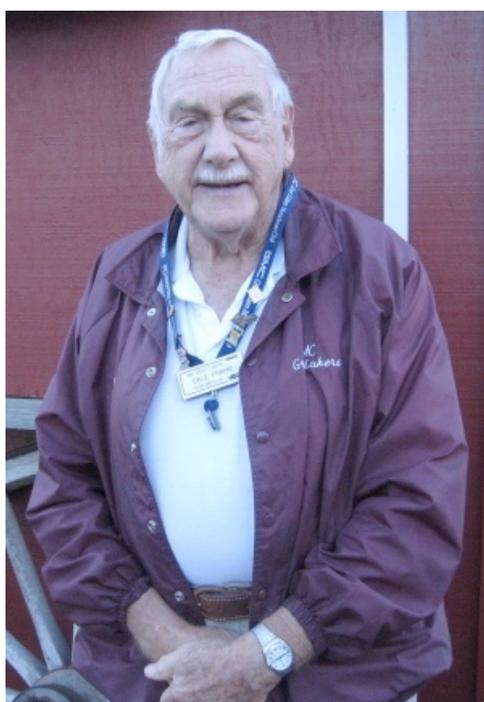




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of the GMC Motorhome!



**Dale Frahm
President 2015
GMC Great Lakers**

This is the last newsletter of the 2015 season. The first newsletter of 2016 will be published the first of April 2016.

Have a good winter.

J.R. Wright

**Have you returned
your 2016 Dues and
Form Yet? Please do
so ASAP.**

Dales Wails!

Well another great rally season has come to an end. I wish to thank everyone who helped by putting on these rallies. We couldn't have done it without you. Thanks for all the support for the board members and especially this old loud mouth.

The October Sauerkraut rally was really spectacular. The committee out did themselves.

Now on to the future and thoughts of spending the winter in Florida. I just had to install a new refrigerator in my GMC this should make my wife happy. And when she's happy I'm happy.

Its time now to do the fall yard cleanup and prepare for old man winter. This always depresses me because next it will be a cold, wind and snow. With that said everybody have a happy and healthy winter.

Happy Trails

Dale beefrahm@yahoo.com

Words of wisdom:

When I was a child I thought naptime was punishment now it's like a mini vacation.

At my age getting lucky means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

I talk to myself because sometimes I need expert advice.

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

The Rally was hosted by Ray & Barb Gall & John & Debra Pryzbylek and they put on a great rally. We had 33 coaches in attendance with a number of GMC Eastern States members that were in attendance. The breakfast and dinner shelter was some distance away, but everyone made their way there for great breakfasts and dinners with fish or pulled pork on Friday and Chicken and ribs barbecue on Saturday. There was so much to see and do in the immediate area. Some went out to Kelly's Island by Ferry, Put-in-Bay by Ferry. The Marblehead Lighthouse tour was well attended, with many going to the top to see Erie and surrounding water and Cedar Point on the other side of the Bay. We did have some rain but it did not dampen the weekend and the evenings were cool with several campfires to keep people warm. The state park had great facilities and was well run.

Ohio Sauerkraut Festival Rally, October 8, 9 & 10

The **Sauerkraut Festival Rally in Waynesville** began with several coaches rolling in on Tuesday and even more on Wednesday. Some folks met us at Mendelson's Surplus Outlet. After a brief shopping spree, it was off to the Spaghetti Warehouse where we had lunch in a 1925 trolley/street car. We packed up our leftovers and headed to the Packard Museum for a tour of fine automobiles. They don't make them like that anymore. Then back to the Frontier Campground where later in the evening we ate soft pretzels and renewed friendships.

Thursday, after breakfast, the ladies made quilted pumpkins and the guys were treated to a fabulous Generator Seminar conducted by Bill Michel and Walt Halley, followed by Bob Burkitt's outstanding review of the Alex Birch GMC Screen Door (explaining the history up to the status of the current parts and accessories that he still produces to keep the doors working in good order). Now it was time for lunch of German Sundaes and Rubens. Then off to Waynesville to check out the shops and surrounding area; then back in the evening for strawberry shortcakes, cards and chatter.

Friday was a day of adventure, some revisited Waynesville, others went to Lebanon and the Golden Lamb, which is the oldest hotel in Ohio and has hosted seven U. S. presidents. Other folks visited one of the three Flea Markets or viewed Caesar's Creek and recreation area.

Saturday, everyone signed up for the shuttle bus ride to the Sauerkraut Festival. Fun, food, crafts, shopping was had by all and did I mention a crowd! Saturday meal was catered by Schmidt's German Restaurant in Columbus. What a fine meal. Then we sat around the bonfire and chatted with friends. The souvenir rocking horse reminded us of our experiences "**galloping through Ohio**". Satisfied with the day, we headed to our coaches.

