

# GMC GreatLakers



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President 2011  
GMC Great Lakers**

**GMC GreatLaker Birthday Rally**  
May 13, 14 & 15  
Port Sanilac, MI

**Fleetwood Country Cruize-In  
Rally**  
June 3, 4 & 5  
London Ont. Canada

**New Program  
replaces FMCA  
Medex Program**  
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## Bill's Blog!...

Hooray Spring has finally arrived! It's time to get the GMC ready for a great season of rallies. As listed in the 2011 Directory and updated in each newsletter is our rally schedule.

Our first rally will take place at Lake Huron Campground, which is 35 miles North of Port Huron, MI on the shores of Lake Huron. Look for rally information in this newsletter.

I would encourage you to join me at the GLASS Rally this May 26 - 30 in Berrien Springs, MI. In 2011 we will be celebrating our 35<sup>th</sup> 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. The registration form can be found on page 89 of the March 2011 FMC Magazine or go to [www.GLASSRally.org](http://www.GLASSRally.org) to print out a registration form.

We need to start thinking of rallies for 2012. It is never too early to start planning for a fun rally. This year our rallies in Michigan, Ohio and Ontario. It would be nice to find a location in Indiana that we all might enjoy.

I am looking for volunteers for the 2012 nominating committee. The President and Vice President are term limited and nominees for these positions are needed. As stated in our By Laws each officer is elected for one year and can be reelected two more times. So all members of the board are up for replacement or reelection. Let me know if you are interested in serving on the nominating committee and or if you are interested in serving as an officer.

**Bill**

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## 2011 G.L.A.S.S. Rally, May 26 thru 30 Berrien Spring, MI

The GMC Great Laker will be recognized this year at the rally with the presentation of a certificate for 35 years as a chapter of FMCA. The Glass rally is the 26th to the 30th of May this year. The reservation forms is in the FMCA Magazine or go to [www.GLASSRally.org](http://www.GLASSRally.org) or in the March issue of FMCA magazine on page 89. They are pretty good about parking us together. So come and relax and enjoy the rally and we will have a lot of fun at this rally and the entertainment is usually very good. Come and support the club at the presentation.

### Sunshine & Clouds

**Milton “Jack” Krieg** passed away December 14, 2010. The original “Sunshine Jack” Blitz was a LEGEND in the GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club. A kind true Gentleman, always ready to help when called upon especially when an Officer was needed to fill in. (Quote from Dan Ryan) Jack was a member of the Great Lakers since January 1988. During that time Jack has served the club as secretary (1996 - 1998), as Alternate National Director FMCA (2000 - 2001) and as Sunshine Jack (2003 - 2006)

**Frank Minolli** passed away February 21, 2011. Another member of the “Liar’s” club is now gone. Frank was active in starting the GMC Pinewood racing. We will miss the happy hour conversations and smiling face. Frank had been a member since 1979 and had attended 130 club rally’s

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

#### eMail Changes

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Member Since: May 2003

#### 14 Annual TIN CAN TOURIST Rally Camp Dearborn (Milford, MI) [www.campdearborn.com](http://www.campdearborn.com) May 19 thru 22

Brief description of event: Fun, great food, open house and the North American Vintage Trailer and Motor Coach Concours – Model A show – Classic Car Show – Big Band on Saturday  
Number of units allowed at event: 160 with some electric only sites for over flow  
Registration procedure: [Register using Paypal](#) or [Print Form and mail check](#) \_Site reservations can be made after registration and after January 17th, 2011.

Contact person – Forrest Bone at [f23bone@earthlink.net](mailto:f23bone@earthlink.net) or 941-748-1483

# 35th Anniversary Birthday Rally

May 13, 14 & 15

This year the Rally will be held at the Lake Huron Campground in Carsonville, MI. The campground is located about 35 miles North of Port Huron, MI. This is a state of the art resort campground located in the thumb of Michigan, which features large sites, WiFi, cable, a private 20-acre lake and many other amenities.

Lake Huron is visible from the Campground and is an easy walk to its shores.

