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Regional GMC Club for Preservation
of the GMC Motorhome!



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President 2009
GMC Great Lakers**

Ewart Dulcimer Funfest Rally
July 15, 16, 17, 18 & 19 2009
Ewart, MI

ATTENTION New Rally!!
Do Nothin' Rally
August 20, 21, 22 & 23
Plain City, OH

Bill's Blog!...

The 34th camping season is officially under way. We had a great turnout in Cassopolis for our 33rd birthday rally with 57 coaches, which included one none GMC. Our first rally in May 1976 at Groveland Oaks County Park brought together 39 Great Lakers on a rainy weekend then as now we all had a good time.

Lets put our thinking caps on and come up with rallies for 2010. As of this time nothing is scheduled, we would like volunteers to step up, there must be some event or place in your neck of the woods that you think the Club members would enjoy as much as you do.

When you change email providers, phone numbers or address it is essential that you contact the Treasurer, Newsletter Editor or myself.

It was brought to my attention that the members could not reach an officer during the birthday rally, to correct that here is my cell phone number: (248) 804-0370.

Happy GMC'ing

Bill

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GMC Great Lakers 33rd Anniversary Rally

GMC Great Lakers 33rd Anniversary Rally hosted by The Board of Executives was held May 15, 16 & 17 at the Fair Grounds in Cassopolis, MI with 56 GMC's and one none GMC in attendance. The members began arriving as early as Tuesday with some on Wednesday and most arriving on Thursday.

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Birthday Rally Cont.

The rally officially began Friday evening with BBQ pork on a bun with cole slaw and potato salad was a big hit with the rally goers. However since there was a big turnout Thursday the continental breakfast was served Friday morning, which consisted of coffee cake, coffee, tea or hot chocolate with a few doughnuts, thrown in.

After the Friday evening dinner there was an ice-cream social sponsored by Diane Fisher in memory of her departed husband, Don. The ice cream came from Don's favorite ice-cream parlor in southwest Michigan. Diane had pictures of Don on some of his fun adventures in the last few years. Thanks Diane and may Don rest in peace, he will be missed by those who had the pleasure to know him.

Saturday morning after breakfast the GMC Pinewood Derby preliminaries got under way with the weigh in's and adjustments to each racer as needed. There were 22 racers that entered the Derby race, 11 men and 11 women. Each racer raced on all of the four lanes and its score was recorded. When each racer finished, the 4 scores were averaged then the results were recorded. From that recording it was determined who were the winners. As you can see the racers' speeds were measured to the 10,000 of a second.

The Derby Race Winners were:

1st-Frank Griffin #7 with the time of 4.1975 seconds average

2nd-John Wright #1 with the time of 4.2225 seconds (He was 25 thousandths of a second from 1st place)

3rd-Ken Guske #15 with the time of 4.225 seconds avg. (He was 27.5 thousandths of a second from 1st place)

Powder Puff Winners:

1st-Kathy Wilson #10 with the time of 4.23 seconds average

2nd- Diane Fisher #23 with the time of 4.38 seconds average (She was 150 thousandths of a second from 1st place)

President's Award--Judy Caldwell

Saturday evening meal consisted of roast pork & dressing, tossed salad, green beans, dinner rolls and the Club's Birthday Cake for desert. At the Club's business meeting the three first timers and two guests were introduced by President Bill. One of the guests George and Ann Skipper gave a talk about some of the early Club outings as were the charter members and helped form our chapter. Ann Skipper was the Club's first Secretary and she and George were very active in the Club in its early years.

Sunday morning found the group saying goodbye as the rally ended. However 12 members remained for one or three more nights in preparation to caravan over to the GLASS Rally in Berrien Springs.

2009 G.L.A.S.S. Rally

The 2009 GLASS rally (Great Lakes Annual Spring Spree) was held Memorial Day weekend May 21 -25 at the Berrien Springs Youth Fairground in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Seventeen Great Lakers attended this year and all had a good time.

All who ventured over to the grandstand enjoyed the entertainment in the evening. Even Buster Frahm joined in on one number. There were several freebies this year; we were able to get a package of frozen waffles and a package of frozen pancakes. Minute Rice was having the attendees spin a wheel of fortune for various prizes ranging from white or brown rice to a nail file.

The vendors in the commercial buildings were down by about 25% from past years as were the vehicle displays. The car show was moved to Sunday this year and I understand that the same cars that participated last year also came this with a few new entries.

