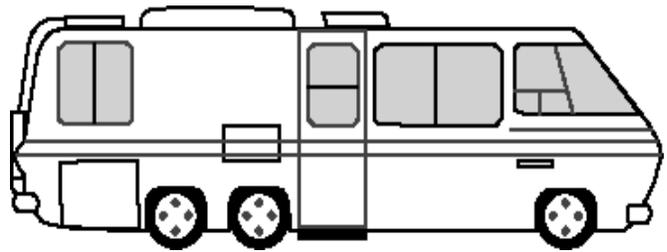


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### **President's Greetings:**

It was great to see so many of you at the Spring Rally at Camp Faribo in Faribault, MN. We had 22 coaches and others who drove in for the day or stayed outside the campground. A big thank you to Midge and Howard Glenna for hosting and all those who stepped in to help them. John Biwersi and Howard Glenna did a great job of leading the tech sessions. It was great to see the families with children as well. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the working rally at Steve Rasmussen's. Thanks goes to Bob and Yvonne Miller as rally masters and Steve and Becky for hosting.

Enjoy the 4th of July as the summer is really going fast.

Your President Wayne Hasek [hasekwj@acegroup.ccf](mailto:hasekwj@acegroup.ccf) 319-269-8749

### **Summer Rally:**

#### Summer Working Rally

Hi everyone, well it's time to think about the summer rally which this year will be another working rally. Steve Rasmussen was once again kind enough to agree to host the rally at his shop (and his home) in the country. As most of you already know, Steve used to own and operate a GMC motorhome repair shop and has a really great facility. For the new members, Steve no longer operates his GMC repair business but still has the shop and equipment.

This will be the second "Fritz Fest" in honor of the late Fritz Slama, who was the GMC motorhome guru for many, many years, and the person who got Steve started in the GMC motorhome business. Based on the response I received to my email, many of you attending this year were there last time so you know what to expect and where it is located. However, I will go through the logistics of the rally again for the newer members (oh, and those of you who forgot). These are some of the things that you need to be aware of if you are attending, as well as some detail on the schedule and directions.

**Rally masters:** Bob and Yvonne Miller 612-669-3002 [remiller24@q.com](mailto:remiller24@q.com) ; Steve and Becky will also be co rally masters but I would like all correspondence and details to go through Yvonne and

me for coordination. We want to keep Steve and Becky's work to a minimum since they are hosting us.

**Where:** Steve Rasmussen's country home and shop located at located at: 31660 Idalia Ave. Northfield, MN 55057. Steve's property has several spots for coaches and some power connections, but distance to the power will require additional power cords so please bring additional regular (standard, heavy duty 15 amp) power cords. As I mentioned in my previous email, not everyone may have electric, but if you do, it most likely will not be enough to run your air conditioner so be aware of that since it may be hot. Also, assume dry camping as far as water and sewer is concerned. When: July 31, and August 1 & 2. Early arrival on Thursday, July 30, but please, only after 12:00 noon. This is a private residence, not a campground, so we must not overstay our welcome. Likewise, please plan on leaving Sunday, August 2nd by noon. If you want to come earlier, or stay later, please use a campground in the area. Thank you.

**Working Rally:** This will be a working rally and we have not yet determined what will be the focus; however it may be more front end alignment checkup, and/or checking your gear box for proper center, things that we can do on each coach. We will not be performing an alignment, but merely checking it. We will try to check all coaches in attendance with whatever we will be doing (assuming owners want or need their coach checked), but we again cannot guarantee that we can get to everyone depending on the number in attendance. We would like to avoid any major work to make sure we can get to everyone there.

**Special Guest:** Once again, Dave Lenzi, who many of you already know, may be with us. You may also know that Dave has had some health issues including recent surgery, but he is recovering very nicely and at the present time, plans on attending if at all possible. Unlike last time, he may or may not be able to physically work on the coaches, but having him there and advising us would be a huge advantage so we are hoping he and Mary will be with us. We are very excited for the possibility of having them both attend.

