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the GMC Great
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Motorhome Club,
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Regional GMC Club for Preservation
of the GMC Motorhome!



**Dale Frahm
President 2015
GMC Great Lakers**

Upcoming Rallies 2015

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

**Lake Erie Rally
Sept 18, 19 & 20
Lakeside/Marblehead, OH**

Dales Wails!

Howdy Folks

As we write this note I am planning to get to my garage and cleanup for our annual Frahm Family Potluck. We used to call it a reunion but young people prefer potlucks. As quite a few of you know I am the youngest of a family of 10 children. So for the last 20 years we have held a family get together. I have 3 older sisters left in their upper 80's, but they still consider me their baby brother. Imagine that! I am the baby brother who likes to play with toys like cars, toy trains and our lovely antique GMC Motor homes. Setting up for 50-100 people is no fun but somebody has to do it. So what the heck!

So have fun out there people and we will see you in Turkeyville.

Happy Trails

Dale beefrahm@yahoo.com



Lake Erie Rally - Marblehead, OH - September 18, 19 & 20

Hosted by: Ray & Barb Gall & John & Debra Pryzbylek

Come join your fellow GMC Great Lakers at the Lake Erie Rally to be held at East Harbor State Park en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Harbor_State_Park just outside of Toledo, OH on Lake Erie. The rally is the weekend of September 18 - 20, 2015. If you still wish to come early you must call 866-844-6727 only, that is September 17th or before. You will need to see if there is an open site available in 80 thru 98 or 111 thru 128 in AREA C. If you do reserve an early site you must call Barb Gall (419 304-3053) and tell her your camping site number and you will have that site all weekend. We have over 20 who have preregistered for early dates and you may have to ask what is available in those site numbers. Those of you that are NOT coming early will have their campsites assigned when they arrive.

There is so much to see and do in the immediate area. I would like to suggest some of the activities available. These are just a few: Kelly's Island by Ferry, Put-in-Bay by Ferry, Marblehead Lighthouse, Ferguson Glass Gallery plus many more. Check the East Harbor State Park website for more information. If you are interested in a tour of the lighthouse you must indicate that on your return registration slip. We will have a park ranger available if anyone is interested.

The following meals are included in your reservation. Breakfast will be served Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings. Friday we will have a fish fry. On your return registration slip you will have to make a choice of perch, walleye or pulled pork (in case you rather not have the deep-fried fish). Saturday dinner will be a chicken and ribs barbecue.

Directions: Take Ohio St. Rt. 2 (which runs East and West in Northern Ohio) and exit on St. Rt. 269 N. Continue on 269 N and you will see the East Harbor State Park entrance on your right. Once you enter the park you will continue straight until you see the park store where you will check in to register. We have several Great Lakers already registered early. They will continue to park in their assigned sites for the weekend.

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

46th Ohio Sauerkraut Festival Rally – Waynesville, OH October 8, 9 & 10, 2015

Since 1970, The Ohio Sauerkraut Festival is a family festival featuring over 450 arts and crafts exhibits, fifty plus food vendors featuring numerous sauerkraut and has continuous live entertainment for the enjoyment of young and old, everything from Blues to Bluegrass. Waynesville is the Antique Capital of the Midwest with over 40 antique and specialty shops. It has 5 restaurants, 2 bed & breakfasts with the Hammel House Inn established in 1822 and a Motel. There are 7 art galleries and furniture shops in Waynesville.

Speaking of food, the festival uses over 7 tons of sauerkraut for dishes ranging for pizza, donuts, cabbage rolls, German sundaes, and the list goes on and on. Other foods are in abundance as well. Waynesville's nearby attractions are:

Paramount's Kings Island - La Comedia Dinner Theater - Wright Patterson Air Force Museum (newly expanded) – Caesar's Creek – Trader's World and Turtle Creek Flea Markets – Dayton's new Racino – Packard Museum in Dayton – Mendelson's Surplus Outlet – Golden Lamb Hotel & Restaurant in Lebanon, Oldest Hotel in Ohio – Little Miami Scenic Bike & Walking trails and Canoeing

We will be camping at Frontier Campground, 9580 Collett Road, Waynesville, OH 45068. We have 34 sites reserved for October 8, 9, & 10. You must absolutely have your reservation form returned by Sept. 1, 2015. Contact Bob Swartz@937 253-3288 or edselbs@aol.com if you are close to the deadline. Come early and stay late. You will want to make your reservations early as the sites may be taken quickly. Bob is handling all reservations both regular and early, do not contact the campground. Camping cabins are available, see entry form. There are a number of seminars of interest scheduled during the rally. Catered Meal on Saturday evening.

