



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

### September at a glance

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Meet at A Dock  
Jefferson Beach Marina,
- 3 Mon LABOR DAY
- 13 Thurs General Meeting-  
Halmich Park 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Fri Friday Dive Night Out—Ted’s Pub—  
Clawson Main Street,  
South of 14 Mile . 7:30 p.m.,
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Walled Lake Maple & Decker-2 -7 p.m.
- 22 Sat Horseback Riding/Bonfire—  
Lake Recreation Area---5 p.m
- 30 Sun Golf Outing-Scramble-Rammler Golf  
Club,Utica Rd. & Schoenherr  
Sterling Heights 1 p.m.—

GM SKI CLUB Website:  
[www.gmskiclub.org](http://www.gmskiclub.org)

MDSC Website: [www.mdscski.org](http://www.mdscski.org)  
MACC Website: [www.maccracing.org](http://www.maccracing.org)

#### Deadline

The deadline for articles or pictures  
Submitted for inclusion in this newsletter is  
**The second to last Thursday of the month.**  
The deadline for the next issue is:  
**5:00 p.m. Sept. 20, 2001**



c/o Alan Urban  
23840 Rensselaer  
Oak Park, MI 48237

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# NEWSLETTER

SKI CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2001

WEBSITE: [www.gmskiclub.org](http://www.gmskiclub.org)

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### SEPTEMBER'S GENERAL MEETING THEME

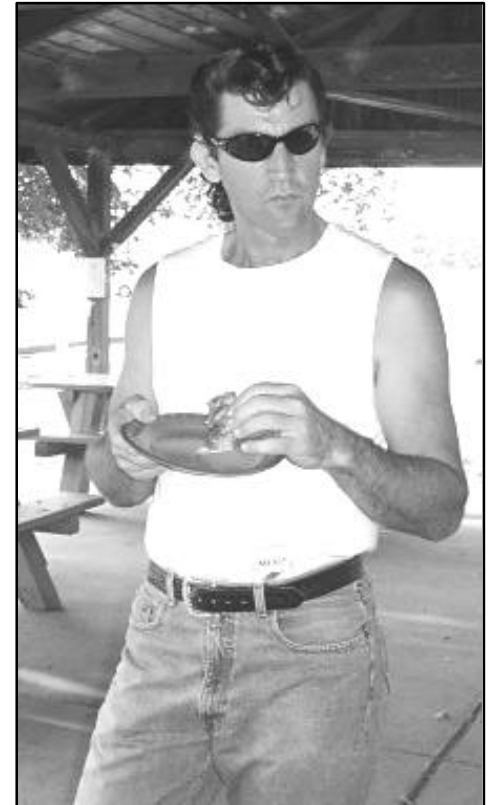
Dress yourselves in ALL BLACK and join us in  
'Mourning' the Passing of another Great Summer!  
**This is it! The LAST OUTDOOR  
GENERAL MEETING OF 2001!**

**September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**  
HALMICH PARK

(Entrance is off of 13 Mile between Dequindre & Ryan  
Roads)

#### The General Meeting will include:

- A Reserved Pavilion just for us (Rain or Shine, we will be there!)
- Pop, Beer & Pizza (While it lasts)
- Volleyball Set-up for those who wish to play (Don't forget your tennis shoes)
- Bug Spray!
- \$2.00 Admission for Members, \$4.00 for Guests



Don't mess with Bill (Tory, that is).

### President's Corner

With summer just about officially over (the heat wave and dry spell at least), we now switch our thoughts towards fall and the upcoming ski season.

Activities planned over the next few months should appeal to most everyone—chili cook-off, horseback riding, golf, club challenge, camping, our Black & White Party, a ski trip to Canada---and much more. A complete listing can be found on our website and in each newsletter.

Your participation is welcome and appreciated...let your fun times begin!

