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the GMC Great  
Lakers Motor  
home Club, Inc.*

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of the GMC Motorhome!



**Dale Frahm  
President 2016  
GMC Great Lakers**

**Joint Rally with GMCMI  
Sept 30 thru Oct 6  
Mansfield, OH**

**Fall Leaves Rally  
Oct 13, 14 & 15th  
Stanwood, MI**

## Dales Wails!

Howdy Folks,

Well folk's summer is almost coming to an end. But we have a lot going on in September and October. The International Convention in Mansfield, Ohio and our local rally at Stanwood, Michigan.

Speaking of the International in Ohio, I hope to see some of you that haven't been to an International attend this rally. These rallies are very informative and fun for everyone. Kim Weeks and her crew do a wonderful job.

I'm always a little sad at this time of year because the rally year is almost over and I HATE WINTER!!!!!!!!!! But I will be living in my GMC in Florida for three months, and we will be seeing some of our GMC friends there, eating strawberry shortcake and buying lots of fleas at several different flea markets in the area. It doesn't get much better than that.  
Happy Trails

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

POPCICLE STICKS

How do you wrap a Cloud?

With a rainbow!

What did the dog say to the flea?

You bug me!

How does a dentist examine alligators teeth?

Very Carefully!



## Fall Leaves Rally – Stanwood, MI      October 13, 14 & 15

Frank Griffin and Barb and their committee welcome the GMC Great Lakers to the “Fall Leaves Rally” at Stanwood, MI

River Ridge Resort is located at 2265 Eight Mile Road, Stanwood, MI 49346 and the phone number is 231 823-8338 and their website is: <http://www.riverridgerv resort.com/>

It is a Luxury RV Resort on the spectacular all-sports backwater of the Hardy Dam. All sites are located on concrete pads and have full hookup including cable TV. They will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis and if you need handicap parking be sure to mark your entry form as such. Any additional days camping should be made directly with the campground. This campground is relatively new and has a modern heated clubhouse for our activities.

The rally fees include 3 nights camping, Thursday thru Saturday and also include 3 continental breakfasts. Donuts and Muffins along with coffee and juice Friday thru Sunday. The highlight of the weekend will be 2 home cooked meals prepared by Chef Franklin on Friday and Saturday evenings. I have seen the menus and Frank can cook!

Here is some important additional information regarding the "Fall Leaves Rally" - Stanwood, MI on October 13, 14, & 15, 2016. The rest of the details for this rally are included in the August newsletter.

**Frank Griffin/ and Barb Rhoades are hosting this rally and making all the rally arrangements. If you have any questions about anything at all pertaining this rally, you must call Frank at 810-694-7013 (home phone) or 810-444-7585 (Frank's cell). Frank does not have an email address!**

***If you are planning on signing up for this rally, you must do 2 things to register:***

**1. Call the Rally Host, Frank Griffin, to let him know you are registering for the rally 810-694-7013 or 810-444-7585.** Tell him how many people you will have with you; which days you will be at the rally; and tell him your rally check \$ amount.

**2. Mail the rally check to Becky Johnson, 681 Milford Farms Court, Milford, MI 48381.**

I must receive your rally check no later than Tuesday, September 27th - as I will be leaving for the GMCMI Fall Rally in Mansfield, OH on Wednesday September 28th. ***(This is earlier than the deadline listed in the August newsletter!)***

Directions: Approximately 40 minutes north of Grand Rapids, MI. U.S. 131 North to Exit 131, then turn west and 2 miles to campground and turn left onto **Elder Rd** and go to the RV entrance. **DO NOT** use the first 2 turnoffs into the recreation areas, as you cannot enter the RV campground from those entrances!

**Return the orange entry form! The Rally form can be found on the website.**

**Sunshine & Clouds – It is with sadness this I report that Tim Cannel died late in the day of 9/11/2016. I have no further details other than the funeral is on Wednesday 9/14/2016. His most recent address is listed below if you would like to send a card.**

### GMCGL 2016 Directory Addendum New Members as of 8-9-16 or New Address

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Last Name	First Name	First Name	Street Address	Email Address	GL #	Joined
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## August 2016 Rally Report

The GMC Great Lakers August 2016 Rally was held at the Duck Creek RV Resort located at North Muskegon, Michigan, August 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>. It was an awesome “campground” with all concrete parking sites, fire rings and picnic tables at every site. The clubhouse was bright and roomy and the showers and restrooms were fantastic.

