



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

America's Oldest and Largest
Regional GMC Club for Preservation
of the GMC Motorhome!



**Dale Frahm
President 2017
GMC Great Lakers**

Upcoming Rallies 2017

**Back to the Past Birthday Rally
May 4 thru May 7
Grainger, IN**

**Great Outdoors Rally
June 8 thru 12th
Fayette, OH**

Dales Wails!

Howdy Folks!

Well another year has come and gone. We are in Florida enjoying the warm weather. I hope everybody has had a good we-inter and stayed warm and healthy. It looks like our Vice President has a great lineup of Rallies for 2017. The trip to Paducah, Kentucky sounds very interesting and fun.

September is going to be with the GMCMCI International in Elkhart, Indiana. I hope this suits everybody as we will not be going to Algonac State Park. Maybe we can do this at another time. If someone is upset about the change let them wail on me. This decision was before we were aware of GMCMCI's plans. In closing I will see everyone at the May Rally. Keep the GMC wheels a turning.

Dale beefrahm@yahoo.com

Words of wisdom:

Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day
Teach a person to use the internet and they won't
bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.



BACK TO THE PAST...BIRTHDAY BASH

May 4 to May 7 (*May 1 to May 7 for those who are interested*)

South Bend / Elkhart KOA

50707 Princess Way

Granger, IN 46530

The 2017 Spring Rally will be a joint rally with the GMC Six – Wheelers club.

We have camping sites reserved beginning Monday, May 1, so we will have camping on Monday through Saturday nights with coffee on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings but no breakfast. We will have breakfast on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings and head for home on May 7.

We have a couple of optional activities planned for each day from Tuesday through Friday that will be free or at very minimal cost.

Saturday we will have a prepared dinner followed by BIRTHDAY CAKE. Come dressed in your “70’s” outfit to commemorate the 41st birthday of our club. For those in costume, we will take a picture of you in your “gear” next to your coach.

In an effort to help with the “greening” of our local area, please bring your own washable cups, plates and silverware to the meal functions. Of course we will still have paper and plastic for those who forget.

Rally fees and contact information are on the RSVP form.

Directions from the North, follow MI-62 / IN-23 into Granger, West on IN-23 to traffic light at Princess Way, North on Princess Way to the KOA. Directions from the South, follow IN-331 North to IN-23, East on IN-23 to traffic light at Princess Way, North on Princess Way to the KOA.

If you have any questions about the rally, please contact Phyllis & Steve Thornburg at telephone 1-574-329-9188 or 1-574-291-4587, or Email pdthornbg@aol.com

The Great Outdoors Rally

June 8 thru 12

Harrison Lake State Park, 26246 Harrison Lake Road, Fayette, Ohio 43521

The June rally will be held at Harrison Lake State Park, 26246 Harrison Lake Road, Fayette, Ohio 43521 beginning Thursday, June 8 for four nights. Thirty (30) campsites have been placed on hold in the name of the GMC Great Lakers. The reserved campsite numbers are 6-12, 22, 23, 30, 37-42, 63-69, and 75-81, all located in the northern campgrounds. The campsite locations can be viewed on line at

<http://parks.ohiodnr.gov/harrisonlake>.

Campsite reservations and payment must be made directly with the Ohio State Parks Reservations Service no later than May 5, 2017 by calling 866.644.6727. Be sure to mention you are affiliated with the GMC Great Lakers when reserving your campsite. Golden Buckeye and Passport America cardholders must request the discount when making your reservations.

Catered breakfasts and dinners will served on two days - Friday, June 9th and Sunday, June 11th. A continental breakfast will be available Monday, June 12th. Saturday, June 10 is a free day with no scheduled activities or meals being provided.

If you have any questions about the rally, please contact John Pryzbylek at 419.490.3835 or via eMail at jmpryzl@gmail.com.

Corporation Bylaws Revision Required by FMCA

On November 16, 2016 FMCA notified the GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Inc. our bylaws are not in compliance with the national requirements Policy and Procedures 3011/A *Minimum Requirements for Chapter Bylaws* and 3011/B *Chapter Bylaws Format*.

FMCA last reviewed our bylaws in 2010 and stated a number of changes have been made to the FMCA National Bylaws since that time and "a number of clauses included in the minimum requirements are missing or incomplete. Your bylaws also include considerable information that would be more appropriately included in Standing Rules, for example, expansion of officer duties, instructions regarding rallies and limitations regarding expenditures."

Our vice-president volunteered to spearhead the effort revising the bylaws to be compliant with the FMCA Policies and Procedures 3011/A and 3011/B, the minimum requirements, and also implement the FMCA recommendation to prepare a Standing Rules document containing the detailed day-to-day administrative operating procedures of the Corporation. This effort is well underway and draft documents will be reviewed by the Executive Board during the May rally.

