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Regional GMC Club for Preservation
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**Dick Balsley
President 2013
GMC Great Lakers**

Upcoming Rallies

**Summer Solstice Rally
June 21, 22 & 23
Granger, IN**

**Mid-Summer Rally
July 18, 19 & 20
Springfield, OH**

Richard's Rants & Raves!...

THE GREAT RACE

I was sitting around the other day. Sometimes I just sits others I sit and think. I'm sure the wife would testify that a lot of my thoughts aren't worth much. Some are unprintable and once in a while one has some merit even though it's weird at best. Anyhow: THE GREAT RACE. I looked around and thought each of us is on a big white horse. Just how long we can and wish to ride that pony comes from within. So there we have it competitor number one, a horse named YU. Who else can there be in our race? We'll start out with the next horse, named GAS, the cost and availability of gasoline. Lined up next to him is a horse named MY MONEY, how long can this horse run, seems like there sure a lot of people ready to help him, good or bad. Ah in the next gate is COACH, he has been around for more than 35 years, getting pretty old as a runner. I guess if you feed him well and take care he can still run. Our next horse is named GOOD TIMES. He has a couple of brothers and sisters who run at some other tracks. There is still one more horse in the competition. Her name is SPARE PARTS, How long she will be around is any ones guess.

So there we have a great race. Who will be the winner? Will YU out last all the others? Maybe SPARE PARTS or MY GAS will finish first. Heaven help us but what if one of the horses pulls up lame and can't finish the race?

So time is a wasting. Better get that coach cleaned up and ride.

Richard

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Birthday Rally 2013

The 37th Birthday of the Club's Rally was held May 17-19th at the St. Joe County Fair Grounds in Centerville, MI. The rally hosts were your club officers with Dick McCoy being the "Wagon Master".

There were 32 coaches in attendance. Four (4) members had problems on the way to the rally with three (3) of them making the necessary repairs on the road and continuing with the fourth attending the rally by arriving with their toad.

Dick McCoy had arranged for a perfect weather weekend allowing the attendees plenty to visit outside. There were numerous trips to visit the area shops and salvage lots. A couple of coaches were pretty full upon leaving the rally.

The Guske's and Walton's spend Saturday at the rally visiting, the evening meal and meeting. We were also visited by a potential new member along with a new member whose coach was in the hospital being repaired.

The meals included Coffee & Rolls for the early arrivals Thursday & Friday morning. Friday evening we had the "soup pot". Saturday morning we had an all you can eat pancake breakfast served by the local boy scouts. They also served us the Saturday evening meal. To show their gratitude they treated us with their "fund raiser" giant jelly beans "free of charge". Sunday morning send off was preceded by Coffee and Rolls.

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**

Gary Kosier is undergoing chemotherapy treatment and is tolerating it well.

Harold Davis passed away in April after a short battle with pancreatic cancer.

<http://www.sytsemafh.com/obituaries/Harold-Davis8/>

Red Christofferson is experiencing a foot problem.

Janet Wright is experiencing thyroid problems and will have surgery in early July.

New Members and Changes (Add these to your directory)

New Membership

Heggen, Donald

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Grand Rapids, MI 49546

616 690-1113

GL901

dmhegmd@comcast.net

76 26' Eleganza II

Member Since April 2013

New Membership

Wilke, Robert & Ruste

5454 Witness Tree Ln

Chelsea, MI 48118

734 678-8339

GL900

rfw@unich.edu

77 26' Kingsley

Member Since April 2013

Phone Number Change

Stuckey, Dan & Ginette

519 844-2083



Mid-Summer Rally July 18, 19 & 20, 2013

Dick Wilson and his crew wish to invite club members to the Mid-Summer Rally in South Charleston, OH, which is located just east of Springfield, OH at exit 62 at the intersection of I70 and US40. Our campground will be Tomorrow's Star's RV Park and for GPS location it is located on 6716 East National Road, South Charleston, OH 45368. The park website is <http://resortmanagementinc.com/tomorrows-stars/>. There will only be **30 sites** available for this rally, so get your entry in early. Sites will include water sewer and power (30A min.). It is suggested that you arrive on 18th and depart on the 21st. Your rally fees will include 3 nights of camping and a continental breakfast Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This is a private park and all attendees must check in at the office. If there are any early arrivals, they pay the park for extra days.

