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The newsletter of the GMC Great Lakers

2022 august

What a
fantastic
summer!

What fun have you missed at the Rallies?



from the Editor

A while back, I used my iPad to subscribe to a digital periodical service called Texture. Hundreds of magazines were available to read with a monthly subscription. I enjoyed the service until Apple purchased it; they changed what was a turn-the-page experience into a scrolling experience. Imagine reading a book chapter-by-chapter by scrolling down; I promptly cancelled my subscription.

Recently, I discovered that my library provides periodicals and other print books as a digital service via an app called “Libby.” While navigating through, I stumbled across a new magazine called *RV Today*. The inaugural issue, December 2021-January 2022, had just been published and caught my attention. As I continued to read the online content, I was curious why I couldn’t find the print version at any of the newsstands, until the latest issue. As of the August/September 2022 issue, it is now available at Barnes and Noble and Books-A-Million retailers.

A few of the reasons I enjoy reading the content is that it is mostly based on readers’ submissions. There are many well written recommendations for campgrounds that you and I would likely not know about or maybe even trust for online recommendations. There are featured articles, as well, focused on technology, dry camping, and special places to visit. I highly recommend the magazine! What are you reading?

Karen
Karen E. Breen, Editor

The publishers of *RV Today* also publish *Rootless Living*, a magazine dedicated to the “digital nomad” (those who travel while working). I am not affiliated with this publisher.

Hello Everyone!

A lot has happened since our last newsletter. We've held two rallies, an activities committee formed, beefed up the communications with Newman News, steadily increasing membership, kicked off the Presidential Award of Honor program, updated the website, and formed the nominations committee who successfully filled all 2023 board positions with nominees. Not a bad start for a board that has six out of the seven positions held by first-year officers.

Let me start by saying that the June and the August rallies continued to be of the highest caliber—honoring the club with perfect weather! Being that rallies are the lifeblood of the club, let me give you my perspective of what you missed if you weren't able to attend.

Dolph and Lora Kaye Santorine were the ultimate hosts of the June Rally at Atwood Lake Park Campground, in Mineral City, Ohio, entirely deserving of the term “glamping.” Large sites with concrete pads with all the amenities. Since we paid a little extra to camp, the rally fee was held to a minimum; this didn't mean we were shorted in any way. We began with a delicious potluck and then field trips to local restaurants that were affordable and fantastic.

Everyone enjoyed the Age of Steam Roundhouse tour, the Auman Museum of Radio and Television, Dave Lenzi's brake seminar, a “fabric star” crafting event, an endless supply of firewood, and the creation of The Great Lakers Bocce Ball League, all wrapped into three days. Great job, Dolph and Lora Kaye!!!

The August Rally was a real lesson in old-school small-town hospitality. The Balloon Fest was within a 20-minute drive but I don't think any Great Lakers attended, not that

the Balloon Fest would not have been great, but the rally provided plenty to do in a very relaxed and inviting way. Some shopped in town and Tom Hampton opened his shop with plenty of giveaways and marked down items for our coaches. I would say the food was off the hook! All three days began with a complete home cooked breakfast consisting of eggs, fruit, homemade muffins and bread, donuts, a surprise dish of chipped beef and gravy over toast (“SOS”), coffee, juices, and too much to list. The dinner was out-of-this-world, featuring freshly caught Lake Erie perch and fresh side dishes served all-you-can-eat buffet style, and on the last night—a pizza party.

A beautiful button flower craft was held both days, a fantastic game of “What is This?” involving GMC parts, and bocce ball that was played in the afternoon and well into the night, under a shelter with lights. The campfires were welcome for the cooler nights and conversation was delightful and insightful. I tip my hat to the to the hosts for putting on a clinic about how to run a rally. Sara Halley, Dan and Dee Ann King, and Nina Lee Hampton: Thank you for your hospitality and hard work!

We also had two new inductees into the TZE-GMC Hall of Fame. Tom Hampton and Walt Halley were presented with the Presidential Award of Honor. Their dedication and years of service to the GMC Great Lakers Club and the TZE-GMC community throughout the country stand as testament to this lifetime honor. Well done gentlemen!!!

