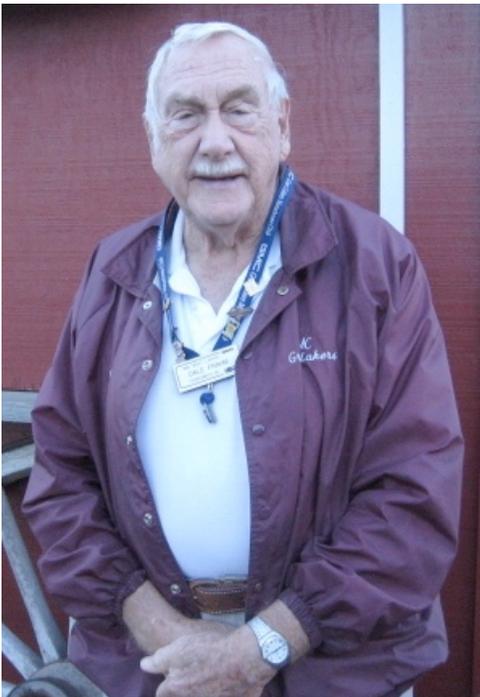




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**Dale Frahm
President 2017
GMC Great Lakers**

This is the last newsletter of the 2016 season. The first newsletter of 2017 will be published in April 2017. For most of you it will be an electronic version with instruction supplied in an Email to you. Have a good winter.

J.R. Wright

**Dues notice will be in this
newsletter, be sure and
return ASAP!**

Dales Wails!

First of all I want to thank everybody for voting me in as President for one more year. I will do my best. I also want to thank all of the out going officers for their service and welcome the new.

It is with a heavy heart that I had to say good-bye to my best friend Buster. He has gone to Doggy Heaven and will be greatly missed. Bee and I will be o.k.

Remember folks we only have 3 rallies for 2017. Put on your thinking caps and help us out. Without rallies there is no club or any fun.

Now off to Florida Soon.

Dale beefrahm@yahoo.com

Words of wisdom:

Smiles and Sorrow both start with S!

It's how you follow up that makes the difference!



GMCMI Fall Convention Report

I'd like to make a little report on the September Rally At GMCMI Convention in Mansfield, OH. Those of us who arrived on Wednesday had no problems. But on Thursday the rains came making the fairgrounds pretty muddy, but everybody managed.

Thursday night we had an ice cream social, a great time to meet everyone. Our Great Lakers were well represented. Almost 50 coaches out of the 160 coaches in were present at the convention. The seminars were great as always. (See picture on last page)

I'm very proud of the Great Lakers women who put on the Ladies Social. It was a classy affair.

Saturday night we all enjoyed a Great Lakers potluck. We have some great cooks in our group. We had a good representation at the chili cook-off. It was fun to sample all of it.

We had several great breakfasts, 2 catered dinners and 3 ice cream socials. (Yum, yum)

Many people participated in the Mystery dinner and program. A lot of us had parts in the play. And the murderess claimed she did not do it. All in all it was a great convention!

October Fall Color Rally At Stanwood, MI

Most of the color was in full force. The weather was a bit on the cool side, but we again had a beautiful building to spend our time in.

The park was great with all amenities you could ask for. Our sites were great and the clubhouse was even nicer than before with a huge flat screen TV. The girls played a lot of cards and the guys just had their normal bull sessions.

The food was great I hope! Chief Frank and his able kitchen helpers made all food from scratch. Each morning a wonderful complete continental breakfast was available with oatmeal, waffles, homemade bread with homemade jellies and for the holdout there were even donuts. The real topper was the wonderful evening meals. On Friday the menu consisted of complete Turkey dinner with all the fixin's. On Saturday evening the menu Kabasa and Sour Kraut, with pie and ice cream as a finisher. **Frank can cook!**

Let's just say this fall color rally was more about good friends, good times and hopefully good food!

Thanks for everyone's help, and we will see you in the spring!

**GMC GREAT LAKERS
BUSINESS MEETING
October 15, 2016**

President D. Frahm called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. We had guests but they had to leave before the meeting. New members were introduced. They are Bill and Brenda MacPherson.

John Wright made a motion to dispense with the secretary report. Matt Colley seconded. Motion passed. The treasurers report was given. We have \$10,628.00 total. Bill Helmore made a motion to accept the report as given. Phyllis Thornburg seconded. Motion passed.

We discussed the 2017 rally list.

