

# GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.



## NEWSLETTER



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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy Holidays!! It seems like it's been a long time since our last Great Lakers rally, even though it's only been a couple of months. For those of you that know about Steve's new pole barn plans, I can finally say that the long wait after various delays is over. We have a wood framed building! And I have my fingers crossed that by the time you get this newsletter our builder will have the steel sheathing on the roof and walls; and will have the doors and windows installed. It looks like the concrete floor and electrical work will have to wait until spring, but we are okay with that. We still plan to put our two GMCs inside the barn out of the elements for the winter even without the concrete floor. I am thrilled that this project is finally underway.

If you are online and are a Facebook user, I'm happy to announce that our GMC Great Lakers club now has a Facebook page! The page is called "GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club (1973-1978)" and was launched earlier this fall. Even though there are several different GMC motorhome Facebook groups

online, our Great Lakers club page will be a good venue for our members to announce the various group luncheons, share new information with our group as it happens, or even post photos and comments about rallies/travels without having to wait until the next club newsletter is published. This won't replace our regular newsletter, but allows information to be shared instantly amongst our members and the greater GMC motorhome community. Any member of our Facebook group can post information. Who knows, maybe we'll reach some GMC owners in our region that will be interested in joining the Great Lakers. If you are not a member of our Facebook group, go online and request to join our group!

Amidst all the activities of this holiday season, I know I have a lot to be thankful for. I am especially thankful for all of you. Our GMC motorhome community is one of the most friendliest, and gracious groups of people who share a common bond with the love of these classic coaches. Some of you will travel to warmer climates for the winter. Some of you will put your motorhomes in storage until it's time for the first rally next spring. And many of you will have some motorhome repairs to get done, or will add some improvements over the winter months. However you spend this winter, I wish you all a safe, happy, and healthy new year!

Becky

*Happy New Year*



Mark your calendars now for the 2019 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!

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| May 13 – 17    | Birthday Rally                       | Dutch Treat Campground<br>10300 Gordon Street<br>Zeeland, MI 49464<br>Tel: 616.772.4303                        | Executive Board     |
| June 6 – 10    | Joint Rally with<br>The Six Wheelers | Shipshewana Campground South<br>1105 S Van Buren St. (SR 5)<br>Shipshewana, Indiana 46565<br>Tel: 260.768.4669 | Marv & Sally Miller |
| July           |                                      | OPEN                                                                                                           |                     |
| August         |                                      | OPEN                                                                                                           |                     |
| October 4 - 10 |                                      | GMCMC Fall Convention<br>Mansfield, Ohio                                                                       | GMCMC               |

**GMC Great Lakers *GONNA WANNA Be In ShipsheWANA* June 10-14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Plans are being made for the June 2019 rally, and here are some of the particulars:

Reservations for camping need to be made by calling 260-768-4669 anytime between January 2, 2019 and April 25. We have reserved 30 sites and any sites not reserved after April 30, will be released. Anyone can still make reservations later, but their campsite may not be with group. Daily camping fees are \$41.00 for back-in sites and \$43.00 for a pull through site. Your camping fees will be paid directly to the campground. There is also a motel owned by campground, and for friends of the GMCers, reservations can be made with the motel at 260-768-7750. Please, when any making reservations, make sure to tell them you are with the GMC Great Lakers.

The actual rally fees are still being finalized, but there are a lot of things planned, and everyone will stay as busy as they like! Some things planned for us are eating out, and especially the Amish cooking and homemade pies. Tuesday and Wednesday is the HUGE flea market and antique auction, and shopping in Shipshewana. We are also checking into the below opportunities on Thursday for possible visit to Dutch Creek Farms Animal Park, a tour of a local RV manufacturing plant and finishing the day at the famous Essenhaus Classic Car Cruise In. We might even want to eat dinner there! **It will be a fun week, and hope everyone can make it!**

Contact me should you have any questions.

