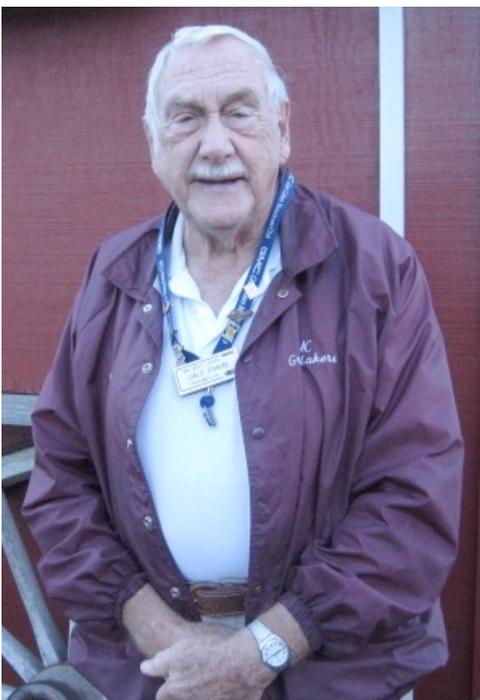




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**Dale Frahm
President 2015
GMC Great Lakers**

Dales Wails!

It is a scary thing to take on this new job as president of the GMC Great Lakers, but I know that I have a good team for next year. It is also neat to see my picture in a classy newsletter like this instead of on a wanted poster.

As depressing as it is I have started to winterize the coach, doing all those little things getting it ready for it's trip to sunny Florida.

Before you know it spring will be back and Bee and I will again see all of our friends again at the rallies!

We have a rally opening for June of 2015, so if you have any ideas for rally please contact Frank Griffin or me. Rallies are easy to do and all the help you need to set one up is available from club members.

Life is good! See you all in the spring and I hope everyone has a safe and healthy winter.

Dale beefrahm@yahoo.com

This is the last newsletter of the 2014 season. The first newsletter of 2015 will be published in the month of April 2015.

Have a good winter.

J.R. Wright

**Have you returned
your 2015 Dues and
Form Yet? Please do
so ASAP.**

Richard's Rants No More!

I'd like to take this space to wish everyone a very Happy and safe holiday season. Drive careful, and enjoy the winter wherever you park. Keep the GMCs covered, warm and winterized. It will only seem like tomorrow and time to crank'em up. God Bless!

Richard richard.l.balsley@gmail.com

Algonac “Do Nothing” Rally

This was a really neat rally. The Algonac State Park is a place where you can sit, relax, and enjoy life. All the ships, sailboats and people on the river make it a wonderful place to unwind for several days. A bunch of Canadian geese flying overhead, swans with a group of cygnets on the river. It was like being in the country, but no bull in the field. This was not my first time to the state park, but each time brings a new special internal peace. We as a group didn't do a whole lot, but the days went by fast. All seemed to be in tune with each other, just good times. I had always wished the GMC'ers could have a rally here. It was FUN! Take care, God Bless, see you at the next rally.

Reported by Dick Balsley

Lake Michigan Shores Fruit Rally

The September rally was held at Yogi Bear Jellystone Park near South Haven, MI, Sept. 17, 18 & 19. We had early arrivals starting Wednesday Sept. 17. There were a total of 21 coaches that made it to the park. Two didn't make it due to breakdowns at home and or on the road. Kosiers were able to fix their problem and made it in time for our Friday evening soup supper.

There were many things to see and do in the area. Some of the attendees picked apples at Crane Orchards and went to local farm markets. Several enjoyed the sunset at Lake Michigan. Also everyone could get a large ice cream dish or cone at Sherman's, which was down the road near South Haven. Saturday evening we had dinner at Lakeside Entertainment, which is part of a bowling ally. Everyone enjoyed the meal with our meeting afterwards. They were a captive audience. Former members Dick and Sue Milleson came over Saturday and joined us for dinner.

We had great weather until 3am Sunday morning when a brief wind and rainstorm roared through. It was a check for drips kind of storm. After breakfast Sunday morning everyone was ready to head for home or on to Wisconsin for the GMCMI.

Hope to see you all at Turkeyville.

Reported by Marlene Scarlet

October “Turkeyville in the Straw” Rally

The October rally at Turkeyville, Marshal, MI was the last rally for 2014. Lee & Li Skalski were pinch-hit rally masters for Dick & Jan Serreyn who were recovering from medical issues.

A total of 21 coaches were in attendance at Camp Turkeyville RV Resort. The RV resort is a very nice campground with very nice facilities.

