



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

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



**Dale Frahm
President 2017
GMC Great Lakers**

Upcoming Rallies 2017

**Summer Fun Rally
July 27, 28 & 29
Ionia, MI**

**Solar Eclipse Rally
August 18 thru 22
Paducah, KY**

Dales Wails!

Hi Partners

Well the June Rally has been completed and all had a great time. Thanks to our Vice President for taking over and doing a great job. Now we can look forward to the July Rally at Ionia, Michigan.

Things are doing well at the Frahm household. I am still looking for a four-legged friend. I am getting to old to walk alone. I get lost a lot and Bee can't walk well.

Please remember that we will be voting on some bylaw changes at this rally. Remember this is your club. So join in and support these changes.

Happy Trails

Dale beefrahm@yahoo.com

Words of wisdom:

Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers.
What you do today may be a burning
Issue tomorrow



August 2017 GMC Eastern States / Great Lakers Motorhome Clubs – Solar Eclipse

The August rally will be held at Fern Lake Campground, 5535 Cairo Road, Paducah, KY 42001 beginning Friday, August 18 for four nights. (GPS: Lat 37.09595 / Lon -88.69523) Campsites have been placed on hold for GMC owners until August 4, 2017. After this date all open campsites will be made available to the general public. Campsites are \$28.00 per night.

Campsite reservations and payment must be made directly with the Fern Lake Campground no later than August 4, 2017 by calling 270.444.7939. Be sure to mention you are affiliated with the GMC clubs when reserving your campsite. If no one answers the telephone, leave a message and the Manager will return your call. The campground information can be viewed on line at <http://www.fernlakecampground.net>.

The rally fee includes Friday dinner and continental breakfasts on Saturday, Sunday and Monday and informal lunches on Sunday and Monday. Saturday dinner is on your own and a group Mexican dinner, separate checks, is planned for Sunday evening. Other area attraction activities are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. Sunday morning Bob Stone will facilitate an open discussion on the Hydro-Boost brake system and all things GMC. Clean out your garage and bring your parts to the Monday morning flea market. Start to finish the elapsed duration of the solar eclipse is 2 hours and 55 minutes with the total eclipse occurring at 1:23 PM August 21st and lasting approximately 2 1/2 minutes.

Should you have any questions about the rally, please contact John Pryzbylek at 419.490.3835 or via eMail at jmpryzl@gmail.com. Paducah Links: <https://www.paducah.travel>; [The Top 10 Things to Do in Paducah 2017](#) - [Must See Attractions in Paducah, KY | TripAdvisor](#)

Solar Eclipse Link: <https://www.paducah.travel/event/solar-eclipse-2017>

It is suggested that you call the campground ASAP for your reservation! See Rally Entry Form for more Information.

The Great Outdoors Rally Recap



The Great Outdoors Rally Recap Continued

The Great Outdoors Rally was held at Harrison Lake State Park in Fayette, Ohio June 8 – 12, 2017. The state park, founded in 1950, was an excellent location and Mother Nature cooperated by providing exceptional camping weather with warm, sunny days and cool nights. The park is an oasis located in rural NW Ohio. Wide asphalt roads and sites in good repair, a beautiful 105 acre lake with fishing, separate swimming beaches for humans and dogs, volleyball and basketball courts, mature shade trees, and lots of wonderful green grass surrounding the spacious campsites. Ultimately twenty-four of the 28 registered coaches participated in the rally that resulted, I hope, in 51 happy campers. The location of the Beach Shelter House, adjacent to the lake, coupled with a constant and strong wind provided a monumental challenge to secure the table coverings to the picnic tables. Thanks to those who provided tablecloth clips to restrain the table coverings. If your clips were not returned to you following Monday's breakfast, we will return them to you at the July rally.

Many of the participants visited, toured, ate and shopped in Archbold, Pettisville and other small towns located throughout Fulton, Henry and Wood counties. The abundance of food remaining from the catered meals enabled many of the attendees to take leftovers back to their coaches. Our caterer, Marlene, was thoughtful enough to provide the carryout containers.

Last but not least, attending their first Great Lakers' rally we welcomed Steven and Karen Lill from Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. We're looking forward to seeing them again!

Update for Vote on the Corporation Bylaws Revision Required by FMCA

Paper ballots will be distributed to the attendees at the July GL rally. The voting process will be as follows:

Members unable to attend the July Great Lakers rally can vote on the proposed 2017 Constitution and Bylaw revisions and the proposed establishment of Standing Rules by printing a ballot from the GL website or snail mail will get one with their July newsletter, completing the ballot and mailing it to Merle Carpenter. The completed ballot must be postmarked NO LATER THAN July 15, 2017. For those members attending the July rally, each coach will receive a ballot which must be completed during the rally and returned it to the individual who distributed the ballots. During the July Executive Board meeting ALL ballots will be opened, tabulated and results shared with the Executive Board. Only one ballot per membership will be counted. The results of the voting will be announced at the membership meeting and published in the next issue of the Great Lakers newsletter.

Sunshine & Clouds

All Sunshine this past month.

