, as he accompanied two additional silent films: Harold Lloyd in "*HAUNTED SPOOKS*" and Buster Keaton in "*THE HAUNTED HOUSE*."



Super security



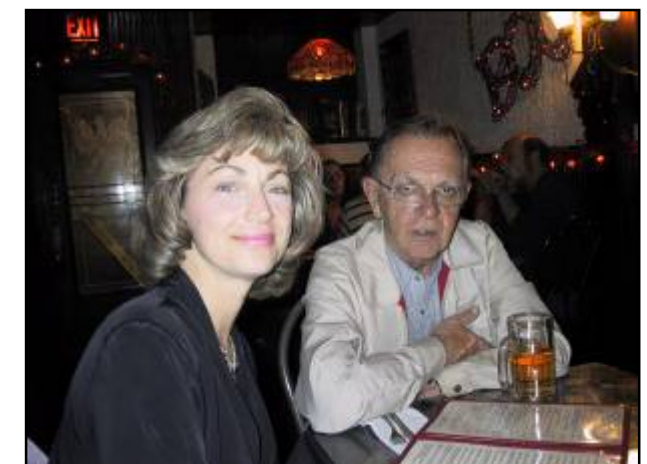
## Restaurant of the Month

We enjoy ethnic food, and that means we loved The Polish Village in Hamtramck, Michigan. We had a great time, as the photo's show. We were able to get a large number of tables pushed together so we could all eat together. This is not their norm, but for us they made quite a nice gesture.

The food was just fabulous, all home-cooked and served hot to our table. I believe that everyone tried something different and some dishes were just passed around for others to try. The prices were very inexpensive. This will be a favorite of mine, and I will go back soon. Oh, by the way, the beer is served very cold in big Bumba's, and the alcohol content is 7 to 8%, for those who like to try different beers from other countries.

See you at our next Restaurant of the month. Happy Holidays to all.

Les





2006 ASPEN SKI TRIP  
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5 – 12, 2006  
Cost Including 5 Day Lift Tickets \$1220.00

**Trip Details:**

Roundtrip Northwest Airlines to Aspen Eagle Airport  
7 Nights lodging at the Chateau Chaumont Condos  
4 persons per 2 bedroom 2 bath condos  
Ground transfers from Eagle Airport to condos  
5 Day lift tickets your choice: Aspen Mtn., Aspen Highlands or Snowmass

Trip Contact:  
Ted Zubeck  
4627 Briarwood  
Royal Oak, MI 48073  
248 549-5082  
Tzubeck4627#wowway.com



Sold out

Wait list only

We're having fun! Are you on board?

**Scuba Bonnaire**



December 3-10, 2005

**Divi Flamingo Beach Resort**

Room Type	Diver Price	Non-Diver Price
Deluxe (Breakfast & Dinner)	<b>\$1955</b>	<b>\$1605</b>
Deluxe (Breakfast Only)	<b>\$1735</b>	<b>\$1395</b>

**Prices per person**

**Package includes:** (6 days/7 nights)

- Deluxe room accommodations (double occupancy) are oceanfront, offering full ocean views with private balconies. Every deluxe room includes two double beds, color television, air-conditioning, and in room safe.
- full Breakfast or Breakfast and Dinner daily
- round-trip transportation to and from the airport (Bonaire) (Caution-diving 24 hours before flight may be hazardous)
- 6 days of 3-tank boat dives with the first dive being a mandatory marine park boat dive
- welcome cocktail, beach towels at the pool and beach
- and all taxes and service charges on package features

**Airfare:**

- Round trip Airfare from Detroit to Bonaire

Diving includes tank, weights and weight belt, 2-tank morning boat dive and 1 tank afternoon boat dive per day, unlimited tanks for shore diving. Transportation for shore diving is not included.

**This is just too exciting to pass up! Compare!**

Contact Alan Toomey [scuba@gmskiclub.org](mailto:scuba@gmskiclub.org) for complete itinerary.  
Visit [GMSKICLUB.ORG](http://GMSKICLUB.ORG) for additional information about this trip.

Sold out

Wait list only



Friday Night January 13, 2006  
The Dive of the Month is back!

We will be at

**Ted's Pub and Grille**

on Livernois just south of 14 Mile Rd. Great fish and chips and burgers with really big beers. 38 S. Main St. in Clawson. 6:30 cocktails, dinner at 7 p.m.

COM' on out and relieve that workweek tension, have a drink, a light snack and meet with friends.

Call Les 248-693-1794 to secure your spot...

Time 6:30 till \_\_\_\_\_?



Map to Warrilow's Restaurant, 2140 Hilton, Ferndale, Mi. 48220

RESTAURANT  
OF THE  
MONTH

**NIPPONKAI**

511 W. 14 Mile Rd., in  
Clawson

**If you have a passion  
to indulge in fine  
Japanese cuisine,  
join us**

**Thursday,  
January 19, 2006**

*Not a fancy place, just  
cozy with great food in our  
private traditional room*

6:30 p.m. Cocktails

Dinner at 7 p.m.

Call Brian (248) 626-6192