



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

June at a glance

- Every Sun.** Breakfast Club 10 a.m. at Anton's Family Restaurant, 16 Mile and Dequindre
- Every Sun.** Co-ed Volleyball—3:00 p.m. at Jefferson Marina, 24400 E. Jefferson Ave. & 9 ½ Mile
- 8 Fri.** Pub & Grub Night—TGI Friday's, Big Beaver, between I-75 and Livernois, 6:00 p.m.
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- 30 Sat.** June Moon Sail –BBQ, and a romantic sail on Lake St. Clair, “A” dock, Jefferson Beach 4:00 p.m. for BBQ, 7:30 p.m. shove off.

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.



First Class Mail



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



NEWSLETTER

SKI and TRAVEL

JUNE 2007

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GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957 VOLUME LI, ISSUE VI

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, June 14, 2007

Flag day—wear your colors!

Outdoors at the pavilion at Halmich Park, Warren, Mi.

Located on 13 Mile Road between Ryan and Dequindre,
(North side of 13 Mile.)

We meet at 6:00 p.m. in the pavilion for socializing
(Announcements will be at 8 p.m.)

Hot dogs and beverages will be provided.

\$4.00 Admission for our members and \$6.00 for Guests
Bring your favorite pasta salad and get in free!



Pub & Grub Night
Friday, June 8

TGI Friday's,
591 W. Big Beaver,
between I-75 and Livernois
in Troy.

- Meet at 6:00 p.m., or whenever you get out of work, or whenever you can get there!

Contact Debbie: 313-310-1130
or email: sunsetcar@aol.com

Restaurant of the Month
Friday, June 22

Luciano's Restaurant,
39071 Garfield Rd.
Clinton Township

- Authentic Italian food and famous homemade pasta dishes with traditional sauces.
- Cozy atmosphere.
- Cocktails 6:30 p.m., dinner 7:00 p.m.

Contact Darrell 586-899-8203

Celebrating our 50th year of bringing people together.



Eastern Market 2007



We visited the Eastern Market in Downtown Detroit for the 18th consecutive year! I can't believe that has been an annual affair for so long. It has always been well-attended, and this year was no exception. We had 19 members and guests attend breakfast at Vivio's, starting off with Bloody Mary's and beer chasers; of course some folks just had coffee or hot tea as well.



We had taken up residence in the lower level of the restaurant and had the whole corner to ourselves. Our waitress (Mary) was from Ireland and spoke with that all-endearing accent, (brogue, I believe), I will let Michael correct me if I am wrong (*ed. I did!*). Good food and conversation as always. Darrell and Denise brought their medals in to show all of us on the return from the charity run they did in Tennessee.



After we compiled enough money to pay the bill, we were off to buy wine and see the rest of the market area.

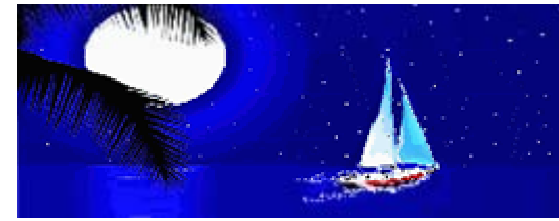


Everyone gathered in little groups and went on their way. We saw each other again in the different barns as we walked along. Some of us reunited at Rocky Peanut for coffee about noon. Most everyone had something else planned for the day so we kinda went different ways.

For those who didn't have a bike ride or family obligations to deal with, we went on to purchasing some Amish chicken kabobs and headed to Emerald City Marina and Gregg's boat. There we finished up the day cooking and drinking wine and just plain relaxing. Thank you all for coming, and I look forward to next year's market adventure.



Cheers
Les



Moonlight Sailing

We have four boats full of lucky people who will be in the middle of Lake St. Clair when we witness the straight-line shot of Sun, Earth, and Moon. We're riding aboard the planet in the middle. The sun sets at 9:13 p.m.; and then, at the opposite side of the horizon, the full moon rises out of Lake St. Clair at 9:54 p.m. By some reckoning, this is the second full moon in June, which means it only happens once in a blue moon; and it's all the more special that it happens on our favorite day of the week, **Saturday**. If we are blessed with good weather, this will be a phenomenal sight.

