



*The Newsletter of  
the GMC Great  
Lakers  
Motorhome Club,  
Inc.*

America's Oldest and Largest  
Regional GMC Club for Preservation  
of the GMC Motorhome!



**Dale Frahm  
President 2017  
GMC Great Lakers**

## Dales Wails!

Well happy birthday to the club. The Birthday Rally was simply great. Our committee-mainly Phyllis and Steve did an outstanding job. But they could not control the weather. In spite of the cold and rainy days we had a good time.

Please note - Those with Internet access will be getting an email about the by-law changes that have to be voted on at the July rally. Those without will get a snail mail. We must do this to make FMCA happy.

On a happier note spring is here with lawn cutting and all that good stuff. Let's all be glad we can keep our old bodies and old GMC's going.

Happy Trails

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### Upcoming Rallies 2017

**Great Outdoors Rally  
June 8 thru 12th  
Fayette, OH**

**Summer Fun Rally  
July 27, 28 & 29  
Ionia, MI**

Words of wisdom:

Be yourself. Everyone else is taken.

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything, they just make the most of everything they have!



## **THE SUMMER FUN RALLY - JULY 27 TO JULY 30**

ALICE SPRINGS RV PARK & RESORT  
5087 ALICE COURT - IONA, MICHIGAN 48846  
(616) 527-1608  
[www.alicespringsrvpark.com](http://www.alicespringsrvpark.com)

We reserved campsites starting on Thursday, July 27th for 3 nights, leaving on Sunday, July 30. If anyone wishes to come early or stay late, please make those reservations with the campground. Check-in time is 3:00pm and checkout is 2:00pm.

We will serve 3 breakfasts, Friday, Saturday & Sunday. We will serve 3 dinners, Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights. On Friday you will need to choose which main course you would like. This information is on the reservation form, please pick one selection per person. The reservation form is on the website, sent as an email and mailed to those who do not use the internet.

The campground is hosting a Christmas in July. They will have an arts and craft (vendors) show on Saturday. If you're interested in getting a spot to sell, you will need your own table and canopy. Cost is \$5.00 per booth. After the arts & crafts show, everyone is invited to do appetizers to share with all the other campers (optional). That night they have a band playing. The campground also is having a contest for the best decorated campsite, keep in mind, this is Christmas themed, also optional.

Directions: From the east or west take 96 to exit #67, highway 66 and go north. The campground is approximately 1 mile north of 96 on the right.

## **BACK TO THE PAST... 41<sup>st</sup> BIRTHDAY BASH**

The 2017 Great Lakers Spring Rally / 41<sup>st</sup> Birthday Bash was held at the Granger / Elkhart North KOA campground in Granger, IN, from May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 7. The Great Lakers were joined by a contingent of 4 coaches and 8 campers from the GMC Six Wheelers Club.

Over the six nights of camping, 32 coaches and 61 people participated in the rally activity. We expected 3 more coaches and 6 more people to attend, but unfortunately they each experienced a twist of fate that prevented their attendance.

Unfortunately the weather was a bit cool and damp, but that has to be expected during the first week of May in Northern Indiana.

We had much good food and much good fellowship, as is the norm for GMC club rallies.

Big Thanks go out to Margie Baumbarger, Deb Pryzbylek and Bee Frahm for all their help in preparation of Saturday night's dinner.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club and Best Wishes for many happy returns!  
Phyllis & Steve Thornburg, Rally Hosts

# Update

## Corporation Bylaws Revision Required by FMCA

After last month article on the Bylaws required revision, our VP spearheaded the effort to review and revise our Bylaws and Standing Rules and bring them into compliance. At the May Birthday rally Executive Board Meeting the proposed changes were reviewed and necessary changes were suggested and final comments were requested. Email users will be send an updated version of the Standing Rules and the Bylaws by email and non-email users by snail mail shortly. The Revised Standing Rules and Bylaws will be voted by ballot at the July General Membership Meeting. Those not attending the July rally will be able to download a ballot, print in out, fill it out and “VOTE” and send it back by Snail mail to the club. Instruction will be on the ballot.

### Sunshine & Clouds

**Lynn Balsley** had her gallbladder removed April 20th while still in Florida. A get well card from the group was sent to Lynn.

