



The GMC Pacific Cruisers Chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association, Inc. (FMCA), is a group of GMC motorhome owners from Southern California since 1976. Visit our website: www.gmcpc.org



MOTORHOME CLUB NEWSLETTER

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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

The GMC Pacific Cruisers are off and running again. Check the rally schedule for some great events that are planned. Included in this newsletter is the information and registration form for the November rally planned by Bobbie and Gene Schultz. We will be on the grounds of the Bernardo Winery in North San Diego County. We will be parked on grass and surrounded by vineyards. On Friday explore the on-site village. Come early in the day and shop the Farmers Market from 8am to noon. At 1pm we ladies can don our Dickens's outfits and enjoy "High Tea" and a discussion of "A Christmas Carol". On Saturday an optional bus tour of two local craft breweries/gardens and famous Kit Carson Park is planned. Don't miss this trip as Bobbie and Gene's forte is leading guided tours to California landmarks. This is certain to be a terrific weekend. Sign up early as we are limited to 30 coaches.



We will be back in Quartzsite in January with Chuck and Dorris Garton, perhaps with full hookups. The Temecula Bluegrass is in March, hosted by Jim and Audree Rowe and Suzanne Covington. Great strolling through Old Town and enjoying all the music. Ed Staal would be really happy if someone would volunteer to do a rally in February, May or June. Where is your favorite RV Park? I'm sure the rest of the Club would enjoy it too. Contact Ed at 310-374-7678 or eestaal@msn.com.

I want to thank the membership for their support and for re-electing the existing Board for another year. We have all learned much this past year and hope to use our experience to bring the Club another year of fun events and great GMC companionship. Leading the Club is not that difficult a task and since all of the Board Members have said that this will be the end of our terms it is time to ask all of the membership to look around and see if there is someone that you think would make a good officer of the Club. At each rally we will have forms available with the duties of each officer and spaces where a name of a potential officer can be listed. Pick up one of these forms, fill in the name/s of a person you think would be a good officer and send it to me. When I appoint the nominating committee later in the year these forms will be a good "starting point" to identify good future officers.

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Before we know it the time will be here to renew our Club membership for the coming year. Check your e-mail and mailbox in September for the renewal form and mail it back to Fred Davis, our terrific Treasurer.

Whew, I thought I did not have anything to say for this issue but you know me, just get me started and you can't get me to shut up! I am really looking forward to seeing many of you at upcoming rallies. I have a new e-mail address so make a note of it and let me know your ideas for the Club. Contact me at joannehernandez@wildblue.net.

See you down the road.

Joanne

Treasurer's Report

GMC Pacific Cruisers Rally
June 10-12, 2011
Boulder Creek RV Resort, Lone Pine, CA

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 A.M. on June 11, 2011. All board members were present. Joanne thanked Dave & Arlene Cantrell and Ray & Ellen Gandola for hosting another rally at one of our favorite RV Parks.

Before the meeting proceeded, Ellen Gandola presented a beautiful hand-made croched afghan to Bob & Karen Lamey as a thank-you for being the first members to register for the rally.

Clair, Ralph Mundia's sister and John Marana's guest Helen were welcomed.

Minutes were read by Eileen Staal and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report was given by Fred Davis showing a balance of \$3,972.15 and approved as read.

Joanne Hernandez gave us information on the current costs of the Newsletter. With Sharon Cerrina as Newsletter Editor, the costs have been lowered from \$500.00 to approximately \$200.00 which is a considerable difference from previous costs. She also mentioned that John Pickard was having problems reading the Newsletter on line. Jim Peugh will be contacted to troubleshoot the problem. Our current membership is 114. A new roster is in the works.

Ralph Mundia, a member of the Nominating Committee Chairman asked the members if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the slate of Officers was read listing Joanne Hernandez as President, Ed Staal as Vice President, Eileen Staal as Secretary and Fred Davis as Treasurer. Freddi Condos moved that we accept the slate of Officers and Hoss Hauge seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Bobbie Shultz gave a review of their upcoming rally at the Rancho Bernardo Winery. Wine tasting; shopping; a Tea with a Charles Dickens theme, (Costume suggested) and a tour of a local Brewery. There is a Farmers Market on site. Sounds like a great rally!

Ed Staal, Vice President gave a list of upcoming Rallies and announced that shirts and license plate holders are for sale.

