

GMC GreatLakers



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of the GMC Motorhome!



**Bill Helmore
President 2011
GMC Great Lakers**

**This is the last newsletter of the
2010 season. The first
newsletter of 2011 will be
published in the month of April
2011. Have a good winter.**

J.R. Wright

Bill's Blog!...

The 2010 camping season came to a close with a well-attended gathering in Springfield, IL. We had several members of the Midwest Classics join us.

The 2011 camping season is finally set. 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. The June rally in London, Ontario Canada. This rally would be an old car show and will take place on the weekend after Memorial Day. In July we will return to Midland, MI for a Flee Market. There will be something for both the men and women to enjoy. August will find us back at Baylor Beach OH and in September after the GMCMI rally in Goshen, IN we will return to Ludington, MI. The October rally is planned for the KOA in Holly, MI.

I would encourage you to join me at the GLASS Rally next May. In 2011 we will be celebrating our 35th year as a chapter of the FMCA. Certificates are awarded to chapters for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 years as a chapter in the FMCA. It is at the GLASS Rally that the President of the chapter in the Great Lakes Region is presented with their certificate. The President will be called up to the stage for the presentation and the members of the chapter being honored are asked to stand and be recognized. It would be gratifying to our president to have a sizable representation present to show support to him.

We need to start to think of rallies for 2012. It is never too early to start planning for a fun rally. This year we have had rallies in Michigan, Illinois and Ohio. Next year we will be in Michigan, Ohio and Canada. It would be nice to find a location in Indiana that we all might enjoy.

By now you all should have received your 2011 dues renewal forms. If you have not corrected/changed, signed and dated it, please do so as soon as possible so that the 2011 directory may be completed.

The winter months are just around the corner and some of you are making plans for a stay in the not so cold South while the rest of us must get the coach ready for the long cold days of winter. As we head into the holidays reflect back over the good times we had together. Have a safe and joyous holiday period and please to join us in the spring.
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Balloon Festival Rally – Midland, MI

27 coaches were in attendance for the GMC Great Lakers September rally at the Midland County Fairgrounds in Midland, MI. Hosted by John & Jan Wright. The weather was great with warm sunny days

Remax Balloon Festival Rally Cont.

and cool nights. We had 4 great days of balloon weather with demo flights on Thursday evening, morning and evening flights on Friday and Saturday and a morning flight on Sunday. 69 balloons were in attendance for the balloon festival making it the largest balloon festival east of the Mississippi river this year. Each evening featured an after glow with a fire show put to music. For those of you that would like to see part of the Saturday after glow please go to:

<http://www.facebook.com/video/video.php?v=1361993020802&ref=mf>

Saturday night also featured live country music with top Nashville country and western stars on stage. Public attendance for this free balloon festival was estimated at close to 6000 on Friday, 10000 on Saturday and about 4000 on Sunday morning.

Once again those attending this year's rally enjoyed 2 great-catered meals on Friday and Saturday evenings before the balloon flights, we did eat well!!

The rally attendees were able to enjoy the many attractions and restaurants that Midland had to offer. Many enjoyed the Farmer Market on Wednesday and Saturday Mornings.

The highlight Friday evening was Orville Gibbs getting his "Bucket List" wish by going on a balloon flight. I got a call just before 6pm from my brother who is a Remax agent and balloon sponsor what to know if I had anyone that would like to go on a balloon flight and if so get them out to the field ASAP. So we gather up Orville and headed out to the balloons. Orville's flight lasted about 2 hours. You couldn't wipe the smile off Orville's face the rest of the weekend. Betty said that he slept with a smile on his face all night.

Jan & I would like to thank our committee, the Dhom's, Frahm's, Frank Griffin & Barb and Guske's. These members made the rally happen and made it easy for us. By mid-morning on Sunday most members had headed home safely. Thanks! **John & Jan Wright**



Note From Orville:

Just a note to let you know I am back on earth and very happy after my hot air balloon flight. That is something I always wanted to do. I just had to wait 90 years.

I just want to thanks John again for making this possible and his brother Jim who is a super guy and part of the balloon crew and Mark the balloon pilot, who can really handle his balloon.

We were up about a 1/2 mile and traveled about 15 miles during the flight.

It was a great experience!

Orville Gibbs

Illinois Fall Rally
Springfield, IL
October 2, 3, 4, & 5, 2010

The October rally held at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield, Illinois followed the GMCMI meeting in DuQuoin. Of the 37 coaches attending, 4 were from the GMC Greater Midwest Classics Club.

