

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

March 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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Shanty Creek skiing and snowboarding.
For info contact Les Skrzycki 248-693-1794
- 15 Tue.** Board Meeting-Info: Darrell (586) 899-8203
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Restaurant, 2555 12 Mile Rd. in Berkley.
We'll meet at 6:30 p.m. for drinks & dinner,
Contact Brian: 248-626-6192

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.

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Membership expires on label date

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Sterling Heights, MI 48310
c/o Darrell Ahlberg



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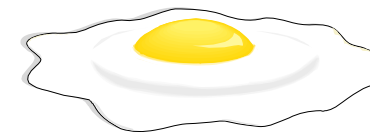
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The Breakfast Club

Every Sunday at 10:00 am, we meet at Anton's Family Restaurant for breakfast. It's on the northwest corner of Big Beaver (16 Mile Rd) and Dequindre.

This outing is straight out of a Steinbeck novel, with low-priced food and sassy waitresses. We occupy most of one "L" of the restaurant (yes, it is one "L" of a restaurant), and if we aren't there for at least two hours, it's an unusual day.

The Breakfast Club is a reliable, relaxing ritual, a welcome change from the rest of the week.



For a great breakfast and fun with friends, c'mon out and join us and be sure and bring a

Wallyball Every Sunday

Co-ed Wallyball - Sundays at 1:00 p.m. following breakfast at Anton's.



We play at the Warren Racquet Club, Van Dyke between 12 and 13 Mile Roads. This is a friendly game, where we play our best, but no one gets overly-excited about winning or losing.

Two hours of play costs about \$6, depending on how many people show up. Non-members pay \$1 more. Contact Les (248) 693-1794 for more information.

Usually, after we clean up, at about 4:00 p.m. we adjourn to Malone's on Van Dyke north of 13 1/2 Mile Road where the beers are cold and, you guessed it, the waitresses are sassy! Talk about the circle of life!

GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, March 8, 2007

We meet at

Santa Maria Bistro
350 E. 14 Mile Rd.,
Madison Heights
7:00 p.m.

Free meeting! And free pizza! (While it lasts)

Eat, drink, and socialize, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere
What else ya gonna do on a Thursday night?

Elections

Board Nominations and Elections: Elections for the Board of Directors will be held at the April General Meeting. The positions open for election, with current nominees, are:

- President- Les Skrzycki**
- Vice President -Denise Korzetz**
- Secretary - Darrell Ahlberg**
- Treasurer - Alan Toomey**

Once the elections are complete, the following board positions will be open to appointment by the elected board:

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| Activities Director | Newsletter |
| Activities Co-chair | Ski Trip Chairman |
| MDSC Rep | Webmaster |
| Ski Instruction | Membership |
| Hospitality | Publicity |

We would like to see some fresh faces with fresh ideas on the board for next year. If you would like to get involved by running or would like to nominate someone, please contact any member of the nominating committee. They are:

- Brian DeLeo
248-626-6192
Zirton1@aol.com
- Gregg Ronan
586-979-9512
RIVERDANCE2GR340@aol.com
- Michael Bourke
(586)776-7685
excelsiormb@hotmail.com;

Nominations will be taken by phone or e-mail anytime during the month and at the March 8 general meeting at Santa Maria Bistro.

Euchre Party March 3

Saturday, March 3, we're having a Euchre Tournament at Darrell Ahlberg's house.

Similar to our successful wine tasting event last November, this will be an opportunity for singles to meet and mingle with other singles. If you are single, to help keep the numbers balanced, you are encouraged to bring another single person of the opposite gender. Of course this is optional, but hey, it could be fun.

Darrell Ahlberg's house.
40377 Kraft Drive.
Sterling Heights, MI. 48310.

7:00 - 8:00. Arrival and gathering.
8:00 Tournament starts.

\$10.00 for Euchre Tournament.
\$5.00 party only
(Non-GM Club Members pay \$1 more)

All money collected will be used for prize money, food, and soft drinks. Please bring your favorite adult beverage. Refrigerator and coolers will be available. Due to space constraints, this will be limited to the first 40 people who respond.

Please RSVP as soon as possible to Darrell Ahlberg (dahlberg7@comcast.net) (586) 899-8203, telling us how many in your group and whether you'll be playing euchre or just enjoying the party.

I think this will be a great time, and I hope you will be able to make it.

-Darrell.

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

Road Trip to Grand Rapids
Gerald R. Ford Museum



The Museum's program allows visitors to participate in history, not just view it, while reviewing the highlights of the lives of President and Mrs. Ford.



Gerald Rudolph Ford
(7/14/13 - 12/26/06) the 38th
President of the United States.



MEIJER GARDENS

Foremost's Butterflies Are Blooming

More than 6000 tropical butterflies from Asia and South and Central America fly free among plants two stories tall. Brilliant blues, flaming reds, luminous yellows—and colors there isn't even a name for.

Presented by GM Ski Club

April 28th, 2007

For reservations, please contact Les Skrzycki
at (248) 693-1794.

Minimum is 20 people, maximum 33—The deadline to sign up and pay is March 20, 2007
Save a Trip, Sign up Today!

\$75 per person
(\$80 for non-members)

• Refreshments will be served on the bus
• Lunch is on own at Frederik Meijer

Trip includes: Transportation, admission to Gerald R. Ford Museum, Meijer Gardens Butterfly Exhibit, Sculpture Park Tram Tour, & A Bar Stop Afterwards



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).

