



**"A ski and travel club...
and a whole lot more"**

October at a glance

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Contact: Darrell, 586-899-8203
- 19 Fri.** Restaurant of the Month - **Zinc Restaurant & Wine Bar**, 6745 Orchard Lake Rd., between 14 and 15 Mile in W. Bloomfield. 6:30 p.m. for cocktails, dinner at 7:00 p.m.
- 26-28 WKND** Bald Mountain Camping – Fun is in the autumn air on this popular weekend getaway. Only \$20 per member, \$25 for non member. See flyer inside

**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.



First Class Mail



40377 Kraft Dr.
Sterling Heights, MI 48310
c/o Darrell Ahlberg



SKI and TRAVEL

OCTOBER 2007

WEBSITE: www.gmskiclub.org

GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957 VOLUME LI, ISSUE X

**Did you renew? If not, this
will be the last newsletter you
receive. We hate good-byes!**
(Sign-up form is on page 2)

GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, October 11, 2007

General Meeting - We're back indoors at

Joe Kool's

1835 E. Big Beaver Rd., Troy.

Meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Announcements at 8:00 p.m.

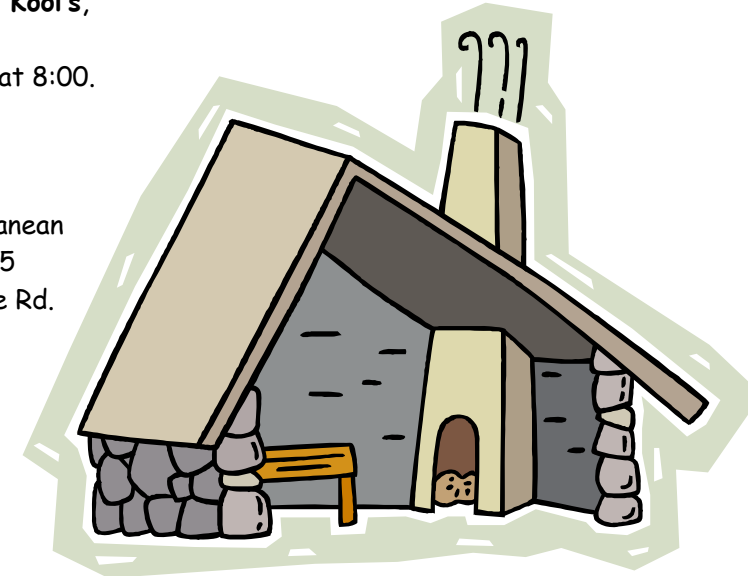
Come early for dinner!

Celebrating our 50th year of bringing people together.

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

- Every Sun.** Breakfast Club starts at **10:00 a.m.** Anton's Island Grill, Big Beaver Rd. (16 Mile Rd.) and Dequindre, northwest corner. Phone: (248) 619-0016
No RSVP needed. Just show up and we'll make room for you.
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Contact Brian: 248-626-6192 or Email: Zirton1@aol.com
- 26-28 WKND** Bald Mountain Camping - Fun is in the autumn air on this popular weekend get-away. Gather 'round the campfire, tell tales, hike in the woods, play games in the cabin, or just relax. However, with Halloween upon us, we'll not guarantee what may lurk in the forest. This is surely a sellout, so sign up early! ... Only \$20 per member, \$25 for non member. See this newsletter for more details.
Contact Les: 248-693-1794 or Email: lskrzycki@ameritech.net



NOVEMBER

- 8 Thurs.** **General Meeting** - Joe Kool's, 1835 E. Big Beaver Rd., Troy. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Come early for dinner!
- 13 Tue.** Board Meeting- Darrell's House, 7:00 p.m. Contact: Darrell, 586-899-8203

DECEMBER

- 13 Thurs.** **General Meeting** - Joe Kool's, 1835 E. Big Beaver Rd., Troy. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Come early for dinner!
- 18 Tue.** Board Meeting. - Darrell's House, 7:00 p.m. Contact: Darrell, 586-899-8203

ON THE HORIZON

Wine Tasting (GMSC style) - Surely an evening of fun, culture, adventure, new friends ... and of course, WINE! Just in time for the holidays, this is a party you don't want to miss ... details are underway for early December.

GMSC Holiday Party - Plans are being made for our annual holiday party in December. Watch our newsletter for more info on this festive event.

Watch your email for our up-to-the-minute E-Newsletter for last minute events and activities
If you're missing out because you're not on our list, send your e-dress to Darrell: dahlberg7@comcast.net

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:**

Downhill Beginner Ski Trips
 Racing Intermediate Publicity
 X-country Advanced Meetings
 Snowboard 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 # _____
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 **Publicity:** Denise Korzetz 248-343-0111
Secretary: Darrell Ahlberg, 586-899-8203 **Ski Trips:** Dave Duvali 586-754-8151
Activities: Brian De Leo 248-626-6192 **Webmaster:** Alan Toomey 248-391-5180
Hospitality: Greg Ronan 586-979-9512
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).

