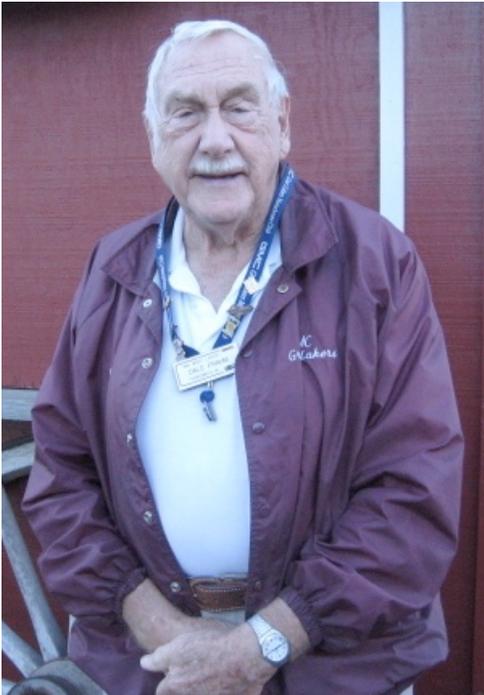




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Regional GMC Club for Preservation
of the GMC Motorhome!



**Dale Frahm
President 2015
GMC Great Lakers**

Upcoming Rallies 2015

**Antique Festival Rally
July 17, 18 & 19
Midland, MI**

**Turkey Country IV
Aug 14, 15 & 16
Marshall, MI**

Dales Wails!

Well we just finished 2 great rallies. The Birthday Rally was great. The Thornburg's and their helpers the Kelly's from the Six Wheelers put on a great rally. It was good to have that group join us again. It was sad to hear that one couple from the Six Wheelers was involved in a serious motor home/car accident and were not able to join us. No information on injuries. We hope everything works out for them.

Between the two rallies we were guests of Marv and Sally Miller at their place of business Elkhart Sales and Service Inc. for 2 nights. They were great hosts and we appreciated their hospitality.

Then it was on to the GLAMARAMA in Goshen, Indiana. I can't say enough good things about that rally. We were treated royally by all FMCA members and officers. I hope to return again next year.

Happy Trails

Dale beefrahm@yahoo.com



Michigan Antique & Collectables Rally

July 16, 17, 18 & 19

Hosted by: Dale & Bea Frahm, John & Janet Wright

Come join your fellow GMC Great Lakers at the Michigan Antique & Collectible Festival to be held at the Midland County Fairgrounds the weekend of July 17 - 19, 2015. This midsummer event is one of the largest antique & collectible events to be held in the Midwest each year. The Festival will include antique show and sale, home decor & eclectic furniture, coin & sports memorabilia, huge classic car show with DJ, auto parts swap meet & 4-sale lot.

It is recommended that you arrive on Thursday July 16, as it may be quite busy with the vendors coming in to set up for the weekend. Water and 30 amps min. electric are available. You may need a long cord.

Your rally fee includes three (3) nights camping, wristbands for three (3) days admittance to the festival, two (2) catered meals and continental breakfasts each morning.

Directions: Exit US10 at the Eastman road exit. The fairgrounds are located north of the freeway. The entrance will be on your left as you pass the traffic light at the Olive Garden, look for the electronic sign. If you go to the next fairground entrance you have gone too far.

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

Turkey Country IV Rally - Marshall, MI

August 14, 15 & 16, 2015

Tim & Thora Scannell and their committee want to invite you to attend the GMC Great Lakers August rally at Cornwell's Camp Turkeyville RV Resort <http://www.turkeyville.com/> in Marshall MI. The address for the campground is 18935 15 1/2 Mile Rd, Marshall, and MI 48068 for you GPS users. All site are Full Hook Up with sewer with 20/30/50 amp power. All Sites are level with no grass on pads or roads.

