

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.



NEWSLETTER



America's Oldest Regional GMC Club

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The calendar says spring is here but the weather in the Great Lakers area is a little slow catching up with the calendar! The last patches of snow are slowly disappearing and we are starting to see more of the sun. So that means if you didn't head for warmer climates over the winter, it's time to get your coach out of storage, uncovered, and dusted off!

The Great Lakers rally season is just around the corner. Some of you may already be getting a jump start on the rally season if you will be in Tucson at the GMCMI Spring rally. Some of the rest of us will be working to finish up some coach projects or repairs before the Great Lakers May Birthday rally.

Did any of you do a neat renovation to your coach recently, or even awhile ago? Did you discover a unique solution that fixes a problem with your coach? We want you to share a few of these things and other stories about your coach with our members. See the article from our club webmaster about featuring Great

Lakers members and their coaches on our club website. If you attend a Great Lakers rally this year, you can get a chance to see some of our club coaches that have some unique features, and perhaps get some ideas to add to your own list of things to do!

I want to encourage each of you to consider getting to at least one of the Great Lakers rallies this year - even if you can't stay for the entire rally. Find the one closest to you and bring your coach if it's drivable. Or just come yourself, we'd love to have you join us! We want to meet you and get to know you and your coach. The GMC community is a great group of people and the Great Lakers are no exception!

Becky Johnson

Rally Reservations

This year, rally participants will be required to make their own camping arrangements directly with the campground. Call the campground, find out which sites are available for the club or are being held under the rally host's name and arrange payment directly with the campground. When making your camping arrangements be sure to fully understand the campground cancellation policy in the event that you, for whatever reason, are unable to participate in the rally. The rally registration form will be included in the newsletter, must be completed and mailed to the rally host, with a check, **payable to the GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.** to cover all other rally expenses.

Sara Halley

Great Lakers Website -- New Feature -- Coach of the Month

Looking ahead, I'm planning on adding a column to the GMC Great Lakers website gmcgreatlakers.org called "Coach of the Month". As the name implies, I'd like to have a feature article about one GMC motorhome that belongs to a Great Lakers member each month. The coach will also be featured on our home page for all to see. Here's the catch...I need your help. I need you to gather together some information about what makes your GMC special/unique. You can provide as little or as much as you'd like, an overall summary of the vehicle or details about a particular feature. Places that you've gone with the vehicle and changes that you've made to it. And photos - I really like photos.

Does your coach qualify? Absolutely! Every GMC is unique and every GMC is special. Some rigs may have been stretched and some have gorgeous paint jobs. Some are in almost original condition. Some have modified engines, suspensions or brake systems. Some have custom interiors. One club member has a coach with a model train that runs loops inside. Another has a coach with a fireplace. There are clever screen door designs, power door locks, custom dashes, self stowing tables, rear disc brakes and fuel injection. The list of ideas and features goes on and on. As I said, every vehicle is unique.

The stories are unique too. Some members have owned their coaches for decades and have traveled the continent. So include some information about yourself and how/when you acquired the coach, places you've been or plan to go. Email whatever you've got to me and I'll put everything together on the website. Like magic, you and your coach will be our showpiece for a month!

Some of our members attend a lot of rallies and have a chance to show off their rigs and tour those of others in person. Others can't attend so you can think of the "Coach of the Month" column as your opportunity to give others a virtual tour of your baby. You get to show off and the rest of us get to collect ideas for our next modifications.

I know that it is not an easy task to pull together the information that I'm asking for so I'm giving you this early heads up. The first "Coach of the Month" won't happen for a while so don't be intimidated. Start the process now and you can do it. And remember, at a pace of one coach per month, it will take us years to make it through everyone!

If you would like to feature your motorhome or have questions, email or call Steve Johnson (webmaster@gmcgreatlakers.org).

Steve Johnson

A special thank you to Steve, Becky, Ivan and Zoe Johnson for providing the enclosed copy of the first issue of the GMC MotorHome Traveler newsletter from February – March 1976. The GMC Truck & Coach Division of General Motors produced the publication. The club named, GMC Michigan Wolverines, became the first chapter of the GMC MotorHome Owners Club and is the foundation for the GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club that we belong to today.

Max Cramer, treasurer of the newly formed club is quoted, as saying "Because the GMC MotorHome is unique among all recreational vehicles, there's a special bond of pride and recognition among GMC owners. This new club...will help strengthen that bond even more." Little did he realize how profound his words are even today - forty-two years after they were spoken!

