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Regional GMC Club for Preservation
of the GMC Motorhome!



Richards Rants & Raves!...

YOU MISSED IT!

If you weren't in Bowling Green a couple of weeks ago you missed a lot and a sensational rally.

Just what did you miss? Three blue-sky days of great weather, a wonderful camp ground with more room than you could use. You missed a wonderful dinner. You really missed a great meeting that had a show and tell (you encouraged to bring something) featuring president Balsley showing a gigaset, and a great show on men's neck support with a terrific pair of boobs on each side of his neck, sorry cannot talk any more about it. You did miss president Balsley having a named picked out of a pile; the winner got his gas paid for to and from the rally. You missed a great pizza night featuring all different types. You missed cake and ice cream for the birthday. Ladies you missed the late breakfast, 9 to 10:30, I didn't know some of them. You missed a Jazz group playing for 2 hours after dinner on Saturday, you just plan missed a lot of fun.

I'm not going to name any names here, but, it's time to get out of the easy chairs, clean up the coach and come to the rallies! I was looking through some of the old scrapbooks. Dan brought in almost all, if not all. There was sure a lot of the same faces that there is today, however it looks like so many have grown old, not age, but with life. I'm only 10 years old mentally, just ask Lynn, maybe I'll grow to 12 someday. Your missing it, none of us know how many rallies we have left, it's time to get out, be with your young old friends and be young at heart, even if it's only 3 days at a time.

It's time, dig out some old clothes', pictures gag items, and come and cut loose with your friends. Hello is anybody reading this!

Dick

PS did you see how much I aged with just one rally?

Richard

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Dick Balsley

(Dick's Picture Shows Rally Aging)

**President 2012
GMC Great Lakers**

**Turkeyville USA Rally
Marshall, MI
July 27, 28 & 29**

**There is no club sponsored rally
in August. Members if they
wish are encouraged to attend
the FMCA rally the last of
August**

Bowling Green Birthday Rally

It's a start, it's the first rally of the year, it's the first rally of sweet 36 years for the club, and most of all it's the start of my time at the helm. I take this job/ honor or whatever you call it seriously. Rallies are about fun, good times and friends. The coaches are nice and they bring us together but it's about people. Let me start by saying the quality of the coaches is getting better than it ever has been, the hours of work and detail shows, believe me I look.

The rally started, ran and ended with picture perfect weather. I think most coaches just had the windows open; the breeze was good, life was great. We started coffee and fat bombs on Friday and got the remaining coaches parked. It was relaxed parking; pick a spot you like, (I even let Lynn drive and pick ours). Friday night was our first meal, I don't remember where it came from but was, how do they say, "Good eat'n". No one went away hungry. We had a good amount of food left over, which was taken, stored, and heated for sandwiches on Saturday noon.

Dinner being over we had show and tell. As I was the only one knowing this I did two items. One, a gigaset, which allows you to hook your cell phone into your regular phones so you can get rid of your hard line. The second was a series of what is on the market to support men's necks to reduce strain. It started with a small pillow and ended with a very special one. At the end, everyone had a good laugh. While we're talking about show and tell, I want people to bring the stuff in, new things we may not have seen, gag stuff, old item or pictures, presentations to other members. Remember this is always before the meeting, no records will be kept! I believe we had a nice relaxed meeting. At the end I had a name drawn out of a bag, the winner received his gas money to and from the rally. I plan on continuing this, so if cost of fuel is grinding a little, you have about a 1 in 35 chance of free fuel.

Saturday morning was something new, normal coffee started at 7:30 with special coffee and donuts 9 to 10:30 for the ladies and people who like sleeping in. I had men tell me I had done the impossible, got their wives to breakfast.

Saturday night was pizza, which the exec committee blew and didn't order enough. We ordered a second round and I think everyone got his or her fill. (If you're ever ordering Pizza for the group figure one pizza per two people) It was followed by cake and ice cream served by the exec committee. Yours truly put the cake on plates; (got my shirt in the frosting much to the chagrin of my wife). I think everyone ate well. We did invite 3 couples that have GMC's to dinner with us. I think they all had a great time and said they were thinking about joining us. Go team go, After dinner we had a group that played music for a couple of hours, Some people left, some held on to the last.

