

# GMC Great Lakers



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America's Oldest and Largest  
Regional GMC Club for  
Preservation of the GMC  
Motorhome!



## Bill's Blog!.....

Well the snow has finally melted and the grass is turning green and I am looking forward to the Great Lakers 34th camping season that gets underway with the Birthday rally fairgrounds in Cassopolis, MI, (see rally information later in this issue). Since together there has been an addition to my household in the form of a Shih Tzu Charlie and we brought him home from the County shelter last October. He is attending a training class, more for me than him as this is my first dog. Look for me at each rally.

I was not able to attend the International rally in Alabama as my father had surgery on Friday before the rally began. He is recovering at home and is doing well.

In the meantime, happy GMC'ing.

## Bill

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**Bill Helmore  
President 2009  
GMC Great Lakers**

### Upcoming Rallies

**GMC GreatLaker Birthday Rally**  
May 15, 16 & 17, 2009

Cassopolis, MI

Car Show Rally  
June 5, 6 & 7  
Lancaster, OH

## **GMC GLMHC 2009 Florida Winter Rally**

**Manatee Hammock, Titusville, Florida**

It seemed that the winter weather followed us down from Michigan and Ohio this year. We never really got out of the cold until we arrived at Manatee Hammock. The month of January was very cool with some night at or below freezing this year. Early February was cool and a somewhat warm at times and it finally warmed up to normal temps in late February.

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### **Winter Rally Cont.**

We were joined at Manatee Hammock by the Frahm's, Frank Griffin & Barb Rhodes, Walton's, Wilson's, Scarlett's & Skalski's. John & Millie Juskevics visited for a few weeks in March and John Schoenfield dropped in for several visits. Several non-club members GMC made short stays at the park.

Several birthdays were celebrated, at the campground, Barb Rhodes, Walt Scarlett, John Walton, Kathy Wilson & Dale Frahm.

The Super Bowl was celebrated outdoors with a cookout at the Frahm's with Max & Mert Parady coming over from Lakeland to visit for the day. The group ate well this year as we had many cookouts including hot dogs, hamburger, Lamb and a Lasagna dinner.

Some of the favorite restaurants are visited annually such as: Corky Bells, Dixie Crossroads, Molly's and Pumpnickels, while other activities include Four Space Launches, one shuttle and 3 satellite launches, bird & alligator watching; arts & crafts festival; quilting forays; flea-markets (bought lots of Flea's) and War Bird Air Show.

John Wright and Frank Griffin actually caught a few real fish this year but not enough to provide that fish dinner to the group so Dixie Crossroads wins out, again.

Dale Frahm and his dog Buster get this year Crash and Burn award. Dale was taking Buster for his afternoon run where Buster pulls Dale on the bicycle around the park. It seems that Buster made a left turn when Dale made a right turn and dumped Dale to the ground. Buster was just fine but Dale ended up with 13 stitches and great looking black eye, pictures are available!

In years past the GMCGL used to have a good number of coaches at Manatee Hammock during the winter months. We would like to extend an open invitation to come and stay for visit next year at the GMC Great

Lakers Winter Rally. Won't you join us? Contact us for further Information.

**John & Jan Wright**

## **2009 G.L.A.S.S. Rally, May 21 th**

**Berrien Spring, MI**

The Glass rally is the 21st to the 24th of May this year. The reservation forms is in the April FMCA Magazine on page 85 or go to [www.GLASSRally.org](http://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 20th. 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) or e-mail ([atlastaplace@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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**

**Don Fisher** of Lisle, IL passed away March 2, 2009. He and his wife, Diane, were surrounded by the love of their son Donny, Don's sister Gloria and a nephew Allan.

**Barb Devries** was hospitalized for pneumonia in March spending 9 days before being released.

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# 33rd Anniversary Birthday Rally

May 15, 16 & 17th  
Return White Registration Form for

The GMC Great Lakers 33rd Anniversary Rally will place at the Fair Grounds on May 17 hosted by The Board of Executives. You may come early and for those following weekend may chose to remain for 2 or 3 more nights.

Bring your GMC Pinewood Derby as we plane to hold the Derby on Saturday with BBQ pork on a bun with cole slaw and potato salad. Saturday evening we will have dressing, tossed salad, green beans, dinner rolls and the Clubs Birthday Celebration. On Sunday we will have our breakfast with coffee cake, coffee, tea or hot chocolate.