Attendance was 26 GMC coaches, one SOB, one fifth-wheel trailer and one couple who stayed in a nearby hotel. All of the attendees are GMC motorhome owners. We had two first time rally attendees – Pete & Sharon Lamb and Alan & Janice Thomas. We also had Ken & Nancy Pickett who has not attended a rally for a long time. And, long-time club members Dick & Phyllis Holly attended without their coach so they stayed nearby in a hotel. We had a couple of coaches that broke on their way in and one pretty orange coach that arrived on a hook and left on a hook. (Maybe this is where the subsequent pirate thought should be)

On Tuesday 30 Great Lakers struck out for high adventure rafting on the White River. We were divided into crews of 6 and five rubber rafts. Of the entire crew only one went overboard – he claimed it was voluntary to free their raft from a fallen log in the water. (We’re still a little suspicious of some pirate and plank activity)

While the boaters were away another 10 Great Lakers enjoyed a session of playing Yahtzee. And a bit later 8 folks got together to discuss how they use their electronic devices and to share information about some of their favorite apps.

Then we enjoyed a great potluck dinner with Sloppy Joes and lots of delicious dishes brought in by a bunch of pretty good cooks in our club. Ah, but it’s GREAT to be a Great Laker...

We were glad to have Nora Frazier join us for dinner. We are sorry for her loss, Ron will be missed, but we hope Nora will not be a stranger to our club.

Our club business meeting seemed to go by rather quickly – perhaps because there were DIY ice cream sundaes to be had after the meeting.

Wednesday morning we had coffee and donuts and time for our fond farewells – we won’t see each other again for a month and then two rallies almost back-to-back.

Once again we had a lot of fun with a lot of really great people.

Special thanks to Phyllis – she’s the brains and the talent that make these things work. And special thanks to Merle and JoAnn Carpenter for all their help with the local logistics and forward planning.

We look forward to seeing you all down the road.

Steve & Phyllis Thornburg and Merle and JoAnn Carpenter

## Important FMCA News

FMCA will be raising the membership dues on 1 October 2016. It would be beneficial if you reupped before that date arrives. You can extend your membership using the current pricing to beat the price increase. The renewal rates are as follows, 1 year \$40, 2 years \$76, 3 years \$108 and 5 years which is the best bang for the buck for \$160.

It should also be noted here that there was an AwShit by FMCA on part of the MEDEX program. The company that provide the service will not provide drivers to recover motorhomes that are over 10 years old due to a liability concern. FMCassist however will pay to fly a driver of the owner’s choice to the coach and pay expenses getting the coach home.

The will be no GLAMA really in 2017 as it will be rolled into the FMCA National Convention that will be held in Indianapolis.

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.  
**Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Duck Creek RV Resort - Muskegon, MI - August 30, 2016**

**Call to Order:** President D. Frahm called the August 2016 Membership Meeting to order at 6:40 PM  
**Minutes of the June 6, 2016** meeting were not read but referred to from the club newsletter. Minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** B. Johnson reported the following:

GMC Great Lakers Treasurer Report as of August 15, 2016:

Checking Acct Balance: See Members only section on the Club Website

Savings Account Balance: for this information.

Balance on Hand:

Dick Balsley made a motion for approval of the Treasurer's Report; John Wright seconded the motion. The report was approved as presented.

**Old Business:**

**Rally Planning** – Frank Griffin reported the remaining rallies for 2016 are as follows:

**September Rally:** September 30 – October 6 to be held at the GMCMI Convention in Mansfield, OH

**October Rally:** October 13 – 16 at River Ridge Resort, Stanwood, MI

D. Frahm encouraged everyone to consider hosting a rally. There are no rally plans for 2017 at this time.

J. Shotwell said the Eastern States club is holding a rally at the Shipshewana South campground September 24 to 28. It is a "Spit and Polish" workshop to get coaches ready to go to the GMCMI in Mansfield, OH. Great Lakers are invited to attend.

**Membership** – B. Johnson reported the club has gained 12 new members since April

D. Frahm introduced First Time rally attendees Pete & Sharon Lamb and Alan & Janice Thomas.

**New Business:**

**Proposed By-Laws Changes** - B. Johnson said according to our by-laws, our club fiscal year ends in September. Following closure of the financial year, October rally income and expenses have to be rolled into the following year's reporting and budget. To change the fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year will require a by-laws change.

Also, our by-laws currently state that chapter meetings are to be held at 8:00 PM on the Saturday evening of a weekend rally. To allow the President the flexibility of calling a business meeting at a more convenient time (as we actually do) also requires a by-laws change.

An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at the August Chapter meeting, with a quorum present, will be required to make these Bylaws changes official.

**The proposed by-laws changes are:**

Bylaws changes regarding Fiscal Year (Article 4.0) and Chapter Meetings (included under Article 6.0):

**"Article 4.0 FISCAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL YEAR"**

**current wording** - "4.1 The fiscal and organizational year of this Chapter shall commence on October 1st and end on September 30th."

