

**COVID-19 - It's no April Fool's Day Joke. Please stay home & stay safe. We've got some camping to do!**

Greetings from the President's Corner.

I am praying that this letter finds you all well during these difficult times concerning the Coronavirus. We are fortunate that it has not hit the Midwest as hard as other more populated areas yet and hopefully everyone is doing their part to stay at home and prevent the spread of the virus.

Our board has had some discussion concerning our Spring Rally that is set for June 5<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup> and we will be making a decision as time draws a bit closer on whether we will go ahead as planned or cancel the rally. We are right now living in uncertain times, where we are hoping that by June, the worst of this virus will be over.

Dave and I have been social distancing ourselves from other people and sometimes from EACH OTHER!! As I am sure many of you can relate to!! Thank goodness he has a shed with a GMC motor home in it that is always requiring projects on it!!

Please take care and stay safe.

Karen Roberts  
President, Greater Midwest Classics



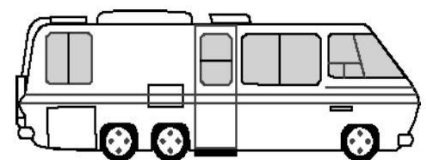
[GMCMI Spring Convention On World's Best Grass](#)  
April 17-23, 2020



[GMCMI Fall Convention – 'Black Hills Adventures'](#)  
September 18-24, 2020  
Central States Fairgrounds, Rapid City, South Dakota

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## Spring Rally

Greetings!

The Spring Rally is set for June 4-7, as of right now. We have a group reservation at Nelson's Landing RV Park, in Nelson, WI.

We will be camping at **Nelson's Landing RV Park, E203 Cleveland St., Nelson, WI 54756**. This is the campground registration information, and you can begin the registration process now if you want, otherwise the deadline would be May 1st.

**DATES:** June 4th (early arrival), 5th, 6th, with checkout the 7th.

**RATE:** A back-in site is \$42.20/night, a pull-through site is \$52.75/night  
There will be a \$20.00 down payment per site. You have up until 72 hours to cancel with a full refund.

You can register either via email at [nelsonslandingrvpark@gmail.com](mailto:nelsonslandingrvpark@gmail.com) or by calling Cecilia Greenheck at 507-884-5017. Make sure you tell them you are with the Greater Midwest Classics group so we can be parked together.

Tentative plans for the rally:

- June 4th, early arrival
- June 5th: Arrival and pot luck in the evening
- June 6th: National Eagle Center tour 10 AM - Free time to tour the area, have lunch (you can eat at Slippery's which was used in the filming of Grumpy Old Men), etc.
- 5:00 PM Grandpa's Saloon at J&J BBQ restaurant (voted best in the area) 1 block from the campground. Order off the menu, we will have our club meeting at this time

Other areas of interest in Wabasha:/Kellogg: Lark Toy Museum, Anderhouse Hotel, The Chocolate Escape, Anderson Gardens, Barton's Brickhouse Boutique, Turning Waters Back Alley Brewing.  
Nelson area: Nelson Creamery, The Stone Barn (Pizza Farm)

Alma area: Lock & Dam #4 with Railroad Bridge, Buena Vista Overlook & Hiking Trail, Danziger Winery and Tasting Room, Castlerock Arms & Armory Museum. You can also visit Buffalo county website for more ideas.

Please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns.

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## Summer Rally – August 21-23

GMC Summer Rally

Hosts: Bill and Jean Pociengel

When: August 21-23, 2020

Where: Fair Hill Campground, 225 Edwards St, Chippewa Falls, WI.

(On the grounds of the Northern WI State Fair but not fair time!)

Self-pay \$35 by check payable to NWSF, drop box located on the East end of the Fairgrounds by campsite 1, or credit card payments at the fairground office from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

You do not need to reserve a specific spot in advance as we have the entire campground for our group.

Please contact Jean Pociengel if you will attend so we can plan for food. Jean can be reached at [jpociengel@gmail.com](mailto:jpociengel@gmail.com) or 715-338-4898.

The Fair Hill campgrounds is in walking distance to Historic downtown Chippewa Falls, Leinenkugel Brewery Tours, Mason Shoe Outlet Store, Irvine Park & Zoo and is located on a major bike trail that goes for miles along the Chippewa River. There is a public pool, Bernard F. Willi Pool at 1 Bridgewater Avenue which is also a short walk away.

