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It's May!

I liberated my coach from winter storage recently, and we're both very happy :-)

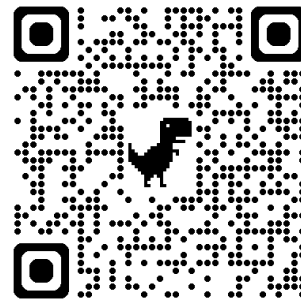
Of course the dewinterizing came first, and then a couple of repairs. And some cosmetic bits like a new kitchen faucet!

When I bought Ginny two years ago I truly knew NOTHING about operating and maintaining an RV. No guts, no glory, hey? As I was going through my spring checklist I thought about all the GMCers who taught me each step. I literally could not be doing this without the GMC community.

If you're not yet in the club but reading this from our website, JOIN! I can guarantee it is one of the best and most affordable GMC investments you'll make.

If you have not yet renewed your Great Lakers membership for 2024, please take a moment to do it now! And invite a friend. Help build our community.

The membership application form is available on our website at <https://www.gmcgreatlakers.org/membership-application/> Or use the QR code below:



This newsletter is for you, so if you have any feedback, ideas, requests, or photos to share please contact me at newsletter@gmcgreatlakers.org .

See you at a campground this summer!
Janet Leslie, Roam Editor

Janet

Cover: Great Laker's member Shawn Bryan's 1977 Palm Beach at the Pontiac Transportation Museum. Pontiac, Michigan, the birthplace of the GMC Motorhome. Photo by Shawn Bryant.



Steve & Becky Johnson viewing the April 8 solar eclipse from Grand Rapids Ohio.

Deb. John is fighting a rare brain disease (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy) that has taken away much of his muscle control. He is mentally as sharp as ever and has a very positive attitude even though his body is suffering. The sign on the door to his room reading "Best Day Ever" gives a hint into Deb and John's attitude even with the challenges that they face.

I almost forgot about "Can't Fix Stupid". How does that fit in? Well, on Friday before planning to depart for Ohio on Saturday I decided to take the GMC out of the garage for a

On the door to fellow GMC Great Laker Joe Baumbarger's garage/workshop is a sign that reads "Can't Fix Stupid". I proved that the saying is true... I'll tell you how.

You may recall that in our last newsletter I mentioned how Becky and I were going to take our GMC out of winter hibernation earlier than normal and head to Maumee Bay state park in Ohio to see the total solar eclipse on April 8. We had seen the previous total solar eclipse to hit north America in August 2017 at a GMC Great Lakers rally in Padukah, Kentucky and were so awed by the experience that we felt the event deserved a special trip. When an offer came to us to "camp" for three days in the yard of fellow Great Lakers Joe and Margie Baumbarger in Grand Rapids, Ohio instead we canceled our state park reservation without hesitation. We were also joined by Bea and Jerry Newman and Melissa and John Koenig, so you could almost call it a rally.

During the eclipse, Grand Rapids, Ohio was in totality for between 2 and 3 minutes. The weather cooperated fabulously with relatively clear skies and temperatures in the mid 70s. With chairs on the dock in the middle of Joe's pond we had a perfect viewing location. When you add to that three days of shared meals (dinners were Jerry's smoked pork, Melissa's juicy marinated chicken on the grill and Becky's chicken lasagna) with lots of awesome desserts by Margie we couldn't have eaten better.

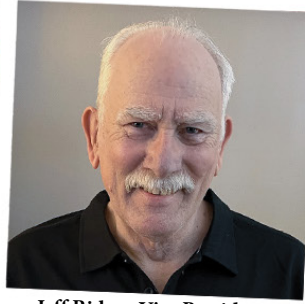
Our "field trip" for the weekend was a visit with former Great Lakers vice-president John Pryzbylek and his wife

