

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.



NEWSLETTER



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

With two more rallies under our belts at Shipshewana, Indiana and Plain City, Ohio, we are half way through our club's camping season. If you haven't had a chance to get to a rally this year, consider joining us. If your GMC isn't able to travel, don't let that stop you from joining us. Some of our members participate by staying in a local hotel or by using some other type of camper. If you live close enough, you can even come for the day. Just contact the rally host to work out any special arrangements so they have accurate headcounts for each day and activity.

The 29 year old song writer/ singer Thomas Rhett wrote a song called "Life Changes". I first heard about him from a friend in our neighborhood Book Club. She was so impressed with Rhett's song that she learned about from her young adult kids, she played it for our Book Club group on day. When I mentioned Thomas Rhett to my own young adult kids, they said they were familiar with him. In fact, our son who currently lives in Nashville saw Thomas Rhett (a resident of Nashville) while at church one Sunday.

The chorus of Rhett's song "Life Changes" has stuck with me for the past several weeks. The

chorus goes like this:

*Ain't it funny how life changes,
You wake up, ain't nothing the same and life
changes,
You can't stop, just on the train and,
You never know what's gonna happen,
You make your plans and you hear God laughing,
Life changes, and I wouldn't change it for the
world, oh no,
And I wouldn't change it for the world, the world.*

As owners of 40+ year old coaches, this chorus often reflects a lot of what we experience as part of owning a GMC Motorhome. Some Great Lakers members start driving to a rally and experience break downs along the way. Some of these break downs involve a straightforward repair, while other repairs become a lot more involved. And a few of our members have experienced an unexpected loss of their GMC. "Ain't it funny how life changes...You never know what's gonna happen."

Besides our GMC coach experiences, many of us find unexpected changes within our own lives. Shortly after the June rally our son who lives in Nashville learned he was being relocated for his job. He moves to Irvine, California the beginning of August. On the plus side, our son's move now allows us to attend the August rally. Every one of us can probably think of some of our plans we've made that end up taking a different direction. "Ain't it funny how life changes...You never know what's gonna happen."

So, if you've never been to a Great Lakers rally, find one near you and at least stop by and meet some of our group. "Ain't it funny how life changes...You never know what's gonna happen."

Becky

GMC Great Lakers Membership Meeting June 11, 2019 Shipshewana, Indiana

New members Richard and Venjeana Foerster and first meeting attendee Alisha Gillen, Jack Mayberry of FMCA and several members of the GMC Six Wheelers club were introduced and welcomed to the rally.

Sara Halley reported the July 24 - 28 rally in Plain City, Ohio would include a fish fry, a tour of the Phoenix baseball bat company, and a spaghetti dinner. The Donaghues, will host the August rally in Holly, Michigan. September is a do nothing rally in Algonac, Michigan. The October rally will be held in conjunction with the GMCM Fall Convention in Mansfield, Ohio. The GMC Great Lakers will host the ladies tea, chaired by Mary Colie, with the Board appropriating \$200 for the tea expenses.

Hoping to have 2020 rally schedule finalized by the end of this summer.

John Wright reported Bee Frahm had kidney failure and is now doing dialysis at home five days per week. He also reported on Judy Dohm's health and recovery progress.

Jack Mayberry of FMCA, reported on GLAMA. The Allegan County Fairgrounds has added more dump stations and campsites. In 2020 FMCA will put our group by the gate to enable easier access to dump stations during the week. Les Naylor, President, sent his apologies for the problems we encountered during the 2018 GLAMA rally.

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club garden flags were distributed to rally attendees.

Forest and Pat Crow won the free rally giveaway with Jim White and Marilyn Smith winning the gas mileage prize from their home to the rally campground.

Tee shirts were awarded to six people: Frank Griffin, Steve Thornburg, Jan Serreyn, Bob Schwartz, Billie Kelley and Marv Miller.

Respectfully submitted,
Bea Newman, Secretary

Editor Comment: A photo of the 2019 GMC Great Lakers garden flag is attached:



GMCCI Exclusive Opportunity

If anyone is interested in looking for Ohio ancestors, Nina Lee Hampton is volunteering to drive to the Ohio Genealogical Society office in Belleville, Ohio, which is about 12 miles south of Mansfield. She and Sara Halley are members. This road trip would take place sometime during the GMCCI Fall Convention.