Too soon the Rally was over. After Sunday breakfast, everyone headed home tuckered out, but with lots of happy memories.

Sincerely,

Bob Swartz, "Wagon Master" and the Wagon Train: Barbara Swartz, Dick & Kathy Wilson, Walt & Sara Halley, Tom & Lee Hampton, Gary & Kara Kosier.

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - Marblehead, OH - September 19, 2015

Call to Order: D. Frahm called the meeting to order at 8:45 AM

Minutes of the July 17, 2015 meeting were approved. There was no Board Meeting at the August 2015 Turkeyville rally.

Treasurer's Report: There was no report presented. For the October Board meeting, B. Johnson will make a detailed report on the club budget.

Old Business:

Officer Duties - D. Frahm said membership renewal notices are to be issued by the club Treasurer. The Treasurer will also provide the renewal information directly to the printer for the club directory.

Rally Planning – Tentative rally schedule for 2016 includes the following: **BirthDay Rally:** End of April/First of May – Davisburg (Holly), MI, in conjunction with an antiques market. **June Rally:** To be held at the FMCA GLAMA rally. **July Rally:** Open **August Rally:** Duck Creek Campground – Muskegon, MI, adjacent to Michigan Adventure theme park. **September Rally:** To be held at the GMCMI Convention in Mansfield, OH **October Rally:** River Ridge Resort, Stanwood, MI For the September rally there will be no Great Lakers rally fee, attendees will pay only for the GMCMI fee. GMCMI will provide a space for our club meetings, pot-luck dinners, etc. at no charge. B. Johnson said GMCMI allows prospective members to attend one rally without fees so new or prospective Great Lakers could have a free rally.

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Award Drawings– In the case of joint rallies with other GMC clubs, Gas Mileage Reimbursement and Lucky Camper Rally Cost drawings are to include Great Lakers members only. These are incentives for the Great Lakers club.

New Business:

FMCA - B. Johnson is now a member of the FMCA Membership Services Committee.

Adjournment:

F. Griffin moved for adjournment of the meeting, B. Johnson seconded the motion. The September 2015 meeting of the Great Lakers Board of Directors adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Stephen Thornburg

Secretary

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.

Membership Meeting Minutes - Marblehead, OH - September 19, 2015

Call to Order: President D. Frahm called the SEPTEMBER 2015 Membership Meeting to order at 6:55 PM

Minutes of the August 14, 2015 meeting were not read but referred to from the club newsletter. Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was referred to from the club newsletter. The report was approved as written.

Old Business:

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New Business:

D. Frahm said the offices of Secretary and Treasurer are due for re-election and he asked for volunteers, as there were no nominations for these officers. Judy Dohm volunteered for the office of Secretary and Becky Johnson volunteered for the office of Treasure. As there were no further nominations, D. Frahm called for a vote – both candidates were elected by unanimous vote.

Sunshine Report: There was no Sunshine report.

Drawings: First Timers Jeff and Maureen Ryder won Gas Mileage reimbursement.

Jim and Sandy Wagner won lucky Camper payment toward a future rally.

Adjournment: P. Thornburg moved for adjournment of the meeting, B. Bode seconded the motion. D. Frahm adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Stephen Thornburg
Secretary

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.

Membership Meeting Minutes - Waynesville, OH - October 9, 2015

Call to Order: President D. Frahm called the OCTOBER 2015 Membership Meeting to order at 6:35 PM

Minutes of the September 19, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer’s Report was approved as presented. See Members Only Area!

Old Business:

Rally Planning – Tentative rally schedule for 2016 includes the following:

GMCMCI: April 8 – 16 – Dothan, AL **Birthday Rally:** April 29 – May 1 – Davisburg (Holly), MI, in conjunction with an antiques market. **June Rally:** June 8 – 12 - To be held at the FMCA GLAMA rally – Goshen, IN

July Rally: Open **August Rally:** August 25 – 27 (Tentative) - Duck Creek Campground – Muskegon, MI, adjacent to Michigan Adventure theme park. **September Rally:** Sept 30 – Oct 6 - To be held at the GMCMCI Convention - Mansfield, OH **October Rally:** (Dates Open) - River Ridge Resort - Stanwood, MI

As there is no volunteer to host the July rally, D. Frahm proposed a “Do Nothing” rally to be held at Algonac State Park, near Port Huron, MI. Details of dates and how to make individual camping reservations will be published in the club newsletter. Dale also explained the Birthday rally will be held on the same grounds as the antiques festival and he strongly recommended attendees plan to arrive on Thursday to avoid the heavy traffic of festival vendors arriving on Friday. Location of the grounds, including GPS coordinates, will be published in the club newsletter.

