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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

And now, the end is near, and so I face the final curtain. This last 2 years has been a great pleasure to serve the GMC Pacific Cruisers as your President. Much thanks to Carol Baxter, Claude Brousson and Russ Westcott for their advice, guidance and encouragement. And my husband Pat who always stood in the wings with his love and support. This all enabled me to do it my way.

Regrets? I've had a few—for not encouraging Fin Beven more, in the beginning, to take a position on this board. I still think he would be great in any position. And the second was losing Alice Faye as Secretary. She left us for a much higher position, but she taught me alot and from the very beginning knew where all the problems lay. She is still a good friend and I wish her well in her new job, marriage and now her new home.

I planned each charter course, Each careful step along the byway, and more, much more than this, I did it my way.

Special thanks to Suzanne Covington for the great job as Treasurer. Eileen Staal as Secretary for the second portion, and did a very remarkable job. JoAnne Hernandez as Vice President who was my right arm all the way. Now she will be your new President and I have no doubt in my mind she will do a good job. Your New Board takes office October 1, 2010.

The board members worked hard to get people to bring you great rallies and bring the Policy and Procedure Manual and the Bylaws up to date. Then donation of the trailer to the boy scouts Wow!!!! This board was wonderful to work with. From the beginning we did every thing we set out to do and much more.

So let the record show I took the blows, behind the back talk and with GODS help and guidance, abled me to stand tall and he allowed me to do it my way.

Signing Off

Sharon Cerrina, Outgoing President



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GMC PACIFIC CRUISER MEETING

JUNE 18-20, 2010

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, Vista CA

Hosted by Jim and Audree Rowe

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Cerrina on June 19th at 4:30P.M. All Board Members were present.

Minutes of the Benson, AZ Rally were read. Motion to approve was made by Dorthy Hooton and 2nd by Hoss Hague.

Vice-President Joanne Hernandez commented on the list of rallies the past 2 years:

Upcoming Rallies are as follows:

October - Western States-Las Vegas
Newport Dunes
March-Temecula Blue Grass
April-Western States-King City

November -

Treasurers Report was given by Suzanne Covington with current balance \$3,645 without-standing bills. Motion to approve was made by Gary Lachman and 2nd by Mary Botts.

Nominating Committee Report was given by Phil Hernandez, Nomination Committee included Phil, Mary Botts and John Nelson. Proposals for a New Board were President Joanne Hernandez, Vice-President Ed Staal, Secretary Eileen Staal and Treasurer Fred Davis. Phil asked for any nominations from the floor, hearing none, asked for a motion to accept nominations. Motion was made by John Nelson and seconded by Joe Rubio.

Sharon Cerrina stated that in the absence of an Alternate FMCA Representative that Ralph Mundia was selected and needed to be approved by the membership. Motion to accept was made by Phil Hernandez and 2nd by Bob Hooton.

Sharon Cerrina let the club know that the trailer was donated to the Boy Scouts and that the Scouts wrote a lovely letter thanking the club for the donation and that they are enjoying it on their campouts. Mary Botts made a motion to confirm the donation and was 2nd by Ruth Martin.

No new business.

Sharon Cerrina stated thanks to all of her current Board for a job well done. She also wanted to remind the Membership that the Board is all Volunteers and the Membership needs to give them a hand.

Joanne said that Sharon did such a great job as President. She helps Rally Masters, she even gets up at 4:00 A.M. to start coffee for all. Joanne commented on the maintenance that the Guajome Adobe required, constantly needing to be whitewashed "just like our GMC". The tractors and antique machines also require maintenance "just like our GMC". Our coaches are beautiful and require much maintenance, but they are "OUR GMC". Joanne told a story about how Sharon was excited when Suzanne gave her the past-president badge. So Joanne gave her a little dish towel: a cloth baked potato baker and a little green tractor to remind her where she was set free.

Adjourned 4:52 P.M. motion by Gary Lachman, 2nd by Ruth Martin

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Staal, Secretary

OUR MEMBERSHIP COUNT IS 127



In Loving Memory

Pacific Cruisers member **Jerry Covington** passed away in June shortly after his diagnosis of cancer.

Jerry, a highly decorated career naval officer, was buried at Riverside National Cemetery with full military honors on July 2, 2010. Our warm thoughts and prayers are extended to his wife, Suzanne. The funeral was well attended by GMC Pacific Cruiser members.

ANTIQUE GAS AND STEAM ENGINE RALLY

JUNE 18-20, 2010

Report-Submitted by: **Mary Beven**



Twenty-nine GMC coaches gathered in Vista, Ca, for this delightful rally. I'll list the attendees at the end of this report. Many thanks to our host and hostess, Jim and Audree Rowe, for organizing this interesting and fun-filled event! The motto of the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum is, "Fifty Acres of Fun!" There was so much to see and do. The grounds provide a Place for many people who are restoring their old tractors and other equipment. We were told that 75% of all the machinery on site is operational!

