



JUG & MUG SKI CLUB



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GENERAL MEETINGS are held the third Tuesday of each month. The next general meeting will be August 18 at **Tripper's, 350 Frandor Avenue, Lansing**. Social hour begins at 6:30 pm, with the meeting starting at 7:30 pm. You are invited to stay after the meeting for drinks and socializing.

COUNCIL MEETINGS are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. This month, the meeting will be August 11 at 410 South Cedar Street, Lansing. Contact Bilky Joda-Miller at least three days before the meeting if you have an agenda item for the council. Members are welcome at any meeting; feel free to see your council at work.

Upcoming Activities

DINNER AND A MOVIE, AUGUST 15 You are invited to dinner at the Olive Garden, 5015 Meridian Road, Okemos, at 6:30 pm. While we enjoy our meal, we can decide on which movie to take in at Studio C! Meridian Mall. Contact Bilky Joda-Miller at 256-6596 or bilkyj@yahoo.com by noon on Friday, August 14, so she can make adequate reservations at Olive Garden.

TIGER BASEBALL, AUGUST 22

♪♪ *Take Me Out to the Ball Game!* ♪♪ The Tigers vs Texas Rangers ball game, that is. The cost is only \$58 for a round trip bus ride in a tour bus, your game ticket, and chicken and pudding shots on the bus. Meet at Dunham's parking lot at 4:00 pm. The bus leaves promptly at 4:30 pm. Contact Kurt Mertins at kmertins@hotmail.com or 886-4061 to sign up or with any questions.

CHARTERED FISHING TRIP, AUG 29

August is prime fishing in Michigan. We will be on beautiful Lake Michigan at Grand Haven. Dave Panetta has reserved two boats, six people per boat. We can have 18 lines in the water per boat and one boat is already full. The trip is six hours starting at 6:00 am. Coho, Chinook, steelhead salmon and brown trout are commonly caught fish. A one day all species fishing license can be purchased on the boat for \$10. You may

bring food and beverages (no glass) with you on the boat. Remember your camera! If the trip must be cancelled due to severe weather, you will get a full refund. Contact Dave at 230-0413 for more information on signing up and for carpooling coordination.

This trip is supported by the J&M Council but checks shall be made out to the trip chair.

DINNER AND RIVERWALK THEATRE, SEPTEMBER 12

The Murder Mystery Dinner Train wasn't very popular with our club so we are going to stay local and see *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* at the Riverwalk Theatre. Based on the 1988 MGM film, the musical takes us to the French Riviera for high jinks and hilarity in this sexy and irreverent farce. The tickets are \$22 each, \$20 for seniors 55 and older. There is also a \$1 handling fee. If you are interested in joining us, we will be having dinner at Clara's or Troppo's prior to the play. Sign up at the August general meeting with Joanne Creede or Bilky Joda-Miller or contact Joanne at 285-4795 or kayjoe@comcast.net or Bilky at 256-6596 or bilkyj@yahoo.com with any questions.

ZODIAC PARTY, SEPTEMBER 19 Mark down Saturday, September 19, for the 3rd annual zodiac party at Tom McRae's house. The party starts at 4:00 pm at 1175 Buckingham Road in Haslett. Bring a dish to pass and BYOB. Remember a dollar or two for the kitty.

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Council Column

Dear Jug & Mug Members:

For the past few years, I have read the monthly columns, but I never expected that I would be asked to write one. I would like to thank Bilky Joda-Miller for the chance to let the entire council provide a few words to the club.

We have now hit the month of August and are experiencing the “dog days” of summer. As a year-round activities club, the Jug & Mug Ski Club has some events for those who want to enjoy some time off. Take a kayak trip in Lansing along the Grand River. Enjoy some peanuts and crackerjacks as you take in a Detroit Tigers game. Test your luck and skill against the salmon of Lake Michigan.

If you want to enjoy some low key events, we are right up your alley. Enjoy a walk along the Lansing’s River Trail. Enjoy a game of tennis. Discuss our book club’s latest read. Unwind at one of our Friday Happy Hours. We have something for everybody.

