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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

April is a promise that May is bound to keep. Science has never drummed up quite as an effective tranquilizing agent as a sunny Spring Day. Spring is nature's way of saying

LETS PARTY!

This year certainly started off with some very positive events, including:

Quartzite with our Hosts Chuck and Dorris Garton

Flying Flags RV Resort, hosted by John and Ann Nelson

Temecula Bluegrass Festival, Phil and Joanne Hernandez at the helm

Morro Bay Kite Festival with Fred and Cynthia Davis

THANK YOU to our wonderful Rally Host and of course our attendees. We expect a very active Spring and Fall.

Last but not least remember this is **your** CLUB and we appreciate your input, help and most of all your support.

Sharon Cerrina



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TEMECULA BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL – RALLY

NOVEMBER 12–15, 2009

Reported by : **Eileen Staal**

What a great time everyone had at the Bluegrass Festival. The fun started on Friday morning and continued to Sunday afternoon. Phil and Joanne Hernandez, Rally Host were terrific as usual. Attendees spent the day touring Old Town Temecula visiting all kinds of shops and listening to early arriving musicians. A feast of pizza, salad, breadsticks and beverages were served Friday evening. There was great strumming and picking down the lane for our listening pleasure.



A light continental breakfast was advertised for Saturday. This light breakfast consisted of fruit, rolls, homemade biscuits and homemade jam juice and coffee. After such a LIGHT breakfast, some spent time at the Farmer's Market a short stroll down town. There was an amazing selection of fruits and vegetables

and musicians on about every corner. We were served a Mexican feast from Rosas' Old Town Restaurant and then enjoyed a three-hour concert at the local concert hall.

Sunday morning evolved into another wonderful meal. Afterwards, we were again on our way to enjoy more music in town.



Attendees:

Cantrell, Dave/Arlene
Cerrina, Pat/Sharon
Covington, Jerry/Suzanne
Gandola, Ray/Ellen
Gaw, Betty & Maxwell, Marilyn
Gosen, Roy/Karin
Hernandez, Phil/Joanne – Rally Host
Hobson, Al/Barbara
Kanenbly, Charlie/Pat – First Timers
Marana, John & Huston, Helen
McCurter, Danny/Barbara
Mundia, Ralph/Annie
Novak, Len /Pat
Rowe, Jim/Audree
Rubio, Joe
Shier, Norm/Shirley
Skiles, Narod/Jessie
Staal, Ed/Eileen
Tripp, Brian/Joy

MORRO DUNES RV PARK

APRIL 23- 25, 2010

Reported by : **Mary Beven**



Fred & Cynthia Davis, Marilyn Maxwell and Betty Gaw hosted this lovely spring rally. It was the weekend of the Morro Bay Annual Kite Festival. Our hosts had decorated the clubhouse with lovely centerpieces made from succulents and local flowers, with the addition of small windmills. Hanging on the walls of the clubhouse were several colorful kites, in keeping with the theme.

There were almost 30 coaches present, and the friendship and camaraderie were evident throughout the entire weekend! Although Fin & I arrived just shortly before dinner on Friday afternoon, we understand that "long-timers" Bucky & Phyllis Walters paid a visit to the group. Sorry we missed them.

One of our members, John Marana, arrived, sporting a new paint job! His GMC looks sleek and shiny, with colors of pearlescent white, accented with a band of color that looked like Cabernet wine, along with fancy, chrome side molding.

Friday's Happy Hour began at 5pm, and was spent visiting with friends. New members Vince & Stephanie, from San Luis Obispo recently joined our group. They were fun and enthusiastic. Welcome to you both.... we look forward to many fun rallies with you! In addition, Brian Tripp announced that he had just retired, and enjoyed a round of applause from everyone. We also received the "double secret" advance announcement from Dave & Donna DeGraffenreid, about the upcoming Newport Dunes Rally, to be held on 11-18-10. More information will be forthcoming.

For dinner, a local restaurant provided pizza. They make their own crust, and provided a nice variety of flavors. Delicious! Salad and wine were also available to round out the menu. Near the end of dinner, Cynthia gave a detailed description and drawing, about how to get to the beach from the RV Park, with info about how to go around the "ever changing" estuary, to avoid wet feet. A nice information board was on display with flyers about local activities.