The office is located at 611 State Route 97W, Belleville, Ohio. The telephone number is (419) 886.1903 and their business hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Tuesday through Saturday. The website is <https://www.ogs.org>.

There is a \$5.00 per day charge for "non-members" to search. Collect your ancestor's names and check the inventory at the OGS.

Sara Halley



And the winners were...

Congratulations to **Ron and Jan Bolser** for winning the gas reimbursement drawing at the Plain City, Ohio rally and **Red and Beth Hickman** for winning the free rally coupon!

Remember, the only way to participate in the drawings and potentially walk away with the **CASH** is to attend the rally – **BUT YOU HAVE TO BE THERE** in order to be eligible to win!

We have three more Great Laker club rallies remaining in 2019, so mark your calendars and join in the fun. Hope to see you soon!

Gonna Wanna Be Rally June, 2019 Shipshewana, Indiana

We believe all members of the 29 units and two couples as drive in / motel guests had a wonderful time at the Shipshewana South campground, Monday June 10th thru Friday June 14th, 2019. A lot of the plans revolved around shopping the local stores and shops, the flea market, the antique auction, but most important was the social part of eating!

Monday evening after the meet and greet, we all traveled to Topeka to Tiffany's Restaurant for dinner. Then starting on Tuesday morning we had to decide which doughnut to choose from The Rise and Roll Bakery. The many choices of Tuesday were an open day for shopping, flea market, and stores. In the afternoon, some of the group was privileged to tour the Wellspring factory and a seminar on solar as it relates to RV's. This was a very informative session. Tuesday evening our business meeting was chaired by our president, Becky Johnson and after the giveaways, ice cream and cookies followed the meeting. A good way to end a long day.

Wednesday morning brought more doughnuts and shopping. This day also had the antique auction. If you couldn't attend, imagine 10-12 auctioneers all calling out bids at the same time in the same building. Your mind kind of went in circles, not knowing which one to watch. In the late afternoon, 62 of us went to Yoder's Homestyle Cooking and Banquets. We had all the food we could eat in an Amish home setting. Card bingo appeared to be fun for all who attended back in the pavilion that evening.

Thursday morning after hospitality, some of the group went to Middlebury and toured the Jayco Class C motorhome plant. It was interesting to see how fast and hard the employees worked at the plant. The weather on this day didn't cooperate with the plans, so the Duck Creek Farm tour and the classic car cruise-in both got cancelled. However, we went and enjoyed a wonderful evening at the Das Dutchman Essenhaus Restaurant in Middlebury. More card playing happened once we were back to the campground.

Friday morning we all polished off the last of the doughnuts and the wonderful quick breads that were donated. After visiting and farewells, we all hit the road back to our homes. And now we wait patiently for the next rally!

Marv and Sally Miller



Thanks to Joe and Alesia Gillen and Pat Shotwell for the photos

1976 THE FORMATIVE YEAR – Part I

Prior to 1976 GMC Truck and Coach, the manufacturer of the GMC motorhomes asked by a large number of GMC motorhome owners to form a club of owners. They (GMC) commissioned Mac and Gloria McDonnell to form the GMC Motorhome clubs under the umbrella of the Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA). The McDonnells brought with them a wealth of knowledge and experience ranging from the technical history of the industry to the organization of motorhome clubs, chapters and associations.

The clubs were formed to promote friendship among GMC motorhome owners and provide them with a direct link with GMC management and, because of the GMC club members are also members of the FMCA, they would share in the benefits of that organization as well.

In the spring of 1976 the GMC organization in Pontiac began to publish a newsletter for and about GMC Motorhome Clubs and the motorhome itself. The "GMC Motorhome Traveler" as it was called contained articles on club doings, service tips, a monthly calendar of club activities and other articles of interest to GMC owners. It was published from February 1976 through February 1979 by the GMC Truck and Coach Division of General Motors at no charge to GMC motorhome owners. It was sent to all GMC motorhome owners.

