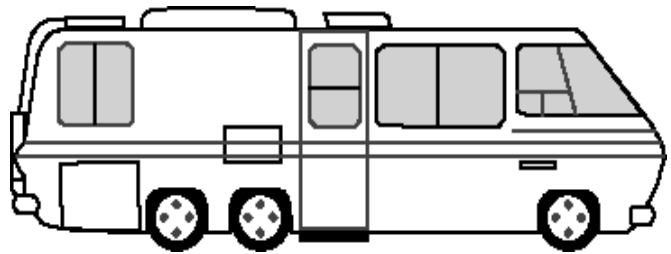


Greater May
Midwest 2016
Classics ...on the road again



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Greetings from your President:

Jane and I are back in Iowa from our winter stay in Florida. We are anxious to get together with all of you. We did not make it to the GMCMI Spring Convention in Dothan, Alabama this year but we enjoyed the "Facebook" pictures from Lori and Lucy.

The information on the first Greater Midwest Classics' Rally for this year is out and we hope many of you will be able to attend all or at least part of it. It is June 2nd through June 5th at Camp Faribo in Faribault, MN. Midge & Howard Glenna and Sandi Renk are the wagon masters and will do a great job as they always do. There are things for children to do at the camp ground and they have a nice pool too. I am sure we will be bringing our SOB as I haven't gotten the "drive" to pull the engine on our coach YET!

Thank you to Tammy Drummond for all you work on the Membership Directory. It looks great. Thank you to Jon Roche for your work on the website and thanks to Bob Miller for all your work in helping Tammy and Jon get started.

See you all in JUNE!!!!

Wayne Hasek, President

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 larjojohnson@aol.com

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!!

Greater Midwest Classics celebrates our 25th Anniversary this spring. The GMC Greater Midwest Classics motorhome club was formed in the spring of 1991, and is a chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA). In the fall of 1990, a group of Midwest area GMC owners were attending the GMC International convention at Mackinaw, MI. A sign was put up asking all the Minnesota GMC owners to meet with the idea of forming a Midwest area club.

In 1991 letters were sent out by Fritz Kruschel and Harold Neumann for the first rally, which was held at the KOA campground in Rogers, MN on May 11th and 12th, 1991. Bob & Yvonne Miller were in attendance and Yvonne Miller was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Dues were set at \$5.00 per year. The next rally was at Breezy Point, MN on June 28th-30th. At this rally the name of Great Midwest Classics was chosen and the area was to include: MN, ND, SD, WI, IA, Manitoba and Ontario. Nebraska would be added at a later date.

The GMC Greater Midwest Classics will be recognized at the Midwest Area FMCA Rally, July 13-16, 2016 at the Amana RV Park & Event Center, Amana, Iowa. They hope members of the club will be present to accept the award.

We will continue to celebrate this special event all this year at our rallies so keep on the lookout and share your ideas and history. We really need to update the history that is on our web site. I think it only goes to 2007 now.

FARIBAULT MN RALLY 2016

Date: June, 2, 3, 4, 5, 2016

Location: Camp Faribo

21851 Bagley Ave.

Faribault, MN 55021

www.campfaribo.com

Wagonmasters: Midge and Howard Glenna

Sandi Renk

Reservations were needed by May 1st to guarantee a spot. Call for the campground if you are still interested in coming.

The rate is \$40.00/night for 30amp., and \$45.00 for 50amp sites.

Thursday June 2, 2016 is early arrival.

Friday June 3rd

7:30 AM We will have coffee and donuts in the morning. Please bring a cup of fresh fruit for our breakfast fruit bowl.

6:00 PM Will be the potluck.

Remember to bring your own meat, dishes, utensils, beverage, and a dish to pass. Grills will be available.

Saturday June 4th

7:30 AM Coffee and donuts. Please bring a cup of fresh fruit to refresh the fruit bowl.

After breakfast, the men will have a tech session. And the ladies will have some time to catch up on all the news.

6:00PM Catered Dinner the price is \$15, and children under 6 is \$5.

Sunday June, 5th

We'll have donuts, fruit, and coffee. Check-out is 11:00am

**GREATER MIDWEST CLASSICS SUMMER RALLY
WELCOME TO ST. CLOUD, MN
JULY, 8-11th, 2016**

*Donuts & assorted breakfast breads, along with coffee, will be available 7:30am to 9:00am each morning in the Rally Center. We ask that you bring a cup of fruit to share, as well as a cup for coffee. Thank you!

* Dinners are listed under the respective days below and will be held in the Rally Center

Thursday, July 8

1:00pm ~ Early check-in available

6:00pm ~ Dinner at Coyote Moon Grille, 480 55th Ave SE, St. Cloud (3.5 miles away), for those that would like to dine together

Friday, July 9

5:00pm ~ Social Hour in the Rally Center

6:00pm ~ Dinner in the Rally Center > Pot Luck - Bring your own meat, a dish to share, your own utensils, beverages, and plates - we'll provide the grills.

7:30pm ~ Bingo in the Rally Center > All games are free to play, & there will be prizes to win!