It is said that organizations are as strong as its members. This is where the council and the members play an important role. If you have a question, concerns, or any sort of suggestion, take a council member aside. If you have a suggestion about a future event or would like to know how to run one, take a council member aside.

Along the way there are always going to be hiccups and disagreements. Strength comes in overcoming these issues. Listen to your fellow club members. Do not dismiss things simply because they are new and different. Remember, we as a club are as strong as its members; both the council and the general membership.

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ONGOING EVENTS

TGIF — Please join us for happy hour in August.

We will be outside each week and enjoying the sun!

August 7 and 14 – Reno's East Sports Bar & Grill, 1310 Abbot Road, East Lansing. Please note this is a change. The initial place could not seat our group outdoors. Look for our reserved table.

August 21 and 28 — Smitty's Place, 117 South Bridge Street, Dimondale. They have great happy hour specials on food and drinks. We will have a reserved table.

September 4 and 11 — Waterfront Bar and Grill at 325 City Market Drive, Lansing. If the weather is nice, we will be outdoors. No reserved table.

September 18 and 25 — R Club in Lansing at 6409 Centurion Drive, Lansing.

Linda Lillie is our happy hour coordinator. If you have any suggestions, contact Linda at 290-0189 or LMLillie@gmail.com.

Jug & Mug Book Club -- The Jug & Mug Book Club is a friendly group who get together every six weeks or so to discuss the book we chose at the previous meeting. Our current selection is East Lansing's *One Book One Community* book, **Just Mercy, A Story of Justice and Redemption** by Bryan Stephenson. Stephenson shows how flawed the justice system is by telling the stories of his clients who were wrongly or inhumanely incarcerated.

One Book One Community information can be found at www.onebookeastlansing.com/. Our next meeting will be at Helen Ross's house, 1401 Somerset Close, East Lansing on Sunday, August 9, at 6:00 pm. Bring a snack and your favorite beverage. If you are interested in joining the book club notification list, please contact Helen Ross at 332-5595 or hall_family@hotmail.com.

Walking the River Trail — Join us every Monday and Wednesday at 410 South Cedar, Lansing, at 6:15 pm for a walk on the River Trail. We walk four miles, to Potter Park Zoo and back. You get beneficial exercise and it may help you shed a few of those excess pounds. We consistently see rabbits, deer, geese, and ducks along the way. Summer is slipping away! Put on your walking shoes and join us, laugh with us, and enjoy the outdoors. Call Joanne Creede at 285-4795 or Bonnie Mernitz at 449-6368 with any questions.

Social Tennis — The Jug & Mug members are playing at Lett's Center tennis courts, located on Kalamazoo just west of Martin Luther King Boulevard. Play starts between 5 pm and 5:30 pm on Thursday evenings. After tennis, rehydration takes place at Harry's Bar. If you wish to be on the email list for regular updates, contact Oren Christmas at christmaso@comcast.net or Rich Rybicki at richrybick@yahoo.com.

Sing A Long — Join us on August 25 at the home of Sharolyn Gonzalez, 5520 Saddlewood Drive, Holt, for an uplifting song fest. Arrive anytime after 7:30 pm. You are encouraged, but not required, to bring a beverage and a snack to share. Don't forget your singing voice. Plan on a relaxed "good for the soul" evening filled with music. Contact Sharolyn at 694-14725 with any questions. To volunteer your home for a future Sing A Long, contact Diane West, at westdance@att.net or 810-687-7007.

Singing at Burcham Hills — We will be singing at Burcham Hills on Sunday, August 23, downstairs in the Whitehouse Room at 7:00 pm. Join us; we sing familiar songs and music is provided. It is a pleasant hour and the senior residents love our participation. It is a great opportunity to feel good about helping others. For more information, contact our music coordinator, Diane West, at westdance@att.net or 810-687-7007.