May rally will be in Granger, IN on the 3rd weekend put on by the club officers.

June-open

July-open

Aug. Chelsey fair hosted by the Colley's.

Sept. Algonac do nothing rally starting on the 11th. Hosted by the Frahm's.

October-open

We discussed the electronic membership and let everyone know about the \$5.00 dues reduction because of this savings.

There is a lunch bunch in Angola, IN on the 2nd Tuesday. For information contact the Thornburg's. The Colley's are also starting up a lunch bunch.

A big thank you was given to Frank Griffin for the wonderful food he cooked for this rally. The homemade bread was delicious.

The election results are as follows:

President: Dale Farm

V. Pres: John Pryzbylek

Secretary: Phyllis Thornburg

Treasurer: John Shotwell

National Director: Merle Carpenter

Alt Nat Director: Marv Miller

Director at Large: Margie Baumbarger

Membership Director: Becky Johnson - Appointed

News Letter Editor: John Wright

(Editors Note Added) Historian: Bill Helmore – Appointed

John Wright made a motion to adjourn at 6:53. Bill Helmore seconded. Motion passed.

Respectively submitted: Judy Dohm, Secretary

GMC GREAT LAKERS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING October 14, 2016

Present: B. Helmore; D. Frahm; J. Dohm; B. Johnson; F. Crow; S. Thornburg; J. Wright; J. White. Absent: F. Griffin.

The meeting was called to order by president D. Frahm at 10:06 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS: John Wright made a motion to dispense with the secretary minutes. Seconded by Bill Helmore. Motion passes. Treasurer's report was given. Treasures report was accepted. Becky suggested lowering our dues by \$5.00 to \$20.00 a year. This is because of having lower expenses because of going electronic on the Newsletter. There followed a very lengthy discussion. Judy Dohm made a motion to lower the dues by \$5.00 per year. Seconded by Jim White, Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Some of us will be getting prices for new club flags for our coaches. We discussed doing an updated advanced GMC Rally Hosts Guide. We also talked about holding a seminar in June or July on how to host a rally. John Wright made a motion to change the club website sign in to a club sign in instead of an individual one. Seconded by Judy Dohm. Motion passed. Effective date is Jan. 1 2017. Several people expressed interest in longer rallies. Dale Frahm made a motion to let the rally host decide what they want to do. Jim White seconded. Motion passed. We discussed bonding the officers but Becky let us know that we are already bonded through FMCA. We also need to make sure that new members know that belonging to FMCA is required to be a member of the Great Lakers but belonging to GMCMI is not.

Becky Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. John Wright seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted Judy Dohm, Secretary

Sunshine & Clouds

We had 2 members pass on in the past few months.

Tim Scannell, a GMCGL member for 25 years along with late wife Thora, died on Sunday September 11, 2016. Tim and Thora had attended 145 rallies since joining in 1991.

Paul Bartz, a GMCGL member since 1994 died suddenly on the 29 of October 2016. He had attended 12 rallies.

GMC Great Lakers Lunch Bunch Groups

The GMC Great Lakers MHC now has 3 lunch bunch groups that cover Michigan, Ohio and Western Indiana.

The Oldest Group is the **"Blue Water Lunch Bunch"** that meets in Port Huron on the second Thursday of the month. If you wish to be included, please contact Bill Helmore @248 804-0370 to get on the email list for future meetings. This is a large group that includes both Michigan and Ontario members.

"GREAT LAKERS "CENTRAL LUNCH BUNCH"

It's time to fire up our "Central Lunch Bunch" for the 2016/2017 winter season. This is our Lunch Bunch for members of the GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club 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 Tuesday at 12:30 PM EST, beginning in December 2016 and finishing for the year in April 2017. The November lunch will be moved to the third Tuesday because the second Tuesday is Election Day. Camping season resumes in May. Lunch dates will be Nov.15, Dec.13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14 and Apr. 11. 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

Southeast Michigan & Northwest Ohio GMC Lunch Bunch (SEMNO)

All American Buffet - 13753 Eureka Road (in the Southgate Shopping Center) - Southgate, MI 48195
Saturday Earlybird until 2:30 9.99\$ (Seniors 9.25)

You can also mark November 19 and December 17. I haven't gotten into planning the next year yet. Contact Matt Colie either by email at matt7323tze@gmail.com or 734 753-5054

Important Information on Next years (2017) Rallies

BACK TO THE PAST...BIRTHDAY BASH!!