October-Western States – Emerald Desert – Dave & Donna deGraffenreid
November – Rancho Bernardo Winery – Gene & Bobbie Shultz
January – Quartzsite – Chuck & Dorris Garton
March- Blue Grass Festival – Jim & Audree Rowe & Suzanne Covington
?? - TBA – John & Ann Nelson

New Business: Hoss Hauge, in appreciation of all of the wonderful dinners that Bob Lamey, (Lead Guy in cooking) cooked at Quartzsite, presented Bob & Karen a dinner triangle custom -made by Hoss. "We pull together, We stay together"

Eileen Staal asked members to correct error in latest "Invitation to join GMC Pacific Cruisers" form. Membership fee should be \$35.00 which covers Membership fee of \$25.00 and \$10.00 for badges.

Freddi wanted members to know that Bill Peoples had passed away and that Betty Kennedy had cancer and would appreciate cards or phone calls.

Motion was made to adjourn by Hoss Hauge and seconded by Ann Nelson at 10:10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Staal, Secretary

LONE PINE RALLY

JUNE 10–11, 2011

Before arriving in Lone Pine we enjoyed our interesting ride seeing old mines and ghost towns and lots of relics on highway 395. We arrived before noon to see lots of Happy GMC Motor Homes already there. A total of 20 coaches made the trip.

After lunch there were several groups enjoying the usual gossip feasts. We all got re-acquainted before dinner which was super delicious. Broccoli salad with cheesy potatoes and pork loin with home made brownies and ice cream. After dinner Bob and Karen Lamey were presented with a beautiful crocheted afghan, made by Ellen Gandola, for being the first to sign up for the rally. Hoss Hauge made a dinner bell and clanger out of re-bar and presented it to Bob Lamey.

Saturday morning we started out with delicious baked french toast covered with apples and sour cream and a side of bacon and a course of fresh fruit and juices. The business meeting was held after breakfast to elect the new officers for the upcoming year.

They are: Joanne Hernandez——President

Ed Staal——Vice President

Eileen Staal——Secretary

Fred Davis——Treasurer

All were voted in. CONGRATULATIONS.

During the day everyone did their own thing. Some played golf while others played Jokers and Marbles, some went sight seeing and others did usual gossip feast.

We had another delicious dinner that night of Tri Tip prepared and Bar-B-Que by our famous GMC official cook, Ralph Mundia. Everyone was dressed in western outfits. We had home made enchiladas, salad and topped off with homemade apple pie and ice cream. After dinner we played a Western Trivia game of Knowledge. It was won by Chuck Garton who received an antique BB gun that was donated by Jim Rowe. Some people stayed and played Mexican Train and others went back to their coaches or groups for more gossip feast.

Sunday we had another wonderful breakfast consisting of Omelet, biscuit and gravy, and more fruits and juices.

We can not express enough thanks to Arlene and Dave Cantrell and Ellen and Ray Gandola for the exceptionally wonderful job they did to make this rally a one to remember.

Written by Annie Mundia



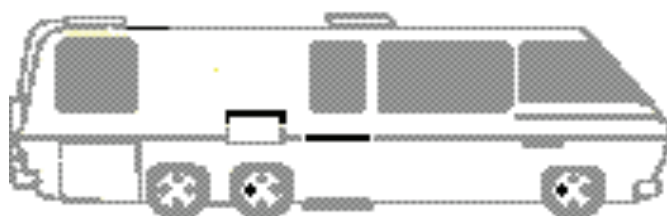
LONE PINE ATTENDEES

Fin Bevan and guest, Deborah Norum
Dave and Arlene Cantrell – Hosts
Frank and Freddi Condos
Steve and Nancy Ferguson
Chuck and Dorris Garton
Ray and Ellen Gandola – Hosts
Hoss and Charlotte Hauge
Phil and Joanne Hernandez
Bob and Karen Lamey
John Marana and guest, Helen Huston
Ralph and Annie Mundia and guest Claire
John and Ann Nelson
Joe Rubio and Bernice Brady
Gene and Bobbie Schultz
Ed and Eileen Staal
Marc and Lillian Trubert
Gary and Joanne Worobec



FACES AND PLACES FROM THE PAST





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THIS IS YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN

The GMC Pacific Cruisers Chapter of Family Motor Coach Association, Inc. (FMCA), is a group of GMC Motorhome Owners from Southern California. The Chapter purpose is to further the mutual association, membership, enjoyment and common interest of GMC Motorhome owners, their families and friends and to enjoy a mutual affiliation and common membership with members of the FMCA.

