

SEPTEMBER 2026 GMCSS HAPPENINGS



OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE

Reserve your campsite for October rally NOW! Clover Leaf Forest RV Park in Brooksville will be releasing our held sites soon. Fewer than 10 coaches have signed up so far.

It is important that members make their reservations in a timely manner for the 2026-2027 Rally Schedule. The resorts will release our held sites to the general public after the “reserve by” dates listed in the rally schedule.

Timely reservations are important not only to the campground, but also to the rally host for planning meals and activities and determining whether we will have enough members in attendance to have the clubhouse available to us.

PREZ SAYS



A NEW SEASON IS UPON US

I want to thank Stick and Elise Miller and Barbara Perry for hosting the rally in Tallahassee. They did a wonderful job. My bride and I were able to attend because Homer seems to have developed an understanding that I will not be afraid to challenge who owns who. We made the trip from Jax to Tallahassee at highway speed.

It is still down on power, but driveable.

Aside from Homer's problems, John and Linda Richardson were camped next to us and apparently Homer must have said something to John's Avion to make his macerator stop working, with full tanks. A mini tech session ensued, but to no avail. With a trip to Walmart, John now has a 'pot to piss in'.

A special shout-out to Donna Dale and Bob Heller for taking the club equipment for the next rally in Brooksville. Get your reservations and registration in soon, so plans can be finalized.

Which brings up another subject. IF YOU ENJOY THE RALLIES, YOU NEED TO BE THERE. And if you want to see, or do, or have any suggestions to improve the rally attendance, send me an email. Nothing we do is set in stone.

I look forward to seeing you.

Harold Coffield
President 2026-2027

RECAP OF SEPTEMBER RALLY

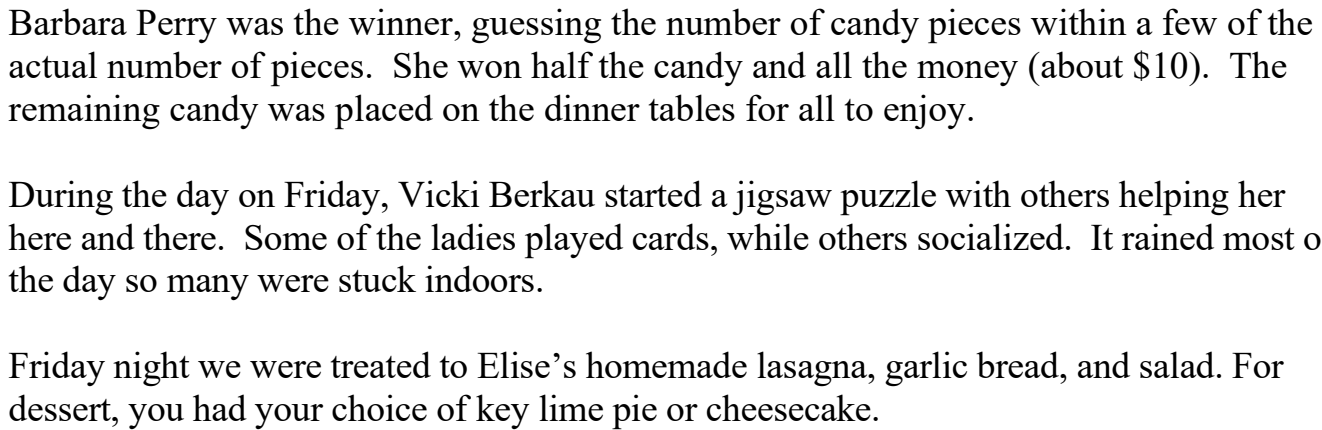
Our first rally of the season was held at the Tallahassee RV Resort in Tallahassee, FL with 22 people in attendance. Attendees were: Hosts Elise/Stick Miller, co-hosts Barbara/Dave Perry, Donna Dale/Bob Heller, Harold/Charlie Coffield, Cat Meyer, Lori Meyer, Tom/Marilyn Phipps, Vicki/Tom Berkau, John/Linda Richardson, John/Rita Nicholls, Jim/Ethel Walters, and Mark/Angie Wilson.

