



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

December at a glance

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(16 Mile Rd.) and Dequindre
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Warren Racquet Club, Van Dyke, N. of 12
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email:sunsetcar@aol.com
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13 Mile and Dequindre,
Cocktails at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

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.



SKI and TRAVEL

DECEMBER 2006

WEBSITE: www.gmskiclub.org

GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957 VOLUME I, ISSUE XII

GENERAL MEETING
Thursday
December 14, 2006

We meet at
Santa Maria Bistro
350 E. 14 Mile Rd., Madison Heights
7:00 p.m.
\$2.00 Admission for our members and \$4.00 for guests
Come early for dinner!



IT'S CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT
Saturday, December 2, 2006

Take a break from the holiday rush and join us for a festive evening full of fun on Saturday, December 2, 2006! Our classic movie will be “**NATIONAL LAMPOON'S CHRISTMAS VACATION**” starring Comedian Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, and Randy Quaid. This is a comical saga about the Griswald family staying home for the holidays and being invaded by repulsive relatives. The sight gags are somewhat predictable, but usually on the mark. Chevy Chase glides smoothly through this frantic farce and Randy Quaid is a standout as the slovenly cousin.

Of course, this is the **Redford Theatre**, where there's more than just a movie. There will also be a live organ overture featuring many holiday tunes before the movie and during the intermission. Don't miss the SILENT AUCTION FUND RAISER that will be held in the outer lobby with all proceeds benefiting further restoration of the Redford Theatre. Be sure to see the miniature railroad layout in a winter-time setting in the orchestra pit. **After the movie, we'll meet at Mr. Joes**, around 11 p.m., for a late-night burger and live karaoke. Mr. Joe's is located in Southfield, Northwestern Hwy and 12 Mile Rd., next to Burger King.

Perhaps one of us will win the 50/50 drawing? You never can tell unless you join us at The Redford Theatre, located at 17360 Lahser Rd. in Detroit, just a few doors north of Grand River Ave. Lighted and supervised parking is adjacent to the theatre. We'll meet in the lobby between 7:30 and 7:45 p.m. ... Tickets are **ONLY \$4.00** ... Contact Brian: (248) 626-6192 or email: Zirton1@aol.com



First Class Mail

40377 Kraft Dr.
Sterling Heights, MI 48310
c/o Darrell Ahlberg



How it was ...
Old Time Movie Night
HALLOWEEN SHIVERS AND THRILLS
October 28, 2006

October's classic movie was "FRANKENSTEIN" with Boris Karloff, Colin Clive, and Mae Clarke. Adapted from the Mary Shelley novel, this flick was *HORRORIFIC!* Dr. Henry Frankenstein is a scientist who creates a terrifying yet strangely sympathetic monster who uses his eyes and an occasional grunt to express himself. Boris Karloff gives an expressionistic and memorable performance as the "monster that will destroy you." Also included in the Halloween double feature was "ABBOTT AND COSTELLO MEET DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE" featuring Bud Abbott, Lou Costello, and Boris Karloff. In this film, Abbott and Castello take on the evil Dr. Jekyll, who has transformed himself into the maniac Mr. Hyde.

This evening of shivers and thrills included several creative attractions besides the great films. Halloween is a great time to see monsters, and we saw plenty! Upon entering the theater, we passed some striped cats, as in mascot Detroit Tiger fever! ...Not too scary, but something to cheer about. Once inside and greeted by Frankenstein and his bride, we met many freakish guests from pirates and ghosts to dead go-go girls. Just below the movie screen, onstage, was a reproduction of the laboratory used in the movie. The lab was evidence on Dr. Frankenstein, complete with the monster, working scopes, boiling test tubes and other 1930's style instruments of dissection.



The scariest of all was the *head without a body* that was sitting near the concession stand in a glass bowl. The woman's head could speak and converse with you, even answer your questions, but she could only move her lips and eyes. She could have been a gypsy or someone Doc Frank dug up from the cemetery. She had these devilish eyes of yellow and followed your movements as you walked around her. In addition to the festivity, we were entertained by tunes played on the Barton Theatre Pipe Organ before the movies and during the intermission. As always at the Redford Theatre, it was a great night of unique entertainment at such a reasonable cost!