Saturday, **June 30**, we will assemble at 4:00 p.m. at the gazebo on "A" dock at Jefferson Beach, Jefferson between Nine and Ten Mile Roads, where we will feast before setting out.

For \$15 (non-members \$20), we will provide shish kabob (chicken or beef), side dishes, pop, water, condiments, and a barbecue grill where you can cook your meal to your own liking. We will also provide a bottle of Luna de Luna wine for each boat, to serve as a prize for the first person aboard to spot the rising moon. Bring your own special beverages.

The boats shove off at precisely 7:30 p.m., so that we can be well out to sea before the show begins. The moon will not wait for us, and we will not wait for you. We also don't control the weather, so the party happens rain or shine; though, if the weather is bad, the skippers may elect to leave the boats in the marina. Bring your official GM Ski Club umbrellas for the dock party.

Please remember to wear **soft-soled, white-soled shoes**. Also, please understand that each skipper is responsible for the safety aboard these privately-owned vessels; and, once underway, the skipper's word is absolute on all matters.

Currently, all boats are full. We are starting a waiting list in case another boat becomes available, and you can get on the list by contacting Michael Bourke, excelsiormb@hotmail.com, 586-776-7685.

Calendar of Events

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
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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).



Birthdays

Judy Heikkinen June 3
 Ann Mentz June 5

Treasurer's Report

The account balance is:

\$6,362.24

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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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.

JUNE

- Every Sun.** Breakfast Club starts at **10:00 a.m.** Anton's Family Restaurant, Big Beaver Rd. (16 Mile Rd.) and Dequindre, northwest corner. Phone: (248) 619-0016
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JULY

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- 20 Friday Restaurant of the Month: Tom's Oyster Bar, Jefferson just south of 10 Mile, in the Nautical Mile. Moderately priced. Seafood and also salad, burgers, etc. Assemble at 6:30 and dine at 7:00. Boat rides afterwards are possible. Contact: Michael, 586-776-7685.
- 27 Friday Pub and grub at the Kilt Scottish Bar in Mt. Clemens. Meet anytime after work. Contact: Dave, 586-754-8151

AUGUST

- 4-5 Camp & Canoe Weekend - Enjoy nature and wildlife. A great recreational get-away! Contact Les: 248-693-1794
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- 17 Friday Pub and Grub at the 17th Street Grill on 17 & Ryan. Contact: Darrell, 586-899-8203
- 24 Friday Restaurant of the month at Victoria's in Oxford. Afterward, go to Les's for bon fire and boat ride.

ON THE HORIZON

September restaurant of the month at Mario's. Euchre Tournament or wine tasting in the fall. 50th anniversary celebration before year's end.

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



Making Tracks

Saturday, April 28, 2007, Vice-president Denise Korzetz and Secretary Darrell Ahlberg ran the Nashville Marathon. It was the first time either one of them had done an endurance event of this magnitude.

Although both were proud to have successfully completed the endurance event and now proudly sport their finisher's metals to whomever they can sucker in to have a look at them, their real pride is in the money they managed to raise for Leukemia and Lymphoma through the Team-In-Training. Denise signed on as the fundraiser while Darrell went along as support person and fellow competitor.

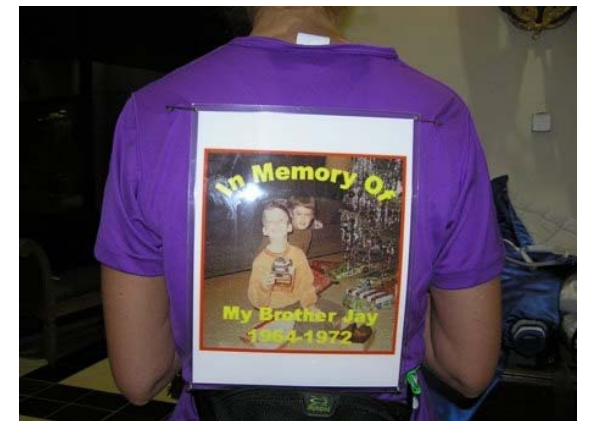
In all there were over 40 people from Michigan. Having raised over \$5,500, Denise was crowned the top fundraiser of the Michigan Chapter. While that alone would be enough of an accomplishment to satisfy most people, Denise thoughtfully looks beyond her own efforts.