**Tom Dixon** contacted the club to tell us that his wife **Kathy** passed away on May 5<sup>th</sup> from Cancer.

#### GMC GREAT LAKERS MOTORHOME CLUB, INC. - 2017 NEW MEMBERS (as of 4-6-17)

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>GL #</u>	<u>Joined</u>
<u>Home Phone</u>	<u>Cell Phone</u>	<u>Cell Phone</u>	<u>City, State, Zip, Country</u>	<u>Alternate Email Address</u>	<u>FMCA #</u>	<u># Rallies</u>
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Email Address Change for Phyllis & Dick Holley is now [reholley99@gmail.com](mailto:reholley99@gmail.com) from [reholley99@aol.com](mailto:reholley99@aol.com) .

ToAll of the GMC Great Lakers Family

All good things come to an end eventually. It has been almost 18 years since I took over as the newsletter editor/publisher in the fall of 1999. Dotty and Worth Harman were the publishers before me. Over the years there have been many changes and hopefully upgrades that were made to the newsletter that I hope that the membership liked or not.

This past year has been difficult for both Jan and I with several medical issues that have taken more of our time. It is time to rest and relax and enjoy the GMCGL club.

With that said, this will be my last year/season as the Editor/Publisher of the Newsletter. It will be the boards mission to find a replacement soon as possible so that there can be a smooth transition and pass over the responsibilities of Editor, Publisher and Assistance Webmaster working with Byron during the year and get them up to speed. I will provide all the necessary templates and past years newsletter archives that I have.

I will miss the newsletter and website, but all good things must come to an end.

*J R Wright*

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.  
**Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Granger / Elkhart North KOA - Granger, IN**  
May 6, 2017

**Call to Order:** President D. Frahm called the May 2017 Membership Meeting to order at 6:40 PM

**Minutes of the June 6, 2016** meeting were not read but referred to from the club newsletter. Minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** J. Shotwell reported that the club's banking has been moved from the Chase Bank in Michigan to the Huntington bank in Ohio. Due to the extremely low accrual of interest income with the savings account, the savings account and the checking account have been merged to simplify bookkeeping.

GMC Great Lakers Treasurer Report as of April 31, 2017: Balance on Hand: \$ 10,602.68

John Wright made a motion for approval of the Treasurer's Report. The report was approved as presented.

**Old Business:**

**Rally Planning** – J. Pryzbylek reported the rallies planned for 2017 are as follows:

**June 8 - 12:** Harrison Lake State Park, Fayette, OH, Pryzbyleks hosting. For reservations problems see or call John.

**July 12 – 15:** FMCA Convention, Indiana State Fair Grounds, Indianapolis, IN

**July 27 – 29:** Alice Springs Campground, Ionia, MI, Carpenters and Stehliks hosting.

**August 18 – 22:** Fern Lake Campground, Paducah, KY. Watch the Solar Eclipse. Pryzbyleks hosting.

**September 9 – 15:** GMCMI Rally, Elkhart Campground, Elkhart, IN

**October 3 – 7:** "Southern Hospitality", Winton Woods Campground, Cincinnati, OH, Newman hosting

D. Frahm encouraged everyone to consider hosting a rally. Anyone interested in hosting a 2018 rally should get their planning started yet this year.

Beginning in 2018, anyone hosting a GMC Great Lakers rally will receive a coupon for a free rally anytime during the subsequent year.

J. Pryzbylek said he will update the "rally guide book" to assist rally hosts.

**Membership** – D. Frahm introduced First Time rally attendees Craig & Chris DeVries, Dennis & Gwen Johnson and John Reddington & Chris Moss.

Ron Severson and wife Judy of the Six-Wheeler club said this was their first Great Lakers rally.

**New Business:**

**Proposed By-Laws Changes** – A notice of proposed by-laws change will be sent to club members; those without email will receive a hard copy notice. The proposed changes will be posted on the club website

**Nominating Committee** – R. Bolser, W. Halley and S. Thornburg volunteered to act as the nominating committee for the 2017 election of officers.

D. Frahm said the election rules would be changed to eliminate the mailed ballots. The election will take place at a regular Membership Meeting, probably in July 2017.