John Pryzbylek

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MotorHome TRAVELER



FEBRUARY-MARCH 1976

New GMC Owners Club Begins Rolling

Michigan Families Form Nation's First Chapter

The Detroit area was still clogged with snow from a paralyzing midwinter storm. But that didn't prevent 15 GMC owner families from holding their scheduled evening meeting to organize the first chapter of the new GMC MotorHome Owners Club.

After all, this was the beginning of a nationwide network of chapters composed exclusively of GMC owners, and a little matter like more than a foot of snow wasn't about to stop these hardy Michigan residents.

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THE GMC CLUB has been formed in affiliation with the Family Motor Coach Association to promote friendship among GMC owners and to provide them with a direct link with GMC management executives.

And because GMC Club members are also members of the FMCA, they share in the full benefits of that organization, too. (For the FMCA story, see Page 3.)

A husband-and-wife team is being appointed National GMC Club Direc-



NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the "GMC Michigan Wolverines," first chapter of the GMC MotorHome Owners Club, map future plans with men who helped organize their group. From left: Ralph Hodgdon, FMCA General Manager; Virgil Barbe, Wolverines president; Ann Schipper, secretary; L. L. McKenzie, Jr., treasurer; Max Cramer, GMC Staff Manager, MotorHome Sales.

tors to help organize other GMC chapters all over the U.S.

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TOGETHER WITH the Detroit area GMC MotorHome owners attending the meeting that snowy mid-January night were Max Cramer, GMC Staff Manager, MotorHome Sales, and Ralph Hodgdon,

FMCA General Manager.

With Hodgdon's assistance, the owners took the necessary steps to form their chapter and apply for an FMCA charter.

They decided to call their chapter the "GMC Michigan Wolverines."

Officers elected were Virgil Barbe of Madison Heights, Mich., president; L. L. McKenzie, Jr. of Detroit, treasurer; and Mrs. Ann Schipper of Pontiac, secretary.

A follow-up chapter meeting is being held February 11.

The GMC Michigan Wolverines—and all other MotorHome families who join GMC Club chapters—will receive distinctive insignia for their vehicles, a directory of other GMC owners throughout the country and invitations to MotorHome Clinics conducted at GMC dealerships.

Says Max Cramer: "Because the GMC MotorHome is unique among all recreational vehicles, there's a special bond of pride and recognition among GMC owners. This new club, which GMC warmly supports, will help strengthen that bond even more."

Welcome to the 'Traveler'

By Maryann Grausam, Editor

Welcome to the first issue of the *GMC MotorHome Traveler*—a publication produced by the GMC Truck & Coach Division of General Motors, which you'll be receiving every two months.

We'll do our best to make this little paper lively, interesting and useful for you. We'll be featuring a variety of subjects to increase your GMC recreational motoring enjoyment, including travel tips, news of GMC Club chapter activities, FMCA events, MotorHome recipes and interviews with MotorHome families.

And because this is your paper, we'd like to hear from you—your travel stories, your recreational ideas, your favorite recipes. Most especially, we'd appreciate sharp black and white photos, which will be carefully treated and returned to you.

By the way, if you know of a GMC MotorHome owner who hasn't received this first issue of the *Traveler*, please send us his name and address so we can update our mailing list.

This is all yours, from GMC. Enjoy!



Good Times Ahead for GMC Owners

By Max Cramer
Staff Manager,
MotorHome Sales

After months of planning, the GMC MotorHome Owners Club is a reality. We extend a warm welcome to the GMC Michigan Wolverines as the first chapter.

The rest of you in other parts of the country will be contacted in the future by our husband-and-wife Club Directors, who will give you on-the-spot assistance in setting up your own chapters.

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AS YOU'VE READ on the front page, GMC Club members are also members of the Family Motor Coach Association.

The FMCA's first Winter National Convention is being held March 2-4 at Fiesta Park in Harlingen, Tex., right at the tip of the Texas boot.

GMC has long been an active commercial member of the FMCA, and we're going to be down in Texas for this big national event.

The FMCA is going to allocate 200 spaces especially for GMC owners, so whether or not you're now an FMCA member, I hope to see you there.

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HARLINGEN IS A popular winter

resort area, with lots to see and do. The FMCA is sponsoring a daily bus across the border to Mexico for shopping and sightseeing.

