

Just so you know! . . . July 16, 2017

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Village North Collectors Club – Duluth, MN/ Superior, WI

Fund raising rummage sale –July
28, 29, Gail & Jeff's

Club picnic – August 5, Kandi &
Rod's cabin

Next meeting –September 20

Department 56 Gatherings

Chicago, IL - September 27-30,
2018

Cincinnati, OH – 2019

. . . The **Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research** is the announced charity for the 2018 gathering 'Sweet Home Chicago.' It will be held September 27-30, 2018. Crowne Plaza Hotel Chicago O'Hare, Rosemont, IL. For further info: www.chicagogathering.org

. . . 4th Edition Village D-Tails. Linda and I spent an hour plus beginning to post our new Village D-Tails. Entering what we own is what I mean by 'post.' So far we managed to 'do' Snow Village (very limited numbers) and Dickens'. We can tell you it is easy to find items and post them. We used an orange 'highlighter.' The flat, open pages, makes writing so much easier. So far most everything is where we expected it to be. We also posted the 'Handbook' as we went along. Both being in date order makes it the smart thing to do. Will say more as our experience grows (or I receive more input from others).

. . . 46.50 N Lat, 92.10 W Long, Elev. 1250 feet. That's where we live. My QSL card says so. Note: That's actually on top of the hill in Duluth, MN. Amateur radio operators confirm on-air contacts with QSL cards. My call sign is WBØZAH – just so you know!

. . . A Christmas tree ornament from *Millie's* in Tempe, AZ. I'm guessing John and Gerry McGraw are using it in 'Margaritaville' – their new collection. Yes, I like it too!



John McGraw image

. . . 'Round Up' a 2012 Lemax Carnival piece – I would like **opinions** from folks who have one, or have at least have seen one in person. I sort of like the

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idea of the way it looks, not sure about the motion. We already have a carnival with seventeen animated rides. Gotta be careful/thoughtful before we make another purchase. How does it look in a carnival display? Wouldn't mind opinions on 'The Cosmic Swing' and/or the 'The Snowflake Drop' as well. Thanks!

... Miles Wood and Tom Taylor sent us a 'Hi!' from the gathering in Tempe, AZ. It came via Village North Collectors Club members, Gerry and John McGraw. I believe the 2013 NE Harvest Gathering in Connecticut was the last time we visited with Miles and Tom. Very nice to hear from them again.



... Nano Metalfigs, Walmart, \$1.00. They offer a choice of twenty-three different action figures. I purchased **Harley Quinn** (from Suicide Squad), Jada Toys, Inc. 1 3/4 inches tall (looks smaller), 100% die-cast metal. I don't recognize Mr. Freeze, Killer Croc, Katana, Commissioner Gordon, Cyborg and or course, Harley Quinn. Harley looks like a clown, in a red and black costume. She is leaning against a very large, black gavel. All of the 'people' are too skinny, and short, to be used as normal folks in any village. But they could certainly be used in a carnival, or on a parade float, etc.

... Really been enjoying reading the National Council of 56 Clubs Facebook page. Especially Mr. Billy Edwards (and Sharon) and their recent travels. Now they are in the 'NCC history mode.' It's worth a look.

... Thomas Kincade 'Snow-Kissed Holiday Memories' – Masterpiece Snow Globe Tree – I think it's my first Christmas ad. Came in today's newspaper. Sure doesn't look like anything we'd purchase.

... Remember Linda and I will host our annual 'Garden Party' on Tuesday, July 25, 10 to 4. The flowers are looking good.

... Remember, no more Minnesota 56 Clubs web site as of August 1, 2017. Until I find a place, it will soon be email only for 'Just so you know!' Still looking for a place – suggestions welcome.

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