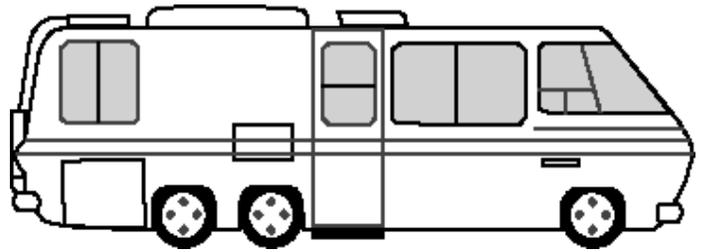


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Classics ...on the road again



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Message from the President

Greetings to all Greater Midwest Classics members, and welcome to our new members.

Lets get the rally season started! The rallies are a great way to get acquainted with other GMC members and make new friends. Rally information is in this newsletter, and, as you know, the spring rally will now be in Waterloo Iowa.

I want to say thank you to Wayne and Jane Hasek for stepping up quickly to host the spring rally in such short notice. I know it will be a good one. I also want to wish Steve Rasmussen a speedy recovery and hope that we can have a rally at your place in the future because the guys really enjoyed it last year.

As you know, the Drewes are having an auction at their place in SD on May 10th so keep that in mind as well.

Keep in mind that April rain brings May flowers.

Hope to see you all in May at Waterloo and possibly May 10 in SD.

Notes from Wayne

Welcome to a new and exciting year for the Greater Midwest Classics! Jane & I spent the winter in Bradenton Florida as we need to be warm and on the water as much as we can. On the way home we attended the GMCMI Spring rally in Montgomery, Texas. We had 17 of our Greater Midwest Classics members and guests attend – (Dall, Kokesh, Kulig, Lieder, Smyrski, Weidner, Lenzi, Weeks, Hasek). Jean Kulig even sent delicious cupcakes for our potluck. The group decided to go out together for a meal and enjoy the fellowship but we didn't let the cupcakes go to waste. Several of our members were very involved in the games, activities, food, choir and tech sessions. Thanks for all your efforts as you make us proud!

CHANGE is good for all of us

We thank Steve Rasmussen for agreeing to host a rally this spring but when things change – the group can “rally” around and help out so a change in the location was needed.

SPRING RALLY -

WHEN: Friday May 30th, Saturday May 31st & Sunday June 1st with early arrival date of Thursday May 29th, 2014 (Same dates as previously scheduled)

WHERE: Waterloo/Lost Island KOA, Waterloo, Iowa - 4550 Hess Road, Waterloo, IA 50701 (Right off of Highway # 20 & Highway # 380 on the east side of Waterloo)

REGISTRATION: Register directly with the KOA by calling them at 319-233-3485 and saying you are with the Greater Midwest Classics GMC group. We have a reduced rate so be sure you are registering thru them with the group. The rate should be around \$40.50 per night (10 % discount). Also let Jane & Wayne know if you are coming and how many nights: hasekwj@acegroup.cc tele # home – 563-586-2554 or Jane’s cell 319-240-2460. Jane & Wayne will need to know who is coming to finalize the tours, so keep them informed. There are also Kabins available. There are many motels in the area including the Isle Casino Hotel, Waterloo, IA next to the campground with a shuttle to the campground.

RALLY MASTERS: Wayne & Jane Hasek, Dean Witwer & Shirley Austin

SPECIAL TOURS: (1) John Deere Tractor Works on Friday afternoon (May 30th) @ 12:50 pm Northeast site. * No flip flops or open toe shoes (It is a riding tour with off and on stops) No charge for this tour. **(2)** Grout Museum/Sullivan Brothers Veterans Museum on Saturday morning (May 31st) @ 9:30 am. The web site for the museum is www.groutmuseumdistrict.org our group rate will be \$6.00 and veterans I believe will be \$4.00. There is also a Planetarium if you are interested.

We will plan a potluck for Friday evening (grills available) and a catered or meal out for Saturday evening. We will have Welcome center and get together area for the group’s coffee, etc.. Coffee, juice, rolls, fruit, rolls for breakfasts. (Bring a cup of fruit to share in the “fruit bowl”). We will have a business meeting before/or after the potluck on Friday evening and tech sessions/discussions will be held within the schedule. We will need to do some planning for our part in the Fall GMCMI rally to be held September 26th to October 2, 2014 @ Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. Shirts & t-shirts will be available for sale.

SUMMER RALLY -

July 18th, 19th, & 20th, 2014 at the McLeod County Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, MN 55350. Early arrivals on Thursday, July 17th.

RALLY MASTERS: Rachel & Roger Stearns and Sandi Renk.

FALL RALLY -

The Fall Rally will be in conjunction with the GMCMI Fall Rally in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. We will have a business meeting and get together at that rally. The rally is Friday, September 26th through Thursday, October 2nd, 2014. Our club will also be hosting the Women’s luncheon and helping with other activities.

Keep the ideas for rallies flowing and contact me for future rally sites:

Wayne Hasek, Vice President,
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Editor’s note: Wayne and Jane are amazing!!! In about 18 hours they found a new rally site, planned the activities, and wrote the letter for the newsletter.

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 **Treasurer, Larry Johnson, 14451 Highway 23, Cold Spring, MN 56320-4613**
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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.

GMCFI REPORT

Howdy and Y'All Come Back now were phrases that were heard throughout the week as the GMCFI Convention was held at the KOA in Conroe Texas, near Montgomery, TX.

We had 103 coaches gathered, and several folks were in cabins or off site. The numbers were smaller than expected and that was mostly due to Mother Nature!!! We had some who couldn't attend due to health reasons and two who were greatly missed were Larry and Margy McLaughlin, and Bob and Marlys Drewes. We missed the jokes and the zippy patter from both of them.

The Western theme allowed lots of Texas style decorations and you saw more cowboy hats and boots than ever!!

Some of the Tech sessions included: How To Live in Your GMC (which was a great one put on by the Pinkertons); Dave Lenzi did a live demonstration on Power Boosters and Masters Cylinders; Dale Ropp presented on Rear Suspension and Painting Your GMC; and Care and Maintenance of the GMC was presented by Fred Hudspeth;

The "Classy" Ladies of the Classics held a picnic lunch and included a cute skit entitled the Cowboy and Pea. Door prizes went to some lucky folks and mostly it was a time to visit and share a few laughs. Kudos to Sharon Hudspeth and her great crew for a fun time.

Food was abundant as usual with 2 catered dinners, a chili cook off, and the luncheon after the membership meeting. We had so much chili left over that we provided lunch for folks the next day! We had a great breakfast one morning, compliments of Dan Meyer and his able crew. We had sausage and "eggs any way you wanted"! That was a nice treat for those who ventured out for breakfast!! As always we had great volunteers for all of those meals.

Pineblock Derby was held this year and we had some fancy dancy cars entered. Great color schemes and some with lights. Fred Hudspeth and Linda Turner were the big winners.

Geocash was again a big hit under the "guidance" of Mary Colie and there were many new folks who joined in.

Rodeo Time involved games such as "Herding Cattle" (using balloons and brooms), roping steers, Bean Bags and Boots, and Ring Toss those Horns! Wayne Hasek made a great steer head for us (using bicycle handlebars) as well as "cowpies", and Jaye and Richard Hodges had another steer we could use along with some hay bales. The two teams were the Six Shooters and The Longhorns... Lots of laughs again.

Blankets were made, food was collected, crafts were made, and the book exchange was successful again. We sorely missed Marlys Drewes and her attentiveness in arranging and watching over the books.

18 members participated in AED/CPR Certification and the instructors were phenomenal.

Lucy