The Chapter meets at Rallies several times each year. Although a large amount of Rally time is spent in social fellowship, members are eager to share and learn more about their “out of production” “Classic” GMC Coaches; how things work; where to get parts; who can fix it; etc. Maintenance and service tips and remodeling ideas are usually shared throughout each rally on an individual basis. Group discussions on coach systems and maintenance procedures are often held during rallies.

The Chapter was first affiliated with FMCA on May 1, 1976. In 1978, the Chapter was associated with a national GMC Motorhome Association, then re-chartered as an FMCA Chapter in April, 1982.

FMCA INFO

The Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA) has issued over 400,000 memberships to families and individuals who find the Association to be a valuable source of information about all facets of motor coach ownership and travel. FMCA's National Office in Cincinnati, Ohio conducts the business affairs of the association; establishes liaison with the motor coach industry; helps members organize geographic and special interest chapters (almost 300 throughout the United States and Canada); assists in correcting adverse legislation and provides many other worthwhile member services. Included in the \$50.00 Application Fee is \$10.00 Initiation; \$35.00 for One Years Dues and \$5.00 for a One-Year Subscription to “Family Motor Coaching Magazine. FMCA MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A CHAPTER.

GMCPACIFIC CRUISERS MEMBERSHIP FEE is 35.00 which includes \$15.00 for One Years' Membership Dues and \$10.00 for Member Name Badges. The Chapter Fiscal Year begins on the first of October. Applications received after July 1st will have membership through the following fiscal year.

Check our web site: GMCPC.ORG

SEND APPLICATION WITH 35.00 CHECK PAYABLE TO: GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS
MAIL TO FRED DAVIS 975 W TELEGRAPH RD #F-130 SANTA PAULA CA 93060

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Application date: _____

FMCA Member # _____ “Required” or circle: “Applied for”

Last Name: _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Spouse : _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address: _____

License _____ Year _____ Model _____

Month/Year GMC Purchased _____ Total Miles on Coach _____

Name Badges will include first names as listed above unless nickname or other preferences are indicated here:

Husband _____ Spouse _____

Badge Fastener Type Pin _____ Clip _____

If an emergency were to occur at a rally, state whom you want contacted:

Name _____ Phone _____

The GMC Pacific Cruisers Newsletter includes a “Spotlight on New Members” for the purpose of acquainting the Membership with you. Please provide any information you would like to share such as employment; service clubs; hobbies; special interests; unusual travel experiences; etc.

Occupation: Husband _____ Spouse _____

Other Information _____

GMC Pacific Cruiser's Pre-Thanksgiving at Bernardo Winery, San Diego

Gene and I, as well as others, have been visiting this winery for years, it is one of the hidden treasures in San Diego North County, and I'm sure you will agree as you stroll through the grounds. It's history dates back to 1889. The Bernardo Winery is still family owned and there are 11 acres to discover and explore.

Event Date: **November 4-6, 2011**

Bernardo Winery **13339 Paseo Del Verano Norte, San Diego, CA 92128**

www.bernardowinery.com

Event Space: **Vito's Park Bernardo Winery**

Price per person **\$100.00 per person**

Directions:

I-15 to Pomerado Rd, then south on Pomerado Rd, left (east) on Paseo del Verano Norte, finally left into Bernardo Winery, see GMC signs and map of grounds, Bernardo Winery's "Uncle Vito's Park" map where we dry camp. Limited electrical hook ups

Your rally hosts: Bobbie and Gene Schultz 800 315 6668 or 760 941 1589, cell 760 525 5016

Schedule

Friday, Nov 4

9:00-12:00

Check in time

Come early for—

Farmers Market at Bernardo Winery

9:00-12:00

On site

Wine Tasting Room opens at 8:30am, sip a glass of Bernardo wine shopping at the Farmers Market

Dickens's English High Tea

1:00-3:00

On site

There is an extra charge for this event—\$15.21 including tax and gratuity per person

Separate reservations through Bobbie are required 2 weeks in advance—you may bring outside guests not part of the GMC Rally.

Dickens's English Tea held on the enclosed patio, dress code 1800's English,

Please do your "homework" & read -Dickens's "**A Christmas Carol**".

We will discuss the book over tea, finger sandwiches, fruit, scones and sherry will be served.

