



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

December at a glance

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- 13 Thurs.** General Meeting - Joe Kool's, 1835 E. Big Beaver Rd., Troy. Meeting starts at 7:00
- 15 Sat.** Classic Movie Night – “It's a Wonderful life” Redford Theatre in Detroit. Only \$4.00 17360 Lahser Rd., just north of Grand River. Meet in the lobby at 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Tue.** Board Meeting– 17th Street Grille, 7:00 p.m.
- 22 Sat.** Holiday Party –Craig's house, 5188 Iroquois Ct. in Clarkston. RSVP Les, 248-693-1794

**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.



NEWSLETTER

SKI and TRAVEL

DECEMBER 2007

WEBSITE: www.gmskiclub.org

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GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, December 13

Joe Kool's

1835 E. Big Beaver Rd., Troy.

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

Come early for dinner!



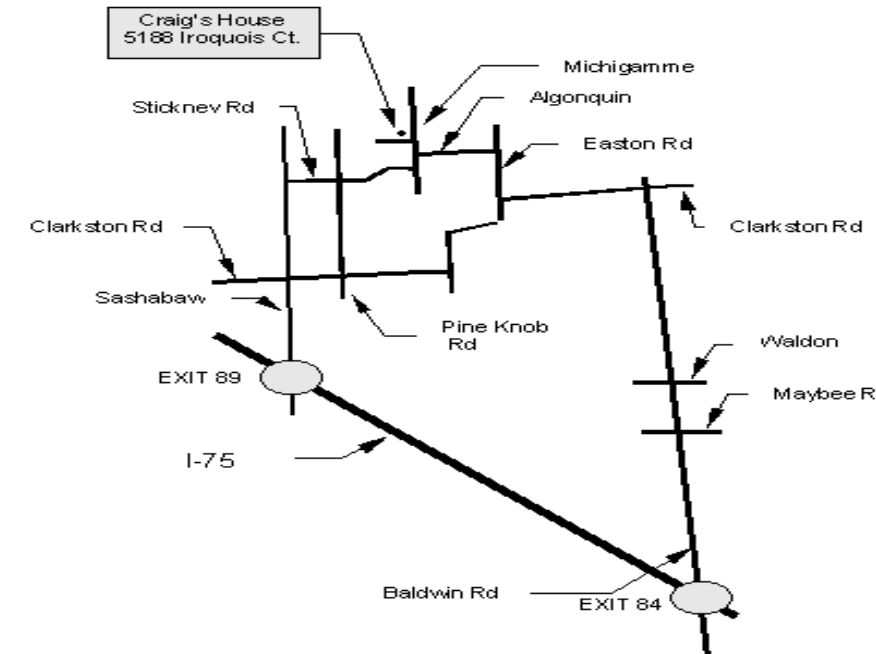
**ANNUAL
HOLIDAY PARTY**

**Saturday,
December 22nd**

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

BYOB and a Dish to Pass

Map to Craig's Holiday Party



Membership expires on label date

First Class Mail

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

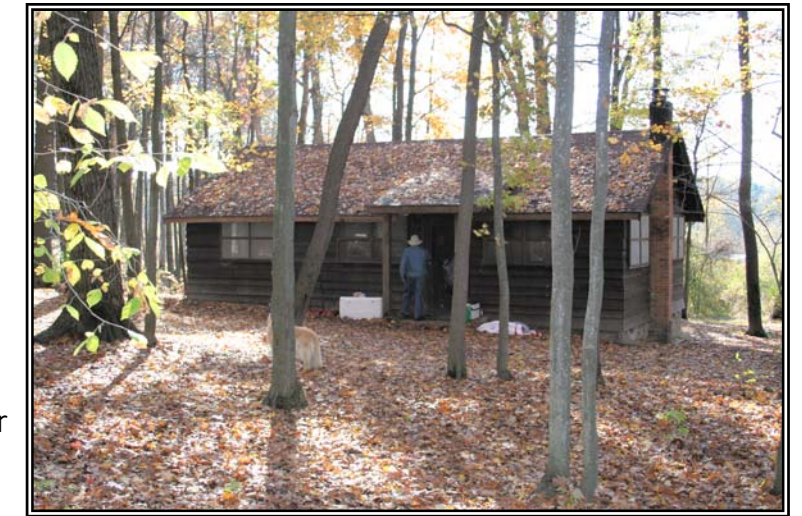


Celebrating our 50th year of bringing people together.

