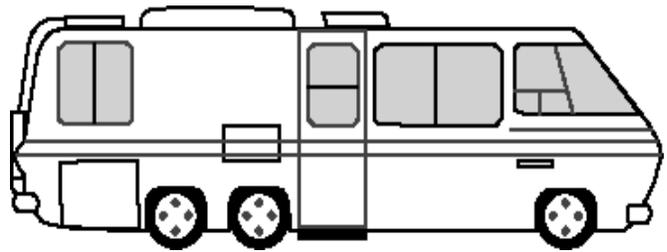


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**Greetings from your President:**

Greater Midwest Classics had the most members of any other club at the GMCMI Fall Convention in Rapid City, SD. Thanks to all of you who helped make the Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at convention a great success. I knew I could count on you when I volunteered and of course John Knepper did a good job entertaining with his pancake flipping and was given the “Master Flipper” award. We had 65 members and guests in attendance at our meeting held at the convention. Thank you to John Biwersi for stepping up and taking FMCA representative and Bob Miller for being the alternate. A big thank you to my wife, Jane who stepped up to fill the vacant secretary spot. It was great to see Marlys Drewes and her friends & family in attendance even though she no longer has a coach. Robert & Linda Dunahugh were in attendance even though they recently lost their coach to a fire. Joe, Randy & Dave (Randy’s brother) Johnson were “loaded” up and on their way to Utah following their auction the previous week. We will miss them but hope they can find their way to a rally every now and then. Thank you to Larry Johnson for your diligent work as treasurer and keeping all membership records in order. Thank you to Anita White for her great work in getting the rallies scheduled. Thank you Margaret Biwersi for your work in keeping us all informed with the newsletter. Hats off to Rick & Tammy Drummond who help in many ways, Tammy has taken over the job of maintaining the roster/membership directory and Rick piloted the “Hoya Hoya” pine block car in the derby at Rapid City. Drummond’s are going to build their own cars for the next derby so we need someone to volunteer and run “Hoya Hoya” for the club. Hope to see you all **November 19<sup>th</sup> at White Bear Lake for the Holiday party.**

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

## **Holiday Party 2015:**

Once again we will hold the Greater Midwest Classics Holiday party at the beautiful restaurant THE STATION in downtown White Bear Lake, MN, (formerly known as The Manitou Station,) located at 2171 4th St. It will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 11:30 AM in the Whistle Stop Room. Lunch will be served and a cash bar will be available.

And Bless their hearts, Yvonne and Bob Miller have invited us to their home after 3:00 PM for social time. They will have coffee, so please bring what you want to drink.

And Desserts are always welcome. Reservations will be taken by me by November 12th.

Anita White, at 605- 267-2667 or [lodiwhite@gmail.com](mailto:lodiwhite@gmail.com).

Anita

## **Summer Working Rally**

Hi everyone. It was great seeing so many of you at the GMCMI fall rally in Rapid City as our club was well represented there. Our club's summer rally this year was held July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup> and once again was a working rally at Steve Rasmussen's home and fantastic shop. It was well attended with 16 coaches plus one couple who stayed in a nearby motel, and Ward Lewis who joined us on Saturday.

The rally was again led by our friend Dave Lenzi, who with his wife Mary, came from their home in Michigan to be with us. This year however, their attendance was really special in that Dave was recovering from his medical problems which included open heart surgery. His rapid recovery from such a major procedure amazed us all and I know I can speak for everyone in saying that we felt blessed to have them with us. Dave had just had a checkup before they left and was supposed to be limiting the amount of weight he could lift to 10 pounds so we told Mary we would monitor him for compliance. Well, as you can imagine, that was almost impossible, because Dave has a mind of his own and loves working on the coaches, but the good news is he came through it just fine.

