

The MACC Numbers for 2010

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This is the tenth annual report on our attendance. All previous reports are available (along with this one) on the web site in the MACC section, at: <http://www.maccracing.org/macc/minutes/>

Last year had the lowest attendance on record. This year was worse. We attribute this mainly to the economic recession, and can probably expect similar turnout next year. (And, as with most of Michigan, we expect recovery and growth after next year.)

MACC Team Attendance and Votes

Table 1 shows the team turnout for 2010 (not counting the Cantor Cup) and the resulting team votes for 2011. The table also includes a column **Reg.** that indicates the number of racers who registered with each team. The total registration is 175. For the third year in a row, everyone who registered is on a team.

It takes 55 racer starts for a team to get a vote, 132 to get two votes, and 330 to get three votes. Note that we're down to 11 teams; the Powderhounds team disappeared.

The total number of votes is 14 (same as last year); the quorum for MACC next year is once again 8 voting members.

Table 2 shows the attendance histories of the current teams since 1992.

Table 1. Team turnout for 2010 and votes for 2011.

Ski Team	Votes	Reg.	Total	Ave	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Ann Arbor	1	15	114	10.4	15	14	13	11	6	7	7	10	12	10	9
GM Ski Club	1	9	55	5	9	9	6	4				7	7	6	7
Jim Dandy	0	3	24	2.2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	1	1
Renegades	1	11	66	6	8	7	7	7	1	3	3	8	9	7	6
Schussmeisters	1	10	58	5.3	9	7	7	6	3	2	2	5	5	7	5
Skiniks	2	16	132	12	14	14	16	16	6	6	6	13	12	14	15
Skiwis	1	17	99	9	13	12	12	11	5	5	5	9	10	8	9
Snow Drifters	1	18	131	11.9	15	15	13	13	4	6	6	15	14	15	15
Team Rust	2	23	158	14.4	20	19	22	20	4	3	4	17	17	14	18
Thunderbirds	2	30	228	20.7	24	23	20	19	15	15	12	25	26	24	25
Toledo	2	23	183	16.6	19	19	21	21	11	11	10	17	17	19	18

Table 2. Average attendance by team since 1992.

Ski Team	1992	1996	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Ann Arbor	16	12	14	13	16	12	9	8	10	10	10	9	12	11	10
GM Ski Club	43	24	17	14	9	6	5	6	3	5	4	5	6	7	5
Jim Dandy	11	11	11	14	11	12	12	7	3	5	11	7	5	4	2
Renegades									6	12	11	10	9	6	6
Schussmeisters	33	35	40	41	33	35	32	27	23	18	13	15	16	9	5
Skiniks	24	18	13	12	14	14	15	12	16	14	11	11	11	13	12
Skiwis	8	6	9	15	26	23	21	17	14	13	15	17	16	17	9
Snow Drifters	7	10	8	8	13	16	19	19	18	12	10	12	13	9	12
Team Rust	27	15	19	17	15	13	12	11	10	11	14	16	17	12	14
Thunderbirds	31	33	29	31	25	25	26	28	19	27	31	28	23	22	21
Toledo	7			11	13	13	13	15	13	20	22	16	19	17	17

Turnout per Race

Table 3 shows our turnout for each year since 1992 (except 1995—no files). Searchmont numbers are shown in italics starting in 1996. The averages in the column “Boyne” do not include Searchmont or the Cantor Cup. The averages in the column “Ave” do not include the Cantor Cup for years after 1998. These numbers do include guest racers.

Table 3. Turnout per race.