This will be a "Mostly On Your Own Rally", but there are many things to see and do in the near area to keep you as busy as you want. Clark County Fair is less than 10 miles away. <http://www.clarkcountyfair.org/2013ClarkCountyFair.html> You can visit the Heritage Center <http://www.heritagecenter.us> in downtown Springfield. In Plain City the Miami Steam Thresher Show <http://www.miamivalleysteamshow.org> will be at City Park with a big parade on Friday night at 6 PM. The Air Museum located at Wright Patterson AFB <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil> is a great tour not to be missed. You need to arrive early and take your ID, as it will be need to enter the museum. In the RV Park there will be a "Christmas in July" celebration.

Saturday evening the club will have a "Pot Luck" dinner at 6 PM at the campground. Please bring a dish to share along with your own table service and plates. The club will supply the meat, in this case chicken, coffee and lemonade.

Dick's crew includes wife Kathy, Walt & Sara Halley, Bob & Barb Swartz and Tom and Nina Lee Hampton.

Direction: From I70 east and west use exit 62. Go east on US40 (East National Rd.) Campground will be on the north side of the road just past Bowman Rd. You will see a small restaurant on the right side of the street you turn into going to the campground.

Rally Fees are listed on the entry form.

Please return the Green entry Form to Rally Host



Turkeyville USA Rally - Marshall, MI

August 16, 17 & 18, 2013

Tim & Thora Scannell and their committee want to invite you to attend the GMC Great Lakers August 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 site are Full Hook Up with sewer with 20/30/50 amp power. All Sites are level with no grass on pads or roads.

Turkeyville is no long a turkey farm, but a great 5 Star 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 "Why Do Fools Fall In Love" will follow dinner. The musical theater production is about four girlfriends who gather to celebrate an upcoming wedding. Featuring classic songs form the 1960's including the title song, "Why Do Fools Fall In Love?" Reaffirming that, during Life's struggles, friendship will unveil its everlasting strength and it does so with a rocking' beat!

Dale Frahm is organizing a road trip the "Gilmore Car Museum that could be on Friday so you need to arrive early to avoid missing possible club activities.

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 **July30, 2013** 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 – Walt & Marlene Scarlet, Tim & Scannell, Dale & Bee Frahm & Lee & Lil Skalski

