

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Who would have thought that the world would be turned upside down with the COVID-19 virus these past few months? And who would have thought that the start of our 2020 Rally season would be on hold until it is safe to be together?

Most of our members live in states that have mandatory 'stay at home' orders through the early part of May. We are all hoping it will be safe enough when those orders are due to expire that the states will remove some of our restrictions. In the meantime, I've been finding a good use of my fabric stash by making washable cotton facemasks. So far I've made about 130 masks. My masks have gone mainly to family, extended family and friends. From my daughter's ER nurse friends, to my son-in-law's mother who is a Kroger cashier, to my Portland, Oregon aunt's retirement center, to our California son's church friends, and many others. Many, many volunteers in metro Detroit have been collectively sewing masks and other personal protective equipment for front line hospital workers and

metro Detroit volunteers have delivered over 2500 fabric facemasks!

As of right now, our first 2020 Rally is scheduled in August at Addison Oaks County Park, Leonard, Michigan, if the campground opens. I know that nearly all campgrounds are closed for an undetermined length of time, and many are not allowing individuals to make reservations this summer. We will keep you posted if the August rally plans change.

The COVID-19 virus is very serious and I hope that all of you are doing all you can to stay safe and minimize any potential exposure. I know someone who has died from this virus. He was our girls' first swim team coach, and was a healthy, physically active 65 years old (a marathon runner and triathlete). His symptoms were not typical and unfortunately his diagnosis came after he passed away, so no one is immune to this disease.

I pray that all of you continue to be safe and healthy until we can safely be together again. Now I need to go mail my latest batch of face masks to my dad's cousin in Ohio.

Becky



Great Lakers Nominating Committee

Normally this topic would be on the agenda at our May Rally membership meeting. Each spring the club informs the membership about the process for the elections that will be held later this fall. The members of this year's nominating committee will be Joe Gillen (JoeGillen@live.com, Tel: 734.788.6695; Jerry Newman (newmysr@gmail.com, Tel: 513.235.7848); and Dolph Santorine (dolph@dolphsantorine.com, Tel: 304.219.3100). Nominations will be accepted for all positions for the 2021 GMC Great Lakers Board of Directors.

For 2021, the club must elect a new President and a new Secretary. Both Becky Johnson (current President) and Bea Newman (current Secretary), are completing their third and final years serving on the Great Lakers Board. The remaining current Board members are eligible to serve an additional year, if they desire, but must be voted in, as per the club bylaws.

If you are interested in a 2021 Great Lakers Board position, or you know a club member who is qualified or interested in a Board position, please contact a member of the nominating committee. Full election information will be presented to the GMC Great Lakers members by the end of August this year.

Becky

Road Travel Tidbits

Submitted by Anonymous

Hello again,

Today is Saturday and we are sitting at the breakfast table discussing import family issues. These seem to be the same ones that we talk about all the time:

- Medical issues: appointments, bills that need to be paid, prescriptions that need to be filled and how are we feeling,
- Checks that must sent this week,
- Are the grandchildren coming over this week?
- Are we going to the Senior Center this week?
- And the one that we always talk about: "The Beautiful GMC Coach"
 - How much do we have to spend on it this year?
 - Yes, new tires,
 - What GL rallies should we attend? **ALL OF THEM**, of course!
 - Should we visit a unique Midwest site this year, the one that we always talk about?

YES, of course. There are some wonderful places to visit and camp:

- **Sleeping Bear Dunes** and **Leland**
- **Gilmore and Auburn Museums** - you will not be disappointed
- **Wine Tour Area of southwest Michigan**
- Back roads of the **Ohio and Indiana Amish areas** some of these are really beautiful
- **The Henry Ford Museum** and **Greenfield Village** – awesome!

These are some of the close ones that you will enjoy seeing. Other more distant ones we will discuss at another time.

Would you care for another cup of coffee?

