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Regional GMC Club for Preservation
of the GMC Motorhome!



**Dale Frahm
President 2016
GMC Great Lakers**

**Upcoming Rallies 2016
Combined Rally with GLAMA
June 8 thru June 12
Goshen, IN**

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

**Michigan Adventure
Muskegon, MI
Aug 25, 26 & 27**

Dales Wails!

Howdy Folks

Well Spring has finally come along with a lot of yard work. But we have already accomplished our first rally. It was fun inspire of the rain and cool weather. I want to thank our Treasurer for taking over a lot of the planning and arranging. We couldn't have done it without her. The facilities were Adequate, although a bit inconvenient. It was good to have our secretary and her spouse to help. It was great to have our representatives George Myers and Jane Roust from FMCA International at the rally and the certificate they presented to our group.

Now on to our next rally which will be at the GLAMARAMA. It is always a fun time. We hope to see you there. Don't forget to let Bill Helmore know that you are going. They need to know how many camping spaces to reserve for our group.

If you haven't already made your reservation for the July Do Nothing Rally at Algonac State Park in July do it soon.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Sometimes in life, you find a **special friend!**

Someone who changes your life, just by being part of it.

Someone who makes you laugh until you can't stop.

Someone who makes you believe that there really is good in the world.

Someone who convinces you that there really is an unlocked door just waiting for you to open it.

This is Forever Friendship!

This Club!!!!



Michigan Adventure Rally

August 29, 30 & 31

The GMC Great Lakers August 2016 rally will be at Duck Creek RV Resort near Muskegon, MI.

The rally fee is \$125 per two-person coach and \$115 per single person coach.

We have 30 campsites reserved. Any sites not committed by July 4 will cost the Great Lakers a penalty fee if they are held beyond that date or they will be released from our reservation block. So, if you are unable to send your reservation and fee to Becky Johnson before July 4, let her know if you want to reserve a site by that date and make sure you send her your payment by August 15.

Arrival is planned for August 29 and departure on August 31. For additional camping nights the fee is \$50 per night if you identify yourself as part of the GMC Great Lakers rally group. Make your arrangements for extra nights directly with Duck Creek RV Resort.

The camping sites are all level concrete pads with concrete fire rings and picnic tables at each site. All sites are full hook-ups with 50 amp electric service and cable TV. There are few shade trees but lots of room for awnings. The resort offers a swimming pool, with adult's only hours, a hot tub and a nice dog yard. Visitors are welcome with a charge of \$3 per day; visitors aged 55 and over are free. There is a large playground for children.

We plan to have breakfast in the clubhouse Tuesday and Wednesday. Monday evening we will go to a local restaurant for dinner – order from the menu. Tuesday night we will have a “salad pot-luck”- bring your favorite salad. Meat and dessert will be provided.

The Duck Creek RV Resort is located across the street from Michigan Adventure, a theme park that is or has been affiliated with Cedar Point. It is between Muskegon and Whitehall.

NOTE: For those with pets on board, proof of current rabies vaccination will be required at check-in.

Contact information is: 1155 W. Riley Thompson Road, Muskegon, MI

Tel: 1-231-766-3646

<http://www.duckcreekrvresort.com/>

Phyllis & Steve Thornburg and Joann & Merle Carpenter, co-hosts

Please return the Blue rally form for this rally!

Special Notice!

The July “Do Nothing Rally” July 15 & 16, is going to be at Algonac State park. Reservations can still be made with the Michigan State Park Service in advance of your arrival date. You are responsibility to make your own reservations for this rally including early days. You can Call the 1-800-447-2757 or

<https://www.midnrreservations.com/AlgonacStatePark?List> We have almost 30+ reservation already and the prime waterfront sites are 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 53, 54, 56 & 64 are probably no longer available. We are primarily at the south end of the park then trying and get a number close to these.

If you have reservations for this rally please call Dale F. so he can get a head count of coaches attending.

2016 GMC GREAT LAKERS 40th BIRTHDAY RALLY

April 28th – May 1st at the Michigan Antique Festival, Davisburg, MI

Our first club rally of the season was a big success! Our 28 GMCs and two GLAMA guest coaches were parked right next to the Antiques Festival activities, which drew a lot of attention to our coaches. Our group enjoyed hot breakfasts at the fairgrounds Activities building, along with 2 delicious catered dinners by Wendy Brown of “Two Women & A Tray”. Throughout the four-day rally, our members spent time browsing the antique vendors in the outside tents, fairground buildings, and the historic Ellis barn. One highlight of the rally was the festival GMC Open House held on Saturday afternoon. Many festival visitors walked through, chatted, or toured some of our GMCs. I hope we inspired some future GMC owners! On Saturday evening we held our annual Birthday dinner celebration, where we dined on roast beef, chicken marsala, and more. Our meal ended with Birthday cake and ice cream to celebrate our club milestone of 40 years!! After dinner, GLAMA President, Jane Roush and GLAMA Vice President, George Myers made presentations. Jane made a special presentation in honor of our club’s 40th anniversary our GMC Great Lakers President, Dale Frahm. Everyone had a great time, in spite of the cool, damp weather!