Turkeyville is a great 5 Star campground with an excellent restaurant, ice cream parlor, a bakery, a craft store, and antique store along with a year round dinner theater. We will be doing a Broadway style Dinner on Theater night @ 5:30. Dinner will be of course buffet style Turkey dinner with a variety of "Good Eats". Special Diet Dinners are available **on request, previous notice required**. The live theater production of "Hatfield's & McCoy's a Musical Comedy Feud" will follow dinner. We have all heard of this feud, but who knows the truth! No one really! This musical comedy adaptation is sure to help you pick sides. As you enter you will be given a family to cheer for. Everything is split right down the middle to be fair. (We hope). Our story starts, on a calm mountain morning, and nothing is calm after that. As the Hatfield's and McCoy's feud over a pig, two young lovers cannot be separated. Yes, a McCoy and Hatfield fall in love, and the feud boils over, then the moonshine starts to flow and everyone is singing and dancing. Few people know the feud started over a little pig, then it grows to a mountain version of Romeo and Juliet. Star crossed lovers of Tug River. This show is packed with Americana, laughs and feuds. This Land is Your Land, Red River Valley, and Big Rock Candy Mountain are just a few songs to get your toes a tappin.

Area attractions include **The Firesetters Casino**, historic Marshall, MI with unique shops and good restaurants and Battle Creek and Kalamazoo with great malls to visit and the Gilmore Car Museum. Please return the registration form by **Aug 1, 2015** so that site reservations can be confirmed. Late entry's can be accommodated so don't miss out on this exciting rally.

Rally Fees are listed on the **Blue RSVP** entry form. **Dinner Theater can be optional.**

39th Birthday Rally in Granger, IN

The GMC Great Lakers 39th Birthday Rally was held at the KOA Campground in Granger, IN, May 28th to May 31st 2015.

We were joined at this rally by the GMC Six-Wheelers Club and the attendance was 28 Great Lakers coaches and 54 people, also 5 Six-Wheelers coaches and 9 people. Ed and Judy Dohm and Fred and Barb DeVries joined us as part-time attendees.

Thursday evening we enjoyed watching the Lucille Ball & Desi Arnaz movie “The Long, Long Trailer” and like any good theater we had popcorn and snacks.

Friday we had a big breakfast in the campground pavilion and later we enjoyed a pulled pork and chicken tenders buffet at the local Beef O’Brady’s. Mike and Billie Kelly of the GMC Six-Wheelers led a very interesting discussion of ways to make life easier and more enjoyable in our GMC coaches. A lot of good ideas were exchanged.

Saturday, another great breakfast – including apple crisp and peach crisp (Yum!) Before lunch we had an outstanding musical show with Quinten Flagg performing hit songs from “50’s, 60’s and 70’s” artists. The energy level of his show is totally unbelievable. Ham sandwich lunch included potluck side dishes and salads that, once again illustrated the awesome cooking skills of our club members. After lunch we celebrated our club’s 39th birthday with cupcakes and ice cream.

Sunday was another great breakfast with a lot of extra hard work trying to eat all of the donuts we had left over (Whew!) Once again, time to break up the camp and head for home. The ground was a little soggy but we all got out and on the road with no problems. So, special thanks for another great rally go to Phyllis for all of the ideas, planning, food prep and making it all work. And another special thanks to Mike and Billie Kelly for all of their help in making things work smoothly.

We look forward to seeing you all down the road.

Phyllis & Steve Thornburg

GMC Great Lakers June Rally

On June 2, 2015 the Great Lakers held their June rally at the Elkhart County 4H Fairgrounds in Goshen, IN. in conjunction with the GLAMARA rally. Three members who had volunteered went in early on the 1st, the rest arrived on the 2nd and 3rd. 16 Great Lakers and one ex-member were parked together. Upon arrival we were directed to the “staging area” where those towing were instructed to unhook and wait for an escort to our parking area, which went smoothly. In the staging area we were greeted by Jane Roush President GLAMA and FMCA Great Lakes area VP.

There were many seminars that ranged from travel, servicing the coach chassis (not the GMC) to FMCA Benefits. There were forums for chapter officers. Charlie Adcock, President FMCA and Jon Walker, Senior National VP put on the most important seminar that was well attended.