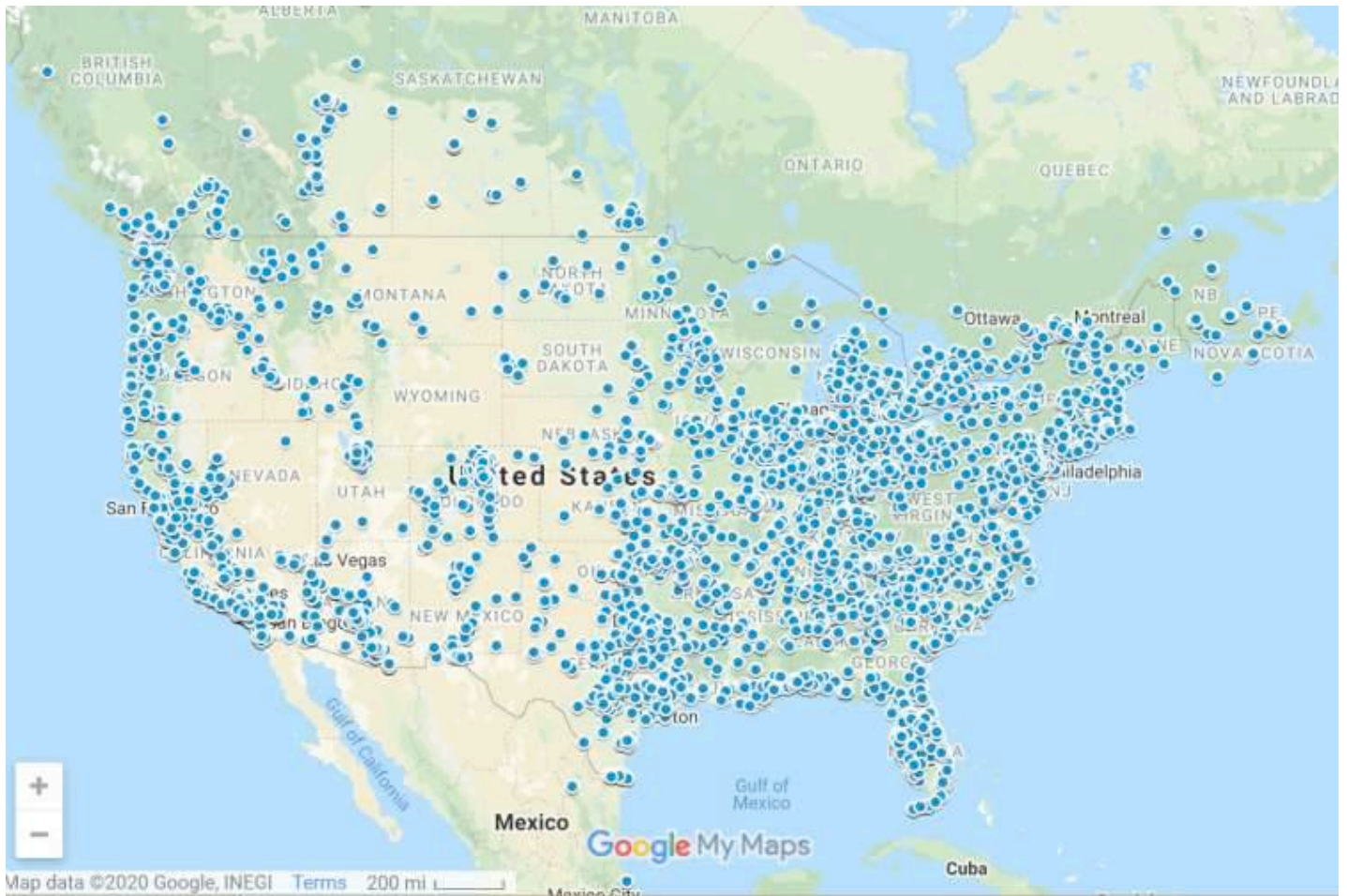


Mark your calendars now for the 2018 GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Rallies. Consider hosting a rally at your favorite local campground - you will get plenty of help. It's your party – do whatever makes you happy!