Sunday morning was more coffee and donuts, clean up, stack table and chairs. Wish are friend's good things and some hugs until next time. Thanks to all who helped make this a great rally **Dick**

Antique Festival Rally, Midland Mi

GMC Great Lakers June Rally was held at Midland County Fairgrounds for the Michigan Antique & Collectible Festival, which was attended by 29 Great Lakers. The Hosts: William Helmore, Dale & Bee Frahm, John & Janet Wright welcomed each member as they arrived and directed them to their parking spot. About a third of the attendees arrived on Wednesday with the rest arriving on Thursday and Friday. What a change in weather from the previous weekend. The temperatures were in the sixties with rain on Friday.

Friday morning was kicked off with a continental breakfast followed by the members fanning out to check out all the stuff that the vendors had on display. GMC Hot wheels were sought after and some were found.

Friday evening the group gathered in our meeting hall for a catered meal of roasted chicken, turkey breast and the trimmings. After dinner some members decided to play cards while others went back to their coach to enjoy the warmth of the heater.

Saturday began with a continental breakfast after which it was off to have a look at the vendors or a trip to downtown Midland for the Farmers market or the Art Show. The day was capped off with a catered dinner of pork and sliced ham with all the trimmings.

After dinner President Balsley called to order the Club's Business meeting at which time he introduced three (3) first timers. A drawing was held for a member to have their gas expense for coming to and going home from this rally. The winner was Buddy Britmeyer and Carol Evans, which was drawn by Carol. This is something that Dick wants to do from time to time in order to increase attendance at a Great Laker Rally.

The rally came to a close Sunday morning with another continental breakfast. As the members departed we wished all a safe trip home and hoping to see all at the July rally.

I wish to thank all who volunteered to help serve the evening meals and all who came to this rally; it is the participation of the members that make the Club a fun and enjoyable experience. **Bill**



Turkeyville USA Rally - Marshall, MI July 27, 28 & 29, 2012

Tim & Thora Scannell and their committee want to invite you to attend the GMC Great Lakers July rally at Cornwell's Camp Turkeyville RV Resort <http://www.turkeyville.com/> in Marshall MI. The address for the campground is 18935 15 1/2 Mile Rd, Marshall, and MI 48068 for you GPS users. All sites are Full Hook Up with sewer with 20/30/50 amp power. All sites are level with no grass on pads or roads. **(Please note that Turkeyville USA was visited personally by Jim White last week after the Midland rally and he reports that this is a "5 Star RV Park" with first class facilities and amenities!)**

Turkeyville is no longer a turkey farm, but a great campground with an excellent restaurant, ice cream parlor, a bakery, a craft store, flea market and antique store along with a year-round dinner theater. We will be doing a Broadway style Dinner Theater on Friday Evening @ 5:30. Dinner will be of course buffet style Turkey dinner with a variety of "Good Eats". The live theater production of "Route 66" will follow dinner. "Route 66" is an unforgettable journey along old route 66. Because of its comic antics and tight-harmony vocals, the show has been called a hybrid of **Grease, Forever Plaid and Pump Boys & Dinettes**. Saturday the Great Lakers will have a Flea Market so bring your GMC Stuff and crafts to sell and trade.

Lynn Balsley will be teaching us to make lanyards at the Rally, so ladies be sure to attend this seminar.

Area attractions include **The Firesetters Casino**, historic Marshall, MI with unique shops and good restaurants and Battle Creek and Kalamazoo with great malls to visit. Please return the registration form by **July 11, 2012** so that site reservations can be confirmed. Late entry's can be accommodated so don't miss out on this exciting rally. **See map for directions.**

Committee Members – Tim & Scannell, Ray & Virginia Eskau, Walt & Marlene Scarlet, George & Barb McLeod & Lee & Lil Skalski

Return Green Form for this rally.