Lancaster Old Car Show Rally – June 5, 6, and 7

Warm June days, good friends, the nostalgia of cars from bygone days – all amid the historic sites of Lancaster in beautiful Fairfield County, Ohio, and GMC Great Lakers who arrived in their forty-two coaches found all this to be a recipe for another enjoyable rally. Though early arrivals on Wednesday had a soggy day, by Friday the weather was picture perfect for the Lancaster Old Car Club Spring Festival or any other activities club members might choose – whether touring historic sites like the Georgian and Sherman House, shopping, antiques, or visiting the scenic Hocking Hills.

The first official activity of the Rally was Friday evening dinner at Christ United Methodist Church in Baltimore, where the group enjoyed a meal of Italian Chicken and all the trimmings topped off with a mouth-watering selection of homemade pies. (Look elsewhere in this newsletter for recipes requested.) Following dinner there was entertainment by The Canal Strings, who offered a varied program, both instrumental and vocal, of traditional songs, folk music, old favorites, and sacred songs, performed on guitar, mountain dulcimers, hammered dulcimers, and marimbula. Afterwards David Fey, Director of Fairfield County Parks, gave an entertaining and informational pictorial presentation highlighting many interesting and unusual historic and geographic features found in Fairfield County's Park System.

At Saturday and Sunday's Old Car Show, of particular interest to Great Lakers were Betty and Orville Gibbs's 1949 Jeepster, John Schoenfeld's Thing, Steve Harman's 1967 Olds Toronado, 1969 GMC Pick-up truck, and 1972 V-8 Vega, and Tim Harman's 1955 Cadillac. The two-day show featured some 300 vehicles in 30 classes. Over the course of the rally, club members enjoyed seeing Steve Harman's collection of Hot Wheels GMC Motorhomes on display in the dining hall.

Following Saturday evening's catered meal and business meeting, members and guests enjoyed homemade cookies furnished by the host committee and an Ice Cream Sundae Bar set up by Weldon's Ice Cream, makers of quality ice cream in Fairfield County for over thirty years. Immediately following the ice cream feast was story time. With the Great Lakers having been encamped on the Fairfield County Fairgrounds, in the very shadow of the historic rock-faced cliff known as Standing Stone, it seemed fitting to have Worth and Dottie relate the story of Forest Rose, dealing with an historic battle that took place there in 1790. It must be noted that on Friday some fifteen hardy Great Lakers had climbed to the summit of the historic cliff, now known as Mt. Pleasant, and enjoyed the splendid view.

The Great Lakers were welcomed and well received by the Old Car Club, who informed us they would like for us to come back every year! Members of the club were happy to welcome guests of Walt and Sara Halley, Robert and Peggy Hammond and their two sons. Other guests included Bob and Maria Fouty's grandson Ryan Adams, Ray and Virginia Eskau's grandson Rob Eskau, Worth and Dottie Harman's daughter Holly, sons Tim, Andy, and David, and grandsons Xan and Quinn. Members were sorry to hear of Jim March being injured while working on his GMC.

Hosts of the rally were Worth and Dottie Harman, Steve and Amy Harman, Walt and Sara Halley, and Gary and Kara Kosier, with Ray Eskau in charge of parking.

Italian Chicken Recipe

Combine:
1/2 cup Bread Crumbs
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. basil
3 tsp. paprika
1/8 tsp. Thyme

Beat 1 egg and combine with 1/2 cup melted butter.
Dip 2 large chicken breast in egg mixture then in crumbs.
Place on ungreased deep pan or cookie sheet.
We covered with foil and because of quantity it took longer to bake but should take about 35 min. at 400 degrees (may decrease temperature and keep watch. use a meat thermo.)

Slaw

1 head (2#) finely chopped cabbage
1 cup celery, finely chopped
1 green pepper, finely chopped
1/2 cup sweet onion, finely chopped

Mix together. Pour dressing over and let stand 12 to 24 hours in tightly covered container before serving. This can be kept for a week or more. My also be put in the freezer.

Dressing

2 cup white sugar
1/2 cup white vinegar
2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. celery seed
1/2 tsp. mustard seed

Mix together

THE EVART DULCIMER FUNFEST RALLY – 2009

Osceola County Fairgrounds, Ewart, MI

July 15-19, 2009

The Ewart Dulcimer Funfest is widely acclaimed as one of the oldest and largest dulcimer festivals in the country. It is a musical festival featuring non-acoustical stringed instruments of all kinds – hammered and mountain dulcimers, guitar, harp, fiddle, banjo, Dobro, mandolin, harmonica, Autoharp and others. Jam sessions can be found at most any time of day or evening with a wide selection of music being played. On Friday and Saturday evenings there are scheduled musical programs and a worship service on Sunday morning.