Michigan's Lakeshore Road (M25) runs right along the "Sunrise Coast" of Michigan's Thumb and is dotted with quaint towns, shops and restaurants. Be sure to pull off on one of the scenic pull over areas to catch a spectacular view of Lake Huron. If you haven't experienced this drive you're missing one of Michigan's most scenic coastlines.

The hosts for this rally are the 2011 Club Officers. We extend an invitation to each member of the GMC Great Lakers to join us as we celebrate our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Chapter of FMCA. The rally fee will include two nights camping, Friday and Saturday evening catered dinners as well as Saturday and Sunday catered breakfast.

The Campground is located at 2353 N. Lakeshore Rd. Carsonville, MI. From the junction of M46 & M25 go North 4-1/2 Miles on M25, enter on the Left. GPS Coordinates: N43 29.87196, W082 34.0986

The Blue Water Lunch Bunch offers GMCGL members and invitation to join them for lunch at the Golden Coral on Thursday the 12 of May at 11 am. Contact Dick Serreyn@ 810 329-2845 for info.

Rally Fee's and Contact information are on the **YELLOW RSVP** Form.

## Fleetwood Country Cruize-in Rally

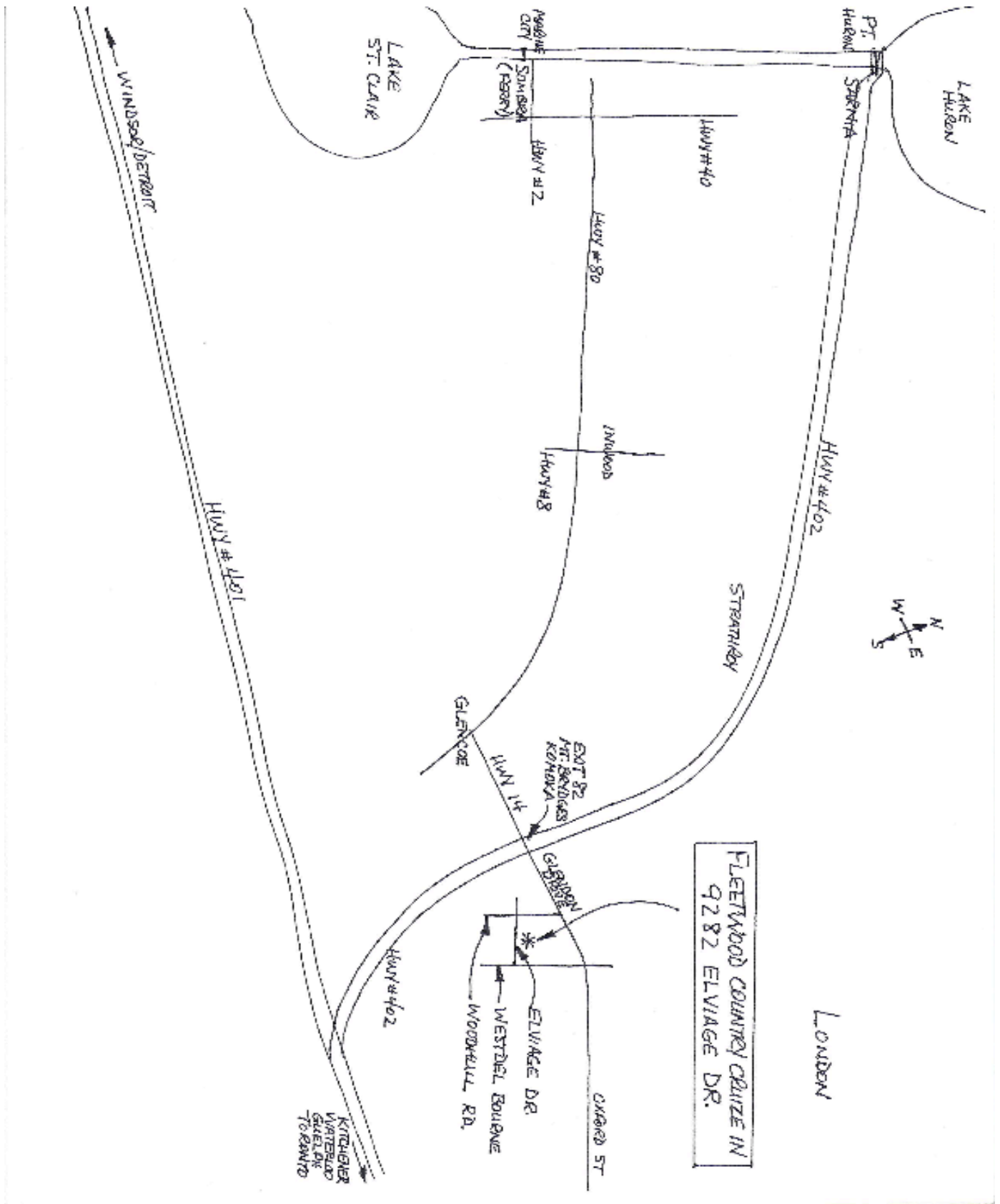
June 3, 4 & 5

Dan & Ginette Stucky invite all GMC Great Laker to come and be apart of the 2011 "Fleetwood Country Cruize-in" June 3, 4 & 5 in London, Ontario, Canada. We be parking on the cruise-in grounds as a group and be apart of the weekend activities. This is a dry camp event. Come with holding tanks empty and water tanks full. Past experience leads us to recommend that you plan to arrive on the Thursday before, i.e. June 2. Website: [www.fleetwoodcountrycruizein.com](http://www.fleetwoodcountrycruizein.com)

Entry fee for each coach will be \$80.00. You will pay us when you arrive on site, but we (**Dan and Ginette Stuckey, 519 844-2083 or <[stuckey@brktel.on.ca](mailto:stuckey@brktel.on.ca)>**) need to know by **May 28** what we're facing in terms of numbers--failure to notify at your own risk. With 3000 cars on display, things get full pretty fast. Here's the breakdown on the way these funds will be disbursed: we will use only as much as we need to cover costs--Tim Hortons donuts and coffee, etc.--whatever we have left over we will be a donation from the club. There will be no catered meals as food will be available on the grounds.

