

# 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 Great Lakers 35th camping season has gotten off to a great start with fun filled rallies. The first in Centreville, MI and the second in Lancaster, OH with the GLASS in between. Having three rallies has proven to be a bit much as the turnout at the GLASS by our members was a bit disappointing.

It is time to look forward to the 2011 camping season. The Executive Committee is planning the May rally for May 13, 14 & 15, 2011 site to be determined. The rally will be one week earlier than in the past as some members have expressed that they would like to attend the Tin Can rally at Canandaigua, NY. The September rally is planned for Ludington, MI. As you can see we need ideas and hosts for all the other months, so put your thinking cap on and come up with a site you think the Club would enjoy visiting.

We have received a proposal for a new Pine Wood Derby track and system, however we do not yet have anyone who has volunteered to transport and maintain the equipment. If you are willing to do this let one of the Club officers know. With no one willing to take on this task the Great Lakers Pine Wood Derby is a thing of the past.

**Bill Helmore  
President 2010  
GMC Great Lakers**

Fun in the Thumb Rally  
July 8, 9, 10 & 11, 2010  
Otisville, MI

Mt. Eaton Rally

August 13, 14 & 15  
Dundee, OH

# Bill

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## **GMC Great 34th Lakers Anniversary Rally**

**GMC Great Lakers 34th Anniversary Rally hosted by The Board of Executives was held May 21, 22 & 23 at the St. Joseph County Fairgrounds in Centreville, MI. In attendance were 48 GMC's, one member in a motel and one guest also in a motel. 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 a Subway sub sandwich and potato chips, which were a big, with the rally attendees. The dinner was topped off with the birthday cake and ice cream. However since there was a big turnout Thursday the continental breakfast was served Friday morning, which consisted of donuts, fruit, juice, coffee, tea or hot chocolate.**

**Friday evening we sat down to a Subway sub sandwich, which was followed by the Clubs Birthday Cake and ice cream. The meal was interrupted by medical emergency as one of our members had a seizure and had to be taken to the hospital in Three Rivers.**

**The Saturday morning after breakfast was prepared and served by the local Boy Scouts and their Leaders. All enjoyed scrambled eggs, pancakes, link sausages and our morning beverages. All seemed to enjoy the scout breakfast.**

**The GMC Pinewood Derby preliminaries got under way with the weigh in and adjustments to each racer as needed. Each racer raced on all of the four lanes and its score was recorded. When each racer finished, the scores were averaged then the results were recorded. From that recording it was determined who were the winners.**

**The Derby Race Winners were: Powder Puff Winners:**

**1st- Bob Oliver 1st- Jan Ropp**

**2nd- John Wright 2nd- Kathy Wilson**

**3rd- Dale Ropp 3rd- Diane Fisher**

**Peoples Choice- Judi Coldwell President's Award—Bob Olson**

**The Saturday evening meal prepared and served by the Centerville Lions Club. The desert consisted of apples**

cherry pie with ice cream. At the Club's business meeting one first timer and three guests were introduced President Bill.

Sunday morning found the group saying goodbye as the rally ended. However 2 members remained for one more night.

## **GLASS Rally 2010**

The 2010 GLASS rally (Great Lakes Annual Spring Spree) was held Memorial Day weekend May 27 - 30 at the Berrien Springs Youth Fairground in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Two Great Lakers attended this year we had a good time. The total attendance this year was 731 coaches.

All who ventured over to the grandstand enjoyed the entertainment in the evening. There were several free this year, we were able to get two packages of frozen waffles (blueberry and buttermilk) Minute Rice was having the attendees a chance to spin a wheel of fortune for various prizes ranging from white or brown rice nail file.

The vendors in the commercial buildings set a record with 102, however the vehicle displays were down as there were only 36 coaches on display.

As usual the meals were great but the portions were bit large. There were two ice cream socials, one on Friday and one on Sunday.