We had three evenings of entertainments during the rally. On Wednesday, opening night and after the presentation of the colors, singing of the national anthems of the US and Canada, and the presentation of the GLAMA Chapters the group was entertained by the Frustrated Maestros. The Marlins were featured on Friday night. They are four brothers who have been performing together for over 25 years for conventions, fairs, festivals and corporate events in the U.S. and Canada. Their repertoire covers the entire musical spectrum including music for any occasion or age group. Saturday evening entertainer was Sarah Michelle Getto. She was born blind and with a severe cleft palate. She graduated “summa cum laude” in 2007 from Southeastern Oklahoma State University with a degree in music education.

June rally Continued

The rally provided a breakfast and ice cream social on Thursday. Friday morning breakfast was coffee and donuts and a picnic lunch later. Saturday morning breakfast was Pancakes and sausage with coffee and juice.

Thursday evening was set aside for chapter get to gather. At this get together the Great Lakers were treated to pizza from Pizza Hut. George Myers our Regional VP of GLAMA visited welcomed us and expressed how happy the GLAMA organizers were to see us at the Rally. Charlie Adcock FMCA President, Jon Walker FMCA Senior National VP, their wives, Jane Roush President GLAMA and Jerry Yeatts, FMCA Executive Director dropped by to thank us for coming and to answer questions.

Dometic and Jaco opened their plants for tours of their facility on Thursday and Friday. As you can see there is a lot to do and see during our stay. There were new motorhomes on display, a vendor who was into renovating coaches as well as many vendors inside the buildings.

Plan now to attend the 4th annual GLAMARAMA from June 8 through 12, 2016 in Goshen, Indiana. By the way we were parked where parked the trains were not a problem and the weather was great! No GMCGL membership meeting was held during the GLAMARAMA.

William Helmore
GMCGL FMCA National Director

September Lake Erie Rally Important Notice!

The rally host's requests that only members that are coming early reserve your early sites (Wednesday or Thursday) for the September rally at East Harbor State Park. You should do this ASAP. Early arrivals should reserve one of these sites by calling 1-866-644-6727. The site that you reserve for early nights will be your site for the weekend. The host has reserved and LOCKED Sites C80 thru C96 and sites C111 thru C128 for Friday and Saturday nights and you will have to check with reservation lady on which sites are still open for early registration dates. Members that are only coming for Friday thru Sunday only will have their site assigned when they arrive. If you try and reserve one of the listed sites for Friday and Saturday they will show as LOCKED. It would be helpful that you contact or email the rally hosts. Ray Gall at 419 304-2944 or sailtara@roadrunner.com or John Pryzbyl at 419 490-3835 or pryzl@embarqmail.com after you have made your reservation which early site number that you are on. As of this time there are 15+ early arrivals already booked.

New Members, Renewals and Changes (Add these to your directory)

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GL868
Rally's Attended 6
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76 26' Glenbrook
Member Since July 2009

Sunshine & Clouds

Jim March – Received information that Jim had passed away in late November 2014.

Dave Lenzi – Dave had surgery to repair the aorta on top of his heart on the 9th of June. He is doing excellent and might be home before this newsletter gets to you.

Dick **Membership Meeting Minutes**

Granger KOA, Granger, IN May 30, 2015

Call to Order: President D. Frahm called the MAY 2015 Membership Meeting to order at 2:15 PM

Minutes of the October 14, 2014 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: See Report in "Members Only Area" on website.

Old Business:

Club Trailer – D. Frahm said a bid has been received for the trailer. F. DeVries has entered a bid of \$2,000.00. W. Scarlett made a motion to accept the bid. Dan Shaub seconded, the motion passed and the bid was accepted. The trailer is sold to Fred DeVries.

