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HERE COMES THE PRES

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Congratulations to you, the membership, for continuing to increase the Newsletter distribution by e-mail. The transition to e-mailing has gone smoothly with more members opting to get their Newsletter faster and in color. Remember, you can always print a second copy when received by e-mail. If you or your coach is mentioned in the Newsletter, you can send a copy to the folks back home, or print yourself another copy of the rally application you mislaid. Let our Treasurer know that you also want to receive the Newsletter in color by e-mailing Cindy Liebeck at gmcpc_treasurer@yahoo.com. Also, we are planning a new Club Roster and need all of the changes to addresses, phone number(s), e-mail and emergency notification information. We may also consider adding cell phone numbers to the Roster if it is beneficial for you. Let Cindy know if you want your cell phone number included in the Roster. Cindy is the point of contact for all revisions to the Roster.



Our webmaster, Jim Peugh, received a Certificate of Recognition from GMC Pacific Cruisers for having the best web site as voted by the Western Motorhome Association, division of FMCA. Our website was the best of 475 sites they reviewed. Thank you, Jim for your continuing dedication to making GMC Pacific Cruisers one of the premier GMC Clubs. The web site is your forum to the GMC community; so use it by letting Jim know what you want to advertise, new gathering places, and general information suitable for Club members. In other words...PARTICIPATE.

Rally participation has been good—not record breaking but good. Although the December rally in Columbia was cancelled due to lack of entries, Cable Airport in January had 28 coaches. Also in January, Quartzite had 28 coaches and Silent Valley in February had 28. As of this writing other rallies for the balance of the year are coming together so change your oil and come on out. Again...PARTICIPATE. When you attend, you have fun. If you have any comments on rallies—past or future, please pass them along to V.P. Lee Nelsen or myself.

Our new sound system with the cordless microphone works very well. Its' purchase was made possible by a generous donation from member, Marilyn Roland. In view of that, we have named the new system the Roland.

We still need a volunteer Historian to maintain the photo books that were formerly handled by Jo Lindgrej. This is a no-pressure, fun job. At 30 years old, our Club is one of the oldest GMC motor home groups around, and we want to be able to continue to document our history. Let any of the Board know of your interest.

Jim Rowe

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HIDDEN EQUIPMENT DAMAGE

By Duane Simmons

Starting or Stopping the On-Board Generator (Onan) can cause severe On-Board Electrical Component damage if not done properly. The BEST procedure is to have the Generator Output disconnected from the Coach when starting and/or stopping the Generator. The output voltage of the Generator is directly proportional to the speed/RPM of the Generator. Therefore, during the startup/shutdown period, the Output voltage will vary between 0 V AC & above Normal AC condition due to the varying speed of the Generator & the back EMF created by collapsing fields of the Inductive devices (motors, transformers, etc.).

The Best/Safest Start/Stop procedure is to disconnect the Output Voltage of the Generator from the Coach & On-Board equipment. This can be achieved (pending Coach Configuration) by leaving the Shore power Cable disconnected from the Coach or by placing the "Main Circuit Breaker" in the "Off" position (disconnecting input power at the Circuit Breaker Box/Panel. Let the Generator come up to speed & stabilize in RPMs before applying AC Power to the Coach. For Shutdown, disconnect the AC Power before Stopping/shutting down the Generator.

Equipment that can be damaged, if proper procedure is not followed, is as follows:

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| 1) On-Board Generator itself | 5) TV Equipment |
| 2) Roof Air Conditioner | 6) Computer Equipment |
| 3) Refrigerator | 7) Microwave |
| 4) AC to DC Converter | 8) Other AC Components/Equipment |

So, play it safe, & always follow proven procedure for starting up or shutting down the On-Board Generator. I find it most convenient to disconnect the AC Power at the AC Circuit Breaker Panel (Main Circuit Breaker into off position).

SAVING HEAT OR COLD AIR

By Ken Booth

A simple way to reduce cold and heat from coming through the rear window of the motor home is to cover and insulate it from the outside.

Judy sandwiched a piece of foil type bubble insulation between Sunbrella canvas and cotton fabric then sewed it together. It's in the shape of the window but a little larger so snaps could be installed. We then drilled and screwed the other half of the snaps around the outside edge of the window. Snapped it on and it saves heat or cold. Really works!



OUR MEMBERSHIP COUNT IS **173**

JANUARY 6-7, 2007

CABLE '07 AIR SHOW RALLY

Reported by **Ellen Gandola**



Our second dry camp in Upland at the Cable Airport was another success. Norm and Shirley Shier hosted the event and did a fine job on their first attempt. They gave a lot of credit to the Rowe's and Nelsen's for guidance and assistance. Our thanks to them and all who assisted. It was sunny but chilly and really nice when the wind didn't blow.