The convention itself will include exhibits and displays, seminars and workshops, and fun-filled activities for all ages—including a Mardi Gras party with entertainment and dancing.

If you aren't an FMCA member, write FMCA directly for full details. Cost is modest; grounds parking the nights of March 1 through 4 is \$35 for non-member pre-registration (before February 20), \$40 for registration at the gate. Hookups, water and dump stations are available in the park.

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LOOKING AHEAD to summer, I hope we'll also see you at the 13th annual FMCA National Convention at "Smalltown, U.S.A." in Centreville, Mich. in July.

More details about that in later issues of the *Traveler*.

Meanwhile—have fun!

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Contributions from readers are welcomed.

25 MotorHomers Enjoy Miami Funshine Rally

Twenty-five GMC MotorHome families were among the hundreds of travelers who attended the big FMCA "Funshine Rally" in Miami, Fla., from January 20 to 25.

The rally, on the Youth Fairgrounds at Tamiami Park, was held in conjunction with the Seventh Annual Miami International Travelcamping Show.

GMC sponsored a dance and entertainment by a Dixieland band the evening of Saturday, January 24, for rally participants.

And the 1976 GMC MotorHome models were exhibited at the Travelcamping Show, which included displays of recreational vehicles, accessories and supplies by more than 100 manufacturers.

The rally offered a host of activities, including coffee and donuts each morning, a Southern-style barbecue and a corn-on-the-cob roast, seminars and entertainment—and endless gallons of fresh, sweet orange juice.

There was plenty to do nearby, too. A number of families took conducted tours of the Miami Beach area; others took advantage of tennis, golf and swimming facilities.

And some spent a leisurely week in southern Florida after the rally's end before boarding a luxury ship for the FMCA Caribbean Cruise from January 31 to February 7.

GMC Introduces New 23-Ft. Birchaven MotorHome Model for 1976



SLEEK NEW "BIRCHAVEN" is one of two new 23-ft. GMC MotorHomes for 1976. Exterior is Cameo White with colorful accent stripes. Interior (right) features rear bath, all wood birch cabinets with laminated tops, finger-touch door openings, stainless steel double sink. Gaucho next to rear storage hutch converts to comfortable double bed.



FMCA Spells Recreational Activities and Benefits

National Organization Has 17,000 Members

For motor home owners throughout the country, increased leisure-time enjoyment is spelled with four letters: FMCA.

Those are the initials of the Family Motor Coach Association—the only nationwide organization designed especially for motor home enthusiasts.

More than 500 GMC owners are already members of the FMCA; thousands more are expected to join in the months ahead as chapters of the FMCA-affiliated GMC MotorHome Owners Club are formed.

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THE FMCA WAS BORN in 1963,

when 26 motor home families gathered in Hinkley, Maine, to watch a total eclipse of the sun and spend a weekend of socializing. They had such a good time together that they decided to form a permanent organization of owner-families.

Today there are more than 17,000 family members and over 50 chapters throughout the U.S.

What do they do? Mainly have a good time—in an astonishing variety of ways. Families meet in their motor homes at preplanned rallies, where they enjoy everything from barbecue dinners to square dancing. There are bingo games, boat trips, visits to local attractions.

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BUT FUN-FILLED chapter activities are only part of the FMCA story. The

Association, with a full-time staff at its Cincinnati headquarters, offers a wide range of benefits, including reduced insurance rates, a family health plan, the bimonthly *Family Motor Coaching* magazine, a complete directory of all members, organized caravans to Mexico and Canada, car rental discounts and a book club.

The FMCA also actively promotes good citizenship through a strict Code of Ethics to which each member pledges to abide. Among its provisions:

- Obedience to all laws regulating motor homes;
- Careful respect for the environment;
- Proper disposal of refuse;
- Respect for the privacy of others.

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MEMBERSHIP in the FMCA is limited to those who own motor homes. The organization helps protect motor home interests through a National Legislative Advisory Committee which keeps a close watch on local, state and federal laws and advises the membership.

GMC MotorHome Dealer Is Good Man to Know

When you bought your GMC MotorHome you got an important bonus: the full backing and support of your dealer—and of every other MotorHome dealer throughout the country.

As one GMC salesman put it, "When a family gets one of our MotorHomes they get me right along with it."

There are lots of ways your dealer can make your rec motoring easier and more enjoyable.