2015 Rally Planning – The **June rally** will be in conjunction with the FMCA GLAMARAMA rally in Goshen, IN, June 3 to June 7. The **July rally** will be in Midland, MI, July 17 to July 19 at the fairground along with a car show, car auction and flea market. D. Frahm recommended arrival on Wednesday or Thursday to avoid the heavy traffic associated with the flea market and auto show. The **August rally** will be at Turkeyville at Marshall, MI, August 14, 15 and 16. The **September rally** will be Lakeside Marblehead, OH, East Harbor State Park, September 18 to September 20. Camp sites are reserved for those dates. Early arrival reservations need to be made by each camper. The October rally will be at Waynesville, OH, October 10 to October 12, at the time of a sauerkraut festival. 34 campsites are being held till September 5. B. Swartz said to make reservations early as the area fills up fast. Bob is trying to organize a screen door seminar and a fuel injection seminar. The GMC Six Wheelers club is invited to share the October rally.

Membership – **B. Johnson** reported that our current membership is 136 coaches, down from 2014.

Becky reported the results of her recent membership survey. A copy of the results is included as a part of these minutes. **W. Halley** suggested making rallies coincident with car shows as a means of exposing our coaches and our club to younger group of people. **J. Wright** said he has received an invitation to bring some GMC motorhomes to a large auto show in Ohio. Unfortunately the timing overlaps with our Midland rally. D. Frahm and J. Wright will study the auto show schedules to find a time and place that we can show our coaches. **D. Shaub** said the "Oldsmobile Homecoming" allows GMC motorhomes to participate due to the Oldsmobile engines. **B. Johnson** sent letters to 80 former Great Lakes members asking why they have become inactive in the club. She got a few responses showing interest in the club and a few who have sold their coaches. Generally the response was poor. **Jane Ropp** asked if club members who sell their coaches can transfer the remainder of their annual club membership to the buyer. **Kim Weeks** said GMCMI is now doing that and she is aware of 5 recent transfers. When a new member joins GMCMI, Kim sends a notification to the regional VP. **D. Frahm** asked if non-members can attend GMCMI rallies. Kim said they may attend one time. As a means of locating new potential members, **Nina Hampton** said they had requested a list of all TZE registrations in OH several years ago. The OH BMV sent them a full list.

New Business:

GMCMI – **Kim Weeks** said the 2015 Fall convention is in Rapid City, SD from September 25 to October 1. She said the Saturday prior to the convention is the South Dakota State Buffalo Round-up with some 1,500 buffalo to be sorted and branded. Kim announced the sites of the 2016 conventions. The Spring convention will be at the National Peanut Festival Grounds in Dothan, AL from April 8 to April 15. The theme will be "Sock Hop" The Fall convention will be at the Richland County Fairgrounds in Mansfield, OH from September 30 to October 6. Kim said GMCMI invites regional clubs to use the convention sites for club rallies.

Sunshine Report: **Bee Frahm** has volunteered to be our Sunshine Person

Adjournment: **J. Wright** moved for adjournment of the meeting. D. Lenzi seconded the motion. The May 2015 General Membership meeting of the Great Lakers Motorhome Club adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Steve Thornburg, Secretary

2014 GMC GREAT LAKERS – MEMBERSHIP SURVEY RESULTS

Many thanks to everyone that participated in the Great Lakers Membership survey mailed out with the 2015 Dues Renewal forms last fall. There was a great response with **106 completed surveys!** Listed below are the top responses in each of the 3 survey categories along with some club statistics:

“WHY DID YOU JOIN THE GMC GREAT LAKERS?”

1. **82 Votes** – For Access to technical knowledge, experience from other GMC owners, and used parts.
2. **72 Votes** – To participate in Great Laker Club Rallies and activities.
3. **59 Votes** – To meet other GMC Motorhome owners who live near me.
4. **47 Votes** – To support the continued increase in GMC Motorhome owners in our communities.
- 5.

“IF YOU CURRENTLY PARTICIPATE IN GMC GREAT LAKER RALLIES, WHY?”

1. **47 Votes** – To get together with fellow GMC Motorhome owners.
2. **4-way Tie between –**
 - a. **34 Votes** - To discuss Motorhome problems with other GMC owners in person;
 - b. **33 Votes** - Enjoy camping with other GMC Motorhome owners as a group;
 - c. **32 Votes** - To see other GMC Motorhomes for ideas on improving or repairing your motorhome;
 - d. **32 Votes** - To enjoy the various activities offered at Great Laker Rallies.