Bald Mountain



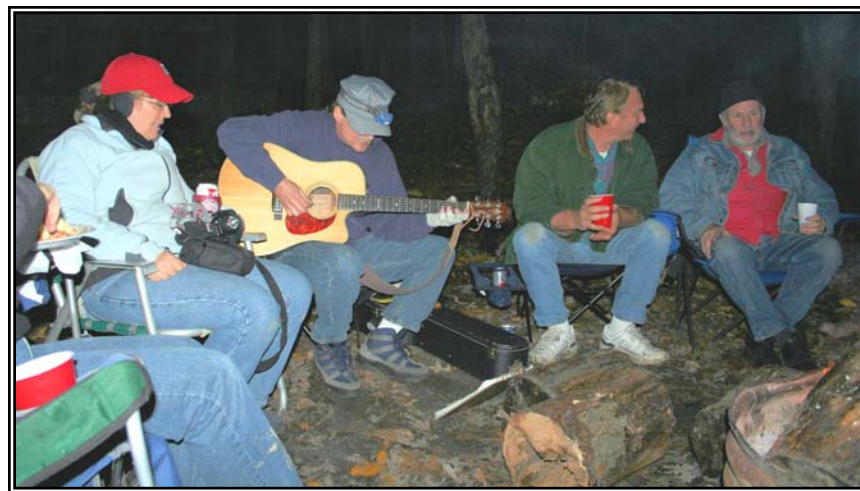
On the fall color weekend of 10/26—10/28, several of our club's adventurers and guests trekked up to Bald Mountain for our annual Bald Mountain Cabin Campout weekend. Friday night, Dave, Darrell, Les, Michael, Andrea, Tricia, Lee, and Grey (from the Solar Club) all spent the night in the cabin. Despite all the wet and damp wood in the area, Michael, Les, and Lee (The Three Pyros) managed to overcome these obstacles and build a roaring fire. So we enjoyed a campfire outdoors for most of the evening. Eventually it started the drizzle but it didn't dampen our fun, since we retreated to the warmth of the cabin indoors. Illuminated with propane lanterns and filled with the effervescence of the wood stove, the consumption of adult libations of various sorts, and the playing of cards, the evening was truly enjoyable.



Saturday morning, we had community breakfast of eggs and sausage, cooked and served by Lee. Of course, if you didn't care for that stuff, there were plenty of munchies, sweets, etc lying around. Unfortunately, most of the day Saturday was pretty drizzly, so most used the time to run individual errands or just laze around the cabin. Brave soul, Andrea managed to sneak in a two mile hike in the rain. By evening, however, the sky had cleared and we saw a most magnificent Harvest Moon rise just after 7:00. For dinner Les brought a bountiful supply of his special pasta and sauce. Judging by how fast it went, we can only

determine that everyone thought it was delicious.

Also on Saturday, we were joined by some day time visitors like Debbie, Ron, Connie, June, Butch, Brian, Elena, and Sharon. They started showing up right around the time the drizzle started letting up, which was also about the time Les began serving his pasta. I don't know which of these two events was the bigger draw, but we all had fun. Also, Jim showed up with his guitar and led us in a three-hour stream of hardy (and at times, rowdy) campfire sing-a-longs. A great thing about Bald Mountain Cabin Camping is there's nobody else around, so you can make as much noise as you want without worry of bothering the neighbors. We took full advantage of this on Saturday night.



Once again, The Three Pyros managed to build an incredible roaring bonfire. The greatest feature was a hollow log we dubbed "the chimney." Flames roaring through "the chimney" made a spectacular sight. Everyone started taking bets on when the rapidly consuming chimney would collapse. As the log burned and it got closer and closer to collapse, the suspense and tension grew and grew. That is, until, for reasons known only to him, Les managed to crush the log like a grape. Actually, it was an inadvertent movement on his part which caused this unfortunate mishap. Nevertheless he suffered immeasurable abuse of boos and hisses from the disappointed throngs. Don't worry Les, we forgive you.



—Darrell

"The Chimney"

Sunday morning was a gorgeous cool, crisp, and sunny morning. After once again enjoying the sights and smells of bacon, sausage, eggs, French toast, etc, we went for short hikes in the woods, cleaned up the cabin and headed for home.

Saturday rain notwithstanding, overall it was a great weekend. The community of people who attended brought a little something to share. There was plenty to eat and drink, and plenty of hardy and fun company to enjoy.



Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

- Every Sun.** Breakfast Club starts at **10:00 a.m.** Anton's Island Grill, Big Beaver Rd. (16 Mile Rd.) and Dequindre, northwest corner. Phone: (248) 619-0016
No RSVP needed. Just show up and we'll make room for you.
- Every Sun.** Wallyball is back! Sunday is full now that we wander away from breakfast to play wallyball at 1:00 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.
- 13 Thurs. General Meeting - Joe Kool's, 1835 E. Big Beaver Rd., Troy. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Announcements at 8:00. Come early for dinner!
- 15 Sat. Classic Movie Night - "It's a Wonderful life" at the historic Redford Theatre in Detroit. Only \$4.00 17360 Lahser Rd., Detroit, just a few doors north of Grand River. Lighted and supervised, ample free parking is adjacent to the theatre. Let me know if you're coming and we'll meet in the lobby at 7:30 p.m. ... Contact Brian, 248-626-6192 or email: Zirton1@aol.com
- 18 Tue. Board Meeting. - 17th Street Grille, 7:00 p.m., Contact: Darrell, 586-899-8203
- 22 Sat. Holiday Party - Bring on the winter solstice and share holiday cheer with many old friends and new friends to be met. Craig's house, 5188 Iroquois Ct. in Clarkston. Bring a dish to pass and your own beverage. See details in this newsletter. RSVP Les, 248-693-1794, email: lskrzycki@ameritech.net
- 25 Tue. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

