



*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**

Upcoming Rallies 2017

**Solar Eclipse Rally
August 18 thru 22
Paducah, KY**

**Combined Rally with GMCMI
September 15 thru 21
Elkhart Campground
Elkhart, IN**

Dales Wails!

Hi Partners,

Does everyone know what a bucket list is? It's a list of things you want to do before you die. I completed one last week. I got to take a glider ride in Ionia at the July rally. They pull you up to 5000 feet and then turn you loose, actually I pulled the yellow handle. 5 other members went for a glider flights on Friday and Saturday. It was a Great Ride and nobody crashed.

The next thing on my list is to see a full solar eclipse. Hopefully it happens in Paducah, KY with no clouds in the sky. We will drive 600 miles to see 2 minutes of total darkness. But this will be in our great GMC motorhomes.

See You There
Happy Trails

Dale beefrahm@yahoo.com

Words of Wisdom:

Confusion Says old age brings on Confuses



“Southern Hospitality Rally”

Oct. 3-6, 2017

Winton Woods Hamilton County Park

10245 Winton Rd.

Cincinnati, Ohio 45231

(Do NOT Use Winton Rd Entrance; Use Sharon Rd/Campground Entrance)

Check-In: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 (After 2 PM)

Check-Out: Friday, October 6, 2017 (By Noon)

Jerry and Bea Newman are happy to host their first GMC Great Lakers Motorhome rally, along with co-hosts Steve and Becky Johnson. We hope you can join us in the southwest corner of Ohio at Winton Woods, a Hamilton County Park in Cincinnati starting Tuesday, October 3rd (check in after 2pm) and departing Friday, October 6th (by noon).

All sites during the rally MUST be reserved through Bea Newman, however, any extra nights must be reserved on your own. You'll need to contact Bea beforehand to get your camp site #, if you want to reserve extra nights.

Winton Woods has full hookups, including 30/50 amp service, water, and sewer. The park is big with plenty of easy hiking/ biking trails and a lake. We will arrange a pontoon boat ride around the lake. (You will need an Ohio Fishing License if you plan to fish.) The campground is small and popular so please make your plans ASAP – **Registration Deadline is August 30th.** If your coach is not available to come with you, there are cabins to rent on your own (Greatparks.org 513-521-7275). This popular campground fills up quickly, especially on weekends. If you want to stay longer or come earlier, another option for extra nights is to stay at the FMCA campground, about 40 minutes from Winton Woods. First two nights are free, full hookups, rest rooms, but no shower. (See the FMCA website for more information)

A Tuesday evening social, a field trip to downtown Cincinnati, and a couple of tech sessions are in the works. Cincinnati has a wonderful riverfront with bench swings overlooking the Ohio River. And a walk across one of our bridges gives an exciting view and photo opportunities of Ohio and Kentucky.

Breakfast will be included on all 3 mornings of the rally, and Dinner will be included on Wednesday and Thursday. Consider bringing a snack to share with the group at the Tuesday evening social. You will need to plan on packing a lunch with a drink for our field trip to the Ohio River. (If you have a small lightweight lunch cooler, that would be perfect.) The Great Lakers have a “stone soup recipe” that everyone takes part in, sounds like a delicious fall camping dinner. Please bring your “stone” (vegetable) to add to the pot. And if you have a favorite side dish or dessert, please bring this to the Great Laker election night feast.

We hope you will join us at the all important election rally in Cincinnati the first week of October. Reservations and payment are due by August 30, 2017. (GPS coordinates for the campground will be provided to those who register for the rally.)

Any questions, please call Bea Newman at 513-919-2026, or email at roverb4@gmail.com



GMC Greatlakers September Rally

The GMC Great Lakers MHC will be having our September as a joint rally with GMCMI in their Fall Convention in Elkhart, Indiana. It will be GMCMI's 35th Anniversary! The Convention will be held Friday, September 15 through Thursday, September 21, 2017 at the Elkhart Campground, Elkhart, Indiana. Registration is open for the 2017 Fall GMCMI Convention. All Great Lakers as well as GMCMI members are welcome to join in the celebration.

