



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

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America's Oldest and Largest
Regional GMC Club for Preservation
of the GMC Motorhome!



**Dale Frahm
President 2015
GMC Great Lakers**

Upcoming Rallies 2015

**Lake Erie Rally
Sept 18, 19 & 20
Lakeside/Marblehead, OH**

**Ohio Sauerkraut Festival Rally
Oct. 8, 9 & 10
Waynesville, OH**

Dales Wails!

Well summer is almost over, although it is really hot and stormy today. It is time to start planning for my other hobby-The Frankenmuth Auto Fest. This will be the 32nd year and I have had a '57 Plymouth Fury at every one. For the last 15 years I have been a judge. Myself and 2 other friends go through the field and pick 2 original cars from the 50's and 60's. But Friday night is the Block Party. They shut down Main St. and fill it with classic cars. There will be several thousand. It is one big party with Bands, food and drinks and lots of people.

Here is where we will see a lot of our friends and car enthusiasts. My other name for the last 30 years has been the "Fury Man"!

It has been a good life and I feel blessed with 2 good hobbies-my cars and my great GMC Motorhomes.

Happy Trails

Dale beefrahm@yahoo.com

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.
Membership Meeting Minutes
Turkeyville, Marshall, MI
August 14, 2015

Call to Order: President D. Frahm called the AUGUST 2015 Membership Meeting to order at 8:25 AM

Minutes of the July 17, 2015 meeting were not read but referred to from the club newsletter. Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was referred to from the club newsletter. The report was approved as written.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business discussed.

New Business:

Rally Planning – D. Frahm said there are no rally plans for 2016 at this time. He encouraged everyone to consider hosting a rally.

Sunshine Report:

There was no Sunshine report.

Adjournment: P. Thornburg moved for adjournment of the meeting, W. Scarlett seconded the motion. D. Frahm adjourned the meeting at 8:30 AM.

Stephen Thornburg
Secretary

For Sale Ads

It time once again to submit ads to ME for the last newsletter, which will be the next newsletter in late October or early November. These ads should be GMC related and it would help if you could compose and submit your ads electronically and it quicker to get it put together. If you do not have access to a computer or internet access then by all means send your ad to me by snail mail.

Be aware that you can submit ads to me any time to be uploaded to the club website. <http://www.gmcgreatlakers.org> This would also include any ads that you wish to submit to me anytime during the year, even during the winter months as I can get them up anytime. We have had a number of coaches that have sold off our website and we average over 1000 visits each month by more than 700 unique visitors.

Turkeyville Rally – August 2015



New Members, Renewals and Changes (Add these to your directory)

New Members

Kowalski, Gary

56601 Sonora Ave.
South Bend, IN 46619
Home: 574 288-5819
Cell: 574 210-4562

F451216

GL922

Rally's Attended 0

garykowalski@datacruz.com

77 26' Palm Beach

Member Since Aug 2015

New Members

Meade, Byron & Jo

8906 Lely Island Circle.

Naples, FL 34113

Home: 239 404-3669

Cell Byron: 239 404-3669

Cell Spouse: 765 426-1046

F71458

GL921

Rally's Attended 0

jolenem92@comcast.net

78 26' Royal

Membership Since Aug 2015

Summer Only: 208 Sheffield Rd.

W. Lafayette, IN 47906

Sunshine & Clouds

The weeks that have passed since the last newsletter have been kind to all GMC Great Lakers members. We have all had the sun in our face and the wind at our back.



Great Lakers MHC

Bob, please forgive for modifying your Special Invitation to attend your Sauerkraut Festival Rally in Waynesville as the cutoff date has passed. I felt that you have written about a very important subject that is close to club members.

(Continued with Bob's Letter)

We know there are many reasons you, our members, cannot attend all of the clubs rallies each year, but attendances at the rallies is important to keeping the club alive. It is such a great club having been established in 1976. The GMC Great Lakers held their first rally in Pontiac, Michigan and has branched out ever since with more than 365 rallies.

The best part of the GMC Great Lakers is the friendships that have been made and the camaraderie that comes with repairing the coaches, going junking, shopping together, playing cards and games, going on quilting adventures, making crafts or just sitting around talking GMC and sharing meals together.

We all have a special bond with each other that get stronger with each rally.

Yours truly,
Bob Swartz

Publishers Comments:

Our rally schedule is still fairly open for next year with May being the executive committee and September possibly being a joint rally with GMCM I in Mansfield, OH and a possible year end rally at Stanwood which is south of Big Rapids. All these are in the proposed stage and we need rallies for June, July and August. We need people to step up a host a rally, even a "Do Nothing Rally". Rallies are fun to do so don't be frighten. JR Wright

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club 2015 Rally Schedule

Completed	39th Birthday Party Rally	Grainger, IN	Dohm & Executive Comm.
Completed	GLAMARAMA Elkhart Fairgrounds	Goshen, IN	Contact Bill Helmore
Completed	Antique Festival Rally	Midland, MI	Frahm & Crew
Completed	Turkey Country IV	Marshal, MI	Scannell/Skalski & Crew
Sept 18, 19 & 20	Lake Erie Rally	Lakeside/Marblehead, OH	Gall & Pryzbylek & Crew
Oct 8, 9 & 10	Ohio Sauerkraut Festival Rally	Waynesville, OH	Swartz's & 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 2015 & 2016 Rallies Of Interest!