Remember that that GMCMI Convention in Lebanon TN, is September 26-October 2 and the Great Lakers last rally of 2022 at Camp Cedar in Mason, Ohio is October 2-5.

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“We must always remember our purpose as stated in our constitution and by-laws,

‘This club exists to promote social, recreational, and informational exchange activities that provide for the enjoyment and pleasurable use of 1973 to 1978 GMC Motorhomes.’”

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June 2022 Great Lakers Rally

Atwood Lake Park and Campground, Mineral City, Ohio

By Dolph Santorine, GMCMI President

Boasting over 500 campsites, most of which have full hookups, Atwood Lake Park is an impressive, modern facility which surround the 1,540 acre Atwood Lake. The Great Lakers were here back in 2018 when the Mitchels were our hosts.

The lake and campgrounds are part of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District, whose mission is to be “responsible stewards dedicated to providing the benefits of flood reduction, conservation, and recreation in the Muskingum River Watershed.” Besides the Atwood Lake facility, they operate campgrounds at Charles Mill, Clendening Lake, Piedmont Lake Pleasant Hill, Seneca Lake and Tappan Lake. All are above average facilities, but Atwood is quite possibly their crown jewel, and has benefited from the natural gas royalties in the area.

Friday morning was a learning experience, and we finally made some coffee that was drinkable (operator error!) and donuts.

At 9 a.m. we headed to the Age of Steam Roundhouse. It’s an amazing facility, built in 2010, and dedicated to maintaining its roster of 23 steam locomotives, teaching future generations about the maintenance and repair of these historic locomotives, and being a repository of the history of the glory days of railroading. The roundhouse is impressive not only in its scale, but in how well it’s maintained. Since it was designed and built as a museum, it never had the wear and tear of a working rail yard. The tour was well received by all who attended.

Being close to the heart of Ohio’s Amish country, a trip to the Dutch Valley Restaurant was in order, and great conversation over a meal was enjoyed.

Upon returning to the campground, President Jerry Newman convened a membership meeting, and introduced the President Award of Honor, which he conferred upon Dave Lenzi and Bill Helmore, both of whom have made significant and lasting contributions to the Great Lakers and the GMC community in general. There was time for crafts which were extremely well received, and bocce is fairly rapidly becoming the lawn game of the Great Lakers.

Saturday began with donuts, eggs, and actual drinkable coffee! Dave Lenzi conducted a technical seminar about brakes, and a number of other topics of interest. The Q&A portion of the

presentation elicited many questions, and everyone came away with important information obtainable only from an in-person presentation.

We were honored to have Dick and Phyllis Holley join us from Marietta, Ohio. Even though they no longer have a GMC, they keep up with the happenings of the club, and have been members since 1985.

Following, there were two “tracks” (highly appropriate after being at the Roundhouse): Historic Zoar Village and the Auman Museum of Radio and Television.

Much has been written about Zoar Village. It was founded in 1817 by German religious dissenters as a utopian community which survived until 1898. Their legacy and many of the buildings still survive. Most of the village was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1969 as the Zoar Historic District, and was designated a National Historic

Landmark District in 2016. Some of the buildings operate as museum properties. One critical event which allowed the community to survive was their involvement in the digging of the Ohio and Erie Canal. It allowed the community to retire most of their debt to the Quakers, who loaned them money in order to purchase this land.

The other track was the Auman Museum of Radio and Television. When Larry Auman, the founder of the museum, pulled back the curtain, we were all pleasantly surprised.

The collection is a combination of mainstream televisions that many of us watched as children, mixed in with so many unique and notable television receivers. There is an excellent display of “mechanical” televisions; I believe it’s the first time many of us had seen that type of TV image.

Dinner was at the Atwood Lighthouse Bistro.

On Sunday we had muffins, coffee, and said our goodbyes. We were blessed with excellent weather and wonderful fireside conversation.

