

GMC Great Lakers



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Regional GMC Club for
Preservation of the GMC
Motorhome!**



**Bill Helmore
President 2010
GMC Great Lakers**

**Balloon Festival Rally
September 16, 17 & 18
Midland, MI**

Bill's Blog!.....

The members present at the August rally in Dundee, OH passed the proposed By-Laws changes. We now have a third director, which brings us into compliance with the state of Michigan's requirements of a nonprofit corporation.

As we look forward to the 2011 camping season we need ideas and hosts for all the months of June, July, August and October. Dan Stuckey has suggested a June rally in London, Ontario Canada. This rally would be an old car show and will take place on the weekend after Memorial Day. You may know of an event or place you enjoy visiting and maybe the Club would enjoy visiting it also so don't hesitate to host that rally. Your rally can be as elaborate as you want or bare bones, it's up to you!

The May 2011 Birthday rally will be held May 13, 14 & 15, 2011. The rally site will be at the Lake Huron Campground, which is 35 miles north of Port Huron, MI. This will give those who wish to take in the Tin Can Rally, which is held at Camp Dearborn. We also will not have three rallies in a row as we did this year, Birthday rally, GLASS and Lancaster, OH.

**Illinois Fall Rally
October 2, 3, 4 & 5
Springfield, IL**

Bill

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Balloon Festival Rally

This is a final invitation for those of you out there that haven't decided to attend the Balloon Festival Rally in Midland MI in September. You will be camping just a 5-minute walk from the Balloon flight line. We will have a great time with great food and great friends. Midland will also have a car show on Saturday downtown and the farmers markets are awesome. We can make room for late registrations. Contact me if you need more information.

John Wright

Mt. Eaton Rally

The GMC Great Laker August rally in Dundee Ohio was well attended with 36 coaches arriving at the rally between Tuesday morning and late Friday night.

Tom & Kay Smith were the only attendees that weren't members but they are joining our club.

The weather was a little warm but very nice with some rain during the evening hours. I believe everyone enjoyed themselves swimming, sightseeing, and basking in the sunshine.

We also had some very nice evening meals. We would like to thank everyone that helped with this rally, and to encourage all of you to host a rally. It isn't as tough as you may think. Thank you all for coming.

P.S. Barb Wirth joined us for the day on Saturday and said she had a lovely day meeting and talking with all her old friends.

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.

Here is news about our members

Dan Stuckey had stents implanted in his heart and is doing well.

John Wright has recovered from his kidney stone removal and feeling great!

Jeanne Slaten had back surgery with a bone graft from her hip. This was followed by an infection. She is now recovering at home and facing six months of therapy.

Note from Jeanne: Thank you so much for the cards, prayers & get-well wishes. They have certainly worked & I am feeling much better this morning. I love you so much & really appreciate your friendship! Please tell everyone that I miss all of you & will be looking forward to seeing you again soon. I will be in a back brace for the next 6 weeks & it will take about 6 months to recover completely, but I should be able to travel to the GMCMI in September.

Hugs & kisses to all of you. Life is GREAT & God has blessed me so much with my family & all my GMC families. Thanks for everything, Jeanne

Sunshine Jack

GMC Motorhome International Request:

J R Slaten is asking if the Great Lakers can do the parking at the rally in Du Quoin next month. I have no other details at this time. I would like an indication from the membership as if this is possible and are there any volunteers. Will discuss at balloon rally. Thanks! Bill Helmore

Illinois Fall Rally

Springfield, IL

October 2, 3, 4, & 5, 2010

The Dixon's, Woare's, Skalski's, Scarlett's, Jim White and Marilyn Smith invite you to the last rally of the Great Lakers 2010 season. A number of you will be attending the GMC International Convention in Du Quoin, IL. Our October rally is scheduled to begin after the GMCMI convention ends so that many of you traveling back North will continue to enjoy the "The Land of Lincoln" in Springfield, the state capital of Illinois. The city is located about 157 miles from Du Quoin. The campground is located at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Some Great Lakers have indicated that they will not be going to Du Quoin but will attend the Springfield rally. Some members from the GMC Greater Mid-West Classics may be joining us as well.