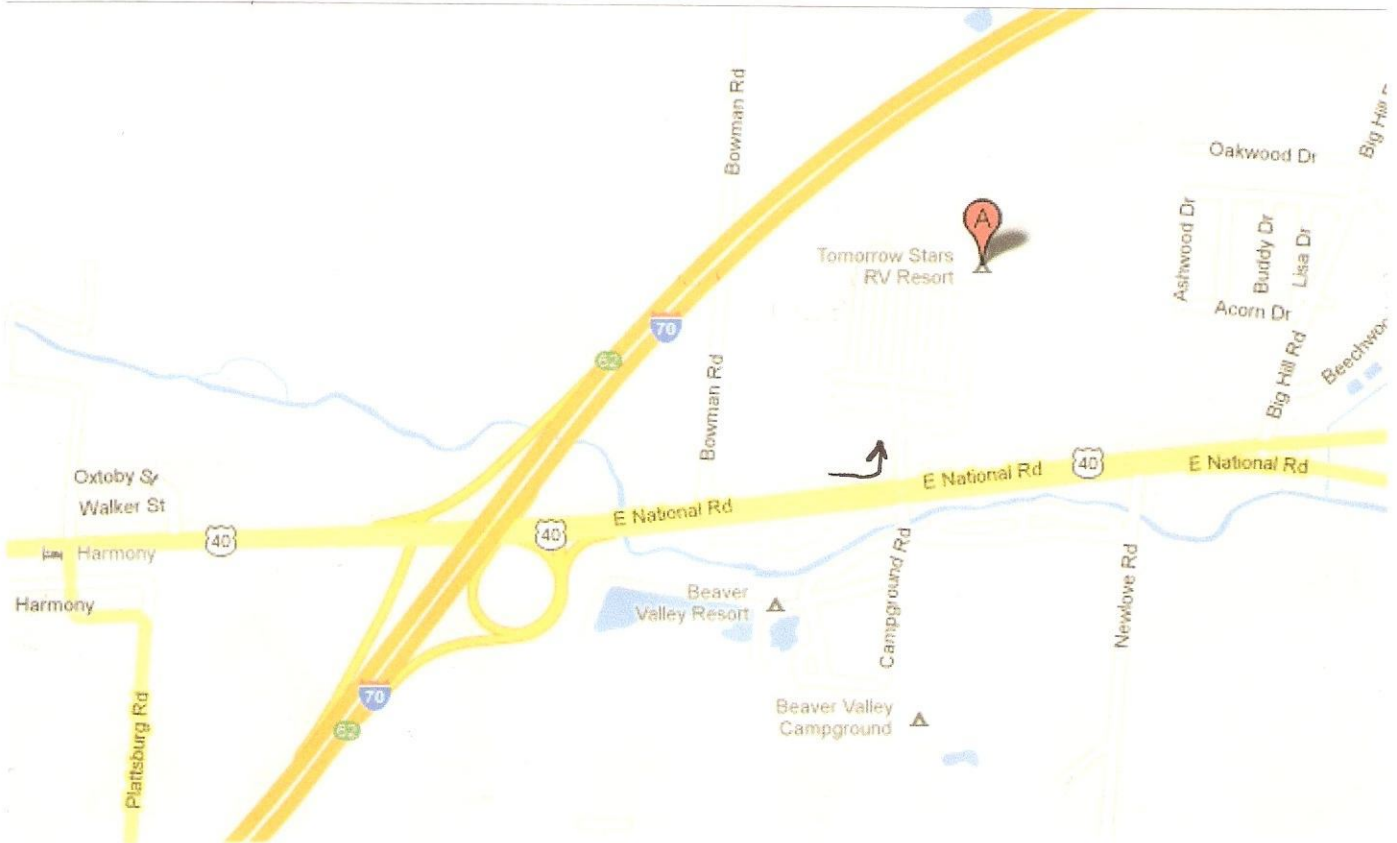
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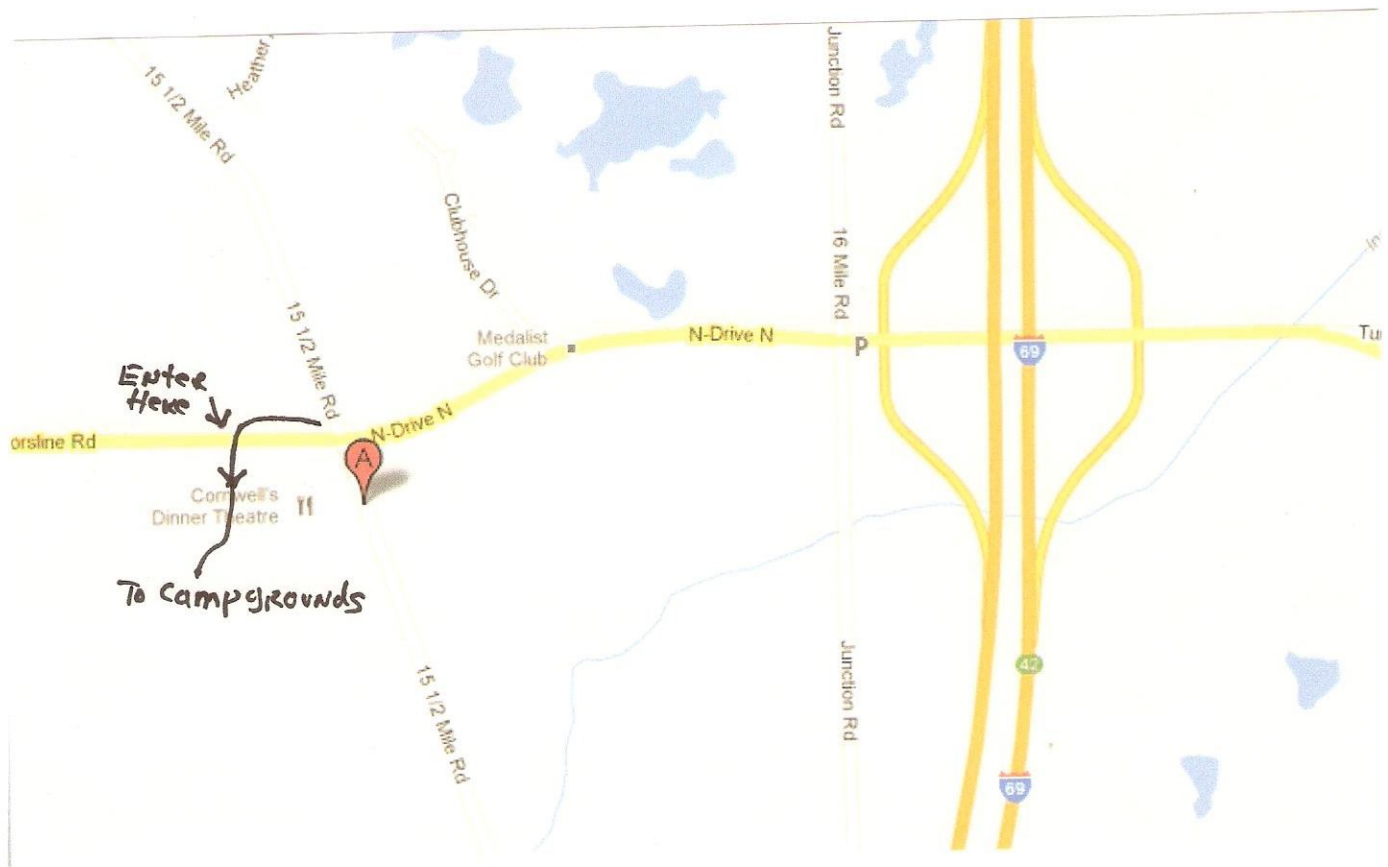
Lost Club Membership Directory