Free workshops begin on Thursday morning. If you own a stringed instrument, bring it along and enjoy free lessons from some nationally known musicians.

A recent change in fairground management resulted in a major change in our rally plans. We will not have the promised reserved electric sites. All sites will be available on a first-come first-serve basis. Not all sites have electricity. Water and a dump station are available on the grounds. There are no planned meals or other rally activities. **There is NO rally fee and NO registration form to be mailed.**

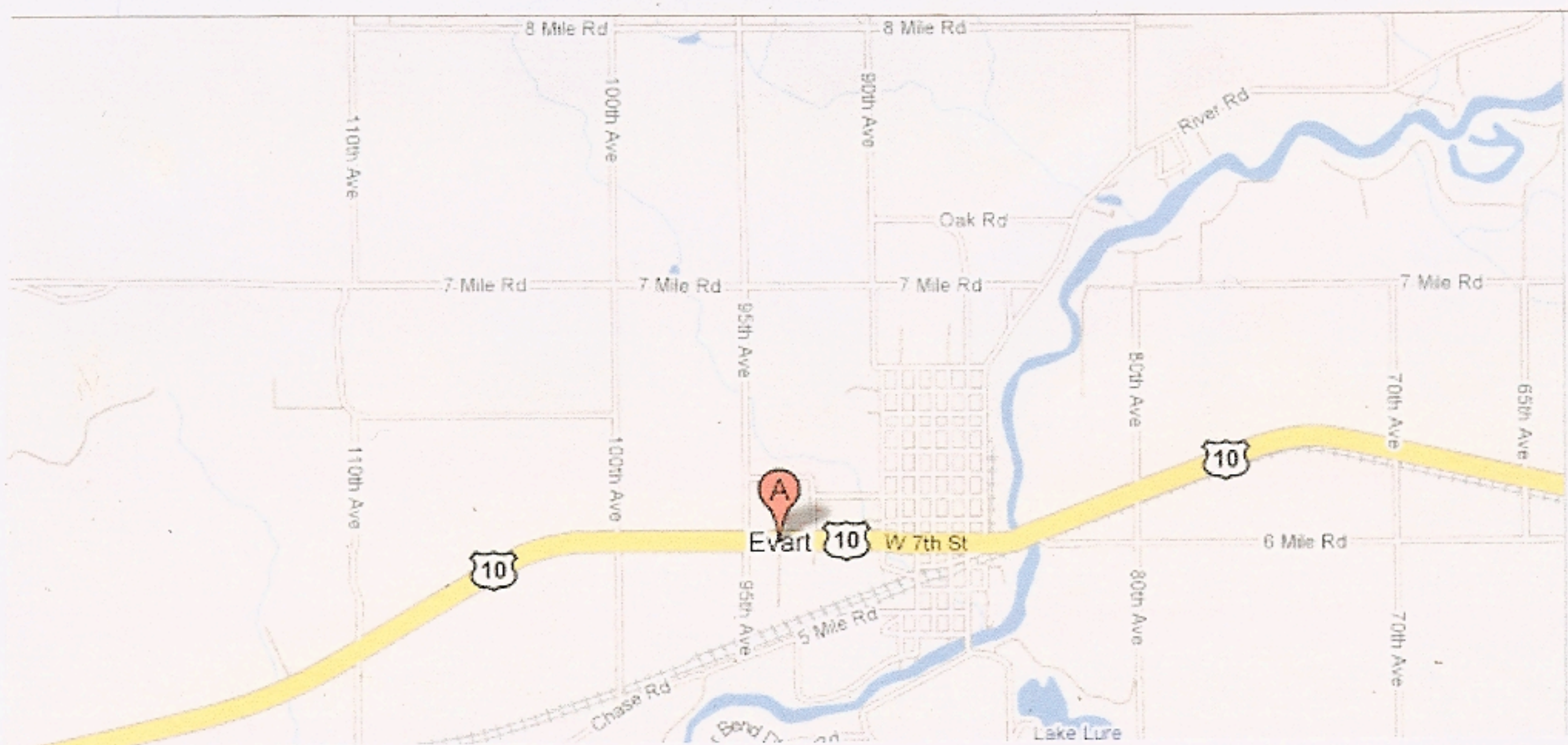
Service organizations provide meals on the fairgrounds and there are a number of restaurants in the Ewart area. There is a large, modern supermarket adjacent to the fairground. The city will host a free continental breakfast one morning.

