

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

January at a glance

- 9, 16, 23, 30 Sun 10 am.**
Breakfast Club every Sunday till spring
Anton's Family Restaurant Big Beaver
(16 Mile Rd.) and Dequindre Northwest Corner.
- 9, 16, 23, 30 Sun**
Sunday Wally ball;
Watch your e-mail for time and location.
- 13 Thur. 7 p.m.**
General Meeting—14th Street Steakhouse—
Madison Heights— Doors open at 7 p.m.
- 18 Tues—6:30 p.m.**
Board Meeting---14th Street Steakhouse
- 27 Thursday 6:30 p.m.**
Restaurant of the Month – The Masters
Restaurant 13 Mile Road West of Dequindre
248-588-0915 6:30 drinks, 7pm. Diner.

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 the next newsletter is
the second to last Thursday of the month.

The deadline for the next issue is:

5:00 p.m. January 20, 2005

Late submissions will be held for the following issue.

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, January 13, 2005

(Always the 2nd Thursday of the month)

14th Street Steak House

350 E. 14 Mile Road Madison Heights, MI Phone # 248 589-9900

Just East of John R on the South side of 14 Mile Road, across from the Oakland Plaza shopping center.

Parking in rear of Building.

Doors to the meeting open at 7:00 p.m.

(But you can come earlier for dinner)

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

Photo Swap

Start looking through your photos for the best shots you've taken through the year, anything that involves club events or club members. Bring them to our February meeting, for passing around, for sharing, and the best ones will be printed in the newsletter and on our website.



PARK CITY, UTAH IS COMING SOON

February 12-19, 2005

Cost w/4 Days Skiing \$1195.00

TRIP DETAILS:

- Roundtrip Delta Airlines Detroit to Salt Lake City
- 7 Nights lodging at Radisson Inn Park City
- 2 Persons per Hotel Room
- Ground transfers between Salt Lake City and Park City
- 4 Day lift ticket 1 day Park City, 1 day Deer Valley and 2 days The Canyons
- Tips and Gratuities
- Daily Breakfast
- Optional Ski Utah Interconnect Adventure Tour. Experience Utah's Wasatch backcountry by interconnecting five resorts in one day. Cost \$150.00.
- Discounts on ski and snowboard rentals

TRIP CONTACT:
TED ZUBECK
4627 BRIARWOOD
ROYAL OAK, MI 48073
248 549-5082



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 # _____

GM Ski and Travel Club Board of Directors

President: Bill Given 248-540-4547	Membership: Darrell Ahlberg, 586-558-8275
Vice President: Greg Ronan 586-979-9512	Newsletter: Michael Bourke 586-776-7685
Treasurer: Karen Roush 248-280-1708	Past Pres.: Les Skrzyzcki 248-693-1794
Secretary: Brian De Leo 248-626-6192	Ski Trips: Ted Zubeck 248-549-5082
Activities: Patti Given 248-540-4547	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).

Calendar of Events



JANUARY

- 1 Sat Happy New Year!
- 2,9,16,23,30 Sun Breakfast Club every Sunday till spring 10 am.
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FEBRUARY

- 6,13,20,27 Sun Breakfast Club every Sunday till spring 10 am.
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- 15 Tues Board Meeting---14th Street Steakhouse—Madison Heights—6:30 p.m.
- 12 Sat - 19 Sat Park City Ski Trip, Call Ted Zubeck 9248) 248-549-5082 tzubeck4627@wowway.com.
- 24 Thur Restaurant of the Month, Location to be determined.

MDSC Activities

MDSC Ski Trip in Engelberg, Switzerland (\$1,335)

March 11 - 19, 2005

(optional 3 days in Prague, Czech Republic, March 19 - 22) - This trip is perfect for both skiers and non-skiers.

More Information at

http://www.mdscski.org/mdsc/skitrips/engelberg_trip.shtml

Contact: Janet Kangas, jankangas@juno.com (586) 997-2655

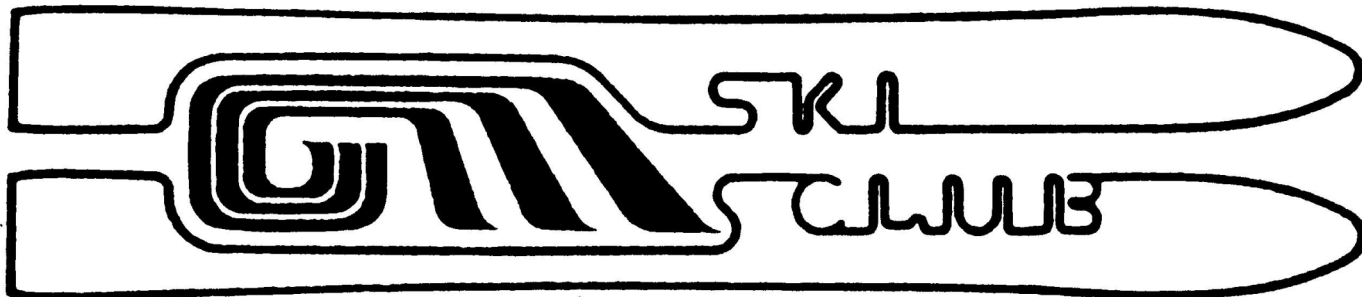
MDSC & CMSC Winter Carnival at Shanty Creek \$175.00

March 12-13, 2005

Contact: MDSC President Roman Karowski at 313 871-0125, President@MDSCski.org

MDSC 2005-2006 Travel Round Up

May 15, 2005 at Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.



