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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

Greetings from your new President Ralph Mundia

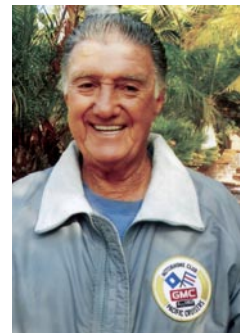
I hope that I will do as good of a job as Joanne Hernandez. I feel that I have a strong board and great fellow GMC'ers to make this possible.

I want to see a lot of fun rallys. To name a few : Newport Dunes, Pyramid Lake, Quartzsite and Temecula Blue Grass.

I want to tell you a little about myself. I served in the Navy in WW11 and have been in 7 major sea battles. I have been married 65 years to my wife Annie. I had one son Ralph Jr, 2 granddaughters, 5 great grand kids and 2 great, great grandsons. We have owned our 1977 GMC Royale since 1979. There are two kinds of people-those that own GMC's and those that wish they had one so that they can become "Pacific Cruisers." Heres a little puzzle: What has no beginning-no ending and nothing in the middle??

P.S. Thanks again for all your help.

P.P.S a donut-but don't tell anyone



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BONITA RANCH MEETING MINUTES

GMC Pacific Cruisers Rally

September 7-9, 2012

Bonita Ranch Campground, Lytle Creek CA

Hosted by Ed & Eileen Staal & Phil & Joanne Hernandez

The meeting was called to order by President Joanne Hernandez on September 8th at 9:10 A.M. This was the last meeting for the current board and was a welcome to the new Officers. 1st Vice President Lillian Trubert was welcomed. Incoming President Ralph Mundia; Treasurer Fin Beven and Secretary Judy Booth were unable to attend this meeting.

All Board Members were present: President Joanne Hernandez; 1st Vice President Ed Staal; Treasurer Fred Davis and Secretary Eileen Staal.

As the meeting started and we were welcoming our First Timers, Joe & Barbara Weaver, we were surprised to see Tim and Cass Jones who were unable to bring their coach, but didn't want to miss our meeting.

Reading of Minutes:

Minutes were read by Secretary Staal. Motion was made by Hoss Hauge and seconded by Len Novak to approve minutes as read. Vote to approve minutes was unanimous.

Treasurers Report:

Fred Davis reported we had a balance of \$2929.84. \$600.00 has been sent to Quartzsite as a deposit. Motion was made to approve treasurer's report by Tim Jones and seconded by Len Novak. Vote to approve treasurers report was unanimous.

Vice President Report:

Ed Staal reported that this was the last rally during this current year, and proceeded to introduce our incoming V.P. Lillian Trubert. Lillian is working on a rally at Pyramid Lake November 9-12 There is a nice meeting room and even a church on site. January is Quartzsite hosted by Chuck & Dorris Garton and the Bluegrass Festival in March will be hosted by Len & Pat Novak. Other suggestions were an all GMC Car Show in Van Nuys; Treasure Island during Navy Fleet Week and a train tour through the Grand Canyon.

New Business:

Hoss Hauge proposed that members wishing a mailed copy of our newsletter should be asked to pay an additional fee of \$5.00 per year. Motion was made to add that fee in the upcoming renewal letter by Mary Botts and seconded by Len Novak. Lynda Harris asked if a member could pay more than one year in advance. The answer was yes.

Jim Rowe gave a very interesting talk about the fun that members Hernandez; Staal and Rowe had showing off our coaches at the 47th Annual Fallbrook Car Show on Memorial Day. Each coach had over 100 visitors. An article written by Audree Rowe will appear in the November FMCA Magazine.

Noted: John Marana had Lung Cancer Surgery and Barbara McCurter had a heart attack.

Motion was made by Fred Davis to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Jim Rowe. Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

Respectively submitted by Eileen Staal, Secretary

MESSAGE FROM LILLIAN TRUBERT:

When I became our rally master as part of the duties of the Vice President, I knew this is a teeth pulling job at times, but I am looking forward to it with an optimistic attitude as I think I pretty well know the quality of this fine group we call The Pacific Cruisers. I have learned so much from the members of our club. I am vigorously going to pursue a list of fun and interesting rallies!

