



NEWSLETTER

SKI CLUB

MAY 1998

HOTLINE: 810-447-2228

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Thursday
May 14th

GENERAL MEETING

8:00 pm
Doors Open

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8:30 pm
Announcements
will start promptly

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**Mitchell's
Restaurant**

14 Mile Rd. west of Crooks

Meetings Feature DJ, Dancing,
and a cash bar.

Guests are always welcome.

THURSDAY NIGHT OUT! /ACTIVITIES MEETING

Thursday, May 21st
6:30 pm

Steak & Ale

(across from the Oakland Mall)
Come on out, support your club and
share your ideas.

For information call
Connie Casey: xxx-xxx-xxxx

TELLURIDE

By Leslie Enochs



Twenty-two members of the GM Ski Club joined over 80 skiers from Instructional Clinics for a one week trip to Telluride, Colorado, March 28th-April 4th This trip was spring skiing at its best! While the daytime temps were in the 30s with plenty of sunshine and blue skies, the mountain received over 60 inches of snow that week. While some skiers experienced

difficulty adjusting to the "powder conditions" and stayed with the blue and green runs which had been groomed, others took "The Plunge" and had a fantastic time on the powdery slopes.

The historic mining town of Telluride, situated in a box canyon, not only offered our group scenic views of the surrounding mountains, but there was plenty of opportunity for shopping and dining out, as well. Planned group activities included a welcome reception, an on-the-hill barbecue, NASTAR racing, and a group dinner, which included a raffle for some wonderful prizes. Details and photos will follow in the next newsletter.

The 9th Annual Trip To EASTERN MARKET

Saturday May 2nd. We will meet for breakfast at the **Farmers Restaurant**, the heart of the market area, 2542 Market Street, Detroit at **7 am** (313) 259-8230. After our morning coffee we will tour the market area and if you like, purchase your fruit, vegetables, and flowers for the week. If you are interested in joining in on the fun, please call **LES SKRZYCKI** at **(248) xxx-xxxx. WE MUST HAVE A COUNT** of people for the restaurant so we may be served promptly.

Directions are as follows: I-75 South to Mack Ave. Exit, turn left onto Mack Ave. to Russell St., 2nd street on right, turn right and go east 3 blocks to parking area across from Rocky Peanut Company. Farmers Restaurant is on Market Street which is the first street north of the covered market area.

See map on page 5.

ATTENTION NON-MEMBERS

The GM Ski Club is offering a **special summer membership**. If you are not a member, and would like to start receiving the newsletter, save at the door during the General Meetings, and receive membership rates on activities (yes, there is a rumor of splitting sign-up rates between members and non-members), then sign up for the summer membership. What a great introduction to a great club. The **summer membership** runs from May through September. Regular Membership begins in October.

\$10 Single

\$15 Married Couples

Complete the enclosed application and return to the address indicated on the inside cover.

GM SKI CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

Alan Toomey, xxx-xxx-xxxx

Vice President

Leslie Enochs, xxx-xxx-xxxx

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Craig Petku, xxx-xxx-xxxx

Secretary

Diane Reaser, xxx-xxx-xxxx

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Connie Casey, xxx-xxx-xxxx

Newsletter

Vacant

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Tom Godmair, xxx-xxx-xxxx

Racing (temporary)

Diane Winchell, xxx-xxx-xxxx

Karen Brown, xxx-xxx-xxxx

Ski Instruction / Athletic

Vacant

MDSC

Roman Karwowski, xxx-xxx-xxxx

Past President

Lee Johnson, xxx-xxx-xxxx

The board meets once a month, the Monday after the General Meeting

TO JOIN THE GM SKI CLUB:

Please send completed application below along with check (payable to "GM Ski Club") to: **GM Ski Club, c/o**

Or sign-up at our General Meeting. Membership runs Oct. through Sept. Mail changes of address to the above.

Please Note: You don't have to work for General Motors to belong to the GM Ski Club!

