

# GMC Great Lakers



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



## Bill's Blog!.....

The August DO NOTHING rally was a success. The Hosts; Walt Sara Halley, Dick & Kathy Wilson, Gary & Kara Kosier. Frank Anna Minolli, Tom & Lee Hampton and Bill & Pat Bode put a lot of work into what was to be a do nothing rally. The only attendees that fit the program were the club members as the committee did all the work. We thank the committee for their work and all went well as the rain stopped.

We have two rallies left for this season. September is in Frankenmuth, MI by the time you read this you should have made your reservation with the campground. We will be joined by the GMC Heritage Cruisers. At this rally the Clubs election of officers will take place. The second and last rally of the season will be in Shipshewanna, IN. The installation of officers for 2010 will be during the corporate meeting to be held during the October rally in Shipshewanna, IN. Happy GMC'ing

**Bill Helmore  
President 2009  
GMC Great Lakers**

### Upcoming Rallies

**Frankenmuth Car Show Rally  
September 17, 18 & 19  
Frankenmuth, MI**

# Bill

Fall Colors Rally  
October 15, 16 & 17  
Shipshewana, IN

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## Do Nothing Rally – Plain City, OH

True to Ohio weather, it changed indiscriminately from very hot and muggy to a good September rain to an October cool.

We had 35 coaches with 63 people come to enjoy Pastime Park. The large oak trees in the park provided an abundance of shade. Orville and Betty Gibbs joined us but did not bring their coach.

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John and Janet Wright had a fright on their way to the rally when their tow vehicle was broad sided at an intersection. This of course delayed their arrival. Thankfully neither was hurt.

Because of the new parking rules in the park we had to walk a little farther than usual, which got us ready for our meals.

Thursday thru Sunday we had fresh rolls, donuts and fresh fruit for breakfast. Thursday evening was pizza and salad from Adamo's Pizza in Plain City. There was a little left for the next days lunch. Along with the pizza there was homemade ice cream that Dick and Kathy Wilson made.

Friday, the rain came down in buckets during the day. We were fortunate that it quit in time for us to line up and travel to eat at the Dutch Kitchen. There we had roast beef and pressure-cooked chicken along with green beans and mashed potatoes topped off by home made pie. The manager was surprised that our senior members were such hearty eaters. Saturday evening we had sloppy joes and hot chicken sandwiches along with potluck dishes brought by the members. We again ate hearty.

Walt Halley set up a "theater" in a shelter house "dairy cattle barn" for Friday and Saturday evenings with surround sound. Heat and mosquitos one night, cold requiring blankets the next kept people away.

Several people went to see the Chihuly display in Columbus. The quilt shops were also explored. Some checked out downtown Plain City. A few went to Eldchrist Winery, which is new to the area, and tasted their wines. Some of the fellas, lead by Bob Swartz, went to Dayton to explore Mendelson's Hardware and the like.

There were the usual sightseers driving through the park. Some stopped and examined the coaches and believe it or not our members discussed the GMC's.

**Rally hosts were discussed for 2010 as there are still openings for next years rally schedule.**

**Larry and Darlene Bonkoski and Kenneth Hugelier both from Michigan were first timers.**

**Thanks to every one that attended, it is the people that attend the rallies that make this club so special.**

**Thanks to our committee:**

**Dick and Kathy Wilson  
Frank and Anna Minolli  
Gary and Kara Kosier  
Tom and Nina Lee Hampton  
Bill and Pat Bode**

**Without the committee's help the rally could not be put on!**

**Walt and Sara Halley**

## **Fall Colors Rally**

### **Shipshewana Campground South, Shipshewana, IN**

### **October 15, 16 & 17**

**Frank Griffin, Barb Rhodes, Dick and Laura McCoy and their co- host wish to invite all club members to the Shipshewana Campground South at 1105 South Van Buren St. (State Road 5) Shipshewana, IN. 46525.**

**All the sites will have full hook-up (water, electric, sewer). All sites will be available on first come first serve basis except for handicapped that request a closer site. The rally fees include 3 nights of camping Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 3 continental breakfasts, Fri, Sat, and Sun. For the early birds there will be coffee and donuts Thurs Morn. If you check in a few days earlier you can make arrangements directly with the campgrounds when you arrive at \$30.00 each night.**

**Friday night there will be a Hot Dog Potluck. Saturday night we will have dinner in an Amish home on a farm 8 miles from the campsite. The menu will include roast beef, ham, mashed potatoes, noodles, dressing, gravy, green beans, salad, lemonade, tea, coffee, and an assortment of pie. A large dish of ice cream is also available if desired.**

**The Flea Market will be open 9 to 5 on Tuesday and Wednesday only.  
We have the campground all to ourselves, so we'll have lots of room.**

Please return the ORANGE reservation form for this rally by Oct, 8, 2009.