For the evening's entertainment, former President, Lee Nelsen, assisted Cynthia with a GMC "trivia" game. Many prizes were given. Here is a sample of the categories: the

coach which had traveled the most miles to get to the rally, the least miles to get to the rally, newest paint job, most original coach, and the oldest Pacific Cruisers member. There was a lot of bantering & laughter, and all had a good time! As the evening came to a close, tired travelers headed for their coaches.



We missed Frank & Freddi Condos on Friday evening. They, unfortunately, had a breakdown in Fresno during the beginning of their trip. Luckily, their GMC was towed to a nearby shop for repair. They drove their car to Morro Bay on Saturday, and were "finally" able to join us. Although they didn't have their coach with them, we understand that they had a hot tub on the deck of the hotel where they stayed!



On Saturday morning, breakfast in the club house consisted of hard boiled eggs, muffins & sweet rolls, plus a variety of fruit, and of course, coffee. Afterward, there were many local attractions and activities from which to choose. A few GMC-er's went to Cambria, and other nearby towns. Others stayed local and visited various shops in downtown Morro Bay. The highlight was the annual Kite Festival, held right

on the beach, near Morro Rock. Kites of all shapes and sizes were in the sky, with lots of people on the beach. A booth hosted by Farmer's Kites had many for sale. Another booth had colorful T-shirts. Food booths boasted tasty treats, and tables were set up for families and kids to decorate their own kites to fly.

At 4pm on Saturday, Jim Kanomato hosted an informative tech session featuring the new "Reaction Arm Braking System." We are fortunate that he was available to give the presentation, after nearly getting chased out of the park, for breaking all park speed limits during testing. Further discussion will likely occur at the GMC Western States Rally in Auburn, May 19-24, 2010.



Happy hour on Saturday was at 5pm. Several people brought in the results of their beach combing for "the contest." There were lots of fun categories, including: the largest & smallest shells, sea glass, best variety of shells, best sand dollar, green rock, etc. Many people participated by collecting things from the beach during the afternoon.



There were all sorts of artistic and clever displays of their finds. Part of the time was spent with Freddi judging the contest, and it was NOT an easy job! Each winner was able to take home one of the lovely table centerpieces.

Dinner that evening was delicious roasted chicken, potato salad and cole slaw, along with wine, Fin's

spectacular Margaritas and coffee. A "homemade" berry cobbler, made by a local shop, topped off the entire meal. It was amazing, and only made better by the addition of some candles to celebrate Fred's birthday. After we all sang, he blew out the candles, and most everyone enjoyed the luscious dessert, topped with whipped cream! Yummy!

Sunday morning found most folks enjoying breakfast in the clubhouse. Hard-boiled eggs, yogurt, muffins, fruit & coffee rounded out the fare. As usual, there were many good byes, as folks prepared to pack up and head for home, or their next destination.

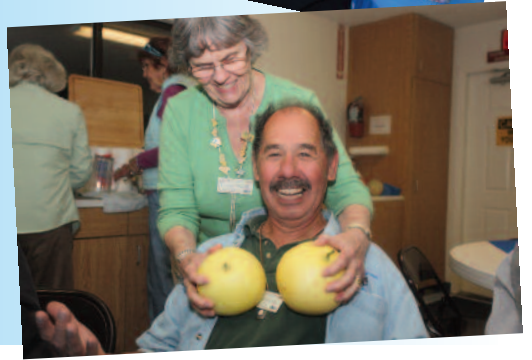
Some have found that halfway home stops can be fun. Some of us stayed at Refugio State Beach on Sunday night, and enjoyed a lovely campfire and potluck dinner. Others stayed right along the beach at Rincon.

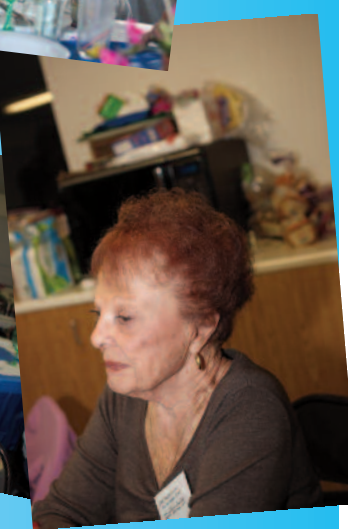
Again, we would all love to give heart-felt thanks to Fred, Cynthia, Marilyn and Betty for hosting such a delightful rally!

