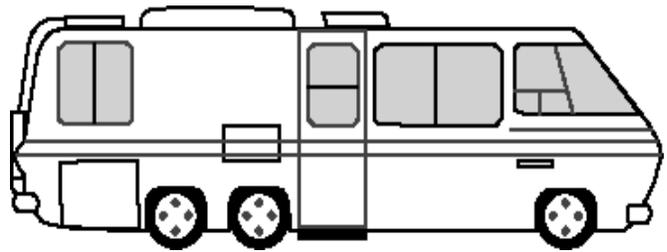


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Notes From Yvonne

We just completed a busy weekend at the “Back to the 50s” car show. Besides Bob and I, John Biwersi, Howie Glenna and Jim White were there as well. John and Bob had their coaches there, not for display, but to stay in for the 3 day event. Larry and Lucy Weidner and Margaret Biwersi came Saturday evening for the entertainment and stayed to watch classic and vintage cars drive by. In all, there were some 13,000 cars in attendance at the state fairgrounds in St Paul. Most of the cars and trucks were restored and more beautiful than when new, although there were also many that were “under construction” and some that are called “Rat Rods” which is a story by itself. (Ask any of the guys who were there and they will tell you what they are.) The show reminded me of our fantastic classic GMC Motorhomes, some original, some under construction and some more beautiful than original. What is the same about classic cars and our GMC motorhomes is how long the owners can talk about their vehicles!!! It was a fun time however and if you have never been there, I would suggest going next year if at all possible.

I am sad to report that we lost another longtime member of our club, Marie Mesarchik, who passed away on June 7th. We will always remember Marie, especially her great sense of humor and wonderful smile. She will be missed by all of us. We certainly hope that Bob will continue to come to our rallies in the future. At the last rally, we talked about plans for the ladies luncheon at the GMCMCI rally in September. Our club will be in charge of the luncheon and plans were discussed. The ladies that were present volunteered to work in areas such as food and decorations.

Lucy Weidner also asked for ideas for programs at the GMCMCI rally. They are always looking for new programs so if anyone has any ideas for a program contact Lucy. For example, an idea I have is what to do with that shoebox of old photos. It could be an exchange of ideas, a show and tell, or the use of new technology. I would like to discuss this at our upcoming summer rally and get your input so that maybe a program can be developed.

See you in Hutchinson in July,

Yvonne

Hutchinson Rally Information and Registration July 17-20, 2014

Rally Masters: Rachel and Roger Stearns rachelfs@comcast.net

Sandy Renk dsrenk@msn.com

McLeod County Fairgrounds 840 Century Avenue SW Hutchinson MN

Early arrival Thursday 17th

Friday: Morning: coffee and rolls

Afternoon: business tour

Evening: potluck, business meeting and ice cream social

Saturday: Morning: coffee and rolls and bring a cup of fruit for the fruit bowl

Historic Hutchinson tour

Afternoon will be open...there are many local options for individuals/groups to explore

Dinner at Zellas in downtown Hutchinson

Dinner options: meatloaf, chicken or lamb burger

Sunday: Morning: coffee and rolls

Registration includes camping fee, tour and dinner (except drinks)

Early arrival (Thursday) \$115.00

Friday arrival \$90.00

Please make checks out to GMC and send them along with your dinner selections to Rachel Stearns
720 Park Island Drive Hutchinson MN 55350 by July 11.

GMCMI Rally Information - September 26 to October 2, 2014

It's very exciting to have the International rally right in our own backyard (ours especially!!). Mark your calendars for September 26th to October 2nd, 2014 so you can join us in celebrating Oktoberfest at the Northern States Fairgrounds in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. We will be helping with parking and the ladies will host the social. More information will be available at our July rally in Hutchinson, MN. Larry and I will be meeting with Kim and Keith Weeks and Rusty Volks and go over what our needs will be for assistance and how we can set up for the rally. There are lots of things to see and do in the area. Leinenkugels Brewery is right next-door, there are 3 wineries in the area, and we hope to plan a trip to the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts one evening. Keep checking the GMCMI website for their newsletter and registration. Also check out the Wisconsin Tourism website for other sights to see on your way to and from the convention. So break out your lederhosen and tubas and be prepared for some great fun in the land of the "cheeseheads"!