**Bill Given**

## GM SKI CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### President

Bill Given, 248-540-4547

### Vice President

Les Skrzycki, 248-693-1794

### Treasurer

Linda Urban, 248-545-2520

### Secretary

Tom Richardson, 248-674-2477

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### Hospitality

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### Publicity

Linda Pendergast, 248-549-2512

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Ted Zubeck, 248-549-5082

### Racing

Pat O'Keefe, 248-478-9078

Bruce Johnson, 248-624-0109

### Ski Instruction / Athletic

Les Skrzycki, 248-693-1794

### MDSC

Bill Tory, 810-468-2051

### Webmaster

Alan Toomey 248-391-5180

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

## GM SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Member  Youth  Life

In consideration for membership, I agree to abide by the GM Ski Clubs By-Laws and constitution. Membership runs October through September.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the GM Ski Club?  Friend  Newspaper  
 Racing  Event (list) \_\_\_\_\_

### Skiing Interest:

- Downhill  
 Racing  
 Snowboard  
 X-country

### 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:  
 Referring Members Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment made by:  Cash  Check Check # \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 Alan Urban**  
**23840 Rensselaer**  
**Oak Park, MI 48237**

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 Club!**

## September Birthdays

Debbie Cooke	1
Gary Kosiba	2
Les Skrzycki	4
Tom Richardson	11
Tim Allard	12
Matthew Schaber	13
Alan Urban	18
Patrick O'Keefe	20
Bruno Ragan	22
Marlene McLaughlin	30

## Rainy Day Wallyball

Sunday afternoon wallyball is in sunshine mode, meaning, **we only play if it's raining.**

If it looks like rain on Sunday, contact Connie Casey before noon at (810) 776-0095 or send an email to: [CCASEYSLP@CS.COM](mailto:CCASEYSLP@CS.COM).

The rainy day plan is to meet at 2:00 p.m., at Players Racquet and Fitness Club, 13750 11 Mile Road, Warren, on the service

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

- 2 Sun Full-Moon Cruise-Lake St. Clair 6 p.m.—Meet at A Dock  
 Jefferson Beach Marina, Call: Michael 810-776-7685
- 3 Mon LABOR DAY
- 13 Thurs General Meeting—Final Outdoor Meeting—  
 Halmich Park 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Fri Friday Dive Night Out—Ted's Pub—Clawson Main Street,  
 South of 14 Mile . 7:30 p.m., Entertainment at 9:30 p.m.
- 16 Sun Chili Cook-Off—Al's Copper Mug—Walled Lake  
 Corner of Maple & Decker----2 p.m.----7 p.m.  
 GM Ski Club will defend last year's "People's Choice" Title  
 Call: Bill 248-540-4547
- 22 Sat Horseback Riding/Saturday Night Bonfire—  
 Food & Fun Pontiac Lake Recreation Area----5 p.m  
 Call: Les 248-693-1794
- 30 Sun Golf Outing--- Scramble---Rammler Golf Club  
 Utica Rd. & Schoenherr---Sterling Heights  
 1 p.m.—Golf, Cart, Prizes, Pizza Party, \$28  
 Pre-Reservations Required---Call: Bill 248-540-4547



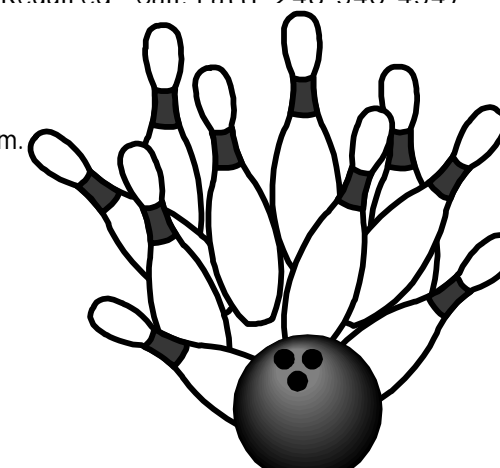
## OCTOBER

- 6 Sat Three Club Triathlon Challenge
- 11 Thurs General Meeting—Berkley American Legion—7:30 p.m.  
 PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE  
 2079 W. 12 Mile Rd. (Between Woodward & Coolidge)
- 12 Fri Friday Night Out---Tenuta's Villa Rio 454 W. Huron (M-59),  
 Pontiac Call: Patti 248-540-4547
- 19/ Fri- Annual Bald Mountain Cabins Weekend Camp-Out
- 21 Sun See Newsletter Flyer—Call: Les 248-693-1794
- 27 Sat Annual Black & White Party—Berkley Legion  
 See Newsletter Flyer---Call: Patti 248-540-4547
- 30 Tues Restaurant of the Month—Mario's Lobster Fest 6:30 p.m.  
 (Our Answer to Octoberfest??)  
 Mario's of Troy—John R & Maple Full 5 Course Meal---\$20  
 Reservations Required—Call: Patti 248-540-4547