Attendees:

Bevin, Fin & Mary
Cantrell, David & Arlene
Condos, Frank & Freddi
Cook, Bob
Davis, Fred & Cynthia (Rally Hosts)
de Graffenreid, Dave & Donna
Garton, Chuck & Dorris
Gaw/Maxwell, Betty & Marilyn
Gosen, Roy & Karin
Griffith, George & Doris
Heiberger, Michael
Hernandez, Phil & Joanne
Hobson, Al & Barbara
Hooton, Bob & Dorthy
Kanenbley, Charlie & Patricia
Kirkhuff/Francis, Vince & Stefanie
Marana, John
Mundia, Ralph & Annie
Nelson, John & Ann
Nelsen, Lee & Suzanne
Rubio, Joe
Scott, Dr. George & Alice
Staal, Ed & Eileen
Tripp, Brian & Joy
Trubert, Marc & Lillian
Worobec, Gary & Joanne
Kanomata, Jim









SHADE TREE MECHANIC DOES SPARK PLUG WIRES

By **Jim Rowe**

Most Pacific Cruiser members that know me know that I roadrace cars for a little bit of weekend fun. My personal card says "Hot Rods & Race Cars" and I thought I would share with you a little trick I use on my racecar. Have you ever looked at your engine running at night with the hatch open? If your spark plug wires are getting old, or even moderately aged, or are just of the "el cheapo" variety, you may see a lot of blue arcing between wires; especially when you rev the engine. After seeing the electric light show you may decide to buy new wires. If you do, take my advice and buy good quality wires such as Bosch Ultra Premium or MSD brand. . You may not notice a misfire as the arcing goes on, but your engine will notice it and the result is poor performance.

Also as you are checking your wiring, you may notice that after 30 years, the plastic wire separators are broken, missing, or there are not enough of them.. If that is the case, here is what I do:



Separate the spark wires that run to each side of the engine. Try to keep them from crossing each other as much as you can. Now wrap a large nylon tie loosely around all four of the wires going to one side of the engine. Do this as close to the distributor as possible. Next put small wire ties around the large wire tie and between each of the four spark wires and draw them a little snug, then draw the larger tie a bit snug. Work between the large tie and the little ones until you have the four wires firmly held side by side but separated. Continue doing this for the next three wires and then the last two. You will be surprised at how well the wires will line up and support each other. This little trick will minimize crossfire and enhance coach performance. In the attached photos I used white ties for the large loop and black for the small ties. Many operators of very high compression racing engines perform this little trick even when using the best available wires. You never know when Murphy will show up.





RED HAT SOCIETY

Recently, our president, Sharon Cerrina, put on her other hat – a cute red one, and was our hostess for a Pacific Pearls red hat luncheon at BJ's Restaurant in Brea. Each lady ordered what she wanted off their extensive menu and to end us off on a sweet note, Dorthy Hooton ordered one of their special Hot Apple Deep Dish Crisp covered in vanilla ice cream and a whole bunch of spoons so we could all sample. We don't have a date for our next get-together, but if we are lucky it will be soon at the home of Annie Mundia. The Pacific Pearls red hat group is open to all Pacific Cruiser women and friends. For more information, contact Queen Sharon or Lady Audree



SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS

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

We have two new GMCs in our club! Welcome to **Danny and Barbara McCurter** of Alta Loma. Danny is an electrician who likes to fish and hunt for rocks and gems in his spare time. Barbara is a housewife who enjoys dolls, crafts, cooking and gardening. Their grandchildren and great-grandchildren keep them busy, as does their 3 pound Yorkshire terrier, Holly. She's the best-dressed dog you are likely to see at a rally! The McCurters have a 1974 Eleganza.

Also, please welcome **Vince and Stefanie Kirkhuff** of San Luis Obispo. In addition to their 1977 Eleganza, they love folk music festivals (they are volunteers at the Live Oak Music Festival near Lake Cachuma), classic cars and motorcycling. They share their adventures with two small dogs, Buster and Bella.

OUR MEMBERSHIP COUNT IS 128

THANK YOU TO OUR RALLY HOSTS

It is time for a new Vice President to take office in our GMC Pacific Cruisers Club. Before stepping down I want to give a huge shout out for all of our members who have given us such great rallies! We have visited places we have been before and we have been introduced to some new and exciting RV Resorts. Here is a listing of places we went in the past two years and the wonderful people who have volunteered to host our rallies. Each rally opens up new places to explore, new friends to meet, old friends to enjoy again and new things to learn about our Classic GMC Coaches.