GM SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (day) _____ (Evening) _____

Date of Birth (you) _____ (spouse) _____

NEW MEMBER	Single \$30	Couple \$45
SUMMER ONLY	Single \$10	Couple \$15 (May - Sept 30)
RENEWAL	Single \$30	Couple \$45

In consideration for me being able to join the GM Ski Club, I agree to abide by the GM SKI Clubs By-Laws and constitution. Membership runs October through September.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

How did you hear about the GM Ski Club? Friend Newspaper Hotline
 Racing Event (list) _____
Skiing Interest: Downhill Racing X-country Snowboard
Skiing Ability: Beginner Intermediate Advanced
I'd like to help Ski Trips Publicity General Meetings
 Activities Other (list) _____

Referral: I am a New Member and was referred to the GM Ski Club by:

Members Name: _____

Payment made by: Cash Check Check # _____

FREE MEMBERSHIP!

Members can get their 98-99 membership fees refunded waived if they recruit three (3) new members for the '98-'99 membership year. These cannot be renewal members from '97-'98. Couples need four (4) new recruits to have the couples' dues refunded waived. To be eligible, you must be identified as the referring member on the new membership application at the time of submission. You must then contact the membership committee upon submission of the final qualifying New Member application and identify the other New Members you have referred for verification. Contact a Board Member for more information.

COUPON

**BUY 1 DINNER
GET 1 DINNER
AT HALF PRICE**

MITCHELL'S

14 Mile Rd. west of Crooks

Coupon Good Thurs., May 14th ONLY

Racing News by Diane Winchell

RACE RESULTS

I'm beginning to believe March Madness should be about racing not basketball. Three weekends in March were all about racing, but we needed a break so Carnival was thrown in for fun.

We started off with the Mark II weekend, March 6, 7, and 8th at Boyne Mountain. The GM Racers were trying to defend the team slalom trophy from last year but didn't quite make it. We did have some GREAT finishes though. The MDSC provided a free lunch of hot dogs and beer for all the racers on Friday. If you didn't race well, you could always drink.

Saturday night an awards banquet was held in the civic center. Our own Karen Brown won a Gold Pass to Boyne in the raffle. I'm still trying to buy her out of it. Dave Spolyars sister, Sara, won a pair of skis. She promises she'll race for us next year. Most prizes were provided by Don Thomas Sport Haus in Bloomfield.

On Sunday March 15th, Boyne Mountain hosted the Michigan Challenge Race which consisted of two slalom runs down Hemlock. The weather and snow conditions were perfect. GM racer Doug McClelland won first place in the silver division.

The last races of the season were held on March 28th and 29th at Boyne Highlands. Saturday's race was dual run format sponsored by Miller Beer. A team of seven people (one having to be female) took a run through each course. The four fastest men plus one women's time were combined to find the winning team. The weather was about 60 degrees and the rain held off just in time for my second run. Fog, rain, and deep ruts made the race very challenging. But the apres ski party was fun. Lots of prizes were raffled off by your bib number. Skis, boots, clothes and a gold pass to Boyne were given away. As usual I didn't win anything, but most of my friends did. Sunday's race was downhill. Anyone from kids to senior citizens can participate. Your speed is checked by a laser gun. Racers were going 50-60 mph. The race was followed by yet another party with more great prizes being raffled off.

Well that wraps up the racing season this year. I hope this article will entice more of you to start racing. It's a lot of fun from a beginner to the expert. I want to thank Karen Brown for all her help this year, and all the racers who helped by being starters, recorders, and especially the chief of the courses, (Bruce, Tom, Pat, and Dave) who made GM Ski Club run an efficient race. Have a GREAT summer!