Movie Matinee — Do you enjoy watching the latest movie release? Join an informal group to see all the newest shows on Thursday afternoons at NCG Theatre, Eastwood Towne Center. Joanne Creede will send out an email on Friday (sometimes later) listing the movies and the time, *usually* the last showing prior to 6:00 p.m. Vote for your choice via email and Joanne will send out an email on Wednesday stating the movie choice and the time. We often go out for a meal after the movie. The cost of the movie is \$5; everything else is optional. Contact Joanne at kayjoe@comcast.net to get on the email listing. If you don't have email, you can still attend the movies with us. Call Joanne after 8:00 pm on Wednesday at 285-4795 or 887-0441 to find out the selected movie and viewing time.

August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 TCFF
2 TCFF Kayaking	3 River Trail	4	5 River Trail	6 Tennis Movie Matinee	7 TGIF, Reno's E	8
9	10 River Trail	11 Council Meeting	12 River Trail	13 Tennis Movie Matinee	14 TGIF, Reno's E	15 Dinner & Movie
16	17 River Trail	18 General Meeting	19 River Trail	20 Tennis Movie Matinee	21 TGIF, Smitty's	22 Tiger Baseball
23 Burcham Hills	24 River Trail	25 Sing A Long	26 River Trail	27 Tennis Movie Matinee	28 TGIF, Smitty's	29 Charter Fishing
30	31 River Trail					

SEPTEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 River Trail	3 Tennis Movie Matinee	4 TGIF, Waterfront	5
6	7 Labor Day	8 Council Meeting	9 River Trail	10 Tennis Movie Matinee	11 TGIF, Waterfront	12 Riverwalk Theatre
13	14 River Trail	15 General Meeting	16 River Trail	17 Tennis Movie Matinee	18 TGIF, R-Club	19 Zodiac Party
20	21 River Trail	22 Sing A Long	23 River Trail	24 Tennis Movie Matinee	25 TGIF, R-Club	26
27 Burcham Hills	28 River Trail	29	30 River Trail			

Upcoming Activities

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Tom is fully recovered from his bus "flight" and promises to lead a 'no-rules' badminton contest. Please phone Tom at 517-899-1768 if you plan on attending. Additional details will be provided at the August general meeting.

FALL OUTING, OCTOBER 2-4 Our Fall Outing will be back at our favorite YMCA Camp at Lake Pentalouan on the west coast of Michigan, at Montague, near Lake Michigan. Choose your cabin from one of the 13 (group or private) cabins. Expect a great, fun weekend with our favorite DJ, Tom Beckner, playing the tunes both Friday and Saturday nights. Meals will be provided, and there will be many, many things to do, both with the group, and on your own. This is usually a nice (weather-wise) weekend, and if the weather does cooperate, we will have lots of outdoor activities such as kayaking, canoe races, fishing, beach volleyball, hiking, nighttime campfires, and games. For an extra cost, there are other activities right at the camp, such as a high ropes course, a rock wall, and a zip line. Other activities you can do nearby would be golf, horseback riding, and shopping. If you are interested, on Saturday we have plans to spend the afternoon watching the MSU vs Purdue game at a local big screen tavern. Everyone is looking forward to a huge turnout and participation! Cost \$80/ members, \$85/non-members. For more information, pick up a flyer at the August General Meeting or the Jug & Mug web site or call the chair, Cindee Picklo, at 381-8881.

HALLOWEEN PARTY, OCTOBER 24 Teri Miller is working with Don Theis to host the party in one of his twin barns in Fowler. Save the date, get your costume, and get ready to dance the night away incognito. Final details will be published in the September newsletter.