2008

October	Tucalota Springs in Sage	Chuck & Mary Botts
November	49er RV Ranch in Columbia	Fin & Mary Bevan
December	Indian Wells RV Park in Indio	Pat & Sharon Cerrina

2009

January	Quartzsite Arizona	Chuck & Dorris Garton and Marilyn Roland
March	FarWest Resort	Fred & Cynthia Davis and Marc & Lillian Trubert
April	Western States Emerald Desert	Dave & Donna deGraffenreid
June	Boulder Creek Resort in Lone Pine	Dave & Arlene Cantrell and Ray & Ellen Gandola
October	Western States in Pueblo, CO	GMCWS and GMCMI Boards
November	Benson, AZ	Steve & Nancy Ferguson and the Saguaro Jet Setters

2010

January	Quartzsite, AZ	Chuck & Dorris Garton
February	Flying Flags in Buellton	John & Ann Nelson
March	Bluegrass Festival in Temecula	Phil & Joanne Hernandez
April	Morro Dunes RV Resort	Fred & Cynthia Davis, Marilyn Maxwell & Betty Gaw
May	Western States in Auburn	Frank & Freddi Condos
June	Antique Tractor Show in Vista	Jim & Audree Rowe

Again, to all of the Rally Hosts who so willingly stepped up and organized such fun times for the GMC Pacific Cruiser Club I send you three cheers!! You all made my job so much easier. There are many more rallies being planned for the future months, check out the Rally Schedule. As you will notice, there are some months that still have not been scheduled for a rally. Think of a place that you enjoy in your Coach and how great it would be to share it with your fellow Club members. It is not too hard to organize. Ask a fellow Club member who has hosted a rally for their help and advice. You will learn so much from the experience and have fun along the way (and have the eternal gratitude of your incoming Vice President). Thank you so much, see you at the next rally.

Your outgoing Vice President, Joanne Hernandez.

FOR SALE CORNER

1976 BIRCH HAVEN

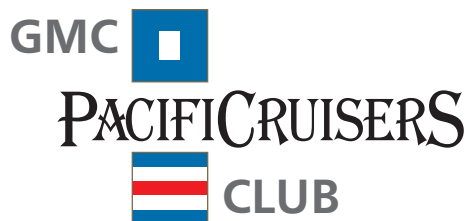
26' side bath & lounge. New precision steering box and linkage, three swaybars, square headlights and taillights, driving lights, Alcoas, Lamey brake boost conversion, roof air, microwave, onan gen set, dual starting batteries, manual DTV antenna, fender skirts, bus heated and electric remote mirrors. 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)



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2010-11 RALLY SCHEDULE

JUNE 18-20, 2010

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

OCTOBER 17-22, 2010

GMC WESTERN STATES
OASIS LAS VEGAS RV RESORT, LAS VEGAS, NV
HOSTS: MIKE AND JUDY CHERRY

NOVEMBER 19-21, 2010

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS
NEWPORT DUNES RV RESORT, NEWPORT, CA
HOSTS: DAVE AND DONNA DE GRAFFENREID

MARCH, 2011 (DATE PENDING)

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS
TEMECULA BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL, TEMECULA, CA
HOSTS: PHIL AND JOANNE HERNANDEZ

SPRING 2011

GMC WESTERN STATES
SAN LORENZO RV PARK, KING CITY, CA
HOSTS: PHIL AND JOANNE HERNANDEZ

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

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NEWSLETTER

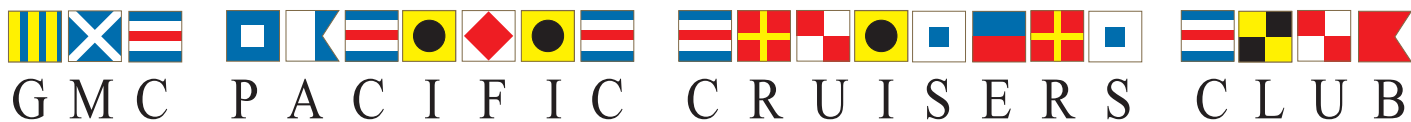
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NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE FOR 2010

Publication Dates	SEPT 1ST	DEC. 3RD
Info to Coordinator	AUG. 13TH	NOV. 12TH
To Publisher	AUG. 23RD	NOV. 19TH