Year	Ave	Boyne	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1992	286	312	360	353	316	320	203	204	299	297	246	286	267		
1993	256	284	333	339	275	278	208	195	209	205	247	236	237	288	272
1994	262	287	304	293	298	292	282	269	191	214	212	232	286	268	
1996	209	236	280	275	226	221	206	207	<i>129</i>	<i>153</i>	<i>142</i>	200	240	234	
1997	212	250	254		253	261	255	259	<i>129</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>122</i>	204	244	229	
1998	191	212	230	221	221	220	198	208	<i>138</i>	<i>142</i>	<i>136</i>	178	213	190	
1999	203	226	245	230	225	210	214	226	<i>153</i>	<i>158</i>	<i>152</i>	194	229	?	
2000	187	222*	238	221	227	226	217	203	<i>143</i>	<i>134</i>	<i>133</i>	143	179	108	
2001	185	203	231	218	220	220	187	198	<i>140</i>	<i>147</i>	<i>128</i>	158	193	144	
2002	176	210*	225	210	227	211	<i>117</i>	<i>128</i>	<i>126</i>	196	188	156	150	?	
2003	165	182	201	200	194	195	<i>114</i>	<i>121</i>	<i>123</i>	176	163	149	181	123	
2004	162	184	192	183	170	179	<i>104</i>	<i>112</i>	<i>112</i>	193	190		182	100	
2005	162	182	201	197	175	174	189	183	<i>100</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>114</i>	157	179	92	
2006	175	197	217	205	201	199	<i>117</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>116</i>	206	204	163	183	103	
2007	160	178	179	173	189	180	<i>111</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>113</i>	191	165	168	181	109	
2008	167	194	195	183	202	196	<i>95</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>94</i>	216	201	170	187	105	
2009	134	156	174	158	164	155	<i>74</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>75</i>	161	156	135	144	83	
2010	120	143	158	154	146	131	<i>57</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>58</i>	139	139	132	147	114	

*Average of first 6 Boyne 2000 / 2002 races (normal weather).

In most years prior to this one, the turnout at Searchmont was between 60% and 75% of the turnout at Boyne. For example, in 2001, the average turnout at Boyne was 203 and the peak day at Searchmont was 147 ($147/203 = 72\%$). In 2009, the Searchmont turnout was the lowest to date, $78/156 = 50\%$. The 2010 turnout was even lower: $60/143 = 42\%$.

On the other hand, turnout for the Sunday Cantor Cup was the best it's been since it was started in 1999. For example, last year we had $83/156 = 53\%$ of our regular Boyne turnout. This year, it was $114/143 = 80\%$.

Courses and Classes

Table 4 shows the attendance for the courses. Course 2 had as many as 58 racers, course 3 had as few as 16 racers.

Table 4. Course attendance in 2010.

Course	Reg.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	50	43	48	39	35	35	26	37	41	40	39	35	59
2	58	54	49	52	46	22	15	21	48	49	44	56	57
3	26	23	22	22	20		19		16	16	24	24	
4	41	38	35	35	30				34	34	27	32	

Although everyone participating in the program seems to like the current schedule (10 a.m., 12:30 p.m.), it was sometimes a struggle to provide enough workers for four courses. If we change to a 3-course program (10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m.), we would have about 50 racers per course and would be able to schedule workers more easily. Also, a three-course schedule would allow us to use either hill at Boyne (north or south) for any race.

Table 5 shows the attendance for each of our 21 classes. Recall from Table 3 that our total attendance per race averages 143 for the 8 races at Boyne (column **Boyne**) and 120 when the Searchmont races are included (**Ave**). All 175 of our registered racers are placed in classes, with the number of registrations per class shown (**Reg.**).

Table 5. Attendance by class in 2010.

Class	Ave	Boyne	Reg.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Elite	4.6	5.8	9	4	5	7	6	1	2	2	7	8	5	4
Elite-1 Men	6.3	8	7	8	10	7	6	1	2	2	10	8	7	8
Elite-1 Men (Vet)	9.8	11.4	16	14	15	11	11	5	6	6	9	8	14	9
Elite-2 Men	8.1	9	10	10	9	8	7	6	6	5	8	8	9	13
Elite-2 Men (Vet)	11.8	13.6	16	16	14	14	13	7	7	7	12	12	13	15
A Men	6.2	7	8	8	7	8	7	4	4	4	7	6	6	7
A Men (Vet)	8.5	10.5	13	11	11	10	10	4	3	3	12	12	9	9
<i>A Men (Supervet)</i>	1.7	2.4	4	4	4	3	2				1		3	2
B Men	7.5	9	11	9	9	9	8	3	3	4	6	8	10	13
B Men (Supervet)	7.8	9.3	11	10	9	10	10	4	4	4	9	8	9	9
C Men	5.2	6	7	6	6	6	6	3	3	3	7	7	5	5
C Men (Supervet)	5.0	5.9	7	6	5	6	6	3	3	2	6	6	6	6
D Men	2.8	3.5	3	4	4	4	3	1	1	1	3	3	4	3
<i>D Men (Supervet)</i>	3.0	3.4	5	3	3	4	4	2	2	2	4	3	3	3
Elite-1 Women	5.5	7.6	11	7	7	9	8				9	7	6	8
Elite-2 Women	5.8	7	7	10	11	4	4	3	3	2	6	8	7	6
A Women	3.7	4.1	5	2	3	4	4	2	3	3	4	6	3	7
A Women (Vet)	4.5	5.3	6	7	5	7	4	2	2	3	5	5	4	5
B Women	2.6	3.6	6	3	3	3	3				4	4	3	6
C Women	3.9	4.4	5	6	4	5	4	3	3	2	5	5	3	3
D Women	5.5	6.4	8	10	10	7	4	3	3	3	5	6	3	6