Check in was from noon to 4pm. Then we gathered on Friday afternoon outside the Rowe's coach for Happy Hour. They provided a fantastic variety of crackers and cheeses, grapes, fresh veggies and dips, plus a variety of wines. It was a relaxing time for all of us to visit and catch up with one another.

Dinner that evening was provided by Jack's Snack Shack. We all walked up (or hitched a ride) up to the vendor area and enjoyed hot dogs, chips, soft drinks and homemade ice cream....Delicious! There were many tractors and pieces of equipment on display for all to see. The campground provided an evening fire for those who were interested, but many of us were "too tuckered out" and decided to "hit the hay" after a long, warm day.

A "farm house" breakfast was provided on Saturday morning by the ranch, and was cooked and served in the Assembly Barn. It was hearty fare of eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, or home fried potatoes, plus orange juice and coffee. It made for a tasty and satisfying start to the day. In keeping with the theme of the rally, most of our Pacific Cruisers showed up in "costume". Many wore overalls or jeans, plaid shirts, farmer-style hats. Sharon Cerrina and Phil Hernandez even added wigs to complete their ensemble! Joanne Hernandez wore an old-fashioned ladies hat in spring green, and an antique apron. Fin Beven sported a pitchfork in

recollection of the painting "American Gothic". Lots of time was spent admiring each other, and getting a laugh over our "hokey" outfits. It all made for a good time!

By the time breakfast was done, most of the exhibits were open, and much of the machinery was operational. In addition to simply walking around the grounds to see the exhibits, there were several other items of interest:

- Short track railroad (free to ride around the grounds)
- Wagon Exhibit in the California Barn
- Farm Equipment display in the Harvester Barn
- Replica of a genuine farmhouse
- Old-fashioned school house
- Blacksmith and wheelwright shop
- Panning for gold
- Weaver's building (full of looms with works in progress)
- Steam tractor barn
- Wagon tours of the grounds
- Live music throughout the day

For those who were interested, we met at the Rowe's coach to be shuttled to the Rancho Guajome Adobe. We were given a special tour by Pat Obertz. The Adobe was in good condition, having been restored over a period of time. However, one portion of the adobe has purposely not been restored, so that folks can see the construction of the walls. The history of the family who originally owned the Adobe was interesting, especially how they continued adding on new buildings as their family grew. The inner courtyard was full of beautiful plants and flowers, especially a huge bouganvilla tree. Stunning! We also heard some music played on the old organ in the Adobe. Still sounds good.

For those who did not go on the tour, there were lots of interesting pieces of equipment to see. At 10am, there was a demonstration of the Threshing Machine. It removed the kernels of corn from the cob. From 11:00am to Noon were the Tractor Races...."haulin' a___" at about 1-2 mph! When the races were done, there was the "Stab the Potato" competition. It went like this: some of the tractors had a rider on the back, low to the ground. Organizers placed potatoes in a long line, along the track. As the tractors rolled

along, they would pass over the potatoes, which were positioned between the tires.

The riders' were to stab the potatoes, one by one, with a spike fastened to a long pole. Each tractor continued along the path, and the winner was the one which picked up the most potatoes! Hilarious entertainment!

Lunch was "on your own." The food choices were wonderful:

- BBQ Tri-ti;
- Corn on the Cob
- Deli-style sandwiches with chips and soda
- Mexican food
- Kettle popcorn

Spread around the large grassy area across from the stage where the bands were performing, there were lots of vendors, selling models, hats, clothing, wooden toys and puzzles, shirts, "fire starter" flints, etc.

The Pacific Cruisers gathered at the grandstands at 1pm for the Parade of Antique Tractors, other old farm equipment, and antique cars. Pat Cerrina was a "gentleman farmer," driving a large, gray tractor. It was a 1916 International Tractor, powered by kerosene. It is a unique model with steel wheels. Hoss Hauge was slated to drive this tractor in the parade on Sunday as well.

In addition, Jim Rowe, was also in the parade. Jim drove his own 1977 Workhouse tractor, towing a small utility trailer behind. His daughter, Suzanne Covington, and her dog, Jack, were riding in the trailer. Lots of fun!

Ernie and Anne Seth drove their 1914 Ford Model T Touring Car in the parade as well. They were joined by Eileen Staal, Joanne Hernandez, and Sharon Cerrina. They made a classy bunch driving through the bleachers filled with spectators.

At 4:30 on Saturday afternoon, we all met at the Rowe's for a short business meeting. The new club officers were presented:

- President—Joanne Hernandez
- Vice President—Ed Staal
- Secretary—Eileen Staal
- Treasurer—Fred Davis

The New Board takes office October 1,2010.