**Marv Miller**  
Tel: 574.238.1124

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|----------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>GMCMC Conventions:</b> Mar. 22 – 28, 2019 | Tallahassee Treasure   | North Florida Fairgrounds<br>Tallahassee, FL |
| Oct. 4 – 10, 2019                            | Celebrating GMC Flyers | Mansfield, OH                                |

## Road Travel Tidbits

By Anonymous

Our last discussion regarded Henry Plummer and the Innocents Gang. So this brings up other **WOW** experiences that you can have in your GMC:

**Yellowstone National Park** - This is a must see and it is all different. Treat yourself to 5 days.

**Tetons National Park** - This is beautiful, only 40 miles south of Yellowstone.

**Grand Canyon National Park** - just unbelievable.

**Canadian Rockies** - The views are breath taking. Visit Banff and Jasper

**Olympic Peninsula** - The National Park and the rainforest. Just **WOW!**

**Oregon and northern California coast line** – Wonderful

**Redwoods** - You don't know what to say

**Door County, Wisconsin** - Go to a fish boil and view the goats on the roof.

**Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore** - View from a tour boat on a calm day

**Bay of Fundy**

**Hopewell Rocks New Brunswick** - You walk on the ocean floor when the tide is out

**Hall's Harbour, Nova Scotia** - Large boats on the ocean floor. You walk on the ocean floor when the tide is out, but when it is in, they have had 50 plus feet tides, and it comes in fast.

**Rayne, LA** - A community of frog murals

**Beau Bridge, LA** - Café Des Amis Saturday morning dance breakfast

**Savannah, GA and Charleston, SC** - Just great! Take the reenactors tour.

One of our Great Lakers members had a hair-raising experience. He went to the Bank to deposit money and when he entered, a bank robbery was in progress. The robber told the member to lie on the floor and not to move. The member looked over at the tellers' station and on the floor was a person not moving. Was the person dead or alive??

These were some WOW GMC experiences that we have had.





May your new year be filled with these five F's; Family, Fun, Friends, Fame and Food!  
Cheers!  
Happy New Year!

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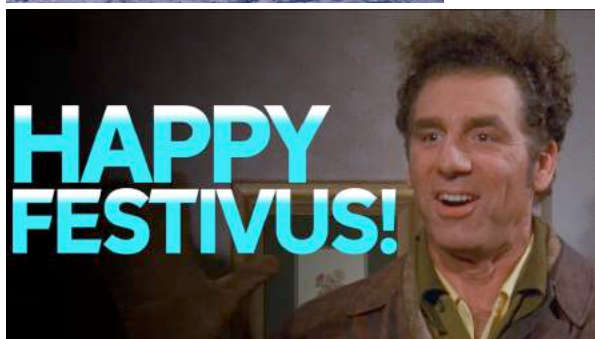
Happy winter solstice!

Winter Celebrations Around the World

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|------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Hanukkah         | Eid Al Adha   | Christmas |
| Boxing Day       | Kwanzaa       | Diwali    |
| St. Nicholas Day | Las posadas   | Hogmanay  |
| Lunar New Year   | St. Lucia Day | Bodhi Day |



One of the joys of Christmas is remembering special people like you! Wish you plenty of cheer and joy this holiday season



**festivus**

- the raising of the festivus pole
- the airing of grievances
- the feats of strength

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A CELEBRATION OF FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND CULTURE





## Financial Report

Nov. 30, 2018

|                   |    |           |
|-------------------|----|-----------|
| Starting Balance: | \$ | 12,420.82 |
| Revenue:          | \$ | 155.00    |
| Expenses:         | \$ | 0.00      |
| Ending Balance:   | \$ | 12,575.82 |



Sunshine & Rainbows Smoquists

Get well cards have been sent to these individuals:  
Debra Pryzbylek

Bill Helmore for Charlie

When contacting **The Sunshine & Rainbows** person to inform her of any current or former member that is ill, has lost a loved one, or otherwise needs encouragement, it would be most helpful to provide the appropriate mailing address. This would facilitate the mailing of a greeting card especially to former members of the club as well as the current snowbird members who prefer to spend the winter months outside of the GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club geographical boundaries.

Deb Pryzbylek



## 2018 GMCM Fall Convention Photos by Sara Halley



A pessimist says, "The wine glass is half empty."

An optimist says, "The wine glass is half full."

An opportunist says, "Hey, Look! Free wine!"

### 2019 Membership Renewal Is Coming Soon

Watch your mail for the 2019 Great Lakers membership renewal application that will be sent out shortly. Like last year, I want members to mail in their renewal by February 1 so I can compose and distribute the 2019 Membership Directory shortly thereafter. If you miss the February 1 deadline you may not be included in the main directory and you will have to wait to be included in one of the periodic updates. We don't want that to happen so do your best to get it in on time!

I will send out the 2019 application form with my membership correspondence later this month. It is already posted on the club website by clicking on "About Us" then "Membership" for those of you who are chomping at the bit (a few of you already have). And remember, annual dues have been reduced to \$10.00 so don't send too much money.

Steve Johnson



## 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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