**proposed change** - "4.1 The fiscal and organizational year of this Chapter shall commence on January 1st and end on December 31st."

**"Article 6.0 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS"**

**current wording** - "6.3 Chapter meetings are to be held on the Saturday of a weekend rally at 8:00 p.m., unless otherwise posted on the rally bulletin board."

**proposed change** - "6.3 Chapter meetings are to be held during each Chapter rally, as determined by the president. The president will schedule the day and time of this meeting during a rally."

**Both proposed by-laws changes were approved by show-of-hands votes by the membership.**

**Nominating Committee** - S. Thornburg presented a slate of candidates for the election of officers that will take place at the October meeting. The opportunity for nominations from the floor was opened, there were no nominations offered. B. Helmore made a motion to close the nominations, the motion was approved.

There is insufficient time to follow the procedures specified in the club by-laws so the slate of candidates will be published in the next Newsletter and the election will be conducted by a show-of-hands vote at the October Membership meeting. During the election process, each candidate that does not win their election may choose to stand for election to other offices.

Members who know they will not attend the October meeting may submit their votes, either via email or regular mail, to S. Thornburg, to be received no later than October 7, 2016. These votes will be counted with the hand votes at the meeting. New officer installation will be at the October meeting.

**Newsletter Cost Reduction** - B. Johnson sent out an email survey to determine the interest in receiving digital newsletters and directories. She found 15 members who do not have ability to receive electronic documents. Those members will still receive paper copy newsletters and club directories. The electronic documents will also be put on the club web site.

**FMCA:** B. Helmore reported there will no GLAMA rally in 2017 as it will be rolled into the FMCA National Convention that will be held in Indianapolis.

FMCA has approved a \$10/year dues increase effective in 2017, but they have made an allowance for members to renew at the current rate for up to the next five years.

J. Wright reported that FMC Assist has announced they will not provide drivers to recover motorhomes that are over 10 years old due to a liability concern. However they will pay to fly a driver of the owner's choice to the coach site.

B. Johnson suggested including a willingness to assist with driving on the Black List.

**Sunshine Report:** Bea Frahm reported the following:

**Kathy Wilson** had open heart surgery June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Tim Scannel** is now in Assisted Living.

**Lee Skalski** has had cardiac stents installed.

**Ron Frazier** passed away about 3 weeks ago.

**Karen Scheub** is responding well to her chemo medication.

**Adjournment:** J. Wright moved for adjournment of the meeting. D. Balsley seconded. The August 2016 meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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Stephen Thornburg

On behalf of Judy Dohm, Secretary

# GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Election of Officers for 2017

The Nominating Committee has nominated candidates for all Chapter Offices, National Director, Alternate National Director and Director at Large.

Candidate nominees were announced at the August 2016 Membership Meeting. At that time nominations were requested from the floor. No further nominations were received and nominations for the 2017 club officers were closed.

A printed list of candidates is enclosed in this newsletter. Election will take place by show-of-hands at the October Membership Meeting.

Absentee Votes from members who will not attend the October Rally may be sent to the Nominating Committee (*Steve Thornburg, 19660 Old Ridge Road, South Bend, IN 46614* or [sthornbg@aol.com](mailto:sthornbg@aol.com)) for receipt no later than Friday, October 7. Absentee votes will be counted with the hand votes at the October meeting.

**NOTE:** Only one vote per membership (GL Number) is allowed. Only Active Memberships may vote, Associate and Honorary Memberships may not vote.

Any candidate not elected may choose to stand as a candidate for subsequent positions. The progression will be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director, Alternate National Director and Director at Large. Absentee votes may be written in for candidates in subsequent offices but the votes will be mute if the candidates do not choose to stand for other offices. The write-in votes must specify the candidate and the office.

2017 Officers will be announced at the October Membership Meeting.

The newly elected Officers will be installed at the October meeting.

## CANDIDATES

### PRESIDENT:

\_\_\_ Dale Frahm  
\_\_\_ Becky Johnson  
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### VICE PRESIDENT:

\_\_\_ Frank Griffin  
\_\_\_ John Pryzbylek  
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### SECRETARY:

\_\_\_ Judy Dohm  
\_\_\_ Phyllis Thornburg  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

### TREASURER:

\_\_\_ John Shotwell  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
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### NATIONAL DIRECTOR:

\_\_\_ Bill Helmore  
\_\_\_ Merle Carpenter  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

### ALT. NATIONAL DIR.:

\_\_\_ Jim White  
\_\_\_ Marv Miller  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

### DIRECTOR at LARGE:

\_\_\_ Forest Crow  
\_\_\_ Margie Baumbarger  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

# Fiscal Year Changes & Membership Renewals for 2017

The club has voted to change Article 4.0 of the by laws to change the fiscal year from October 1 thru September 31 to January 1 thru December 31. See meeting minutes for the September rally.