It was a cold winter night in January 1976 when fifteen GMC motorhome owners and GMC executives got together with Mac and Gloria McDonnell at Ted's restaurant in Bloomfield, Michigan. At this meeting an application to the FMCA was signed to form the first GMC Motorhome Club. That Club was chartered as the GMC Michigan Wolverines on January 24, 1976. The Club's first officers were: Virgil Barbe, President; Bob Beyer, Vice President; Ann Schipper, Secretary; L.L. Mac McKenzie, Jr., Treasurer and Mac McDonnell as the National Director.

The Club held two more meetings at Ted's, one in February and the second in March, 1976. At the March meeting it was decided that the members next get together would be with the motorhomes. Sally Barbe, William Helmore and Bob Beyer were appointed to the Rally Committee with Biob as Chairman. This committee put together the first rally at Groveland Oaks County Park in Holly, Michigan on May 14th to 16th, 1976.

At the second meeting the FMCA suggested that The Club change its scope from Michigan to all states and provinces of Canada that touché the Great Lakes. This change was made to allow for a larger geographical area to encompass a larger group of prospective members.

That weekend twenty-five GMC motorhomes were assembled at Groveland Oaks. Although the weather was wet it did not put a damper on the enthusiasm of all who participated. The men went from one coach to another looking at and talking about all the mechanical changes and updates available for the motorhome. Meanwhile, the Ladies made the rounds of each coach to see what each owner had done to the interior. All left the rally with a lot of changes in mind for their coach.

At the May rally the members decided to change the name of the Club to "The GMC Great Lakers". The name change was made to calm the Buckeye and Spartan Fans who were not happy with the name "Wolverines".

The second rally was held the weekend of June 10th to 12th, 1976 at Miles Cabins in St. Ignace, Michigan. Thirteen Great Lakers had a great time visiting Mackinac Island on Saturday. A volleyball tournament between the adults and the teens was won by the adults, believe it or not.

1976 THE FORMATIVE YEAR – Part I (continued)

The FMCA's 13th National Convention, July 20th to 22nd, 1976 held in Centerville, Michigan was the site for the Club's July rally. The Great Lakers joined with some 200 GMC motorhomes in earning the distinction of having the greatest number of motorhomes present representing a single manufacturer. Speaking of manufacturers, the motorhome people from General Motors were also well represented with a full compliment of management, manufacturing, service and shows and exhibits personnel in attendance. In addition to the FMCA activities, GMC owners also enjoyed a host of special GMC activities sponsored by the owners clubs, area GMC Dealers and GMC Personnel. Daily motorhome service and operational clinics as some fine buffet meals and entertainment were among the activities included. The folks at GMC invited the convention attendees to come up to Pontiac for a luncheon and tour of the GMC motorhome plant.

August 13th to 15th, 1976 found the Great Lakers gathering together at Timber Shores in Northport, Michigan. Friday night's campfire sing-a-long was aided by the "song sheets" Margaret Lappen put together. Saturday began with coffee and coffee cake. The group rock hunted, swam, needlepointed, shuffle boarded and visited with fellow Great Lakers. The Lee's presented a slide show of their trip to Nebraska and the Dakotas. Using the most expensive screen we ever saw (the side of Lappan's white GMC), Herb entertained the group with some really good photography and some of the most disarmingly droll patter we have ever heard.

September 17th to 19th 1976 found the Great Lakers gathering at Four Seasons Campground near Jackson, Michigan. It proved to be an inter club rally as the Veteran Motor Car Association was having their regional camp together this weekend and we spent some time enjoying and inspecting the antique autos they brought with them.

Our hosts, the Zunitch's were up early and the coffee and donuts were ready to be enjoyed by 8:00 am. The girls gathered near and were instructed in needlepoint by Margaret Lappan. She brought samples of GMC Great Lakers pillow covers which when chosen, the girls spent from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm trying to learn the basket weave stitch and how to make corners. There were more than a few comments from the men about how unusual it was to see so many women so quiet for so long.

Saturday's potluck was the first time, I'm sure, that we had seen chicken fixed so many different ways at one time. The campfire was started and somehow the singing led to the Hokey Pokey.

At the general membership meeting it was decided that the second full weekend of each month starting in May and ending in October will be scheduled for the Great Lakers' rallies. Friday must be in the month for the weekend to be counted in the month.

The October 15th to 17th, 1976 rally at St. Clair Wilderness Campground in St. Clair, Michigan closed the season with a blustery cold and snow flurry weekend. About twenty (20) GMC motorhomes braved the weather by huddling around a campfire and throwing darts at a target hung on a table turned on end.

