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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

This year certainly started off with some very positive occurrences. Our membership is now 173.

Please take the time to think about volunteering to head up a Rally. Our current schedule shows a need of a Rally Master for April, May and September 2010. If someone is willing to step up as Rally Master, please contact me at (562)694-6800, or JoAnne Hernandez at (760)723-4575.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the nominating committee for providing the 2010 Slate of Officers. We all thank you for your vote of confidence in re-electing us. We have one new addition, Eileen Staal is now our new Secretary. She has served on the Board before as Treasurer. Not only are each of the officers capable, but eager to make our 2010 club year a success. We are ALL volunteers and give as much time to our GMC Pacific Cruisers as very busy schedules allow.

Remember what you put into your club is what you will get out of YOUR club.



— Sharon Cerrina, Pres

OUR MEMBERSHIP COUNT IS 173

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Last month, Jim Rowe raced his car to a first in class win at Auto Club Speedway (formerly California Speedway) in Fontana, CA. Jim's car is a Toyota that was factory prepared for the 1982 Toyota Grand Prix in Long Beach. Jim races with HSR-West, the Historic Sports Car Racing Association which does road racing at all the major race courses in the western states.





GMC GRILLE STUD MOUNT REPAIR

By Jim Rowe and Suzanne Covington

Is your grille hanging by only one or two fasteners? Does your grille look like it will fall out soon? Well, here is our idea of making long lasting corrections of the stud boss that holds your grille in place.

You must have a flat level table to work on. Place the grille so that the inside is facing up. Now block the ends with short pieces of 2x4 so the grille does not rock. Make sure the 2x4s are in from the end the same amount on each side. Now place a third piece of 2x4 under the center and slide it to a position in which the center bar is 13 degrees off of the flat table. The grille is now supported on four points, the two ends, the center and the top outside of the grille, which faces down and rests on the table. At this point the surface of all the stud bosses are level — which means that the new studs will be vertical.

(See Figure 1)



Our repair was for all six of the stud bosses. Two had broken away from the grille completely, two others were cracked and two had the nuts so rusted on the stud they were useless. We pulled all of the studs with the anchors out of the bosses so that only holes remained. We used masking tape to create little dams where necessary and placed tape underneath (the front side of the grille) to hold the mounts that had been broken out.

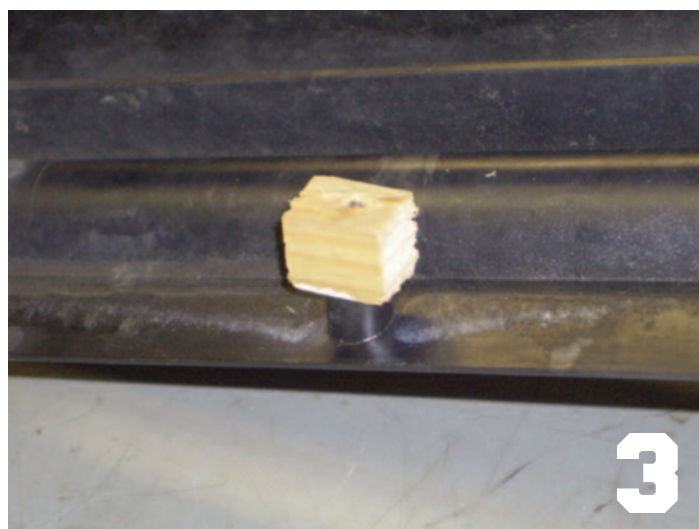
We went to the hardware store and bought six 10-24 x 1 1/4 inch stainless steel machine screws, nuts with nylon locking inserts, 1 inch flat washers and JB Weld. We bought the long shelf life JB Weld and not the 4-minute type.

(See Figure 1)



Back at the workbench we used bolt cutters to remove the heads of the machine screws. Then we located a piece of 3/4 inch thick wood stock and cut it to obtain a length measuring 3/4 by 3/4 inch. On this length mark the center with a pencil dots approximately 1 inch apart. Select a drill bit that allows the 10-24 screw to pass through the wood.