There will be no tech sessions (except those that GMC'ers initiate when men open the front eyelid panels on their coach), no craft sessions (except when women start talking together).

There will be a large number of events that are happening during the weekend. Saturday Daytime will feature George Barris – King of the Kustomizers, American Graffiti stars Bo Hopkins, Candy Clark, Square Dancing Tractors- featuring "Team Farmall", Amphi-Cars + over 3000 classics, hot rods & specially vehicles. Saturday's Main Feature is the "Happy Days Stars Reunion" featuring the largest reunion of the actors ever. Stars scheduled to attend include, Henry Winkler ("The Fonz"), Marion Ross (Mother), Erin Moran ("Joanie"), Anson Williams ("Potsie") and Danny Most ("Ralph Malph"). The car show will continue on Sunday.



Rember! Dan and Ginette Stuckey, 519 844-2083 or <[stuckey@brktel.on.ca](mailto:stuckey@brktel.on.ca)> need to know by May 28  
 IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, CALL OR EMAIL THEM! THERE IS NO RSVP FORM !

# Rally Schedules

## GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club 2011 Rally Schedule

<b>May 13, 14 &amp; 15</b>	<b>35<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party Rally</b>	Carsonville, MI	Executive Comm.
<b>June 3, 4 &amp; 5</b>	Country Cruize-In Rally	London, ONT Canada	The Stuckey's
<b>July 22, 23 &amp; 24</b>	MI Antique & Collectible Rally	Midland, MI	The Frahm's
<b>August 27, 28 &amp; 29</b>	Baylor Beach Rally	Brewster, OH	The Bode's
<b>Sept. 15, 16, 17 &amp; 18</b>	Pontios Pond Rally	Ludington, MI	The Christofferson's
<b>October 14, 15 &amp; 16</b>	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**

May 19 thru 22	Tin Can Tourist Rally	Camp Dearborn	Milford, MI
May 26 thru 30	G.L.A.S.S. Rally	Berrien Springs Youth Fair	Berrien Springs, MI
Sept. 9 thru 14	GMCM Fall Rally	Elkhart Count Fairgrounds	Goshen, IN

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**This Information available in Members area  
of the GMC Great Lakers MHC Website**

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FMCA Group #SRG 9132028**

### **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.