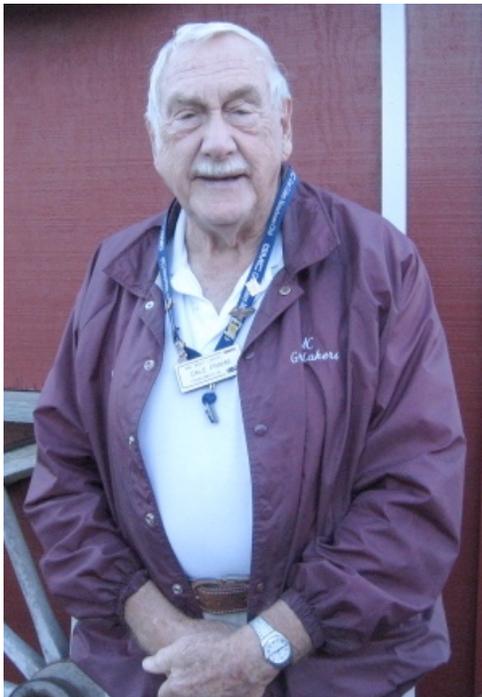




*The Newsletter of  
the GMC Great  
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Motorhome Club,  
Inc.*

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



**Dale Frahm  
President 2017  
GMC Great Lakers**

## Dales Wails!

Howdy Folks!

Well folks my term as president is coming to an end. It has been my pleasure to serve the club. Thank you for putting up with me for three years. It will be great to have some new people with fresh ideas and different places for rallies. The future of this club looks very bright and the new officers very capable. Its good to see so many new people joining our club. Remember this is your club. You do with it what you want.

Now on a happy note my Buddy is growing like a bad weed. And now Farewell!

Happy Trails

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**Please check Page 5 for:**

**The updated Proposed 2018  
Rallies List**

**Your 2018 Club Officers are  
listed with their Contact  
Email addresses and Phone  
numbers.**

## Time Moves On!

It seems like yesterday that I sent out my first newsletter in January of 2000. It has been almost 18 years that I have been your Newsletter Editor/Publisher and when I looked at the past newsletters there have been changes and upgrades to the way club information has been delivered to the membership. The clubs first website to the electric email version delivery of today. It has been my pleasure to have been your editor & publisher thru the years. Starting next year John Pryzbylek will be doing the newsletter for you. So I say goodbye as I retire and enjoy club rally's.

JR Wright [powerjon@chartermi.net](mailto:powerjon@chartermi.net)



## Winton Wood Fall Rally

Thanks to all who attended the October rally at Winton Woods in Cincinnati. We had 21 coaches join us to enjoy beautiful weather with good food, good friends, and good music. Thanks to first timers, John & Melissa Koenig, Rob & Maribeth McPheters, and Woody and Ri, who chipped right in and helped out with everything from scooping ice cream, to arranging a Blue Grass trio to entertain us, to helping with the take down and cleanup of base camp. We hope to see you a lot more in 2018. A big Thank You to Steve & Becky! Our co-hosts were there every step of the way, especially when Bea's steps were limited!

We started the rally off with pizza and snacks at the Tuesday evening social. Jim Miller, Onan guru, gave a great presentation; he is a wealth of knowledge! Thank you so much Jim! Wednesday morning, a school bus took us downtown to Cincinnati's riverfront for a walk over the Purple People Bridge. We then enjoyed Smale Park along the Ohio River, some taking time to ride the slide or play the foot piano. We had our brown bag lunch at the picnic tables on the old railroad tracks before heading back. Thursday morning brought a little rain but we were able to enjoy the Winton Queen pontoon boat ride on Winton Lake just the same. Bob Birkett joined the guys for an afternoon session while the women did some crafting. That evening after the club meeting, Dale gave his bittersweet farewell as President. Thank you, Dale, for your years of leadership to our Club. Then we enjoyed the Great Lakers stone soup that had been simmering all day for dinner. Thank you everyone for their ingredients. Sara, Janice, and NinaLee did a great job making it all come together deliciously. Then came the surprise, Rob McPheters' son and two band mates made some fun Bluegrass music for us. Thanks to all for generously adding \$ to the basket for a nice thank you to them.

Thanks to all who helped us pack up and then say our farewells until next season. Here is wishing everyone a healthy happy winter. Safe travels to those traveling and we hope to see many of you in the spring at GMCM in Tucson. We are eager to get together in 2018 at new places and enjoy new adventures with you all.

We feel so blessed to be a part of such a good group of people. Jerry & Bea Newman

## GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, INC. Corporate Meeting    October 5, 2017 Winton Woods Campground, Cincinnati, OH

President Dale Frahm called the Corporate Meeting to order at 6:24 PM.