## NOVEMBER

- 8 Thurs. General Meeting—Berkley American Legion—7:30 p.m.
- 10 Sat Moonlight Bowling—Competition in the Dark  
 Call: Bill 248-540-4547
- 16 Fri Friday Night Out—Heinzman's Heidelberg  
 43785 Gratiot, Mt. Clemens  
 Dinner Theatre—"Saving Grace" 6:30 p.m.---\$24.95  
 Reservations Required—Call: Patti 248-540-4547
- 22 Thur Thanksgiving "Orphans" Dinner  
 Call: Les 248-693-1794



**SUNSET RIDE  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22,  
6 P.M.—TILL?**



Horseback riding for 1 Hour—then to an evening barbecue and a bonfire.

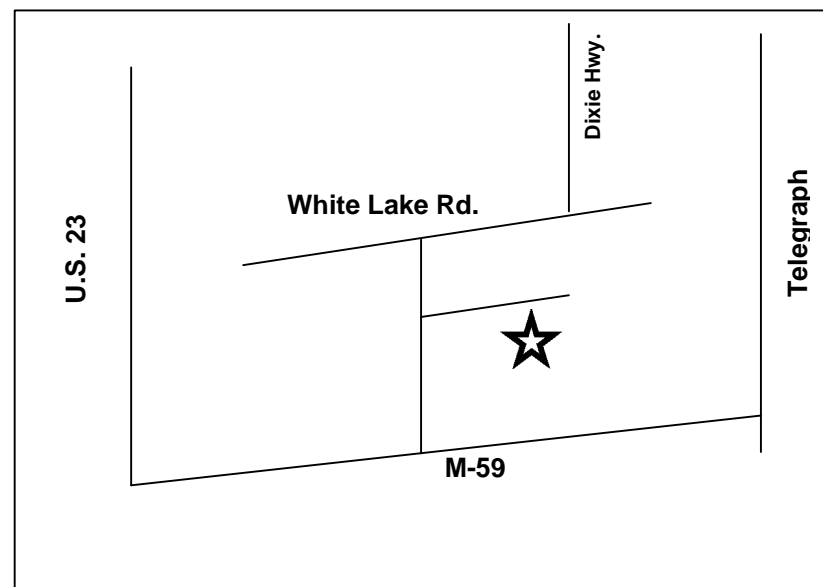
A minimum of twelve riders are required to make this event a GO. We need an early commitment!

Dinner will be burgers, brats, baked beans, potato salad, and snacks. Bring your own beverages.

**COST: \$28 per person**  
Barbecue only, \$10 per person

In order to have the horses reserved, we must have enough response by early September. Some may attend the barbeque/bonfire at a lesser cost, but the 12 rider minimum for horseback riding is needed to hold the event.

**LOCATION: PONTIAC LAKE RIDING STABLE**, located 12 miles west of Pontiac, 13 miles east of US-23 off M-59. Accessed by Teggerdine Road, north 2.5 miles, then turn right at park sign (Riding Stable/Campground) 6, follow signs past campground.



**PLEASE CALL: Les** to make your reservation 248-693-1794



**General Meeting Location Change!**

Make a special note now that, beginning NEXT MONTH with our October 11<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, we will hold our meetings at the **Berkley American Legion**. As always, we will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month. The doors will open at 7:30 p.m. for socializing (and **REALLY CHEAP BEER!**) with the announcements beginning shortly thereafter. The Berkley American Legion is located on 12 Mile Road, just west of Woodward (on the south side of 12 Mile Road.) More details to follow in our up-coming October Newsletter.