Birthday this month

Lance Englund October 5

Treasurer's Report

The account balance is:

\$3679.26

Alan Toomey,
Treasurer

Breakfast Club. Every Sunday at 10:00 am, GM Ski Club members meet at Anton's Island Grill for breakfast. More than just a meal, it's our weekly connection, a chance to share the past seven day's events with our friends. Anton's is on the northwest corner of Big Beaver (16 Mile Rd) and Dequindre. For a great breakfast and fun with friends, join us and be sure to bring a friend. No RSVP needed. Just show up and we'll make room for you.

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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OCTOBER RESTAURANT OF THE MONTH

YOU ARE INVITED TO INDULGE FINE MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE AT

ZINC RESTAURANT AND WINE BAR

Friday, October 19, 2007

6745 Orchard Lake Rd. between 14 Mile and Maple Rd. (15 Mile)

Located in West Bloomfield

Restaurant is located on the Northbound, East side of Orchard Lake Rd.

Zinc offers a menu heavy in influence from southern France, as well as a carefully chosen list of European beers and 205 wines that are, for the most part, French or from French varietals. Dinner begins with a chunk of excellent warm and salty Italian focaccia bread and a selection of classic French entrées such as coq au vin (chicken, mushrooms, onions, bacon or salt pork and various herbs cooked with red wine); cassoulet (white beans and meats cooked almost like a covered stew or casserole); and bouillabaisse (a celebrated Provence stew of fish and shellfish usually made with tomatoes, white wine and herbs). Specials run from \$12 to \$16.

Meet after work between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.

RSVP

Contact Brian: 248-626-6192 or email: Zirton1@aol.com

Carnival, March 7-9

Schuss/Shanty Creek is hosting Carnival again for the Chicago ski council. The costs are \$229 per person for a double-occupancy hotel room, and \$291 per person for four-person condos

Metropolitan Detroit Ski Council
Presents

(Austria & Italy at their best)

6 Days Skiing in Fantastic

Nassfeld "Austria" plus

Last Night in Mestre/Venice, Italy

Leave Friday, March 7th.

Stay through Sunday, March 16th 2008

Total Cost is \$2,386 plus Airport tax as of today.

Includes 6 day lift pass

Contact: Josh Lohmann

47676 Harbor Dr., New Baltimore, Mi., 48047.

MDSC is going to

Crested Butte
February 2-9, 2008.

They have 18 seats at \$1089.00 and 24 seats at \$1049.00. This includes air, lodging, ground transfers, and 5-day lift ticket.

The contact person is Janet Kangas and the flyer and sign-up sheet are on the MDSC website www.mdscski.org.



Happy people gathered at the restaurant of the month, Mario's Italian, Thursday, September 20.



SPY NATASHA

ONE OF OUR OWN WRITES HER FIRST FICTION NOVEL



Club member Elena Bankowski (Lena Banks) has published her first fiction novel "Spy Natasha," an adventure story about a young girl named Natasha who gets in trouble with the Soviet system and is recruited by the KGB. At first, the job seems like an exciting experience for her, but it leads to love, lust and of course ... betrayal. The story is filled with the escapades of spies, terrorists, and the Russian mob.

During her visit to the Black Sea, Natasha rescues a victim of Soviet medical experiments, a criminal named Victor, from a naval research lab. She sets him on his way to freedom. Victor's journey is filled with dangers and adventures, encounters with smugglers and the discovery of a sunken treasure ship.

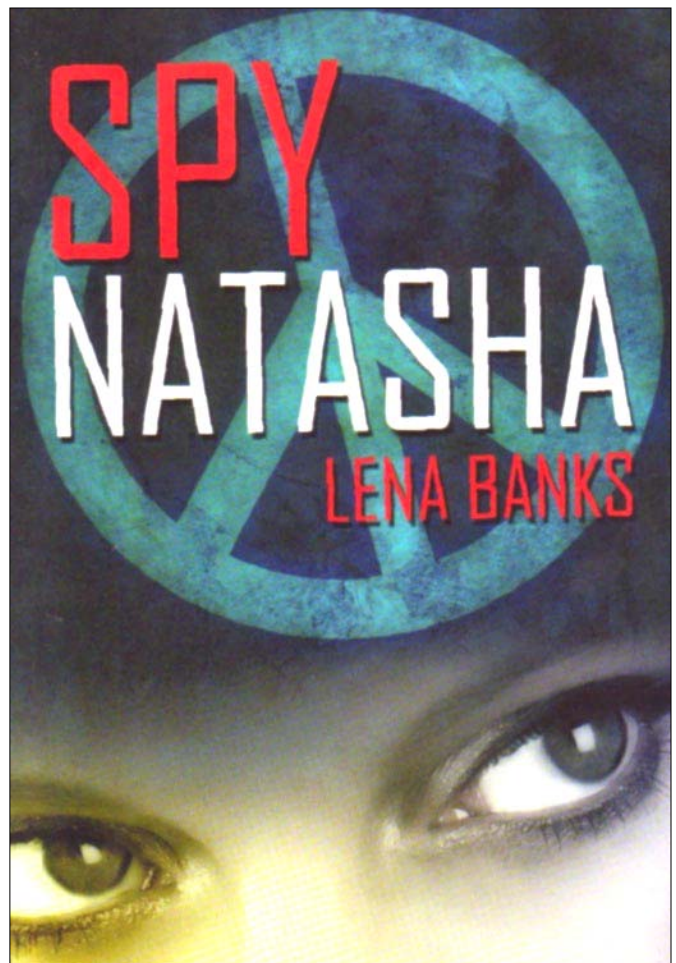
The novel eventually brings together CIA and KGB agents. Set in Turkey, Bulgaria and Russia, Natasha must discover where a stolen Soviet nuclear device is hidden, and then destroy it before it can be used by terrorists. As the story develops, Natasha ends up in a truly international game of cat and mouse. She evolves from a confused young girl into a heroine, who is ready to sacrifice her life so others can live in peace.

