

# GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.



## NEWSLETTER



America's Oldest Regional GMC Club

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

August usually means that summer is coming to a close and its back to school time for the kids, but there is still nice weather to go camping, enjoy the outdoors, and attend a Great Lakers rally this year. We are also approaching that time of the year where our club members will be receiving information for 2019 officer elections, a proposed club By-Law change, and approval of our interim Rally Refund policy. There will be a club wide special email distribution (and mailing for those without internet) in late August/early September. You will receive information on how to submit your votes in that special mailing. All election results will then be presented at the October rally.

Our most recent rally took place in eastern Ohio. At the July rally the Great Lakers took a tour of the historic village of Zoar, Ohio, which was settled in the early 1800's by German immigrants. We learned quite an interesting history about this communal settlement. Many buildings and remnants of that original settlement are still evident in the small village.

Our next rally in Coshocton, Ohio is also in the Amish country. There are a vast number of Amish groups in this area of Ohio, along with various small towns. We are looking forward to spending time there and sharing the road with horse and buggies in that area. Do you know why the Amish still use the horse and buggy for transportation today? They easily could have adapted to the modern use of cars and trucks. The Amish do not believe that owning a car is sinful, rather they believe that if their members owned cars it would significantly change the close-knit structure of the family, church and the community. This structure and connection is more important than modern conveniences and therefore they continue to use the horse and buggy mode of transportation. While many changes have occurred in the Amish communities, maintaining the horse and buggy helps ensure the community thrives for the next generations.

See you at the next Rally! Becky



## 2019 ELECTIONS AND VOTING

This year's 2019 Nominating committee members are Ron Bolser, Barb Gall, and Deb Pryzbylek. Each year the club elects the following officers - President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer (any officer is eligible to serve up to 3 consecutive years in a given position). The club also elects the remaining board members – FMCA National Director, FMCA National Alternate Director, and a Director-at-Large. If you wish to add your name to the voting slate, please contact a member of the Nominating committee before the end of August.

This year the club members will vote on a By-Law change proposed at the July rally. The Great Lakers Board is proposing to change the first sentence of Article III, Section 1B. The purpose of this change is to allow regular GMC Great Lakers members to attend club rallies without bringing their GMC motorhome to a club rally – either by staying in nearby hotels, driving in for the day, or camping in another camper/motorhome/tent. Since our GMC motorhomes are now 40ish years old, many of these vehicles become periodically undriveable due to major repairs, which sometimes prevent their regular use at Great Lakers club rallies. Club members often feel uncomfortable asking permission, or attending a Great Lakers rally using another vehicle. This proposed By-Law change is being made to encourage all club members to continue to participate in club rallies, even if their GMC motorhome is not operational.

**Current Wording:** “A member must own at least one-third (1/3) of a Class “A” GMC Motorhome produced from 1973 to 1978 with a Vehicle Identification Number commencing with the letter “TZE” and use the same vehicle at GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club rallies. The chapter president must approve any exception by a member to use another vehicle.”

**Proposed Wording:** “A member must own at least one-third (1/3) of a Class “A” GMC Motorhome produced from 1973 to 1978 with a Vehicle Identification Number commencing with the letter “TZE”.

The 2018 Interim Rally Refund policy will be voted on during this year's elections. This policy was published earlier this year and is available for viewing on the club website. The club has been temporarily using the 2018 revised Refund policy during this year's rally season. The 2018 refund policy if approved would be formally included in the club's Standing Rules.

Lastly, in order to follow the GMC Great Lakers and FMCA By-Laws concerning club voting, Ballots will be provided to all members in early September and voting will take place by U.S. mail or electronic correspondence before the October rally. All election results will be presented at the October rally. Members will receive detailed information with the final ballot and how to cast your votes in a special email/ mail distribution in early September.

Every GMC Great Lakers Full Member whose FMCA membership is up to date is eligible to vote. Each Great Lakers membership is allowed to submit only one completed ballot. GMC Great Lakers Associate Members are not eligible to vote, per the club's Standing Rules.

Becky Johnson



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 9 - 14	Alternative To GMCEMI	Algonac State Park 8732 River Road Marine City, MI Tel: 810.765.5605	No Host Do Nothing Rally Not an official GL Rally
October 11 - 14		River Ridge RV Resort 22265 8 Mile Road Stanwood, MI 49346 Tel: 231.823.8338	Frank Griffin and Barbara Rhoades

Our camping year is just about over, **now is the time to consider putting on a rally near you.** There is always something to do or see no matter how small.