We are looking for a few good Pacific Cruisers to volunteer for special forces events (rallies) for the rest of the year and beyond. No ideas? Need help? I can give you multiple ideas and put you in touch with others to share the responsibilities. Please contact me for anything you might want to pass on to me for further development or any feelings about how we're doing in general.

Lillian

RALLY REPORT FOR BONITA RANCH, LYTLE CREEK

By Patricia Kanenbly

Joanne said, "Hope you can make it. It is a pretty spot." And, she was right! Bonita Ranch RV Campground in Lytle Creek greeted us with warmth {a whole lot of warmth!}, inviting campsites, wonderful trees, great food, compatible companions and an over abundance of very friendly "winged" visitors. Hosted by the fabulous foursome, Ed and Eileen Staal and Phil and Joanne Hernandez.

Our first course of events on Friday was the BBQ chicken dinner catered by locals and served under the sky in a most cozy atmosphere of gathered picnic tables and the convenience of easy camaraderie...an extension of the preceding Happy Hour, followed by more camaraderie before retiring to our coaches.

Saturday morning started with another catered affair of scrambled eggs, ham, coffee, juice and rolls. Breakfast was followed by a brief meeting to introduce our new Officers and other business. Our new president, Ralph and wife Annie, were on a different mission and could not be with us. Our outgoing President, Joanne, was thanked and applauded for her outstanding job, hard work and commitment...a hard act to follow...Ralph has his work cut out for him!!! Our outgoing Treasurer, Fred Davis, gave a report on our finances. Our outgoing Vice President, Ed Staal, introduced the incoming VP, Lillian Trubert, who announced the November rally she and Marc are planning at Pyramid Lake and the January rally at Quartzsite. Len and Patricia Novak have agreed to host the Temecula Bluegrass in March. Lynda Harris shared her and Ron's experience on the train ride out of Williams, AZ and suggested a possible rally there. She will look into the details. Jim Rowe reported on the Fallbrook

BONITA RANCH ATTENDEES

Botts, Chuck And Mary
Cantrell, Dave And Arlene
Covington, Suzanne And Bills, Randy
Davis, Fred And Cynthia
Gandola, Ray And Ellen
Gaw, Betty And Maxwell, Marilyn
Harris, Lynda And Roman, Ron
Hauge, Hoss And Charlotte
Hernandez, Phil And Joanne
Hickey, Guy
Hooten, Bob And Dorthy
Jones, Tim And Cass
Kanenbly, Charlie And Patricia
Martin, Bob And Ruth
Novak, Len And Pat
Rowe, Jim And Audree
Schultz, Gene And Bobbie
Staal, Ed And Eileen
Trubert, Marc And Lillian
Weaver, Joe And Barbara
Wood, Dave And Leone



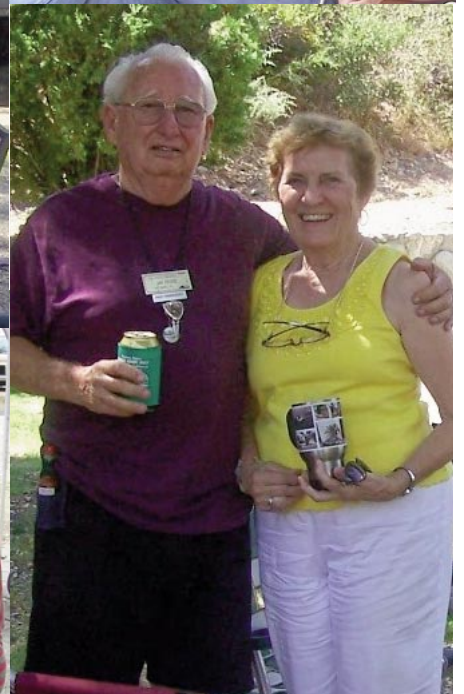
Vintage Car Show where the Hernandez, Staal's and Rowe's exhibited their GMC Coaches and the terrific interest they generated. It was suggested this might be a good thing to do again and again.

Since there was time to explore for a few hours before the next event a hardy group of walkers took off to find Scotland! The not so hardy "wimped" out and found a different niche...visiting around the little compound created for our Pacific Cruisers or relaxing in the comfort of their air-conditioned coaches with a

good book. When 1:00 came around the ladies gathered in the picnic table compound and made lacy potpourri sachets while the men opened their hoods for inspection and discussion.