RACE	FRI (SL)	SAT (GS)	SUN (DS)
Jeff Roeser	10	8	DNS
Ralph Schwartz	2	DQ	DQ
Tom Tocco	DQ	3	DQ
Steve Ludwig	9	9	3
Nancy Johnson	①	5	3
Diane Winchell	2	4	6
Karen Brown	6	7	DNS
Chris Rollins	4	6	3
Jerry Macomber	15	DQ	12
Mike Linebaugh	①	3	12
Bruce Johnson	3	6	5
Jack Maynard	4	5	DQ
John Spolyar	DQ	①	DQ
Dan Goldstone	DQ	11	5
Bonnie Linklater	2	5	3
Steve Coussens	4	6	3
Sam Wolfe	DQ	DNS	DNS
David Spolyar	DNS	10	DQ
Kyle Moir	DNS	11	DNS
Pat O'Keefe	DNS	10	6



Elite Racer Jeff Roeser with his wife Heather



Ski Race Representative Diane Winchell in the start gate.



Above: GM Racers Tom Tocco, John Spolyer, and Bruce Johnson enjoying the blue sky and beer at Boyne. Below: GM Racers (L to R) Karen Brown, Nancy Johnson, and Diane Winchell couldn't have asked for a more perfect day.



LETS GO SKYDIVING!

Saturday June 13th -
Cost \$145

The GM Ski Club would like to invite you to fall out of a perfectly good airplane. This year tandem jumping is the featured event.

Prior to the jump you will receive 60 to 90 minutes of ground instruction where you will learn the basics about airport safety, exiting the aircraft, flying your body in free fall (just like an airplane), and opening, steering, and landing your parachute. After training, you and your instructor will board the airplane which will ascend to over 13,000 feet above the earth. Once at jump altitude and securely harnessed to each other, you and your instructor will leave the aircraft and freefall to 5,000 feet (approximately 65 seconds from 13,000 feet) at which time you will open your parachute. The next 5-10 minutes will be breathtaking as you float quietly back to earth. All equipment is provided. Plan to spend 4-6 hours at the airport. Bring a picnic lunch, blanket, chairs, and don't forget to invite your friends.

The location will be Napoleon Skydiving Center in Napoleon, MI. About a 90 minute drive west. Video or still pictures (add \$60), or video and still pictures (add \$80) can be purchased at Napoleon the day of the jump. Prices subject to change by the Skydiving Center. Reserve your spot by sending a \$50 deposit payable to the GM Ski Club to: **Diane Reaser 214 Woodsboro Royal Oak MI 48067 (248) xxx-xxxx Balance Due June 7th.**

HOUSEBOAT VACATION

JULY 5-9 \$305

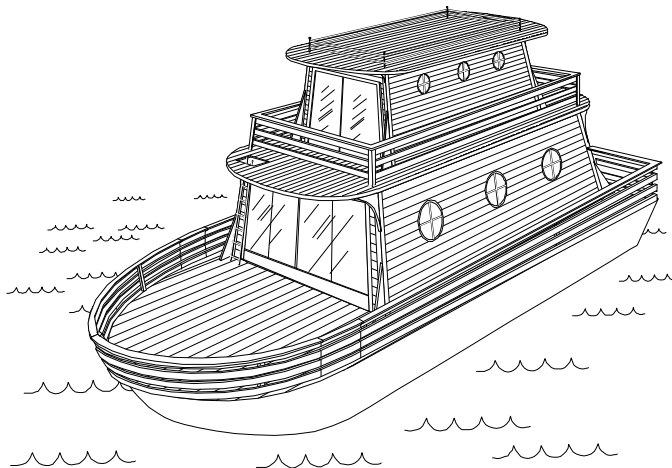
Join the GM Ski Club for the 2nd year of houseboating on beautiful Lake Cumberland Kentucky. This trip will include all meals meaning breakfast, lunch, and dinner. (You are on your own to bring all beverages and munchies). This is the trip that everyone talked about last summer.

The **Houseboat**: Electra 550

Amenities include a hot tub on the upper deck (the lake water was 80°), 1-1/2 private bathes, four full size privates berths, four fold out berths, VCR monitor, CD & AM/FM system, two water slides, wet bar, A/C, gas grille, marine radio, operational flybridge in the penthouse, 150 hp I/O diesel, 16x64 ft long, deck furniture. What Else Is There!

A \$75 deposit will reserve your spot. First come, first roomed. You are on your own to the lake. (People car pooled last year) Make checks payable to "GM Ski Club" and mail to:
Alan Toomey

For more info call
xxx-xxx-xxxx.
Balance of
\$230 is due June 1st.