We had fantastic weather for the rally, and best of all, no one had to be towed out of the mud! This year the theme was checking the steering boxes for being on center when going straight down the road, and to the extent we could, centering them if they were off. We were able to check all of the coaches in attendance, unlike the prior working rally, where we could not get to everyone, so we were happy about that. The feedback I received was very positive. Everyone to whom I spoke after the rally reported improved steering as a result of this work. We were also able to do many front end alignment checks and other work such as putting on the front wheel liners for Larry Johnson and recharging the air conditioning for Wayne Hasek.

Steve, Becky and the boys were again wonderful hosts and I know everyone had a great time. It is really good to see Steve back to 100% after his hip replacement. This year he was able to help Dave with the work. On Friday night we had a potluck in the shop and after eating we were entertained by Becky's stepdad, who played guitar and sang. He was really very good and even got us to join in on some of the singing. There was also a solo by Becky and a special guest appearance by a young "Elvis" who sang one of his songs. On Saturday night we went out to dinner at a restaurant in the area for more really good food and socializing. As the saying goes, a good time was had by all.

I would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who pitched in and helped this year. There were a lot of guys assisting and this really helped us to be able to get to everyone's coach. A very special thank you to Dave and Mary for once again driving for 2 days to be with us. Their attendance really makes our event

special. Also, we want to especially say thanks to Steve for allowing us to have our working rally at his facility. We would not be able to have this event if it were not for him, so I can't thank you enough Steve, and I want to say it was enjoyable working with you on this rally. Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank John Biwersi, Larry Weidner, Howie Glenna and Jim White for helping both prepare for the rally and clean up at the end. Without you guys helping, it would not be possible to pull it off. In closing, I leave you with this thought. Thinking about all the people who attended this rally, as well as those who were not able to come, we really have a fantastic group of people in our club who not only help each other but have become good friends, as well. I would never have met most of you if it were not for our GMC's and our club, so I am thankful to have this opportunity to be together in our common interest. Happy GMCing.

Bob Miller

## **GMCMI Report**

### **Lucy Weidner**

We had a wonderful fall event in Rapid City South Dakota. The warm weather greeted 115 coaches, and the Central States Fairgrounds rolled out the welcome mat for us.

The theme was the Gold Rush and we had many folk's sport cowboy hats, boots, vests, jeans, and a few saloon girls were found in the crowd as well.

Laurie Burton and Dale Ropp shared many of their secrets on how to have a winning Pineblock Derby coach, and Laurie spent lots of individual time with folks. Tech sessions were great as they always are, non-tech sessions had some new presenters, including a couple of first timers.

The Ladies social was a big hit with having an apron theme, and many of the ladies wore aprons to the luncheon and shared stories about why they chose that apron. Great door prizes and a Miner's Stew was provided by the host group The Mountaineers.

Gold Rush days were a big hit, with the play "There's Gold In Them Thar' Hills. We had saloon girls (some were Midwest Classics gals), bandits (who blew up the stage and scattered gold over the grounds), a rogue sheriff (Rick Drummond), an honest deputy (Wayne Hasek), witnesses (Teresa Dall was one), a rascal of a judge (Tom Henderson), Defense Attorney (Fred Hudspeth and his alien defense), Prosecuting Attorney (Eileen Edwards who came with a noose already made), and a surprise appearance by Leon Lieder as a bystander who was shot by the bandits!! Everyone gathered in the sunshine to look for the gold from the stage, pan for gold, use the shooting gallery. We had a great Dutch oven supper and the table where the person who collected the most gold was sitting, got to go first, but only after they got up and danced the can-can with the dance hall girls!!! It was wonderful to have Dave and Mary Lenzi with the group and Marlys Drewes, and her friend Marlys, a niece, and another friend, LeAnne, also joined us. It's always so much fun to have these folks with us.

At the membership meeting, Larry Weidner was re-elected VP of Midwest Area and Lucy Weidner was re-elected Secretary. Kim shared the new electronic parts page for the web and the new magazine format that will be available.

Back to Dothan AL in the spring and we'll meet from April 8th – 14th, 2016 at the Peanut Fairgrounds. Watch for more information on the GMCMI webpage.

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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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