First, of course, is full service under your GMC Warranty. If anything ever needs fixing, inside or outside, your GMC dealer is equipped to take care of it. And that includes not only the engine, transmission and chassis, but also appliances and equipment inside, such as your range, refrigerator and air conditioning.

Your dealership is also the place to go for periodic checks and maintenance to keep your MotorHome in tip-top condition. Everything you need is right there: specialized service facilities, genuine GM parts, skilled mechanics.

And your dealer carries a full range of accessories, all backed by GM, from a CB radio to an outside storage pod.

In case of emergency, where do you go? Again, to your dealer or any other GMC MotorHome dealer in the U.S. Many of them have a mechanic on call 24 hours a day.

Finally, remember that you'll be welcomed as a special guest at any out-of-town GMC dealership you might visit on your travels. Feel free to drop in on any MotorHome dealer anywhere for information about motor home parks and campgrounds, things to see and do, tips on local attractions.

That GMC symbol on the front of your vehicle means you're a member of the family. And that's good to know when you're a long way from home.

February FMCA Rallies

Every month more than a dozen FMCA chapter rallies are held in all parts of the U.S. Here's a partial list for February. If you're nearby any one of these places, you're invited to stop by and get acquainted.

Feb. 12-14: *Cotile Recreation Area, Alexandria, La.*

Feb. 13-15: *Friendly Acres Trailer Pk., Yuma, Ariz.*

Feb. 13-15: *Outdoor Resorts of America, Orlando, Fla.*

Feb. 14-16: *Bolato Park, Hollister, Calif.*

Feb. 20-22: *Vagabond Resort, Rochelle, Ill.*

Feb. 20-22: *Blydenburgh Park, Smithtown, L.I., N.Y.*

Feb. 27-29: *Red Rock Canyon State Pk., Hinton, Okla.*

Like to know more about the Family Motor Coach Association? Want all the details about the big FMCA Winter National Convention in Harlingen, Tex.? Simply fill in and mail this coupon.

TO: FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION, P.O. Box 44144, Cincinnati, O. 45244

- Yes, I'd like to learn full details about the FMCA. Please send a brochure outlining membership benefits, Code of Ethics and an application.
- Please send full details about the FMCA Winter National Convention March 2-4 in Harlingen, Tex.

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

The Samelsons Savor Happy MotorHoming For 26,000 Miles

No matter where they go in their GMC MotorHome, Don Samelson and his wife seem to find more than their share of adventure and good times. And they savor every one of the 26,000 miles they've traveled from their home in Birmingham, Mich., since becoming MotorHome owners in August 1973.

Take last summer in Yellowstone National Park, for example.

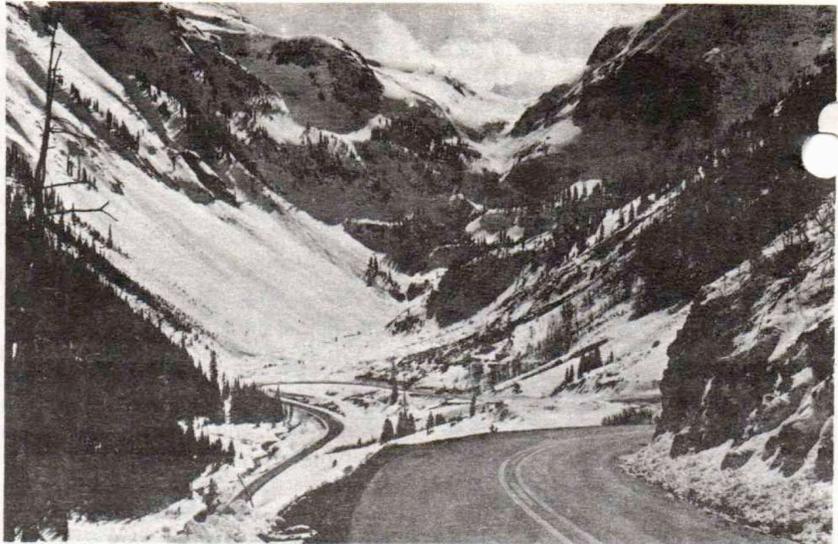
"We'd stopped to have lunch when a fellow came over to admire our GMC," Don recalls. "We got to talking and he offered us some rainbow trout he'd just caught.

"Of course, we were delighted. But how were we going to keep them fresh until suppertime without smelling up the refrigerator? Well, I put them in the sink, went outside and got some clean snow from the side of the road, piled that over the fish and covered it all with aluminum foil. That night we had a fine trout dinner.