New Business: D. Frahm introduced rally guests George and Sue Meyers.

FMCA - George Meyers, Regional VP for the Great Lakes Motorhome Association (GLAMA) talked about the 2016 GLAMARAMA. George will make arrangements for an Open House of our GMC area on Saturday afternoon to give GLAMA attendees an opportunity to see our coaches. He will also make arrangements for a 40th Birthday cake for our club, to be served during the ice cream social. Club officers will be asked to serve the cake. George said they are looking for volunteers to help with the work at GLAMA. He said volunteers are welcome to arrive on Monday and camp Monday and Tuesday nights at no charge. There is a free dinner provided for volunteers and volunteers receive 10 extra “Vendor Bucks” to be spent with the on-site vendors.

Dale also enthusiastically recommended attendance at the GLAMARAMA and said that it is altogether different from the GLASS rallies of the past.

Club Longevity Awards - B. Johnson and D. Frahm presented certificates to currently active club members recognizing continued membership of over 25 years. Recipients were:

Bill Helmore- 40 Years (Charter Member) **James Gompers** 35 Years **Bob & Diane Sovis** 34 Years

Lee & Lil Skalski 31 Years **Dick & Phyllis Holly** 30 Years **Dillon & Beth Hickman** 27 Years

Don Brown 26 Years (Helmore, Skalskis and Hickmans were present at this rally.)

Sunshine Report: There was no Sunshine report.

Drawings: Rick and Teresa Little won Gas Mileage reimbursement. “Lucky Camper” payment of \$100 toward a future rally was won by Bill and Beverly Morrow.

Adjournment: W.Halley moved for adjournment of the meeting, J. Dohm seconded the motion. D. Frahm adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Stephen Thornburg
Secretary

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.

Corporate Meeting Minutes - Waynesville, OH - October 9, 2015

Call to Order: President D. Frahm called the OCTOBER 9, 2015 corporate Meeting to order at 7:15 PM

Minutes of the October 11, 2014 Corporate meeting were approved.

Old Business: There was no Old Business presented.

New Business: There was no New Business presented.

Installation of Officers:

President Dale Frahm installed Judy Dohm as club Secretary. Continuing in office for 2016 are:

President: Dale Frahm

Vice President: Frank Griffin

Treasurer & Assistant Secretary: Becky Johnson

National Director: William Helmore

Alternate National Director: James White

Director at Large: Forrest Crow

Adjournment: R. Little moved for adjournment of the meeting. J. Prezbylek seconded the motion. The OCTOBER 2015 Corporate meeting of the Great Lakers Motorhome Club adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Stephen Thornburg

Secretary

FMCA NOTES:

To all the GMC Great Lakers

My wife and I would like to thank the GMC Great Lakers for the hospitality we were shown at the Waynesville rally. For those of you who were not there, as your GLAMA Regional Vice President I represent your chapter (along with five others) on the GLAMA Executive Board. If you have any problems, questions, concerns, or suggestions that involve GLAMA, GLAMARAMA, or FMCA please feel free to contact me <georgedmyers@gmail.com>, house 937-426-9850, or cell 937-477-9770.

I am also spreading the word about FMCAssist, a new benefit that is included in your dues. If contacted, FMCAssist will help any member who becomes seriously ill or dies while traveling. They will make arrangements, and pay for, transport to specialized medical care, the return of mortal remains, someone to drive your coach back home, transportation to their parents for minor children traveling with you, and many other services. You can learn all about FMCAssist by reading the material on FMCAssist under "Benefits" on the FMCA website.

There is a card that you can download from the website, or cut out of the Family Motor Coaching magazine, with the phone number to call when you need help. Please be sure to carry a copy in your coach. When a disaster happens is not the time to start digging through the website.

Thank you again for your hospitality

George and Sue Myers, L2014S

GLAMA Indiana Regional Vice President

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 Bee (I am the sunshine person, contact info on page 7)**

Thora Scannell, long time club member passed away suddenly on October 14, 2015. She was a club member since 1991 and had attended 145+ rallies with her husband Tim. She was a great person and will be missed by all. Dale & Bee Frahm and Lee & Lil Saklski attended and spent time with Tim.

J R Slaten, Had a total knee replacement on the October 28, 2015. Jeanne reports that he is doing well, with a lot of rehab to do.

Frank Griffin had surgery on his throat on October 28, 2015.

Special Notice!

The July "Do Nothing Rally" July 15 & 16, is going to be at Algonac State park. Reservations can be made up to 6 months in advance of your arrival date. You are responsibility to make your own reservations for this rally including early days. You can Call the 1-800-447-2757 or <https://www.midnrreservations.com/AlgonacStatePark?List> The waterfront sites are 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 53, 54, 56 & 64. If you cannot get one of these then get a number close to these. The earliest you can call is February 15, 2016!