[Photos](#)

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GMC Great Lakers October 2022 Rally

Kings Island Camp Cedar ~ Mason, Ohio

Sunday, October 2 - Wednesday, October 5, 2022

5158 Kings Island Drive, Mason, Ohio 45040

513.701.9635 | <https://www.visitcampcedar.com> (code GTLKRS)

Hosted by Jerry and Bea Newman - Site 108 (Home Base is Site 164)

Please join us as we bring the 2022 GMC Great Lakers rally season to a close. **All GMCers from any GMC club are invited!**

Bring your own drink, plates, and utensils to each meal. For morning coffee, please bring your own mug. Schedule subject to change. Detailed schedule available in your welcome packet upon arrival.

Sunday, October 2 - Arrival after 3pm*

6:00pm Potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share.

Monday, October 3

Hot breakfast

Crafts, games, and camaraderie

Lunch on own

Dinner and membership meeting, including election results

Tuesday, October 4

Hot breakfast

Visit the historical town of Lebanon, Ohio

Self-pay late lunch (we will meet at a designated location)

Dinner: Pizza, salad, ice cream

Bocce ball and campfire

Wednesday, October 5 - Checkout is 11:00am

Light breakfast

Goodbyes and well wishes for the winter...until we meet again!

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Book your campsite directly with the park. See registration form for details. If you do not receive confirmation (email or text), please call or text your hosts immediately.

*Your hosts will not be at the park earlier than Sunday, 3pm as they are arriving directly from the GMCFI Convention in Lebanon, Tennessee.

Registration Deadline: Monday, September 19, 2022



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Book your campsite directly with the park using code **GTLKRS** (\$33/nite+tax)

Rally Registration Form

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Member1 Name

Member2 Name

Member1 Email

Member2 Email

Member1 Phone

Mobile Home

Member2 Phone

Mobile Home

Children Attending

Children's Ages (U12 gratis)

Guest1 Name

Guest2 Name

Emergency Contact Information

RALLY INFORMATION

New Member Attending First Rally? Yes No

Arrival Date

Departure Date

Site Number (101-114, 116, 118, 120, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 166)

Rally Fees

One Member Only (no guests over age 12)

\$ 50.00

Totals

\$

Up to Two Members (including children U12)

\$ 100.00

\$

Each Additional Guest (anyone over the age of 12)

Number x

\$ 50.00

\$

Prepaid Tours or Events

n/a

Number x

\$

\$

n/a

Number x

\$

\$

Make Checks Payable to: **GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.**

Total Rally Fees \$

Mail To: **Jerry Newman • 3754 S. Berkley Circle • Cincinnati, OH 45236**

Please Note: If you do not receive confirmation (email or text), please call or text your hosts immediately.

Waiver: I/we hereby waive, release, and discharge any and all claims for damage, personal injury, death or property damage which I/we may have, or which may hereafter accrue to me/us, as a result of participation in this rally. This release is intended to discharge in advance the GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, its office, Rally hosts, volunteers, and agents from any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my/our participation in activities at this club rally even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of those parties. It is understood that activities such as the ones I/we may participate in may involve an element of risk and danger of accidents. In knowing those risks, I/we hereby assume those risks. It is further agreed that this waiver, release, and assumption of risk is to be binding on my heirs and assigns. I/we agree to indemnify and to hold harmless, the GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, its office, Rally hosts, volunteers and agents from any loss, liability, damage cost, or expense which they may incur as the result of my/our death or any injury or property damage that I/we may sustain while participating in any activity at this Rally. It is my express intent that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse (if any) as well as any guests, including children that accompany me/us. **By signing this release, I acknowledge and represent that I/we have read the above waiver of liability and hold harmless agreement, understand it, and sign it voluntarily.**

Required: Member/s Signature and Date



Membership Report

By Melissa Koenig

We welcome new members who have joined the club since the last newsletter:

- Heather Griebe from Kalkaska, Michigan
- Lynn and Stephen Knowles from Marysville, Ohio
- Trisha and Scott Hunt from Marysville, Ohio

Those who attended the August rally in Plain City were fortunate to meet The Knowles and The Hunts. With the new members and a few late renewals, the club now totals 102 members.

Election: 2023 Great Lakers Board Members

By Becky Johnson

The election for the 2023 GMC Great Lakers board members is currently underway. By the time you receive this Great Lakers newsletter, you should have already received an email with the ballot and instructions for the election of the 2023 Great Lakers Board members.