The month of October was also the month in which more than 200 GMC families gathered at the KOA in Nashville, Tennessee for the GMC Grand Ole Opry Rally. This rally was one of those where you drove in, hooked-up and enjoyed good food, good friends and great entertainment.

Submitted by Bill Helmore

GMC Great Lakers – Membership Meeting Minutes, July 27, 2019 Plain City, Ohio

Since Bea was unable to attend rally, the June meeting minutes were not discussed.

John Shotwell reported that the bank balance at the end of June was \$10,556.43. Additional income since May has been some additional new members and one renewal. Expenses since May include the cost of club member flags, some additional pre-purchase of new member name tags and coach plaques from the supplier and gas and free rally drawing winners from May and June.

A report provided by Steve Johnson indicates 2 additional new members since the June rally, bringing the total membership (including Friends of the Great Lakers) to 112.

Deb Pryzbylek gave the Sunshine Lady report. It was mentioned that Bea Newman's mother has some serious health issues and is under hospice care. She sent a card on behalf of the club to the Littles whose coach caught fire earlier this month while they were on their way to a car show.

Becky Johnson introduced our newest club members, Terry and Sonya Null from Middlebury, Indiana.

Becky said that the Nominating Committee is working on filling the slate. Anyone with an interest in a board position or who knows anyone who might be interested in a board position should contact a member of the Nominating committee (John Pryzbylek, Jeff Rider, or Jerry Newman). The final slate will be announced at the August rally.

2019 Rallies – Nancy Donaghue gave a report clarifying the total fees for the August rally at Groveland Oaks Campground in Holly, Michigan (for this rally only it will include both the camping fees and rally fees). There are two catered dinners for the August rally. She passed out rally registration forms. Ron Bolser asked if our group could coordinate an Open House with the Tin Can Tourists who are also having a rally at Groveland Oaks that weekend. Nancy will inquire. Anyone who is or thinks they will attend please contact Nancy ASAP so she can add you to her list of attendees.

September is the Do Nothing Rally at Algonac State Park in Michigan, which is the 2nd week in September (8th thru 15th). Sign up on the Michigan DNR website. October's rally is the GMCMI convention in Mansfield. When you sign up for GMCMI be sure to notify Sara Halley and Becky Johnson so we can keep track of those attending for our club meeting and group dinner.

2020 Rallies – Becky is working on Camp Dearborn in Milford, MI for the May rally and a rally at Turkeyville near Marshall, Michigan for the fall 2020. June will be the GLAMA rally at Allegan County, MI and potentially the GMCMI Fall convention for Fall 2020. Ron Bolser asked if we could get assurances from GLAMA that we would be located in a better location on site than in 2017. Becky will contact Les Naylor to verify that what he has said he will do for our group (closer to dump stations near the entrance with adequate power and water sources), which was sorely missed this past June, will indeed take place.

Ron Bolser also asked about the possibility of a rally near Auburn, IN near the Auburn Duisenberg Cord Automobile Museum. Sara mentioned that one of our club members can get us tickets to the museum. Anyone who has a campground suggestion please contact Becky Johnson so the club can make plans.

The gas drawing and free rally drawing took place after the spaghetti dinner on Saturday night. The Bolsers won the gas drawing and the Hickmans won a free rally coupon.

Submitted by Becky Johnson on behalf of Bea Newman, 7-31-19

It's Summer Rally July 2019 Plain City, Ohio

Thanks to God we had great weather all throughout the rally.

Thank you for coming to Pastime Park, Plain City, Ohio. July 24-28.

It worked out after all the rain that the park workers got the new sites in time for us to use.

I want to thank the other couples that helped put this rally together, Tom and Nina Lee Hampton, and Dick and Kathy Wilson.

We had 20 coaches participate, two on a hook (tow truck). Terry and Sonya Null from Middlebury, IN were first timers. We also had 2 guests, Cole Wright and Lila Santorine.