“IF YOU CURRENTLY DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN GREAT LAKER RALLIES, WHY NOT?”

1. **24 Votes** – Other (Conflicts with family, work, outside activities, and other club involvement).
2. **21 Votes** - Health problems and/or personal situations prevent me from using my GMC Motorhome.
3. **12 Votes** – Live too far from most Club Rally locations, or live outside the Great Laker Club region.
4. **9 Votes** – My GMC Motorhome is currently not usable/ drivable.
- 5.

STATISTICAL TALLY OF AVERAGE RALLIES MEMBERS ATTENDED PER YEAR:

Have Never Attended a Rally - 16 members
Average Less than 1 Rally/ Year - 27 members
Average 1-2 Rallies/Year - 36 members
Average 3-4 Rallies/ year - 32 members
Average 5 or More Rallies/Year - 21 members

CLUB STATISTICS BASED ON YEAR MEMBER JOINED GREAT LAKERS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014:

Joined in 1976 through 1979 - 6 members (including 4 Charter members)
Joined in 1980 through 1989 - 12 members
Joined in 1990 through 1999 - 32 members
Joined in 2000 through 2009 - 51 members
Joined in 2010 through 2014 - 31 members

We are always looking for suggestions by club members for improving the Great Laker Motorhome Club and ways to maintain our membership. Look for more surveys in the future. If you have any suggestions or ideas for the club, please contact one of the Club Officers. Thank you again!

Becky Johnson, Treasurer

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club 2015 Rally Schedule

Completed	39th Birthday Party Rally	Grainger, IN	Dohm & Executive Comm.
Completed	GLAMARAMA Elkhart Fairgrounds	Goshen, IN	Contact Bill Helmore
July 17, 18 & 19	Antique Festival Rally	Midland, MI	Frahm & Crew
August 14, 15 & 16	Turkey Country IV	Marshall, MI	Scannell/Skalski & Crew
Sept 18, 19 & 20	Lake Erie Rally	Lakeside/Marblehead, OH	Gall & Pryzbyl & Crew
Oct 8, 9 & 10	Ohio Sauerkraut Festival 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 & 2016 Rallies Of Interest!

July 29 thru Aug 1	FMCA 92nd Family Reunion	Alliant Energy Center	Madison, WI
Sept 25 thru Oct 1	GMCMI Fall Convention	Central States Fairgrounds	Rapid City, SD
Apr 8 thru Apr 15, 2016	GMCMI Spring Convention	Nat. Peanut Festival Grounds	Dothan, AL
Sept 30 thru Oct 6, 2016	GMCMI Fall Convention	Richland County Fairgrounds	Mansfield, OH

Treasurer Report
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See Members Only Area on 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?

NEW FMCA Assist Member Benefit
Emergency Number 877 202-4176
Now included with your FMCA Membership
See FMCA Current Magazine For Details or go
online @fmca.com members area. 10/01/2014

Call Judy: 269 683-2145 or Email at:
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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

Disclaimer: The information presented in TZE Notes is intended to be used solely as a way to communicate thoughts, ideas, opinions and procedures from and to members and there is no implied attempt to replace or supersede the recommendations from General Motors or any other component.

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.

A lot of electrical problems experienced with our coaches are lack of or poor grounds. Run a ground from the chassis battery to the block. Another good addition is to run a cable from the chassis battery positive directly to the starter going the shortest route. Check your other grounds between the body and chassis and the ground on the transmission to chassis.

With all the brake Tools that are available from several of the GMC suppliers, I thought that I would bring up an old trick by Chuck Aulgar. When ever he worked on his brakes he would remove the master cylinder top and place on layer of a plastic grocery bag over the top of the MC and then put the top back on the MC. Whenever he removes a component from the braking system only a few drops of fluid would leak out.

For those of you that would like to have your 4 ¼" solid impeller water pump rebuilt, you can contact Kellogg Automotive @ 1-877-499-2011. They are located just outside of Phoenix in Maricopa AZ.
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