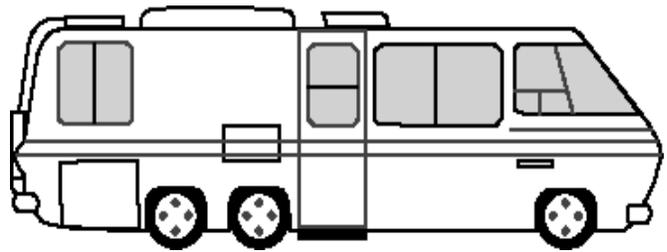


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Notes From Yvonne

This is my last letter as president of the Greater Midwest Classics club. I want to thank everyone who helped make the past two years successful as many members contributed in many ways. It has been a very good experience, thanks to a great officer group. Special thanks to:

Vice President, Wayne Hasek: As vice president Wayne was in charge of our rallies (and of course responsible for bringing the PA system to each rally). Thanks also to everyone who organized all the great rallies we had in 2014.

Secretary, Rachel Stearns: Rachel was an enthusiastic newer member who took on the duties of taking minutes at our club meetings. Also, thanks to Brenda Gens for taking the minutes at our Chippewa Falls club meeting because Rachel was unable to attend.

Treasurer, Larry Johnson: Larry is a very efficient and organized treasure for our club. It's a difficult job to maintain and distribute detailed reports as well as maintain our membership listing. We now have approximately 90 paid members after signing up 15 new members this year, 6 joined at the Chippewa Falls rally.

Sunshine Lady, Midge Glenna: Midge is the perfect person for being in charge of our club's Sunshine duties.

Newsletter, Margaret Biwersi: Margaret took on the challenge of producing our newsletter which is not an easy task. She has done a great job with it.

Webmaster, Jon Roche: As you know, in 2014 we lost Bob Drewes, our charter Webmaster, and for a time were unsure how we were going to replace him. Then Jon stepped up and volunteered to take on the responsibility, so thank you Jon for assuming this important job.

The GMCMI rally in Chippewa Falls was well attended by our club members. It was nice to have it so close, which I am sure helped. Our club's ladies put on a fantastic ladies luncheon. It was well organized and everyone worked hard to make it a success! Thank you to all who helped. I would like to give a special thank you to the follow people:

1. Lucy Weidner, for all her work, including organizing a very successful night for everyone at the Mabel Tainter Theater.
2. Sandy Renk and Jane Hasek, who together with me, led non-technical seminars.
3. Jane Hasek, who sold t shirts and sweatshirts at the flea market.
4. John Biwersi and Larry Weidner for leading technical seminars.
5. And a special thanks to Larry Weidner and Richard Hodges who worked exceptionally hard in organizing and then parking everyone as they arrived. They also received help from other members of our club.

I know there were other members who participated in making this rally a success and showcase our great club, so thank you to everyone who helped.

My last responsibility as president, is organizing the Christmas party. Information on this event is in this newsletter, I hope all of you are able to attend. The tour should be beautiful and, thanks to Bob Mesarchik who researched meeting places, the luncheon will give us a chance to socialize since it will be our last gathering until next spring.

Good luck to Wayne and his group of officers for the next two years, and congratulations to Anita White who is our new vice president. Happy travels to everyone who goes south for the winter

PS: As you may have heard, I was holding the winning ticket for the grand prize of \$1,000.00 at the raffle during the GMCMI membership meeting. However, it turned out to be one of the tickets I was holding for Rick Drummond who had to leave the night before the drawing. I had my tickets and Rick's on my lap and for just a split second, I even knew how I was going to spend it (not on GMC parts by the way), until I realized it was Ricks. Congratulations to Rick, I am sure he will spend it on GMC parts.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Date: Saturday, November 15, 2014

Location and time: Rochester MN

1. We will begin with an optional tour of the Mayowood Mansion. Tours start at the History Center, 1195 West Circle Drive SW, Rochester MN. Please note that the tour portion of this event is OPTIONAL.

The Mayowood website is <http://www.olmstedhistory.com/mayowood-mansion/>

Meet at the History Center at 10:45 where we will be transported by shuttle to the mansion. We will tour at our leisure (not a guided tour) and catch a shuttle back when you are finished.

Cost: \$20.00 per person

2. Lunch at 1:00 at Victoria restaurant, 7 First Avenue SW, Rochester MN. This will be held in a private room and we will order off the menu. This will be a time to socialize and meet with our GMC club friends.

Please RSVP to Yvonne Miller at ymiller14@q.com or 651-343-3775 by Monday, November 10, 2014.

I look forward to seeing you all,

Yvonne

GREETINGS FROM VICE PRESIDENT WAYNE HASEK

I can hardly believe it has been 2 years already. Yvonne you had a great term and it has been a pleasure to work with you. I would like to thank all of you who have stepped forward to make the rallies interesting and enjoyable. We have many members with talents, knowledge and always willing to HELP!