short spin around the block to make sure that no new ills had developed during the 6 months it had sat since our previous use last fall. I learned in the process that if you toss open the 12' tall door of my pole barn to only about 8' the GMC won't clear when you try to back it out. Ouch! By the time I heard the crunching sound of the rear fantastic fan cover hitting the overhead door it was too late. Amazingly, the GMC was almost un-scathed by my stupidity – the only "damage" to it was bending of the flimsy sheet metal brackets used to mount the fan cover to the fan housing. I was able to bend them back to like-new condition by hand. The garage door did not fare as well. The bottom panel kinked substantially and became a repair project for the future. In the short term the challenge became getting the coach out of the garage with a bent garage door jammed in the tracks at a position too low to drive under. With the help of my son, a floor jack and a variety of 2x4s we were able to jack up the door the foot or so needed to drive the GMC out of the garage underneath. The weekend trip was saved! We spent the rest of the afternoon figuring out how to lower the damaged door to the ground so that I could go away with a closed garage rather than leaving it wide open. Fortunately, with no pre-trip test run, the GMC ran flawlessly to Ohio and back. If you want to hear some stories about other GMC adventures from the weekend, ask Jerry and John about their experiences.

A weekend to remember – good friends, good food and awesome cooperation from mother nature were able to make up for the fact that you "Can't fix stupid".

Steve

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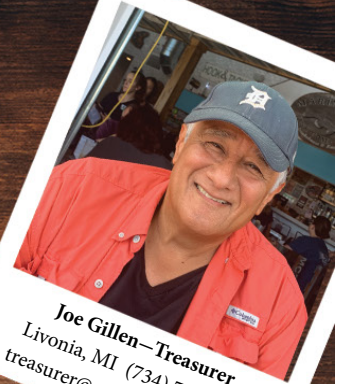
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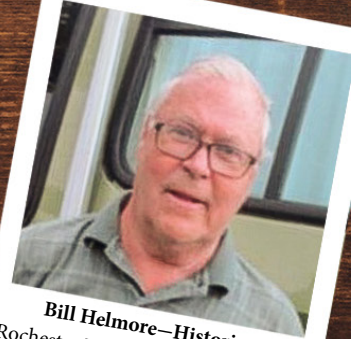
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2024

Rally Season Schedule

MAY 16-19 Thurs-Sun

Great Lakers Birthday Rally!

Pontiac Lake State Park

7800 Gale Road, Waterford, MI

www.midnrreservations.com

(800) 447-2757

Hosts: Great Lakers Executive Committee

June 20-23 Thurs-Sun

Lots of room for everyone!

St. Joseph County Fairgrounds

316 E. Charlotte St, Centreville, MI

Site booking through Great Lakers Board

(888) 873-0550

Hosts: Steve & Becky Johnson

July 18-21 Thurs-Sun

Details TBD

Contact a board member if you have a campground suggestion or would like to host!

August 8-11 Thurs-Sun 

Let's visit our Canadian members!

Pinery Provincial Park

9526 Lakeshore Road RR2, Grand Bend, ON

www.ontarioparks.ca/reservations by Janet Leslie

888-668-7275

Hosts: Jean Price & Patricia Nau

September 12-15 Thurs-Sun

We're in Group Area 5

Addison Oaks Campground

1480 Romeo Road, Lenord, MI

<https://mioaklandctyweb.myvscloud.com/webtrac/web/splash.html>

248-858-1400

Hosts: Jeff & Maureen Rider

October 17-20 Thurs-Sun

Maumee Bay State Park

1400 State Park Rd, Oregon, OH 43616

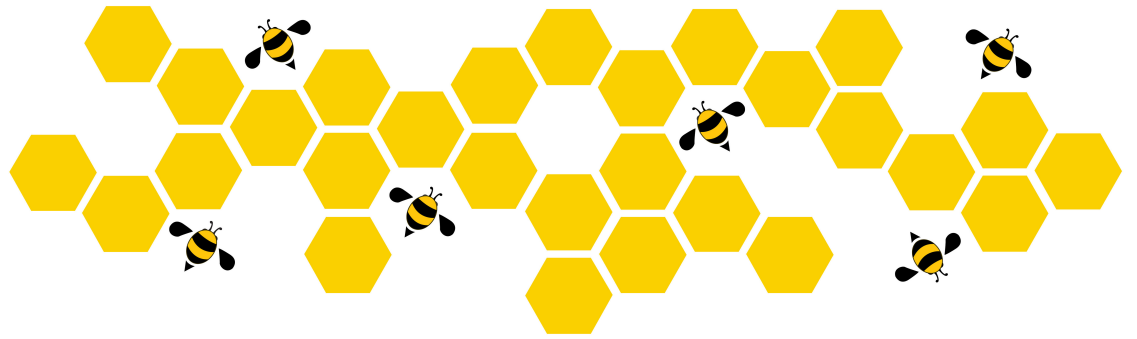
www.reserveOhio.com.