BLADING & BIKING

Stoney Creek

**Metro Park, Sunday
May 3rd 12 Noon,
Eastwood Beach.** It's

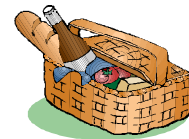
time to start enjoying summer! Bring your rollerblades or bike and make the 6 mile path around the lake. There are some moderate ups and downs, so bring protective gear. We will meet in the parking lot to get organized, then off we go. Bring a picnic lunch. There will be a grille provided afterwards if you want to bring burgers and dogs.



Metro Beach

**Metro Park,
Sunday May 17th,
12 Noon, Meet at
the South Marina**

Restrooms. This date has the same agenda as above. Metro Beach has the long path that runs along 16 Mile Road. Don't forget to come back! We will have



lunch in the park afterwards, so bring stuff..

June 7th

**is Blading, Biking,
Boats, & Bikinis, 12
Noon, Meet at the
South Marina
Restrooms.**

This will be the same as May 17th, except there will be more activity at the park.

Questions contact:
Alan Toomey xxx-xxx-xxxx

The PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Alan Toomey

The election results are in! Please notice the new board members in the Board of Directors section of the newsletter. I would like to thank all of you who came to the general meeting or mailed your ballot to cast a vote.

Despite the unlikely meeting where we were moved from the usual meeting area downstairs (because the basement was flooded) to the dining area upstairs, there were still a lot of good interaction between the members and guests. The DJ continued to play some great tunes although we were short the traditional dance space.

This needs to be the year of growth for the club. Membership runs from Oct through Sept, but the critical time of year for us is the summer months. This is the most difficult time for the Ski Club to capture the attention of new members. It is important for new members to be introduced to the club and elect to become participants in our activities and trips. With a healthy membership we can assure all the members that our activities and trips will fill to capacity and be the most fun. It is in the best interest of all the current members to help us reach out to new people and make them feel welcome. I am asking as your new President that all the members reflect upon this and help the club by inviting the people they meet to come join the club. Feel free to take some of the extra newsletters from the general meeting as an introduction to friends, co-workers, neighbors, or new acquaintances. Thanks in advance for your help in getting the word out.

With summer here, I think we will have some interesting activities coming up. Please look for them in the newsletter and sign up. In order for some of these to be of greatest success, please offer to assist the people involved with the activities. This would be greatly appreciated by everyone, especially those trying to organize the thing. You're probably tired of hearing this, but if we had enough help, the club wouldn't need to keep asking for it. Please help stop the broken record, record, record.....

It will also become apparent the newsletter will have a slightly different look. Sherry Letavis has done an outstanding job keeping the newsletter fresh and interesting. The new Board of Directors' year has also brought forth change in this area with a new newsletter editor. I'm sure we will have some growing pains as this process gets underway.

Soon upon us will be the disclosure of where the skiing this winter is to take place. Along with the ballots, there were suggestions and a write in place for your favorite choices for ski trip locations. I can hardly wait to see what kind of contracts the club can negotiate on behalf of the members. I am looking forward to some good pricing and landmark places to go this year. Continue your feedback to any board member so we can be sure to hit the mark with successful ski trips this year .

NEEDED! Race Chairpersons

The Board of Directors include Chairpersons of the Standing Committees. At this time there are several vacancies on the Board. Without Chairpersons, the Standing Committees may cease. Race Chairpersons, Diane Winchell and Karen Brown, have declined to serve another term, but are willing to offer guidance to anyone willing to accept the position. Please contact them (temporarily listed inside front cover) or other board members for consideration of appointment.