August Rally

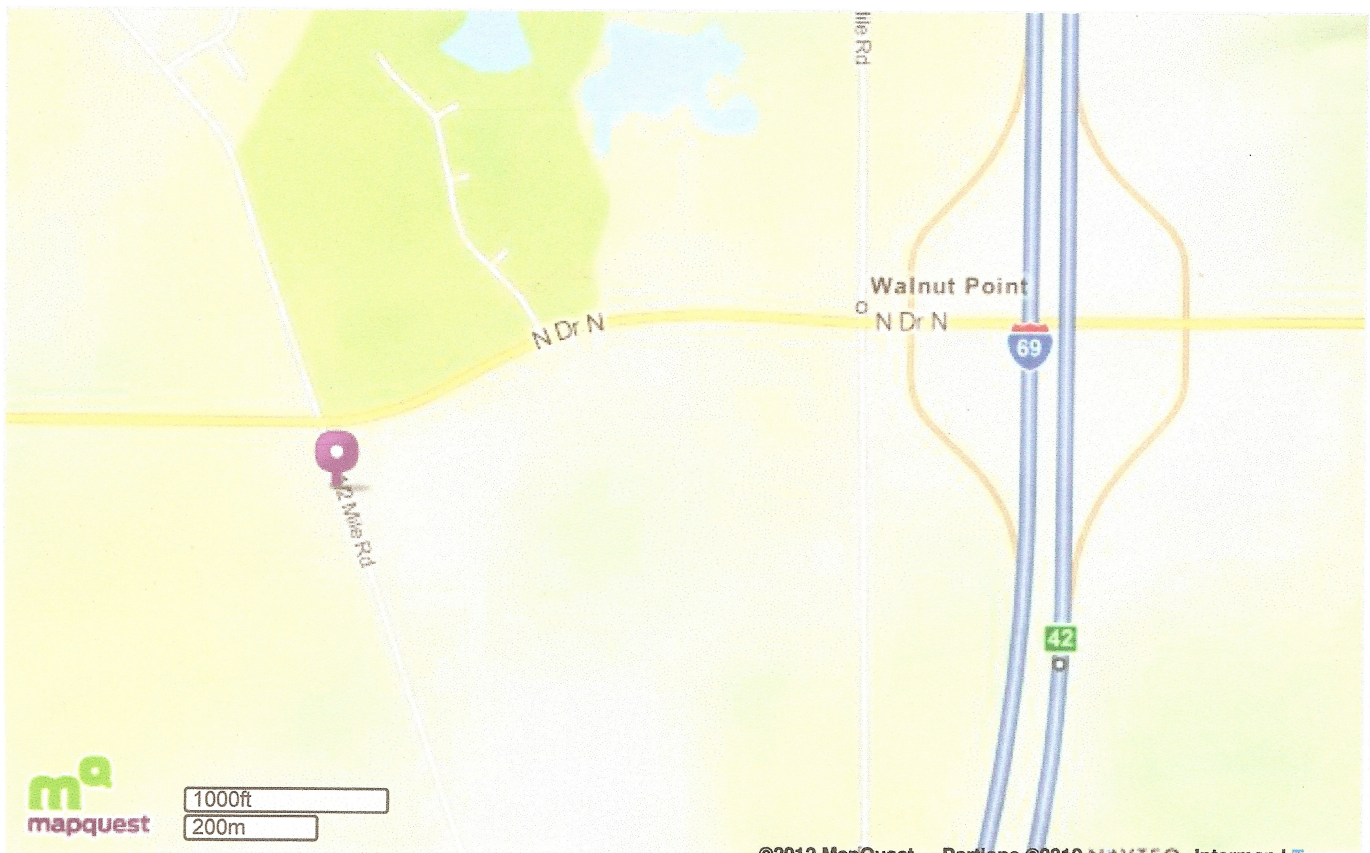
There will be no club sponsored rally for the month of August! Members are encouraged to consider attending the FMCA in Indianapolis, IN the end of August. You should check your FMCA magazine for entry form and information on this rally. Dick Balsey got his windshields replaced last year at the Midwest at a very good price.

Be sure and check the calendar for future club sponsored rallies.