In an effort to streamline and make the election process easier for club members, each voting membership unit only needs to follow the instructions and send an email reply with your voting selections. Please remember that only one email reply will be accepted from each family membership unit.

If you do not have the email from *nominating_committee@gmcgreatlakers.org*, check your email spam/junk folder. If you still can't find the email regarding elections, please contact the Great Lakers Nominating Committee at *nominating_committee@gmcgreatlakers.org*, so another email can be sent to you.

The deadline is Tuesday, September 20, 2022, for you to email a reply with your ballot selections for the 2023 Great Lakers Board members. Election results will be reported at the October rally membership meeting. Club members who do not have email addresses should have received a hard copy of the ballot with instructions via U.S. Mail.

The club thanks this year's Nominating Committee members for their efforts: Jeff Jider, Committee Chair, Sharon Giannosa, and Becky Johnson.

August 2022 Treasurer's Report

By Steve Johnson

Balance 4/30/2022 reported in June newsletter	\$6,463.41
Expenses May thru July 2022	-\$1,651.57
Revenue May thru July 2022	\$2,255.00
Balance 7/31/2022	\$7,066.84



Sunshine and Rainbows

By Deb Pryzbylek

No report submitted.

Please send information to me at sunshine@gmcgreatlakers.org.

August 13, 2022

Membership Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Bea Newman, Past Secretary

Board approved, pending Membership approval at next meeting

Call to Order by President Jerry Newman

Roll Call

- Executive Board – Steve Johnson – Treasurer; Melissa Koenig – Membership Director; Becky Johnson – Past President
- New Members - Steve Knowles of Marysville, Ohio. Steve already owns two coaches, both 1973s. Scott and Trisha Hunt of Marysville, Ohio arrived as guests and left as members! Welcome!
- Presidential Honorees - Acknowledgement of Bill Helmore and Dave Lenzi

Contributors and Special Committees

- *Historian* – Bill Helmore was present.
- *Sunshine* – Deb Pryzbylek was not present and Jerry reported that Deb's husband and long-time member, John, is now living in a care facility.
- *Nominations Committee* – Member Becky Johnson reported the current board is eligible and have asked to be on the ballot for 2023. One additional candidate for Treasurer will be added to the ballot. Nominations are open until Monday, August 15. Committee chair Jeff Rider and member Sharon Giannosa were absent.
- *Activities Committee* – Chairperson René Foerster was not available. Committee member Bea Newman invited all to participate in a "button flower" craft and to join in on the bocce ball game.

Membership Director

- Melissa Koenig reported new member Heather Grieve from Michigan has joined. Scott and Trisha Hunt, our newest members, bring our current membership to 100 and have the honor of holding Great Laker member 1000.

Newsletter Editing Director

- Karen Breen was absent. The next newsletter is due out September 1.

Webmaster

- Rob Matras was absent. Jerry reported the Great Lakers website is up-to-date. The password for member-only information was verbally announced.

Secretary

- Jim Wibby was not available. Bea Newman recorded the minutes.

Treasurer

- Steve Johnson reported a balance of \$7,066.84 as of July 31.

Vice President Nancy Donaghue had to leave the rally early due to a family emergency. Jerry reports his goal is to have locations for all of the 2023 rallies by the end of the year. 2023 will be the 50th anniversary of the 1973 coaches. The Great Lakers will be celebrating with some fun events. (If you bring your 1973 coach, your May rally fee may only be \$19.73! Stay tuned.)

For the Good of the Club

- *Newman's News* In order to keep communication flowing, Jerry plans to send an email in the months that a full newsletter is not scheduled. If needed, a paper copy can be sent.
- *Motion to Amend Term Limitations* Jerry reported the results of the motion to amend the term limitations, which is to retain the term limits as-is for now. All members had the opportunity to weigh in on this decision.

Presidential Award of Honor

The Presidential Award of Honor was given to Tom Hampton and Walt Halley in appreciation for all of the time and expertise Tom and Walt have given the GMC community over the years.

Miscellaneous

- Bea Newman asked those that are attending the GMCMI Convention in September to consider volunteering at the Fiddlers Grove event on Friday afternoon.
- A big thank you to hosts Dan and Dee Ann King, Sara Halley, and Nina Lee Hampton for a wonderful rally.