The Scarlett's were the first to arrive and set-up the road signs to greet those who were coming—most from the GMCMI meeting in DuQuoin. The hosts Dixon's and Woare's left DuQuoin a day early to begin the process of setting up the hall for the breakfasts and catered meals. Kathy Dixon made cloth notebook covers in advance of the GMCMI meeting to be distributed to each Great Laker coach in attendance at Springfield. In addition, Helen Woare helped with the decorations and created a cornucopia arrangement as a centerpiece for the hot chocolate/tea table.

Morning breakfast began at 7:30am each day of the rally. A local bakery near the campground provided fresh donuts and pastries for our rally--thanks to Ed Woare for making this contact. A new item was introduced to the morning menu. Marlene Scarlett treated the rally goers with an ample supply of freshly made, old-fashioned oatmeal complete with all the fixings of raisins, brown sugar, nuts and milk. Another Ed Woare surprise was the Saturday evening ice cream social with none other than catered ice cream from Cold Stone Creamery. The Cold Stone store was literally brought to our rally including the person serving the variety of treats. The Sunday hot dog and potato chip entree and the Monday pulled pork dinner rounded out the culinary activity for this last rally of 2010.

Many attendees of this rally were kept busy visiting the many sites like the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library, the Lincoln Neighborhood—restored to its 1860 appearance and surrounding the historic Lincoln home, and Lincoln's Tomb. 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 was another attraction. These and many other worthwhile sites and activities were just a few miles from the fairground.

Thanks to the Greater Midwest Classics for joining us and to the many the helping hands that made this rally a success. A special thank you goes to Mother Nature for giving us these October rally days filled with glorious sunshine and warm temps.

See you in the Spring!!

Sunshine & Clouds

The sun has been shining on our faces this month and no news is good news and keep all members in your 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

2011 Officers Installed

The 2011 officers of the GMC Great Lakers have been installed at the corporate meeting held at the Illinois State Fair Grounds in Springfield, IL on October 4th. They are:

President: William Helmore
Vice-president: Tom Dixon
Secretary: Bernice Frahm
Treasurer: Jim White
National Director FMCA: Dan Ryan
Alternate National Director FMCA: Raymond Eskau
Director At Large: Forest Crow

For Sale

Due to the rally schedule and back-to-back rallies we will not be having a November Newsletter Printing this year. Typically we would have the call for want ads in the October newsletter, without another newsletter coming out it has been decided that no "Want Ads or For Sale" will be published this year. We are sorry for this inconvenience.

Special Note!!

Jack and Celia Krieg have moved into the Masonic Pathway Home in Alma, Mi. John and Arlene Walton made a side trip to visit Jack and Celia during the balloon festival. If you would like to send a card or letter to them please contact John Walton for address information.

GMC Great Lakers Winter Rally

Winter Rally In Titusville, FL Manatee Hammock Co. Park Mid January thru Mid March 2011

If you wish to come and visit with us this winter on the space coast you should call the park at 321-264-5083 for reservation, as sites are sometime hard to book. So far at least 4 coaches have signed up at the park this winter. The last shuttle launch is planned during the month of February. We saw 2 last year plus several rocket launches.

New Members and Changes (Add these to your directory)

Due to the coming late November publication of the 2001 membership directory there will be no entries this month. Any address changes that I have received in the last month will be corrected on the club mailing list for the October newsletter.

Rally Schedules

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Proposed 2011 Rally Schedule

May 13, 14 & 15	35 th Birthday Party Rally	Port Sanilac, MI	Executive Comm.
June 3, 4 & 5	Old Car Festival Rally	London, ONT Canada	The Stuckey's
July 22, 23 & 24	MI Antique & Collectible Rally	Midland, MI	The Frahm's
August 27, 28 & 29	Baylor Beach Rally	Brewster, OH	The Bode's
Sept. 15, 16, 17 & 18	Pontios Pond Rally	Ludington, MI	The Christofferson's
October 14, 15 & 16	Fall Leaves Rally	Holly, MI	The Dixon'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 2011

January 15 thru Mid March	GMCGL Annual Winter Gathering	Manatee Hammock	Titusville, FL
January 15 thru March 15	GMCGL Western Winter Gathering	Rincon County West RV Resort	Tucson, AZ
April 10 th thru the 16th	GMCMI Spring Rally	Patterson Civic Center	Patterson, LA
May 26 thru 30	G.L.A.S.S. Rally	Berrien Springs Youth Fair	Berrien Springs, MI
Sept. 9 thru 14	GMCMI Fall Rally	Elkhart Count Fairgrounds	Goshen, IN

<p>Treasurer Report GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Inc. September 30, 2010</p> <p>Checking Balance</p> <p>Savings Balance</p> <p>Total Account Balance</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Respectfully Submitted Jim White – Treasurer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Special Notice Have you returned your membership application for this year?</p>

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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 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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