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Great Lakers

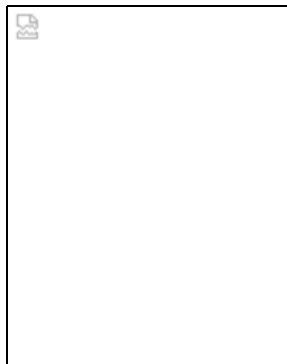


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America's Oldest and Largest
Regional GMC Club!



Frank Griffin President

2007 GMC Great Lakers

Upcoming Rallies

32nd Birthday Rally
Shipshewana, IN
May 15, 16 & 17

Stratford on Avon Rally
Stratford, ONT, CA
June 12, 13 & 14

Frankly Speaking...

Hi from Warm Sunny Florida. The bad part of the statement is that by the time you get this newsletter we will be back in Cold snowy Michigan.

Hope that you all had as good a winter as possible with the snow. Seems like there was snow every day in Michigan.

Not doing much right now except Flea Markets and trips to the beach. Caught a couple of stingrays and blowfish at the pier at the RV Park, but nothing edible.

Had a wonderful 7-day cruise with 22 members of the Great Laker. The cruise was great and the company was wonderful especially having Orville & Betty Gibbs being able to attend.

Hope to put up a pole barn this spring. Then I can get the coach inside to work on it. That will be a change!

Hope to see you all at the GMC Great Lakers 32th Birthday Rally, May 16, 17 & 18 and then go to the G.L.A.S.S. Rally. You can come early and stay late for \$15 per night. At current prices for gas you might consider a longer stay once you get there. Come and have a "Great Time".

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Frank

GMC Great Lakers MHC 2008 Florida Winter Rally

Manatee Hammock, Titusville, Florida

The early morning of February 10th saw eight Greatlaker couples, the Frahms, Fishers, Griffin & Barb, Olmsteds, Scarletts, Skalskis, Waltons and Wrights board a bus at the campground and travel to Port Canaveral to board the Royal Caribbean cruise ship, "Mariner of the Sea". We were joined by three other Greatlaker couples that traveled to the Port by other means the Dohms, Gibbs and Millesons. Dick Milleson showed up in hippie disguise that was a complete surprise to everyone.

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Winter Rally Cont.

We spent seven day and nights cruising the Western Caribbean with lots food, camaraderie, food, tours, foo evening entertainment, food and swimming in the pool along with relaxing in the hot tub.

Five of the Great Laker couples were first-timers on the cruise circuit. Each couple said they would be willin to take another cruise.

Back in Manatee Hammock we were joined by the Dixons, Breitmeyer & Jan while Schoenfield and Homric dropped in for a visit. Dottie & Worth Harmon came in the last week of the rally

Several birthdays were celebrated, at the campground, Barb Rhodes & Dale Frahms. While aboard ship, D. Milleson & John Walton was serenaded by the waiters, staff and of course the Great Lakers.

The Super Bowl was celebrated outdoors at the Skalski's with chili, cheese & crackers while Frank & Barb sponsored a couple of strawberry & ice cream socials.

Some of the favorite restaurants are visited annually such as: Corky Bells, Dixie Crossroads, Aunt Catfish a Pumpnickels, while other activities include two Space Launches & Returns; bird & alligator watching; ar crafts festival; quilting forays; flea-markets and a War bird air show.

Everyone is eagerly awaiting the fish dinner that John Wright and Frank Griffin hope to catch and prepare Good luck. Meanwhile Corky Bells wins out, again.

John & Jan Wright hosted a goodbye dinner for the group. The group enjoyed home made sloppy Joes, potatoes salad along with macaroni and finished up with ice cream. Dottie and Worth Harmon hosted a hamburger picnic dinner the last night before they left.

It seems that everyone has enjoyed themselves well enough to signed-up for next year. Won't you join us?