Wednesday evening, 35 went to the Weeks' barn for a great meal of fish and fresh garden food. Thursday's breakfast was the same as the others during the week, coffee and sweets. Thursday was Farm Market day and a car show in the evening with almost 200 various vehicles. Friday morning, 23 went on the tour of the Phoenix Baseball Bat Factory where a machine makes a wooden bat for minor and major league baseball teams. There was a pizza lunch at the campground for all, then there was free time. Saturday, most of the day was free. 45 went to Marysville for a spaghetti dinner to help the Boy Scouts go camping. You can tell what this group does best!

Jim Wagner said he saved mileage coming on a hook. They decided to sell their coach to a member who attended the rally.

Dillon and Beth Hickman also came on the hook and parked at the Halley barn where Bob Halley and Dillon got a new water pump installed. They got it working and made the rally.

Sunday morning, we shared our coffee with the Poor Mans Hot Rod Club. They provided the donuts. Soon the park was full of vintage automobiles of many styles and colors. See you in Holly, Michigan in August!

Sara and Walt Halley





A special thanks to Barbara Swartz for taking the photos at the Boy Scouts spaghetti dinner



GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Membership by Year

YEAR	NUMBER OF MEMBERS
1976	66
1977	75
1978	73
1979	58
1980	81
1981	61
1982	78
1983	82
1984	109
1985	118
1986	135
1987	150
1988	160
1989	177
1990	180
1991	185
1992	197
1993	208
1994	208
1995	227
1996	227
1997	216
1998	248
1999	259
2000	264
2001	275
2002	275
2003	265
2004	232
2005	226
2006	207
2007	217
2008	207
2009	200
2010	185
2011	173
2012	172
2013	167
2014	156
2015	141
2016	148
2017	137
2018	118
2019	108*

*Excludes four Friends of the Great Lakers

Data submitted by Bill Helmore

favorite RECIPES

Amish Church Peanut Butter Spread

For those of you who loved the Amish peanut butter spread served to us in Shipshewana last month at the Yoder's Homestyle Cooking and Banquets, here is a good replication.

Ingredients:

½ cup of your favorite creamy or chunky style peanut butter

¼ cup marshmallow crème or fluff

1 cup light corn syrup

In a mixing bowl, stir all the ingredients together until combined. Place in a covered container. Use as a bread spread or ice cream topper. Eat some as a sandwich.

Store in refrigerator; bring to room temperature before using. Can be softened by gentle heating in a microwave.

Recipe makes 1½ cups.

Submitted by Bea Newman



ROAD TRAVEL TIDBITS

Submitted by Anonymous

How have your travel plans developed this year? If you did not attend the Holland rally, you missed a great opportunity to view gorgeous colors at the park and farm. The tulips were breathtaking.

