



# The Newsletter of the GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.

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Regional GMC Club for  
Preservation of the  
GMC Motorhome!

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PRESIDENT 2015  
GMC GREAT LAKERS**

UPCOMING RALLIES 2015  
39<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party Rally

May 29, 30 & 31  
Grainger, IN

Combined Rally with GLAMA  
June 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7  
Goshen, IN

## Dale's Wails!

As I write this today in sunny Florida at 8:00 AM it is already 67 degrees and already sunny. We are thinking about our fellow GMC'ers who are left up north braving the ice, snow and very cold, cold temperatures. Gosh I love my GMC that allows me to escape all of that.

It is great to get together with some of the GMC group that I hope are my friends. We have spent a lot of time going to flea markets so I can add to my already too large collection of trains. As everybody knows I have a track setup in the coach.

Now on to the future, we have two great rallies set up for May and June. Please remember the May rally is the Birthday Rally and June will be in conjunction with FMCA GLAMARAMA in Goshen, Indiana. I hope we have a good turnout for both rallies. See you there!

*Dale*

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## **39th Anniversary Birthday Rally**

### **May 29, 30 & 31**

This year, the Rally will be held at the South Bend/Elkhart KOA Campground in Granger, IN. <http://koa.com/campgrounds/south-bend/> the hosts for this rally are the 2015 Club Officers. We extend an invitation to each member of the GMC Great Lakers to join us as we celebrate our 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Chapter of FMCA. The rally fee will include three nights camping, Thursday, Friday and Saturday with two lunches on Friday and Saturday and the Great Lakers famous continental breakfast Thursday thru Sunday. We will have a buffet lunch at Beef O'Brady's on Friday. We will have live music on Saturday before lunch by Quinten Flagg featuring music of the 50's, 60's & 70's. We will have birthday cake and ice cream Saturday after the lunch/Potluck. You should bring your favorite salad or side dish to share, Beef Stew will be provided. There will be a workshop on Friday between 4 and 5 PM on "How to make life easier in your GMC". This will be joint rally with the GMC 6-Wheelers so we should have a pretty good crowd.

Some campers notified the campground that GPS, particularly newer Rand McNally GPS devices, give you wrong directions to our campground.

Please stay on SR 23 N for 2.5 miles after the intersection with SR 331N and I-80/90, DON'T make a left turn on Elm St. after approx 1 mile (at fire station), instead stay on SR 23 N for a total of 2.5 miles and then at the third light after Elm St intersection turn left on PRINCESS WAY (after Gates Automobiles and before AutoZone store) in Granger.

The Campground is located on County Rd 13 one mile south of Rte.20. Exit 13 on 475 south and go about 33 miles west to CR 13. Exit 34 on the Ohio Turnpike and go south.

Rally Fee's and Contact information are on the **YELLOW RSVP** Form.

## **GLAMARAMA 2015 Joint Rally**

The 2015 June Rally will be held June 3 – 7 at the Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds in Goshen, Indiana. This Rally is in conjunction with GLMARAMA.

To make reservations; 1) Use the form on page 61 of the March 2015 Family Motor Coaching Madisen. 2) Call FMCA at 1800- 543-3622 and tell the operator that you wish to register for the GLMA Rally. 3) Log on to [www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com), on the home page click on the Chapters/Areas tab, then click on Area Rallies and scroll down to June 2015. Click on Register on line. You will have to log on to complete you registration. You should do this as soon as possible. Use the form in this newsletter.

You will select Coach with two people for \$215.00. We will have 30-Amp electric and water at our site. A trip to the dump station can be arranged with the parking Chairman.

After you have made your reservation let me know. Since we plan to park as a chapter I will have to let the Parking Chairman know how many sites to set aside for us. We do not have to come in together in order to park as a chapter, however you will have to inform the parkers in the holding area of your preference. You may email me at [wjhelmore@juno.com](mailto:wjhelmore@juno.com) or by phone at 248-375-1777.

## September Lake Erie Rally

### Important Notice!

The rally hosts requests that you reserve your sites for the September 18, 19 & 20 rally at East Harbor State Park. The host has reserved Sites 80 thru 96 and sites 111 thru 128. You should do this ASAP. Early arrivals should reserve on of these sites by calling 1-866-644-6727. This can be done starting 6 months prior to the date of their arrival or reserve online also 6 months prior. <http://parks.ohiodnr.gov/camping> It would be helpful that you contact or email the rally hosts. Ray Gall at 419 304-2944 or [sailtara@roadrunner.com](mailto:sailtara@roadrunner.com) or John Pryzbylek at 419 490-3835 or [pryzl@embarqmail.com](mailto:pryzl@embarqmail.com) after you have made your reservation.

