

# GMC Great Lakers



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Regional GMC Club!



**Frank Griffin President**

**2007 GMC Great Lakers**

## Upcoming Rallies

**Balloon Festival Rally**  
**September 11, 12 & 13**  
**Midland, MI**

**Men's Salvage Mart Rally**  
**October 10, 11 & 12**  
**Elkhart, IN**

## Frankly Speaking...

Hello Again,

Seems like I just wrote my column the other day for the newsletter. Oh Well, here it goes again!

It was wonderful to have such a large group of member's at this past rally, yet so very heart breaking to lose one of your members. Our hearts and prayers are with are with John Harvey and Betsy Morley for their losses

Busy cleaning the house, doing laundry, mowing the lawn and all that stuff before taking on the real projects you want to do, like working on the Motorhome. Seems like your always have to work your way down the list to what you really want to do.

I am going to try and get the condenser repaired on the Dash Air so I can recharge it at the Balloon rally. It sure was a hot ride last week without it.

Enough about me hope everyone got home OK safe without problems. Hope to see you all at the Balloon Festival Rally. Barb and I will be going in early!

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Frank

## **Baylor Beach Park Rally – August 2008**

40 coaches were in attendance for the GMC Great Lakers August rally at Baylor Beach Park in Navarre, OH hosted by Bill and Mary Jane Mauger. The weather was great with warm sunny days and cool nights. Thursday morning started with the shock to everyone of the untimely death of Ruth Harvey during the night in her sleep. Our condolences to John Harvey from all members, Ruth will be missed by all.

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## **Baylor Beach Park Rally – August 2008 Cont.**

The rally spirit seemed to brighten up considerably with the GMC Pinewood Derby held on Friday with many races contested in several classes. It brought all of us together for a time of healing with other GMC'ers at the rally. The results of the racing are as follows:

In the men's class: 1st- Frank Minolli 2nd - Frank Griffin 3rd - Dick Wilson

In the modified class: 1st - Steve Harman 2nd - Worth Harman,

In the Power Puff class: 1st - Dottie Harman 2nd - Kathy Wilson 3rd - Sara Halley

In a family run off (grudge match) Worth beat Steve by 1/100 of a second. Steve said I will build a new one even faster for next time. Dottie who came in third said, "we will see about next time"! So who knows what class we may have to create next time, Maybe Super Modified or something.

Special awards: People's Choice --- Walt Halley

President's Award -- Kathy Wilson

Host Award -- Bill & Mary Jane Mauger

During the time at Baylor Beach Park we saw many members enjoying the diversity of the Amish area with sightseeing and shopping. Don & Barb Wirth attended the rally visiting during the day. Don & Barb extremely enjoyed their visit to the rally and left with a raised spirits. Saturday we ate at the Amish Door with a meeting following at the campsite. Again I would like to thank all those who helped especially Ray and Dillon. By mid-morning on Sunday most members had headed home after an eventful weekend. **Mary Jane**

## **Sunshine & Clouds**

Here is news about the members.

It was a bad week for the Great Lakers.

**Ken Morley** passed away a week ago after a long bout with cancer.

**Ruth Harvey** died very suddenly Thursday morning while attending the rally at Navarre, OH. Funeral and burial services will be private.

**Dick Milleson** underwent Gaul Bladder surgery last week.

**Don Fisher** completed his month long proton treatments at Indiana University and has returned home.

**Ray Swartzendruber** is finally able to see after having surgery for a detached retina six weeks ago. It has made working on the GMCMI rally in Delaware difficult.

On the brighter side it was good to see Don Wirth able to overcome some serious medical problems and attend the rally.

We will keep these members in our thoughts and prayers.

We will keep these people in our thoughts and prayers. 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.

**Sunshine Jack**

## **MEN'S SALVAGE MART RALLY**

**October 10, 11 & 12**

**Elkhart, IN.**

This will be our last rally of the 2008 season, and it looks like it may turn out to be one of the best, The rally hosts of the McLeod's, Eskau's, Bolles, Barton's and Wrights, have put this rally together for you to enjoy, with a heated meeting room for our enjoyment along with full hook-up campsites.