Diane Reaser, Hospitality Chair

**Ski-On-A-Shoestring  
February 22, 23, 24,  
2002**

Ski-On-A-Shoestring, a different kind of ski weekend, will be at the Terrace Inn in Bayview just north of Petosky. It is an old hotel located where you see all of those beautiful old homes that were built in the early 1900's.

The hotel takes you back somewhere in time to your parents' yesteryears. It is not fancy. It has a large wood front porch. The rooms have curtains and pull down shades and old-fashioned dressers. The clothes closets have large wood moldings and the bathrooms are something we poor people had when we were kids: white tubs, tile showers and pedestal wash basins. There are no elevators. You walk up wide wooden stairs. The hallway floor slants a little, but everything is very neat, clean, and comfortable. There is a large fireplace in the lobby where you can gather to play cards or games. The lobby is furnished with tables and stuffed chairs, and someone usually plays the piano. For your safety, all rooms are non-smoking.

Lodging, continental breakfasts, cross country ski trails, Saturday dinner and a murder mystery are included. Downhill skiing is available at Boyne or Nubs. The total cost for a standard room is \$120, deluxe \$140. For information, contact Warren Puggini (810) 465-6760.

**Barn Square Dance!**

**September 29, 7:00 PM**

*\$18.00 per person*

The STAR Singles are hosting this special event. Dance the evening away in a large, clean barn (we should be the only animals present). The party will continue later in the house.

**\*\*\*\*If you want to dance, you must be present by 7:00 PM sharp for lessons\*\*\*\***

**Place:** 5080 19 Mile Rd. Sterling Hts. (1/4 mile west of Mound Road, on the south side of the street)

**Includes:** Lessons and square dancing with a square dance caller, beer, wine, jungle juice, pop, food, munchies.

**Bring your own lawn chairs**

**More info:** Call Tim or Jan 810-726-0033



# Olympiad—a display of our skill and our will

Our ancestors were not the slow, weak, lazy ones who got eaten by the saber-tooth tigers. No. They were the quick, smart, fast ones who beat out the competition and kept the blood line strong.

Now you have a chance to make your ancestors proud. October 6, Saturday, at 3:00 p.m. at Bob Schutter's house, our club will compete against other regional clubs in a winner-take-all contest that will prove who still has the survival instinct. Our team will consist of six gals and six guys; and we need an assortment of talent, since the trials might include an Uno game, egg toss, crazy relay race, horseshoes, volleyball, darts, or perhaps a fishing contest (one point for bluegills, five points for bass or pike).

The winning team will then break

up for intra-team competition until there are only two survivors, who will determine the ultimate winner with paint ball guns at ten paces.

The cost of \$15 per member gets you a team hat and a chance to win a trophy and cash prizes. Spectators pay \$10, and everyone can partake in the victory party afterward with food, beer, a disc jockey and dancing.

We are now forming our "farm team," from which our final team will be selected. Our volunteers so far are:

- Gals**
1. Debbie Roger
  2. Linda Urban
  3. Patti Given

- Guys**
1. Rob Cooper
  2. Alan Urban
  3. Warren Puggini
  4. Michael Bourke

Skilled members of our club can expect to be drafted for our team, but if you have any hidden talents, uncover them now! For more information, or to volunteer, call team captain, Michael Bourke at 810-776-7685 or Bob Schutter at 248-391-1417.

## Newsletter Production

This newsletter was collated and processed for mailing by the vocational students at Oakland Schools Autism Program.

If you have mailing or collating needs, please contact Sandy Horton at Oakland School Autism Program, 248-288-4523. There is no charge, but small donations are accepted for program activities (pizza parties, etc...)

-G.M. Ski Club Board



# Canoeing The Mighty Ausable

The annual canoe trip brought good friends and new friends together for a weekend of campfires, stories and, of course, canoeing. We had sunshine and clear skies to canoe the Ausable. The temperature was perfect for this type of activity. We worked *very hard* at paddling and maintaining a good course down the river. Okay, I should say that, with the canoes bungied together, the only work was lifting beer cans to our mouths, and the course was decided by the current in the river. We all had a wonderful time. For those of you who missed this year, we will be looking forward to seeing you next year.