And now the tricky part. Use a drill press to make sure the hole will be perpendicular to the surface of the little wood block. Saw cut between the holes to obtain six blocks with holes. We did it with a hand held drill at first and when we inserted the machine screw into the block every one was crooked. Therefore, use the drill press. Mix up the JB Weld



and put enough JB into the stud mount hole so that when the screw is inserted (PUT THE CUT END INTO THE HOLE) there will be no overflow. (See Figure 2)

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RED HAT SOCIETY

Queen Sharon Cerrina gathered the GMC Pacific Cruiser's red hat group, the Pacific Pearls, at Mimi's Café in La Habra on July 15, 2009. The group enjoyed a fun lunch together, celebrated the birthday of Jo Lingrey, and took some great pictures to mark the occasion. Shown wearing their red hat colors in this picture are: (front row) Pat O'Betz, Jacky Clutter, and Jo Lindgrey, (back row) Ellen Gandola, Queen Sharon, Beverly Lopez, Arlene Cantrell, Dorthy Hooton, Audree Rowe, and Norma Sullivan. The next get-together will be in September. For more information contact Queen Sharon or Audree Rowe. All GMC Pacific Cruiser women are welcome



SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS

Welcome! - To our new members and we hope to see you at upcoming rallies.

We have three new GMCs in our club! Welcome to **Vince and Marilyn Sanguinet** of Riverside. Vince is a retired AirForce pilot, and later a risk manager for the California schools system. Marilyn taught music, is a concert pianist, writes grants for the arts and is a concert promoter. They have a 1975 Glenbrook.

Also welcome to **Steve and Irene Wilcomb** of Yuma, Arizona. They are former fulltime RVers who sold their "big" coach and downsized to a 1977 Kingsley. They are avid off-roaders, and love the outdoors, especially with their lab, Whidbey.

Finally, welcome to **Den and Ann Clark** of Bishop. Den is a retired engineer, and Ann a retired special ed and music teacher. They have a 1978 Royale, and do all maintenance on the coach themselves (great skills to have for GMC owners!).

Now place the wood block over the screw so it comes to rest on the level surface of the stud boss. The wood blocks hold the studs vertical.

(See Figures 3 & 4)

Add JB Weld to the other areas you have made tape dams. Let stand 24 hours. Turn the grille over and put JB Weld on areas of the front that need a bit of fill, let cure and grind or sand to provide a smooth surface and prepare to paint. Our fix came out perfect and the grille fit back in the coach with more than enough stud projection for the nut and washer - the studs were pointing in the right direction too.



FOR SALE CORNER

1977 Royale, 26 FOOT

Rear bath, ready to go anywhere. This coach has all the goodies and accessories. New Lamey Engine with only 35,000 miles. Interested in someone who will give it a good home. We are physically no longer able to use the coach. MAKE AN OFFER. Bucky Walters (805) 534-0418 (San Luis Obispo, Ca. area)

(0610)

A REAL SOLID GMC NEEDS A NEW OWNER. 1975 Eleganza

Updates include: Professionally: rebuilt 455...headers 3" stainless exhaust...clear coat beige and black paint...new one piece side windows (a great improvement)...tires, brakes, trans, bearings, interior, 2 top air conditioners, macerator, dash, new gas and electric large size refrigerator. I'M READY TO DEAL! Please call me for other details - Asking \$15,000 - Willing to negotiate the price. Motor home is parked at El Toro Marine Base in Irvine, CA. Bob Sternfels (949) 497-3534 (Laguna Beach, California).

