

GMC Greater Midwest Classics Newsletter

February 1st, 2021



Home Is Where We Park Our GMC

Greetings from the President's Corner,

At this stage of the pandemic, we are all suffering from some form of COVID-19 fatigue and no doubt looking forward to getting our motorhomes out of storage and gathering with our club members at our first Spring rally.

I hope you have all been well. Dave and I try to stay healthy by staying active with biking, golfing and hiking at our home in Arizona. We are used to lots of guests from our Midwestern family and friends, so this year is definitely different for us, with COVID-19 dissuading travel.

We wish you all good health and look forward to seeing you all at our Spring Rally.

Best Regards,

Karen Roberts
President, Greater Midwest Classics

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GMCCI Upcoming Rallies ~ 2021

[2021 GMCCI Spring Convention "Cajun Crazy"](#)

April 16-22, 2021 | Patterson Area Civic Center | Patterson, LA

[2021 GMCCI Fall Convention – "Welcome Back Convention"](#)

September 24-30, 2021 | Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds | Chippewa Falls, WI

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Thank you to our members who are hosting rallies in 2021! As we get closer to the date of the rally, you will receive an email with how to make reservations, and rally details, from the Rally Hosts.

Spring Rally

June 4-6 | Nelson, WI

[Nelson's Landing RV Park](#)

Hosts: Larry and Lucy

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715-497-2998 Lucy

715-529-1083 Larry

Summer Rally

July 22-25 | Miliona, MN

[Lazy Days Campground](#)

Hosts: Keith and Karin Wickenhauser

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Fall Rally

Sept. 10-12 | Andover, SD

James Valley Steam Show

Donna & Kevin Anderson and

Butch & Val Donahue

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Sunshine Corner ~ Gratitude Memorials Celebrations

The Sunshine Corner is to share notes of gratitude, celebrate the memory of those that have passed, and recognize celebrations. Please email your submission to [Jennifer Roche](mailto:jennifer@roche.com).



Jim Dall ~ Please continue to keep Jim in your thoughts and prayers. He is now in a Health & Rehab Center receiving speech, OT & PT therapies. Teresa feels confident that it will be a short term stay.

Peppy Drummond ~ For those of us that had the joy of seeing Peppy riding in the GMC, or being tucked under Tammy's arm, and not to forget, enjoying a cold one at the Chippewa Falls Fall Rally, we know how much he is surely missed by Rick, Tammy, and Hunter. Peppy joined his brother Louie on January 19th at the golden age of 15.

Rest in Peace Peppy.

Meals Made in the GMC

Kirkland Signature Chicken Street Tacos

Master Chef: Jennifer Roche (a.k.a Costco)

You pull into the campground, in the dark, and its dinner time. I'm going to be prepared in 2021, thanks to Costco!



These amazing tacos come premade and ready to assemble. There are 12 soft shells, seasoned chicken, salsa, and lime slices. Add a bag of Scoops and a jar of Chunky Corn, Black Bean & Jalapeno Salsa, and dinner is done!



We'd Love to Hear From You!

Do you have a **Meals Made in the GMC** you'd like to share with the group? Have you found the best way to fix, enhance, or just plain keep your **GMC** running? Do you have a **cool picture** of your GMC Coach from your adventures? We're looking for members to submit **articles** and **pictures** to be used in the 2021 Greater Midwest Classics Newsletters. Please send submissions to [Jennifer Roche](#) no later than 2 days prior to the publication of the next newsletter.

2021 Newsletter Schedule: *February 1st *April 1st *July 1st *September 1st *December 1st

GMC...Get Out, Make Memories, Cheer On Others



**A big 'Thank You' to
Tim and Niki Anderson
for sharing the great pictures of
their coach & family
in this quarter's newsletter!**

**Your boys will always remember
the wonderful memories you're
making as a family in your GMC!**

Tech Tips for your GMC...Keeping GMC's on the Road

Avoid the sagging blues – Replacing your air lines and fittings is a simple fix

Coach Owner: Tim Anderson

We hear a lot of people talking about what new air bags they put in or should buy, but I don't hear many talking about the air lines. We have a 1976 Palm Beach that from the day we bought it the air suspension would slowly leak down while sitting. After about 5yrs of ownership I finally replaced the 40yr old airbags thinking that was the problem, but the sagging continued.

Driving one afternoon an air line broke leaving us a bit lopsided. I thought maybe I routed the air lines different during the air bag install causing some stress, so I cut the

line a touch shorter, installed a new brass ferrule and put it back together with an improved routing. A few days later the air line broke again. Turns out the

40+ year old air lines are pretty brittle, so it was time to replace them.

I talked to Jim Bounds and he recommended using Parker 68P air fittings and DOT rated air tubing. He also mentioned that he typically can use the original air lines.





Our GMC came from Kansas where it was parked outside most of the year. The sun and time had caused the air lines to become brittle. The Parker 68P fittings (Poly-Tite) are a bit different compression fitting using an acetal copolymer (plastic) sleeve instead of a brass ferrule that reduces stress on the tubing. I found all the fittings I needed (and a few extra) at shopcross.com. I ordered 40 feet each (probably needed about 25 ft each for the 76, older GMC's will need more) of polyester blue, red, and yellow DOT-04 1/4" air brake tubing from shop.hoseandfittings.com. The fittings range in price averaging about \$3 each and the tubing is about \$0.5/ft shipped to your door.

With my supplies in hand (and fuel tanks already dropped), I ran the new air lines and replaced every fitting in an afternoon. I believe this could be done without having the tanks dropped. The passenger side air lines route under the body to the driver side where all the air lines pass through a hole in the fender into the hall closet. To pull the new air lines in, I taped the new line to the old ones as I pulled them into the cabin. Repeat six times and all the air lines were in place.

Older GMCs the air lines all run up in front of the driver's tire. I also installed all new fittings, air lines, and a new Viair 91005 1/2 gallon air tank all for about \$200. I had previously installed a Viair compressor. I can now leave the GMC parked any amount of time without the air suspension sagging.

Remember these rigs are 40+ years old. Everything plastic and rubber will break down and needs attention so as to not leave you stranded (or sagging).

Good luck with your GMC maintenance!

Tim Anderson, 1976 Palm Beach



Greater Midwest Classics Website

<https://gmcmidwestclassics.org/>

What Can I Do on the Website?

- Renew & Pay Membership Online Line
- Check Out the Club's Newsletter
- View Upcoming Rally and Event Dates
- So much more! Check it out!



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