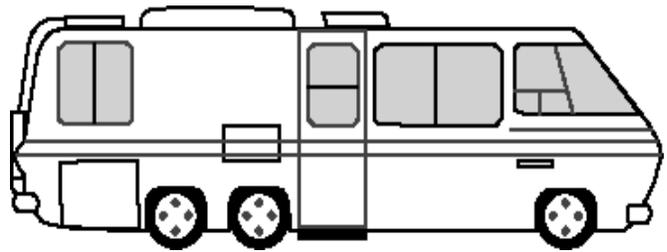


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### **Greetings from the White House**

Spring is finally here, although it could quit raining: so it's time to get the GMC's ready to go. Another rally has been added to our schedule this year. Thanks to Steve Rasmussen and Becky, we will have a "Working Rally" at their place in Northfield, MN August, 3 - 6. Dave and Mary Lenzi are planning to come, also. I am so glad there will be three rallies this summer so mark your calendars and make those reservations. I understand Duluth is trying to get us all in the same area and that is a great campground. We are not, currently, planning to have the GMCMI fall rally in Elkhart, Indiana (Sept. 15 – 21, 2017) as our fall rally. However, I expect that many of our members will attend.

As some of you know, our daughter became engaged April 1, and I had my hip replaced a week later. Midge and Howard Glenna were here to witness the engagement which took us by surprise. The wedding is June 17 in our backyard and this is keeping us very busy. We are just praying for good weather.

Jim has made contact with Mike Pederson from Alcester who has joined the club and discovered we know who he is, and that he holds Christmas sing-a-longs at his Nora store. This is very popular in our area.

Anita White 605-267-2667 or 605-670-2082

### **LATE SUMMER WORKING RALLY AUGUST 3 - 6, 2017**

Steve Rasmussen has offered to have another "Fritz Fest" working rally at his facility in Northfield, MN. We are willing to work on any members' coach. During a working rally, the selection of coach projects is dependent on the scope of the project, the availability of parts, the required amount of time, and the availability of experienced members. Call John Biwersi if you have a project for the rally. Our goal is to provide an educational opportunity to all.

Dave and Mary Lenzi are coming to this rally. Dave will be bringing his new mid-axel braking package, as well as his extensive knowledge of steering issues.

Steve Turnquist, also, has agreed to attend our rally. His business rebuilds transmissions, both standard and high performance units. He has rebuilt several GMC motorhome transmissions for members of our club with outstanding results. He, also, has agreed to do a presentation about the GMC motorhome transmission.

Steve Rasmussen's shop has 2 large hoists to accommodate GMCs and he plans to purchase scales for checking the loading of each wheel of the motorhome.

**Rally masters:** John and Margaret Bowers (651-779-6498) [jbiwersi@mac.com](mailto:jbiwersi@mac.com). Steve and Becky will also be co-rally masters, but John would like all correspondence and details to go through him for coordination. We want to keep Steve and Becky's work to a minimum since they are hosting us.

**Where:** Steve Rasmussen's country home and shop are located at: 31660 Idalia Ave. Northfield, MN 55057 Assuming there is reasonable weather before the rally, Steve's property has 15 spots for overnight coaches with power connections, but distance to the power could require additional power cords. Bringing additional power cords is advised. All power connections need to be 120 volt 20 amp.

**Cost:** \$10 per coach per night. There will be no charge for coaches that only come for the day. Plus whatever your dinner bill is at the restaurant on Saturday night.

**Reservations:** Please call or e-mail John Bowers to make a reservation at Steve's. Steve has requested that we limit the number of overnight coaches to 15. To be fair, the first 15 will get a spot. Leaving a message on the phone will give a time of the request and put you in.

**Project Submission:** All members have the option to submit a project request for this working rally. Please submit suggestions by phone or e-mail to: John 651-779-6498 or [jbiwersi@mac.com](mailto:jbiwersi@mac.com).

**Directions:** From Interstate 35, south of Minneapolis/St. Paul, take exit number 69, MN highway 19. There is a Flying J truck stop with a dump station on the corner. From the south, turn right going east at the exit stop sign, (from the north, turn left at the stop sign and go over the freeway). Take the first left, just past the freeway entrance, which is Hazelwood. Turn left (north) on Hazelwood, a frontage road, and go approximately 1 mile to the first right off Hazelwood, 78th which is a gravel road. Go right (east) on 78th approximately 3 miles to Idalia, which is the second marked street that you can turn left on. Turn left (north) on Idalia, (another gravel road) for approximately one mile. Steve's place is the first home on the right. Turn right into his property at his SECOND entry road. You have arrived at your destination.

For those of you who would rather stay at a campground where you have full hookups, there are two within 10 to 12 miles of Steve's shop. They are Camp Faribo, <http://www.campfaribo.com/> 507-332-8453 and Nerstrand Big Woods State Park [http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state\\_parks/nerstrand\\_big\\_woods/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/nerstrand_big_woods/index.html) 507-333-4840.

Make your own reservations please, and let me know you will be there but not staying on Steve's property so I know who will be in attendance.

The Flying J Truck Stop (507-645-6082) allows overnight camping for free. Check with them for availability.

Members are welcome to come for the day.

### **Schedule:**

Thursday, August 3 - Arrival after 12:00PM

Friday, August 4 - Coffee, rolls, and fruit bowl for breakfast (please bring a cup of fruit to add to the bowl.) In the evening, we will have a potluck supper. Bring meat to grill, a dish to pass, and beverage and tableware.