(419) 836-7758,

Contact a board member if you would like to host!

A group of Great Lakers coaches at the Fall 2023

GMCMI rally in Corunna, MI. Photo by Janet Leslie



Help from the Hive!

Article and photo by Janet Leslie

Helping the GMC Community is what we're all about. I'd love your help with this year's newsletters! We want to add value to each edition, share information, build relationships, and share laughs along the way.

Some ways you can contribute are:

- **PICTURES!** We want to highlight Great Lakers members as much as we can. Send me photos of your coach, places you've camped, family photos, even of interesting repairs you've made.
- **Rally Locations.** Do you have a favorite park that would make a great rally site? Let us know. We are still looking for a location for July 2024, and are planning ahead for 2025. Many of the Board live in Michigan so our knowledge of other states is limited.
- **Host a Rally.** In the past members who live near the rally location served as rally hosts. They know the area best and can recommend activities or group outings. Host activities aren't too difficult, and mostly involve food and registrations. Board members and past rally hosts are happy to consult and help out.

- **Interviews.** I would love to interview members of the GMC community by phone, online, or in person. It will help us preserve your knowledge.
- **Guest articles.** Do you have experience or something to say that you'd like to share with the group? Opinions, park reviews, RV hacks, history, recipes, or whatever else you think is great. If writing isn't your thing I'm happy to collaborate with you.
- **Tips for New Owners.** One of our goals is to build the future GMC community and keep the legacy alive. The learning curve is steep so new owners appreciate your knowledge and humor.

If you have other ideas, send them along. You can contact me at newsletter@gmcgreatlakers.org. I really want to hear from you, and I'm pretty friendly :-)



May 2024 Great Lakers Rally — LAST CHANCE!

Pontiac Lake State Park: Waterford, Michigan

May 16-19, 2024

Hosts: *Great Lakers Executive Committee*

Our first rally of the year is coming soon! Registration has closed but if you have managed to get a site at Pontiac Lake email Jeff Rider to see if it is still possible to be included in the rally group meals (vice_president@gmcgreatlakers.org) . Rally fees are \$55 per adult member/non-member and include 2 group breakfasts and 2 dinners. You can download rally forms at <https://www.gmcgreatlakers.org/2024-rally-schedule/>

This is the annual **Great Lakers Birthday Rally!** If you've been thinking of joining The Club, or are members who haven't attended a rally, this is the perfect time to come. As a bonus, all attendees receive a Great Lakers themed gift!

Group plans so far are:

Thursday: Potluck dinner at 6 o'clock, bring a dish to pass.

Friday: Hot breakfast and fruit; lunch on your own. Dinner will be sloppy joes, pulled chicken, & potato salad.

Saturday: Hot breakfast and fruit; midday trip to Pontiac Transportation Museum. Dinner is at the Shark Club restaurant at 6PM (cost included in registration).

Sunday: morning TBD

About Pontiac Lake



Pontiac Lake is a 3,745-acre park with 160 sites across two areas. Camping, horseback riding, picnicking, swimming, hiking, biking, paddling, hunting, fishing, and sightseeing are popular activities enjoyed by visitors. The park is home to the longest beach in southeast Michigan at just over half a mile.

Camping enthusiasm is high for our first outing of the year. Come for food, fun, friendship, and learning. Great Lakers have a wealth of GMC experience and knowledge so this is the best time to get feedback and ideas for coach projects or repairs.

Reserve Pontiac Lake sites online at midnrrervations.com (this links to separate website), or call 800-447-2757. The primary group location is 20 sites, #30 to 42 and 68 to 76. The event hold was only until mid-January, so sites have now been released back to first come basis.

