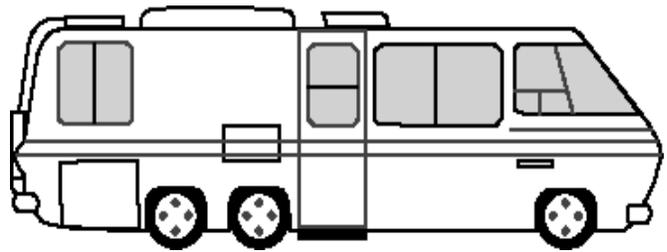


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Classics ...on the road again



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President's Greetings:

Greater Midwest Classic Members, I hope "you all" had a good winter and are ready to rev-up the coaches for a spring rally. Jane and I had a good winter in Florida. We had a visit from Jim & Teresa Dall and spent a few days camping with Larry & Lucy Weidner at Buccaneer State Park in Mississippi on our way to Louisiana. We are now on our way home after attending the GMCMI spring rally in Patterson, Louisiana. We helped with the set-up and take down of the convention with eight other couples. We had 10 couples (Wally Anderson & Sue Philbin, Jim & Teresa Dall, Robert & Linda Dunahugh, Richard & Jaye Hodges, Mike & Billie Kelly, Robert & Jean Kulig, John & Mary Ellen Smyrski, Steven & Lauralynn Southworth, Keith & Kim Weeks, Larry & Lucy Weidner & Jane & Wayne Hasek) from the Greater Midwest Classics and two other couples (Glen & Jenna Bishop & Paul & Virginia Numi) from the Midwest region attended the convention and we enjoyed getting together and several even went on a "swamp tour". A "highlight" of the convention was the inaugural run" of the Pine-box Derby GMC car that Marlys Drewes donated to the Greater Midwest Classics. Bob had never finished it so I did and painted it "John Deere" Green and it was commissioned the "***Hoya Hoya***". Larry Weidner was the pilot and it did great by finishing 6th in the men's division ahead of my "Go Granddaddy".

I have talked to Vice President, Anita White, and the first Greater Midwest Classics rally is set so I hope to see you there. Bob Miller is working on another "working" rally with Steve Rasmussen from July 31, through August 2, with early arrival on July 30, and our third rally will be in Rapid City, SD in conjunction with the fall GMCMI convention September 25 to October 1, 2015. Looking forward to seeing you in Fairbault, MN.

Your President: Wayne Hasek hasekwj@acegroup.cc 319-269-8749 or 319-240-2460

Spring Rally

Date: June, 4, 5, 6, 7, 2015

Location: Camp Faribo 507-332-8453

21851 Bagley Ave.

Faribault, MN 55021

www.campfaribo.com

Wagonmasters: Midge and Howard Glenna

We need to make our reservations by May 1st, to guarantee a spot.

The rate is \$39.00/night for 30 amp., and \$41.00 for 50 amp sites.

Thursday: June 4, 2015 is early arrival.

Friday: June 5th is the potluck. Remember to bring your own meat, dishes, utensils and a dish to pass.

Saturday: June 6th in the morning we'll have donuts, fruit (bring a cup of fresh fruit to add to the bowl) and coffee. The men will meet for a "tech session" and the ladies will have talk time. Bring ideas for Saturday afternoon free time. Saturday night we'll have "Stack ups" for dinner.

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

Hope to see you all there.

Anita

Summer Rally

Hi to all our GMC club members. I hope everyone had a good winter and I am sure, like us, you are ready for summer and some GMC motorhome time. If you were at the rallies last year, you may recall it was mentioned that Steve Rasmussen was considering holding the 2015 summer rally at his place as a working rally. Well, I just talked with Steve and he indicated that he is willing to once again host the rally at his place in Northfield MN. This will be a working rally, similar to the last one, however we most likely will not have the expertise of Dave Lenzi since he will be recovering from surgery. We do, however, have some very capable people in our club (especially Steve) who will be there to make the working rally a fun event. The dates will be July 31, through August 2, with early arrival on July 30. We have not worked out any of the details yet, but I will get you more information as we put it together. I know that Steve's shop is very close to the location of the spring rally, but we didn't want to pass up the opportunity to have a working rally once again. You may recall that last years working rally was canceled due to Steve's severe problem with his hip, which really did not allow him to do much of anything. Well, I am happy to report that Steve had his hip replaced toward the end of last year and is now doing great, in fact better than he has in years. So that is good news. We will contact you when we have more detailed information on this rally, but in the meantime we wanted to give you a heads up on this for your planning purposes.