## **Lancaster Old Car Show Rally – June 4, 5, and 6!**

The quaint whitewash buildings and lush (translation: soggy) terrain of the Fairfield County Fairgrounds in Lancaster, Ohio once again played host to the Great Lakers June 4-6. Somehow everyone maintained their despite humidity that hovered around 100% for most of the weekend, whether or not it was actually raining. We had 10 coaches that arrived early Wednesday the 3rd, with another 10 setting up camp on Thursday. A total of 29 coaches were in attendance, along with John Schoenfield, who drove down in a truck, both to visit and to promote his upcoming "fun in the Thumb" rally in July, towing his VW Thing for the car show. Another one of our members, who brought a Model A Ford roadster for the show, was interviewed by a local TV station doing on the weekend's upcoming event.

About half of the group left for dinner early on Friday to have time to visit the Baltimore Museum, which we all seemed to enjoy. The Christ United Methodist group put on a good program again with a special spinach souffle, the ever-favorite Trinity chicken, along with some yummy homemade pies. The after-dinner presentation by State Game warden and naturalist Brian Simpson was entertaining and informative.

Saturday was a little dicey on the weather, but many eventually got to tour the Lancaster Old Car Club's 4 Annual Spring Festival and swap meet. The Robinsons were present with a newly-finished GMC and their Segways, and generously offered lessons and "test-rides" on these intriguing personal transporters.

Saturday's car show was an informal "cruise in" format with a DJ playing mostly '50s music, while Sunday would be a more formal, judged event with specific car classes.

Saturday night brought a catered picnic and a very welcome ice cream social after the business meeting. No one seemed in the least surprised when Worth Harman, as he related the history of the area, mentioned that the area where the coaches were parked used to be a lake. And as the tornado sirens blared on Sunday morning, Jim

Wagner hurried back to his coach to get his wife, saying "Sandy's never seen a tornado before!" Thanks to attended. See you at the next rally!

## Sunshine & Clouds

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

Bill Schwartz passed away the first week of June. Ray Eskau will be having a heart valve replace early J Dorothy Olmsted has congestive heart failure. She is recovering at home and no longer on oxygen.

John Wright recovering from a kidney stone attack. Klaus Wolfert had surgery on face.

Janet Ossyn suffered a seizure at the rally and is under going tests. Note from Janet:

Hi Everyone,

I guess I got everyone's attention at the last rally; maybe I'll just stick to group sing alongs. ha ha The doctors are running their tests and doing the blood work on me but, so far nothing. !Their still going assumption that it was a seizure of some kind. !The two and half hour ride in the ambulance was interes backwards. !ha ha Dale is still on pins and needles not knowing what to think. !He should know by now, I'm full of surprises. I want to thank everyone for their help, support and cards. !We were planning on c June , but the doctors wanted me close to home just in case of anything. Love to all, Dale & Janet

## New Members & Changes (Add these to your directory)

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Phone Number Correction/Change

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Homrich, Jean

Phone# 248-709-6898

The **2011 nominating committee for officers** of the GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc. has been elected.

They are: Dick Wilson Chairman, Kara Kosier and Barbara Swartz. You may contact any one of them with your nominee or to nominate your self. All nominees must indicate their acceptance to serve if elected.



# Fun in the Thumb Rally

July 8-11, 2010

Covenant Hills Campground, Otisville, Michigan

John Schoenfield and his crew wish to invite all club members and the Heritage Cruisers from Ontonagon to Covenant Hills Campground 15 miles north of Davison, Michigan on M-15. Covenant Hills Campground is located in Otisville, Michigan, less than 30 minutes away from Frankenmuth, Cross Roads Village and Run super mall.

The 15 acre lake gives guests the opportunity to boat, fish, swim and blob. (Note: Free fishing, so bring your own worms and have a blast!) Over 300 full hook-ups sites on 280 acres to check out. 20, 30 & 40 amp service. All sites available on first come first served basis.