Join us for the first rally of 2024!





Great Lakers 48th Birthday Rally

Pontiac Lake State Park ~ Waterford, Michigan

Thursday, May 16 through Sunday, May 19, 2024
 7800 Gale Road, Waterford, Michigan, 48327
 800-447-2757 | www.midnrreservations.com
 Hosted by the GMC Great Lakers Board

Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 25, 2024
 Book your campsite directly with the DNR

Rally Registration Form

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Member1 Name <input type="text"/>	Member2 Name <input type="text"/>
Member1 Email <input type="text"/>	Member2 Email <input type="text"/>
Member1 Phone <input type="text"/> <input type="radio"/> Mobile <input type="radio"/> Home	Member2 Phone <input type="text"/> <input type="radio"/> Mobile <input type="radio"/> Home
Children Attending <input type="text"/>	Children's Ages (U12 gratis) <input type="text"/>
Guest1 Name <input type="text"/>	Guest2 Name <input type="text"/>
Emergency Contact Information <input type="text"/>	

RALLY INFORMATION

New Member Attending First Rally? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No Rally Fees (includes 2 breakfasts & 2 dinners) One Member Only (no guests over age 12) Up to Two Members (including children U12) Each Additional Guest/Children 12+	Arrival Date <input type="text"/> Site Number (The Club has reserved sites 30-42 & 68-76) <input type="text"/> Departure Date <input type="text"/> Number <input type="text"/> x
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		Totals
	\$ <input type="text"/> 55	\$ <input type="text"/>
	\$ <input type="text"/> 110	\$ <input type="text"/>
	\$ <input type="text"/> 55	\$ <input type="text"/>
Prepaid Tours or Events n/a <input type="text"/>	Number <input type="text"/> x \$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

Make Checks Payable to: **GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.** Total Rally Fees \$

Mail To: **Jeff Rider, GMC Great Lakers VP, 6909 Montclair Drive, Troy, MI 48085-1654**

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 officers, 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 upon my heirs and assigns. I/we agree to indemnify and to hold harmless, the GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, its officers, 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

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.

June 2024 Great Lakers Rally

St. Joseph County Fairgrounds: Centreville, Michigan

June 20-23, 2024

Hosts: *Steve & Becky Johnson*

The next event on our summer rally schedule is in western Michigan. Steve and Becky Johnson will host this camping weekend in Centreville.

The fall St. Joseph County Grange Fair began back in 1851 and is still one of the most popular fairs to visit in Michigan. The size of the grounds increased from 18 acres in 1877 to 105 acres in 1966.

The St. Joseph County Fairgrounds are available for seasonal camping and are equipped with restroom facilities, showers, and an on-site dump station. They offer 75+sites, equipped with electric and water hook-up.

The site is in Southwest Michigan just 30 miles from Elkhart, Indiana or Kalamazoo, Michigan. Centreville is home to the largest Amish community in Michigan and a short drive from Shipshewana, Indiana for those who enjoy Amish discount and general stores, furniture makers, crafts, fabric, and nurseries.

Come join us in June!



Photo by NVHUSC-Photography



About St. Joseph Fairgrounds

- For this rally the Great Lakers Board is directly renting a block of 30 sites at the fairgrounds.
- Your registration fee includes your site, two breakfasts, and one dinner.
- Please reserve and pay for your site directly through the Rally Registration form.
- Download and complete the June rally registration form at <https://www.gmcgreatlakers.org/2024-rally-schedule/>

• **PLEASE REGISTER BY JUNE 1**. If you are mailing your check and form close to the deadline, please email to inform Steve Johnson at president@gmcgreatlakers.org.



Great Lakers June 2024 Rally

St. Joseph County Fairgrounds ~ Centerville, Michigan

Thursday, June 20 through Sunday, June 23, 2024
 316 E. Charlotte St, Centerville, MI 49032
 Hosted by Steve & Becky Johnson

Registration Deadline: Saturday, June 1, 2024
 Book your campsite directly with the Board through this form.