Join us for our next movie night on December 2, 2006



Lance and Gail, as we never knew them.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

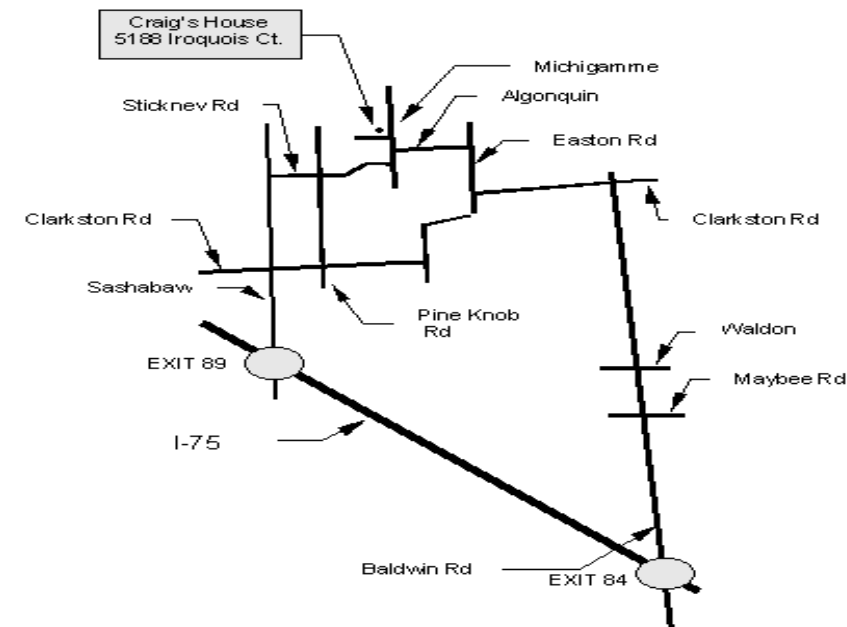
Saturday,
December 16th
6:00 pm---????
 Craig Petku's House—
 5188 Iroquois Ct., Clarkston
248-394-0467

BYOB and a Dish to Pass
 (but, if you're a terrible cook, we'll accept your money instead)

Join our annual confabulation and experience how the whole exceeds the sum of our individual contributions!

RSVP Debbie Cooke, 313-310-1130 or
 email:sunsetcar@aol.com

Map to Craig's Holiday Party



We have ski helmets and camel back dehydration packs for sale. These are quality products.

We have four helmets left for \$75.00 each Camelbacks are \$40 and \$25. (Helmets are not pictured.)

For more information, call Les 248-693-1794. These items will be at the next general meeting.

Telluride

January 20- January 27, 2007

\$1,180 per person

\$1200 per non-MDSC member

You are invited to join the Metropolitan Detroit Ski Council on their trip to Telluride Colorado, A National Historic Landmark District with Victorian-era architecture, and great skiing.

Package price includes:

- Round trip air on Delta and American Airlines, Detroit to Montrose
- Round Trip Transport via the Telluride Express
- 7 nights lodging at Telluride Lodge Condos, (6) 2 bdrm/2 bath, 4/condo and (3) 3bdrm/3bath, 6/condo.
- Five day lift ticket

For more information contact:

Betty Emery, 12414 Osprey Ct,
 Shelby Twp., MI 48315

586.726.0727 (H) or cell: 586.295.3022 or

email: bemery46@comcast.net Make checks payable to:

MDSC & return to Betty

CMSC/MDSC Carnival Weekend MARCH 9 - 11, 2007

3 Unique Villages, 49 Downhill Slopes, 12 lifts, 2 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, 30 km Groomed Cross-Country Trails, Nordic Ski Center, Ski and Snowboard Lessons, Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides, and Much More!

The CMSC/MDSC Weekend Package Includes:

- 2 Night's Lodging
- 2 Breakfasts
- Saturday Night Buffett
- Sunday Wine & Cheese Party
- Weekend Lift Tickets

Adults (per person, per stay, lodging in guest rooms)

Single \$272 • Double \$209 • Triple \$193 • Quad \$187

To make arrangements, please contact:

Janet Trstenjak at 800.678.4111, ext. 7894.

jtrstenjak@shantycreek.com • www.ShantyCreek.com

For Information, call Les 248-693-1794

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 **Past President:** Bill Given 248-540-4547
Secretary: Darrell Ahlberg, 586-899-8203 **Publicity:** Denise Korzetz 248-343-0111
Activities: Brian De Leo 248-626-6192 **Ski Trips:** Dave Duvali 586-754-8151
Hospitality: Greg Ronan 586-979-9512 **Webmaster:** Alan Toomey 248-391-5180
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).

