



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

August at a glance

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Treasurer's report is \$10,470.01

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

MACC Website: www.maccracing.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. August 21, 2003

Late submissions will be held for the following issue.



NEWSLETTER

SKI and TRAVEL

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

Thursday August 14, 2003

(Always the 2nd Thursday of the month)

An outdoor meeting at the pavilion at Halmich Park, Warren, Mi.

Located on 13 mile road between Ryan and Dequindre, North side of 13 mile.

The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the pavilion for socializing and planning our next calendar of events. Announcements will be at 8 p.m. Beer, pop and munchies will be provided.

\$3.00 Admission for our members and \$5.00 for Guests

Gregg, Hospitality



Restaurant of the Month

August 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Howe's Bayou

22848 Woodward, Ferndale

Just North of 9 Mile, East Side

**Bring your
appetite**

Call Bill Given: 248-540-4547

Presidents Corner

August is here already, which means that summer is coming to a close. On the one side, I would really like to keep the warm sunny days and continue to play on and in the water; but I also am looking forward to this winters ski trips. I hope everyone had a chance to look at the last newsletter and look over the destinations and prices for the 2003/2004ski year.

I am most impressed with the Tahoe and the Innsbruck trips. These two trips are for the non-skier as well as the skier. There is a lot to do and see. Side trips away from the mountain are entertaining and informative. I would like the membership to participate in and have your friends and relatives join us for these very exciting and inexpensive trips to far away places.

Please make copies and post these trips on bulletin boards at work or pass them out to co-workers. It is always nice to meet new people and enjoy a wonderful group of adventurous comrades.

Watch the calendar of events for other local and short weekend getaways over the next few months.

Is there something you would like to do or see? Talk to a board member and express yourself; we are glad to listen and to try new things. Have a wonderful summer and see you at the next meeting.

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

GM SKI and TRAVEL CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (day) _____ (Evening) _____

Date of Birth _____

Email address _____

☐ NEW MEMBERSHIP \$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 through September.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

How did you hear about the GM Ski and Travel Club? ☐ Friend ☐ Newspaper

☐ 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 and Travel Club by:

Referring Members Name: _____

Payment made by: ☐ Cash ☐ Check Check # _____

TO JOIN THE GM SKI and TRAVEL CLUB:

Please send completed application below along with check (payable to "GM Ski Club") to:

GM Ski and Travel Club
451 Heights Rd.
Lake Orion, MI 48362

Or sign-up at 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!

August Birthday(s)

Shannon Duke - August 11
Jag Pagnucco - August 14
John Westcott - August 20
Ruth Garavaglia - August 27
Dorn Coyro - August 30
Darrell Ahlberg - August 31



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, August 19**, at 14th Street Steak House, 350 14 Mile, east of John R.

-G.M. Ski and Travel Club Board



Calendar of Events

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SEPTEMBER

11 Thu. General Meeting Outdoor meetings start at 6:30 p.m. Last Outdoor Meeting---Bring Chili! Halmich Park 13 Mile Road between Dequindre and Ryan
12 Fri Friday Nite Out---Gathering Place---6:30 P.M. Troy---3985 John R
16 Tue. Board Meeting 14th Street Steak House 6:30 p.m.
25 Thurs. Restaurant of the Month Joe's Crab Shack--- Van Dyke & 14 Mile Call Patti: 248-540-4547



OCTOBER

3-5 Weekend Paddle Brave Fall Colors Weekend Camping/Canoeing Call: Patti 248-540-4547
9 Thursday General Meeting, indoors at 14th Street Grill, downstairs, 7:30 p.m.
14 Tuesday Board Meeting, 14th Street Steak House 6:30 p.m.
24-26 Weekend Dixieland Jazz Festival Getaway Terrace Inn---Petoskey Call NOW for reservations---800-530-9898 Patti: 248-540-4547 for info

GOLF SCRAMMBLE---CO-ED

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH

NORMANDY OAKS GOLF-- ROYAL OAK

NORMANDY ST. & DELEMERE (JUST EAST OF COOLIDGE)

TEE-OFFS BEGINNING at 10 A.M.

INCLUDED:

9-HOLE GOLF---4 PERSON TEAMS
CONTESTS/PRIZES

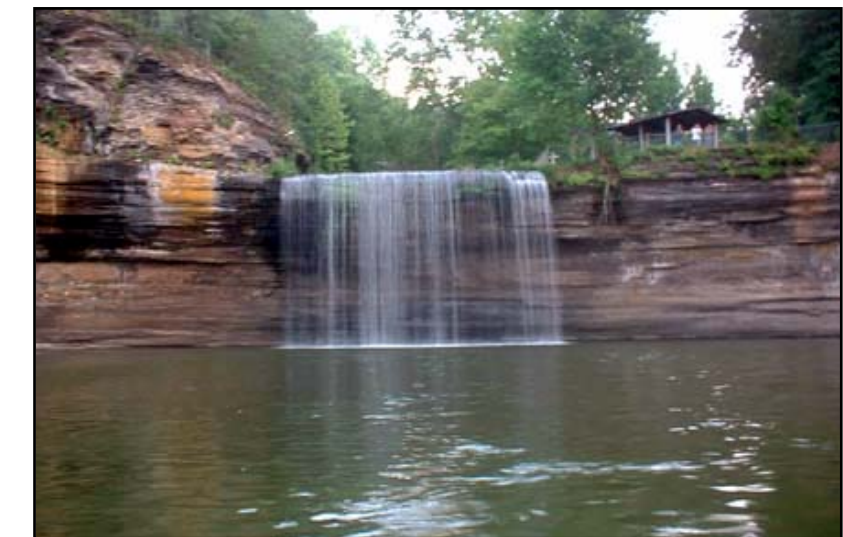
PIZZA&RAFFLE at AMERICAN LEGION POST 14

FUN FOR EVERYONE!

(THIS IS A FUN EVENT---ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME)

\$22 per person

Please contact Bill Given for more details and registration. 248-540-4547



Houseboat Memories

For all of you who have never had an opportunity to go on a houseboat to explore and enjoy the beautiful views of this country by water, I believe that you are missing one great time. Those 10 people who went down to Lake Cumberland Kentucky this past week found themselves away from traffic, work, the regular hustle and bustle of everyday life and experienced nature and the peacefulness of life in the middle of a 60,000 acre lake with mountain tops of green and sky of blue.

Lying on a raft, or, trying to land on the raft, as you are sliding down the water slide, is a most exhilarating start to your day, as is the jump off the second deck of the houseboat. And doing this in the morning before the alcohol really started is the amazing thing. I think we are just kids trapped in adult bodies. We slid down sitting, lying on our tummies and oh, while shampooing our hair or bodies. Art really looked good, but I think he left some of his chest hair on the slide.

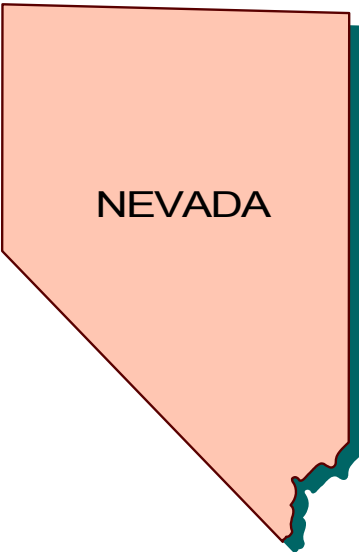
There was an abundance of water toys to relax on and for Jeff H. the wind surfer seemed to be his best mode of transportation on the lake. Jeff and Christine, Brian and Elena had their doublewide mattress to float on and consume their beer. Shannon had her long...; gee, I really can't give it words, you needed to be there. The rest of us made do with our plain and simple inflatables. We got some tubing and a bit of skiing in, as well as a wonderful, full-moon-light cruise. I think this year Alan's boat hit one or two waves head on that brought a wall of water over the bow. We didn't sink, but towels and bodies got wet.

The weather was so nice, and we had a breeze through the evening hours that it really made it nice to sleep. Judy, of course, found the couch much more comfortable as it was, than as a fold out bed. I believe that everyone came away with a different perspective of relaxation than they were expecting. I hope the physical part of this trip kept away any extra pounds from being added on from the food and beverage consumption. There were lots of pictures taken and videos, more of which are posted on the Website. Take a look at them and maybe next year will be your year to play hooky from life for a few days. Till then.

Les



Lake Tahoe



December 11-15, 2003

ONLY **\$\$\$630.** through G. M. Ski club

Round trip Detroit to Reno

3 days lift tickets included

4 nights lodging Forest Inn Suites

Daily Continental Breakfasts

All prices based on double occupancy

Jacuzzi, Heated Pool & Fitness Center

GM Payment	Schedule:
Deposit Due Now	\$100.
Sept 15th	\$300.
Oct. 15 th	\$230.

8056 Chalmers
Warren, MI 48089
586 427-7889

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Ski Club: _____ Trip Name: _____

Roommate Preference: _____

For disclaimer and GM Ski Club Cancellation Policy for trips see website: GMSKICLUB.ORG

Innsbruck, Austria

March 21-28, 2004

ONLY **\$\$\$875.** through G. M. Ski club

Round trip Detroit to Innsbruck

In-flight meals and drinks included

7 days/6 nights lodging Hotel Tautermann Garni

continental breakfast buffet daily

8 hour stopover in Amsterdam included (optional
excursions available)

GM Payment	Schedule:
Deposit Due Now	\$100.
Sept 1st	\$350.
Oct. 15 th	\$200.
Nov. 30 th	\$225.