Restaurant of the Month

BAD FROG TAVERN

555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham
(248) 642-9400

Thursday, May 28

Meet 6:30 pm with seating at 7:00 pm in:
"The Bad Room"

COST \$10 (includes tax & tip) - CASH BAR

Choice of:

- Lilly Pond Salad, Fresh Greens and Veggies with Assorted Cheeses and Topped with Cajun Chicken, Gator Tail or Crawfish Tails.
- Bad Caesar Salad, Topped with Cajun Chicken, Gator Tail or Crawfish Tails.
- Blacken Chicken Salad
- Red Beans and Rice with Andouille Sausage and topped with Blackened Chicken
- Any Burger
- Muffuletta
- Cajun Catfish Fillet
- Shrimp PO-BOY

Make checks payable to "GM Ski Club"

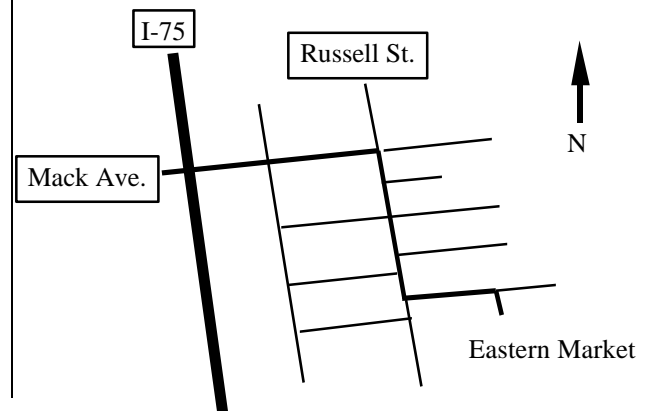
Deadline May 26th.

Send to:

Tom Grabowski

(810) xxx-xxxx

Eastern Market Directions



GM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

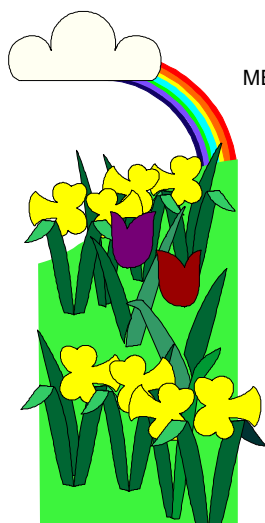
MAY	2	Sa	Eastern Market - 7 am call Les Skrzycki (248) xxx-xxxx
	3	Su	Blading Biking - Stoney Creek
	10	Su	MOTHER'S DAY
	14	Th	General Meeting - 8 pm Mitchell's
	17	Su	Blading Biking - Metro Beach
	21	Th	Activities Meeting - Steak & Ale 6:30 pm Call Connie Casey (248) xxx-xxxx
	25	Mo	MEMORIAL DAY
	28	Th	Rest.-of the Month - Bad Frog Tavern 6:30 Tom Grabowski (810) xxx-xxxx
JUN	7	Su	Blading Biking - Metro Beach
	11	Th	General Meeting - 8 pm Mitchell's
	13	Sa	Tandem Jumping Call Diane Reaser (248) xxx-xxxx
	21	Su	FATHER'S DAY
	25	Th	Rest.-of the Month - TBA
JUL	5-9	Su-Th	Lake Cumberland Houseboating Call Alan Toomey (248) xxx-xxxx
	9	Th	General Meeting - 8 pm Mitchell's
	18	Sa	Boat Outing Lake St. Clair
	25	Sa	Selfridge Airshow

AUG	13	Th	General Meeting - 8 pm Mitchell's
	15	Sa	Club Picnic - Stoney Creek
	21-23	Fr-Su	Canoe Trip
	27	Th	Rest.-of the Month - TDB
SEP	10	Th	General Meeting - 8 pm Mitchell's
	18	Fr	Whirlyball
	24	Th	Rest.-of the Month - TBA
OCT	8	Th	General Meeting - 8 pm Mitchell's
	10	Sa	Cedar Point
	22	Th	Rest.-of the Month - TBA
	23-25	Fr-Su	National Ski & Snowboard Expo
	24	Sa	Black & White Party
NOV	12	Th	General Meeting - 8 pm Mitchell's
	14	Sa	Square Dance
DEC	10	Th	General Meeting - 8 pm Mitchell's
	12	Sa	Holiday Party

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MDSC Website: www.mdscski.org

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