A fee of \$3 per person is charged for admission to the Osceola County Fairgrounds. This is not a daily fee: it is for the entire week. The camping fee is \$15 per night. Both the admission and camping fee are payable to the Original Dulcimer Players Club (ODPC) upon arrival. It is advisable to arrive as early in the week as possible to secure a site with electricity.

Ewart is located on US 10, 13 miles east of US 131 and 27 miles west of US 127. Turn north at Mancino's restaurant. The fairgrounds are on the left.

The emergency number is 231-734-5481.

Committee members: **Olmsted (H) 616-949-7622 (C) 616-328-7366 Walton (H) 440-248-4223 (C) 440-668-8448 March (H) 616-844-6584 (C) 616-843-1402**



DO NOTHING RALLY, PASTIME PARK, PLAIN CITY, OHIO

The rally will be held August 20 to the 23rd at 380 North Chillicothe St. Plain City OH (GPS)

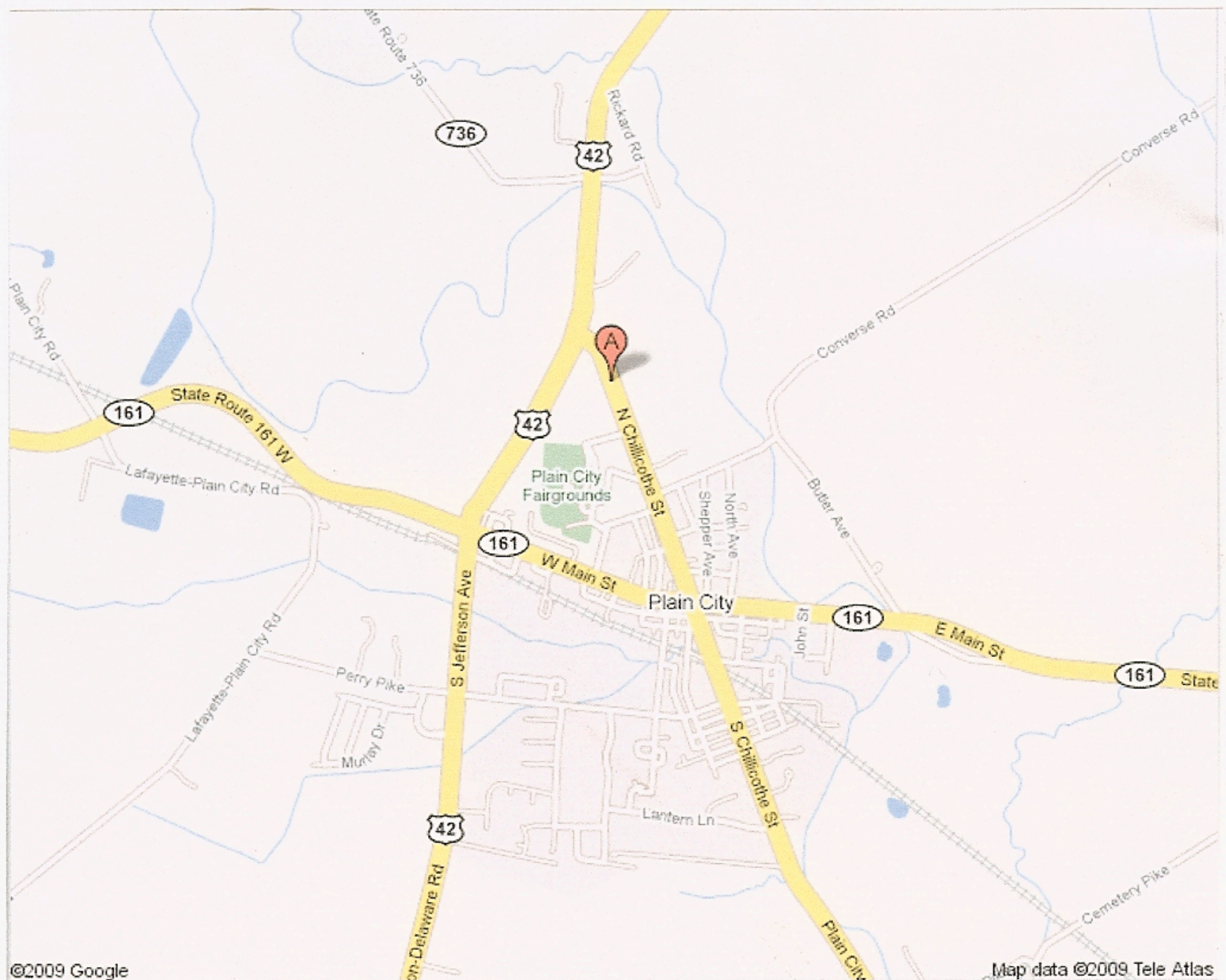
Your hosts are Walt & Sara Halley, with Dick & Kathy Wilson, Gary & Kara Kosier, Frank & Anna Minolli on the committee. Nina Lee & Tom Hampton & Pat & Bill are assisting.