Bob Miller

GMCM I REPORT

Patterson, LA

Lucy Weidner

Well, the rally has been put to bed and we had a wonderful week of Mardi Gras celebrations, reconnecting with friends, ice cream socials, pancake breakfast, omelets to order, sharing ideas and solutions, and enjoying lots of great food!!

We had 92 coaches, 8 folks off site, and 22 first timers.

We celebrated the 1975 anniversary coaches with 13 anniversary license plates given out.

John Smyrski reported that FMCA will hold a rally in Madison, WI July 29 – August 1st.

We had 19 hours of tech sessions which included sessions on: Rebuilding Upper Steering Column, Evaluating the Condition of the Steering Components, Aligning & Adjusting the GMC's Steering Column, Wheel Alignment, Motor Oil Selection and Analysis, Removing the Tint Film From Your Windows, Installing a Line Voltage Thermostat, How To Fill Holes in Fiberglass, New Radiators?, Restoring & Remodeling with Modern Electronics, Jeff Sirum from Sirum GMC Motorhome, was there to answer questions about the GMC, and 20 coaches were weighed.

One of the attendees, Glenn Gardner an avid photographer, offered his services to take photos of coaches with or without the owners in the photo. If the owners desire, they can then insert the photo into the GMCM I template to create personalized brochures about the coaches.

Non tech sessions held were: Let's Get Acquainted, Bookworms and their Diets, Retirement With a Purpose, Living Life With A Purpose, Smart Phones (which was hugely popular and will be repeated), Tips For Healthy Living and a Walking Exercise (moderated/led by our own Jane Hasek), and an hour long session on the blankets, how they got started, where the blankets go. The ladies made 30 blankets and it has increased our total numbers to 905!! The interest had seemed to wane so the planning committee thought holding this as a special session would reenergize the interest, and it did. The group wants to continue until we've made 1000. This session was led by another Greater Midwest Classics member, Teresa Dall.

We only had 1 bingo night this time and a new event called Chicken Foot was started with 35 enthusiastic players learning how to play this game.

Pineblock Derby had 24 cars entered. Wayne Hasek had his own car and he created the car that was owned by Bob Drewes. It was named Hoya Hoya, was painted John Deere green with a yellow stripe, and was driven by Larry Weidner in the race. Hoya Hoya finished 6th in the men's division, and 9th overall. Kudos to Wayne and Larry!!!

The Ladies Luncheon was a true southern experience. Many of the ladies came in their Mardi Gras finery, we had Gumbo and/or Vegetable Soup, salad, and Pecan Caramel cake.

Sharon Hudspeth shared her wonderful story-telling abilities when she reviewed Neil White's book [In The Sanctuary of Outcasts](#).

Mardi Gras day featured lots of beads, colorful hats, and masks. A Mardi Gras parade was held with the Sunshine Statesmen showing off their club talents and we had 15 dogs entered with all of their finery.

Folks can go to the GMCM I.com website and check out all the photos from the rally.

Lucy

For Sale: Torsion Bar Unloading Tool made in Menomonie Wisconsin at MLS Machine shop.

Made from 9/16" 4140 tooled steel Grade 5 screw stock Grade 5 nuts

3/4 X 1 1/2" 4140 tooled steel Block

\$60 Plus S&H (About \$6.00 USPS "If it fits it ships")

Or I can bring it to the next Rally.

Contact: Larry Weidner

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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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