2008 G.L.A.S.S. Rally, May 22 thru 26

Berrien Spring, MI

The Glass rally is the 22nd to the 26th of May this year. The reservation form is in the April FMCA Magazine on page 121 or go to www.GLASSRally.org. Our club will again serve the Sunday night meal. That is one of the optional meals so you have to have a ticket in order to eat. You do not have to eat to be able to work. I am going over on Wednesday the 21st. They are pretty good about parking us together. I just need an idea of how many are coming so the spaces are saved for us. It helps if members can notify me by phone (269-683-2146) e-mail (atlastaplace@sbcglobal.net) if they are coming. We have a lot of fun at this rally and the entertainment is usually very good.

Sunshine & Clouds

Jim Knowles of Shippshewana, IN a fairly recent member passed away in early February.

32nd Anniversary Birthday Rally Centreville, IN

May 15, 16 & 17th

The Executive committee hosts Frank Griffin, Lee Skalske, Bill Helmore, Richard Wilson, Ray Eskau, Dan Dick McCoy invite all club members to attend the 32nd Anniversary Birthday Rally at Centreville, MI. The St. Joseph County Fairgrounds has 600 campsites with electric and water at all sites and two dump stations at each end of the campground. There are restrooms and showers. One was completed just two years ago will be in a nice building with a kitchen and restrooms. There will be plenty of room for card playing and other activity.

Just north of Centreville, in the city of Kalamazoo, MI is the Air Museum with a flight simulator and lots of interesting Aircraft to see and things to do. In the Gull Lake area is the Gilmore Car Museum that is loaded with antique cars, a place that you will not want to miss. Just a short drive to the south is Shippshewana and the largest flea market in the US. Lots of shops, places to eat and Crafts and Antique- gift stores etc. You might come to the Rally early and tour all the bargain stores as well.

Friday morning we'll start off with the Great Lakers Continental breakfast. Then the day will be yours to roam the area of your choice. Lunch and dinner will be on your own.

Saturday morning will feature pancake breakfast with sausage, scrambled eggs served by the local Boy Scout Troop.

Coffee & orange juice will also be served in building #32.

Saturday evening dinner will be catered by the local Lions Club. The menu will feature: Roast Pig – cheese potatoes – baked beans – slaw – cauliflower & broccoli salad – hot rolls & butter and for dessert – apple and pie. All the food you want with coffee – lemonade or bottled water. Dinner will be in building #32.

We have ordered nice weather so every one can have a good time. Looking forward to seeing you at Centreville. Please, if you have health problems mark your registration as handicapped. You do not have to have a hand sticker for a Great Lakers rally.

Return the White entry form for this rally. Early Arrivals are more than welcome. Reservations must be received by May 5, 2008.

Directions: From the north using US131 go south toward Three Rivers, make left turn at the north end of to N. Main St. (same as M86 east) Eagle Auto Parts will be on your right. This street will run into S. Main St a M86 East. Follow M86 to Centreville, stay on M86 thru town. The fairgrounds will be on the right about 3 blocks past the Shell gas station. Turn right into fairground main entry.

From the south on US131 or Indiana 13 go north thru Constantine towards Three Rivers. After you see the Three Rivers city limits sign, the first stoplight will be Broadway and Home Depot will be on your right. Turn right on Broadway and go about 1/2 mile or so the first stoplight you come to (Main St/M86 east) and turn right. From North or South on M66, from M60 go south on M66 for about 6 miles, M86 will turn right (west). If you are coming from Sturgis, go about 8 miles on M66 then turn left on M86. Go west about 5 miles to Centreville. As you enter the town limits the road will become a 4-lane street. Stay in the left lane, entry will be on your left.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE LOCATION, LOG ONTO:

www.centrevillefair.com

[Click here for Registration Form](#)

Stratford on Avon RALLY June 12, 13 & 14

The Stratford on Avon Rally will begin Thursday afternoon, June 12 thru Sunday morning, June 15, 2008. It will be at the Wildwood Conservation Area campground.

The Campground has advised us that 40 sites have been reserved in Area C for GMC Great Lakers for the above dates, but you pay the campground when you arrive. (If you want to add other nights, reserve them by calling campground at 1-866-668-2267.)

Each site will cost \$33.00 per night (30 amps) plus a \$10.00 reservation fee (in Canadian dollars.)