We have access to a building for meals and games. There is a swimming pool close by, so think of the August heat and bring your suit. The sites have 20amp electric and some have water. If you need 50amp, those sites are in the newer section of camp- sites. Plain City has the bypass, which is Rt. 42, so go to the north end of town and take the exit, which will be North Chillicothe St.

We will try to keep you watered and fed. Pizza is planned for Thursday supper and Friday, we will go to the Dutch Kitchen, which is south of town. Breakfast will be served from Thursday on.

The fee for camping for 2 people is \$100.00, Extra person is \$25, 1 person, \$85, and extra night \$18. Please turn in your fee by August 3, 2009.

The co-ordinates are N 40° 06' 51.4", W 083° 16' 16.0"



Sunshine & Clouds

If you have any information on members that have been ill or having problems please contact John Walton, Dick Olmstead or John Wright by email, snail mail or phone.

Dorothy Olmsted was hospitalized with bronchitis. She is recovering at home and no longer on oxygen.

Janet Ossyn fell and broke her left arm while going up a flight of stairs. She had a cancerous tumor removed from her arm and a steel rod implanted between the shoulder and elbow. She is recovering at home and will begin radiation treatments at the end of the month.

Jim March was working on his coach when it rolled off the jack stands and fell on him. He did not block the wheels. Jim was not crushed but suffered a painful shoulder injury. He was not completely under the coach.

Diane Fisher would like to thank the club members for all the cards, e-mails, and phone calls during the last few months. The club meant a lot to Don, and it was nice to be remembered. Thanks.

New Members & Changes (Add these to your directory)

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Riverside, IL 60546
708 447-3601

Hugelier, Kenneth
Delete Phone number
Add Cell Phone 313 929-4114

Wheeler, James & Gail
New Email Address
jfwheeler1@earthlink.net

FMCA International Convention July 20 thru 23 Bowling Green OH

For those of you not attending the July GMCGL Rally in Ewart, MI might consider attending the FMCA rally in Bowling Green OH. Dan Ryan will be attending representing the GMC GreatLaker at this rally. You can review the rally info in the latest FMCA magazine or on the FMCA Website.

Rally Schedules

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club 2009 Rally Schedule

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| May 15, 16 & 17 | 33 rd Birthday Party Rally | Cassopolis, MI | Executive Comm. |
| June 4, 5, 6 & 7 | Car Show Rally | Lancaster, OH | The Harmon's |
| July 15, 16, 17 & 18 | Dulcimer Fun Festival Rally | Ewart, MI | The Olmsted's |
| August 20, 21, 22 & 23 | Do Nothing Rally | Plain City, OH | The Halley's |
| Sept. 17, 18 & 19 | Frankenmuth Car Show Rally | Frankenmuth, MI | The Frahm's |
| Oct. 15, 16 & 17 | Fall Colors Rally | Shipshewana, IN | The McCoy's, Griffin, Rhodes |

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 Rally's and Meet's of Interest for the Year 2009

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| July 20 to 23, 2009 | FMCA 82 nd International Convention | Wood Country Fairgrounds | Bowling Green, OH |
| Sept. 27 thru Oct 2 | GMCMHI Fall Convention | Colorado State Fairgrounds | Pueblo, CO |

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Club Jackets

Ed & Judy Dohm will take orders for the new style Club Jackets. The color scheme is cranberry and gray. Call them At 269-683-2146 or see them at the club rallies.

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.