(1209)

1973 BIRCHHAVEN, 23 FOOT

Total miles 98,000. Rear bath, 455 TBI engine, 400 miles Jasper Oh. Numerous upgrades, Alcoa wheels, 6 wheel disc brakes, recent refrigerator and upholstery, microwave, frt suspension rebuilt, new paint, tranny OH and final drive upgrade. Satellite antenna, 4 KW generator with overhead exhaust, custom motorbike carrier and rear bumper storage. Coach is housed in garage. Photos can be provided by emailing outdog31@hotmail.com - Asking \$23,500

John Glatz (928) 468-6212

(0210)

1976 (Former Glenbrook Interior) 26 FOOT

Frank Condos (559) 683 -5185 - Ahwahnee, Ca

This coach has a new home in Swift Current, Sask, Canada and work has begun on the '73 Glacier

1973 26 FOOT Canyon Lands

108,216 miles, rebuilt 455 engine and carburetor at 82,770 miles. Beige Flex Steel leather pilot, co-pilot seats, sleeper sofa and chairs. Micro/convection oven, 3-way refrigerator. Fantastic fan, roof pod. A & E awnings both sides. Macerator, hitch, golf cart house batteries. Manuals and records, very clean. Selling due to health problems. Asking \$12,000-Darrel or Arlis Tetzloff (925) 937-2418 - Walnut Creek, CA

1976 Birch Haven (0310)

26' side bath & lounge. New precision steering box and linkage, three swaybars, square headlights and taillights, driving lights, Alcoas, Lamey brake boost conversion, roof air, microwave, onan gen set, dual starting batteries, manual DTV antenna, fender skirts, bus heated and electric remote mirrors. Interior fixer. Needs air bags and tires. Has not been run for 4 years. \$4,000 and buyer must move it from storage in Santa Paula. Call Jim Jones at 805 377-2487 for details. Arlis Tetzloff (925) 937-2418 - Walnut Creek, CA

(0610)

1978 GMC Royale

Center kitchen model. 44K miles. Always garaged in Mira Loma, California. Many extras to numerous to mention. Alcoa wheels with new Bridgestone tires. Roof pod, two AC's. Excellent interior. \$18,500. Call Loren Mitchell at 951-6854075 8AM to 8 PM PDT

(0610)

1973 Gmc Custom

Beautiful 23 foot coach with perfect drive line. Excellent paint and interior. Recently rebuilt engine and transmission. New tires & air bags. Folding satellite dish. Roof and dash air. Alcoa Wheels. Tow hitch \$15,900, (909) 987-4307 in Alta Loma, CA

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LONE PINE RALLY

JUNE 12–14, 2009

Reported by : **Mary Beven**



The setting is in the High Desert of Lone Pine, with a stunning view of Mt. Whitney and all the neighboring mountains. We had some clouds each day, and a bit of rain, but it didn't dampen the spirits of the Pacific Cruisers!

The Boulder Creek RV Resort provided

us with full hook-up's, a pool and Jacuzzi, clean restrooms & showers and a rustic, air-conditioned Rec. Room. In addition, owner Jaque Hickman and her co-organizer, Lee Ann Sanders provided all our catered meals. The food was spectacular, and received many compliments from the guests.

The décor, inside and out, is western, and is enhanced by many bits memorabilia, from movies made long ago in the nearby Alabama Hills. Pat & Sharon Cerrina told all of us about their drive through the trails of the Alabama Hills on Friday morning, and of all the great rock formations to be seen. Many other guests also chose to drive through "The Hills," seeing locations where many Western favorites such as Hopalong Cassidy, The Lone Ranger, and True Grit, among many others, were filmed.

Arrival time was Noon on Friday, June 12th. Our Rally Hosts were Ellen & Ray Gandola, and Arlene & Dave Cantrell. They made us feel very welcome, and passed out great packets containing information about things to do and see in the Lone Pine area. Everyone settled into the shade during the warmth of the afternoon, or lounged by the pool. At 5pm, as we entered the club house, we walked right past the barbecue, where dinner was grilling. Delicious aroma!

Happy Hour was just that.....friends chatting and enjoying delightful camaraderie. Iced tea and red wine were provided by the club, and Fin Beven made his "killer" margaritas for all. The tables had been set & decorated by Jaque and Lee Ann, allowing our rally hosts to relax and mingle with all the guests.