There were a good number of GMC Great Lakers that attended the GMCMI rally in Dothan this spring. One of you left you membership directory at one of the meetings or seminars. It was turned into Lost & Found and I have it and can return it to you. Contact the Newsletter Publisher.

South Charleston, ON Map



Marshall, MI Map



Membership Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2013

Call to Order: President Dick Balsley called the May 2013 Membership Meeting to order at 6:55 PM

Minutes of the October 21, 2012 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Teresa Little reported the current financial status. The report was approved.

Old Business:

Club Member Liability Insurance – Dale Frahm reported that GMCMI has concluded the most cost effective plan is to continue the FMCA insurance coverage. As long as the majority of our membership belongs to GMCMI, we should remain with the FMCA program.

2013 Rally Planning – E. Dohm reported that the “Vintage Campers” are having a rally at Hoffmaster State Park near Muskegon, MI, June 7 – 9. They have invited Great Lakers members to attend. Anyone wishing to attend must make their own arrangements.

Phyllis Thornburg reported on the status of the June 21 – 23 rally in Granger, IN at the KOA Campground

Dick Wilson reported on the July 18 – 20 rally in Springfield, OH at the Tomorrow Stars RV Park

Marlene Scarlett reported on the August 16 – 18 rally at Turkeyville, Marshall, MI.