The campground, located right in Elkhart, which we have been to before, is the ELKHART CAMPGROUND 25608 County Road 4 East Elkhart, Indiana, 46514 Phone (574) 264-2914 The campground is located just north of Indiana Toll Road, Exit 92, which is Ind. 19,

(Cassopolis Ave.) Then north approx 1/4 mile to County road 4, then East approx one mile, the campground is on the south side.

Elkhart is the RV. Capital, and this campground are close to all the major Manufacturers, Museum in Elkhart, Lots of RV's. History, displays and yes they even have a GMC, a m Dealers and Surplus Centers. Along with a RV. Salvage Mart rally we will be having a rally wide flea market to run from beginning to end of rally, so, bring your Motorhome and non motorhome related items to put out in front of your motorhome. Friday and Saturday, you will be on your own, sell your stuff, visit salvage yards, or a sure bet is to visit the new RVIMH Museum in Elkhart, Lots of RV's. History, displays and yes they even have a GMC, a must see. Friday dinner will be Tube Steak with baked beans and potato chips; there will be the usual rally fare of donuts, muffins, coffee etc Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning. Saturday dinner we travel over to Das Dutchman Essenhaus Amish Restaurant in Middlebury IN, They have set a room aside for our group; this is an Amish country style roast beef and chicken dinner with all the trimmings. All our campground sites are close to the hall and again all are full hook-ups. This is the last rally of the season, get signed up, come on out, sell-buy stuff, eat, laugh and enjoy a good rally. **By George**

[Click here for Registration Form](#)

## **New Members and Changes (Add these to your directory)**

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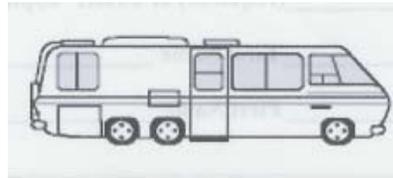
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## GMC GREAT LAKERS MOTORHOME CLUB, INC.

### Rally Schedules

#### GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club 2008 Rally Schedule

<b>Completed</b>	32 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party Rally	Centreville, MI	Executive Committee
<b>Completed</b>	Stratford on the Avon	Stratford, Ont. CAN	<b>The Gomper's</b>
<b>Completed</b>	Dulcimer Festival	Ewart, MI	The Olmsted's
<b>August 21, 22 &amp; 23</b>	Baylor Beach Park Rally	Navarre, OH	The Mauger's
<b>September 11, 12 &amp; 13</b>	Remax Balloon Festival Rally	Midland, MI	The Wright's
<b>October 10, 11 &amp; 12</b>	Men's Salvage Mart Rally	Elkhart, IN	The McLeods

#### 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 nonrefundable fees. (8/2003)

#### Other Rally's and Meet's of Interest for the Year 2007

<b>completed</b>	<b>G.L.A.S.S. Rally</b>	<b>Berrien Springs Fair Grounds</b>	<b>Berrien Springs, MI</b>
<b>completed</b>	<b>FMCA 80<sup>th</sup> Convention</b>	<b>Minnesota State Fair</b>	<b>St. Paul, MN</b>
<b>Sept. 28 thru Oct. 4</b>	<b>GMCMHI Fall Convention</b>	<b>Delaware State Fair Grounds</b>	<b>Harrington, DE</b>

**Note: If you have other rallies and meets of interest for the year 2008, please forward them to the Publisher.**

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## **Treasurer's Report**

### **GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.**

**June 30, 2008**

#### **RECEIPTS**

Account Balance Transferred:	\$ 14,173.28
Income	590.00
Total Receipts	14,763.28
We had expenses of	971.39
Account Balance	
	\$ 13,791.89

Respectfully Submitted  
**Richard Wilson - Treasurer**

All address, phone numbers and E-mail Changes  
should be sent to the club Treasurer:

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#### **Club Jackets**

Ed & Judy Dohm will take orders for the new style Club jacket. The color scheme is cranberry and gray. Call them at 269-683-2146 or see them at the club rallies. They have recently found a new supplier for the jackets.

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