On Friday and Saturday club members explored the Marshal and surrounding area for shops, the casino and other attraction. Saturday evening many enjoyed the dinner theater. The presentation was the theatrical portrayal of “The Johnny Cash Story” in the play “Ring of Fire”.

On Saturday & Sunday mornings there was a flea market across the street from the restaurant and many attended and bought stuff and treasure. Forest Crow even bought a car at the flea market.

Sunday morning everyone gathered at the restaurant for a catered breakfast before heading home.

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.

Membership Meeting Minutes

Algonac, MI August 20, 2014

Call to Order: President Dick Balsley called the AUGUST 2014 Membership Meeting to order at 9:30 AM
Minutes of the June 10, 2014 meeting were not read.

Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasurer's Report presented.

Old Business: There was no Old Business presented.

New Business: There was no New Business presented.

Sunshine Report: There was no Sunshine Report.

Adjournment: Dale Frahm moved for adjournment of the meeting. Joe Baumbarger seconded the motion.
Motion approved.

The August 2014 General Membership meeting of the Great Lakers Motorhome Club adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Stephen Thornburg

Secretary

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.

Membership Meeting Minutes

South Haven, MI September 20, 2014

Call to Order: In the absence of President D. Balsley, Vice President Ed Dohm called the SEPTEMBER 2014 Membership Meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Minutes of the July 18, 2014 and August 20 meetings were read and approved with rally date corrections.

Treasurer's Report: See members only area or page seven of newsletter.

Old Business:

Club Trailer: Due to the recent passing of Dick Olmstead, the sale of the club trailer has been halted at the request of Dick's family. The club will refund money paid to date and E. Dohm will pick up the trailer from Olmstead's home. The trailer will be stored at Dohm's home till next spring when it will be put up for sealed bid auction to club members.

Rally Planning:

October 10 - 11 will be at Turkeyville in Marshall, MI. The rally will be hosted by Lee and Lil Skalski due to health issues with Dick and Jan Serreyn.

2015 Rally Planning

The GMCMI Spring rally will be in Patterson, LA, March 27 – April 2.

May "Birthday" rally will be the last weekend of May at the Granger, IN KOA, Thornburgs will host.

June 2 – 7 will be the GLAMARAMA rally in Goshen, IN, FMCA will host.

July rally will be in Midland, MI, in conjunction with the Antiques Festival, Frahms will host.

August and September are open.

October will be in Ohio, in conjunction with a sauerkraut festival, Swartzs will host.

FMCA – B. Helmore reported the 2015 GLAMARAMA is scheduled for the Goshen fairground beginning June 2nd and we have been assured our same parking area will be held for us if we get our reservations in by the designated deadline. That area has room for up to 15 coaches. FMCA is looking at Madison, WI for a rally site in 2015, Syracuse, NY for 2016 and Indianapolis for 2017. 2015 GLAMARAMA will be in Goshen, IN and the 2016 GLAMARAMA will likely be held in Lima, OH.

New Business:

Lee Skalski reported the nominations for club officers. They are Dale Frahm - President; Frank Griffin – Vice-President; Becky Johnson – Treasurer; Steve Thornburg – Secretary; Bill Helmore – National Director; Jim White – Alternate National Director; Forrest Crow – Director at Large. E. Dohm asked for further nominations from the floor. None were presented. B. Helmore made a motion for nominations to be closed,

Marlene Scarlett seconded. The reported nominees were elected by acclamation. Officers will be installed at the October Membership meeting.

B. Johnson suggested sending a questionnaire to club members to determine why more of the membership does not participate in rallies. She will create questionnaire to be sent out with membership renewal notices. Mike Barton talked about the Lunch Bunch meetings that take place in Port Huron and suggested similar activity for groups in IN and OH as a way of fostering great fellowship among GMC folks.

Sunshine Report:

Jan Bolser volunteered to take over the duties of the Sunshine Report.

E. Dohm reported that Judy fell in July and broke her arm and deeply bruised her hip, and then this week she broke her ankle. She is at home using a wheel chair.

Dick Olmstead passed away September 19.

Dave Lenzi is undergoing tests to determine whether he has a form of lymphoma.

Dick Wilson has neuropathy, which makes it very difficult for him to walk. Wilsons have elected to offer their GMC for sale.

John Walton is in Hospice care. His GMC is at Tom Hampton's shop in OH along with his Tracker toad. Both are for sale.

Adjournment: Dale Frahm moved for adjournment of the meeting. B. Helmore seconded the motion. The September 2014 General Membership meeting of the Great Lakers Motorhome Club adjourned at 7:50 PM. Walt and Marlene Scarlett won the fuel reimbursement drawing.