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Greater Midwest Classics Website and Club Tools Update

For those of you who were not at the last rally, I reported that I had volunteered to take over temporary responsibilities for our club's website. As you all know, Bob Drewes had been our webmaster since its origin. Bob did such a great job building the website, with a special touch of patriotism, as well as ease of use. He then continued to maintain and update it for several years. With the help of Marlys, we were able to transfer the online records for our website from Bob's name into mine. However we were not able to determine what program Bob had used to build and maintain the website so we will have to rebuild it. I am committed to keeping the home page of the website exactly the same as Bob built it, as a tribute to him, and trust you all would agree.

During the Drewes sale, Kim Weeks volunteered to help get the site updated if I needed help. Since I have not been involved as a webmaster previously, I was going to take her up on her offer. However, shortly

after that one of our younger members, Jon Roche, stepped up and volunteered to help get the site rebuilt and updated, as well as taking on the website responsibilities in the future. I have been communicating with Jon and he is working on the rebuild and update. I know I speak for all of us when I say Thank You to Jon for taking on this important responsibility. We certainly appreciate Jon's willingness to do this and will give him all the help he may need. We will keep you posted.

When some of us were at Bob and Marlys Drewes home helping prepare for their auction sale, Marlys was kind enough to tell us that if there were any special GMC tools we thought club members could use she would donate them to the club. So I am happy to report that thanks to Marlys, we have some club tools that are available to members if they need them.

The first one that I found, which put a smile on my face, was the tool that Bob had made to remove and replace the control arm bushings on our coach. The smile was because I vividly remember when Bob gave a seminar at GMCMI telling of how he had discovered that our coaches didn't have the ability to provide enough caster and that was a contributing factor to the problems the coaches have going straight down the road. His solution was to put offset bushings in the upper control arms to be able to add additional caster to the alignment. During the presentation, he showed slides depicting how he installed the offset bushings using a tool he had built, and we all saw that the tool was painted bright John Deere green!! Well everyone gave him such a hard time about that and of course, Bob loved it. So the club now owns the John Deere green tool to press out the old bushings and press in the new ones.

Having changed my upper and lower bushings I can tell you it makes a huge difference having the right tool. (Just ask Larry Weidner who didn't have the right tool when he did it).

We also now have a pressure brake bleeder that Bob purchased, in case you need to pressure bleed your brakes. This may or may not help with bleeding your coach brakes but you are welcome to try it.

The final tools we found were the front end alignment equipment. They include the floating plates for the front wheels to sit on when you're performing the alignment; the accurate device Bob made which attaches to the front wheels and is where the gauge itself magnetically attaches; the alignment gauge which checks caster and camber and the toe in tool that Bob made which is similar to what the old shops used to check front wheel toe (sharp pointers for scribing the tires). For those of you at Steve Rasmussen's rally last year, this set is not like the unit Dave Lenzi used when he checked our front wheel alignment (although the gauge is similar).

I have the first two tools and Howie Glenna has the alignment tool. We will use a "checkout" system to keep track of who is using it, and ask that you return it to us when you're finished using it.

Finally, on behalf of every member, I want to say a special thank you to Marlys for donating these tools to the club. I for one will always think of Bob when I see that John Deere green!!

Bob Miller

SUMMER OUTING OFFERING

Come to the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts, recently named one of the fifteen most spectacular theaters in the world!! An Evening With Rodgers and Hammerstein will be presented at the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts on August 8 & 9, 2014 at 7:30 PM & August 10, 2014 at 2:00 PM. This will be a wonderful evening and/or afternoon of great music from shows such as Oklahoma, Sound of Music, The King and I, South Pacific, and Carousel to name a few, all brought to you by great local talent. On Sunday, August 10th, a special package of a tour of the theater, light lunch, and ticket to the show will be offered for \$25.00. If you don't want the special package, tickets will be \$15.00. Lucy Weidner will direct this exciting event. If you're interested in obtaining tickets for this show, you can call the theater at 715-235-0001, ext. 102.

Please call on Fridays between 11 & 3 to talk with a box office person. You can also get tickets by going to the website <https://web.ovationtix.com/trs/store/32695/pk/84800>. Any questions you can call or email me at the information listed below.

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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.

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