The **Dutch Treat Campground** in **Zeeland, MI**, a third generation private campground, is waiting for our May 2019 arrival. We have reservations for **May 13-17, 2019** no definite price yet-maybe \$40 per night. Make your own reservation and a one-night deposit will hold the site. There are 30 sites, full hook-ups and a large building for our use. Cancellation terms are on the site.

Dutch Treat Campground is located at 10300 Gordon St, Zeeland, MI 49464, off of I-96. Telephone: 616-772-4303.

**Thanks to all who have helped and put on rallies this year. It takes teamwork. Give me a call with your ideas.**  
Sara Halley

<b>GMCEMI Conventions:</b> Sept. 21 – 27, 2018	Christmas in September	Amana RV Park & Event Center Amana, IA
Mar. 22 – 28, 2019	Tallahassee Treasurers	North Florida Fairgrounds Tallahassee, FL

**October 2018 Michigan Fall Foliage Rally**

Rally Hosts: Frank Griffin and Barbara Rhoades

River Ridge RV Resort  
22265 8 Mile Road  
Stanwood, MI 49346  
Tel: 231.823.8338

Last official GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club rally of 2018! However, all sites are full hook-up with cable and wi-fi, ending the year on a high note.

**Thursday, October 11, 2018:** The official check-in time is 3:00 PM. If you are planning to arrive at the campground before the official check-in time, please contact the campground to confirm your early arrival. Get setup, relax and **prepare your own dinner or visit a local eatery because tonight you are on your own.**

**Friday, October 12, 2018:** Coffee & Donuts **8:00 a.m.** at the Community Center Clubhouse.

Lunch: On your own

**6:00 PM** - Dinner at the Community Center Clubhouse.

**Saturday, October 13, 2018:** Breakfast **8:00 a.m.** at the Community Center Clubhouse.

Lunch: On your own

**6:00 PM** - Dinner at the Community Center Clubhouse.

**Sunday, October 14, 2018:** Coffee & Donuts **8:00 a.m.** Safe travels!

Nearby Attractions: <http://riverridgeresort.com/area-attractions>

GPS Coordinates for River Ridge RV Resort: -85.529601 W Longitude  
43.583865 N Latitude

**October 2018 GMC Great Lakers Rally Registration Form – Michigan Fall Foliage Rally**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ One Person / Motorhome \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Two People / Motorhome \$120.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional Person / Motorhome \$60.00 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Mail the completed form with your check, no later than Sept. 21, 2018 to:**

Frank Griffin  
3247 Hospers  
Grand Blanc, MI 48439-8137  
Tel: 810.444.7585

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:**

## July 13, 2018 GMC Great Lakers General Membership Meeting Minutes Atwood Lake Park

Meeting called to order at 6:52pm

Minutes from May 24, 2018 meeting reviewed: Correction made to club membership count – previously reported as 126, should have been 116 at that time. Motion by Bill Helmore, seconded by Ron Bolser to accept the revised minutes. Motion passed by verbal vote.

**Treasurers Report:** Balance at end of April 13238.90  
Balance at end of June 12824.40

Motion by Tom Hampton, seconded by Red Hickman to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed by verbal vote.

**Membership Report:** Steve Johnson reported that current club membership is 118. There have been 6 additional membership renewals and 3 new members since the beginning of the year.

**Website:** Looking for member motorhome write-ups for Coach of the Month feature.

Becky Johnson reported that 18 members participated today in the walking tour of historic Zoar.

Becky Johnson presented a plan to have a phone "fan out" system to communicate information to those members who receive hard-copy newsletters between newsletters. Each member who receives the newsletter in hardcopy form should identify a club member who will call him or her if new information needs to be passed on before publication of the next newsletter.

Teresa Little gave an update on the rally coming up August 14-16 at the Coshocton KOA. The rally signup deadline is July 24 however the KOA is going to release any un-reserved campsites this weekend. Consequently, members are encouraged to make their camping reservations immediately before the sites are taken by the public. The rally is featuring an optional tour (\$20 per person) at 10:00am Thursday to the Age of Steam Roundhouse. There will be catered dinners on Wednesday and Thursday in an air-conditioned banquet room. There will be a special guest on Wednesday and the club meeting will be held on Thursday. Currently, 17 or 18 coaches are signed up.