ALASKAN CRUISE, MAY 29-JUNE 5, 2016 Sign up for a seven nights cruise to see some of the most extraordinary stops along Alaska's Inside Passage and coastline. You'll see glaciers flowing into the sea, forests rising up from the shoreline, and bald eagles soaring gracefully overhead. A naturalist will guide you through the exhilarating natural wonders. Onboard, enjoy spa inspired staterooms and custom blended bath products to help you feel restored and renewed. Complimentary access to the relaxing Persian Garden and exclusive access to the Blu restaurant serving breakfast and dinner. The cruise starts in Vancouver, British Columbia (make sure you have a current passport), sails through the Inside Passage, with stops at Icy Strait Point, Juneau, and Ketchikan, including a cruise past the Hubbard Glacier. The double occupancy cost is \$870 for an inside stateroom, \$1,270 for an Oceanview stateroom, or \$1,670 for a Veranda stateroom. There is limited availability on some staterooms so sign up early. Taxes, fees, and port expenses are included. Airline flights, gratuities and optional port excursions are extra. Some of us are interested in spending a couple days exploring Vancouver prior to the cruise. Information on accommodations for the optional stay in Vancouver and air flights will be presented at the August 18 general meeting. If you want to go on the cruise but don't know what may happen in your life between now and May 2016, you will get all your money back minus a \$30 cancellation fee as long as you cancel by January 19, 2016. Contact Bilky Joda-Miller at bilkyj@yahoo.com or 256-6596 or Joanne Creede at 285-4795, 887-0441, or kayjoe@comcast.net to sign up or with any questions.

Past Activities

THIRSTY THURSDAY, JULY 23 What can I say? It was a great night for a baseball game. The sky was clear and the temperature was just right. Thirteen Jug and Muggers joined me for a Lansing Lugnuts game. We enjoyed a great game as we watched the Lansing Lugnuts beat the Bowling Green Hot Rods 5-0. In addition to \$2 beverages, people enjoyed a variety of food ranging from bratwursts and Greek salads to funnel cakes and root beer floats. Based on the fact that people had a great time, I hope to do this again next year.

Drestes Mavromatis

TRAVERSE CITY FILM FESTIVAL, JULY 28–AUGUST 2 Four days of walking around Traverse City and seeing a number of movies left us tired but happy. So many great films and documentaries. Many good restaurants and other eating establishments. Free music preceded every film, so we had a quantity of entertainment all weekend. So many things to do that we couldn't do it all. But we tried! Join us next year.

*Bilky Joda-Miller and
Joanne Creede*

KAYAK THROUGH LANSING, AUGUST 2

With great weather, 11 club members paddled the Grand River from Moores Park to the City Market. It was a fun-filled time for all. For several, this was their first time to kayak although they had previously canoed. Floating through downtown Lansing was especially enjoyed by all. Following the outing, everyone met on the patio of the Waterfront Bar and Grill. Everyone had a great time with lots of laughter and sharing of stories.

The kayaks were rented from River Town Adventures Kayak and Canoe Rental that is located behind the City Market. They transported the kayaks and participants for a cost of \$15 per person for this 1-1.5 hour trip. Perhaps the 2-2.5 hour trip from the Zoo needs to be considered in the future.

Rich Rybicki

New Member

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Jug & Mug August Birthdays

8/02	Jan Wright
8/04	Tom McRae
8/06	Nita Jones
8/13	Barbara Tanaka
8/31	Rich Rybicki

Free birthday deals: Check it out!
[http://dealseekingmom.com/
birthday-freebies-clubs-specials/](http://dealseekingmom.com/birthday-freebies-clubs-specials/)

August 2015 Summer Events in the Lansing Area

The Lansing area offers many opportunities, often free or a donation, to enjoy music, plays, or other events. A sampling is listed below but there are many more available. Tell us your plans on the Jug & Mug Facebook page or the Jug & Mug Yahoo Group list (jug_and_mug@yahoo.com) and invite others join you.