We enjoyed a tasty Tri-Tip dinner on Friday night, complete with cooked carrots, mini cheese/chile burritos, Caesar salad, and scrumptious bread pudding for dessert. Nancy & Steve Ferguson told of a variety of activities they've been involved in, plus lots of "GMC" parts/repair talk. Afterward, games of Dominos or Jokers & Marbles provided the evening's activity.

Saturday morning began with a delicious breakfast of Baked French Toast, with garnishes of applesauce and/or whipped cream, crisp bacon, cantaloupe, juice and coffee. During breakfast, Anne & Dennis Clark told us of their recent trip to the Lawrence Welk Resort, a tour of the aircraft carrier, Midway, and their trip to the San Diego Zoo. We also had a nice chat with Bob Lamey about how he acquired his first coach, and began the restoration process many years ago. Very interesting!



After breakfast a business meeting was held. The Treasurer's Report revealed that we have \$5,000 in our Pacific Cruisers account. Election of officers was held. Here are the results:

President: Sharon Cerrina; Vice-President: Joanne Hernandez; Secretary: Eileen Staal; Treasurer: Suzanne Covington; Member-at-Large: Annie Mundia. Congratulations to all the new officers! We look forward to another fun year with our GMC's and many friends at the upcoming rallies.

In addition to many P.C. members being in attendance, there were several guests. One comment we heard a number of times is how "included" the guests felt. As Pacific

Cruisers, it is nice to receive a compliment like that. Fred & Cynthia Davis brought friends Bob & Helen Huston to the rally. It was nice to visit with them. Joanne & Phil Hernandez, and Eileen & Ed Stall, brought sister & brother-in-law Kathleen & Dick Burch. Last, but certainly not least, Helen & Gordon Miller brought daughter & son-in-law Annalisa & Mike, and granddaughters Jenna & Megan. The Millers shared with us on Saturday evening that they had gone to the Darwin Mine that day, and found it to be very interesting.

Other attendees drove up to Mt. Whitney portal, and even got snowed on! We saw several members meandering through the winding roads in that area. A small creek, a few interesting desert homes, and a variety of wildflowers made a nice compliment to the large boulders, arches, spires and other rock formations seen throughout the Alabama Hills.

Some members played golf, and we understand that Ed Stall won. Congratulations!

A few people went to nearby Bishop and visited Schaat's Bakery, the Paiute Indian Casino, and Jack's Waffles. Heard that was yummy!

Fishing was mentioned, & we understand that Doris Garton gave some dead worms to Ralph Mundia. Hee! Hee!

Another highlight was the Film History Museum. Right along the main highway, it was easy to access. There were various old cars, movie posters, costumes, cowboy hats & boots, etc. on display from the actors & actresses who had made films in the Alabama Hills. The Museum also showed a brief movie telling the history of film making in Lone Pine, and the importance that industry has played in the success of this town.

We had another "happy" Happy Hour on Saturday evening. Again, iced tea, red wine & margaritas gave everyone a choice of how to satisfy their thirst. Dinner was tender slices of pork roast, broccoli salad, watermelon wedges, with

home made oatmeal-raisin cookies, and a variety of sherbets for dessert. Another tasty meal for all to enjoy!

After dinner, we all played a Trivia Game. It was fun & interesting, stretching our minds to recall lots of tidbits of info from the past. We had two winners, tied for first place with 18 correct answers each: Ann Nelson and Chuck

Garton!! Ann's prize was a Car Buddy. It's an insulated, thermal cooler/organizer, with a handle for carrying (or alternate shoulder strap.) There's room for ice and a 12-pack of cans, a pocket for cell phone, a lanyard, other storage pockets, a "bonus" coffee cup, and lots of other "goodies." Chuck's prize was an Electric Coffee Mug. It is insulated, and plugs into the cigarette lighter receptacle of your vehicle, to keep your coffee warm. Congratulations to the winners! All of us had a GREAT time and lots of fun. Many thanks to Audree Rowe, who researched and prepared the game!

After the Trivia Game, some members stayed to play Dominos or Jokers & Marbles. Others went for a walk, to the pool for a swim, or back to their coaches. All in all a GREAT day!