Rally Registration Form

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Member1 Name <input type="text"/>	Member2 Name <input type="text"/>
Member1 Email <input type="text"/>	Member2 Email <input type="text"/>
Member1 Phone <input type="text"/> <input type="radio"/> Mobile <input type="radio"/> Home	Member2 Phone <input type="text"/> <input type="radio"/> Mobile <input type="radio"/> Home
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RALLY INFORMATION

New Member Attending First Rally? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Arrival Date <input type="text"/>	Departure Date <input type="text"/>
	Site Number <input type="text"/>	

Rally Fees (note: includes site rental, 2 breakfasts, & 1 dinner)

One Member Only, site and registration fee (no guests over age 12)		150.00	Totals
Up to Two Members, site, and registration fees (including children U12)	\$	175.00	\$
Each Additional Guest/Children 12+	\$	25.00	\$
Number <input type="text"/> x	\$		\$

Prepaid Tours or Events
 n/a
 Number x \$ \$

Make Checks Payable to: **GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.** Total Rally Fees \$

Mail To: **Steve Johnson, GMC Great Lakers, 681 Milford Farms Ct, Milford, MI 48381**

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GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.

August 2024 Great Lakers Rally

Pinery Provincial Park: Grand Bend, Ontario Canada

August 9-11, 2024

Hosts: Jean Price & Patricia Nau

We hope you were one of the lucky ones who got a site reservation for our August Rally. If not, there is an email waitlist for cancellations on these days. I hear that you have to respond quickly to the email notice, though. The sites get snapped up quickly.

Park information is available at:
<https://ontarioparks.ca/park/pinery>. Reserve online at <https://ontarioparks.ca/reservations> or by phone at 888-668-7275.

Even if you can't make it this time, it looks like a wonderful option for the future. Check out a **Pinery Camping Review and Video** at the [Going Awesome Places Travel Blog](https://goingawesomeplaces.com/pinery-provincial-park-guide-and-review/).

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Photo by travel blog goingawesomeplaces.com.

Travelling to Canada in Your Coach

by Janet Leslie

Our August rally is an opportunity to expand your travel destinations across the northern border to Canada—it doesn't have to be complicated. Here are tips on how to make the crossing fast and efficient.

THESE TIPS ONLY APPLY TO CROSSING FROM THE US TO CANADA. Returning to the US has different regulations. We'll have information on the trip home in our next newsletter.

Disclaimer. So how much can you trust this information? I am Canadian and have lived in Michigan for 25 years. I've abstracted this current information from official government of Canada websites, and had a long, friendly chat with a customs and immigration officer when I crossed a couple of weeks ago. I'd never steer you wrong, but ultimately, you are responsible for your family and possessions.

WHAT YOU NEED

Crossing the border into Canada requires **four basic kinds of information**. Having your documentation ready to go will expedite the process. You also may need to allow border agents to inspect your RV.

Expect to hand over your identification and vehicle information and answer these questions:

- Who else is in the vehicle besides those they can see in the driver's and passenger seats
- Do you have pets? Do you have their paperwork?
- Where are you from?
- Where are you going?
- How long do you plan to remain in Canada?
- Are you carrying any firearms or weapons?
- Are you carrying alcohol, tobacco, or cannabis?

NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

- **Proof of Citizenship.** Everyone on board your coach will need to present proof of US citizenship or legal residency. If you are not a US citizen, you probably already know your specific requirements.

Acceptable documents are:

- A valid US passport, passport card, or NEXUS card
- An original US birth certificate (plus photo ID)
- Original certificate of naturalization or citizenship
- A Certificate of Indian Status
- A US Permanent Resident (Green) Card
- Children under 16 need proof of US citizenship but do not need to include photo identification.
- In Michigan, drivers can obtain an **Enhanced ID** from the Secretary of State to use instead of a U.S. passport when traveling between the United States and Canada. Enhanced IDs feature a small American flag near the bottom right of the driver's license photo. Minnesota and New York are the only other Great Lakes states to offer Enhanced IDs; Ohio plans to introduce them later this year.

RV and Tow Vehicle Registration and Insurance.