**GMC Pacific Cruisers
Beach Party
NEWPORT DUNES RV RESORT
1131 Back Bay Drive
Newport Beach Ca 92660
(949) 729-8363 front office
November 19-21, 2010**

Directions: Check website for Newport Dunes RV Resort & Marina

Fri, Nov. 19	2pm - 5pm	Check in
	5:00 - 6:30	Happy Hour
	6:30 - 7:30	Dinner
	7:30 - 9:30	Games and Raffle
Sat. Nov. 20	8:00 - 9:00	Pancake Breakfast
	9:00 -12:30	Walks, Bikes, Various Activities
	12:30 - 1:00	Lunch
	1:00 - 5:00	Dunes Activities
	5:00 - 6:30	Happy Hour
	6:30 - 7:30	Dinner
	7:30 - 9:30	GMC Password
Sun. Nov. 21	8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast
	12 Noon	Check-out

RALLY HOSTS: Dave & Donna deGraffenreid
(949) 642-6827 cell (949)285-7913

Registration must be received by October 18, 2010. Refunds may not be possible if cancellations are received after October 18, 2010.

Make Check Payable and Mail to: Donna deGraffenreid
283 Camellia Ln. Costa Mesa, Ca. 92627

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Due to limited spaces (35) Check website, E-mail
Davebamboo@aol.com or call Dave for availability

**Early or Late stays can get the group rate for 2 days before
and/or 2 days after the rally, book and pay for those nights
through the front office.**

Cut and mail:

Name(s) _____

Telephone No. _____ Cell No: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Coach Lic. No. _____ Tow Car Lic. No. _____

Handicapped Parking? Y ___ N ___ First Time Attendee Y ___ N ___

Please advise Host of:

Date of Early Arrival: _____ **Date of Late Departure:** _____

Coach With Two Persons: \$175.00 \$ _____

Coach With One Person: \$140.00 \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

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ANTIQUE GAS & STEAM ENGINE MUSEUM

June 18-20, 2010
2040 N. Santa Fe Avenue
Vista, CA 92083
(800) 587-2286

DRIVING DIRECTIONS from Interstate 5 Northbound

I-5 North to CA. 78 East. Exit Melrose Drive. Head North (left turn) on Melrose Drive to North Santa Fe Ave. Turn right on North Santa Fe Ave. Proceed on North Santa Fe Ave. to Museum Way (3rd Stoplight). Make a right on Museum Way.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS from Interstate 5 Southbound

I-5 South to CA. 76 East. CA. 76 East to North Santa Fe Ave. Turn right on North Santa Fe Ave. Proceed on North Santa Fe Ave. to Museum Way (5th Stoplight). Make a right on Museum Way.

Tentative Schedule

Fri. June 18:	12:00 PM	Check-In
	4:00 PM	Happy Hour
	5:00 PM	Hot Dog Dinner with homemade ice cream
Sat. June 19:	??? AM	Breakfast on your own – eat in your coach or walk up to the Community Bldg. and get anything from coffee and fresh pies and pastries to a full Farm House Breakfast.
	All Day	Explore the exhibits, demonstrations and special events. Take a wagon ride to the historic Rancho Guajome Adobe and enjoy a guided tour.
	5:00 PM	Happy Hour
	6:00 PM	Catered Dinner
Sun. June 20	8:00 AM	Breakfast on your own – eat in your coach or at any of the vendors.
	12 Noon	Checkout at your leisure. Events will be continuing until 4:30 p.m. and you may remain and leave on Monday morning.

Rally Masters: Jim and Audree Rowe email ezrowe@verizon.net telephone (909)599-2820

Make checks payable to Audree Rowe and mail to 1353 N. Shirlmar Ave., San Dimas, CA 91773

Registration: Applications MUST be received by June 5, 2010. **Refunds may not be possible if cancellations are received after June 5, 2010**

NOTE: ***This is dry camping. No hookups available.*** You may arrive on Thursday and leave on Monday with no extra charge. Cut off and mail with your check

Name: _____	Coach with Two Persons	\$ 95.00	\$ _____
Address: _____	Coach with One Person	\$ 80.00	\$ _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	Each Additional Guest	\$ 20.00	\$ _____
Phone #: _____ First Time Rally (Y/N?) _____			
Guest(s) Name: _____	TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED		\$ _____
Coach License #: _____ Tow Car License #: _____			

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