Thursday, early arrivals went to Backwoods Crossing for dinner.



The hosts planned a “Potluck” Brunch for Friday morning – some of that brunch consisted of an egg casserole, pineapple casserole, hashbrown casserole, sausage patties, fresh fruit, and donuts. At breakfast, the “Gambling Theme” of the rally was introduced. Everyone was told to look under their chair, and if it said winner, you won a prize. John Nicholls, Lori Meyer and Cat Meyer each won exciting door prizes –Sticky notes!

A clear plastic container filled with various candies, including KitKat bars and Hershey's Kisses. A sign in front of the container reads: "Guess the number of individual Candies in the jar. 4 guesses for \$1 Prize: All the \$ and about half the candy (Maximum 16 Cans) Please guess your amount by 12:00 PM Friday".



During the day on Friday, Vicki Berkau started a jigsaw puzzle with others helping her here and there. Some of the ladies played cards, while others socialized. It rained most of the day so many were stuck indoors.

Friday night we were treated to Elise's homemade lasagna, garlic bread, and salad. For dessert, you had your choice of key lime pie or cheesecake.





Following dinner, attendees purchased Bingo cards for \$1 each. Stick Miller was the bingo caller. The first round required an “X” to bingo, and Donna Dale won the \$38 pot. The next round was coverall and Linda Richardson won the \$36 pot. Afterwards, hand and foot card game was played by the ladies, some continued to do puzzles and some played fast track.

Saturday morning, we had Belgian waffles, sausage links, and fresh fruit. The gambling opportunity at that meal was to guess a card from a deck of 52; Mark Wilson guessed 3 of Hearts which was the closest guess to the 4 of hearts (the Magic number) – he won a pack of pens, which he was happy to receive.

After breakfast, Barbara Perry provided a craft for the women to paint plaques of wood or figurines.



While the ladies worked their crafts, some of the men went to the Tallahassee Automobile Museum, less than a mile from the campground. This is an amazing museum enjoyed by those who visited it.

That afternoon, some of the ladies heard there was a flea market at the car museum so they went but it was really just local advertisers booths but we did enjoy a Kona ice before heading back – it was nice to get out while it wasn't raining.

When the rain hit again, the usual groups played Hand and Foot as well as Fast Track; Vicky Berkau had a crowd working with her on sorting out puzzle pieces from four boxes of puzzles that had been all mixed together.



The Saturday night meal consisted of fried chicken, broccoli casserole, green beans, salad and croissants. Elise's plan to serve rice pilaf had its challenges since we did not have a working oven. She used a few people's ovens and we had one big oops of it spilling all over. Elise cleaned it all up and although she thought it was a disaster, the oops rice actually came out pretty well after being put in the microwave. Dessert was Elise's homemade brownies and ice cream and Ethel Walter's famous banana pudding. Thanks, Ethel!

After dinner, the gambling continued with a game of Left, Right, Center. Each participant started with three \$1 bills. The dice were rolled until everyone lost their money to the pot. The last person standing was Mark Wilson, who won approximately \$30.

Sunday morning came way too fast – we had leftover muffins and donuts and coffee and said our goodbyes until October.

NEW - PHOTOS

Take a look at photos from the rally. [Click here.](#)

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES OVER THE SUMMER

September 2nd - **Cindy Michelhaugh's** mom, Eloise Wiles, passed away



August 31st - **Ed Bickley** had surgery to take out some suspicious lymph nodes. Surgery went well and he is recovering and although unable to make the September rally, we are hoping to see Deb and Ed at the October rally in Brooksville.

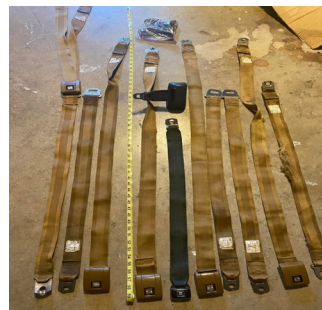
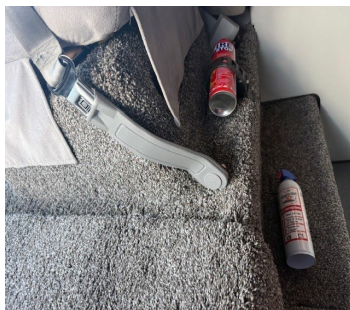


July 24th – Ken Link's memorial service was held at the Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth, FL.