Map of:

18935 15 1/2 Mile Rd

Marshall, MI 49068-9433



New Members and Changes (Add these to your directory)

New Membership

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Ypsilanti, MI 48197-9351

734-484-6817

GL6892

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slater3r@comcast.net

kfoyle32@comcast.net

75 26' Eleganza

Member Since May. 2012

New Membership

Weeks, Keith & Kim

1402 S. Cage Blvd. Unit 273

Pharr, TX 78577

612-978-7243

GL891

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keithweeksgmc@gmail.com

77 26' Palm Beach

Member Since April 2012

Renewal Membership

Zehnder, Arnold & Keyli

2973 Shawnee Lane

Waterford, MI 48329

248-674-9876

GL595

15

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77 26' Kingsley

Member Since January 2002

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Business Meeting Minutes from the June Rally

GMC Minutes June 2,2012 Regular meeting Midland Michigan

Present: Balsley, Dohm, Frahm, White, Crow

Absent: Ryan Eskau

The meeting was called to order by President Balsley at 7:47 PM

The secretary's was read and approved with one correction. The dates for the September rally are September 17,18,19.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. Balance as of May 31,2012 is 15,250.99.

Old business: The changes to the bylaws will be voted on at the September meeting. Lynn Balsley will be teaching us to make lanyards at the July Rally She will furnish all supplies. If you are interested in teaching a class or doing a seminar let our president know.

VP Ed Dohm reported on tentative rallies for 2013. May rally near Toledo Ohio no dates or location yet.

Balloon rally in Midland-no date yet, Sept rally the Apple Fest date and location pending.

Tim Scannell reported the July 2012 rally would be at Turkeyville with a catered dinner on Friday night with a Route 66 Theatre production. Go to gmcgreatlakers.org to view what the site has to offer.

There was no new business.

Bill Helmore gave the Sunshine report. Jan Osstyn is having Kidney problems and Jim March is in the hospital being treated for congestive heart failure.

Bill also thanked the committee and volunteers for serving the catered dinners and thanked everyone who attended the rally.

President Balsley introduced first timers Joel, Mandie and Zachary Raymond, Marshall and Caroline Putt and Bob Slater and wife Kitty Foyle and the Wright's granddaughter.

Buddy Britmeyer and friend Jan Evans received the payment of their gas to the rally. It was donated back to the club.

A decision on the club's trailer will be made at a future date.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Wright and seconded by Lee Skalski. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Bernice Frahm Secretary

Sunshine & Clouds

If you have any information on club members that are under the weather or have other issues please contact the club officers so we can notify the rest of the club.

Sunshine Jack

2013 NOMINATING COMMITTEE FORMED

The 2013 nominating committee for officers of the GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc. has been elected. They are: Tim Scannell, Dick McCoy and Dave Lenzi. You may contact any one of them with your nominee or to nominate your self. All nominees must indicate their clear acceptance to serve if elected.

Invalid Member Email Addresses

The following is a list of Invalid, incorrect or defunct emails address of club members on a recent test message. We would like to update the club electronic mailing list with your correct address. Please email Bill Helmore at wjhelmore@juno.com with your correct email address. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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Your GMC Great Lakers MHC Website!

Fellow club members, be aware that your club website has under gone a major redesign and upgrade. It is online at www.gmcgreatlakers.org It is loaded with information on club activities future, present and past. You should check the website for current updates on rallies, current newsletter online, the new GMCing section and For Sale. The For Sale section will not be active for several more weeks! The Members Only (located under the Organization tab) area has been updated and can also be accessed under the "Log In" tab.

To log in to the "member only area" please read the "Logging In" paragraph 2 in "Members Only" area under "Organization" tab or look in your newsletter at the bottom of the rally schedule page. We welcome your comments and suggestions. You can contact me John Wright your newsletter publisher and assistant Webmaster or use the comment section in the "Log In" tab area.

Rally Schedules

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club 2012 Rally Schedule

Completed	36th Birthday Party Rally	Bowling Green, OH	Executive Comm.
Completed	MI Antique & Collectible Rally	Midland, MI	Helmore & Crew
July 27, 28 & 29	Turkeyville USA Rally	Marshall, MI	Scannell & Crew
August 27 thru 30	FMCA Convention	Indianapolis, IN	
Sept. 17, 18 & 19	RV Parts Rally	Elkhart, IN	Swartzendruber & Crew
October 18, 19 & 20	Fall Leaves Rally	Stanwood, MI	Griffin & Crew

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 2012 Rallies Of Interest in Our Area!

Completed	G.L.A.S.S. Rally	Berrien Springs Youth Fair	Berrien Springs, MI
Sept 22 thru 28	GMCM Fall Rally	Amana Colonies	Iowa

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See members only area on website for complete information.

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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. **The Website is finishing up a complete revamp at this time to give it a new look and better look.**