The GMC Six Wheelers are also invited to this rally. They can download an entry form from <http://www.gmcgreatlakers.org>

Rally Fees are listed on the **Orange RSVP** entry form.

Antique Festival Rally – July 2015

GMC Great Lakers July Rally was held at Midland County Fairgrounds for the Michigan Antique & Collectible Festival, which was attended by 24 Great Lakers. The Hosts: Dale & Bee Frahm, John & Janet Wright welcomed each member as they arrived and directed them to their parking spot. About a 2/3 of the coaches arrived on Wednesday with the rest arriving on Thursday. Weather for the entire weekend was excellent with 2 hot days and 2 very comfortable days.

Thursday morning (as was all mornings) was kicked off with a continental breakfast followed by the members fanning out to check out the Midland area for things to see and do. Friday was a busy day with all the vendors coming in to setup and the presale in the evening. Everyone gathered for Dinner in our meeting building for a catered meal of Walleye or Swiss steak with all the fixings. Saturday began with a continental breakfast after which it was off to have a look at the vendors or a trip to downtown Midland for the Farmers market. The day was capped off with a catered dinner of fried Chicken and sliced ham with all the trimmings.

After dinner President Frahm called to order the Club's Business. A drawing was held for a member to have their gas expense for coming to and going home from this rally. The winners were Merle & JoAnn Carpenter; Dab Shaub won the raffle as payment toward a future Great Lakers rally of his choice in the 2015 season

The rally came to a close Sunday morning with another continental breakfast. As the members departed we wished all a safe trip home and hoping to see all at the August rally.

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

Zip Code Change

NAU, Philip & Patricia
95 Springbank Drive
London, Ont. Canada N6J 1E5

Cell Phone: 226 224-9998

F409852
GL868
Rally's Attended 6
philntrish@wgonau.com
76 26' Glenbrook
Member Since July 2009

New Members

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1555 Burgundy Ct.
Elkhart, IN 46514
Home: 574 370-3048

F449068
GL919
Rally's Attended 0
wmezzel@gmail.com
78 26' Kingsley
Member Since July 2015

New Members

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Troy, MI 48085
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Cell Spouse: 248 877-0609
F451471
GL920
Rally's Attended 0
jeffers8@wideopenwest.com
78 26' Kingsley
Membership Since July 2015

Ray Swartzendruber who is an ex member has a new phone number. It is 574 457-3564.

Sunshine & Clouds

James Wheeler – Received information that Jim had passed away in early September 2014. Wife Gail has gone to live with daughter in Iowa.

Shirley Schwartz – Received information that Shirley had passed away in early May 2015. Shirley and Bill were long time GMCGL members.

Leigh Harrison – Long time GMC community builder supplier passed away in early June 2015.

Lynn Basley-As Dick would say had some racing stents put in and attended the July rally in Midland

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Membership Meeting Minutes

Midland County Fairground, Midland, MI July 17, 2015

Call to Order: President D. Frahm called the JULY 2015 Membership Meeting to order at 6:30 PM
Minutes of the June 4, 2015 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: B. Johnson was not present. There was no Treasurer's report.

Old Business:

2015 Rally Planning – The August rally will be at Turkeyville at Marshall, MI, August 14, 15 and 16. **The September rally** will be at Lakeside Marblehead, OH, East Harbor State Park, September 18 to September 20. Campsites are reserved for those dates. Early arrival reservations need to be made by each camper. Barb Gall asked if anyone has registered for early arrival and has not notified her. She has something like 21 early arrivals.

The October rally will be at Waynesville, OH, October 10 to October 12, at the time of a sauerkraut festival. 30 campsites are being held till September 5. B. Swartz said to make reservations early as the area fills up fast. Bob has organized a screen door seminar, a fuel injection manifold seminar and an Onan generator seminar. He said there is a possibility of a 4th seminar. There are many things to do in the Dayton area so Bob says, "Come early and stay late"

2016 Rally Planning – F. Griffin said there are no rallies planned for 2016 at this time. He made an appeal for club members to volunteer to host rallies.