Southern Hospitality Rally:

We (Jerry and Bea Newman) are happy to plan our first rally along with co-hosts Steve and Becky Johnson. We hope you can join us in the southwest corner of Ohio at Winton Woods, a Hamilton County Park in Cincinnati starting Tuesday October 3 (check in after 2pm) and departing Friday by noon. All sites during the rally MUST be reserved through me, however any extra nights must be reserved on your own. You'll need to contact me beforehand to get your site # to reserve extra nights. (This campground is small and popular so please make your plans ASAP. Another option for extra nights is the FMCA campground, about 40 minutes from Winton Woods. First two nights are free, full hookups, RR but no shower. See the FMCA website for more information)

October Rally Pre-information Continued:

Winton Woods has full hookups, including 30/50-amp service and sewer. If your coach is not available to come with you, there are cabins to rent, website and phone # below. Again, this is a popular campground and fills up quickly, especially weekends. The park is big with plenty of easy hiking, biking trails and a lake.

A Tuesday evening social and a field trip to downtown Cincinnati is in the works. We have a wonderful riverfront with bench swings overlooking the Ohio River and a walk across the Purple People Bridge gives an exciting view and photo opt. I just learned about a Great Lakers "stone soup recipe" that everyone takes part in, sounds like a delicious fall camping dinner.

More details next month, until then we hope you will consider joining us at the all-important election rally in Cincinnati the first week of October. Reservations and payment will be due August 25. Questions, concerns or ideas please call Bea at 513-919-2026. Greatparks.org 513-521-7275

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.**MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

Harrison Lake State Park, Fayette, Ohio

June 11, 2017

Call to Order: President Dale F. called the June 2017 Membership Meeting to order at 6:22 PM with 35 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: John S. reported that the balance on hand is \$11,969.31

Membership Report: Becky J. reported that the club has 124 members. Steve and Karen Lill from Waterloo, Ontario were introduced as new members.

Old Business: Dale F. reminded the membership that the changes in the By-Laws would be voted on at the July meeting. FMCA requested the up-date. If members will NOT be attending the rally in July, they may print out the ballot from the web site or the one they receive in the mail (if they are receiving the snail-mail version of the newsletter). The ballot must be received by Merle Carpenter before the rally. Address for Merle is: 13804 Windemere Dr. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534-1020 ONE VOTE per coach.

Steve T. reported that the slate of officers was "moving along smartly".

Dale F. asked for volunteers to step forward to be the new newsletter editor. He also asked for rally hosts for next years schedule.

John P. gave a report on the upcoming rallies.

July 27 -29 Alice Springs Campground, Ionia, MI, Carpenters and Stehliks hosting

August 18 – 22 Fern Lake Campground, Paducah, KY, Pryzbylks hosting

September 9 – 15 GMCMI Rally, Elkhart Campground, Elkhart, IN

October 3 – 7 "Southern Hospitality", Winton Woods Campground, Cincinnati, OH, Newman's hosting

John P. reminded everyone that there are only 36 campsites for the three clubs, which will be attending. The Eastern States, 6 Wheelers, and Great Lakers will all meet to watch the Solar Eclipse and participate in the parade, flea market, etc. Each person must make his or her own reservation by August 4th. Campsites are \$28/night and rally fees are \$40 (single) and \$80 (couple)

Little's and Halley have volunteered to do a rally next year. Dale F. requested more volunteers.

John W. moved to adjourn the meeting.

Phyllis Thornburg, Secretary:

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Proposed 2017 Rally Schedule

Completed	Back To The Past Birthday Bash!	Granger, IN	Executive Comm.
Completed	Great Outdoors Rally	Fayette, OH	Pryzbyleks
July 27, 28 & 29th	Summer Fun Rally	Ionia, MI	Stehlik's & Carpenter's
August 18 thru 22	Solar Eclipse Rally	Paducah, KY	GMCES/GMCGL
Sept 9 thru 15	GMCM Fall Convention-35 th Anniversary	Elkhart, IN	GMCM
October 3 thru 7	Southern Hospitality	Cincinnati, OH	Newman's

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) To be updated when new bylaws are enacted.

Other 2017/2018 Rallies Of Interest!

July 12 thru 15	FMCA 96 th International Convention	Indiana State Fairgrounds	Indianapolis, IN
April 6 thru 12, 2018	GMCM Spring Convention	Tucson Lazydays KOA	Tucson, AZ

Treasurer Report
GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Inc.
May 31, 2017

See detailed report in "Members Only" area.

Respectfully Submitted
John Shotwell, Treasurer

**All address, phone numbers and E-mail Changes should
Be sent to the Membership Director:**

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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: 269 591-1244 or Email at:

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GMC GreatLakers is published for its member's 4 to 6 times per season. Starting in April 2017 the newsletter will be published electronically and sent to your email address. Those of you that do not have and email address will receive your newsletter by mail. Should you not receive your newsletter please contact the membership director.

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online @fmca.com member's area. 11/08/2016**

Great Lakers Website The web site is located at: www.gmcgreatlakers.org To access the member's only area you need to enter the user name and it is case sensitive along with the password and is also case sensitive. Enter them exactly as shown on the email that you have received. As of June 1, 2017 the website now has a common username and password.