During this time period, you can see Romeo and Juliet, Cabaret, Hamlet, Music Man, Trojan Women, Tami of the Shrew and Love's Labor Lost. We are suggesting a Saturday June 14, 2008, 2 p.m. performance of Hamlet at the Festival Theatre so that much of our group can enjoy the same play, but you may prefer another. We are asking you to contact the Shakespeare Festival box office directly at 1-800-567-1600 to order your ticket(s). Call as soon as you can, as prices are subject to change; they run from \$89 for A+ seats, to \$79.24 for A seats, to \$59.43 for B seats, etc. (in Canadian dollars.)

Keep Saturday night open for a restaurant buffet dinner and group meeting at 5:30 p.m.

(You can also view "Art in the Park" at Lakeside Drive and Front St. every Wed., Saturday and Sunday in Stratford. There is also a Farmers Market in the town of St. Mary's from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, about 3 miles from camp.)

Note: At this time, you should have a picture driver's license and a birth certificate OR a U.S. Passport to go into Canada and back into the U.S. If you are a non-citizen living in the United States, you must show your permanent Resident Card (green card) as proof of residence. If you have questions, call 1-800-973-2867 for particulars. (The Detroit/Windsor tunnel phone number is (313) 393-3793; the Ambassador Bridge phone number is (313) 226-3161 can also answer more timely questions.) If you want to bring your pet, you must

produce updated shot records for border crossings.

Please bring your tow car, as we will have to ferry people back and forth to Stratford and to the restaurant. The fee to cover the restaurant meal, breakfast doughnuts, juice, coffee, napkins, replenishment of kitchen trailer supplies, etc. is \$25.00 for each person in the coach. This will be your reservation to the rally.

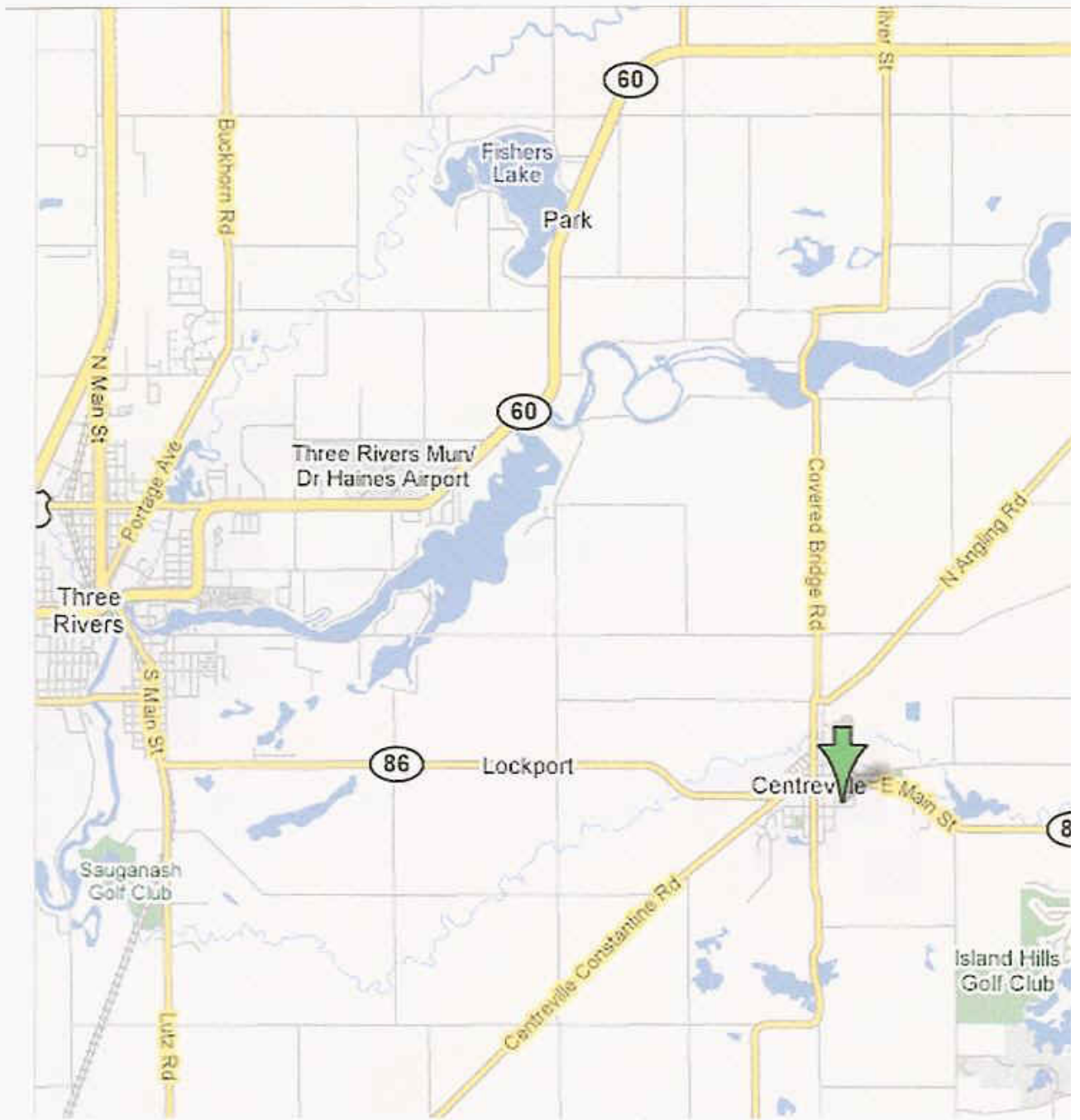
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Please return the “Pink” Registration Form for