**Cost:** This will be the same as last time which is \$10 per coach per day plus whatever your dinner costs at a restaurant on Saturday night. Please pay Larry Johnson at the rally so he doesn't have to chase you down.

**Directions:** From Interstate 35, south of Minneapolis/St. Paul, take exit number 69, MN highway 19. (There is a Flying J truck stop with a dump station on the southwest corner of the exit.)

**From the south,** turn right going east at the exit stop sign.

**From the north,** turn left at the stop sign and go over the freeway.

Then take the first left, just past the freeway entrance, which is Hazelwood. Go north on Hazelwood, a frontage road, approximately 1 mile to the first right which is 70th, a gravel road. Go east on 70th (later changes to 120th street) approximately 3 miles to Idalia Ave, which is the second marked street where you can turn left. Turn left (north) on Idalia, (another gravel road) for approximately one mile. Steve's place is the first home on the right. Turn right into his property at his SECOND entry road. You have arrived at your destination.

**Schedule:** The schedule will be similar to our normal rallies, where possible, with the exception that during the day we will be working on coaches. Yvonne and Becky are working on activities for the ladies who will be in attendance and don't want to do any wrenching. (that's a joke folks)

Thursday: On your own.  
Friday: Donuts and coffee inside the shop (starting at 8:00 am).  
Pot luck at 6:00 pm. Bring a dish to pass.  
Saturday: Donuts and coffee inside the shop (starting at 8:00 am).  
Dinner at a restaurant in Northfield. 6:00pm.  
Sunday: Donuts and coffee inside the shop (starting at 8:00 am).  
Depart by noon.

For those of you who would rather stay at a campground where you have full hookups, there are two within 10 to 12 miles of Steve's shop. They are Camp Faribo, <http://www.campfaribo.com/> 507-332-8453 and Nerstrand Big Woods State Park [http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state\\_parks/nerstrand\\_big\\_woods/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/nerstrand_big_woods/index.html) 507-333-4840.

Make your own reservations please, and let me know if you will be at Steve's, but not staying on his property so I know who will be in attendance.

**Reservations:** Please call or email Bob Miller to make your reservation. Contact me at [remiller24@q.com](mailto:remiller24@q.com) or 612-669-3002. If you have already responded to my rally email to let me know you're coming, you do not have to do it again. So far I have 14 confirmed coaches (not counting Dave and Mary Lenzi) and remember, we are limiting it to 20 coaches (21 with Dave) because of the restricted space.

If you have a smaller project that needs to be done, bring your parts, if any, and if time permits we will try to get to it. Please understand that we may or may not be able to get to it.

We will most likely not have a formal membership meeting there since we only need 2 per year to comply with FMCA rules.

One final thought, bring insect repellent!! Steve is going to try to spray, but just in case, it could be like the north woods because of his beautiful setting. So cords, insect spray, full water tank, empty holding tank and anything else you like to eat or drink. If Dave and Mary are there we certainly will have a bonfire every night.

I hope this sets everyone's expectations properly. If you have any questions, please call me so that I can help everyone understand what can or cannot be accomplished at this rally. Since many of you were there last time, I know you know what to expect. One last thing, if you have the mechanical skills or ability to work on your GMC, we want you to help with your coach. We are not intending that only a few of us to perform all the work, assuming you want to help. As it was last time, I think this will be a fun rally if we all approach it with the understanding that this is not the normal campground rally. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Bob Miller

**Nominating Committee:** We are in need of a temporary Secretary for the fall rally in Rapid City, SD. Rachael Stearns and Roger are selling their GMC and she will not be doing the secretarial reports. In November we will elect a new secretary.

Also in September, we will be electing a FMCA Director, and a nominating committee member.

## **GMCMI REPORT**

**For the GMCMI report all I have to say is the upcoming dates to share.**

**GMCMI Fall rally will be held in the The Fairgrounds in Rapid City SD, Sept. 25th - October 1st.**

**GMCMI Spring rally, 2016, will be held at the Fairgrounds in Dothan, AL**

**GMCMI Fall rally, 2016, will be held in Mansfield, OH.**

**Definitive dates will be shared in a later newsletter.**

**Lucy Weidner**

**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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