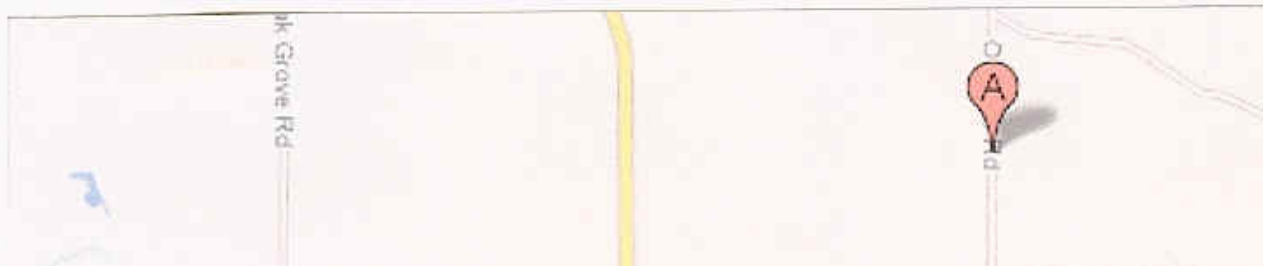
After the Friday evening dinner there will be an ice-cream social sponsored by our departed husband, Don.

The rally fee includes two nights camping and the meals stated above. The site is available and there is a dump station. There are also a few restrooms and showers.

General directions are to go to the spot on the Michigan map where M-62 and M-60 intersect. We will have the GMC signs up. Two blocks east of the M-62 and M-60 intersection on O'Keefe St. Turn North!! The fairgrounds are about three long city blocks north of the road. Go to the drive just PAST the fairgrounds sign and turn right. You will see the fairgrounds road.

If you are coming from the east side of the state, take highway 131 to the intersection of M-60 towards Niles. When you get to Cassopolis, you will go past McDonald's on the left and then you will see an Arby's on the left corner of O'Keefe Street. The fairgrounds are about three long city blocks out and are on the right hand side of the road. Go to the fairgrounds sign and turn right. You will not be able to see the coaches from this location.

For GPS users the address of the fairgrounds is: 59632 O'Keefe Rd., Cassopolis, MI 48812



# Old Car Show Rally, Lancaster,

June 5, 6 & 7th

Host Committee members Steve and Amy Harman, Worth and Dottie Harman, Gary : Halley invite you to the Lancaster, Ohio Old Car Club Rally. You should have already

Rally with the Old Car Show program enclosed. Call one of the Harman's i Lancaster is 30 miles south east of Columbus, and is the seat of Fairfield County whe the edge of the Appalachian hill country in an area with lots of unique history and in buildings: The home of General William T. Sherman, of Civil War fame, the Georgia Design," Mumaugh House, built in 1808, said to be the oldest brick structure in Ohio, in what is called "Square 13." There are antique shops, the Decorative Arts Cente restaurants as well as large shopping malls in or close to the town. Lancaster began a Hocking River given to Ebenezer Zane in payment for blazing a trail from Pittsburg, P during the late 18th century. Standing Stone, as the Indians called it, known as Mou fairground where we will be parked. US routes 33 and 22, and Ohio Routes 158, 188 information will be provided in your packets.

You may arrive as early as June 3rd, but the Car Show activity will be June 6 & 7. T Friday June 5 and Saturday June 6, breakfast for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morn and Saturday. See Registration Form for Cost. Friday evening's banquet (chicken) w eight miles north on Ohio Route 158. There will be entertainment

DIRECTIONS: The Fairgrounds is in the city of Lancaster and is located on Fair Ave US 33 take business 33 to Fair Avenue, turn left (east); from the south on business US The Fairground entrance will be on the left in about two blocks. Or from I-70 take O Fair Avenue in Lancaster and turn left (east). The Entrance will be on your left in a ha from I-70 turn right (west) on Fair Avenue and the entrance will be in a half block. O of Main Street hill turn north on Broad Street. Broad Street goes into the Fairground bank on the right) and enter the center of the racetrack at its northwest entrance. (The

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2009 Membership Directory Addendum



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## **Pinewood Derby at Birthday Rally!**

**Be sure and bring your Pinewood Derby GMC to the rally and we will be racing!**  
This years rules are shown below.



## GMC Derby Races at the Birthday Rally

### 2009 GMC Motorhome – Pinewood Derby Rule

**Specifications:** Wood block – size  $2\frac{3}{4}$  X  $2\frac{3}{4}$  X  $9\frac{1}{2}$  plus or

Wheels (6) Must use Pinewood Derby Wheels ref. # P347. Due  
Wheels must have a center spread greater than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  & 1  
with center clearance of at least  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch.