December Birthdays

Brian De Leo December 1
 James Price December 14
 Michael Bourke December 14

Treasurer's Report

The account balance is:

\$ (not available)
Alan Toomey,
Treasurer

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.

Editor's Notes

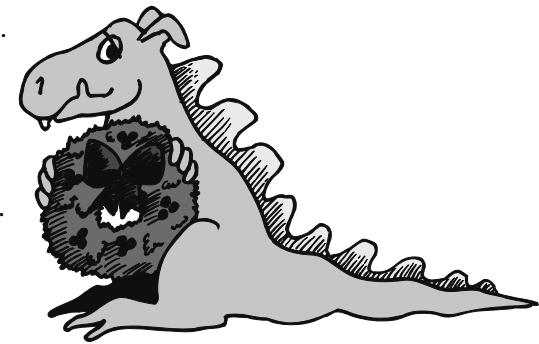
Submissions to this newsletter will be accepted in any visual, but not oral, form. Electronic transmissions are preferred. The deadline is 5:00 p.m. sharp on the 20th of the preceding month.

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 Eastpointe, MI 48021

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

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- Every Sun.** Wallyball is back! - Sundays at **1:00 p.m.** following breakfast at Anton's. Warren Racquet Club, Van Dyke between 12 and 13 Mile Roads. Two hours of play for about \$5, non-members pay \$1 more. Contact Les (248) 693-1794
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- 19 Tue.** Annual Board Dinner, this year at Master's Restaurant, 13 Mile and Dequindre, Cocktails at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Mon.** MERRY CHRISTMAS!



JANUARY

- 11 Thur.** General Meeting - Santa Maria Bistro, 350 E. 14 Mile Rd., Madison Heights 7:00 p.m. Come early for dinner!
- 16 Tue.** Board Meeting. - Santa Maria Bistro, 350 E. 14 Mile Rd., Madison Heights Contact Darrell (586) 899-8203
- 3-10** Winter Park Ski Trip - Ski and Snowboard in Colorado! Contact Dave Duvali for further details (586) 754-8151
- 8 Thur.** General Meeting - Santa Maria Bistro, 350 E. 14 Mile Rd., Madison Heights 7:00 p.m. Come early for dinner!
- 13 Tue.** Board Meeting. - Santa Maria Bistro, 350 E. 14 Mile Rd., Madison Heights Contact Darrell (586) 899-8203
- 14 Wed.** Get together at Dueling Pianos, Pontiac

ON THE HORIZON

Restaurant of the Month is back - ROM for short. If you have a favorite restaurant or just want to dine with friends, you'll find this a tasty adventure. We encourage suggestions and hope to see you soon. Watch your newsletter for next ROM!

Hartwick Pines Weekend Camping - Join us in February for a weekend in nature. Great for cross-country skiing, hiking, or snowshoeing. Enjoy a card game or just sit back and relax by the campfire. Contact Darrell (586) 899-8203

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



WINE TASTING, *EXTRAORDINAIRE*



On the evening of Saturday, November 4, GM Ski Club members and friends

congregated at my house for an evening of wine tasting. Rather than have a vendor come and talk about the wines they sell, we decided to do it a little differently and give the attendees a chance to let others in on the secrets they've learned about finding good wine. As a "roll your own" style party,

everyone attending brought a bottle of wine they thought was interesting. When their turn came, they talked to the group about their chosen wine, and the bottle was uncorked and passed around for sampling.

Bill Given served as host and MC. About every 20 minutes or so, the next speaker was introduced.



The festivities started about 7:00. We started with the white wines, moved on to the red wines, and about four hours after we started, we began with the sweet (desert) wines. Elena Bankowski's Russian wine was voted the sweetest, so she had the honor of being the last presenter of the evening.



The 21 people in attendance turned out to be just about the perfect number. With this number, providing everyone with a sample just about polished off each bottle, but, fortunately, not quite the entire bottle. There was generally enough left over for one or two portions of seconds.



About midnight, people began filing out, but a small contingent of diehards hung around until past 2:00 am. The 21 empty wine bottles accumulated on the dining room table made for quite a picture.

The party was also billed as a chance for singles to mingle with other singles. In that spirit, several brought a special guest for their mingling



pleasure. In general, response to the concept was positive, so we can look forward to other such events in the future.

-Darrell Ahlberg

