



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

March at a glance

- 10 Thur.**
General Meeting—14th Street Steakhouse—
Madison Heights— Doors open at 7 p.m.
- 11-19**
MDSC trip to Engelberg Switzerlad
- 12-13 Sat.-Sun.**
Winter Carnival at Shanty Creek
- 15 Tues.**
Board Meeting---14th Street Steakhouse—Madison
Heights—6:30 p.m.
- 24 Thur.**
Restaurant of the Month (see the website for
location).

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. March 24, 2005
Late submissions will be held for the following issue.



NEWSLETTER

SKI and TRAVEL

MARCH 2005

WEBSITE: www.gmskiclub.org

GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957

VOLUME II, ISSUE III

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, March 10, 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.

Come dressed in your Irish cheer and enjoy the evening!

—G. Ronan Hospitality

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

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

April 14 we elect new officers!

At the April meeting of the membership, we will elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

Candidates for offices must have been active members in good standing for one year. Any member may place his desired candidate in nomination by notifying the Nominating Committee (any board member) no later than 30 days prior to the election. The deadline for nominations is **March 14.**

Board members receive free club membership while serving on the board, free admission to the meetings, and discounts on club trips, plus the opportunity to give rather than take.

GM SKI CLUB PRELIMINARY BALLOT 2005

President:

- ? Bill Given
- ? _____

Vice President

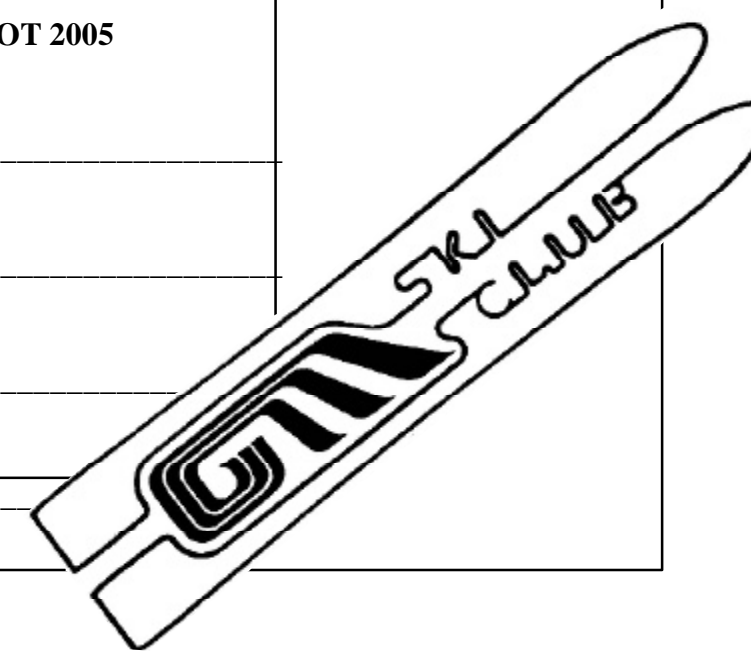
- ? Les Skrzycki
- ? _____

Secretary

- ? Darrell Ahlberg
- ? _____

Treasurer

- ? Alan Toomey
- ? _____



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 Skrzycki 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).

Anyway, we had fun while it lasted

Over the past few months, we printed stories about outrageous lawsuits, hilarious to ponder, tales of large payouts to people guilty of unseemly or unwise behavior: the woman who collected \$100,000 after she slipped on the wet floor cause by the drink she threw at her boyfriend, the woman who got \$780,000 from a furniture store after tripping over her own son, the man who picked up a cool half mill after being trapped in the garage of the house he was burglarizing.

We had a lot of fun with these stories, poking fun at a legal system that was out of control. Problem is, none of the tales are genuine. In fact, some of them were invented by the insurance industry.

- The woman who knocked her teeth out while sneaking through a nightclub's restroom window to avoid paying the cover charge, and collected \$12,000. **False story.**
- The man who was awarded \$74,000 for getting his hand run over while he was trying to steel hubcaps. **Fabricated.**
- And the topper, the man who won \$1,750,000 and a new Winnebago after he put his motor home on cruise control and went into the back to make himself a cup of coffee, and crashed at 70 mph. **Didn't happen.**

They were fun stories, and we enjoyed a laugh at the loony legal industry. But, according to USA Today (Jan. 31, 2005), these stories are "part of a growing collection of legal mythologies that are appearing widely in the national media."

So, we had fun while it lasted. But now it's over. And we can console ourselves that perhaps there's not as much brainlessness in America as we once feared.

Ed.