The following officers were installed for the 2018 camping year:

President- Becky Johnson

VP- Sarah Halley

Secretary- Bea Newman

Treasurer- John Shotwell

Director at Large- Margie Baumbarger

National FMCA Director- Merle Carpenter

Alternate National Director- Marv Miller

Meeting was adjourned by the President at 6:30 PM

# 2019 CARAVAN RALLY

At the October 2017 rally we introduced the idea of a GMC Great Lakers caravan rally that would take a number of our coaches on a Lake Superior Circle Tour in 2019. To determine a level of interest in the tour we asked for a show of hands of people who are interested in pursuing information about a caravan rally. The interest level appeared to be quite high so we will begin with a description of a similar rally we did in July and August 2017. We had 12 total coaches in our group and we travelled in groups of 3 so we didn't clog the highways with a large group of slower moving vehicles. We travelled at speeds of 50 – 55 MPH. We had all campground reservations made and deposits paid well before the start of the trip. The group size of 12 coaches worked very well and allowed us to get group reservations at all the campgrounds.

The trip began at Mill Creek RV Park at Mackinaw City, MI, and ended at the Aune Osborn Campground at Ste. St. Marie, MI, 14 days later. We travelled approximately 1200 miles going clockwise around Lake Superior. Travel days ranged from 120 miles to 200 miles. Our stops were at Munising, MI (2 nights), Copper Harbor, MI (2 nights), Cedar, WI (2 nights), Duluth, MN (1 night), Thunder Bay, ONT (3 nights), Nipigon, ONT (2 nights), Wawa, ONT (1 night), and Ste. St. Marie, MI (1 night).

Because all of the campground reservations were made far in advance and were un-changeable, we had to arrive at each destination on schedule. Each group of 3 coaches was free to make whatever sightseeing stops along the way or take whatever side trips as long as they arrived at the designated destination as planned. Individual coaches could do the same with the knowledge of their travelling partners. We made coordinated fuel stops and lunch stops. We had a designated leader and designated "tail gunner" for each group of three and those jobs could be alternated for each travel day.

Communication in our group was with CB radios, some groups used HAM radios and some used cell phones. We found that our cell phones (ATT) were basically just paperweights in Canada.

On non-travel days we were free to sightsee, shop or just relax and take naps.

For meals, we had a few restaurant dinners, we had several potluck dinners, for lunches we were on our own, and breakfast was assigned to one or two coaches who would provide something like egg casserole, waffles, scrambled eggs, etc. There was always coffee and juice made by the Wagon Master. Everyone pitched in so we ate very well.

The cost of the rally was \$100 earnest money to ensure our spot in the caravan and make some early deposits, required about a year before the caravan; then \$500 to pay for all of our campgrounds for the entire tour. That had to be paid in January to ensure all campgrounds were paid in advance. Additional costs were fuel and any sightseeing and souvenir expenses we chose to make.

The Canadian portion of the trip requires a current passport or enhanced drivers license and very current health certificates for any pets.

If you have questions about doing a similar trip in 2019 please feel free to contact Phyllis and Steve Thornburg.

## New Sunshine Lady

Deb Pryzbylek will be the club's Sunshine Lady. Anyone with information about club members having health, injury, surgery or other adverse problems and could use a note or card sent to improve their spirit, should contact Deb via email at [dpryzl@gmail.com](mailto:dpryzl@gmail.com) or give her a call at 419.825.5259. The more information provided to Deb about the effected individual and their circumstances will insure the appropriate correspondence and message will be sent.

## FMCA News

Have you votes yet on the FMCA proposed changes to the FMCA Articles of Incorporation & Constitution. You should go to page 46 of the November magazine and complete a ballot and send it in by snail mail.

FMCA is offering a similar road service as Good Sam's Road. The FMCA is called GMCA Roadside Rescue. FMCA has a locked in the \$69 rate for 3 years. You should go online or the information should be available in the December magazine.



# Proposed GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club 2018 Rally Schedule

<b>May 22 thru 25</b>	Birthday Rally	Wapakoneta, OH KOA	Executive Comm.
<b>June 6 thru 10</b>	GLAMA Rally	Allegan, MI	Pryzbylek's
<b>July</b>	OPEN		
<b>August 14 thru 16</b>	Not named	Coshocton, OH KOA	Little's
<b>September</b>	GMCMI Fall Convention-	Site not Selected	GMCMI
<b>October</b>	Join Rally with GMCES	Site not Selected	Bill Michel

## 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) To be updated when new bylaws are enacted.

## Other 2018 Rallies Of Interest!

<b>April 6 thru 12, 2018</b>	GMCMI Spring Convention	Tucson Lazy Days KOA	Tucson, AZ
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Treasurer Report  
GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Inc.  
September 30, 2017

See Members Only Area

Respectfully Submitted  
John Shotwell, Treasurer

**All address, phone numbers and E-mail Changes should Be sent to 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

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**Great Lakers Website** The web site is located at: [www.gmcgreatlakers.org](http://www.gmcgreatlakers.org) As of July 1, 2017 the website now has a common username and password. To access the member's only area you need to enter the user name and password and they case sensitive. Enter them exactly as shown on the email that you have received. If you have lost the email and information on the common username & password contact the assistant webmaster at [steve.johnson0616@gmail.com](mailto:steve.johnson0616@gmail.com)

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