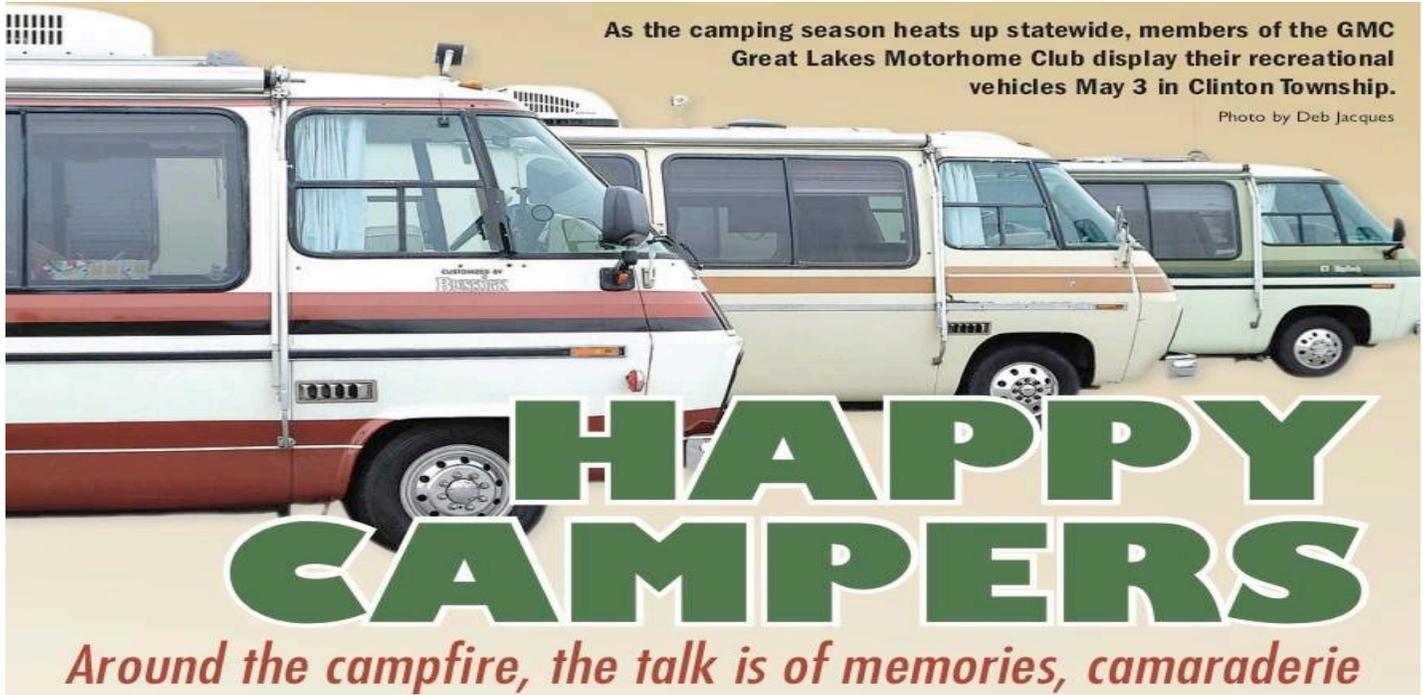
When you are traveling, the opportunity arises to speak to new people and everybody has a story. In our GMC community there is the fellow who was involved in a bank robbery. One of our Great Lakers, who was a train engineer, had a runaway train. Another GMC owner drove 1100 miles from Alaska, because nobody would work on his coach. **WOW - what a story!** What is your story?

I was in a campground in northern California and talking to a young man about his profession and he said that he was the money manager for a couple of Billionaires - not millionaires. That makes it hard to relate. I asked what does a billionaire own - a little of everything that makes a lot of money was the answer. I was in Door County, Wisconsin and had a conversation with a fellow who told me about his son's occupation. He worked on a fishing boat in the wintertime and the job was to chop the ice from the bow of the boat with an axe. What a job!!

This really expands your horizon; these are an educational experience that broadens you. Take that trip you have been talking about for some time - **This Year!** You never know whom you will meet. The pictures below are some that I have seen along the trail.



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THE RETRO RV

On Aug. 21, 2017, when the total solar eclipse made history, members of the GMC Great Lakes Motorhome Club gathered in Paducah, Kentucky, to observe the event together. It also gave them a chance to camp in their retro RVs. The group periodically holds rallies in different parts of the country from May to October to share ideas and experiences with their vehicles, and to enjoy the outdoors.

“Our club’s focus is the 1973-1978 GMC Motorhomes themselves,” club President Becky Johnson said in an email. “Our mission statement states that ‘our purpose is to promote the enjoyment and preservation of the GMC Motorhome.’”

The club is a chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association. The criteria for chapter membership is to own at least 1/3 of a GMC Motorhome produced between 1973 and 1978. The crew usually camps for about four or five days at each rally, which often includes a group tour, but members like to keep an open schedule so they can socialize.

“We have a group of ladies who quilt that will go and visit local quilt shops,” Johnson said.

“On occasion, the ladies will learn a craft. Some folks play cards. We all become good friends with our common interest of the GMC Motorhome.”

On May 3, Johnson gave a presentation about the 1973-78 GMC RVs at the Lorenzo Cultural Center, located on the Center Campus of Macomb Community College in Clinton Township. She shared sketches and pictures of the original clay models and talked about the history of the vehicles.

The motorhomes came in two sizes: the 23-footer and the 26-footer. In 1973, the smaller vehicle had a base price of \$13,570; the larger’s base price was \$14,570.

Johnson’s presentation showed vintage footage of the motorized campers performing test drives at the proving grounds in Milford and in Mesa, Arizona, driving on different pavements while turning in circles.