You'll need to provide registration and proof of insurance paperwork for your coach, tow vehicle, and toad (if you are pulling one with your motorhome) to the border agents if they ask.

Explanation of Your Travel Plans. Expect to be asked why you are entering Canada, where you are going, and how long you plan on staying. Be reasonably thorough with travel details. Have the reservation paperwork for the Pinery and any other campground you may be visiting on hand to show the agents.

Current Veterinary Documentation for Pets. You'll need a current rabies certificate and a signed veterinary statement of good health. Your vet should be familiar with general requirements. In my experience they may not ask to see the documents. This is at the agent's discretion and is not unusual to skip.

The time it takes to clear the border depends on many factors, such as traffic at the port of entry. Pack simply—if you declare items or have difficulty answering questions, it may lead to a lengthy inspection of your RV.

Be concise yet friendly with your answers to keep the border-crossing process as short as possible. Once the agent feels your documents and answers are in order, they will return your paperwork, welcome you to Canada, and send you on your way.

Items You CAN Bring into Canada

- **Your RV plus any tow vehicle.** With proof of registration and insurance.
- **Personal baggage.** Common examples are clothing, camping and sports equipment, cameras, personal computers, cell phones, tablets, and their chargers or accessories.
- **Cash.** Unless you plan to take more than \$10,000 with you, don't worry about it.
- **Prescription Drugs.** Although uncommon, you can be asked to show all pills, liquids, inhalers, patches, or injectables in their original and properly labeled packaging.
- **Food.** See Food section for specifics.

Items to Bring WITH LIMITATIONS

- **Pet Food.** For pet food, including treats, you must have unopened, commercially packaged bags or containers in their original containers. No bags of pet food can weigh over 44 pounds.
- **Alcohol** (Unopened in original packaging)
 - 24 bottles or cans of ale or beer
 - One large standard bottle of liquor
 - Two 750 ml bottles of wine
- **Tobacco Products**
 - 50 cigars
 - No more than 200 cigarettes
 - 7 ounces of manufactured tobacco
 - No more than 200 tobacco sticks

Items You CANNOT Bring into Canada

- **Plants**
- **Non-pet animals**
- **Firearms, ammunition, and weapons.** Leave them at home. You must declare any guns, knives, mace, tasers, pepper spray, or other weapons immediately when reaching Canada's border port of entry. The laws are complex. There may be exceptions with documentation, but unless you want to risk having something confiscated, it's best not to bother. You're on your own with this one.
- **Fireworks and Explosives**
- **Firewood, Sticks, or Kindling**
- **Cannabis.** Although use is legal in both Michigan and the whole of Canada, transporting any form across the border is not permitted.

FOOD

Whether specific foods are allowed depends on type, form, packaging, amount, or origin. Most common grocery items in personal use amounts are permitted. The biggest restrictions involve raw or fresh meat, dairy, fruit, and vegetables.

PROCESSED FOODS

Any cooked and processed food and non-alcoholic beverages purchased in a sealed container are unrestricted. Products must be cooked and shelf-stable (safe at room temperature before opening) and CANNOT be labelled "Keep refrigerated" or "Keep frozen" before opening. Baked goods that do not contain meat are fine.

FRESH FOODS

Packages must have identifying marks indicating what the product is. Proof of country of origin is required. The safest choices are labelled as originating in the US (label showing "Product of USA").

- **Fish.** Unless a rare species, fish and seafood in all forms are always permitted.
- **Eggs, processed egg products, and dairy.** Raw eggs and fresh dairy (e.g., milk) must be retail packaged, for human consumption, and clearly labelled as a "Product of the USA". Processed dairy such as commercially packaged cheese, yogurt, or creamer are allowed. Eggs from a farm or backyard flock are not permitted at any time.
- **Meat and Poultry.** Raw, frozen, or chilled meat and poultry often have changing restrictions depending on disease outbreaks such as avian flu. These are best avoided. Dried, cooked, canned, or cured meat and poultry such as cold cuts and jerky are allowed. Any meat products must be purchased in a sealed container (such as a glass jar, can, retort pouch, semi-rigid disposable serving dishes for ready-to-eat meals).
- **Fruit and Vegetables.** Products may be restricted or prohibited from entry into Canada depending on the country of origin. Acceptable fruit and vegetables must be labelled as originating in the US. Processed fruit or vegetables (including herbs) such as dried, frozen, or canned are unrestricted. Potatoes must be commercially packaged and graded US No.1.