Racer must be free wheeling (“No Starting Devices”).

Maximum Weight is One Pound – “FIRM”

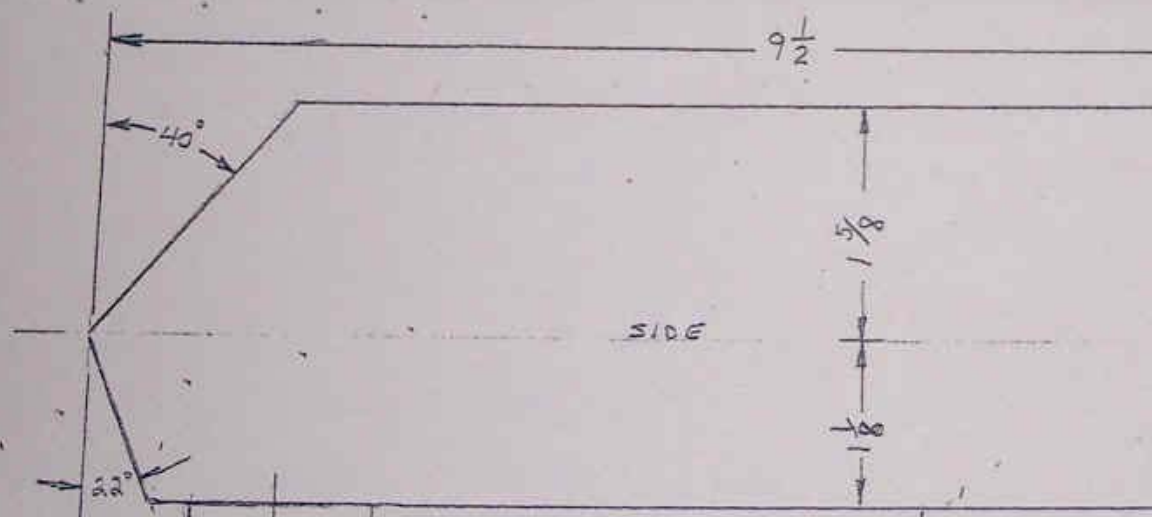
Axle Washers – should be placed between coach & wheel hub ( )

Lubricants: Dry types only – NO Liquids or Sprays ( they mak

Any Racer NOT WITHIN Rule Specifications Will be placed  
All Modified Racers will compete against each other for a single

PLEASE NOTE – If you polish the axles, be careful not to sand  
will loose both the hub cap and wheels durin

• *Other rules as RACE OFFICIALS DEEM N*





# Rally Schedules

## GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club 2009 Rally Schedule

May 15,16 &17	33 <sup>rd</sup> Birthday Party Rally	Cassopolis, MI	Executive Committee
June 4, 5, 6, & 7	Car Show Rally	Lancaster Ohio	The Harmon's
July 15, 16, 17 & 18	Dulcimer Festival	Ewart, MI	The Olmsted's
August	Pending		
September 17, 18 & 19	Frankenmuth Car Show Rally	Frankenmuth, MI	The Frahm's
October 15, 16 & 17	Fall Colors Rally	Shipshewana, IN	The McCoy's, Griffin, Rhodes

### 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. (Rev. 8/2003)

## Other Rally's and Meet's of Interest for the Year 2009

May	33 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary G.L.A.S.S. Rally	Berrien Springs Fair Grounds	Berrien Springs, MI
Sept. 20 thru 25	GMCMHI Fall Convention	Colorado State Fairgrounds	Pueblo, CO

Note: If you have other rallies and meets of interest for the year 2009, please forward them to the Publisher.

### Treasurer's Report

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March 31, 2009

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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.

**Great Lakers Website**

The web site is located at: <http://www.gmcgreatlakers.org> . To access the members only area you need to enter your "GL000" number as users name, and your "last" name in lower case as password. The "GL" is in capital letters. Your GL number is listed in the membership directory under your FMCA number.

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