It's a Shady Business!

Since purchasing the "Guske Coach" almost four years ago, Terry and I have had the opportunity to not only travel extensively and enjoy a great GMC Motorhome, but establish a wonderful relationship with Ken and Margaret Guske. They represent to true persona of the GMC Motorhome Community.

This past fall we were asked to continue their shade business. It is an not only an honor to carry on the legacy of a cherished motorhome, but as the new owners of their shade business as well. We share their joy in being part of the Great Lakers.

Unfortunately, we have relocated to Reno, NV but will be back to Michigan this summer to spend three months returning our coach to Nevada.

GMC RV Shades

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Guess who this is??????

FMCA News - New Member Benefit!

Windshield Replacement Program by Guardian Glass

The Guardian RV Glass Network provides convenient, hassle-free motorhome windshield replacement services. Guardian's network offers nationwide coverage with more than 3,000 approved glass repair and replacement providers across the United States.

The Guardian RV Glass Network works with insurance companies to make sure your claim is processed efficiently so you can get back on the road. The company has industry-leading customer service with a 98 percent average approval rating, and offers comprehensive warranties on parts and labor. All of this brought to you by America's leading producer of motorhome windshields.

Work with Guardian to get your windshield replaced and earn one year of your FMCA membership for FREE!

For more information or questions contact Guardian at (855) 362-2784 or visit www.rvglassparts.com.

See FMCA @ <https://www.fmca.com/benefits/guardian-glass.html> or your FMCA magazine.

FMCA 2.0 Big News

Dear FMCA Member,

You may hear this statement a lot in the next few months: **"It's not about the equipment; it's about the people."**

And that comes *straight* from members!

The time has come to act on what you, the member, have known for years: "Motorhomes" don't come to rallies and events – PEOPLE do. "Motorhomes" don't have a corner on the market for family, fun and fellowship - PEOPLE make membership in FMCA what it is. It's time to lift the equipment restriction placed on us by our founders (so that ALL our friends and family who RV – including those who own towables, which is where most of us started! – can join the FMCA fun).

It's time to catch up and welcome the entire RVing community in our plans going forward.

There's an important vote coming before your Governing Board in July. Your leadership is being asked to approve allowing FMCA to welcome RV owners - without a motorhome limitation.

The two most common questions we have heard:

Chapters: You will still control your own bylaws. You will not be required to allow owners of towables to join your chapter if your chapter does not wish to do so. The scope of the chapter will continue to be your decision.

Name: Our name will simply change to "FMCA." We'll still be the organization that stands for FAMILY and FUN (plus memories, camaraderie, adventure and so much more).

We're calling this a remodeling project. Same foundation, same core purpose and core values. We'll just open the door a little wider to let more members in so we can ALL have more fun.

Please watch for more information on this exciting topic in the next few months, and encourage your leadership to give thoughtful consideration to this amendment.

Remember, it's all about having fun,

Charlie Adcock

FMCA National President

Sunshine & Clouds

John Wright had a tune up heart procedure the last part of November with 2 stents and a roto router on another spot. 3 days later John had a kidney stone attack which required surgery to remove an 8 MM stone.

Jan Wright had Gaul bladder surgery the first part of February while at the winter residence in Tucson, AZ.

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Proposed 2017 Rally Schedule

May 4 thru 7	Back To The Past Birthday Bash!	Granger, IN	Executive Comm.
June 8 thru 12	Great Outdoors Rally	Fayette, OH	Pryzbyleks
July 27, 28 & 29th	Summer Fun Rally	Ionia, MI	Stalks' & Carpenters
August 18 thru 22	Solar Eclipse Rally	Paducah, KY	GMCES/GMCGL
Sept 9 thru 15	GMCMI Fall Convention-35 th Anniversary	Elkhart, IN	GMCMI
October 3 thru 7	Southern Hospitality	Cincinnati, OH	Newman's

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 2017/2018 Rallies Of Interest!

March 24 thru 30	GMCMI Spring Convention	Heart of OK Exposition Center	Shawnee, OK
July 12 thru 15	FMCA 96 th International Convention	Indiana State Fairgrounds	Indianapolis, IN
April 6 thru 12, 2018	GMCMI Spring Convention	Tucson Lazydays KOA	Tucson, AZ

Treasurer Report
GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Inc.
March 16, 2017

See detailed report in "Members Only" area.

Respectfully Submitted
John Shotwell, 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 an 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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FMC Assist Member Benefit
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 located at: www.gmcgreatlakers.org . During March 2017 the websites member only area will be upgraded to have a common password and you will be notified by email on when the upgrade is finished and how to use it.

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