Maggie Houston, of Shelby Township, attended the May 3 event. She was an avid camper from 1952 until 1996, when her husband, Ralph, died. Houston, 86, spent many years camping with him and their children. They had tents and a pop-up trailer. Sometimes, Houston’s brother lent them his motorhome. She also hit the trails with a group of moms and



Grosse Pointe Woods residents Allen Vogel, daughter Amanda Vogel and 10-month-old Chester love to camp at Algonac State Park.

Photo by Maria Allard

their kids when their husbands were away at work.

“It was good. We took the kids to educational places,” she said. “The kids entertained themselves. The moms entertained themselves. We sat around the campsite. We told spooky stories and we sang. We have a gazillion stories. The moms, we’d have some hot toddies.”

Memories include camping trips to Ludington to enjoy the beach, to the Upper Peninsula, and to Amherstburg, Ontario. Even the big city of Toronto was a camping haunt. Sometimes the

weather cooperated; other times it seemed the rain wouldn’t stop.

“Each year we picked some place we knew the kids would enjoy. We swam a lot in pools, in lakes,” Houston recalled. “The kids loved the freedom of not being hooked to us. They could safely play. We had a different freedom people don’t have now. They got to be really good friends. They could take care of each other.”

For more information on the GMC Great Lakes Motorhome Club, visit www.gmcgreatlakers.org.

Call Staff Writer Maria Allard at (586) 498-1045.



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!

May 13 – 17	Birthday Rally	Dutch Treat Campground 10300 Gordon Street Zeeland, MI 49464 Tel: 616.772.4303	Executive Board
June 10 – 14	Joint Rally with The Six Wheelers	Shipshewana Campground South 1105 S Van Buren St. (SR 5) Shipshewana, Indiana 46565 Tel: 260.768.4669 Campsites being held for the rally are: 124-136; 111-116; 97-102 and 72-76. Make your reservations early directly with the campground. Tell them you are with the GMC Great Lakers club.	Marv & Sally Miller
July 24 - 28		Plain City Pastime Park 344 N Chillicothe Street Plain City, OH 43064 Tel: 614.873.3527 Ext: 108	Halleys, Hamptons, Wilsons
August 22 - 25	Tin Can Tourists also hosting a rally	Groveland Oaks County Park 14555 Dixie Highway Holly, Michigan 48442 Tel: 248.634.9811	Nancy & Peter Donaghue
September 9 – 15		Algonac State Park 8732 River Road Marine City, Michigan 48039 Tel: 810.765.5605 On line reservations http://www.midnrreservations.com	Do Nothing Rally
October 4 - 10		GMCMC Fall Convention Richland County Fairgrounds Mansfield, Ohio	GMCMC

GMCMC Conventions

October 4 – 10, 2019 Celebrating GMC Flyers Richland County Fairgrounds
Mansfield, Ohio

	Financial Report
	July 2019
Starting Balance:	\$ 10,556.43
Revenue:	\$ 0.00
Expenses:	\$ 786.71
Ending Balance:	\$ 9,769.72



Get well cards have been sent to these individuals:

Gary Kosier

A sympathy card was sent to Teresa and Rick Little on the loss of their coach

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

ODDS AND ENDS

I've reached the age where my train of thought often leaves the station without me.

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The fact that there's a highway to hell and only a staircase to heaven says a lot about anticipated traffic numbers.

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Apparently you can't use "beefstew" as a password. It's not stroganoff.

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Being cremated is my last hope for a smoking hot body.

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The past, the present and the future walked into a bar. It was tense.

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Mirror, mirror on the wall... what the hell happened?

~

Everything I like is either illegal, immoral or fattening!





NEWS & UPDATES

FMCAssist is emergency medical evacuation coverage available to members worldwide as long as you are more than 100 miles from home. You can be traveling in an RV, car, plane, ship, or motorcycle to be eligible for this benefit. If you are a full-time RVer, you are always considered 100 miles from home. Some exclusions and limitation amounts pertain to this benefit.

FMCAssist coverage is provided by Seven Corners and is underwritten by Lloyd's of London.

What do you need to do to enroll in this program? Absolutely nothing! As long as you are an active FMCA member and your FMCA dues are current, you have coverage.

All of these benefits **must be arranged** by Seven Corners in order to be covered. If you have a medical emergency, dial 9-1-1; consult with a physician; then, call Seven Corners at (877) 202-4176, in advance if you need to use these services. The collect (worldwide) number is (317) 582-2619.



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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