Saturday, August 5 - A pancake breakfast will be provided.

Steve Turnquist will have his presentation in the morning.

Dinner will be at The Rancho Restaurant, which is near Steve's.

Sunday, August 6- Coffee and rolls will be available. Departure should be completed by noon.

One final thought, bring insect repellent!! Steve is going to try to spray, but just in case, it could be like the north woods, because of his beautiful setting. So cords, insect spray, full water tank, empty holding tank and anything else you like to eat or drink. If Dave and Mary are there we certainly will have a bonfire every night.

**Editor's note:** I have included the previous newsletter articles for the Spring and Summer Rallies.

## **SPRING RALLY 2017**

Our first rally of the year will be Thursday, June 8-Sunday, June 11, 2017 at:

### **The Old Barn & Rivers' Bend Golf Resort**

**24461 Heron Road**

**Preston, MN 55965**

**800-552-2512**

[www.BarnResort.com](http://www.BarnResort.com)

We have the 19 sites in the 'A' section reserved for our group. When calling for your reservation, please tell them you are with our group so you get put in our section. They would like all reservations in by April 1, 2017. June is an especially busy time of year for all resorts, so please get your reservation in as soon as possible. Nightly rates are \$47.25 per night. Additional charges will be \$3 per child age 2-17 per night, \$5 per extra adult beyond the couple. Your credit card will be charged for one night when you make your reservation-balance due upon arrival.

There is also Hostal information available through a link on their website, for anyone who would like to join us, but are without a motorhome.

There will be a catered meal on Saturday night. Please check out their website to see all the amenities the Old Barn has to offer us. Golf, restaurant & bar, volleyball, swimming pool, playgrounds, horseshoe pits, trout fishing and over 60 miles of paved bike trails!

We hope you all can join us!

Rally Hosts,

Brenda & Rodney Gens

Yvonne & Bob Miller

## **SUMMER RALLY 2017**

The Summer Greater Midwest Classics Rally will be held July 9 thru 12, 2017 (Sunday thru Wednesday.) at the

### **Buffalo Valley Campground**

**2586 Guss Road**

**Duluth, MN 55810**

Rate is \$41.00 per night for water & electric (includes tax.) We can come in early & stay longer if we want.

For Camping Reservations call: Darrell 218-590-8774 BY MAY 20TH!!!

DO NOT RESERVE ON LINE!!! Let's make sure that when we register, we say we are with the GMC Group.

Also, if your coming I'd like you to call me: Teresa at 218-390-1308, so that I can keep a head count. We have use of the building at no charge, unless we use the air conditioner. Darrell also has available to us a shuttle bus to go to Duluth for \$10 per person round trip. The bus holds 20, but he has several if we want to schedule some additional sight seeing.

Hope to see everyone at the July rally.

Teresa Dall 218-390-1308

**GMCCI REPORT**  
**Lucy Weidner**  
**VP-Midwest Area**

Shawnee OK was the home to the GMCCI Vintage Motor home convention. We had 119 registrants, 19 1<sup>st</sup> timers, and several were off site as they were looking for a GMC. The vintage coaches that were part of the convention were an Airstream, Revcon, FMC, and Winnebago Spectrum 2000. The open house times were very busy with folks checking out these motor homes, and prospective buyers checking out the various floor plans of the GMC's.

Charlie Adcock, FMCA president, and his wife Gloria, were in attendance as well. They were very complimentary of the GMCCI group and felt very welcome and had lots of fun. Charlie and Gloria served ice cream with the first timers, and he even raced one of the extra pineblock cars we have in the derby. One of the reasons that Charlie wanted to come to the group was to explain why FMCA was proposing inviting towables (trailers or 5<sup>th</sup> wheels) to join. Pop ups and tents are not included in the proposal. Charlie was there to meet with folks and answer any questions the group may have regarding the proposal. He also spent time listening to folks and answering questions about FMCA Assist, parking together, or any other concerns folks may have. A straw vote was taken by GMCCI president, Stan Edwards, so that our FMCA National representative, John Smyrski, would know how to vote at the board meeting. A unanimous yes vote was received. The FMCA process will take some time, so there may not be a definite decision for another year. Even if FMCA agrees to this proposal, GMCCI or any other local club does not have to allow towables to attend their rallies.

Pineblock derby winners were: Lori Ferrara won the women's division, and Paul Array won the men's. Ladies social was hosted by the Tulsa Lunch Bunch and the theme was Maxine. Lots of ladies appeared in various states of Maxine dress. A silent auction was held for the table decorations, which were "Maxine" gourds painted by Dorrie Broostin.

The week held great tech and non tech sessions. Bill Kooistra presented his wet bath remodel presentation and it was very well received. I moderated a session on cooking and food storage in the GMC. We kept notes, shared recipes, and they will either be in the magazine or found on the GMCCI website. Mark your calendars for the fall GMCCI rally to be held Sept. 15 – 21, 2017 in Elkhart Indiana. As always, if anyone has any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

Lucy

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**REMINDERS: from your Secretary and Treasurer**

~Please check and be sure your **FMCA dues are current** which is a requirement of each of our members. Jane Hasek

~Remind members that dues notices are being mailed out in May and are due July 1st.

Larry Johnson [larjohnson@aol.com](mailto:larjohnson@aol.com)

**Midge Glenna is sunshine lady so send her the name of anyone needing a little sunshine and Midge will send them a card. Her phone # is: 715-426-5650.**

**For Paying dues, Change of mailing address, or Email changes: Please notify**

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**Tel 320-685-3457**

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