May 6 – 9	Birthday Rally	Camp Dearborn 1700 General Motors Rd. Milford, Michigan 48380 Tel: 248.684.6000	CANCELED
June 17 – 20	GLAMA Rally	Allegan County Fairground 150 Allegan Co. Fair Drive Allegan, Michigan 49010 Tel: 269.673.6501	CANCELED
July	TO BE DETERMINED		LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER TO HOST THIS RALLY
August 20 – 23		Addison Oaks County Park 1480 West Romeo Road Leonard, Michigan 48367 Tel: 248.693.2432	Nancy and Peter Donaghue
September 13 – 20		Algonac State Park 8732 River Road Marine City, Michigan 48039 Tel: 810.765.5605	Do Nothing Rally
October 15 – 18		Camp Turkeyville RV Resort 18935 15 ½ Mile Road Marshall, Michigan 49068 Tel: 269.781.4293	Rich and Venjeana Foerster

GMCMC Conventions

April 17 – 23, 2020	CANCELED	Patterson Area Civic Center Patterson, Louisiana
September 18 – 24, 2020	Black Hills Adventures	Central States Fairgrounds Rapid City, South Dakota



This map, courtesy of Billy Massey, illustrates the North American locations, by zip code, of GMC motorhomes currently in the VIN registry. This website, <http://www.gmcmhregistry.com> is the online home where owners of a GMC Motorhome or GMC Transmode may register their names and the coach's TZE serial number (VIN). This information, which is of historical significance, is used only by, and for, owners of these classic vehicles, which were designed and built, by the truck division of General Motors from 1973 through 1978. Submitting this information is totally voluntary on your part, the coach owner. You may also make a [Donation](#) (this Registry site is privately maintained on a voluntary basis and welcomes your financial support).

Where in the world would you also find GMC motorhomes and how many? Here is the answer:

Australia	25	Norway	9
Belgium	4	Paraguay	1
Canada	550	Philippines	1
Denmark	3	Portugal	1
Finland	5	Slovakia	1
France	17	Sweden	2
Germany	1	Switzerland	4
Indonesia	1	Taiwan	1
Iran	2	Thailand	1
Italy	3	United Kingdom	26
Mexico	24	Venezuela	7
Netherlands	2	Virgin Islands	1
New Zealand			

GMC GREAT LAKERS HISTORY – Part 5

1980 A Year Outside FMCA

The Great Lakers celebrated the Club's fourth birthday on February 23rd at the Detroit Plaza. At a short meeting the new officers were installed, they are: Virgil Barbe, President; Emmit Dennis, Vice President; Jim Kellerman, Treasurer; Pinky Staub, Secretary and Ron Kirkland, National Director.

The Club started the camping season at King's Island the weekend of April 25th. A caravan was planned from the rest area on I-75 at Bowling Green, Ohio to King's Island on Friday. Seventeen (17) coaches participated in the weekend activities, which included a great potluck supper on Saturday, and pancakes on Sunday morning.

The May rally at Washaki Recreation Area in Lapeer, Michigan was attended by twelve (12) coaches. The matter of insurance was discussed at the business meeting. The insurance is the umbrella policy by Alexander and Alexander through the FMCA.

Nineteen (19) coaches attended the June rally at the Monroe County KOA, located on US-23 at the Summerfield Road exit just 15 minutes north of Toledo, Ohio. At the business meeting, it was decided to go with FMCA for insurance for the Club's rallies.

The Club was saddened to learn of the death of its treasurer, Jim Kellerman on Sunday July 20.

The August rally was held at the Wolverine Campground near Flint, Michigan. The weather was good for some to play golf while others took the train ride on The Huckleberry Railroad and visited The Crossroads Village. The usual potluck supper on Saturday night was filled with lots of super goodies brought by all the good cooks in the Club. Sunday mornings pancake breakfast was a little damp, but there were lots of customers in line to eat. After breakfast a short church service was held.