"Next day we started laughing about it. I mean, how often can you keep trout fresh in the middle of summer by packing it in snow?"

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A **SEMI-RETIRED** businessman, Don doesn't need much of an excuse to pick up and go, whether it's for a weekend camping trip or a cross-country sojourn. Their GMC has taken the Samelsons as far from home as Nova Scotia, the Florida Keys and Vancouver.



COLORADO HIGH COUNTRY is one of many places visited by the Samelsons in their MotorHome.

Wherever they go, their big, beautiful MotorHome seldom fails to draw admiration.

But it thoroughly floored one young man in Maine—a parking lot attendant at a restaurant where Don and his wife went for a lobster dinner.

"We pulled up to the front door in our 26-foot vehicle and the boy took a look at it and stammered, 'My Lord, I can't park this thing—you'll have to do it.' So I said I'd be glad to. Then he asked to ride along with me while I found a parking space."

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AT HOME in Birmingham Don keeps his GMC at a nearby dealership, parking it in front of his home only when he's packing up or unloading.

"The neighbors chuckle whenever I drive up. See, there's a restriction in our subdivision against storing or parking

a motor home. I should know... I'm the one who developed the subdivision, and I put in that restriction. If I'd known I was going to own a MotorHome someday, maybe I wouldn't have been so strict."

Don is warmly enthusiastic about his solidly built, front-wheel-drive MotorHome. It has done everything from ride out tornadoes on the top of Mt. Rushmore to climb icy mountain roads in North Carolina.

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BEST OF ALL, Don likes the total traveling freedom his GMC gives him.

"There's nothing like the satisfaction of knowing that your bed and food is with you. If you can't get a campground reservation, or get caught in a snowstorm—no problem. You just pull over and park.

"That's the way to travel!"

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Pontiac, Michigan 48053

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



Mark your calendars now for the 2018 GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Rallies. Consider hosting a rally at your favorite local campground - you will get plenty of help. It's your party – do whatever makes you happy!

May 22 – 25	Birthday Rally	Wapakoneta KOA 14719 Cemetery Rd. Wapakoneta, OH 45895 Tel: 419.738.6016	Executive Board
June 6 – 10	GLAMARAMA	Allegan County Fairground 150 Douglas Street Allegan, Michigan 49010 Tel: 269.673.6501	GLAMA
July 12 – 15	Joint Rally with GMCES	Atwood Lake Park 9500 Lakeview Rd. NE Mineral City, OH 44656 Tel: 330.343.6780	Jane & Bill Michel <i>Ask for Gretchen when you call to make your reservation by 6/4/2018 Senior price: \$44 / night</i>
August 14 – 16		Coshocton KOA 24688 County Road 10 Coshocton, OH 43812 Tel: 740.502.9245	Teresa and Rick Little
September 21 – 27	Tentative	Amana RV Park & Event Ctr. 3890 C Street Amana, IA 52203 Tel: 319.622.7616	GMCMCI
October 11 - 14		River Ridge RV Resort 22265 8 Mile Road Stanwood, MI 49346 Tel: 231.823.8338	Frank Griffin and Barbara Rhoades

Are you registered for GLAMARAMA June 6 - 9? Please **contact Sara Halley no later than May 10th**, so she can advise the GLAMA contacts with a coach count for parking together as a group and insuring we have the appropriate electrical hook-ups.

GMCMCI Conventions

April 6 – 12, 2018	The 1970's – Disco!	Tucson Lazydays KOA Tucson, AZ
Sept. 21 – 27, 2018	Christmas in September	Amana RV Park & Event Center Amana, IA
March 22 – 28, 2019	Tallahassee Treasurers	North Florida Fairgrounds Tallahassee, FL

**May 2018 Birthday Party Rally (42 years old and counting)
Historical Western Ohio**

Campsite Fee: Pull through site with full hook-ups \$41.51 per night
Campsite Fee: Back in site with electric and water \$39.81 per night

Wapakoneta KOA
14719 Cemetery Road
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
Tel: 419.738.6016

When you call, register and pay for your campsite, **no later than May 4, 2018**, tell the KOA if you would like to be included in the 10:00 AM Airstream factory tour and have lunch at the Inn Between Tavern at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. Be sure to mail your completed rally registration form with the rally fee check to Sara Halley, no later than May 4, 2018 so she knows who will participate in the rally and the number of attendees.

