

# GMC GreatLakers



The Newsletter of the GMC Great Lakers  
Motorhome Club, Inc.

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Regional GMC Club for Preservation  
of the GMC Motorhome!



**Bill Helmore  
President 2010  
GMC Great Lakers**

**Mt. Eaton Rally  
August 13, 14 & 15  
Dundee, OH**

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

## Bill's Blog!...

The 2010 season is half over. It seems that only last month we started our get-to-gathers. Well it has been fun so far. The rest of the season should be great with the trip to Dundee, OH in a few weeks, the balloon festival in Midland, MI and the Clubs final 2010 rally in Springfield, IL after the GMCMI convention in DuQuion, IL.

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 would be 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!

It is with regret that must report that after much sole searching that Sandra March has decided to resign as Secretary of the GMC Great Lakers effective July 30, 2010. Bea Frahm has volunteered to fill in until we can hold an election. I thank Sandra for her service and wish her well in the future and we hope to see her and Jim at future rallies.

**Bill**

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## Fun In The Thumb Rally

The GMC Great Lakers gathered at the Covenant Hills Campground near Otisville, Mi for the "Fun in the Thumb" July rally. There were 32 coaches in attendance with several arriving as early as Tuesday with the rest arriving Thursday.

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## The Fun in the Thumb Rally – July Cont.

The weather was very hot and humid and the campground was dry and dusty and that lasted until early afternoon Thursday when the rains came and settle the dust and lowered the temperatures. The evening picnic was moved to the air conditioned auditorium and we had grilled hotdogs with potluck and everything went very well. The auditorium was also the location for our catered breakfasts and catered dinners, which were, very well received.

Friday morning Dave Lenzi did a complete wheel alignment seminar using Dale Frahm's coach as the test coach. This was a 4 hour seminar was attended by all the guys. Dale had recently upgraded and replaced the bushings in his front end. During rest of the weekend you could find several mini seminars going on and by moving your lawn chair from site to site you could learn a lot about your motorhome.

Saturday night featured live music entertainment brought to the GMC'ers attending by "Life of the Party" a husband and wife singing team that were very good! There was even a bit of dancing by our members and even a little line-dancing going on.

A very special thanks goes to Tim Scannell who stepped in and kept the rally moving forward after the host was sidelined by illness. Tim's last minute help was appreciated by all, again "Thanks Tim"!

## 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

**Dale Frahm** had a very interesting third week of July. On Monday the 19 of July he had a Dr. appointment for an ear problem. While he was at the Dr's he told him that had been having some episodes of shortness of breath. Dr. said lets get you scheduled for a stress test and took a blood sample. Blood test came back with hemoglobin of 4, normal is 10 to 12. Dale gets 3 unit of blood to raise his hemoglobin and they do some testing and find that he has a small bleeding ulcer. Later in the week with blood at an acceptable level Dale fails his stress test. This prompts the Dr. to send Dale to a cardiologist to have a heart cauterization done which finds one artery with 80% blockage and 2 other with some minor blockage. Dr. puts a stint in the 80% blocked artery and cleans the other 2 and Dales good to go. Talked to him on Saturday and he said he feels great and was camping at the auto show at Frankenmuth park in the GMC. He says, "I go to get my ears cleaned and end up with a complete tune up, what a deal"!

**John Wright also** had an interesting 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July also. Went in to have the kidney stone blasted and removed on Monday the 19th. Couldn't get a clear shot at the stone with the ultrasound unit so they had to go in an physically break up and remove the stone the old fashion way one piece at a time. It was only one stone but it was fairly large. Feeling good but not great.

**Klaus Wolfert** has been undergoing radiation treatment.

**Ray Eskau** is feeling better and postponed his heart surgery.

We will keep these people in our thoughts and prayers.