GMC Eastern States, GMC Great Lakers, GMC Heritage Cruisers and GMC Midwest Classics will be utilizing the Convention as their Fall Rallies.

We invite all of you to come and celebrate the 35th Anniversary of GMC Motorhomes International. If you need further information on the September Rally/Convention you can go to the GMCMI site to get the convention info and entry form.

THE SUMMER FUN RALLY

Alice Springs Campgrounds
Ionia, MI

The Summer Fun Rally of July 27, 2017 came to a close after 3 (4 for some) days and nights of good food and wonderful fellowship. We had 16 coaches with 31 people in attendance with nice visits from John and Deb P.'s family. We had large campsites with full hookups. Mother Nature was good, no rain, lots of sun, but windy. The wind made for great glider rides which 5 of our members took part of. You could even see the campground from the air. It was great fun gliding and fun for those of us that watched.

Several people went shopping and brought back good buys. There were card games, Qwirkle, campfires and lots of socializing with smiles and laughter. What an enjoyable time was had. Your host, John and Rita Stehlik along with Merle and JoAnn Carpenter would like to thank you all for making this rally a real success.

Corporation Bylaws & Standing Rules

The voting process for the Corporation Bylaws and Standing Rules was completed at the General Business Meeting of the July 2017 Rally. Both items were approved by the membership and now will be reviewed by FMCA and then uploaded to the Members Only area on the club website. If you wish a hard copy you may download and print the documents from the website. Those of you that get your newsletter by USPS mail may request a copy.

Sunshine and Clouds

Again it was all sunshine, with the clouds gone for the month.

Rally Reimbursement Policy Update

The Executive Board has issued an update that will be in effect for the remainder of 2017 pending a review at the end of the year. A copy of the policy update will be emailed to the electronic membership along with this newsletter. USPS mailings will get a hard copy.

GMC GREAT LAKERS MOTORHOME CLUB, INC
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Alice Springs RV Park and Resort, Ionia, MI
July 28, 2017

Call to order: President Dale Frahm called the July Meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

No Secretaries report in the absence of Phyllis Thornberg.

Treasurers Report: \$11,448.07 as of July 26th by John Pryzbylek in the absence of John Shotwell.

Membership Report: Becky Johnson reported a total of 5 new memberships this year for a total of 128.

General Business:

John Pryzbylek's daughter, son-in-law and 2 grand boys were present for dinner on Friday.

The Bylaws/Standing Rules update and revision vote passed by 23 votes.

2018 Newsletter Editor/Publisher Update: Steve Johnson has agreed to become the Assistant Webmaster and John Wright is still the Web Administrator. We are still looking for a Newsletter Editor/Publisher to replace John Wright.

Merle C. gave a report on the FMCA Rally in Indianapolis, IN July. There were 1724 Coaches and 4 GMC's. There will be no Verizon Deal as previously announce by FMCA.

Kim Weeks accepted the Robert L. Richard Award for her News/Magazine.

Rally update by John Pryzbylek for Paducah, KY. There were 6 spots still open as of July 28th. Deadline was Aug 4,2017. Their are 13 Great Lakers and 11 Eastern States and no 5th Wheelers signed up. John Pryzbylek will buy glasses for attendees.

Sept Rally with GMCM I Elkhart Campground, Elkhart, IN John Wright has applications at this rally. We may display our coaches at the Essenhaus Cruise-in after the rally on Thursday. Marv Miller is looking into it.

October Rally: Winton Woods Campground, Cincinnati OH. Newman's hosting Give Jerry or Bea a call to sign up 30 days prior to Rally. Dates are October 3-7th.

Rallies for 2018; Nothing has been confirmed.