Lena Banks is and has been a member of the GMSC for several years. She's been to many of our events and on many of our trips. Besides being an avid skier and published author, she enjoys the adventure of travel and seeing a good movie.

Although, all characters appearing in this book are fictitious, and any resemblance is coincidental, you feel as though you know them and have met them before? She describes the book as fun and sexy with a good ol' bit of humor, somewhat reminiscent of "The Russians are Coming, the Russians Are Coming" or "Spies Like Us."

It took Lena two years to write this novel and she's currently writing her second. She hopes that perhaps her book will one day be made into a movie.

"Spy Natasha" by Lena Banks is available online only at Amazon.com, Borders.com, and Barnes and Noble.com.





August 24 Restaurant of the month at Victoria's Delights in Oxford. Despite a torrential downpour earlier in the day, we were still able to have a bonfire at Les's that evening.



Full Moon—Oct. 26!

Are you brave enough to spend the night in the woods, without knowing what kind of LUNATICS or HOBGOBLINS might be lurking about?

We dare you! Indoor Camping Weekend

WHEN: October 26 - 28, 2007. 3 pm Friday till 1 pm Sunday.

WHERE: Our cabin is located just east of Lake Orion on Tamarack Lake within the Bald Mountain Recreation area. The Tamarack cabins are rustic in nature with all the conveniences of a modern home in the 1800's.

WHY: Why not? Let's have a last fling at warm summer nights, cold drinks, and rock & roll music and your favorite game. Friday night, we provide dogs over the open fire. Saturday, it's stew to your delight. Come and join us!

Bring your mountain bike, backpack (for hiking), and camera or, just about anything you want. Games and cards make for laughs and good times. This is an indoor camping trip. There is *no electricity* so bring flashlights and a lantern, sleeping bag and pillow. Bring your cook stove, coffee pot and something for breakfast. There is always plenty of room.

The cost is \$20.00 per person for one or both nights (\$25.00 for non-members). If you just want to stop by and enjoy our company and a beer \$5.00 (\$6 for non-members). Please, I must know in advance. For further information please call Les Skrzycki 248-693-1794, or e-mail lskrzycki@ameritech.net
Maps will be available.

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 _____



Mammoth Mountain, California



Pictured above is your base of operations for the week of March 29 through April 5, 2008, if you join our select group of fun-loving, adventuresome GM Ski Club skiers at Mammoth Mountain, California. Mammoth is an uncommon destination because it is kind of hard to get to but it is worth the effort; and we do all the work for you. Air & ground transportation, lodging at the base of the hill and five days of transportation up the hill are all taken care of.

Mammoth boasts that it has 300 sunny days per year but magically, still averages 400 inches of snow per year. It has 3,100 feet of vertical, 150 trails (35% black, 40 % blue & 25% green) and 29 lifts, 10 of which are express and 3 gondolas. It has a top ranked boarders' terrain park and the Tamarack Nordic trails take you around mountain lakes.

This will be an ideal time for weather-worry-free travel, spring skiing conditions and to enjoy the beauty of the Sierra Nevada Mountains and the sunny California lifestyle.

Break out your sun tan lotion and sign up!

Contact Dave Duvali at (586) 754-8151 or via E-mail at daveduvali@wowway.com.

Cost:

- Before Nov. 15:
 - ❖ Member price: **\$1,395.00**
 - ❖ Non-member price: **\$1,425.00**
- After Nov. 15:
 - ❖ Member price: **\$1,445.00**
 - ❖ Non-member price: **\$1,475.00**

Payment schedule:

- ❖ **\$500.00/\$530.00** at signup (early bird)
- ❖ **\$500.00** Dec. 10
- ❖ **\$395.00** Jan. 25.