Classes are shown in the table with groups of men or women's classes with the same handicaps. For example, the A Men group has three age-based classes that cover the same handicap range.

Any class with a turnout of 3 or less on a race day was a "finish and win a prize" class on that day. If the number was 1 or blank, it was a "show up and win" class.

The class with the smallest turnout is SVAM (for four races, not a single member of the class showed up; the second-place world cup trophy went to a racer who only made two weekends; the third-place trophy went to a racer who only made one weekend. Classes DM and SVDM had small turnouts, with a combined average attendance under 7 at Boyne and under 6 when Searchmont attendance is included.

Table 6 shows class attendance for most years, going back to 1992. Comparing recent attendance numbers to those prior to 2000, we see a big drop in open-age classes D-B, with more sustained numbers in existing elite, vet, and supervet classes. However, in the past few years, our supervet attendance has been dropping, especially in SVD. Although we did change the age from 50 to 60 this year, the main cause seems to be simply that the oldest racers are dropping out (Edgar is almost 90!) and not being replaced.

Table 6. Class attendance since 1992.

Class	1992	1996	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Open Elite												7	9	5	5
E1 Men	16	17	16	18	12	14	13	14	16	12	15	10	11	5	6
E1 Men (Vet)	14*	16*	11	11	11	13	14	13	17	12	12	12	13	12	10
E2 Men	16	11	11	10	11	9	9	7	8	9	11	12	11	9	8
E2 Men (Vet)			12	15	12	14	11	13	16	15	15	16	13	14	12
A Men	17	7	11	13	10	6		8	8	6	8	5	9	8	6
A Men (Vet)	11	12	9	8	8	9	14*	10	7	9	10	8	9	6	9
A Men (SV)								4	2	4	5	4	4	5	2
B Men	24	6	7	11	9	9	9	5	4	6	6	7	4	3	8
B Men (Vet)	28	22*	12	10	10	13	14	10	6	4	7	7	9	5	
B Men (SV)	6	9	12	12	8	10	9	8	8	12	11	9	11	11	8
C Men	34*	19*	23*	19*	13*	9	9	7	8	7	8	6	4	5	5
C Men (SV)	8	7		9	11	8	8	7	7	5	8	9	7	7	5
D Men	27*	15*	13	6*	9*	11*	10*	9	6	4	6	5	6	5	3
D Men (SV)	9	15	13	10	9	10	9	10	10	10	10	5	3	4	3
E1 Women	7*	6*	7*	5	5	4	4	4	5	6	9	9	10	6	6
E2 Women				6	4	6	4	4	6	7	10	10	10	6	6
A Women	9*	9*	8*	11*	13*	14*	6	3	3	4	2	2	2	6	4
A Women (V)							8	8	9	6	5	5	6	2	5
B Women	16*	14*	11	10	8	8	5	5	5	3	3	1	5	3	3
C Women	22*	13*	8	11	12	7	7	6	4	4	5	3	4	4	4
D Women	19*	12	6	10	6	8	6	5	2	4	7	6	5	6	6

*Number includes classes that do not match this year's age groups.

In 1992, 19% of the racers were in one of the four elite classes that existed then. Over the years, the distribution has shifted; this year, 43% of the racers are in one of our seven current elite classes.

With the current classes, 21% of racers are in one of the five 'A' classes, and 36% are in the remaining nine D-B classes. With our existing ability definitions, a uniform distribution would be obtained with 9 elite classes, 4 'A' classes, and 8 classes for the rest.