There is much to see in Springfield including the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in the downtown area; Shea's Gas Station Museum; the Dana-Thomas House - said to be one of the largest and most elaborate of prairie-style designs of the world famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright; and the Executive Mansion - the official residence of Illinois governors since 1855. This is a partial list of many more places to explore.

We will have coffee, donuts, juice, etc. for the mornings. On Saturday, lunch and dinner will be on your own followed by an ice cream social back at the campground in the evening. On Sunday evening we will have hot dogs, chips, salad and other goodies. The catered meal of chicken, beef, and fish as well as vegetable and desert items will be on

the menu for Monday evening.

DIRECTIONS:

The Illinois State Fairgrounds is located in the northern part of the Springfield near the Capital Airport. I-55 loops around the city. However, take I-55 BUS to get to the fairgrounds. The campground is at the corner of Sangamon Avenue and N. 8th Street (Entrance #11).

Those who wish to arrive early should proceed to the campground office and register. Tell the office staff that you are with the GMC Great Lakers group. The camping fee is \$20 per night for 55 and older. Those under 55 will pay \$25.00 per night.

On Google maps and GPS devices make the destination: 801 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, IL.

If you would like to look at the fairgrounds in advance, go to their home page at www.agr.state.il.us/isf/

[Click here for rally registration](#)

New Members & Changes (Add these to your directory)

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GMC Motorhome Int'l Raffle

Jim Kanomata, through Applied GMC, is generously providing two; complete Reaction Arm Anti Skid units for the GMC Western States Club to raffle. These units will include everything necessary to convert a coach, from the Master Cylinder to the Disk Brakes, if needed. The prize also includes free installation. If the winner wishes to perform the installation, a \$600 gift certificate from Applied GMC will be substituted. (See below for information on acquiring a raffle ticket.)

One unit will be provided to a lucky winner whose address is east of the Mississippi; the other will be reserved for a winner west of the Mississippi. International owners can choose their side when purchasing tickets. Applied GMC, in Fremont, California, will do the installation for the western winner. For the eastern winner, Grandview Motorhomes in Marysville, Ohio or the GMC Coop in Orlando, Florida will do the installation.

Ticket stubs will be kept in two different drums. One drum for the Eastern GMC'ers and the other for the Western GMC'ers. The winning tickets will be drawn on the 21st of October on the last night of the GMCWS Fall Rally in Las Vegas, Nevada. The drawing will be video taped and posted on YouTube. Raffle tickets may be purchased from Dan Gregg at the GMCMI Fall Convention. If you're not able to attend, you may purchase tickets from Steve Ferguson by personal check or money order. Send your self-addressed and stamped envelope along with a personal check or money order to:

Steve Ferguson
PO Box 1777
Sierra Vista, AZ 85636

Ticket prices are as follows: \$10.00 per ticket

\$50.00 for 6 tickets

\$100 for 13 tickets

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Rally Schedules

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Proposed 2010 Rally Schedule

Completed	34 th Birthday Party Rally	Centerville, MI	Executive Committee
Completed	Car Show Rally	Lancaster Ohio	The Harmon's
Completed	Fun in the Thumb	Otisville, MI	Schoenfeld, Scannell & Wolfert
Completed	Ohio Rally	Dundee, OH	The Hickman's & Mauger's
September 17, 18 & 19	Remax Balloon Festival Rally	Midland, MI	The Wright's
October 2,3,4 &5	Illinois Fall Rally	Springfield, IL	The Dixon's & Woare'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 nonrefundable fees. (Rev. 8/2003)

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

Completed	G.L.A.S.S. Rally	Berrien Springs Youth	Berrien Springs, MI
Sept 26 thru Oct. 1	FairgroundsGMCMHI Fall Rally	Illinois State Fairgrounds	DuQuoin, IL

Note: If you have other rallies and meets of interest for the year 2010, please forward them to the Publisher.

Treasurer's Report

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

March 31, 2009

RECEIPTS

Closing Balance (6/30/2010):
 Checking \$9,256.55
 Savings \$ 3,001.04
 Balance in all Accounts \$12,797.80
 Total Receipts 4665.12

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Expenses	5302.59		
Checking Account Balance		\$	8,618.96
Savings Account Balance			3001.16
Total Account Balance		\$	11,620.12

Respectfully Submitted
Jim White - 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.

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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