Saturday, July 10

9:00am ~ Meeting in the Rally Center

2:00pm ~ Ladies Paint N' Party in the Rally Center > Canvas, wine, and all brushes, paint and tools needed to make your project will be provided. (preregistration required)

5:00pm ~ Social Hour in the Rally Center

6:00pm ~ Dinner in the Rally Center > Catered Barbeque by Just North of Memphis (disposable dinnerware, flatware & napkins are provided). The cost is \$12 per person, and is to be paid to Larry Johnson, Treasurer prior to dinner, thank you!

7:30pm ~ Bean Bag Tournament at the Rally Center > Partners will play a game of 10 throws and the winning team will move on to the next round. Sign up in the Rally Center.

9:00pm ~ Bonfire at the Roche Coach > bring a chair, and join your hosts as the group shares stories of infamous breakdowns, fond memories, and of past GMC members that are watching from the stars above. S'mores will be provided for those with a sweet tooth.

Sunday, July 11

Noon ~ Check-out

Thank you for joining us this weekend! Have a safe journey home & we'll see you next time!

Jon, Jennifer, Paige & Macy Roche

Points of Interest Around Saint Cloud

Farmers Market: Purchase fresh and local produce, as well as unique products at the local St. Cloud Farmers Market, located in the Lady Slipper parking lot. The Lady Slipper parking lot is located next to Perkins, in downtown St. Cloud. Open Saturday 8am to Noon.

Munsinger and Clemons Gardens: One garden is devoted to a beautiful array of hundreds of colorful rose bushes. The other garden is filled with sun-loving annuals and perennials. Features the tallest outdoor fountain in a Minnesota public garden. Picnic tables, bench swings, fountains, a wishing well and gazebo are some of the other features.

Minnesota Baseball Hall of Fame Museum: Take yourself out to the Minnesota Baseball Hall of Fame, where great moments in Minnesota baseball are preserved. Open Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. St. Cloud Civic Center, second floor. 10 Fourth Ave. S. 320-252-8227. Free of charge.

Stearns History Museum: See a 1919 Pan automobile and a miniature circus. Nationally accredited museum has two floors of exhibits. Open Mon-Sat. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Sun. 12-4 p.m. 235 S. 3rd Ave., St. Cloud. 320-253-8424.

Beaver Island Brewery: Beaver Island Brewing Company is a locally owned and operated production brewery and tap room striving to create a brewery the community is proud to call their own. 216 6th Ave. S. St. Cloud. Taproom Hours Thur—Friday. 4pm to 10pm, Sat. 2pm to 10pm

GMCM I REPORT on Dothan AL rally

We met for a gorgeous week of great weather at the National Peanut Festivals grounds and as always, it was a great venue for our gathering.

We had 118 coaches registered, with 16 registering on site. We had 9 without motorhomes and 3 of those couples were looking to purchase one. We had 11 1st timers and they jumped right in to help with everything from decorating, to clean up, to serving ice cream, serving breakfast, and even serving as “Vanna Ladies” for the Pineblock Derby.

Pineblock Derby winners were Paul Array and Mardie Array. Laurie Burton continues to share her tips on how to make your racer go “zoom zoom”!

We had 22 folks become CPR certified and the instructors were superb, best I’ve ever had. While those of us were becoming certified, a group traveled by bus to Ft. Rucker for a very worthwhile trip through history.

We always eat well at these gatherings with the Sunshine Statesmen making pancakes one day; the Ladies hosted the Back to the 50’s luncheon and we had a fashion show with poodle skirts and Pink Lady jackets in abundance. While the ladies were eating their typical lunch of hamburgers and coke, the men were enjoying homemade bean soup and corn bread, all of which was prepared by Dan Meyers and his capable band of merry men!! We ventured into the land of “homemade waffles” this rally, which was a huge hit, and Dave Lenzi and Eric Tanner made sure everything ran smoothly. Tom and Marilyn Phipps brought the idea of crock pot breakfast casserole to us one morning and that too was a major success.

Fred Hudspeth did share our current financial status. We have \$61,000 in reserve and that’s over a 34 year history. Our membership is flagging, (as are many groups). A raise in dues would only be a temporary fix. He feels we should continue to support Kim’s

initiatives that she has instituted as they have been producing positive results. (If anyone is interested in the specific membership numbers I have them and would be happy to share them with you at one of our rallies).

Lots of talk about the summer rally in Branson, MO and registration is now open. Dates are June 25th to July 1st. The KOA is looking forward to our coming and they have opened the whole campground to us. Registration information can be found on the website and in the latest issue of the Vintage RV Magazine. Comments about the magazine have been very positive and it has resulted in folks joining GMCMI.

Watch for upcoming information about registering for the Fall rally in Mansfield OH, and I will try and keep you updated on GMCMI news and views!

Lucy Weidner

FALL RALLY
SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 6, 2016

Greater Midwest Classics will hold their Fall rally in conjunction with the GMCMI rally Sept 30, to Oct 6 in Mansfield, Ohio.

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

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Tel 320-685-3457

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