**FMCA:** B. Helmore said FMCA is considering allowing membership for 5<sup>th</sup> wheel units and towable units. FMCA needs to increase membership revenue to help offset increasing expenses. At the local club level, it will be the clubs discretion whether to allow towable memberships. D. Frahm clarified that 5<sup>th</sup> wheel units are not considered as towables because the hitch point is forward of the rear axle of the two vehicle and is considered to be within the tow vehicle.

**Adjournment:** J. Wright moved for adjournment of the meeting. The May 2017 meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

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Stephen Thornburg

On behalf of Phyllis Thornburg, Secretary

## Pineapple Casserole (PAULA DEEN)

1 Cup Sugar – 6 Tablespoon all-purpose flour – 2 Cups Grated Sharp Cheddar Cheese – 2 (20 OZ) cans pineapple chunks, drained, & 6 Tablespoons pineapple juice reserved – 1 Cup Cracker Crumbs (recommend RITZ) – 1 stick butter, melted.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Grease a medium-size casserole dish with some of the melted butter.

In a large bowl, stir together the sugar and flour. Gradually stir in the cheese. Add the drained pineapple chunks and stir until ingredients are well combined. Pour the mixture into the prepared casserole dish.

In another medium bowl, combine the cracker crumbs, rest of the melted butter, and reserved pineapple juice, stirring with a rubber spatula until evenly blended. Spread crumb mixture on top of pineapple mixture.

Bake for 25-30 minutes or until golden brown. **Enjoy Phyllis**

# GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Proposed 2017 Rally Schedule

<b>Completed</b>	Back To The Past Birthday Bash!	Granger, IN	Executive Comm.
<b>June 8 thru 12</b>	Great Outdoors Rally	Fayette, OH	Pryzbyleks
<b>July 27, 28 &amp; 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Summer Fun Rally	Ionia, MI	Stehlik's & Carpenter's
<b>August 18 thru 22</b>	Solar Eclipse Rally	Paducah, KY	GMCES/GMCGL
<b>Sept 9 thru 15</b>	GMCMI Fall Convention-35 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Elkhart, IN	GMCMI
<b>October 3 thru 7</b>	Southern Hospitality	Cincinnati, OH	Newman's

## Rally Refund Policy

If you have paid your fees for a rally that you had planned to attend but decide to cancel you must call the rally host a minimum of 7 days before the rally's listed start date. Any cancellations after the cutoff date will be prorated for non-refundable fees. (Rev. 8/2003)

## Other 2017/2018 Rallies Of Interest!

<b>July 12 thru 15</b>	FMCA 96 <sup>th</sup> International Convention	Indiana State Fairgrounds	Indianapolis, IN
<b>April 6 thru 12, 2018</b>	GMCMI Spring Convention	Tucson Lazydays KOA	Tucson, AZ

Treasurer Report  
GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Inc.  
May 1, 2017

See detailed report in "Members Only" area.

Respectfully Submitted  
John Shotwell, Treasurer

GMC GreatLakers is published for its member's 4 to 6 times per season. Starting in April 2017 the newsletter will be published electronically and sent to your email address. Those of you that do not have and email address will receive your newsletter by mail. Should you not receive your newsletter please contact the membership director.

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### Club Jackets & Shirt Information

**Fleece Vest –Maroon** Sizes XS to 5X = \$38.00  
**Jacket – Maroon** Sizes up to 5X = \$50.00  
Sizes over XX are \$2.00 to \$5.00 Additional  
**Sweat Shirt** w/U.P. & L.P. on Front  
SM – XL = \$13.00 2X – Up = \$15.00  
**T – Shirt** (Same Logo as Sweat Shirt)  
SM – XL = \$8.00 2X – Up = \$10.00  
Sweat Shirts and T-Shirts available in any color  
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**FMC Assist Member Benefit**  
**Emergency Number 877 202-4176**  
**Included with your FMCA Membership**  
**See FMCA Current Magazine For Details or go**

**Great Lakers Website** The web site is located at: [www.gmcgreatlakers.org](http://www.gmcgreatlakers.org) To access the member's only area you need to enter your "GL000" number. The "GL" is in capitals letters. You then must enter your "last" name in lower case. Your GL number is listed in the membership directory under your FMCA number. January 1, 2017 the website will have a common password and you will be notified by email.

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