During our Tea, Phil Hernandez will teach a class for all the manly men who don't enjoy Tea

Dinner 4:30 – 6:00pm

Dinner is served on our private patio by Merlot Café, with linen clad round tables

Menu: Appetizers, Domestic Cheese platter with fruit assorted Rustic Breads, Green tossed salad with house Merlot dressing, Penne Pasta Cream Sauce and Chicken Breast, Eggplant Parmesan Lasagna (cheese or meat)

Assorted Cookies and cake bites, regular and decaf coffee, Reminder: Dinner must be served at 4:30 pm and we have to conclude by 6:00pm. .

Wine Tasting:

daily

8:30—6:00

Your check in package includes coupons for wine tasting in the Bernardo Winery Tasting Room.

Their Gift Shop also sells wine by the bottle, beer by the bottle and olive oil pressed from the olive trees on the grounds.

Your check in package includes discount coupons at the on-site **Artist Village Shops:**

Sweet Pea Coffee Cottage, The Gardener's Cottage, The Clothes Horse, Icarus Art Studio & Gallery, The Bag Center, Cotton Cottage, Cabernet Jeweler's, Stone and Glass and more.

Ranch Bernardo History Museum Fri 10-1, Sat 12-3, Sun 12-3 Donations requested

Items on display were donated from the Rancho Bernardo early resident's heritage collections.

Sat. Nov 5th 7:00-8:00 Continental Breakfast on rally grounds

or Breakfast on your own at Café Merlot—on site,
menu on http://cafemerlot.com/breakfast_menu.html

Optional North County guided bus tour: \$35.00 per person departs 9:30am
Includes Escondido's famous Kit Carson Park and two famous craft breweries.

Escondido, hidden in a long valley in the coastal mountains, is a community famous for avocado and citrus groves, and a great place to live for North County residents.

We visit Kit Carson Park, named after the scout for General Fremont's California Battalion during the Mexican-American War.

We are guided through the famous "Queen Calafia's Magical Circle", a sculpture by Nike de Saint Phalle. It has 9 large scale sculptures, within a circular "snake" wall. It bears brilliant mosaic ornamentation, characteristic of Saint Phalle's later works. You will be amazed at this almost unknown cultural ikon.

Then after 45 minutes, we visit Stone Brewery for the 11:00 am Brewery Tour and free tasting. Check out their unusual gift shop for unique souvenirs.

Additionally we explore the Zen Gardens, landscaped beautifully by the resident swami. The stone masonry work is the best to be seen.

Next we travel to The Lost Abby Brewery in Vista. This little known brewery has won many international awards and is world famous for its Belgians brews. Includes five tastings and a tour of the brewery.

A snack will be provided when you board the bus.

Dinner 4:30 – 6:00.

Menu on our private patio is: Sicilian Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Country roasted vegetable, Dessert and appetizer, regular and decaf coffee as well.

Sunday Nov 6th 7:00-8:00 Continental Breakfast on rally grounds

or Breakfast on your own at Café Merlot—on site,

Check out is by noon.

They offer Jazz on the patio from 2:00—5:00, if interested you may stay,

but you must move your GMC to the upper parking lot (it's on your way out).

The Rally concludes at this point:

Included in your package are two continental breakfasts, two dinners, and wine tasting, all set-ups and your camping space for 2 nights, no real hook ups, but there are outlets on the grounds for light loads, it is dry camping with meals served on the adjacent patio.

Optional are 2 extra cost events:

The English Tea—on Friday \$15.21 per person

Brewery Tour on Saturday \$35.00 per person

See you in November

Registration Form

Registration must be received by October 21, 2011. Any cancellation after that date may not receive a full refund.

Fill out and mail this page with your check payable to:

Bobbie Schultz, 1161 Meadowlake Dr., Vista, CA 92084

Call Gene for advice 760 525 5016 for locations to stay for arrivals before 5 Nov or departures from the area after 7 Nov. We must vacate the Rally location by noon Sunday, but you can park in the overflow lot until 6:00pm.

Name	Phone
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Address_____City_____State____Zip_____

Coach License # _____ Towed Car License _____

Handicap Parking: Yes_____No_____ First Rally: Yes_____No_____

Vegan meals are available in place of the planned menu, please let us know of your diet requirements!

Each Person: \$100.00 Number of Persons X \$100.00 \$

Tea each person \$15.21 Number of Persons X \$15.21 \$

Bus Tour \$35.00 Number of Persons X \$35.00 \$

Total amount enclosed, (checks only) \$_____