We filled the tent and enjoyed a Pizza Party with the trimmings. Ernie Seth brought along a beautiful Model T Ford and gave rides to many and displayed it on Saturday along with several other classic cars.



On Saturday, hot coffee, juice, rolls and fruit gave us a jump start to a day at the Air/Car Show. Many vendors and

attendees were present to enjoy the festivities, especially those classy G M C' S. It was OH so pleasant to have a visit from Jacky Clutter and Pat Obetz.

Happy Hour and a great BBQ dinner was enjoyable, back at the tent. The entertainment for the evening was "who could tell the best jokes". It was hands down Joanne Hernandez. She had quite a few with terrific delivery. Bob Hooton and Jim Rowe can always come up with a few. It was all good clean fun.



Sunday morning was bright and sunny with and a bit warmer. Loren Bates as the lucky winner of the prize for being the first to send in his registration for the rally. Good byes came to soon after the continental breakfast.

We wish to thank Norm and Shirley Shier again for being our Hosts, making it possible to continue our times together. Happy GMCing and see you again soon.



ATTENDEES

Loren & Virginia Bates
Bob Blenkinsop
Ken & Judy Booth
Chuck & Mary Botts
Ed & Emma Burner
Dave & Arlene Cantrell
Pat & Sharon Cerrina

Jerry & Suzanne Covington
Bob & JoAnne Edmison
Ray & Ellen Gandola
Chuck & Dorris Garton
Tom & Pat Hanlon
Hoss & Charlotte Hauge
Phil & Joanne Hernandez
Al & Barbara Hobson

Bob & Dorothy Hooton
Bob & Karen Lamey
Bob & Ruth Martin
Lee & Suzanne Nelsen
John & Ann Nelson
Jim Peugh & Alice-Fay Brown
Donna Prishmont
Marilyn Roland

Jim & Audree Rowe
Ernie & Anne Seth
*Norm & Shirley Shier
(Rally Hosts)
Robert & Nancy Sternfels

BACK TO NATURE RALLY

FEBRUARY 16-18, 2007

Reported by **Ellen Gandola**

SILENT VALLEY

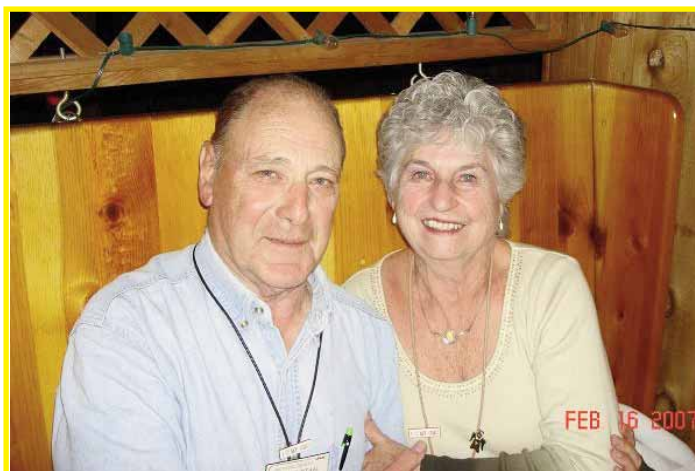
When arriving on Friday, there was a choice of campsites in the group area of a very large park. Our Host Bill Boyer provided access to the park. Bill is a member of Silent Valley, thereby enabling our rally to be held there. **THANK YOU BILL** and Audree Rowe, his valuable assistant.

At 3:30 Bob Cook was to provide fables of Quartzite, however, the old GMC had other ideas i.e. plumbing problems. Oh well, we enjoyed wine prior to trekking off to a catered dinner of Fish and Chips. For the talented and brave ones there was Karaoke in the bar, maybe the reason why the wind blew all night.



Saturday morning at 8:30 we enjoyed a continental breakfast buffet and had a short business meeting and announcements. Jim Peugh was recognized for being the web master of the #1 website of FMCA affiliates i.e. GMC Pacific Cruisers web site. **Congratulations and Thank You JIM** for an outstanding job.

Rest of the day was spent, walking, biking, playing Jokers and Marbles, Bingo, lounging at the pool and visiting with friends. Happy Hour was enjoyable and we enjoyed a delicious catered Prime Rib Dinner.

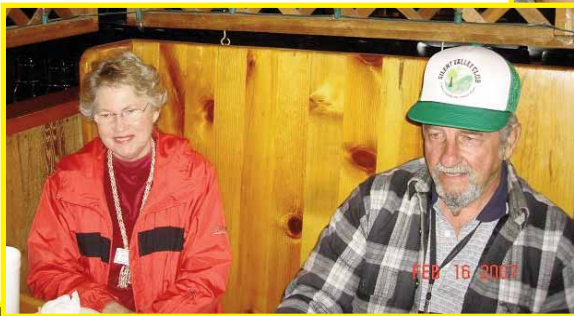
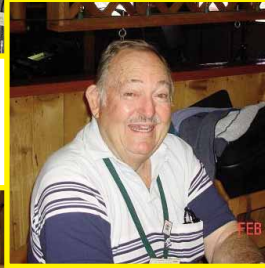


Sunday morning found us again devouring a full buffet breakfast. Dayton and Pam Taylor were First Timers and hopefully they had a good time and will join us again soon.