I want to thank all those who helped make the 2013 & 2014 rallies a success. Thanks to Steve Rasmussen for your great working rally at Northfield, MN and Midge & Howard Glenna for the great time in Rochester, MN. John Biwersi and Bob Miller did a great session at our Waterloo rally and thanks to Roger & Rachel Stearns and Sandi Renk for a great rally at Hutchinson, MN.

We had a great fall rally with many members in attendance at the Fall GMCMI convention in Chippewa Falls, WI. Thanks to Larry & Lucy Weidner for all the active participation on the GMCMI Board and thank you to all the Greater Midwest Classics for helping at the Fall Convention with greeting, parking, and many other activities. Thanks to Bob Miller for the great memorial tribute you did for our member & friend Bob Drewes. Several of our members led great seminars: John Biwersi, Yvonne Miller, Sandi Renk, Jane Hasek and all the gals who hosted the ladies luncheon. Randy Johnson and I were cheered on as we competed in the Pineblock Derby Race. It was great to see Marlys Drewes and her friend Marlys and, of course, she donated more of Bob's GMC collectables. Lowell Olsen and Bob Mersarchik came for a day, and it was great to see them. We have six new members who joined at the GMCMI rally in Chippewa Falls, WI.; isn't that fantastic. It was great to see Darrin Gens at the convention with his beautifully restored 73 23' Birchhaven coach on its maiden voyage; and we hope to see more of him.

Thank you to Anita White for coming forward to be the Vice President for the next two years. You will be a great leader, and you have a lot of support. Thank you to Midge and Howard Glenna for volunteering for the first rally at Faribault, MN in June. Thank you to Margaret Biwersi for doing this newsletter and keeping us informed. Last thank you to my wife Jane for her guidance and support and also taking care of the shirts, jackets and others stuff for sale.

Wayne

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GREATER MIDWEST CLASSICS - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 15th, 2014 – Holiday Party, Rochester, MN

June 5th, 6th, & 7th, 2015 with Thursday June 4th, 2015 as an early day. It will be at Camp Faribo, 507-332-8453. Friday night will be a Pot Luck and Saturday night will be a catered meal. Howard and Midge Glenna are rally masters.

GMCMI CONVENTIONS – 2015

March 27th to April 2nd, 2015. Kemper Williams Park & Patterson Area Civic Center, Patterson, Louisiana. Spring Convention

September 25th to October 1st, 2015. Central States Fairgrounds, Rapid City, South Dakota. Fall Convention

GMCMI REPORT

132 “classy” motor homes rolled into Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds in Chippewa Falls, WI for GMCMI Fall rally. They came from 26 states and 2 countries. We had 23 first timers and several were from the Midwest, so we got some new members for the Greater Midwest Classics club. We were blessed with wonderful weather and the beginnings of fall colors surrounding us. Folks had the opportunity to tour the Leinenkugel Brewery (we could smell the hops daily), 3 local wineries, found some great cheese shops, visited apple orchards, and just enjoyed the great countryside. The Greater Midwest Club helped with the parking and most folks were grouped together and close to the buildings.

We had 17 hours of technical sessions. Some sessions included: Packing the GMC; Bookworms & Their Diet; Ladies Driving course with Kara Kosier; Bigger Brakes using the Manny system; Fiberglass repair session; weighing coaches; Fixing Wobbly Steering; German Star Making/Paper Cutting; New Design Replacement Fan Blade (presented by John Biwersi); Sandi Renk facilitated a session for the ladies about/ask questions about the workings of the GMC Motorhome. We made 23 blankets bringing the grand total to 898, the Skip Newhouse food pantry items and the blankets were given to the homeless shelter.

“Damen Mittagessen” (Ladies Luncheon) had a German theme and many of the ladies made and wore flower crowns or headbands that they either bought or made while at the rally. We had good soup, bread, along with a variety of cheeses to sample. Yvonne Miller was the emcee and we had lots of opportunity to share and visit with each other. Program included a trivia contest about Oktoberfest. It was a great way to spend a wonderful afternoon.

We had Oktoberfest games with a beer drinking contest...who could drink a bottle of beer the fastest (they turned out to be baby bottles), sauerkraut eating contest with Larry Weidner and Margaret Biwersi as partners, Wayne and Jane Hasek, and Byron Songer and Lucy Weidner as partners, and finally how many beer pitchers could you hold in two hands!!

76 folks signed up to participate in a tour/dinner and show at the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts. We enjoyed a wonderful evening of Liscio Jazz and everyone was thrilled and in awe of the beautiful Mabel Tainter, which has been voted as 1 of the 15 best theaters in the world.

Elections were held and Larry Weidner was elected to be VP of Midwest area and Lucy Weidner was elected Secretary.

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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Website: www.gmcmidwestclassics.org has great information about our GMC club and how to join. Visit it often and share with perspective members.