Sunday morning greeted us with another exceptional meal. Jaque & Lee Ann baked a layered breakfast casserole containing eggs, sausage, cheese, etc. It was accompanied by fruit, sweet rolls, and mini-doughnuts covered with powdered sugar, juice & coffee. Delicious! What a great way to have a last chat before heading home.



Thank you again to the Gandola's and Cantrell's for hosting such an awesome rally!











GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS GMC SAGUARO JET SET THANKSGIVING RALLY

NOV 12 – 15

*COCHISE TERRACE RV RESORT
Benson, AZ*

DETAILS:

- ALL BREAKFAST AND EVENING MEALS CATERED
- NO TECH SESSIONS
- NO ORGANIZED TOURS

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Tombstone – Historic Bisbee – Pima Air Museum – Historic Fort
Huachuca (3 museums) – Chiricahua National Park and Cochise
Stronghold – Saguaro National Park – Coronado National Monument

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

12 NOV

THURSDAY ARRIVE AND CHECK IN
4:00 HAPPY HOUR
5:30 - 6:30 DINNER

13 NOV

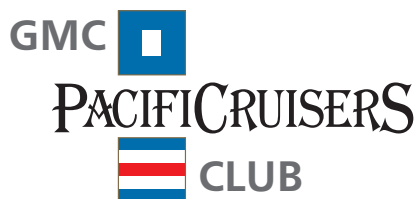
0700 - 0800 BREAKFAST
4:00 HAPPY HOUR
5:30 - 6:30 DINNER
BINGO NIGHT

14 NOV

0700 - 0800 BREAKFAST
4:00 HAPPY HOUR
5:30 - 6:30 DINNER
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

15 NOV

0700 - 0800 CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
FAREWELL



2009-10 RALLY SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 12-15, 2009

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS JOINING SAGUARO JET SETTERS FOR THANKSGIVING FEAST –
BENSON, AZ
HOST: STEVE AND NANCY FERGUSON

JANUARY, 2010 (DATE TO FOLLOW)

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS QUARTSITE , AZ
HOST: CHUCK AND DORIS GARTON

FEBRUARY 19-20, 2010

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS BUELLTEN, CA, FLYING FLAGS
HOST: ANN AND JOHN NELSON

MARCH, 2010 {DATE TO FOLLOW}

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS TEMECULA RALLY, WINE FARE
HOST: JOANNE AND PHIL HERNANDEZ

JUNE 18-20, 2010

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS ANTIQUE GAS AND STEAM ENGINE RALLY IN VISTA
HOST: JIM AND AUDREE ROWE

NEED RALLYS FOR APRIL, MAY AND SEPT, 2010

PLEASE SEE ANY OFFICER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST A RALLY IN 2010

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GREASE THOSE BOGGIES

Reported by: **Jon Pickard**

Carol and I recently had work done on our boogies. We had Bob Lamey do the repair with us doing the R and R about 10 years ago. Would recommend putting Jim Kanamoto's double grease straws(4) on each pin and doing it often. Will follow up with more details later.



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C L U B

REGISTRATION SHEET FOR GMCPC/GMCSJS THANKSGIVING RALLY

Name(s) _____ # Persons _____ Handicap Reqs Y N

Member of: GMC Pacific Cruisers GMC Saguaro Jet Set

Coach License: State _____ Plate # _____ Towed Vehicle: State _____ Plate # _____

Cost per coach with two persons: **\$178.00**

Cost per coach with one person **\$124.00**

Each additional person **\$51.00**

Total: \$ _____

Send personal check or money order to:

Steve Ferguson
PO Box 1777
Sierra Vista, AZ 85636

All meals catered and cooked on site. BYOB and place settings for dinner and breakfast.

Sorry, special meals/dietary requirements cannot be accommodated. For grocery or other shopping needs, Safeway and Super WalMart are just a couple of miles away.

Early arrivals and late stays will receive rally rates of \$20/night for two days prior, and two days after rally. Register at the office please.

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