Membership – D. Frahm said B. Johnson would take over maintaining the Great Lakers membership list. She will provide new membership and membership renewal information to B. Helmore for the Membership Directory and to J. Wright for newsletter and directory distribution.

New Business:

GMCMI – B. Helmore said he has a PDF file of the FMC Assist program. J. Wright requested a copy of the file to be put on the Great Lakers web site.

There will be three GMCMI conventions in 2016. Spring convention will be in Dothan, AL; summer convention will be in Branson, MO and the fall convention will be in Mansfield, OH. GMCMI will provide rooms for regional clubs to use as meeting sites for club rallies.

Lynn Balsley offered a very positive critique of the GLAMARAMA convention. She said there were not enough activities offered for women, but otherwise the hospitality, the parking, the facilities, the on-grounds transportation and the vendor access were all very good. Her advise to those who have not participated at GLAMARAMA was "Give it a Shot"

Sunshine Report: There was no Sunshine Report.

Adjournment: J. Wright moved for adjournment of the meeting. F. Griffin seconded the motion. The July 2015 General Membership meeting of the Great Lakers Motorhome Club adjourned at 7:00 PM.

D. Shaub won \$144.00 raffle as payment toward a future Great Lakers rally of his choice in the 2015 season.

Merle and JoAnn Carpenter won a drawing for reimbursement of fuel expense for their trip to Midland.

Stephen Thornburg – Secretary

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc. **Membership Meeting Minutes**

GLAMARAMA, Goshen, IN June 4, 2015

Call to Order: President D. Frahm called the JUNE 2015 Membership Meeting to order at 8:00 PM

Minutes of the May 30, 2015 meeting were not read but referred to from the club newsletter. Minutes were approved as written.

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

Old Business: There was no Old Business discussed.

New Business:

Coach Information Sheet – D. Frahm said each coach should have an information page about the coach that could be placed in the window or on the coach at rallies, car shows or each time we stop on road trips to allow the public to become familiar with the GMC Motorhomes. This could help to heighten awareness of and interest in the coaches. B. Johnson volunteered to develop a template for the page so that they would all share similar information about the individual coaches. J. Wright said the GMC Eastern States club has a template that we should consider. The link is <http://www.gmceast.com/lifestyle/gmcers/>

Sunshine Report: There was no Sunshine report.

Adjournment: D. Frahm adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM due to mosquito attacks.

Stephen Thornburg-Secretary

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club 2015 Rally Schedule

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| Completed | 39th Birthday Party Rally | Grainger, IN | Dohm & Executive Comm. |
| Completed | GLAMARAMA Elkhart Fairgrounds | Goshen, IN | Contact Bill Helmore |
| Completed | Antique Festival Rally | Midland, MI | Frahm & Crew |
| August 14, 15 & 16 | Turkey Country IV | Marshal, MI | Scannell/Skalski & Crew |
| Sept 18, 19 & 20 | Lake Erie Rally | Lakeside/Marblehead, OH | Gall & Pryzbylek & 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!

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| Completed | 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

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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

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.

For those of you that what to have a ZDDP additive that you can use at oil change I recommend Rislone 3X Concentrated Engine Oil Supplement with Zinc Treatment. I add one 11 oz bottle at each oil change. The Rislone Part number is 4405 and get you ZDDP Levels back towards 1500 PPM. <http://rislone.com/product/3x-concentrated-engine-oil-supplement-with-zinc-treatment/>

When you are changing out your engine coolant and flushing the system, try to get most of the liquid out of the block, radiator and hoses, including the rinse water. When you refill the system use only Distilled Water. Distilled water is mineral free and will help reduce build up in your cooling system.

For those of you that would like to replace your front Dome Light Covers you can find them at most chain autoparts stores under Help part number 74320 and they cost right at the \$6.00. This link will take you to item <http://shop.advanceautoparts.com/p/dorman-help-round-dome-lens-74320/5701686-P?vehicleIdFromReq=172046&isAllVehicle=false&vehicleIdSearch=172046&searchTerm=74320&showTitle=>