"Although I am proud of that fact, the really good news is that nationwide, there were over 900 Team-In-Training participants who collectively raised over \$3 million," Denise said. "The society has made great progress over the past 20 years. Their goal is to eradicate blood cancers by 2015. I'm hopeful that fundraising efforts of this magnitude may be just what they need to accomplish their goal."

Denise received her inspiration for the event from her honored hero and brother, Jay, who died of Leukemia in February, 1972 at the tender age of 7.

"At a time in life when most kids are just learning to play ring-around-the-rosary, and hop scotch, my brother was fighting a losing battle with leukemia. Although I was only nine at the time, there are some things in life you never forget. My brother's suffering and the lasting devastation on my family are still very much with me. When I learned of Team-In-Training and the work they are doing for blood cancers like leukemia, I knew I had to do something to help out. Running a marathon was definitely outside my comfort zone. But then again, I don't believe Jay was within his comfort zone when he came down with leukemia either. He was definitely my inspiration throughout my training as well as the race itself," Denise said.

Like many other competitors and fundraisers, Denise had an old picture of her honored hero enlarged and laminated and pinned it to the back of her race jersey.



Darrell crosses the finish line

"Throughout the experience, I had the opportunity to share my story about Jay with a great many other runners as well as listen to the stories of their honored heroes. There were times when it could get quite emotional, but it also served as a reminder of why we're here. The whole experience was very positive. There was a great deal of camaraderie between us. Both as fellow athletes as well as runners for a cause," Denise said.

As for that other guy in this event—her support person, Darrell, he said, "Completing a marathon is far beyond anything I'd ever even thought about. When Denise first told me about it, I said to her, 'you've got to be out of your mind!' But when I heard her story, I began to understand her motivation."



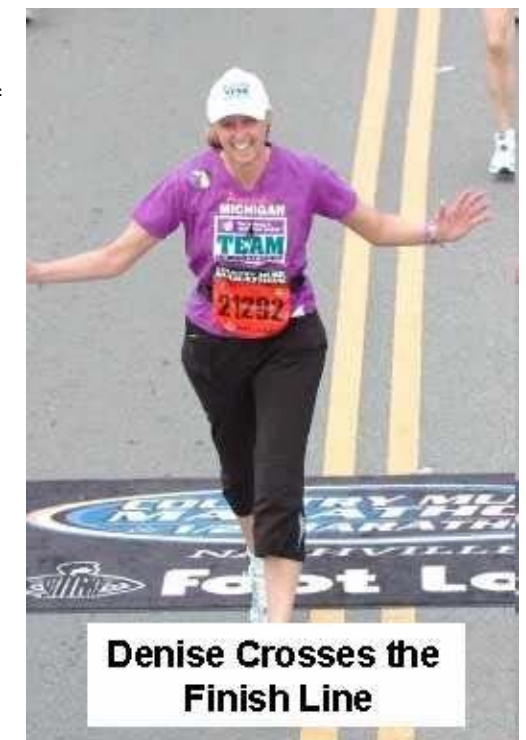
Showing their metals to anyone who'll listen

Overall the entire experience was very positive for both Denise and Darrell. They managed to work themselves into good physical shape, set and accomplish a personal goal, and most importantly, do something for a much larger cause. In particular they are grateful to the members and associates of the GM Ski Club who provided support for their efforts. "We held several events to which we invited club members, such as BBD Mongolian BBQ, and JD's Key Club Lounge. We also made our donation website available to club members."

In a joint statement, Denise and Darrell said, "We are especially grateful to the GM Ski Club and to those people who supported us at our events and by generously donating to the cause. On behalf of Jay and honored heroes everywhere, including those who are still among us as well as those who've passed on, thank you from the bottom of our hearts."



Showing of metals shortly after finishing



Denise Crosses the Finish Line