Treasurers Report

by Joe Gillen

May 2024

Bank balance February 29, 2024	\$5083.22
March & April, 2024	
Expenses	\$ 950.00
Revenue	\$ 425.00
	\$4483.22
Bank balance April 30, 2024	\$4483.22

Gifts in Memory

As is our practice, the Club donated \$50.00 to each of the following organizations in honor and respect to past members or their spouses:

- Keith Weeks, Donation to Kiya Humane Society.
- Bob Sovis, Donation to Sloan Museum.
- Judy Dohm, Donation to Cass County Fair Association.
- Janet Bolser, Donation to Hand & Hand Adult Day Care.



Membership Report

by Sharon Giannosa

Welcome to our new members so far in 2024! Come join us at a rally this season and get to know others who love the GMC lifestyle!

Jim & Darlene Fetgerolf
 Henry & Sharon VanWyk
 Mark & Barb Grajek
 Peter Carney & Lakan Shippy



Sunshine & Rainbows

by Sue Aubuchon

Since our last newsletter, cards with the following wishes have been sent:

Grandchildren:

- Steve and Becky Johnson welcomed a new Granddaughter in March.

In Sympathy—Farewell and Safe Travels:

- Condolences were sent to Terry and Sonya Null for the passing of Terry's son in April.

Joe's Tech Trivia

by Joe Gillon

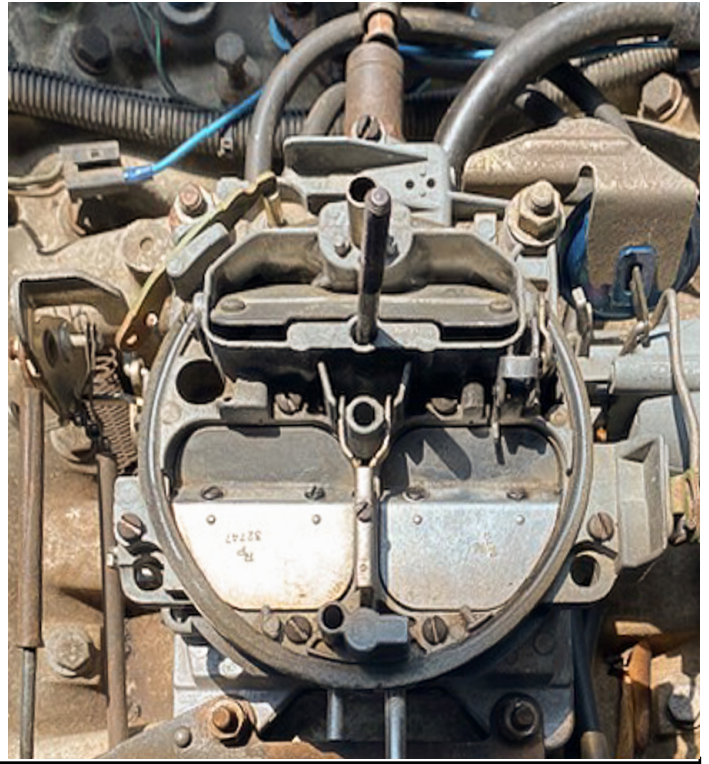
Some owners upgrade their coach with Electronic Fuel Injection (EFI), but the majority are still running their original Quadrajets carburetor. If you need to replace or rebuild your's along the way, you'll need the code stamp for reference. These are the codes for the different engines and model years:

1973 & 1974	455's	All	7043254
1975 & 1976	455's	Federal California	7045554 7045254
1977	403's	Federal California	17057559 17057254
1978	403's	Federal California	17058559 17058254

Right: The freshly rebuilt carb in a 455. Photo by Janet Leslie.

Check out the Quadrajets YouTube channel for a video on how to find your code stamp location:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8OZAbS12Zo>



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