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



**Dale Frahm  
President 2016  
GMC Great Lakers**

**Upcoming Rallies 2016**  
40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party Rally  
April 29, 30 & May 1  
Holly, MI

**Combined Rally with GLAMA**  
June 8,9,10,11 & 12  
Goshen, IN

**Do Nothing Rally**  
July 15 & 16  
Algonac, MI

## Dales Wails!

Howdy Folks!

What a beautiful day here in Florida-70 degrees and sunny. I hope this note finds everybody safe, warm and in decent health where ever you are. I feel fortunate to do this. I just celebrated my 80th birthday with some of my GMC friends. And I am looking forward to seeing more of you at the end of April at the Birthday Rally. It looks like this is going to be a good 2016 rally year. Now we are off to Dothan, Alabama for the GMCM I Rally. This is always very informative and a super good time. Hope to see you there. Life is good all the time; all the time life is good.

Happy Trails!

**Words of Wisdom:** Spread the Laughter, Share the Cheer, and Let's be happy while we are here!

*Dale* [beefrahm@yahoo.com](mailto:beefrahm@yahoo.com)



## 40th Anniversary Birthday Rally April 28, 29 & 30

This year the rally will be held at the Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451 Andersonville Road, Davisburg, MI 48350. The hosts for the rally are the 2016 Club Officers and Bee and I will be there on Wednesday. This is also the Spring Antique Festival, which we will be part of the show. Admission to the Antique Festival is included in the rally fee and food vendors will be available during the event. We extend an invitation to each member of the GMC Great Lakers to join us as we celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Chapter of FMCA. The rally fee will include three nights camping, Thursday, Friday and Saturday with two catered dinners on Friday and Saturday and the Great Lakers famous continental breakfast Thursday thru Sunday is pending, depending on whether we have space available.

Directions from the North on I-75 take Exit 98 Holly Road East to Dixie Highway. Go South (right) about 2 miles. Turn right (west) onto Davisburg Road. Go about 3 miles. At the town of Davisburg turn left (South) onto Andersonville Road about 1/4 mile the park is on the right.

Directions from the South on I-75 take Exit 93 (Dixie Highway) Go north about 2 miles to Davisburg Road. Turn left (West) about 3 miles to Anderson Road South (left) 1/4 mile park is on right.

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

## GLAMARAMA 2016 Joint Rally

The 2016 June Rally will be held June 8 thru the 11 at the Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds in Goshen, Indiana. This Rally is in conjunction with GLMARAMA.

To make reservations; (1) Use the form on page 93 of the March 2016 Family Motor Coaching Madison. (2) Call FMCA at 800- 543-3622 and tell the operator that you wish to register for the GLMA Rally. (3) Log on to [www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com), on the home page click on the Chapters/Areas tab, then click on Area Rallies and scroll down to June 2016. Click on Register on line. You will have to log on to complete your registration. **You should do this as soon as possible.** (4) Use the form in this newsletter.

You will select Coach with two people for \$215.00. We will have 30-Amp electric and water at our site. A trip to the dump station can be arranged with the parking Chairman.

After you have made your reservation let me know. Since we plan to park as a chapter I will have to let the Parking Chairman know how many sites to set aside for us. We do not have to come in together in order to park as a chapter, however you will have to inform the parkers in the holding area of your preference. You may email me Dale Frahm at [beefrahm@yahoo.com](mailto:beefrahm@yahoo.com) or by phone at 989 284-2853.

We had a nice turnout last year and would like to exceed it by a lot this year. We were treated very well!

## The “Do Nothing” Rally

The July “Do Nothing Rally” July 15 & 16, is going to be at Algonac State park. Reservations can be made from now in advance of your arrival date. You are responsibility to make your own reservations for this rally including early days. The turnout for this rally so far has been great with almost 30 coaches with reservations and we would love to have you attend too. This is a great state park located across from the St Mary’s river. You can Call the 800-447-2757 reservation line which is best or <https://www.midnrreservations.com/AlgonacStatePark?List> the waterfront sites are 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 53, 54, 56 & 64. If these are already taken then get a number close to these. As a do nothing rally we plan on doing nothing and watching the big ships passing. I am sure that plenty of eating and fellowship will be available for all. If you are coming to the rally please contact Dale Frahm at [beefrahm@yahoo.com](mailto:beefrahm@yahoo.com) or 989 284-2853 so we can have an accurate head count.