**"Due to the change in the GMC Great Lakers club fiscal year, the 2017 membership renewal notices will be sent out in October/ November of this year. As a result, the 2017 membership renewal payments will be due by the end of January 2017."**

The complete updated club bylaws have been uploaded to the club website in the members area.

## GMCGL Potluck

The Great Lakers will be having a get together on Saturday evening at the GMCMI Convention. We will be having a Potluck and club meeting on Saturday evening. We will have a room available for our club use, etc starting at 6 PM on the rally schedule. We will need to bring a dish to pass.

## GMCES Invitation

GMC Eastern States Motor home Club would like to extend to the GMC Community an invitation to join us for a PRE GMCMI rally at the Shipshewana South RV Park in Shipshewana, Indiana.

We have designated this as a 'Spit & Polish Rally' for attendees to get their coaches detailed for the upcoming GMCMI rally in Mansfield.

The Shipshewana campground has a self-serve RV/car wash on the premises and this would be an excellent opportunity to get your GMC looking spiffy as well as ship shape and Bristol fashion.

If you are traveling across Interstate 80/90 in Indiana, Shipshewana is a short trip south. Shipshewana to Mansfield for the remainder of your trip to GMCMI would be a bit over 3 hours mostly traveling across U.S. 30, which I have heard is a very nice drive.

If your coach doesn't need any cleaning/detailing (??????), then there is plenty of things to do in the area. RV surplus stores are within easy driving, big flea market in Shipshewana, Hudson car museum and the nearby motorhome museum.

Registration form is due Monday, Sept. 19th.

Please find a registration form at [gmceast.com](http://gmceast.com).

Larry Whisler, President  
GMC Eastern States

These are three of the recipes that were used at the Muskegon rally:

### **Crockpot Egg Casserole**

1 32 oz. bag frozen hash brown potatoes  
1 pound cooked diced bacon, sausage **OR** ham (diced)  
1 medium onion, diced  
1 green pepper, diced (optional)  
1 1/2 cup cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese, shredded (I used 2 cups)  
12 eggs, beaten  
1 cup milk  
1 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. pepper

Layer starting with potatoes, then bacon (or other meat), then onion, then pepper, then cheese.  
Repeat layering 2 to 3 times, ending with cheese.  
Cook in covered crockpot on low heat for 8 to 10 hours. Serves 12

### **Tater Tot Breakfast Casserole**

8 eggs  
2 cups milk  
1/2 tsp. pepper  
1/4 tsp. garlic powder  
1/4 tsp. onion powder  
1 tsp. salt

30 oz. Tater Tots  
1 pound cooked sausage, bacon, or diced ham  
1 1/2 cups Cheddar cheese (I used 2 cups)  
1/2 cup Mozzarella cheese

Layer Tater Tots, meat, cheese in 9 x 12 greased pan.  
Pour eggs mixture over the top.  
Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes. Serves 12

### **Grape Salad**

2 pounds green grapes  
2 pounds red grapes  
1 cup sour cream  
1 8 oz. package cream cheese, softened  
1/3 cup sugar

Mix sour cream, cream cheese and sugar. Mix in grapes.

Refrigerate for at least one hour. (I refrigerate overnight)

Before serving, spoon mixture of 3 Tbsp. brown sugar and 3 Tbsp. chopped pecans over the top. ENJOY



# GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Proposed 2016 Rally Schedule

<b>Completed</b>	40th Birthday Party Rally	Holly, MI	Executive Comm.
<b>Completed</b>	Combined Rally with GLAMMA	Goshen, IN	GLAMMA
<b>Complete</b>	Do Nothing Rally	Algonac State Park	GMCGL
<b>Completed</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>Completed</b>	GMCMI Spring Convention	Nat. Peanut Festival Grounds	Dothan, AL
<b>Completed</b>	FMCA GLAMARAMA Rally	Elkhart Country 4H Fairgrounds	Goshen, IN
<b>Completed</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.  
August 15, 2016

See detailed report in "Members Only" area.

Respectfully Submitted  
Becky Johnson, 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?

Call Judy: 269 683-2145 or Email at:  
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**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. 11/01/2015**

New Email Address for Les Naylor, incoming Area VP & President For GLAMA effective Aug 16 is as follows:  
[lnaylor@fmca.com](mailto:lnaylor@fmca.com)

**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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