January Birthdays

Chuck Walters	January 2
Elena Bankowski	January 4
John Hudak	January 5
Dennis M. Menzo	January 8
Doug Kaherl	January 11
Karen Roush	January 13



President's Corner

Wishing everyone the best for a happy, prosperous, and healthy coming New Year.

I hope that everyone will be able to share in some way the activities and events that your club has planned and will be offering in 2005. Bring a friend or make new/renewed friendships by attending a meeting or an event.



Bill Given

Board Meeting

Everyone is welcome to attend the monthly meeting of our Board of Directors, usually held the Tuesday after the general meeting. We order drinks and dinners at 6:30 p.m., socialize, and conduct club business at 7:00 p.m.

The next board meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 14th Street Steak House, 350 14 Mile, east of John R.

-G.M. Ski and Travel Club Board

Treasurer's Report

(Was not available)

-Karen Roush, Treasurer

Bill's Fills

Only in America!

(continued from last month)

Subject: Stella Awards - nothing else needs to be said - It's once again time to review the winners of the annual Stella Awards. The Stellas are named after 81 year old Stella Liebeck who spilled coffee on herself and successfully sued McDonald's. That case inspired the Stella Awards for the most frivolous successful lawsuits in the United States.

THIS YEAR'S AWARDS GO TO:

d.. 4th place. - Jerry Williams of Little Rock, Arkansas was awarded \$14,500 and medical expenses after being bitten on the buttocks by his next door neighbor's Beagle dog. The Beagle was on a chain in its owner's fenced yard. The award was less than sought because the jury felt the dog might have been a little provoked at the time as Mr. Williams, who had climbed over the fence into the yard, was shooting it repeatedly with a pellet gun.

e.. 3rd place. - A Philadelphia restaurant was ordered to pay Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania \$113,500 after she slipped on a soft drink and broke her coccyx (tailbone). The beve rage was on the floor because Ms. Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier, during an argument.

f.. 2nd place. - Kara Walton of Claymont, Delaware sued the owner of a Night Club in a neighboring city when she fell from the bathroom window to the floor and knocked out two of her front teeth. This occurred whilst Ms. Walton was trying to sneak in the window of the Ladies Room to avoid paying The \$3.50 cover charge. She was awarded \$12,000 and dental expenses.

g.. 1st Place. - This year's runaway winner was Mr. Mer Grazinski of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mr. Grazinski purchased a brand new Winnebago Motor home. On his trip home from an OU football game, having driven onto the freeway, he set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the driver's seat to go into the back and make himself a cup of coffee. Not surprisingly the RV left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Mr.Grazinski sued Winnebago for not advising him in the owner's manual that he could not actually do this. The jury awarded him \$1,750,000 plus a new Winnebago Motor home. The company actually changed their manuals on the basis of this suit just in case there were any other complete morons buying their recreational vehicles. Unbelievable!!!! ... (ONLY IN AMERICA!)

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 second to the last Thursday of the month.

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SKI-ON-A-SHOESTRING WEEKEND

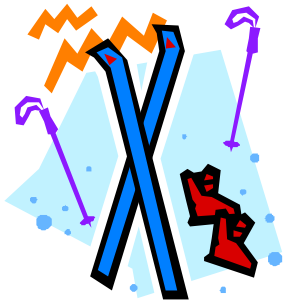
February 25, 26, 27 - 2005



Once again the Ski-on-a-Shoestring will be at the Terrace Inn just north of Petoskey. It is a very old hotel located in the midst of beautiful old summer homes built in the early 1900's. The homes are boarded in the winter, but the Terrace Inn stays open and offers a great weekend ski package.

The hotel is quaint and comfortable and the price of the weekend is excellent. It is based on two per room and includes the following:

- Two nights lodging, two per room
- Two continental breakfasts: cereal, milk, coffee, rolls, juice, fruit.
- Saturday evening dinner
- Sleigh ride
- Cross-country ski trails
- All taxes and tips
- Some rooms with twin beds
- Smoke-free hotel



TOTAL WEEKEND PRICE:

Standard rooms \$130 per person

Deluxe rooms \$152 per person

**NOT included – Transportation and Downhill lift tickets
(Downhill skiing available at Boyne or Nubs)**

Block of 15 rooms

Make checks payable to Onita Fitz

Checks must reach Onita no later than January 15, 2005

2691 Harrington Rd, Rochester Hills, MI 48307

(H) 248-852-9698 (w) 248-370-1252

Reservations will be made in the order checks are received. A stand-by list will be made after checks for 15 rooms are received. NO REFUNDS!

SKI-ON-A-SHOESTRING WEEKEND	
Name _____	
Address _____	
City _____	St & Zip _____
Phone (H) _____	(W) _____
Roommate _____	
Will share transportation? _____	Standard Room @ \$130
	Deluxe Room @ \$152

This trip sponsored by Sailing Singles