By May 16, 2008

DIRECTIONS TO STRATFORD RALLY

Take 402 East from Blue Water Bridge at Port Huron/Sarnia. Go approximately 40 mile to Exit 65 (Strathroy). Then go North on 81, about 5 miles to Route 19. Turn right and go through the town of Nairn to Ailsa Craig. Turn right (east) on 7. Continue to Wildwood Conservation Area, approximately 33 miles. Wildwood is on the right. We are camping in Area C.



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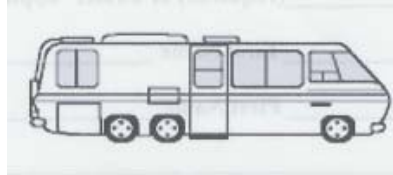
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GMC GREAT LAKERS MOTORHOME CLUB, INC.

Rally Schedules

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club 2007 Rally Schedule

May 15, 16 & 17	32 th Birthday Party Rally	Centreville, MI	Executive Committee
June 12, 13 & 14	Stratford on the Avon	Stratford, Ont. CAN	The Gomper's
July 17, 18 & 19	Dulcimer Festival	Ewart, MI	The Olmsted's
August 21, 22 & 23	Baylor Beach Park Rally	Navarre, OH	The Mauger's
September 11, 12 & 13	Remax Balloon Festival Rally	Midland, MI	The Wright's
October 10, 11 & 12	Men's Salvage Mart Rally	Elkhart, IN	The McLeods

Rally Refund Policy

If you have paid your fees for a rally that you had planned to attend but decide to cancel you must call the rally host a minimum of 7 days before the rally's listed start date. Any cancellations after the cutoff date will be prorated for nonrefundable fees. (8/2003)

Other Rally's and Meet's of Interest for the Year 2007

May 22 thru 26	G.L.A.S.S. Rally	Berrien Springs Fair Grounds	Berrien Springs, MI
July 14 thru 17	FMCA 80 th Convention	Minnesota State Fair	St. Paul, MN
Sept. 28 thru Oct. 4	GMCMI Fall Convention	Delaware State Fair Grounds	Harrington, DE

Note: If you have other rallies and meets of interest for the year 2008, please forward them to the Publisher.

GMC GreatLakers is published for its members 7 times per season. Should you not receive your newsletter please contact the publisher.

Treasurer's Report

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.

March 31, 2008

RECEIPTS

Account Balance Transferred:	\$ 13,941.10
Income	195.00
Total Receipts	13,146.10
We had expenses of	100.00
Account Balance	
March 1, 2008	\$ 14,009.10

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Club Jackets

Ed & Judy Dohm will take orders for the new style Club jacket. The color scheme is cranberry and gray. Call them at 269-683-2146 or see them at the club rallies. They have recently found a new supplier for the jackets.

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