Date	What	Detail	Time	Where
Aug 1	Summer Concert Series	Greg Nagy	7 pm	Ann Street Plaza, East Lansing
Aug 4	Eastwood Summer Music Series	Brenda Loomis Band	6 pm	Eastwood Towne Center
Aug 5	Lansing Concerts in the Park	Seacruisers	7 pm	Turner Dodge House grounds
Aug 5	St. Johns Concerts in the Park	My Sweet Patootie (Canadian Roots)	7 pm	City Park Performance Shell
Aug 6	Moonlight Film Series	Cinderella (music one hour prior)	9 pm	Valley Court Park, East Lansing
Aug 6	Summer Concert Series	Media Band (80's Classic Rock)	7 pm	Eaton Rapids Amphitheater
Aug 7	Movie in the Park	Finding Nemo	Dusk	Eaton Rapids Amphitheater
Aug 7	Concerts at the Band Shell	Don Middlebrook & Pearl Divers	7 pm	Lake Lansing Park South
Aug 7-8	Lansing Jazz Fest	http://jazzlansing.com/		Old Town, Lansing
Aug 7-9	Great Lakes Folk Festival	http://www.greatlakesfolkfest.net/		Downtown East Lansing
Aug 11	Eastwood Summer Music Series	Don Middlebrook & Pearl Divers	6 pm	Eastwood Towne Center
Aug 12	St. Johns Concerts in the Park	Toppermost (Beatles Tribute Band)	7 pm	City Park Performance Shell
Aug 13	Moonlight Film Series	Pitch Perfect (music an hour prior)	9 pm	Valley Court Park, East Lansing
Aug 13	Grand Ledge Music in the Park	Life Support — Chip Christy	7 pm	Bridge Street Plaza
Aug 13-15	Renegade Theatre Festival	http://www.renegadetheatrefestival.org/		Old Town, Lansing
Aug 14	Movie in the Park	The Goonies	Dusk	Eaton Rapids Amphitheater
Aug 14	Concerts at the Band Shell	Oldies But Goodies	7 pm	Lake Lansing Park South
Aug 14	Turner Street Outdoor Theater	Field of Dreams	9 pm	Old Town, Lansing
Aug 18	Eastwood Summer Music Series	Life Support	6 pm	Eastwood Towne Center
Aug 19	3rd Wednesday Open Mic	Hosted by Jen Sygit	7 pm	Ann Street Plaza, East Lansing
Aug 19	St. Johns Concerts in the Park	Three Men and a Tenor	7 pm	City Park Performance Shell
Aug 20	Summer Concert Series	Jen Sygit & Sam Corbin (Folk)	7 pm	Eaton Rapids Amphitheater
Aug 20	Grand Ledge Music in the Park	Orquesta Ritmo/Charlie Richardson	7 pm	Bridge Street Plaza
Aug 21	Movie in the Park	Toy Story 3	Dusk	Eaton Rapids Amphitheater
Aug 21	Concerts at the Band Shell	Showdown (Classic Rock)	7 pm	Lake Lansing Park South
Aug 22	Tiger's Game with Jug & Mug	Details on page 1 of this publication		
Aug 26	St. Johns Concerts in the Park	Matt King (Elvis Impersonator)	7 pm	City Park Performance Shell
Aug 26	One Book One Community	Film: <i>The House I Live In</i>	7 pm	East Lansing Public Library
Aug 27	Grand Ledge Music in the Park	Three Men and a Tenor/Take Note	7 pm	Bridge Street Plaza
Aug 28	Concerts at the Band Shell	New Rule (Modern)	7 pm	Lake Lansing Park South
Aug 30	One Book One Community	Kick Off— <i>Just Mercy</i> author	7 pm	Hannah Center

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Upcoming Events

August 15	Dinner & a Movie
August 22	Tiger Baseball
August 29	Chartered Fishing Trip
September 12	Dinner/Riverwalk Theatre
September 19	Zodiac Party
October 2-4	Fall Outing
October 17	Dinner & a Movie
October 24	Halloween Party
May 29-June 5	Alaskan Cruise

Join us for the General Meeting at
Trippers
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Metropolitan Detroit Ski & Snowboard Club

YOUR JUG & MUG MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES YOU TO THE BENEFITS OF OTHER SKI/SOCIAL CLUBS. THE WEB SITE (WWW.MDSCSKI.ORG) LISTS CURRENT EVENTS AND AFFILIATED CLUBS. CALL

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FOR MORE INFORMATION.