Sara Halley reported that the club would participate in the GMCMI fall rally September 21-27 in Amana, Iowa. We will also have a "do nothing" rally September 9-16 in Algonac, Michigan. The October rally will be Oct 11-14 at Stanwood, Michigan.

**2019 Rallies:** Sara Halley reported that the birthday rally would be May 13-17 at the Dutch Treat Campground in Zeeland, Michigan. Based on our 2018 experience, the 2019 GLAMA rally will not be a Great Lakers club rally. We will schedule our June rally on different dates so that club members can attend both if desired.

John Pryzbylek is investigating club flags. Designs to hang on both a flagpole and a garden flag holder are being considered with the club members deciding which to pursue. He expects to have samples by the August rally.

**2019 Elections:** A nominating committee has been formed, made up of Ron Bolser, Barb Gall and Deb Pryzbylek. They will put together a slate of candidates for the elected board positions by the August rally. Voting materials will be sent out in September to be returned in early October so that results can be announced at the October rally.

Also to be voted on will be a proposed change to the club bylaws. Currently, bylaws say: "A member must own at least one-third (1/3) of a Class "A" GMC Motorhome produced from 1973 to 1978 with a Vehicle Identification Number commencing with the letters "TZE" and use the same vehicle at GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club rallies. The chapter president must approve any exception by a member to use another vehicle."

The proposal is to remove the words "and use the same vehicle at GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club rallies. The chapter president must approve any exception by a member to use another vehicle." to encourage members to attend rallies even if they cannot attend in a GMC. Additionally, a statement will be added to the standing rules that while attendance in a GMC is preferred if possible, attendance in a non-GMC is acceptable. The requirement to have at least 1/3 ownership of a GMC will be unchanged. Ron Bolser moved and Nina Lee Hampton seconded a motion to include the bylaws change proposal with the fall elections. Motion passed by verbal vote.

Red Hickman moved and Sara Halley seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by verbal vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

Minutes recorded by Steve Johnson since the club Secretary was not present.



During our last trip, we were discussing Road Agents [robbers, thieves, bandits etc.] and Henry Plummer. Henry was the sheriff of Bannack, Montana, a gold and silver mining town, during the years of 1863 – 4. During this time period he was accused of being the leader of a road agent gang known as the “Innocents”. This caused the locals to form a Vigilante Group of Alder Gulch. They were very active in their endeavor to rid the area of crime. They hanged 26 people in 28 days and one of them was Henry Plummer. They hanged at least 138 people without a trial. Bannack is now a State Park and it has interesting tales to tell. Well worth a visit. So keep your eyes alert during your next trip.

We have been communicating about the bad guys and did you know the bacteria within our bodies do communicate amongst themselves? They can also count. WOW! This is something. The ones who are the bad guys and wear the Black Hats have a quorum before they launch an attack. This information was discovered by a Princeton University molecular biologist, Bonnie Bassler. Maybe these guys are road agents! The ones we know today use telephones and computers.

This idea of communicating cells is being used to fight cancer by interrupting their communication.

Bacteria cells are stand alone where viruses need a host.

We have covered a number of topics on this trip, what does the copilot think about this?

Maybe this is time for me to have another Cleopatra donkey milk bath!



**Corn and Bean Salad**

- 1 can, 14 oz. whole kernel corn. Drained and rinsed
- 1 can, 14 oz. black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 red bell pepper diced
- 1/2 cup green onions, sliced diagonally about 3/4"
- 1/2 cup red onion, chopped
- 1 or 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 medium tomato, chopped
- Cilantro sprigs for garnish

- Dressing
- 3/4 cup zesty Italian dressing
- 3/4 tsp. Sriracha chili sauce
- 1/2 tsp. chili powder
- 1 tbs. fresh lemon or lime juice
- 1 tsp. finely chopped cilantro

In a large bowl combine corn, beans, bell pepper, green onions, red onion, garlic and tomato

For dressing:  
In a canning jar, combine Italian dressing, Sriracha chili sauce, chili powder, lemon juice and finely chopped cilantro. Close lid and shake to mix.