Rally fee will include picnic and bonfire Thursday night. Bring a small dish to pass. Suggestion: A-Z first names bring a salad/casserole. L-Z last names bring a dessert. Hotdogs, marshmallows and s'mores. Bring your tools.

Breakfast Friday, Saturday and Sunday in auditorium near by. No tools needed. Dinner Friday and Saturday night in auditorium. No tools needed. Entertainment Friday night from 7-10:00 p.m. by "Life of the Party"

The auditorium will be available each night for card and board games. Early arrivals \$32 at the gate.

Covenant Hills Campground

P.O. Box 96

10359 Farrand Road

Otisville, MI 48463

Phone: 810 631-4531

**Return White Rally Form  
For this Rally**



[Click here for rally registration](#)



# Mt. Eaton Rally August 13-15, 2010

## In the heart of the largest Ohio Amish settlement!

Address: Evergreen Park RV Resort  
16359 Dover Rd.  
Dundee, OH 44624

Website: [evergreenparkrvresort.com](http://evergreenparkrvresort.com)

This rally includes 2 nights camping, Friday night meal, Saturday night meal, pastries, coffee, and mornings.

If you want to arrive early or stay later than noon on Sunday, please call the campground to make reservation for extra days at \$38.25 per night.

Emergency phone number: Host (Dillon Hickman) cell phone- 330-573-6032  
Campground- 330-359-2787