### Sunshine & Clouds

**Dick Wilson** – Experienced some serious medical issues this past winter, including heart stints to correct a heart problem. Dick is walking with a cane and getting around very well.

**Jan Wright** – Had a brush with Melanoma in December and after surgery at U of M medical center has been declared cancer free.

This past year has been hard on many of our GMC friends that have passed on. As you can see by some of the dates a lot of time has passed since their deaths. We care about all our present and past members and want to make sure that club members know about friends.

**John Walton** – Died on November 16, 2014 after a long battle with cancer. John and Arlene have been members in the club since 1988. John & Arlene have attended 134 club rallies and enjoyed traveling thru out the Midwest and Florida to attend gatherings.

**Horace Bedsole** – Received information from Paula Bedsole, daughter-in-law of past members Horace & Betty that Horace died June 2014 at age 92. Betty is in a senior living facility and she is in her 90's. Horace was a club member in the 80's thru the 90's.

**Max Hartzler** – Died on January 29, 2014 in Indianapolis, IN. Max and Donna who proceeded in death January 2010 had been members of the club since 1987. They have attended 31 club rallies over the years

For those of you that have attended the GMC Motor home International Conventions recently several well known members have died since the first of the year.

**Dan Gregg** – Died on January 4, 2015 at the Cancer Treatment Center in Tulsa, OK. Dan along with his wife Teri had been a fixture at the GMCMI conventions the last decade. He was always available to help people at the rallies that were having troubles.

**Glenn Herzberger** – Died peacefully on March 9, 2105 at a local hospital near his home in Jacksonville, IL after a short illness. Glenn was a long time member of GMCMI and was a past president of the club.

### July Car Show

John Berzsenyi of the Motor City Chapter of POCI (Pontiac, Oakland Chapter International) contacted the club officers about coming to their car show in July. Unfortunately the Car shows conflicts with the GMCGL rally in Midland on the same dates. I (the publisher with approval from the president) forwarded this information on to the GMC Eastern States. They will be publishing this info in there first 2015 newsletter also. If you are not attending the rally and live in the Detroit area, you can contact John at [wylldgoat65@aol.com](mailto:wylldgoat65@aol.com) that you would like to attend and get the necessary information from him.

**GMC GREAT LAKERS MOTORHOME CLUB, INC.**  
**2015 Membership Directory Addendum**

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**Hartzler**, Max  
 Remove from the directory.

**Christofferson**, Red & Carole  
 Remove the email address

**Kettlers**, Wayne & Karen  
 Change the GL number to GL748.

**Notice to all members, the GL number list has been submitted to the to the Webmaster. This list will take a couple of weeks to update and allow all current members to access the members only area on the club website. Past members will have their names removed.**

<http://www.gmcgreatlakers.org>

**Please contact the club Treasurer with updates and corrections.**

## GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club 2015 Rally Schedule

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

<b>May 29, 30 &amp; 31</b>	39th Birthday Party Rally	Grainger, IN	Dohm & Executive Comm.
<b>June 3 thru 7</b>	GLAMARAMA Elkhart Fairgrounds	Goshen, IN	Contact Bill Helmore
<b>July 17, 18 &amp; 19</b>	Antique Festival Rally	Midland, MI	Frahm & Crew
<b>August 14, 15 &amp; 16</b>	Turkey Country IV	Marshal, MI	Scannell/Skalski & Crew
<b>Sept 18, 19 &amp; 20</b>	Lake Erie Rally	Lakeside/Marblehead, OH	Gall & Pryzbylek & Crew
<b>Oct 10, 11 &amp; 12</b>	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!

<b>June 3 thru 7</b>	FMCA GLAMARAMA Rally	Elkhart Country 4H Fairgrounds	Goshen, IN
<b>July 29 thru Aug 1</b>	FMCA 92 <sup>nd</sup> Family Reunion	Alliant Energy Center	Madison, WI
<b>Sept 25 thru Oct 1</b>	GMCFI Fall Convention	Central States Fairgrounds	Rapid City, SD

Treasurer's Report  
GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Inc.

Treasurer's Report available  
in the members only area  
of the Website.

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### Club Jackets & Shirt Information

**Fleece Vest –Maroon** Sizes XS to 5X = \$38.00

**Jacket – Maroon** Sizes up to 5X = \$50.00

Sizes over XX are \$2.00 to \$5.00 Additional

**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

? Questions ?

Call Judy: 269 683-2145 or Email at:  
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**Great Lakers Website** The web site is located at: [www.gmcgreatlakers.org](http://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.