Pour dressing over corn and bean mixture and stir to mix. Cover and refrigerate overnight or at least 6 hours. Serve in a bowl and garnish with sprigs of cilantro or red onion wedges.

Submitted by Merle Carpenter

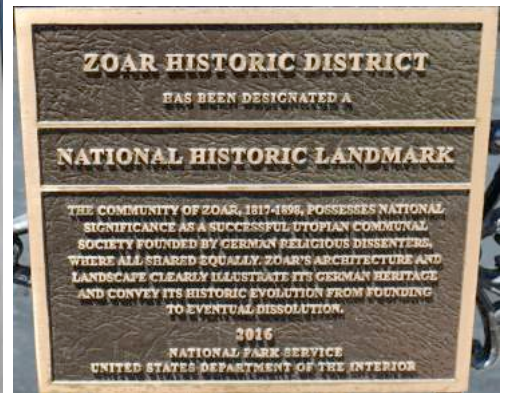


# Zoar Ohio Society of Separatists Utopian Communal Culture 1817 - 1898



## The Separatist Principles

- 1 We believe and confess the Trinity of God, in the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
- 2 The full of Adam and of all mankind, with the loss thereof of the likeness of God in them.
- 3 The return through Christ to God, our proper and lawful Father.
- 4 The Holy Scriptures as the rule of our lives, and the foundation of truth and fellowship. All our other principles derive from these, and govern our conduct in the religious, spiritual and natural life.
- 5 All associations are founded from among us, and are declared to be useless and harmful, and this is the chief cause of our separation.
- 6 We render in no martial honors due only to God, such as uncoversing the head, bowing the knee, and the like. We address everyone as "thou."
- 7 We separate ourselves from all ecclesiastical connections and ties, because the life of a Christian never requires association, which at times create sectarian divisions.
- 8 Our marriages are contracted by mutual consent before witnesses. They are then sanctified by the civil authorities, therefore, entirely without priestly union or ceremony.
- 9 All intercourse of the sexes, except that which is necessary for the propagation of the race, are held to be sinful and contrary to the command of God, entire abstinence, or complete chastity, is, however, still better.
- 10 Teachers, we cannot send our children into the schools of Babylon, because they oppose our principles. Lacking in morality and religion, the village schools breed crowds of others, who, given good opportunity in their meetings, teach their false students wickedness and debauchery.
- 11 We cannot serve the state as soldiers, because a Christian cannot murder his enemy, much less his friend.
- 12 We recognize the temporal authority as absolutely necessary to maintain order, to protect the good and honest and to punish the wrongdoer; no one can prove us to be unfaithful to the state, but rather the contrary.





	<b>Financial Report</b>	
	<b>July 31, 2018</b>	
Starting Balance:	\$	12,824.40
Revenue:	\$	976.50
Expenses:	\$	1,402.54
Ending Balance:	\$	12,398.36



**Get well cards have been sent to these individuals:**

Janet Wright

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

**DO YOU EVER LOOK AT ALL YOUR KIDS AND THINK...**

**THAT ONE** will be dropping me curbside at the nursing home.  
**THAT ONE** will be paying for it.  
**THAT ONE** will visit me the most.  
**And THAT ONE?** He'll be sneaking in the good tequila and twinkies.

## July Rally at Atwood Lake Park

We wish to thank everyone who attended the rally! So glad all enjoyed the rally!

Sixteen coaches were in attendance.

One guest family of five, the Coogans, friends of Dolph Santorine.

Two visitors on Friday - Bill and Mary Jane Mauger.

Two catered dinner meals, the first on Friday followed by the membership meeting, and the second Saturday evening.

Becky had trip to Zoar with a group of about twenty in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the trip and learning about Zoar.

Good times had by all!!!

Jane and Bill Michel

The Atwood Lake Park marina is shown in the photo below.



Campers: Nature's way of feeding mosquitoes.

Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America?

Better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt.



I was having trouble with my computer so I called my 13 year-old son to help me.

He clicked a couple of buttons and fixed it. As he was walking back to his room I asked him what the problem was.

He said, "It was an 'ID ten T' issue". Not wanting to sound stupid but curious in case I had the same problem again, I asked him what an ID ten T was.

"Write it down", he said, so I did.

ID10T.....he never was my favourite child anyway.



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## 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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