All prices based on double occupancy

Please make checks payable to "GM SKI CLUB" and mail to trip leader

Mail to:
Alan Urban
8056 Chalmers
Warren, MI 48089
586 427-7889

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Ski Club: _____ Trip Name: _____

Roommate Preference: _____

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A Word from the Membership Chair

Well, it's about that time of year again when membership renewals are coming due. As of September 30, your membership is about to expire. You wouldn't want to let that happen because along with it goes your chance for social and recreational activities for the coming year. We have a fabulous line up of ski trips this year and of course we'll be continuing with various travel adventures, monthly dining outings, picnics, parties, and you never know, there's always that chance of meeting that someone special along the way.

- Renewals (existing members) are \$25.
- Renew early, and receive a complimentary gift.
- New members signing up before September 30 receive a membership good through September 30, 2004. So if you sign up early, you get a few extra months at no charge.
- Existing members who sponsor at least three new members get next year's membership free.

Darrell Ahlberg
GM Membership Chair

Anatomy of a Ski Club Trip

By Glenn Arendsen, administrative secretary,
Thunderbird Ski Club (MI)

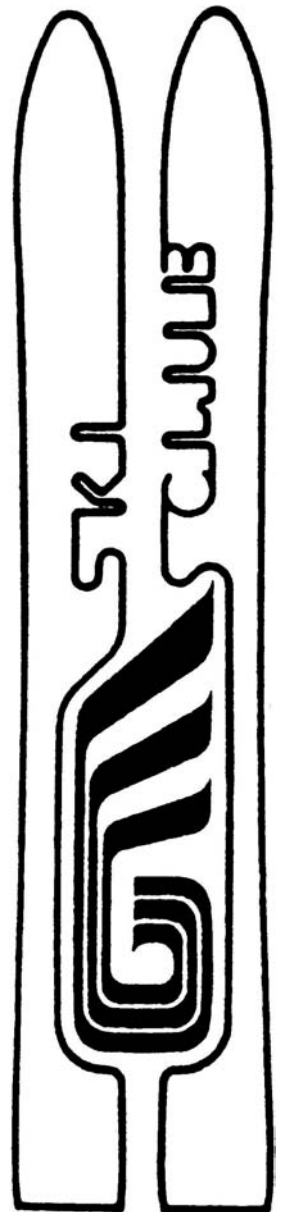
Events just seem to fall into place on a ski club trip. Your airline seat is reserved, a bus is there to carry you to the lodge and back to the airport at the end of the trip, your room is ready, lift tickets are simply handed out, there are parties, pub tours, lunches and dinners that just happen. Life should always be this uncomplicated.

But how does all this come together? A club ski trip begins with planning during the late spring and often during the preceding ski season. The club elects destinations and dates that minimize conflicts with other club events, national holidays as well as that corresponds with Mother Nature's historical trends for the resort. With a plan in mind, the club contacts selected tour operators and resorts and the vendors, in turn, contact airlines, bus companies, lodging facilities, resorts and even catering firms to obtain prices and make tentative commitments.

After a careful review and discussion of proposals, contracts are prepared by vendors, the club selects a tour operator and/or resort and a final contract for execution is sent by the club. The contract commits the club to provide a certain number of participants and contains dates on which the club will incur substantial fees for providing fewer participants than specified. These "cutback - dates" are required by the supporting organizations at different intervals prior to the trip departure date.

Unfortunately, the intervals are rarely coordinated and the club has to deal with an array of dates on which trip size or price must be adjusted. And, as the trip applications roll in, the club must contact applicants who leave out data, miss payment dates and want changes or variations from the stated offering. As the departure date approaches, the club double-checks each arrangement with the vendor and usually directly with the supporting organizations. Airline flights are verified, check-in procedures at the lodging facility are clarified, bus capacities are confirmed, and ticket delivery dates are established. With as much information in hand as possible, the club schedules the pre-trip meeting to review arrangements with participants. Finally, the trip is on the way and events fall smoothly into place, just like they fell from the sky.

But such is not really the case. Each event is the result of a great deal of work and many phone calls, emails, and letters, probably two to four times the number of participants. On your next trip, make life easier for your trip leader and more enjoyable for yourself by filling out the application completely and accurately, minimizing variations and changes and being on time.





STEAMBOAT

January 15 to January 20, 2004

ONLY \$750 through G. M. Ski Club

UNITED AIR to nearby HAYDEN airport

3 days lift tickets included two more days optional

Ground transfers

Staying at the Storm Meadows at Steamboat ski-in / ski-out

All prices based on double occupancy

Arriving at Hayden at 10:00 AM THURSDAY January 15th

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Deposit Due Now	\$100.
Sept 1 st	\$250.
Oct. 15 th	\$300.
Nov. 15 th	\$100.

Please make checks payable to "GM SKI CLUB" and mail to trip leader

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