This was truly a laid back, relaxing trip. There was not a single canoe that tipped or hit an object underwater. We are planning next year's trip as we write this article. I believe that we will try another part of the river and maybe go back to Paddle Brave campground, where we spent so many memorable years.

There may be some new surprises for this trip. Will have to try new ideas out. Be thinking about that. Till later, thank all of you who came.

Les

## MDSC News

- The travel round-up is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2002
- MACC Racing Forms are available on the website at [www.maccracing.org](http://www.maccracing.org)

-Bill Tory

The treasurer's report for July 31, 2001, is \$14,093.31

-Linda Urban  
Treasurer



# SEPTEMBER

## From your Hospitality Chair

This is it ... our last outdoor general meeting. Make sure you are there to help us say 'goodbye' to another great Michigan summer. **Please join us by wearing the traditional ALL BLACK** to mourn the passing of summer. We have an entire pavilion reserved just for us. Rain or shine! Just look for our ski club banners.

Last month's general meeting theme was enjoyed by all who attended. Since our meeting date fell so close to the 'Woodward Dream Cruise', we made that our theme. Lot's of members and guests wore their souvenir T-shirts from years gone by. We even spotted a 2001 shirt on Membership Chair **Alan Urban**. Now, how did he find that one? Bill Tory, our MDSC Representative and Linda Pendergast, our Publicity Chair were really in the spirit. Take special note of their attire in this newsletter. We all agreed (and independently voted) them as *Best Dressed!* Thank you to everyone who participated and joined in the fun.

Our website includes pictures of our past general meetings. Make sure you visit it. You might see a picture or two of yourself on our website. A special thank you to **Michael Bourke** and **Ted Zubeck** for providing us each month with digital pictures for the newsletter and website! Visit us often at: [www.gmskiclub.org](http://www.gmskiclub.org)

See you all at the September meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to wear your black!



Diane Reaser Hospitality Chair

# Houseboating 2001

The GM and Sailing Singles Clubs celebrated a most glorious four days on Lake Cumberland, Kentucky. Most of the 23 crew had never attempted such an adventure. The flooded/damned, mountainous, 65-mile long lake delivered 80+ degree, clear swimming water for skiing, tubing, or just floating on our toys. "Sk Bob" and "Mr. Noodle" were the most popular.

The two, 64-foot houseboats, named "Kentucky Palace" and "Yahoo" by us included two waterslides each, spas, and air-conditioning. Two of the GM members produced Ski Boats for added water fun, including fishing and tubing. Some of us skied incredibly well considering many years since our "best." And some of us learned how to "boink" while tubing (and liked it).

Kentucky Palace and Yahoo each had an 8-place hot tub aboard on the upper deck that surely caressed our over-exercised muscles. This was also a wonderful place for conversing, sunning, eating, or just viewing the mountainsides. The waterslide competition was fun. I think the girls beat the boys. What do you think, guys?

The food was healthy and plentiful and prepared by the best of chefs. Camaraderie made this such an easy and relaxing time. The jokes flowed, and video exercises helped us stretch out sore muscles and gather in new energy. Those who could have it...preferred massages.

The last day of our endeavor afforded us an opportunity to get off the boat to search the steep shelves of shale for geodes. These are spherical mineral rocks that sometimes have well-formed crystals inside. They are very difficult to crack apart, so I think many of us replaced some of the heavy loads we brought with geode treasures taken home.

Many thanks for the super cooperation and great friendships gained over these four days. We are looking forward to our party/picture exchange.

Hugs to all.

Patti Given

## GOLF SCRAMBLE

September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m.,

**Rammler Golf Club**

Utica Rd. & Schoenherr

Sterling Heights

Just North of Metro Parkway (16 Mile Rd.)