GMC GREAT LAKERS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING APRIL 29, 2016

Present: B. Helmore; D. Frahm; J. Dohm; B. Johnson; F. Griffin. Absent: F. Crow. He was not informed about the meeting. Sorry Forest.

The meeting was called to order by president D. Frahm at 4:45p.m.

OLD BUSINESS: Secretary minutes from October 2015 were read. Motion was made by D. Frahm to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by F. Griffin. Motion passed. Treasurer’s report was given, see report in “Member Only Area”. Discussed was the electronic newsletter and website. B. Johnson will check and see if there is a break off point on the number of newsletters for the price we are paying. Motion was made by D. Frahm to accept the report as presented. Seconded by J. Wright. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Jane Roush is retiring as the President of Glama. B. Helmore suggested we vote for Les Naylor of Ontario to replace her as the GLA V-P. We all agreed. The Lucky Coupon Drawing for a Rally Fee was discussed and it was decided to continue the program. J. Wright showed patches he has for sale to club members. B. Helmore will present a short program on the start of the GMC Great Lakers and will share secretary minutes from the first year of the club.

J. Wright made a motion to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. Seconded by D. Frahm. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted by J. Dohm, 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 Bee (I am the sunshine person, contact info on page 7)**

Received word that **Klaus & Joanie Wolfert’s** daughter Patty has passed on after a long struggle with multiple medical issues.

GMC GREAT LAKERS
BUSINESS MEETING
April 30, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President D. Frahm at 7:15 p.m.

Visitors were introduced. FMCA Reps; Jane and Roger Roush and George and Sue Myers. Great Lakers members without their coaches; Ivan and Zoe Johnson and Norm and Virginia Anderson. New Member; Jeff Mattice and his friend Linda Roth. GLAMA Pres Jane Roush talked about the upcoming June rally in Goshen. The GMC's will all be parked together. She then presented us a Certificate and a check for \$250.00 for our 40th Anniversary of being a member of FMCA.

The minutes of the October 2015 meeting were read. A motion to accept them as read was made by B. Helmore and seconded by D. Sereyn. Motion carried. The treasurers report was given. We have \$10,684.29 in checking and \$3,007.81 in savings for a grand total of \$13,369.10. A motion was made by J. Wright to accept the report as given and was seconded by P. Thornburg. Motion carried.

F. Griffin gave a rally report. The dates are set for this year but we need people to step up and volunteer to put on rallies in 2017. No body needs to be afraid to do this as there are plenty of people that are willing to help. There is no financial risk because the club will pick up the tab in the event of a loss.

There is a Lunch Bunch that meets the 2nd Thursday of the month in Port Huron year round. There is a Lunch Bunch that meets the 2nd Thursday of the month in Angola In. but they just meet during the winter. The contact person for Port Huron is Dick Sereyn and for Angola it is Phyllis Thornburg. Our Sunshine Person is Bee Frahm. Please contact her if you know of a member that is in need of moral support. There were three certificates presented for 25 or longer years of membership in the Great Lakers: Dick and Jan Sereyn—25 years; Ivan and Zoe Johnson—33 years; Norm and Virginia Anderson—40 years. The Lucky Coupon drawing for \$100.00 off a future rally was won by Dan Shaub. Congratulations everyone.

George Myers is the FMCA VP of the Indiana Region. He gave a talk on the FMCA Assist program. It helps if you are more than 100 miles from home. It is included in your membership. So far the program has spent more than \$300,000. It provides Medical Evacuation (moving you), Medical Reunion (bringing person to help), Return of Remains, Return of Dependents, Return of Vehicle in North America, Return of pet. The case monitor of this program is Seven Corners. You MUST notify the Assist program to set up this for you. They DO NOT REIMBURSE! The phone number you need is (877-202-4176). Please put this number in your phone so it is handy if you ever need it.

D. Balsley made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. T. Hampton seconded.

Respectfully submitted, J. Dohm, Secretary

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Proposed 2016 Rally Schedule

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| April 28, 29 & 30 | 40th Birthday Party Rally | Holly, MI | Executive Comm. |
| June 8 thru 12 | Combined Rally with GLAMMA | Goshen, IN | GLAMMA |
| July 15 & 16 | Do Nothing Rally | Algonac State Park | GMCGCL |
| August 25, 26 & 27 | Michigan Adventure | Muskegon, MI | Thornburg's & Crew |
| Sept 30 thru Oct 6 | Joint Rally with GMCMI | Mansfield, OH | GMCGCL & GMCMI |
| Oct 13, 14 & 15 | 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!

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

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

See Members Only Area for complete report

All address, phone numbers and E-mail Changes should
Be sent to the club treasurer:

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Milford, MI 48381

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?

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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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