Tuesday, May 22nd -- Come to camp after 12:00 PM find your friends and relax. Happy hour later - bring snacks.

Wednesday, May 23rd -- The day will be busy, if you want. Breakfast starts at 7:30 AM and line up by 9:15 AM for the GMC Great Lakers private 10:00 AM tour of the Airstream factory, (<https://www.airstream.com>), located at 419 W. Pike Street, Jackson Center, OH 45334. If you do not want to attend the morning tour, there is a 2:00 PM tour open to the public. Fashion Alert - Closed toe shoes are required for those participating in the Airstream factory tour.

Lunch, at approximately 12:30 PM following the Airstream factory tour, will be at the Inn Between Tavern, (<http://innbetweentavern.com>), located at 16488 County Road 25A, Botkins, OH 45306.

BYOL – Buy Your Own Lunch

Following lunch, we will visit one of the largest private collections of bicycles in the world at the Bicycle Museum of America (<http://www.bicyclemuseum.com>). The museum is located 10 miles west of the restaurant at 7 West Monroe St., (State Route 274), New Bremen, OH 45869.

One of the Miami-Erie Canal locks is adjacent to the museum. The Miami and Erie Canal in Ohio ran about 274 miles constructed from Cincinnati to Toledo to create a water route from the Ohio River to Lake Erie. Construction on the canal began in 1825 and was completed in 1845. The buildings have been refurbished. Take time to look it over, the canals served as the first interstate and commercial use gradually declined during the late 19th century due to competition from the railroads which began to be built in the area in the 1850s.

Thursday, May 24th – Breakfast buffet at R J’s Coffey Cup from 8:30-10:30. The Armstrong Air & Space Museum (<https://www.armstrongmuseum.org>) is near the KOA at 500 Apollo Dr., Wapakoneta, OH open 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

Tour Wapakoneta, find out about the Ottawa, Shawnee, Seneca, and Ohio Seneca-Cayuga native American tribes that adopted the life style of the white settlers until the United States government forced them to leave in 1831. The Treaty of Wapakoneta and the Treaty of Lewistown resulted in the removal of the Shawnee and Seneca to the state of Kansas. Drive over to Ft. Recovery, the site of two well-known battles of the American Indian Wars -- St. Clair’s Defeat in 1791 and the Attack on Fort Recovery in 1794.

Friday, May 25th – Following breakfast at 7:30 AM we leave by 12:00 noon to follow the trail home.

Coordinates for the Wapakoneta KOA: Lat 40.56599 Lon -84.166931
Coordinates for the Airstream factory: Lat 40.440708 Lon -84.045266
Coordinates for the Bicycle Museum of America: Lat 40.436677 Lon -84.380924

2018 GMC Great Lakers Birthday Rally Registration Form -- Historical Western Ohio

Name: _____ Tel. No.: _____

Rally Fee: _____ One Person / Motorhome \$15.00 _____ Two People / Motorhome \$30.00
_____ Additional Person / Motorhome \$15.00 Name: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GMC GREAT LAKERS MOTORHOME CLUB, INC.

Mail the completed form with your check, no later than May 4, 2018 to:

Ms. Sara Halley
14100 Taylor Road
Plain City, OH 43064-9708

Are you a new member of the GMC Great Lakers? Yes No

Is this the first GMC Great Lakers rally you have attended? Yes No _____ Handicap Parking Required

Comments: _____ **Campsite No.** _____



GLAMARAMA

Has A Lot To Crow About

JUNE

6-10

2018

Allegan County Fairgrounds
ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN



4 NIGHTS OF CAMPING (JUNE 6, 7, 8 AND 9)

with 50-Amp Power & Water or Limited 30-Amp Power & Water

3 Nights of Great Entertainment • Saturday Unlimited Pancake and Sausage Breakfast
Coffee Hour • "Eat Dessert First" Ice Cream Social • Friday Picnic Lunch • Card Bingo
Ladies' Tea (Additional Fee) • Volunteer Dinner • Golf Outing (Additional Fee)
Thursday Evening Chapter Activities • New RV Displays • Vendors • Book Exchange
Chapter Officer/Vendor Reception • Each registered adult receives \$5 in Vendor Bucks
Volunteers receive an additional \$5 Vendor Bucks plus free Tuesday camping
Golf Outing: Please e-mail Dane Bailey at thesinginauctioneer@msn.com if interested.