## GMC GREAT LAKERS “CENTRAL LUNCH BUNCH”

We have tried a few meetings of a Lunch Bunch for members of the GMC Great Lakers Motor home Club who are located in MI, IN and OH. There appears to be quite a bit of interest in getting together through the winter so we are making a schedule and inviting all Great Lakers who feel they are within reasonable travel distance of Angola, IN.

We have been meeting monthly at the Ruby Tuesday Restaurant in Angola, IN, on the second Thursday at 11:30 AM EST, since November 2015 and finishing for the year in April 2016. Camping season resumes in late April. Lunch date left on the calendar is Apr. 14. Ruby Tuesday is located at 2304 N. Wayne Street, Angola, IN 46703; telephone 260-665-8791. For questions please contact Steve or Phyllis Thornburg, telephone 574-291-4587 or 574-329-9188, or email [pdthornbg@aol.com](mailto:pdthornbg@aol.com)

## GMC GREAT LAKERS “ Blue water Lunch Bunch”

The Bluewater lunch bunch meets in Port Huron, MI. We get attendees from both Canada and the eastern Michigan area. The group meets on the Second Thursday of the month, mostly year round. Contact Bill Helmore [wjhelmore@juno.com](mailto:wjhelmore@juno.com) to get on the notification list or call him. 248 804-0370

## SEMNO GMC Lunch Bunch

(South East Michigan Northern Ohio)

Matt & Mary Colie have been work to start a lunch bunch for the Lowest part of Michigan and northern Ohio GMC owners. Matt says that they are still developing a schedule and they are shooting for a third Saturday of the month with a starting time of 11 AM. Because many of the group is still employed they have chosen to have their meetings on Saturday. The meeting place is the Golden Corral on Eureka Rd (actually Huron St.) in Southgate, MI 48180. The next meeting for April will actually be the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month (April 23) as Matt will not be back from the Dothan rally. They are trying hard not to drop it next to the GL scheduled lunch bunches, but the bagaries of a calendar are not helping as we currently have a few doing both. Matt says to watch for announcements on the GMCnet and the facebook GMC pages.

## Sunshine & Clouds

This past winter has been very kind to our membership with no information about any members who have had any issues. If you know of any news that would be of interest please contact Bee Frahm at [beefrahm@yahoo.com](mailto:beefrahm@yahoo.com) or call her at 989 284-7043 or 989 652-6616

New email address for George & Barb McLeod is: [geobarbmc@gmail.com](mailto:geobarbmc@gmail.com)



# GLAMARAMA

## JUNE 8-12, 2016

ELKHART COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS • GOSHEN, INDIANA

**4 Nights of Camping (June 8, 9, 10 and 11)**

with 30-amp power and water available (bring an extra hose to connect)  
or optional 50-amp full hookup, which includes water and sewer for an additional fee

3 Nights of Great Entertainment • Tours to Dometic and Jayco (sorry, not handicap accessible) • Thursday and Saturday Morning Breakfasts  
Friday Picnic Lunch • Coffee Hour • "Eat Dessert First" Ice Cream Social • Thursday evening Chapter Activities • Card Bingo • Ladies' Tea  
Golf Outing (additional fee) • Seminars • New Coach Displays • Book Exchange • Vendors • Sunday Morning Prayer Service  
Each coach receives double the Vendor Bucks, and volunteers each receive an additional \$10 in Vendor Bucks

**Golf Outing: Please e-mail Dane Bailey at [thesinginauctioneer@msn.com](mailto:thesinginauctioneer@msn.com) if interested.**

**TOWABLES WELCOME**

Sponsored by the Great Lakes Area MotorCoach Association, Inc.

### Great Lakes Area Rally Registration Form

Permanent changes to membership files cannot be made from this form.