A "**Lucky Camper**" raffle drawing was won by **Marv and Sally Miller**. The award is a payment toward the cost of a Great Lakers rally any time during the remainder of 2014 and 2015.

E. Dohm presented a very interesting "Show and Tell" with a presentation about the growing of hops and how they are used in the process of beer brewing.

J. Wright showed the GMC Classic plaque that he brokers for Applied GMC.

Dinner guests were Sue and Dick Milleson who had been Great Lakers members till 2007.

Stephen Thornburg
Secretary

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.
Membership Meeting Minutes
Turkeyville, Marshall, MI October 11, 2014

Call to Order: President D. Balsley called the OCTOBER 2014 Membership Meeting to order at 9:01 AM
Minutes of the September 20, 2014 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: See treasurer report in newsletter

Old Business: There was no Old Business presented.

FMCA – B. Helmore reported the FMCA Summer Rally would be in Madison, WI, July 29 through August 2. 2015 GLAMARAMA will be in Goshen, IN and the 2016 GLAMARAMA will be in Goshen as well. Lima, OH is being considered for 2018, 2019 or 2020.

New Business: There was no New Business presented.

Sunshine Report:

John Wright reported that **Dave Lenzi** has had a first round of chemo treatment. They believe his lymphoma was discovered very early and they hope for a very early remission.

Lynn Balsley reported that **Jan Serreyn** has been diagnosed with myasthenia gravis. With consideration for that condition, she is doing well. **Lou Barton** reported they had seen **Jan** at the latest Lunch Bunch gathering.

Mike Barton reported **Barb and George McCloud** is doing well.

Joe Scheub is recovering from a stroke and is undergoing speech therapy.

Adjournment: Dale Frahm moved for adjournment of the meeting. J. Wright seconded the motion.

The OCTOBER 2014 General Membership meeting of the Great Lakers Motorhome Club adjourned at 9:20 AM.

Membership Meeting Minutes Continued Turkeyville Rally

The “**Lucky Camper**” raffle drawing was won by **Dick and Lynn Balsley**. The award is a payment toward the cost of a Great Lakers rally any time during 2015.

J. Wright showed the new plastic fan developed by and available from John Biwersi (tel. 612-747-5831) The fan is lighter and moves 40% more air than the original steel fan. The fan sells for \$105.00 plus shipping.

Stan and Eileen Edwards of Arvada, CO joined us for the rally. They are making their way home from the GMCMI rally in Chippewa Falls, WI.

Stephen Thornburg
Secretary

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc. Corporate Meeting Minutes Turkeyville, Marshall, MI October 11, 2014

Call to Order: President D. Balsley called the OCTOBER 11, 2014 Corporate Meeting to order at 9:21 AM
Minutes of the October 16, 2013 Corporate meeting were read and approved.

Old Business: There was no Old Business presented.

New Business: There was no New Business presented.

Installation of Officers:

Club officers for 2015 were introduced and installed by Outgoing President Dick Balsley.

Adjournment: J. Wright moved for adjournment of the meeting. F. Griffin seconded the motion. The OCTOBER 2014 Corporate meeting of the Great Lakers Motorhome Club adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Stephen Thornburg
Secretary

Sunshine & Clouds

If you have any information on club members that are under the weather or have other issues please contact the club officers so we can notify the rest of the club. **Sunshine Jan (I am the new sunshine person, contact info on page 7)**

Dick Olmsted, long time club member passed away on September 20, 2014. He was a club member since 1987 and had attended 153 rallies with his wife Dorthy who had passed in November 2011. He was trailer master for the club and was President 1997 thru 1999. He was a great guy and will be missed by all.

Clarence Durban, Past club member from 1990 thru 2009 passed away at age of 93 on October 22, 2014. He had attended 68 rallies with his first wife Eileen who died in 2003. He was also president of GMCMI a few years back.

Dave Lenzi has completed chemotherapy and will be doing some radiation treatments soon.

John Walton is in Hospice care.

1976 Transmode Conversion 26'
132,530 Chassis Miles

455 engine; 3.55 Final Drive; 6K Onan generator; Anthrax Truecharge 40+ multistage charger; Alcoa 16" rims; Birch screen door; Ragusa step; hitch and electric for towing; dark tint on all side windows; side bath; Duo-Therm Penguin low profile 13,500 BTU roof air; Fantastic fans in front and rear; driver and passenger 6 way power seats in customized leather; leather seats in dinette; extra counter space in kitchen area; 6 ft. storage bench with seating; microwave; 2-way fridge (110VAC and propane); 4-burner cook-top; TV outlets in front and rear with cable/air TV switch; roof storage pod; golf cart batteries for house; all manuals; documentation for all improvements and repairs. Have owned it since 1996. More information upon request. Pictures are available on the club website in the for sale section.