4:00 brought the horses out for Derby Time and we were entertained til dinner at six when once again our trusty caterers thrilled our taste buds. This time it was tri-tip and fixins. Afterwards, you guessed it. More camaraderie!

Sunday morning came all too soon but it was welcomed by another delicious catered breakfast. Afterwards we all joined in for clean up before bidding farewell to those leaving early but had the option to stay til 3pm if desired. Most were eager to head home to cooler weather, sans our very devoted and constant "winged" companions. An obvious swell time was had by all and once again reluctant departure took us our separate ways. Hope you all had a safe and uneventful trip home and that you will be geared up for another rally when the time comes.



ILLNESSES AND DEATHS

- Al and Barbara Hobson auto accident, Barbara hospitalized , both now recuperating
- Bob Cook hospital now home and recuperating
- John Marana heat surgery Home now
- Barbara McCurter heart attack Home now
- Chuck and Dorris Garton car accident. Car totalled but both OK
- Sept 10, 21012 Helen Miller 72 passed away

Sept 15, 2012 Lee Nelson gave up his fight with cancer: Letter from Suzanne to all:

Lee Nelsen would have been super pleased to see so many familar faces at his funeral and to read all the wonderful thoughts and prayers you sent our way. He put up a good fight in his battle with lung cancer, but sadly it was a battle not to be won. He had hoped to be able to drop in on one last GMC Rally to say his good-byes. He so enjoyed his time in the club; putting on rallies, serving on the board and just having fun with all of you. Thank you for your condolences and support. It means alot to our family.

Fondly,

Suzanne Nelsen and family

FOR SALE CORNER

1975 ELGANZA II SIDE BATH

35,000 Miles On 455-Cd Winterfeldt Engine, New Rebuilt Transmission, Starter, Ignition Parts. Digipanel, Mercerator With Hose, California Coach With Original Cabinets, Recent Ceiling, Upholstery And Carpeting In Neutral Color, Dometic Three-Way Refrigerator. Rear Bed With Mattress. Ample Tread On Tires. Also Available Three Way Dinette Table And Settee That Makes Into Bed In Back Compartment. Maintained By Bob Lamey.

A Bargain At \$7,500 Obo.

If You Have Any Questions, Please Contact Me At 661 270-9649 Or E Mail At tillman@as.net.

1974 GMC GLACIER (26")

58,300-Fixer upper with side bath and 455 Olds Engine, original transmission, power steering and adjustable steering wheel. All new wheel bearings, new brakes front and rear. Exterior body in good condition, steel wheels, good bumpers, mechanically sound, needs work on interior and new gas lines.

Asking \$5,000

Contact Lloyd-Lloyd.millie.Johnson@gmail.com

970-222-1967

1973 CANYONLANDS (26")

108,216 miles, rebuilt 455 engine and carburetor at 82,770 miles, fantastic fan, roof pod, macerator, hitch, golf cart house, batteries and much more

Asking \$8,000

Darrel and Arlis Tetzloff (925)937 2418

Walnut Creek, Ca.

1977 GMC ELEGANZA II

Dash wrapped in leather, new instruments, auto window screen closer, Flexsteel furniture. China toilet, new water heater. All new cabinets built by Cinnabar. 36,000 miles on re-built 455 engine, Moto-stat sat dish, with 2 boxes and flat screen TV"s, 2 VCR/CD players. Many mechanical upgrades. New frig, stove & microwave. Tire pressure monitoring system, alarm goes off with low tire pressure. Alcoa rims with white walls. Day/Night shades. Mascerator.

Asking \$30,000

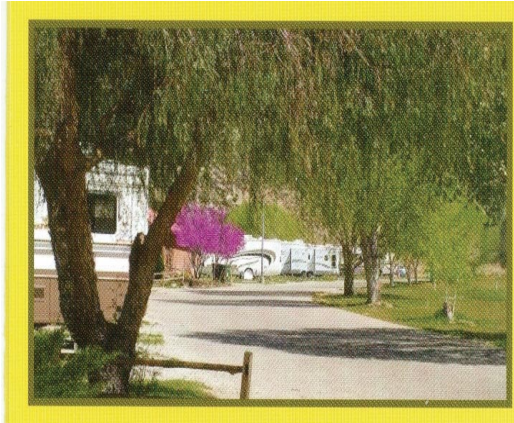
Contact Bill Deal- 858-386-2885

San Diego, Ca.