Get out your leisure suits, hot pants, polyester plaid pants, knee hi boots...because we are going back to the 1970's.

The May rally will be held in Granger, Indiana at the South Bend/Elkhart North KOA. Sites will be booked from May 1 to May 8 (leaving day). Planned activities will begin on May 4th. Club meeting will be held on Saturday, May 7.

This will be the 41st birthday of the GMC Great Lakers.

Come for the week....or just for the last few days. YOUR CHOICE!
Save the dates....and get out those "treasured duds"!

September "Do Nothing" Rally Special Notice!

The September "Do Nothing Rally" September 11 thru 17, is again going to be at Algonac State park. We are doing a Monday thru Saturday rally leaving on Sunday. By doing a Monday reservation there is a better chance of getting all the good sites for our rally. Reservations can be made up to **6 months** in advance of your arrival date and you should plan on doing that as the sites go quickly. 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. We will be trying to get the south end of the river view lots. If you cannot get one of these then get a number close to these. Be sure to check the site availability on the state park website.

We still have 3 rally dates still open for 2017. We need to have you look and step up to do a rally on one of the open dates, which are June, August and October.

Rallies are fun to do and NOT that difficult to put on. We will guide you thru the pitfalls and fun of doing a rally. They don't have to have a theme. Call VP John Pryzbylek and discuss you ideas.

FMCA Notes:

I'm sure many of you have been wondering how Jane Roush, our recent past GLAMA National VP, has been doing regarding her health. The good news is Jane began the planned stem cell on, October 26. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her for a full and complete healing.

Jim Koenig
GLAMA Senior VP

For Sale Items (Published in newsletter at end of season. Only 2 items submitted)

Tim Scannell's Coach is for sale. It is a 1975 Avion Model with dry bath and rear twin beds. It is mechanically sound with lots of extras. The asking price is \$9000. Mike McGinley (Tim's son in law) 246 931-2927, Commerce Twp, MI

You can see pictures on the website.

Richard Holley has decided to sell his coach due to his age. The coach is a 1976 Palm Beach. It has been well maintained and details are available by calling Richard at 740 374-7142. A picture will be on the website.

Rally Pictures

I have a number of pictures taken at the various rallies this year and they will be put up on the website in albums for each rally. Next year with the newsletter being delivered electronically it will have more color pictures included. The hard copy version for those without an email address will be in B&W and the picture will not be included.

One Final Thought:

Next year (2017) we are going to transition to a new format of delivering information to our club members. There will be much more color pictures of our rallies on line for you to view. The newsletter will be in your email so that you can download and print it if you want. The "Members Only" area will have a common password. That will be sent to your from your Membership Director. Having published the Great Lakers newsletter for the past 18+ years I look at this as a new beginning and a way to reduce cost to our membership. We look forward to listening to your comment and suggestions.

John Wright
Publisher/Editor

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Be Sure to send this Registration form back to
Becky Johnson
By
February 1, 2017

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Proposed 2017 Rally Schedule

<p>May 18, 19 & 20th June July 27, 28 & 29th August Sept 11 thru 17th October</p>	<p>Back To The Past Birthday Bash! OPEN Summer Fun Rally OPEN Do Nothing Rally Relaxing by the River OPEN</p>	<p>Granger, IN Ionia, MI Algonac, MI</p>	<p>Executive Comm. Stalks' & Carpenters Frahm's</p>
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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 2017 Rallies Of Interest!

<p>March 24 thru 30 July 12 thru 15 Fall 2017</p>	<p>GMCMI Spring Convention FMCA 96th International Convention GMCMI Fall Convention</p>	<p>Heart of OK Exposition Center Indiana State Fairgrounds TBD</p>	<p>Shawnee, OK Indianapolis, IN TBD</p>
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Treasurer Report
GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Inc.
September 30, 2016

See detailed report in "Members Only" area.

Respectfully Submitted
Becky Johnson, Treasurer

GMC GreatLakers is published for its member's 4 to 6 times per season. Starting in April 2017 the newsletter will be published electronically and sent to your email address. Those of you that do not have and email address will receive your newsletter by mail. Should you not receive your newsletter please contact the membership director.

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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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Emergency Number 877 202-4176
Included with your FMCA Membership
See FMCA Current Magazine For Details or go
online @fmca.com member's area. 11/08/2016

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. January 1, 2017 the website will have a common password and you will be notified by email.

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