GREAT LAKERS "CENTRAL LUNCH BUNCH"

We have tried a few meetings of a Lunch Bunch for members of the GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club who are located in MI, IN and OH. There appears to be quite a bit of interest in getting together through the winter so we are making a schedule and inviting all Great Lakers who feel they are within reasonable travel distance of Angola, IN.

We will meet monthly at the Ruby Tuesday Restaurant in Angola, IN, on the second Thursday at 11:30 AM EST, beginning in November 2015 and finishing for the year in April 2016. Camping season resumes in late April.

Lunch dates will be Nov.12, Dec.10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 10 and Apr. 14.

Ruby Tuesday is located at 2304 N. Wayne Street, Angola, IN 46703; telephone 260-665-8791.

For questions please contact Steve or Phyllis Thornburg, telephone 574-291-4587 or 574-329-9188, or email pdthornbg@aol.com

The **GMC Great Lakers BlueWater Lunch Bunch** meet on the Second Thursday of the month. Contact Bill Helmore to get on the notification list or call him. 248 804-0370

For Sale

I have 2 OLD'S 455 engines that could be used for rebuild cores both turn over and were running when removed. One is a 1971 and the other a 75 --- no starters or dist. neither had A/C. \$200 ea. Also looking for a tow behind car (towed) ready to tow with brackets. ready to tow. Call Dale @ 734-904-1316 dosstyn@earthlink.net

3.42-diff complete center sections with the correct Speedo adaptor 1400.00 Pick up only. Contact Russ Nolan 847 703-0994 or email at strod32@hotmail.com

Stuff For Sale from Dale:

1 "76 GMC Palm Beach 8,000.00
2 403 engines (ran when pulled) 200.00 each
3 425 transmissions (worked when pulled) 50.00 each
3 final drive (worked when pulled) 50.00 each
1 455 engine for parts free
Contact Dale 989-284-2853 or beefrahm@yahoo.com

Looking for a single cabinet door - the solid (red) oak door (77 Eleganza style for instance) for the cabinet that's below the oven. Contact Becky Johnson 248 343-7636 or beckysteve@aol.com

The GMC Great Lakers MHC website has a For Sale section. You can post your items year round to be on the website. <http://www.gmcgreatlakers.org> Or call me at 989 859-0715 or Email powerjon@chartermil.net.

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Proposed 2016 Rally Schedule

Please note that rally dates are subject to change until April 2016 newsletter

April 29, 30 & May 1	40th Birthday Party Rally	Holly, MI	Executive Comm.
June 8 thru 12	Combined Rally with GLAMMA	Goshen, IN	GLAMMA
July 15 & 16	Do Nothing Rally	Algonac State Park	GMCGL
August 25, 26 & 27	Michigan Adventure	Muskegon, MI	Thornburg's & Crew
Sept 30 thru Oct 6	Joint Rally with GMCMI	Mansfield, OH	GMCGL & GMCMI
Oct 13, 14 & 15	River Ridge Resort Rally	Stanwood, MI	Griffin & 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 2016 Rallies Of Interest!

April 8 thru April 15	GMCMI Spring Convention	Nat. Peanut Festival Grounds	Dothan, AL
June 8 thru 12	FMCA GLAMARAMA Rally	Elkhart Country 4H Fairgrounds	Goshen, IN
June 25 thru July 1	The "Great GMCMI Summer Get Together"	Branson KOA & Convention Center	Branson, MO
Sept 30 thru Oct 6	GMCMI Fall Convention	Richland Co. Fairgrounds	Mansfield, OH

Treasurer Report
GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Inc.
October 31, 2015

See members only section on website for complete Report.

Becky Johnson, Treasurer

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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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Call Judy: 269 683-2145 or Email at:
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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. 11/01/2015

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 need to rebuild or replace your exhaust system and you have headers, you will need two of the following part numbers, one for each side.

All headers that fit our coach for 455 and 403 engines use a 2.5inch exhaust pipe flange/ring donut. The 2 best that I have found and use on the exhaust system on our coach that is being done now are as follows. They are both the graphite based gasket material.

You can find the FelPro part # 60584 at most big box auto parts stores. Napa also sell a similar version of the same construction under part# FPG 60584. They are both priced at about \$9. Don't use cheaper donuts, as you will burn them out quickly. Don't ask me how I know!

The item is a nozzle and hose assembly if you didn't get a nozzle or hose when you got your new arms from the men's mall. Dorman offers a nozzle kit for those wiper arms under part# 924-5101. They are a little pricey at about \$18 per kit, but they do work!