

GMC GreatLakers



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Motorhome Club, Inc.

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Regional GMC Club for Preservation
of the GMC Motorhome!



**Bill Helmore
President 2009
GMC Great Lakers**

**This is the last newsletter of the
2009 season. The first
newsletter of 2010 will be
published in the month of April
2010. Have a good winter.**

J.R. Wright

Bill's Blog!...

The 34th camping season has come to a close with the Shpshewana, IN rally. The Club owes a big thank you to all who hosted and helped with each rally. The rallies are the back bone of our club and it takes a lot of work and planning to make a memorable and fun rally, again thanks to all who hosted and helped as well as those who attended each rally. The rally goers are what make the hosts feel that their rally was a success.

2010 marks the Clubs 35th camping season, which looks like another eventful year with all the months, filled. We can now turn our attention to planning the 2011 events. If you have a favorite place that you think the Club might enjoy let me or Tom Dixon know the month and place you have in mind.

I would like to express the Clubs thanks to Richard Wilson for the three years he and his wife Kathy put in as treasurer. I would also thank Arlene Walton for her substituting as secretary in the absence of Sandra.

Well I guess it's time to put the motorhome in to winter storage as I do not have any plans for any trips until the spring, in the meantime I wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful winter and I hope to see you all in the Spring.

Bill

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Fall Colors Rally – Shpshewana, IN

The Shpshewana rally started out with arrivals as early as Tuesday to visit the flea market and shops. Bob and Marlys Drewes were there the week before on their return home from the International. We were all glad to see them take a "short cut" home through Shpshewana to be with us.

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Fall Colors Rally Cont.

The weather at night was cold, damp and chilly during the day. Frost a couple of mornings and even snow. When we contracted for the rally there was only the open pavilion available for us. When the cold weather was forecast for that week, the possible chance of having a fun rally was looking very bleak. Nice things happen and this time it was a big package. In May the campground opened a new enclosed insulated building. It was large enough to hold all of us and enjoyed by everyone.

Coffee and donuts were served every morning. Thursday and Friday morning toasted fresh homemade bread & luscious homemade jam was provided by Frank & Barb with Lee Skalski manning the toaster. The rest of the days we had a lot of time to shop and go to the salvage yards and surplus houses.

Friday evening we all enjoyed a hotdog potluck cooked and served by Frank Griffin and Dale Frahm. Everyone brought a dish to pass and we all had plenty to eat. Barb Rhodes did a fantastic job keeping the tables refreshed.

Saturday at 4:15 we caravanned about 8 miles to an Amish home for dinner. WOW! What a meal. We all had plenty of food including pie and most of us that had room had our share of ice cream. The invocation was given by the host--in German--We enjoyed the good food and the fantastic service. The evening was quite an experience. We were joined by two new members Phil and Patricia Nau, also Dick and Sue Milleson stopped by to have dinner with us. All together there were 77 of us for dinner.

I want to thank Barb, Frank, Dale, Lee and anyone else I may have missed for their hard work that made this rally a success. Thank You, Dick McCoy

Sunshine & Clouds

If you have any information on members that have been ill or having problems please contact John Walton, Dick Olmstead or John Wright by email, snail mail or phone.

This month the Sun again has been on our faces with nothing to report.

Annual Fall For Sale Section

FOR SALE: New style windows from Motorhome Enhancements. I have 1 galley window for dining area and 2 backside windows for the bedroom. Our cost was \$835; sell all for \$500 or best. Fiberglass spare tire cover, unfinished \$75. Also have 6 original wheel covers for sale. Call Dan Verhelle at 989 240-0150 or email dverhelle@hotmail.com

FOR SALE: 1977 26' Eleganza II, Rear twin beds, Redone inside and out by Buskirk's, Alcoa wheels with Michelins tires, Always garaged, Call for more information. Ralph Schrader 810 648-2945 Email address: lrschrad@avci.net

FOR SALE: 1976 GMC coach, originally Glenhaven, with about 85,000 miles on original engine and transmission. We have maintained it for the 9 years we have had it and made some improvements. We have the service records back to 1995 for the previous owner also. We are asking \$20,000.00. We can be reached either via email at marined1@earthlink.net or by phone at 517 332-2725. Ed & Jan Marin

WANTED: Base plate for 1999 or newer Chevy Tracker. Call Tom Herbert @ 309.757.0442 or e-mail therbert@att.net

FOR SALE: 1977 GMC Custom, originally an Eleganza II. This is a Frame-Up restoration! All new interior upgrades and custom 4 color paint by Topeka Graphic's. This is a must see coach, has all the bells and whistles. Call John Wright @ 989 859-0715 or Email @ powerjon@chartermi.net I can send you a full specialization sheet and pictures online.

FOR SALE: 2 GMC Coaches for sale. 1975 Transmode – 23' customized and a 1978 26' "LPI" Contact Berniece Berger Voss @ 765 529-2188 or email zopkav@outdrs.net

Rally Schedules

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Proposed 2010 Rally Schedule

May 21, 22 & 23	34th Birthday Party Rally	Centerville, MI	Executive Comm.
June 10, 11 & 12	Car Show Rally	Lancaster, OH	
July 8, 9, 10 & 11	Fun in the Thumb Rally	Otisville, MI	Schoenfield
August 13 & 14	Ohio Rally	Dundee, OH	The Hickman's & Mauger's
September 17, 18 & 19	Remax Balloon Festival Rally	Midland, MI	The Wright's
Oct. (tentative)	Blue Water Fall Rally	Port Huron, MI	

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 non-refundable fees. (Rev. 8/2003)

Other Rally's and Meet's of Interest for the Year 2010

January 15 thru Late March	GMCGL Annual Winter Gathering	Manatee Hammock Campground	Titusville, FL
March 19 thru 23	GMCMI Spring Rally	KOA, North Houston	Montgomery, TX

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<p>All address, phone numbers and E-mail Changes should Be sent to the club treasurer:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jim White 21730 Clifford Dr. Fairview Park OH, 44126</p>	<p>MEDEX Emergency Number 800 527-0218 FMCA Group # 7030</p>														

Club Jackets

Ed & Judy Dohm are the suppliers for the new style Club Jackets. The color scheme is cranberry and gray. Call them at 269 683-2146 or see them at the club rallies to place your order. **Perfect item for Christmas 2009 gifts.**

Great Lakers Website The web site is located at: www.gmcgreatlakers.org To access the member's only area you need to enter your "GL000" number. The "GL" is in capitals letters. You then must enter your "last" name in lower case. Your GL number is listed in the membership directory under your FMCA number.