More details will be in our next newsletter.

Bill and Jean Pociengel

## Fall Rally – September 11-13

GMC Fall Rally

Hosts: Donna & Kevin Anderson, Butch 612.723.2530 & Val Donahue 760.346.5264

When: September 11-13, 2020

Where: Andover, SD

Hello Greater Midwest Classics friends!

We have a great opportunity September 11, 12, & 13, 2020 to experience the early 1900's on the farm at the James Valley Steam Show! Visit [jamesvalleythreshers.com](http://jamesvalleythreshers.com) to check out past events and their history. Andover is located on Hwy 12, 30 miles east of Aberdeen and 50 miles west of Interstate 29.

## Who to Contact:

**Website**

Webmaster: Rick Drummond  
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Do you know of a member that might need a little sunshine in their life? Please reach out to Sunshine Officer, Midge Glenna, 715-426-5650, and she'll be happy to send them a card.



To add content to the newsletter, please email Jennifer Roche, [jenroche78@gmail.com](mailto:jenroche78@gmail.com), a minimum of 5 business days prior to the schedule below.

2020 Newsletter Schedule:

- \*February 2<sup>nd</sup>
- \*April 1<sup>st</sup>
- \*July 1<sup>st</sup>
- \*September 1<sup>st</sup>
- \*December 1<sup>st</sup>
- \*subject to change



To pay dues, change your mailing address, or submit email changes, please contact Tammy Drummond at 612-387-4208, or email [t drum0966@gmail.com](mailto:t drum0966@gmail.com).

Daily steam events include: sawmills sawing, threshing, steam engines plowing and a 1:30 steam and antique car parade. Also available are heritage crafts, a quilt show & programs, museums, flea market, concessions, breakfast and lunch on the grounds at the Feed Mill, 9:30 Sunday church service on the grounds.

If desired our group is welcome to arrive in Andover, SD by 4:00pm on **Wednesday the 9th** for a tour of the fairgrounds and dinner on your own.

#### **Thursday, 10th**

8:00 am - Coffee & continental breakfast at the Anderson museum. Bring a cup of fruit to share.  
11:00 am - Carpool to Pereboom's Restaurant in Webster for lunch. Reservation required.  
1:00 pm - Tour of the Dakota Foundry where they designed and manufactured the parts for the world's largest 150HP Case Steam Road Locomotive.  
5:00 pm - Happy Hour at campsite

#### **Friday, 11th**

8:00 am - Coffee & continental breakfast at Anderson Museum. Bring a cup of fruit to share.  
Day at the threshing show  
5:00 pm - Potluck at Anderson Museum  
Just after dark - Moonlight Steam Ride to Main Street Bar

#### **Saturday, 12th**

8:00 am - Coffee & continental breakfast at Anderson Museum. Bring a cup of fruit to share.  
Day at the threshing show  
6:00 pm - Prime Rib Dinner at Anderson Museum. \$20.00 Reservation Required  
Just after dark - Spark Show at fairgrounds.

#### **Sunday, 13th**

8:00 am - Coffee & continental breakfast at Anderson Museum. Bring a cup of fruit to share.  
9:30 am - Church at fairgrounds.  
Noon - Depart Andover  
Optional stop on your way home is the Terry Redlin Art Center in Watertown, SD

**Notes:** Breakfast and lunch are available at the Feed Bin Friday, Saturday & Sunday.  
Main Street Bar serves dinner on Friday and Saturday Nights

**Reservations by August 1st & payment must be received by August 31st. Send to Butch Donahue, 2745 County Rd. 19, Maple Plain MN 55359**

Season Pass for Steamshow - \$25.00  
Camping \$25.00 per day x # days=\$\_\_\_\_\_ Dry camping, dump & water nearby  
Foundry Tour - Free, need to know # of people  
Golf Cart Rental - 2 seater \$75.00/day or 4 seater \$100.00  
(Campsite is approximately 6 blocks from fairgrounds)  
Lunch @ Perebooms - pay on your own but need a headcount.  
Saturday evening Dinner - \$20.00 pp need a headcount.  
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