<http://www.gmcgreatlakers.org/sale/>

Tom Dixon

6627 Little Turkey Run

Shelby Township, MI 48317-3746

Asking: \$20,000

586 731-9037

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1976 GMC Eleganza 26'
154,000 original miles

Anna Minolli is selling her coach. 2nd owner, never in salt.

Oak framed day/night shades.

Screen door, Pod, Roof Air.

350 hrs on 6 KW Onan

2 ZipDee Awnings

7 Alcoa Wheels

Stainless Steel Exhaust System

75-gallon fuel capacity

A must see coach

Call 810-724-2615 for pricing

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1975 Eleganza II 26' The Purple Coach
455 engine,

6 new tires and engine battery,
Birch Screen door, A&E awning,

Rear bed,

Captain chairs in front,

Microwave,

Macerator,

3" stainless steel exhaust

Newer Ceramic Toilet

19" Flat screen TV

4 air bag system

Many extra parts included with coach not sold separately

Prelude

Tow bar/blue ox

Spare air compressor

Picture is available on the club website in the for sale section.

<http://www.gmcgreatlakers.org/sale/>

Richard Wilson

Plain City, OH

614 873-4165

FREE to a good home. Full set of side windows removed from a 1973 GMC. All windows are intact with replaced track felts.

Must be picked up at the Granger KOA.

Contact is Patricia Schenk, Granger, IN KOA

574 277-1335

southbendkoa@usa.net

Club Jacket & Shirt Information

Fleece Vest - Maroon

Sizes: XS - 5X = \$38.00

Jacket - Maroon

Sizes up to 5X = \$50.00

Sizes over XX are \$2.00 - \$5.00 More

Sweat Shirt w/ U.P. & L.P. of Mich. on front

SM - XL = \$13.00

2X - Up = \$15.00

T - Shirt (Same Logo as Sweat Shirt)

SM - XL = \$8.00

2x - Up = \$10.00

Sweat Shirts & T-Shirts available in any color.

?Questions?

Call Judy: 269 683-2146 or Email at:

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GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Proposed 2015 Rally Schedule

Please note that rally dates are subject to change until April newsletter

May 29, 30 & 31	39th Birthday Party Rally	Grainger, IN	Dohm & Executive Comm.
June Open	Your rally here!	Your Location	You & Crew
July 17, 18 & 19	Antique Festival Rally	Midland, MI	Frahm & Crew
August 30 & 31	Turkey Country IV	Marshal, MI	Scannell/Skalski & Crew
Sept 18, 19 & 20	Fall in Ohio Rally	Lakeside/Marblehead, OH	Gall & Pryzbylek & Crew
Oct 10, 11 & 12	Ohio Color Rally	Waynesville, OH	Swartz's & Crew

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 2015 Rallies Of Interest!

March 27 thru April 2	GMCMI Spring Convention	Kemper Williams Park	Patterson, LA
June 3 thru 7	FMCA GLAMARAMA Rally	Elkhart Country 4H Fairgrounds	Goshen, IN
July 29 thru Aug 1	FMCA 92 nd Family Reunion	Alliant Energy Center	Madison, WI
Sept 25 thru Oct 1	GMCMI Fall Convention	Central States Fairgrounds	Rapid City, SD

Treasurer Report
GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Inc.

See members only section on website for data.

Becky Johnson, Treasurer

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Sweat Shirt w/U.P. & L.P. on Front
SM – XL = \$13.00 2X – Up = \$15.00
T – Shirt (Same Logo as Sweat Shirt)
SM – XL = \$8.00 2X – Up = \$10.00
Sweat Shirts and T-Shirts available in any color
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Emergency Number 877 202-4176
Now included with your FMCA Membership
See FMCA Current Magazine For Details or go
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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.

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TZE Notes

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The TZE Notes is a space devoted to provide tech tips, replacement part numbers and special stuff and ideas for our great motorhome!

Your ideas and tips are always welcome in the **TZE Notes** are of this newsletter. Write down that tip or part number and send it to the newsletter or E-mail to the publisher's address. You never know that your little trick that you have used for years will help out some other club member.

Coming Spring 2015

TZE Notes will be returning to the newsletter with new technical Stuff for you. I had published this column from spring 2001 thru fall 2003. It is time to bring it back.

The Publisher