**Sunshine Jack**

**Remax Balloon Festival Rally**  
**Midland, MI**  
**September 16, 17 & 18, 2010**

John & Jan Wright and their committee want to invite you to attend the GMC Great Lakers September rally at Midland County Fairgrounds <http://www.midlandfair.com/> in Midland, MI. The address for the fairground is 6905 Eastman Avenue, Midland, MI 48642 for you GPS users. The campground area is located just off the main balloon flight line. We will have power for every site and water is available about every 100 foot down thru the camping area. The dump station is right next to the Toilets and showers, which are fairly new and very close to our camping area. Because of the placement of the power outlet stations you should plan to bring extra power cables. The fairground is located just north of the US 10 and Eastman road exit across from the Mall. Look for the signs and the fairgrounds will be on your left. **We will only be using the Main entrance on Eastman Road.** See MAP next page.

You will be camping right at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Remax Balloon festival just over 100 yards from the balloon flight line. The balloons will fly depending on wind and weather, Friday & Saturday morning and evening and Sunday morning. <http://www.remaxofmidland.com/balloonfest.cfm> There will be afterglows each evening at dusk. There are more than 60 balloons scheduled to appear that this year's event including a number of special balloons. They will also be live concerts each evening along with numerous food vendors. Car show and cruise on Saturday. Midland also has many interesting sites to visit during your stay and there are numerous restaurants to satisfy your hunger. Last years event drew more than 15000 people on Saturday with over 25000 for the weekend.

We will have the usual coffee, doughnuts and stuff in the morning. We will have catered meals on Friday and Saturday evenings. Please note that we will be eating at approximately 5 pm both days as not to interfere with the balloon festival activities.

The rally fee includes three nights of camping, plus two catered meals. Of course there are additional charges for extra persons in your coach. Additional camping for those arriving earlier in the week is \$15 per night. See entry form for cost breakdown. Please return the registration form by September 1 so that site reservations can be confirmed. Late entry's can be accommodated so don't miss out on this exciting rally.

The emergency phone number is 989-835-7901.

Committee Members – Ed & Judy Dohm, Dale & Bernice Frahm, Frank Griffin & Barb & Ken & Margrette Guske.

Mail Registration to:

John & Jan Wright

1196 E. Olson Rd.

Midland, MI 48640

Home: 989 839-0496

Email: [powerjon@chartermi.net](mailto:powerjon@chartermi.net)

Cell: 989 859-0715



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

**New :**     **Gall, Ray & Barbara**  
 12513 Lagoon Dr.  
 Curtice, OH 43412  
 419 304-2944

**Renewed:** **Little, Rick & Teresa**  
 607 South 2<sup>nd</sup> St  
 Coshocton, OH 43812  
 740 502-9213  
[littrik@yahoo.com](mailto:littrik@yahoo.com)

### Change of Address:

**Barton, Mike & Lou**  
 12539 Talbot Trail  
 Morpeth, Ont. CN N0P 1X0

### Zip Change:

**Mauger, Bill & Jane**  
 Navarre, OH 44662-8747

# Rally Schedules

## GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club 2010 Rally Schedule

<b>Completed</b>	<b>34<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party Rally</b>	Centreville, MI	Executive Comm.
<b>Completed</b>	<b>Car Show Rally</b>	Lancaster, OH	Harmon's
<b>Completed</b>	<b>Fun in the Thumb Rally</b>	Otisville, MI	Schoenfield, Scannell, Wolfert
<b>August 13 &amp; 14</b>	<b>Mt. Eaton Rally</b>	Dundee, OH	Hickman's & Mauger's
<b>Sept. 16, 17 &amp; 18</b>	<b>Remax Balloon Festival Rally</b>	Midland, MI	Wright's
<b>Oct. 2, 3, 4 &amp; 5</b>	<b>Springfield Illinois Fall Rally</b>	Springfield, IL	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 non-refundable 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 Fair	Berrien Springs, MI
Sept. 26 thru Oct. 1	GMCM Fall Rally	DuQuoin State Fairgrounds	DuQuoin, IL

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**All address, phone numbers and E-mail Changes should Be sent to the club treasurer:**

**Jim White**  
**21730 Clifford Dr.**  
**Fairview Park OH, 44126**

### **Club Jackets**

Ed & Judy Dohm are the suppliers 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 to place your order.

**Great Lakers Website** The web site is located at: [www.gmcgreatlakers.org](http://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.

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