Congratulations to all of you, and best wishes for another great GMC year! Happy Hour followed the meeting, and dinner catered by El Pollo Loco. Delicious chicken, cole slaw, and beans along with fresh tortillas and salsa filled us up! Folks stayed and chatted for quite a while, and gradually drifted back to their coaches.

Breakfast on Sunday was in your coach, or up at the Assembly Barn. Some folks decided to stay on for one more day, and others said their farewells until the next rally.



Attendees:

Fin and Mary Beven, Chuck and Mary Botts, Dave and Arlene Cantrell, Pat and Sharon Cerrina, Bob Cook, Jerry and Suzanne Covington, Erich and Martha Fischer, Ray and Ellen Gandola, Hoss and Charlotte Hauge, Phil and Joanne Hernandez, Al and Barbara Hobson, Bob and Dorothy Hooten, Charlie and Patricia Kanenbly, Gary and Selma Lachman, Bob and Karen Lamey, John and Dee Lockwood, John Marana, Bob and Ruth Martin, Danny and Barbary McCurter, Ralph and Annie Mundia, John and Ann Nelson, Len and Pat Novak, Jon and Carol Pickard, Jim and Audree Rowe, Joe Rubio, Ernie and Anne Seth, Ed and Eileen Staal, Brian and Joy Tripp, Dave and Leone Wood.





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1977 GMC BIRCHHAVEN 23' RESTORED

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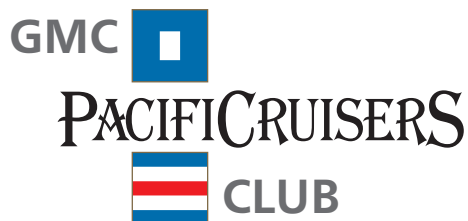
1978 GMC ROYALE 26 FT.

Twin beds; rear bath and closet; two roof airconditioners; roof storage unit; awning; onan generator, 2 new house batteries and 1 new engine battery; manual TV antenna; built-in blender; microwave; hitch; in the process of installing a new radiator and doing some TLC work. Will need some additional work, cosmetic and otherwise; custom paint (cream color base with various shades of maroon striping); mileage 123,700. Should be ready by first of September. Pictures can be e-mailed at that time. Selling due to death in family. Asking \$15,900, or make offer. Call Marian Porter, Temecula, Ca (951) 676-3287 _____(0811)



1977 GMC 23 FT.

Engine, transmission and final drive are original and in excellent condition. This was a Bob Lamey serviced coach. The engine uses straight Pennzoil HD 30 and has since new. Timing chain done at 90,000 miles. The engine is quiet, the transmission smooth and the overall feel when driving it, and I have driven it just this week, is that it is a very solid quiet coach — **ready to hit the road**. Tires are 3 year old Michelin LTX A/S with plenty of tread; wheels Alcoa Classic; modern electrical cruise control; four living area batteries and one chassis battery; electric and gas water heater, electronic ignition; new converter with 45 amp charger; one roof air, Duo-Therm; New A&E awning; repainted about 5 years ago; recarpeted and reupholstered 3 years ago in nice neutral colors; purple lights beneath coach; cute touch for nights in the campground; microwave with 4 burner stove; new dash cover; new refrigerator Domestic, elec/gas; Winnegard crank up satellite dish; flat screen TV; Pioneer 12 disc CD changer; AM/FM radio; Cobra CB radio; Ragusa aluminum folding step; birch screen door; new batteries. Asking price \$15,000. Lots of pictures available. Talk to Jim Rowe (090) 938-7631 _____(0811)



2010-11 RALLY SCHEDULE

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
REGISTRATION FORM AVAILABLE ON GMCPCL
WEBSITE

DECEMBER

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! SEE YOU IN 2011

JANUARY, 2011 (DATE PENDING)

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS
RICE RANCH, QUARTSZITE, AZ
FULL HOOK-UPS OR DRY
CAMPING AVAILABLE
HOSTS: HOSTED BY CHUCK AND DORRIS
GARTON

FEBRUARY 25-27, 2011

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS
SKY VALLEY RESORT, NEAR CATHEDRAL CITY
HOSTS: NORM AND SHIRLEY SHIER

MARCH, 2011 (DATE PENDING)

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

MAY 2011

DATE OPEN! THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO
SHARE YOUR FAVORITY SPOT BY HOSTING A
RALLY. CONTACT ED STAAL OR JOANNE
HERNANDEZ.

JUNE 10,11, 2011

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS
BOULDER CREEK RV RESORT, LONE PINE
HOSTS: DAVE AND ARLENE CANTRELL AND
RAY AND ELLEN GANDOLA

PLEASE SEE ANY OFFICER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST A RALLY IN 2011

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