Rally²⁰²² Season!

APRIL 22-28 (FRI-THURS)

GMCM I SPRING CONVENTION in PATTERSON, LOUISIANA

Registration closes April 1st

Info: <https://www.gmcmi.com/2022s-convention-info/>

MAY 12-15 (THURS-SUN)

LIGHTHOUSE COUNTY PARK in PORT HOPE, MICHIGAN

7320 Lighthouse Road : 888.265.2583 : Sites 102-122

Hosted by The GMC Great Lakers Board : Refer to flyer in this newsletter for details

JUNE 23-26 (THURS-SUN)

ATWOOD LAKE PARK in MINERAL CITY, OHIO

9500 Lakeview Road NE : 330.343.6780 : 30 sites held until 4/23

Hosted by Dolph and Laura Santorine

JULY NO RALLY

AUGUST 11-14 (THURS-SUN)

PLAIN CITY PASTIME PARK in PLAIN CITY, OHIO

Hosted by Dan and Dee Ann King,

SEPTEMBER 11-18 (SUN-SUN)

ALGONAC STATE PARK in MARINE CITY, MICHIGAN

Annual "Do Nothing Rally"

SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 2 (MON-SUN)

GMCM I FALL RALLY in LEBANON, TENNESSEE

OCTOBER 2-5 (SUN-WEDS)

KINGS ISLAND CAMP CEDAR in MASON, OHIO

\$33/night rate

If you will be attending the GMCM I Fall Convention, this is a great stop five hours from Lebanon, Tennessee

Hosted by Jerry and Bea Newman

Registration form in this issue

August 2022 Great Lakers Rally

Plain City Pastime Park, Plain City, Ohio

By Sara Halley

Central Ohio was once again the site for August's rally as Dan King, Deann King, Tom Hampton, Nina Lee Hampton, my husband Walt and I hosted 39 Great Lakers. We welcomed two new couples to the merriment: Scott and Trish Hunt and Steve and Lynn Knowles. Both couples are knowledgeable fi st-timers!

As attendees arrived and setup at their sites, plans were made to attend the cruise-in at Der Dutchman Restaurant. There were about 15-20 Great Lakers that attended the car show.

We enjoyed a pleasant breakfast together and visited with each other throughout Friday afternoon. Members Bob and Barbara Swartz let us know that they sold their coach. We enjoyed a perch dinner at Week's Farm, accompanied with vegetables from their garden.

Some enjoyed shopping in Plain City or Marysville on Saturday, while others went to longtime member Tom Hampton's local shop. Tom has retired and his GMC parts are still there. Dick and Kathy Wilson, former Great Lakers, visited us as well. We had pizza for dinner and revelry at the fi e ring ensued, including eating peanuts and throwing the shells into the fi e.

There was also a contest to name motorhome parts. Parts were displayed on a table. Nina Lee and Tom Hampton created a list of GMC parts and participants reviewed the items looking for a match. This as a two-day event! Winners were Becky Johnson (ladies) and Max Karshner (men).

Tom Hampton and Walt Halley each received the Presidential Award of Honor, for their contributions toward continuous coach improvements via the GMC community.

Pastime Pete, the park rooster, made sure we were awake on Sunday morn. After breakfast, we reluctantly packed up and headed our separate ways. We hoped the hot air balloons would come our way sometime during our stay, but unfortunately, they didn't.

Find something of interest where you live and host a rally! There are plenty to learn from, in addition to those lending a helping hand onsite.



l to r: Jerry Newman presenting Walt Halley with the Presidential Award of Honor.



President's Corner

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Your board is currently working on the rally schedule for 2023. As demonstrated at the past rallies, hosting a rally by committee is one way to put on a rally, or hosting a rally by yourself can be done and is also very effective. Regardless, we need hosts and I promise you will get all the knowledge and help you need. If you have any suggestions for rally locations or want to host a rally, please contact Nancy Donaghue (vice_president@gmcgreatlakers.org).

I leave you with these words: Vote – Host – Participate – Enjoy !!!!! Until we meet again, may all your travels be pleasant and safe.

Your President, Jerry Newman



Celebrating 46 years!

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