

The MACC Numbers for 2009

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This year had the lowest attendance on record. We attribute this mainly to the economic recession. Another minor factor is that the GSPS club (also known as the UM race team) racers went back to college racing in USCSA, for a loss of about 7 racers per race.

MACC Team Attendance and Votes

Table 1 shows the team turnout for 2009 (not counting the Cantor Cup) and the resulting team votes for 2010. The table also includes a column **Reg.** that indicates the number of racers who registered with each team. The total indicate that the average turnout was 130 racers out of 206 registered racers (63% turnout).

Table 1. Turnout for 2009 and votes for 2010.

Ski Club	Votes	Total	Reg.	Ave	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Ann Arbor	1	125	20	11.4	16	16	12	12	9	10	7	14	12	8	9
GM Ski Club	1	72	10	6.5	8	8	9	9	1	1	1	10	8	8	9
Jim Dandy	0	46	9	4.2	6	5	6	6	2	2	2	5	5	3	4
Powderhounds	0	26	6	2.4	4	4	4	4				3	2	2	3
Renegades	1	68	12	6.2	11	6	8	7	2	3	4	7	7	7	6
Schussmeisters	1	101	17	9.2	13	12	9	9	6	7	7	11	10	8	9
Skiniks	2	138	19	12.5	17	16	16	16	6	6	6	15	15	12	13
Skiwis	2	189	26	17.2	21	21	19	18	13	13	13	20	20	14	17
Snow Drifters	1	101	14	9.2	11	11	13	12	3	3	3	11	11	11	12
Team Rust	1	131	19	11.9	17	18	17	15	2	3	3	14	14	14	14
Thunderbirds	2	242	32	22.0	23	22	26	29	16	15	15	25	23	24	24
Toledo	2	184	22	16.7	18	17	18	18	14	13	12	18	18	18	20

The total number of votes is now 14, lowering the quorum for MACC next year to 8 voting members.

It takes 55 racer starts to get a vote, 132 to get two votes, and 330 to get three votes. Several teams went from 2 votes to one vote: Ann Arbor, Schussmeisters, Snow Drifters, and Team Rust. Jim Dandy and Powderhounds remain without votes, and Powderhounds are close to being a non-team.

For the second year in a row, there were no unassigned racer starts. Everyone who raced is on a team.

Table 2 shows the attendance histories of the clubs since 1992.

Last year the number of racers at Searchmont dropped relative to the Boyne turnout. Two contributing factors were the weather (terrible driving conditions) and Canadian currency exchange rate (more expensive). This year, the turnout was again low, even though the driving conditions were great and the prices were significantly lower. The main cause is thought to be cost, combined with the economy.

Classes

Error! Reference source not found. shows our attendance this year by class for each race (the first 11). We had relatively good turnout in the non-elite classes, with low turnout in the young elite classes and the open elite. (Part of this low turnout was due to an unusual number of pre-season injuries.) For comparison with other years, see Table 5 on page 4.

Table 2. Average attendance by team since 1992.

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

Table 3. Attendance by class in 2009.

Class	Reg.	Ave	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
A Men	11	7.7	7	6	8	8	7	7	7	9	9	8	9
A Women	10	6.1	5	6	6	7	5	5	5	9	8	4	7
B Men	5	3.0	4	4	5	5	1	1	1	2	2	4	4
B Women	5	2.8	4	3	4	4	1	1	1	3	3	3	4
C Men	7	4.5	6	6	5	5	2	2	2	5	4	6	7
C Women	7	3.6	7	5	5	5	2	2	2	4	3	2	3
D Men	6	4.5	9	5	6	6	3	3	2	5	4	3	4
D Women	10	5.8	4	4	8	8	6	6	5	8	7	4	4
Elite	7	4.9	6	7	7	5	2	2	2	8	6	5	4
Elite-1 Men	9	5.0	6	6	7	7	1	1	1	7	7	7	5
Elite-1 Women	8	5.5	7	8	8	7		3	3	6	6	7	6
Elite-2 Men	14	9.0	13	11	12	9	5	4	4	12	11	8	10
Elite-2 Women	8	6.0	8	7	8	7	2	2	2	9	8	6	7
Supervet-A Men	7	5.2	8	6	5	4	4	4	4	5	6	6	5
Supervet-B Men	16	11.1	13	12	12	11	8	7	7	14	13	12	13
Supervet-C Men	9	6.7	9	9	9	9	5	5	5	7	9	3	4
Supervet-D Men	7	3.5	7	5	6	6				3	3	4	4
Vet-A Men	10	6.1	11	11	8	8	1	1	1	6	6	7	7
Vet-A Women	3	2.0	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Vet-B Men	7	4.5	6	5	7	6	2	2	2	5	5	4	6
Vet Elite-1 Men	17	11.7	15	14	12	12	9	9	8	14	13	11	12
Vet Elite-2 Men	24	13.7	16	16	14	14	7	7	7	17	18	18	17

Note that we have 39 registered supervet men. Our database shows that next year we will have 37 racers who are 60 or older. Ten of them are already over 70, and some have commented about the irony of racing with 50-year old “youngsters” in an age-based category.

Last year our median age was 51. Our definitions of “vet” and “supervet” were created decades ago when the median age was much lower. The original “vet” age of 35 was increased to 40 and (I think) the original supervet age was bumped from 45 to 50. There have been suggestions for increasing the ages for

supervet classes.

If we increase the age, not many racers are affected:

1. There are three supervet racers who will be under 55 next year.
2. There are five more supervet racers who will be under 60 next year.

In the past, when we've increased the age for a class, we have allowed existing racers to "grandfather" in to maintain the camaraderie of racing with the same group from year to year. I suggest we do the same thing for 2010, with the condition that a racer must have participated in a class for at least a year to qualify for staying. Two of the under-55 racers will not qualify for the grandfather condition (one is eligible a downgrade and wants to take it; another upgraded in mid-season), which means the total number of under-60 supervet racer would be limited to six.

More Data for 2009

Table 4 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 4. 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	

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

In the previous season (2008) our numbers were relatively high. We had the GSPS team, plus a record number of guest racers. We had record numbers of elite men and women.

Table 5 shows how the numbers in each class have changed since 1992. Up though 2008, we have gained elite racers, kept super-vet racers, but lost intermediate young and vet racers. However, in 2009 we lost many of the younger elite racers, open elite, and vet-B men. We've kept the vet elites, the supervets, and most of the non-elite racers. There was a shifting of women from VAW to AW this year, due to the preference for racing on FIS rather than Super Bowl.

Table 5. Class attendance since 1992.

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

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

Table 6 shows the attendance for the courses. The numbers in the **Reg** column apply for the end of the year, after we moved E2W from course 2 to course 1.

Table 6. Course attendance in 2009.

Course	Reg.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	49	34	35	34	31	40	48	47	44	40	36	34	34
2	59	49	46	49	45	34	30	28	47	47	38	43	50
3	48	46	40	39	39				35	36	36	38	
4	51	46	37	43	43				35	33	25	30	