July 20th – Rick Michelhaugh had rotator cuff surgery.

July 16th – Tony Stasunas passed away.

SAFETY TIP: Seatbelt use and inspection



It goes without saying, seatbelts should be properly installed and in use, worn low and

snug across your lap, whenever your coach is in motion.

However, as we're all humans integrating with machines, what may seem a short innocuous trip, may be an instant where one could fall out of the seat while in motion or crash without wearing a belt, causing injury or damage.

With our coaches reaching or approaching the 50-year-old mark, it may be possible your coach has an unserviceable seatbelt.

Below are some seat belt inspection tips that may help you determine the level of safety your belts provide.

Please take a moment to look at your seatbelts and put them to work for you.

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- Inspect the seat belt, for fraying, cuts, fading and torn or loose stitching. If any of these conditions exist, replace the seat belt.
- Inspect all of the seat belt buckles for proper latching and releasing operation. If it does not function properly, replace the seat belt buckle.
- Inspect the seat belt retractor by slowly extending the seat belt fully. It should extend smoothly without binding or locking. If it does not function properly, replace the seat belt.
- Inspect the seat belt retractor by latching the seat belt and then pulling the belt quickly. The seat belt should lock. If it does not function properly, replace the seat belt.

Additionally, when mounting seat belts, ensure to use proper grade hardware and the GMC designed hard points on the cockpit deck are used to secure the belts.

Proper maintenance inspection is Safety!

Johnny Niedzwiedzki, Safety Director
74 Canyonlands, "Ole Frances"

MEMBERSHIP DUES

As GMCSS starts the new rally season, 2027 is just around the corner. Membership dues for 2027 should be paid by **January 1, 2027**.

Dues are \$30.00 per family unit, per year and can be paid online using PayPal, Zelle or by mailing a check payable to GMC Sunshine Statesmen at 1117 Northern Way, Winter Springs, FL 32708-4303. For information on how to pay online, please refer to the GMCSS.com website/Membership Dues or contact me.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Donna Dale at donnasdale@yahoo.com or call 407-446-5552.

Your GMCSS Treasurer,
Donna Dale

OUR RALLY SEASON SCHEDULE 2026-2027
SEE [WEBSITE](#) FOR [DETAILED RALLY INFORMATION](#)

October 8 – 11, 2026 Clover Leaf Forest RV Park 910 N. Broad Street Brooksville, FL (Thousand Trails) 352-796-5138 ask for Nica Rivera Hosts: Donna Dale & Bob Heller Co-hosts: Cindy & Rick Michelhaugh	February 20-28, 2027 Caribbean Cruise Regal Princess out of Ft. Lauderdale (for more info contact Cat Meyer)
November 5-8, 2026 Zachary Taylor RV Resort 2995 US-441 Okeechobee, FL 34974 (863) 824-7006 Hosts: Deb & Ed Bickley	March 11-14, 2027 Eagles Roost RV Resort 5465 Millstore Road Lake Park, GA 31636 229-559-5192
December 10-13, 2026 Flamingo Lakes RV Community Campground 3640 Newcomb Rd Jacksonville, FL 32218 (904) 766-0672 Hosted by the Board	April 8-11, 2027 Keystone Heights RV 1177 SE Keystone Avenue Keystone Heights, FL 32656 (352) 645-4330
January 7-10, 2027 Clerbrook Golf & RV Resort 20005 US Highway 27 Clermont, FL 34715 Hosts: Lori Meyer/Cat Meyer Co-Hosts: Donna Dale & Bob Heller	May 6-9, 2027 Forest Lake Village 41219 Hockey Drive Zephyrhills, FL 33540 813-782-1058

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