JANUARY

- 1 Tue. **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2008**
- 10 Thurs. General Meeting - Joe Kool's, 1835 E. Big Beaver Rd., Troy. Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m., announcements at 8:00 p.m. Come early for dinner!
- 15 Tue. Board Meeting. -17th Street Grille, 7:00 p.m., Contact: Darrell, 586-899-8203

FEBRUARY

- 1-3 WKND Hartwick Pines Weekend Camping - Join us for a weekend in nature. Great for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and hiking. Enjoy a card game, stroll the terrain with your camera, or just relax by the campfire. Cabin space is limited, so sign up early... Price will be \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. For more info, contact Darrell at 586-899-8203
- 14 Thurs. General Meeting - Joe Kool's, 1835 E. Big Beaver Rd., Troy. Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m., announcements at 8:00 p.m. Come early for dinner! ... Happy Valentine's Day
- 19 Tue. Board Meeting. -17th Street Grille, 7:00 p.m., Contact: Darrell, 586-899-8203

ON THE HORIZON

Wine Tasting (GMSC style) - Surely an evening of fun, adventure, new friends ... and of course, WINE! This is a party you don't want to miss ... details are underway.

An Evening at the Casino - Perhaps a unique dinner, a la Wolfgang Puck at the MGM Grand, will ease your winter woes, or maybe you're feeling lucky and want to try your hand at the slots ... more info coming soon.

Watch your email for our up-to-the-minute E-Newsletter for last minute events and activities
If you're missing out because you're not on our list, send your e-dress to Darrell: dahlberg7@comcast.net

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).

December Birthdays

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

Treasurer's Report

The account balance is:

\$4795.92

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. sharp on the 20th of the preceding month.

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To: General Membership
From: Les Skrzycki President GM Ski Club

Send in your ski trip stories!

I would like everyone to think about all the ski trips you have taken over the years. There are some that stand out very clearly, right? I believe that these tales are worth telling. We also have favorite meals or recipes that we cook when on a trip.

What's happening in your life? We want to know!

Did you win an award? Bowl a 300 game? Have a new baby or grandbaby?

Did you just earn your first patent? Are you doing work for your favorite charity? Did you re-shingle your own house? Buy a Lamborghini?

Did you recently experience great joy? Are you feeling sorrow? Is there anything we can do, give you a ride, donate blood, even just keep you in our thoughts?

We are, and will be, the best extended family you could ever have. We want to keep in touch.

Tell us what's happening in your life, and we'll share your story through our newsletter. You don't have to be a writer, just a communicator. Contact Brian, 248-626-6192, Zirton1@aol.com.

I am looking for two things in these ski trip stories. The first is the story or memory that makes you smile or makes you happy. The second is your favorite ski-trip recipe. Please email these to me, and we will publish them in your GM Ski Club newsletter.

lskrzycki@ameritech.net
Les

Carnival, March 7-9

Schuss/Shanty Creek is hosting Carnival again for the Chicago ski council. The costs are \$229 per person for a double-occupancy hotel room, and \$291 per person for four-person condos

Metropolitan Detroit Ski Council
Presents

(Austria & Italy at their best)

6 Days Skiing in Fantastic
Nassfeld "Austria" plus

Last Night in Mestre/Venice, Italy

Leave Friday, March 7th.

Stay through Sunday, March 16th 2008

Total Cost is \$2,386 plus Airport tax as of today.

Includes 6 day lift pass

Contact: Josh Lohmann

47676 Harbor Dr., New Baltimore, Mi., 48047.

MDSC is going to

Crested Butte February 2-9, 2008.

They have 18 seats at \$1089.00 and 24 seats at \$1049.00. This includes air, lodging, ground transfers, and 5-day lift ticket.

The contact person is Janet Kangas and the flyer and sign-up sheet are on the MDSC website www.mdscski.org.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

SATURDAY NIGHT MOVIE AT THE REDFORD THEATRE

Once again, we are proud to invite you to join us Saturday evening, December 15, for a nostalgic evening at the historic Redford Theatre to see "It's a Wonderful Life," starring James Stewart and Donna Reed. Yes, you've probably seen this movie many times, but have you ever seen it on the big screen? Just as it was presented in 1946, this will be a truly unique way to experience this film as we sit back in our seats, relax, and let time slip back to an era of dreams, hopes, and contentment. As an added bonus, Gus Borman will perform holiday tunes on the classic Barton Theatre Pipe Organ during the overture and intermission. Also, be sure to check out the miniature railroad layout located just below the stage. This is a great way to begin the holidays!

Seats for this event will be only \$4.00! The Redford Theatre is located at 17360 Lahser Rd. in Detroit, just a few doors north of Grand River. Ample free, lighted and supervised parking is adjacent to the theatre. We'll meet at 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of the theatre. Contact Brian: 248-626-6192 or email: Zirton1@aol.com.

Dining out Zinc in October



Lino's in November