This event will be open to 20 golfers  
(5 Foursomes), 9 Holes

Co-Ed Scramble—Couples and Individuals  
Welcome

Make your own group or we will assign teams

Golf & Cart, Prizes, Pizza Party  
(at Troy American Legion)

\$28 per person

Call Bill: 248-540-4547

Reservations Required—First Come

# GM SKI & SOCIAL CLUB APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE---HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP BEFORE THE OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup> MEETING ONLY \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

RENEW \_\_\_ NEW \_\_\_ 2002 MEMBERSHIP \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ GOOD UNTIL 9/30/2002

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ or Check # \_\_\_\_\_

*In consideration for being able to join the GM Ski Club, I agree to abide by the GM Ski Club By-Laws and Constitution.*

*Signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about the GM Ski Club?**

Friend \_\_\_\_\_ Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ Racing \_\_\_\_\_

Referring Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Where would you like the club to go next? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Skiing Interest:**

Downhill  
 Racing  
 Snowboard  
 X-Country

**Skiing Ability:**

Beginner  
 Intermediate  
 Advanced

**I'd like to help:**

Ski Trips  
 Publicity  
 General Meetings  
 Activities  
 Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_

As membership director I would like to welcome you and offer to help any time. . .

Alan Urban

Mail to: 23840 Rensselaer, Oak Park, Mi. 48237

E-mail to [alurban2000@yahoo.com](mailto:alurban2000@yahoo.com) Phone 248-545-2520



# *Black and White Party*

Come along with us, trip the light fantastic  
Saturday October 27, 2001, 7:30  
P.M.  
til 12:30 P.M.

Where: The Berkeley American Legion  
• 2079 W. 12 Mile Road Berkeley, Michigan  
• 248 542-7722

Why: It is Our Annual big bash party.

What: What, oh what, do I wear? Well for starters you could wear something Black; or you could wear something White, then again you could wear something Black and White!

Set the date in your calendar or planner and be sure to attend.

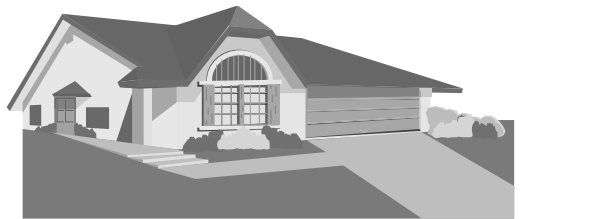
Tell your neighbors, bring your friends, let your co-workers know. This is a great time to be had by all!

There will be live music by THE PIRATES, dancing, drinks, food and prizes.

Watch your newsletter or the website, [GMSKICLUB.ORG](http://GMSKICLUB.ORG) for further information.

Tickets will be \$20.00 advanced and \$25.00 at the door.  
What a great deal for a fantastic night of music, dancing and laughter.

# Bald Mountain Getaway Weekend



(Not as good as this)



(Not as bad as this)

**October 19,20,21 2001.**

Bald Mountain recreation area located in Orion Township  
Just northeast of the Palace of Auburn Hills

Friday night hot dogs around the fire.  
Saturday night dinner, home cooked, beef stew.  
Beer and pop provided.

Bring your mountain bike, backpack (for hiking) or, just about anything you want to play in this beautiful wilderness so close to us. This is an indoor camping trip. We'll have board games, and you bring the cards. There is no electricity so bring a flashlight and a lantern. Bring your cook stove, coffee pot and eggs for breakfast.

There is room for 22 members on this trip - bring your sleeping bag and pillow. The cost is \$15.00 per person for the entire weekend, \$12.00 for Saturday night. For further information please call Les Skrzycki 248 693-1794, or e-mail [lskrzycki@hotmail.com](mailto:lskrzycki@hotmail.com).

Maps will be supplied to those signing up.

By the way, the cabin doesn't really look like what's pictured. OK ?  
This is a fun weekend, if you have never been here try it you'll like it.

Make checks payable to GM SKI Club  
Mail to: Les Skrzycki 451 Heights road Lake Orion, MI 48362

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

For further information please call : Les at (248) 693-1794 or e-mail ,  
lskrzycki@hotmail.com or Patti Given at 248 540-4547.  
Make checks payable to GM Ski Club, mail to: Les Skrzycki 451 Heights  
Road Lake Orion, MI 48362