Thanks again to our Hosts Bill and Audree (Jim and Lee) and all who came out to support our Club. See you all soon and Happy GMCing.

Attendees:

Bob Blenkinsop (and Greg)
Ken & Judy Booth
Bill Boyer (Host)
Zay & Betty Brand
Dave & Arlene Cantrell
Pat & Sharon Cerrina
Gerald & Suzanne Covington
Dave & Donna de Graffenreid
Russ & Barbara Ellis
Ray & Ellen Gandola
Chuck & Dorris Garton
Hoss & Charlotte Hauge
Bob & Dorthy Hooton
Bob & Karen Lamey
Cindy Liebeck
Bob & Ruth Martin
Ralph & Annie Mundia
Lee & Suzanne Nelsen
Jim Peugh and Alice-Faye Brown
Jim & Audree Rowe (Co-Hosts)
Joe Rubio and Bernice Brady
Norm & Shirley Shier
Duane & Billie Simmons
Bill & Kib Smith
Ed & Eileen Staal
Dayton & Pam Taylor (FIRST TIMERS)
Bob Valpey
Jack & Helen Wykle



NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE FOR 2007

Publica. Dates	June 29	Aug 31	Dec 7
Info to Coordi.	June 8	Aug 10	Nov 12
To Publisher	June 15	Aug 17	Nov 19



In Loving Memory

Martha Marana (wife of John) passed away February 7, 2007. Her funeral was themed "A Celebration of Her Life". A Reminiscing Party for over 220 people was held at the Embassy Suites in Temecula.

A "Tribute To My Wife" packet will be on display at the GMC Western States Rally at Mount Hood in April and GMC Pacific Cruisers Rally at Paso Robles in June.



As usual the Quartzite gathering of GMC Pacific Cruisers was OUTSTANDING! Thought we'd take on a new rally report by quoting various members opinion of the rally. HERE WE GO!

"Wonderful, fantastic, the only problem is the wind, otherwise it has been P E R F E C T! Marble games fantastic, except the opponents keep winning."

Ruth Martin

"Food has been fantastic and the company even better."

Sharon Cerrina

"Wonderful people, wonderful time period. While ladies marbled, guys watched strip shows."

Jack Wykle

"Excellent food. Lot of people did a lot of work."

Pat Cerrina

"Accommodations were excellent, especially liked the hot tub."

Marilyn Roland

"I like it, especially the non-structured part. Lot of good time sitting around the fire watching the stars."

Bob Martin

"Bon fire good. People go to bed to early."

Fay Curtis

"Got lots of things fixed.....did lots of shopping.... beautiful sunsets...good fires and GOOD company."

Donna Prishmont

"It was great food, great camp fire, and lots of shopping."

Bob Cook

"We were just in a SOB and were treated with great hospitality."

Lorraine (friend of Marilyn Roland)

"G R E A T, no snow."

Dick (from Castle Rock, Colorado)

"Skip Jokers and Marbles (SMILE-the rest of the quote is for Freddi Only)."

Bert Curtis

"Shopping fantastic, camaraderie superb, no showers-wonderful maid service."

Hoss Hauge

"Real easy to Host with a group like this."

Chuck Garton

"Good friends, good fire, cold nights made for good snuggling."

Helen Wykle

There you have it, words from some attendees at Quartzite. Of course, all of these quotes were taken prior to Will McDaniel's Cowboy Poetry presentation. Even though we were parked in a different site than 2006, Will found us and agreed to wine and dine as his fee for reciting some beautiful poetry. Think he likes us.

We offer a standing ovation and salute to our fabulous chefs that not only prepared scrumptious Entrées' (ranging from pork chops, secret bean soup, pork and sauerkraut, tri tip, meat chili, you name it). We also devoured delectable desserts i.e. pineapple upside down cake and peach cobbler in a Dutch oven...mighty GOOD. We would especially like to recognize Bob and Karen Lamey for introducing the idea of Dutch Oven Cooking. It has been the highlight of our Quartzite extravaganza. There were also good appetizers and beverages galore. Think we are already salivating for Quartzite 2008.