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 800-543-3622):		City:	State/Province: Zip/Postal Code:
E-mail:		Telephone:	Cell Phone:
RV Make:	RV License:	RV Length:	<input type="radio"/> First Time at a GLAMARAMA Event
1. Guest/Child's Name/Age:	2. Guest/Child's Name/Age:		Hold at Will Call? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

Registration Category	By 5/18	After 5/18	QTY	Subtotal	Disabled Parking?*
RV with 2 People – 50-Amp + Water	\$275	\$295		\$	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
RV with 2 People – 30-Amp + Water (Limited Qty.)	\$265	\$285		\$	* State-issued authorization must be visible upon arrival to qualify.
RV with 1 Person Subtract	-\$ 20	-\$ 20		\$	
Non-FMCA Members (Additional Fee)	\$ 50	\$ 50		\$	
FMCA Member with No RV (Passport) Each	\$100	\$100		\$	
Additional Children & 1 Dependent Adult in RV	FREE	FREE		FREE	
Additional Adult in RV	\$100	\$100		\$	
Ladies' Tea (Additional Fee)	\$4	\$4		\$	

Would You Like To Volunteer?

Yes, I'd like to volunteer

If yes, where would you like to assist?
Info: Jim Koenig, koenig.jim@gmail.com

Payment Information

Prices include meals, exhibits, ice cream social, and entertainment. Extras: Ladies' Tea, Golf Outing, 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 • c/o FMCA
8291 Clough Pike
Cincinnati, OH 45244

Place Your Credit Card Registrations

Online: www.fmca.com

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

By Fax: (800) 543-4717
(513) 474-2932

Early Arrival

\$30 Cash Only
Payable upon arrival
Tuesday, June 5

Cancellations

A \$25.00 cancellation fee will be deducted from ALL refunds. Refunds will be made if written request is received by May 11, 2018. Badges and confirmation material must be returned with cancellation. Refund requests received after May 11, 2018, will be handled on an individual basis. If approved, a voucher will be issued for the next rally.

Rally Master – Les Naylor lnaylor@fmca.com	Assistant Rally Master – Don Crawford dnkc@rogers.com	Vendor Information – Bill Nesbitt glamavendors@wcoil.com
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For the most current rally info go to <http://glamaramarally.blogspot.com>



Financial Report

March 2018

Starting Balance:	\$ 13,075.04
Revenue:	\$ 0.00
Expenses:	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance:	\$ 13,075.04



NOTHING TO REPORT AT THIS TIME



Sunshine
& Rainbows
Smogquins

Get well cards have been sent to these individuals:

None, Everyone must be doing well!

Sympathy cards have been sent to the families of:

The family of John Schoenfield returned a thank you card to the club.



Helpful Camping Tips

When using a public campground, a tuba placed on your picnic table will keep the campsites on either side vacant.

Lint from your navel makes a handy fire starter. Warning: Remove lint from navel before applying the match.



FREE in the East Lansing, MI area: Three (3) original 16.5 inch steel wheels. If there are no takers, I will be sending them off to the scrap pile within a month or so. Anyone interested can email Warren directly at rojewsw@gmail.com



"You spent the last 20 years working on a time machine, just so you could go back in time to get a part for your RV? I'm sure there was an easier way to get that part."



NEWS & UPDATES

FMCAssist is emergency medical evacuation coverage available to members worldwide as long as you are more than 100 miles from home. You can be traveling in an RV, car, plane, ship, or motorcycle to be eligible for this benefit. If you are a full-time RVer, you are always considered 100 miles from home. Some exclusions and limitation amounts pertain to this benefit.

FMCAssist coverage is provided by Seven Corners and is underwritten by Lloyd's of London.

What do you need to do to enroll in this program? Absolutely nothing! As long as you are an active FMCA member and your FMCA dues are current, you have coverage.

All of these benefits **must be arranged** by Seven Corners in order to be covered. If you have a medical emergency, dial 9-1-1; consult with a physician; then, call Seven Corners at (877) 202-4176, in advance if you need to use these services. The collect (worldwide) number is (317) 582-2619.



MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Please be sure to contact Steve Johnson, Membership Chair, with any changes or additions to your address, telephone and eMail accounts.

All members of the GMC Great Lakers chapter of FMCA must be current in both their FMCA and Great Laker dues. Chapter dues are due and payable January 1. Members are considered delinquent when their dues payment has not been received by March 1. See Article III – Members, Section 4 of the Chapter Bylaws for additional information.



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