Sept 25 thru Oct 1	GMCMI Fall Convention	Central States Fairgrounds	Rapid City, SD
Apr 8 thru Apr 15, 2016	GMCMI Spring Convention	Nat. Peanut Festival Grounds	Dothan, AL
Sept 30 thru Oct 6, 2016	GMCMI Fall Convention	Richland County Fairgrounds	Mansfield, OH

<p style="text-align: center;">Treasurer Report GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Inc.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">See Members Only Area on Website</p>	<p>GMC GreatLakers is published for its member's 4 to 6 times per season. Should you not receive your newsletter please contact the publisher.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Club Officers 2015</p> <p>President: Dale Frahm 989 652-6616 Cell: 989 284-2853 beefrahm@yahoo.com</p> <p>Vice President: Frank Griffin 810 694-7013 Cell: 810 444-7585 Phone Only, No Internet</p> <p>Secretary: Steve Thornburg 574 291-4587 sthornbg@aol.com</p> <p>Treasurer: Becky Johnson 248 343-7636 beckystevej@aol.com</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>FMCA Nat'l Director Bill Helmore 248 804-0370 wjhelmore@juno.com</td> <td>FMCA Alternate Director Jim White 440 840-5667 captjimwhite@gmail.com</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Director At Large Forest Crow 260 367-2854 fperow@gmail.com</td> <td>Sunshine Person Bee Frahm 989 652-6616 beefrahm@yahoo.com</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunshine Person Jan Bolser 765 994-6960 jrbolser@frontier.com</td> <td>Newsletter Publisher John R. Wright 989 839-0496 Cell: 989 859-0715 powerjon@chartermi.net</td> </tr> </table>	FMCA Nat'l Director Bill Helmore 248 804-0370 wjhelmore@juno.com	FMCA Alternate Director Jim White 440 840-5667 captjimwhite@gmail.com	Director At Large Forest Crow 260 367-2854 fperow@gmail.com	Sunshine Person Bee Frahm 989 652-6616 beefrahm@yahoo.com	Sunshine Person Jan Bolser 765 994-6960 jrbolser@frontier.com	Newsletter Publisher John R. Wright 989 839-0496 Cell: 989 859-0715 powerjon@chartermi.net
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<p>All address, phone numbers and E-mail Changes should Be sent to the club treasurer: Becky Johnson 681 Milford Farms Court Milford, MI 48381 or beckystevej@aol.com</p> <p>Club Jackets & Shirt Information Fleece Vest –Maroon Sizes XS to 5X = \$38.00 Jacket – Maroon Sizes up to 5X = \$50.00 Sizes over XX are \$2.00 to \$5.00 Additional Sweat Shirt w/U.P. & L.P. on Front SM – XL = \$13.00 2X – Up = \$15.00 T – Shirt (Same Logo as Sweat Shirt) SM – XL = \$8.00 2X – Up = \$10.00 Sweat Shirts and T-Shirts available in any color ? Questions? Call Judy: 269 683-2145 or Email at: atlastaplace@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>NEW FMCA Assist Member Benefit Emergency Number 877 202-4176 Now included with your FMCA Membership See FMCA Current Magazine For Details or go online @fmca.com members area. 10/01/2014</p>						

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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TZE Notes

Disclaimer: The information presented in TZE Notes is intended to be used solely as a way to communicate thoughts, ideas, opinions and procedures from and to members and there is no implied attempt to replace or supersede the recommendations from General Motors or any other component.

The TZE Notes is a space devoted to provide tech tips, replacement part numbers and special stuff and ideas for our great motorhome!

Your ideas and tips are always welcome in the **TZE Notes** are of this newsletter. Write down that tip or part number and send it to the newsletter or E-mail to the publisher's address. You never know that your little trick that you have used for years will help out some other club member.

For those of you that need to replace your beat up or damaged rear inner dust seals (caps), NAPA has a good Heavy Duty Gold colored unit. Your NAPA number is NOE 7351425 in the NAPA Solutions product line. The pricing is in the mid \$6 range depending on where you live. This is a shorter cap and will work with your Alex Serum aluminum GMC covers.

Are you looking for a Schrader Valve for your air bags then Ace Hardware has them under Part# BAV1/4BLKLF. Lowes carries them as an air valve with a part# A-738 and it is made by Watts.

For those of you that are running a vacuum pump to augment you engine vacuum, Superior Solution has a Universal Adj. Vacuum Switch with a 6-22 range. You can find them on EBay for about \$29. I add one when I add the Ford high volume pump and it works great.