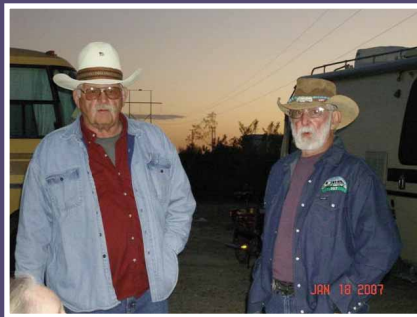
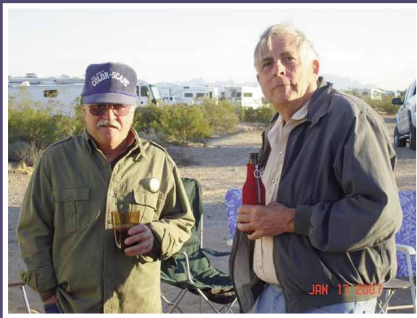
We appreciate the efforts and organization skills of Chuck and Dorris Garton, Marilyn Roland, and Bob Cook for so graciously agreeing to stake out the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) sites for our enjoyment in the desert...THANK YOU our friends.

Attendees:

Bob Blenkinsop
Ken & Judy Booth
Ken & Judy Burgett (Bonny Doon, CA)
Pat & Sharon Cerrina
Frank & Freddi Condos
Bob Cook
Bert & Fay Curtis
Eric & Martha Fischer

Chuck & Dorris Garton
Hoss Hauge
Al & Barbara Hobson
Bob & Karen Lamey
Bob & Ruth Martin
Miguel & Linda Mendez
Roger & Penniman Neuman (Aliso Viejo, CA)
John & Carol Pickard

Donna Prishmont
Marilyn Roland
Ernie & Anne Seth
Duane & Billie Simmons
Dick & Sharon Smith (Castle Rock, CO)
Ed Staal
Kerry & Leanne Tandy
Jack & Helen Wykle





MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING February 18, 2007

Meeting called to order by President, Jim Rowe, at 9:30 a.m. Jim announced that our new sound system, hereinafter known as the Roland, was made possible by the generous donation of member, Marilyn Roland. Thanks to our new system, all business as well as comments from the floor can be heard by all.

Rallymaster and Silent Valley Club member, Bill Boyer, was thanked for making the rally possible. In keeping with the rally's theme, "Back to Nature", Bill challenged the attendees to spend time enjoying the natural beauty of the park and compile lists of things they had observed. Bill had purchased five nature guides of various kinds and promised to award them at Happy Hour to those that came up with the best lists.

Treasurer's report given by Cindy Liebeck. Cindy queried the membership about how they felt about receiving the newsletter via email. The response was very positive. Cindy is responsible for keeping the membership roster up to date, and she urged everyone to let her know of any problems in receiving the newsletter and of course, any address, telephone, or email address changes. Jim stated that the Treasurer's function has changed from purely keeping track of the money and thanked Cindy for bringing the Pacific Cruisers up to speed for electronic information distribution.

Reading of the minutes of the last Business meeting was waived, and minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Vice President, Lee Nelsen, gave a rundown of upcoming rallies planned and again issued a request for people to

come forward with rally ideas. Suzanne and Jerry Covington talked about the upcoming rally in March which will include a visit to the USS Midway. Duane Simmons gave a pitch for the GMC International Rally, also in March, in Rayne, LA. GMC Western States Rally will be in April at Mt. Hood, OR. Because of travel time necessary for those attending the International and Western States rallies, it was suggested to not have a rally in May, but possibly have two in June; one early and one late in the month. One of those June rallies is being planned for Paso Robles and will include a wine tour with our resident experts, Lee and Suzanne Nelsen. Watch for complete details in the newsletter.

Jim introduced new members and first time attendees, Pamela and Dayton Taylor. Also introduced was guest, Greg Mattern who made the trip with Bob Blenkinsop.

Jim Peugh was called forward and Jim Rowe reported to the members that at the FMCA regional rally held in Indio in January, the GMC Pacific Cruisers' website, www.gmcp.org, was awarded "Best Website." This is quite an honor because there are over 475 clubs under the FMCA umbrella. In recognition of that award, Jim Peugh, our webmaster, was given our thanks for his continuing effort and a certificate commemorating the occasion. Jim reminded the membership to forward pictures, advertising, and items of interest to Jim Peugh for posting on the GMC Pacific Cruiser's website.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Audree Rowe

Secretary

STANDING OVATION OF GRATITUDE

(to our silent warriors):

Audree Rowe – for being the ROCK behind many workers of our Club. She determines the need and handles the task even prior to a request. Audree is one of the **precious stones**.

Beverly Lopez – for always being ready to step up to the plate to do clipart or whatever is needed, at a moments notice. Beverly is **SPECIAL** and talented.

Chuck and Dorris Garton – for faithfully providing a ton load of pictures for every rally. Thanks for your **DILIGENCE**.

Marilyn (our layout Artist at Ideal Services) – Through your proficient efforts our Newsletter continues to be an **OUTSTANDING** document. Marilyn's professionalism is appreciated, especially when the crunch is on.

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