Birthdays

Denise Korzetz March 1
 Robert Krieg March 6
 Paul (Gary) Barden March 16
 Maria Krumm March 19
 Jack Maynard March 28

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Treasurer's Report

The account balance is:

\$6,874.²⁵

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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Calendar of Events

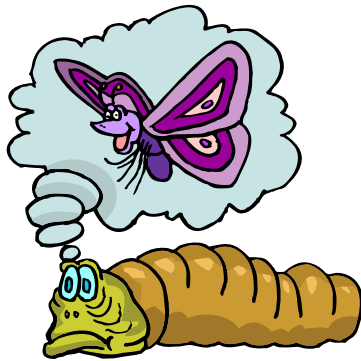


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APRIL

- 8 Sun.** Happy Easter!
- 12 Thurs.** General Meeting - Santa Maria Bistro, 350 E. 14 Mile Rd., Madison Heights 7:00 p.m. Come early for dinner!
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- 20 Fri.** Pub & Grub Night - Roger's Roost, 33626 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights. Meet at 6:30 for cocktails and a meal. Contact Les 248-693-1794
- 28 Sat.** Gerald R. Ford Museum/Butterfly Exhibit - Join us for a day's adventure of history & nature as we visit these intriguing places in Grand Rapids. \$75 for members, \$80 guests. Contact Les for info/reservations: 248-693-1794 or email: lskrzycki@ameritech.net



MAY

- 5 Sat.** Eastern Market Outing - A day in Eastern Market. Contact Les: 248-693-1794
- 10 Thurs.** General Meeting - Santa Maria Bistro, 350 E. 14 Mile Rd., Madison Heights 7:00 p.m. Come early for dinner!
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- 18 Fri.** Pub & Grub Night - Joe Kool's, 1835 E. Big Beaver Rd., in terrific Troy. Meet at 6:30 p.m. for beer and dinner. To join us, contact Debbie: 313-310-1130 or email: sunsetcar@aol.com

ON THE HORIZON

Eastern Market Outing - Mark your calendars for our annual trip to Eastern Market! As always, we meet at Vivio's for breakfast, and then enjoy the rest of the day "on-the-fly." Planned for May 5, details are underway.

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



Winter Park—My Perspective



Feb. 3, 2007 we sent our representatives of the Midwest small-hill ski idiom on a foray of conquest to the windswept, avalanche prone, 3,000+ footed verticals of Colorado. *Veni, vidi, vici.* Even with a variety of skiing ability levels and some aches and pains, after about the third day, Winter Park "was ours" and we were saying "where can we go next that we haven't already been." Everybody had probably done all of the good runs, including some of the blue-black and black runs (as long as they didn't have moguls on them). Elena Bankowski, Brian DeLeo and I even found some tracked powder on Friday.



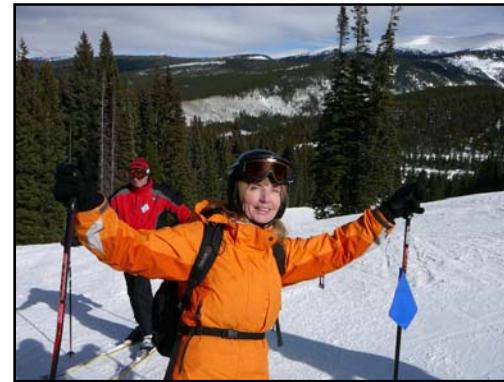
evening. But then – what could be the reason that militarily disciplined Gary Barden was "encouraged" to leave the Mountain Rose Café, and why did that ski patrol guy come shouting and gesturing at Brian and me for skiing blue-black Cheshire Cat the way it was meant to be skied? Oh well, I guess Winter Park has its share of eccentrics too.



The town of Winter Park, though small and bereft of any wild nightlife, did have a broad selection of restaurants from Arby's to Japanese to Swiss and of course, Mexican. Nobody had to eat at the same place twice, and we could indulge in libations rather care-freely since we had Dr. Rod Sharp, a pharmacist, to recommend a cure the morning after. Most of us, though, ate our breakfasts in our condos, and the rumor is that Elena is one smokin' breakfast chef. Judging by the collection of beer cans that covered most of the TV console in Les', Darrell's and Rod's condo, they were on a liquid diet.



While back in Michigan the temperatures were frigid, we were fortunate to have six mild skiing days with bright sun and blue sky on the middle four. Macho skier Bob Krieg just wore a T-shirt under his ski jacket. Each day, whoever was skiing met at one of the on-mountain restaurants around noon, and we skied as a sizeable group in the afternoon, usually with Les Skrzycki or Darrell Ahlberg leading the pack. In spite of our differing skiing levels, everybody kept up quite well, and we did very little waiting around. And with all the express lifts that Winter Park had we tallied up quite a few runs each day. Les, Gary Barden and Don Jasper had to cope with some boot problems. Gary and Don had to get some professional help from boot fitters to gain some relief.



Finally, it is worth mentioning that all our transportation arrangements were on time, trouble-free, no lost luggage and with a pair of very accommodating bus drivers who stopped and waited patiently, both going and returning, while we ate and shopped in some suburban Denver shopping centers so we would not have to pay resort or airport prices for our food. All trips should run this smoothly! Join us next year when we look for another mountain to conquer – and give us some input as to where you would like to go.



Unfortunately, we did have one ski casualty. John Skeel broke an arm on Tuesday and went home early. Details are sketchy since he was skiing alone. We believe he was jumping off cornices of the double black diamond South Headwall and landed on a snowboarder, thereby coming to an abrupt stop and doing a face plant.



Thank you to all who were on the trip for being so accommodating, punctual and fun to be with and especially to Les Skrzycki for his advice and assistance.



Dave Duvali
Trip leader

We had a bunch of nice people on the trip. Bob Dennis even paid for dinner for five of us one