At the business meeting on Saturday the Club's newly appointed Treasurer, Bill Helmore, was introduced. He will serve out the remainder of Jim Kellerman's term.

The Club gathered at Juniper Hills Campground just south of Brooklyn, Michigan on the third weekend of September. The campground is adjacent to Michigan International Speedway where three races were held on Saturday, champion cars (Indy), stock cars and super V's (Volkswagen).

Valley Plaza at Midland, Michigan was the site for the October rally. Fourteen (14) coaches braved the cool weather for a weekend of swimming in the indoor pool or just sitting around. After a sit-down dinner, a short business meeting was held at which time the new officers were announced for the next year. A "floating" rally fee rather than a fixed fee was discussed and adopted and a committee was set up to review, revise and update the Club's bylaws.

Submitted by Bill Helmore

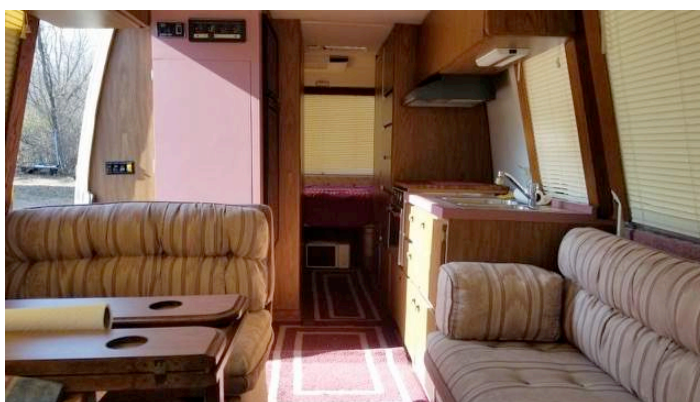


Available: **2014 Chevrolet Malibu LT 2**. It is ready to be your economical daily driver plus to be towed by your GMC motorhome. In like new condition with complete Roadmaster towing equipment plus Brake Pro system. It is one owner with 54,000 driven miles and 3,000 towed miles. It has a summit white exterior with extra cost cocoa fashion leather interior and heated seats. Serviced by a Chevrolet dealer. Must see to appreciate its outstanding condition. \$13,500. Reason for selling: wife no longer is driving and I have two other vehicles I can tow behind our GMC motorhome.

CONTACT: BOB SOVIS AT 810-629-7790.



Completely renovated **1976 Palm Beach** listed at \$25,000.00 Contact Jim Gatterdam at itsmejimmyg@gmail.com Tel: 614.425.9244 if he is working, please leave a VM. It is mechanically in awesome shape. Formerly owned by a member of the Great Lakers. If there is a downside, the tires are way past date code. Also, the rear benches have been converted to a permanent bed. The original rear benches are wrapped in plastic and stored. Three-way fridge is brand new. Not sure it was ever used. He was a tool and die man for General Motors and a perfectionist. You can see it when you look at it. Always stored indoors.



ODDS AND ENDS

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

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A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The flight attendant looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger."

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Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

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If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.

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I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

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No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

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Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says, "Dam!"

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Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.

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The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

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A Roman walks into a bar and asks for a martinus. "You mean a martini?" the bartender asks. The Roman replies, "If I wanted a double, I would have asked for it!"

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Another Roman walks into the bar, holds up two fingers, and says, "Five beers, please."



		Financial Report
		March 31, 2020
Starting Balance:	\$	9,210.99
Revenue:	\$	1,005.00
Expenses:	\$	504.72
Ending Balance:	\$	9,711.27



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 must be current in their Great Laker dues. Club dues are 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.



Get well cards have been sent to these individuals:

Everyone must be healthy

Sympathy cards have been sent to the families of:

Kim and Keith Weeks

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



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