Volunteers are needed to fill the open position for next year for board members and officers

John W. moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM

Bee Frahm, Acting Secretary in the absence of Phyllis Thornberg

GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club 2017 Rally Schedule

Completed	Back To The Past Birthday Bash!	Granger, IN	Executive Comm.
Completed	Great Outdoors Rally	Fayette, OH	Pryzbylek's
Completed	Summer Fun Rally	Ionia, MI	Stehlik's & Carpenter's
August 18 thru 22	Solar Eclipse Rally	Paducah, KY	GMCES/GMCGL
Sept 9 thru 15	GMCMI Fall Convention-35 th Anniversary	Elkhart, IN	GMCMI
October 3 thru 6	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) To be updated when new bylaws are enacted.

Other 2017/2018 Rallies Of Interest!

Completed	FMCA 96 th International Convention	Indiana State Fairgrounds	Indianapolis, IN
April 6 thru 12, 2018	GMCMI Spring Convention	Tucson Lazy Days KOA	Tucson, AZ

<p style="text-align: center;">Treasurer Report GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club Inc. June 30, 2017</p> <p style="text-align: center;">See report in the "Members Only Area"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Respectfully Submitted John Shotwell, Treasurer</p>	<p>GMC GreatLakers is published for its member's 4 to 6 times per season. The newsletter will be published electronically and sent to your email address. Those of you that do not have an email address will receive your newsletter by mail. Should you not receive your newsletter please contact the membership director. All rally information, For Sale Ads, articles and any misc. information for the newsletter, both printed and electronic and for posting on the website should be sent to the Newsletter Editor/Publisher for publication.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Club Officers 2017</p> <p>President: Dale Frahm 989 652-6616 Cell: 989 284-2853 beefrahm@yahoo.com</p> <p>Vice President: John Pryzbylek 419 490-3835 jmpryzl@gmail.com</p> <p>Secretary: Phyllis Thornburg 574 291-9188 pdthornbg@aol.com</p> <p>Treasurer: John Shotwell 419 267-5140 jshot@rtceexpress.net</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>FMCA Nat'l Director Merle Carpenter 616-560-3369 carmejo@aol.com</td> <td>FMCA Alternate Director Marv Miller 574 266-9300 mmiller@elkhartssi.com</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Director At Large Margie Baumbarger 419 832-5103</td> <td>Membership Director Becky Johnson 248 343-7636 beckystevej@aol.com</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunshine Person Bee Frahm 989 284-2853 beefrahm@yahoo.com</td> <td>Newsletter/Publisher/Web Admin. John R. Wright 989 839-0496 Cell: 989 859-0715 powerjon@chartermi.net</td> </tr> </table> <p>Historian: Bill Helmore 248 375-1777 wjhelmore@juno.com</p> <p>Assistant Webmaster: Steve Johnson 248 378-3177 steve.johnson0616@gmail.com</p>	FMCA Nat'l Director Merle Carpenter 616-560-3369 carmejo@aol.com	FMCA Alternate Director Marv Miller 574 266-9300 mmiller@elkhartssi.com	Director At Large Margie Baumbarger 419 832-5103	Membership Director Becky Johnson 248 343-7636 beckystevej@aol.com	Sunshine Person Bee Frahm 989 284-2853 beefrahm@yahoo.com	Newsletter/Publisher/Web Admin. John R. Wright 989 839-0496 Cell: 989 859-0715 powerjon@chartermi.net
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FMCA Assist Member Benefit
Emergency Number 877 202-4176
Included with your FMCA Membership
See FMCA Current Magazine For Details or go online
[@fmca.com](http://fmca.com) member's area. 11/08/2016

All address, phone numbers and E-mail Changes should Be sent to the Membership Director:
Becky Johnson
681 Milford Farms Court
Milford, MI 48381

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

?Questions?

Call Judy: 269 591-1244 or Email at:

atlastaplace@sbcglobal.net

Great Lakers Website The web site is located at: www.gmcgreatlakers.org As of July 1, 2017 the website now has a common username and password. To access the member's only area you need to enter the user name and password and they case sensitive. Enter them exactly as shown on the email that you have received. If you have lost the email and information on the common username & password contact the assistant webmaster at steve.johnson0616@gmail.com

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