**Directions:**

From the South use US Hwy 20 to N. SR #5 to the campground on the right. From the North use SR #120 to SR #5 South of Shishewana to the campground on the left. On I-80/90 from the East, exit 121 South to SR #120 go west to SR #5 then south thru Shishewana to the campground on your left. On I-80/90 from the West, exit 107 south to SR #120 left to SR #5. Go South thru Shishewana to campground on the left.

See map on preceding page.

[Click here for registration form.](#)

## Rallies Are Us!

We need your help to continue making the GMC Great Laker MHC a successful club. Each year we have 6 rallies for members to attend from May thru October. We need members who have not hosted a rally recently or ever to consider doing a rally. Without rallies we cease to be a club. We need you to step up and not be afraid. You will get so much help to make your rally a success.

## For Sale First Notice!

The club does a "For Sale" Section in the last newsletter each year as per club bylaws. Get your items and stuff into me in the next month or so. Send as Email or snail mail. You can post on the club web site any time. J.R. Wright Publisher

## 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.

**Bobby Moore** - Bobby passed away on August 16, 2009 succumbing from complications from a heart attack, stroke and then pneumonia. He was a very long time GMC owner and developed many upgrades and ideas for the coach. He was an active member of GCMHI, GMC Dixielanders, GMC Great Lakers and GMC Eastern States. He will be missed by all of us who know him.

The following is an Email from Peggy, Bobby's wife:

"Great Lakers

I want to thank all of you for your cards, thoughts and prayers.! I was

!!! Surprised to see his good friend Frank Minolli and wife Alma.! I know

!!! Bobby was looking down on all of us and wondering where all the people

!!!! came from.! We love all of you!”

Love Peggy Ann

**Rick Proos** – David Pilon informed us that Rick Proos passed away on 12 August 2009. He was 55 and had been in declining health. Rick had co-owned and 1975 palm beach with David. David is now the sole owner and plans to keep it for the foreseeable future.

### **A bit of Sunshine, comments from a past member family:**

**In the late 80s, early 90s, our family belonged to this club until my father passed in 1991. We had a GMC Eleganza 11 - fully restored. I wanted to write to thank the GMC Great Lakes club for the wonderful memories**

**that were created for our family during the trips through Michigan and Ohio in the late 80s.**

**I fondly remember them and take them with me. Sadly, when my father passed (Vic Sears from Windsor Ontario Canada in 1991, wife Darlene and children Jennifer (me) and Matthew) we sold our Eleganza 11 and**

**started to rebuild our lives.**

**If anyone recalls my father or our family, feel free to reply to my e-mail address. I now work at GM Transmission Plant where my father used to work building the 4T45E transmission for all small car vehicles in**

**North America (Saturn Vue, G6, G5, Malibu etc). Great company! Great product!**

**The GMC Great Lakers association is an organized, fun and caring group of people and that is what I remember! Thank-you for the years of travel and a lifetime of memories!!!!**

**If we buy a GMC Motorhome again in the years to come, we'll be sure to register with this club!**

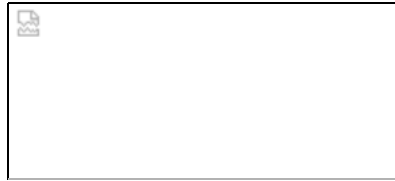
**Kindly, Jennifer Sears and family**

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## Rally Schedules

### GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club 2009 Rally Schedule

Completed	33 <sup>rd</sup> Birthday Party Rally	Cassopolis, MI	Executive Committee
Completed	Car Show Rally	Lancaster Ohio	The Harmon's
Completed	Dulcimer Festival	Evart, MI	The Olmsted's
Completed	Do Nothing Rally	Plain City, Ohio	The Halley's
September 17, 18 & 19	Frankenmuth Car Show Rally	Frankenmuth, MI	The Frahm's
October 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 nonrefundable fees. (Rev. 8/2003)

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

Completed	33 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary G.L.A.S.S. Rally	Berrien Springs Fair Grounds	Berrien Springs, MI
Completed	FMCA 82 <sup>nd</sup> International Convention	Wood County Fair Grounds	Bowling Green, OH
Sept. 27 thru Oct. 2	GMCMI Fall Convention	Colorado State Fairgrounds	Pueblo, CO

## Other Rally's and Meet's of Interest for the Year 2010

January 15 thru Late Maech	GMCGL Annual Winter Gathering	Manatee Hamock Campground	Titusville, FL
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**Note: If you have other rallies and meets of interest for the year 2009, please forward them to the Publisher.**

GMC GreatLakers is published for its members 6 to7 times per season. Should you not receive your newsletter please contact the publisher.

### Club Officers

### Treasurer's Report

### GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.

March 31, 2009

### RECEIPTS

Account Balance Transferred:	\$ 13,998.15
Income	3,478.00
Total Receipts	17,476.16
Expenses	4,057.87
Account Balance	\$ 13,418.28

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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.

### Great Lakers Website

The web site is located at: <http://www.gmcgreatlakers.org> . To access the members only area you need to enter your "GL000" number as users name, and your "last" name in lower case as password. The "GL" is in capital letters. Your GL number is listed in the membership directory under your FMCA number.

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