Member Number:	Last Name:	Pilot:	Co-Pilot:
Address (if this address differs from your billing address, please call 800-543-3522):		City:	State/Province: Zip/Postal Code:
E-mail:		Telephone:	Cell Phone:
Coach Make:	Coach License:	Coach Length:	<input type="radio"/> First Time at a GLAMARAMA Event
Hold at Will Call? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Are you parking with a chapter? <input type="radio"/> Yes	Chapter Name:	Handicap? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
1. Guest/Child's Name/Age:		2. Guest/Child's Name/Age:	

Registration Category	By 5/17	After 5/17	Qty	Total	*Parking Options (select one)
Coach with Two People*	\$ 215	\$ 235		\$	<input type="radio"/> Electric Parking
Coach with One Person*	\$ 195	\$ 215		\$	<input type="radio"/> Full Generator Parking
50-Amp Full Hookup (Additional Fee)	\$ 75	\$ 75		\$	<b>Would like to be a volunteer?</b>
FMCA Member With No Coach (Passport)	\$ 50	\$ 50		\$	<input type="radio"/> Yes, I'd like to volunteer <input type="radio"/> No
Non-FMCA Members (Add To Registration)	\$ 50	\$ 50		\$	_____
Additional Children & Guest in Coach	FREE	FREE		FREE	If yes, where would you like to assist?
Ladies' Tea (Additional Fee)	\$ 2	\$ 2		\$	<b>Early Arrival</b>
4-Passenger Golf Cart Rental (Wed, 6 p.m.-Sat)	\$ 340	\$ 340		\$	<b>\$25</b> Cash Only Payable upon arrival Tuesday, June 7
<b>Payment Information</b>				<b>Total</b>	\$

Prices include meals, exhibits, ice cream social, and entertainment. Extras: 50-amp full hookup, ladies tea, golf outing, golf cart rental, and some seminars are an additional cost. Make checks payable in U.S. funds to FMC, Inc.

Please Charge:

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Return Completed Form & Payment To:  
Great Lakes Area Rally • c/o FMCA  
8291 Clough Pike  
Cincinnati, OH 45244-2796

Place your credit card registration:

Online [www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com)

By Phone (513) 474-3622  
(800) 543-3622

or By Fax (513) 474-2332  
(800) 543-4717

### Cancellations

A \$20.00 cancellation fee will be deducted from ALL refunds. Refunds will be made if written request is received by 5/28/16. Badges and confirmation materials must be returned with cancellation. Refund requests received after 5/28/16 will be handled on an individual basis.

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For the most current rally info go to <http://glamaramarally.blogspot.com>

# GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club 2016 Rally Schedule

<b>April 28, 29 &amp; 30</b>	40th Birthday Party Rally	Davisburg, MI	Executive Comm.
<b>June 8 thru 12</b>	Combined Rally with GLAMMA	Goshen, IN	GLAMMA
<b>July 15 &amp; 16</b>	Do Nothing Rally	Algonac State Park	GMCGL
<b>August 25, 26 &amp; 27</b>	Michigan Adventure	Muskegon, MI	Thornburg's & Crew
<b>Sept 30 thru Oct 6</b>	Joint Rally with GMCMI	Mansfield, OH	GMCGL & GMCMI
<b>Oct 13, 14 &amp; 15</b>	River Ridge Resort 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 2016 Rallies Of Interest!

<b>April 8 thru April 15</b>	GMCMI Spring Convention	Nat. Peanut Festival Grounds	Dothan, AL
<b>June 8 thru 12</b>	FMCA GLAMARAMA Rally	Elkhart Country 4H Fairgrounds	Goshen, IN
<b>June 25 thru July 1</b>	The "Great GMCMI Summer Get Together"	Branson KOA & Convention Center	Branson, MO
<b>Sept 30 thru Oct 6</b>	GMCMI Fall Convention	Richland Co. Fairgrounds	Mansfield, OH

Treasurer Report  
GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Inc.  
March 15, 2016

See members only section on website for complete Report.

Becky Johnson, Treasurer

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## 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:

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**Emergency Number 877 202-4176**  
**Now included with your FMCA Membership**  
**See FMCA Current Magazine For Details or go**  
**online @fmca.com member's area. 11/01/2015**

**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.

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## TZE Notes

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**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.

## Starting Issue 2 in 2016

**TZE Notes will be returning to the newsletter with new technical Stuff for you. Any part numbers that you may have discovered can be published here.**  
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