### Committee members

Dillon and Beth Hickman

Bill and Mary Jane Mauger

Jim and Sandy Wagner

Walt and Sara Halley

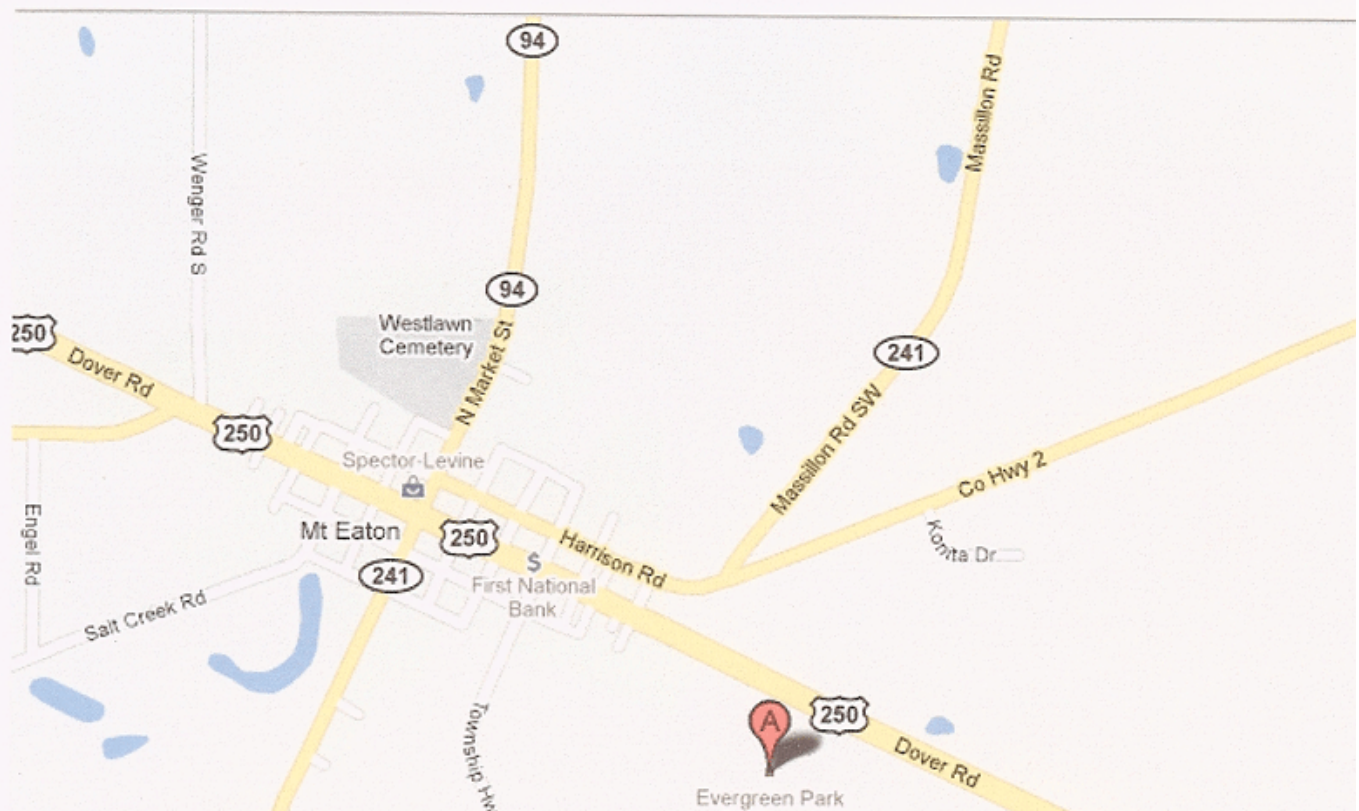
Ray and Virginia Eskau

Frank and Anna Minolli

Gary and Kara Koziar

## Return the Pink Rally Form

## For This Rally



[Click Here for Rally Registration](#)

## **Proposed By Laws Changes**

The State of Michigan has changed the requirement of a nonprofit corporation to have a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and three directors. Our bylaws only allow for two directors and should be amended to comply with this requirement. We will discuss this change and vote on it at our August business meeting.

### **Sections Requiring Changes**

#### **Section 8.1**

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director, Alternate National Director, the Director at large and the immediate Past President.

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The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director, Alternate National Director, the Director at large and the immediate Past President.

#### **Section 8.4.7**

The Director at large - Shall represent the membership at large and may fill in for the National Director and the Alternate National Director at the FMCA convention in their absence.

#### **Section 8.8**

Chapter Officers shall hold office for approximately one year commencing with the October meeting and ending with the succeeding October meeting. No Officer shall serve for more than three consecutive terms in any given office and no member shall serve as an Officer in any capacity for more than five consecutive terms, excepting the National Director, and the Alternate National Director and the Director at large who may be reelected indefinitely.

#### **Section 9.2**

The Committee will nominate candidates for all Chapter Officers, National Director, and Alternate National Director and the Director at large.



# Dulcimer Festival 2010

Dick & Dorthy Olmsted want to remind you that the 2010 Dulcimer Festival in Evart will be the 15th thru the 18th of July. Many club member attend this wonderful musical festival each year and park in the same place. Come and enjoy the music, food and friendship. If your interested please contact Dick Olmsted by phone for more information. His number is 616-949-7622

## Rally Schedules

### GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Proposed 2010 Rally Schedule

Completed	34 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party Rally	Centerville, MI	Executive Committee
Completed	Car Show Rally	Lancaster Ohio	The Harmon's
July 8, 9, 10 & 11	Fun in the Thumb	Otisville, MI	Schoenfeld, Scannell & Wolfert
August 13 & 14	Ohio Rally	Dundee, OH	The Hickman's & Mauger's
September 17, 18 & 19	Remax Balloon Festival Rally	Midland, MI	The Wright's
October (Tentative)	Blue Water Fall Rally	Port Huron, MI	

### 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	FairgroundsGMCMI 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**

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

**Club Officers**

## RECEIPTS

Account Balance Transferred:	
Checking	\$12,025.02
Savings	\$ 3,000.68
Balance in all Accounts	\$15,0270.1
Income	100.12
Expenses	0. 00
Checking Account Balance	\$ 12,125.02
Savings Account Balance	3000.68
Total Account Balance	\$ 15,125.82

Respectfully Submitted  
**Jim White - Treasurer**

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## **MEDEX**

**Emergency Number**

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**FMCA Group # 7030**

### **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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