Ed Dohm reported the September rally will be the 13th – 15th in Midland, MI, in conjunction with the Balloon Festival.

Also in September are the Great Lakes Area Motorhome Association (GLAMA) rally in Goshen, IN on the 18th – 22nd and the GMCMI Fall Rally in Branson, MO, on the 20th – 26th.

The October rally will be the 14th – 16th in Shipshewana, IN, hosted by the Frank Griffins.

Jim White is looking for a future rally site in the Toledo, OH, area.

Bill Helmore said he will be attending the FMCA Convention in Gillette, WY, in June, as the Great Lakers representative. He will miss our June rally. Bill said both FMCA and GLAMA want Great Lakers to participate in their rally in September. The GLAMA rally will be held in Goshen, IN again in 2014. FMCA is looking for someone other than the Michigan Knights to be the host for that rally.

Rally Signs – E. Dohm displayed example signs he has developed for posting directions into rally sites. Styles shown were “realtor” and “sandwich board”. Ed will procure 3 of the “realtor” type signs for posting along the route to the rally site. The “sandwich board” sign will be used at the entry to the site. Ed procured a “Rally Master” sign to be posted by the coach of the rally host so attendees will know where to go if they have questions or problems during the rally.

Club Trailer – Dick Balsley said the club-owned trailer is currently at Dick Olmsted’s house and is no longer used by the club. The Board made a decision to offer the trailer for sale to club members by a sealed bid auction. A description of the trailer and photos will be put into the club newsletter as well as information about how to submit a sealed bid.

Nominating Committee – President Balsley announced that all Board members have indicated willingness to remain in their offices through next year. Therefore there is no need to raise a Nominating Committee for 2014.

New Business:

Non-Active Membership Category – Dick Balsley said there are club members who are no longer coach owners who would like to maintain an affiliation with the club. The Board has decided to pursue creation of an “Associate Member” category for former club members who have become inactive and who may no longer be GMC motorhome owners. Definition of the status and terms of membership will be developed by the Board. As GMC Motorhome ownership is a membership requirement per the club By-Laws, those By-Laws will have to be amended to allow this membership status. Walt Halley voiced concern that opening new membership categories could lead to abuse of the GMC ownership requirement for regular membership.

Sunshine Jack:

Walt Halley reported that Gary Kozier is undergoing chemo treatment and is tolerating it well. Janet Wright is dealing with a thyroid issue. And Red Christofferson is experiencing a foot problem. Dick Balsley announced that Dick Olmstead is taking over the Sunshine Jack duties.

Adjournment: Dale Frahm moved for adjournment of the meeting. Dick Serreyn seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The May 2013 General Membership meeting of the Great Lakers Motorhome Club adjourned at 8:25 PM

Stephen Thornburg
Secretary

Rally Schedules

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club 2013 Rally Schedule

May 17, 18 & 19	37th Birthday Party Rally	Centerville, MI	Executive Comm.
June 21, 22 & 23	Summer Solstice Rally	Granger IN	Thornburg's & Crew
July 18, 19 & 20	Mid-Summer Rally	Springfield, OH	Wilson & Crew
August 16, 17 & 18	Turkeyville Two Rally	Marshall, MI	Scarlett's & Crew
Sept. 12, 13, 14 & 15	Hot Air Balloon Rally	Midland, MI	Wright & Crew
Oct 14, 15 & 16	Amish Fall Harvest Rally	Shipshewana, IN	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 2013 Rallies Of Interest!

June 6 thru 9,	Annual Vintage Campers Gathering	P.H. Hoffmaster State Park	Muskegon, MI
September 18 thru 22	FMCA GLAMARAMA 2013 Rally	Elkhart County 4H Fairgrounds	Elkhart, IN
September 20 thru 26	GMCM Fall Convention	Branson KOA	Branson, MO

Treasurer Report
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See Members Only Area!

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See FMCA Current Magazine For Details or go online @fmca.com members area. 04/06/13

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 has been totally revamped and you should go out and explore all its new features.**

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