Calendar of Events
 March

- 10 Thur.**
 General Meeting—14th Street Steakhouse—Madison Heights—
 Doors open at 7 p.m.
- 11-19**
 MDSC trip to Engelberg Switzerland
- 12-13 Sat. -Sun.**
 Winter Carnival at Shanty Creek
- 15 Tues.**
 Board Meeting---14th Street Steakhouse—Madison Heights—6:30 p.m.
- 24 Thur.**
 Restaurant of the Month (see the website for location).

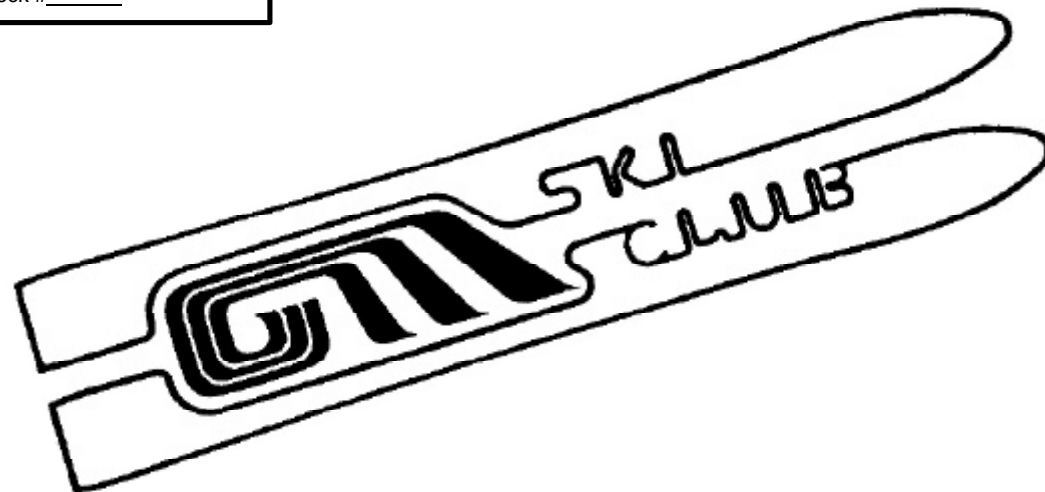
April

- 14 Thur.**
 General Meeting—14th Street Steakhouse—Madison Heights—
 Doors open at 7 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

(Was not available)

-Karen Roush, 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 second to the last Thursday of the month.

Michael Bourke
 16724 Collinson
 Eastpointe, MI 48021

Home: 586-776-7685
 e-mail: excelsiormb@netzero.net

The deadline for the next issue is:
5:00 p.m. March 24, 2005

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 Karwowski at 313 871-0125, President@MDSCski.org

MDSC 2005-2006 Travel Round Up

May 15, 2005 at Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

MEMBER'S FORUM



Their owner went to heaven, and they're looking for a new home.

Alas, meet Peekaboo and Peanuts! Peekaboo, a female, is five years old, a bit shy around strangers, but very well mannered. Peanuts, the male at the right in the photo, is eight years old and a bit smaller than Peekaboo. They're married, so they must stay together in their new home. They love cats and get along well with other dogs, since they both have easy-going personalities. Any other questions, ask Elena via phone (248 541-7520)

FOR SALE 40-foot Regal

Year 1999 Model 402 Commodore

The Sport Cruiser is clean. Has had only one owner. Must see to appreciate.

Length 39 Feet 5 Inch.
Beam 13 Feet 1 Inch.
Draft 36 Inch.
Hull FBG.
Color Pearl & Toupe

Electronics: Cable Conn., compass, depth sounder, chart plotter, phone conn., spot light, synchronizer, television (2), VCR, vhf radio and windlass
Air Cond, batteries (4), Bilge pumps, charger, co detector, halon, heat, horn, shore power, sniffer, stereo AM/FM and trim tabs

Water: Hot and cold, capacity 110 and wipers (2)

Canvas: Bimini top, sides, windscreen, dash cover, camper top, side curtains, aft drop, cockpit cover, spot light cover, windlass cover, sunpad and cover

Exterior Deck carpet, ladder and radar arch

Rails: bow, stern, sunpad and swim platform

Cabin: Sleeps (6), aft cabin, carpet, dinette, drapes-blinds and screens

Galley: Microwave, refrigerator, sink and stove (electric)

Head: Sink, shower, toilet (vac-u), pumpout, holding tank, capacity 57 and macerator

Brokered Through EMERALD CITY HARBOR
24200 JEFFERSON AVE.
ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICH. 48080
(586)772-4200
FAX:(586)772-4410

OR
CONTACT: G. RONAN (586)979-9512