Pyramid Lake RV Resort
45100 Copco Ave, Gorman, CA, 93243

Pacific Cruisers Rally

November 30 – December 3



From I-5 Northbound:
Take Smokey Bear Rd. Exit, turn right (east) to Copco Ave., turn left (north) and follow to end of road (about 1 mile).

From I-5 Southbound:
Take Smokey Bear Rd. Exit, turn left (east) to Copco Ave., turn left (north) at Copco Ave. and follow to the end (about 1 mile).

Telephone: (888) 557-3097 / (661) 248-0100

Website: www.pyramidlakerv.com

This is a rally that will take us back in time to those days when friends and family came together for good grub, serious board games, yummy cookies, Christmas cheer and conversating . It will be a time to enjoy, celebrate and be thankful. After all, we all know what lucky people we truly are! Don't expect anything fancy – just down home fun and happy people with memories. Let's share some of those in a warm place with our fellow road warriors.

Pyramid Lake is near the top of the Grapevine, and what goes by the name of a "Resort" sits along Interstate 5 across from Pyramid Lake and Vista Del Lago. Bet you've passed it hundreds of times, but have you visited Vista Del Lago? This 18,500 square foot Mediterranean-style building high-lights interactive exhibits on California's water: its sources and its vital role in the state's quality of life.

Just up the road Hungry Valley awaits - a real fast food hub of activity. And further in Lebec 2 refurbished rest stops are open again with their dump stations all gussied up. Why you'll even find more restaurants, a Flying J, an Arco station and an interesting road to Santa Paula. Bakerfield lures the adventurous to drive another hour. Don't forget Fort Tejon. Real Union soldiers were sent there, but the namesake beavers are long gone.

Please bring a casserole for Friday, 1 - 2 doz homemade cookies, 1 silly cheap gift per person and BYOB if Two Buck Chuck not to your discriminating taste.

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Nov 30 12 to 5 pm – Check in	Dec 1 – 8 Breakfast	Dec 2 – 8 Breakfast	Dec 5 – 8 Breakfast
5 Happy Hour	9 Business Meeting	9 Ladies Craft	9 Lolly Gag
6 Casseroles	10 Tour on your own	Gents Rumiata	til 12 - Bye
	2 Ladies Sharing	2 Movie	
	5 Happy Hour	5 Happy Hour	
	6 Catered Dinner	6 Catered Dinner	
	7 til ... Games	7 til...gift exchange and hijinx	

Hosts Marc and Lillian Trubert, 50514 Barcus Circle, Coarsegold, CA 93614. 559-683-0995, ltrubert@aol.com

Name: _____ Phone: _____ First Rally: _____

Address: _____ Handicap Parking: _____

Coach Lic: _____ State: _____ Tow Car Lic: _____ State: _____

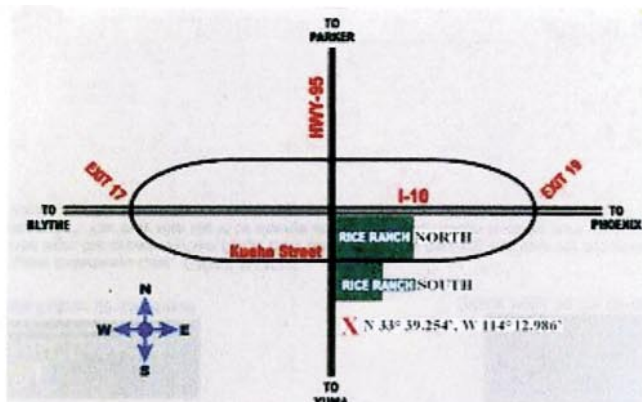
Coach with 2 Persons: \$158 _____

Coach with 1 Person: \$124 _____

TOTAL: _____ (Add \$34 for guest)

Friday – Each coach bring old timey casserole, i.e. mac & Cheese, tamale pie, veggie special

Saturday – choose 2 by circling: barbeque chicken, lemon & Pepper chicken, honey mustard chicken, teriyaki chicken, steak, red snapper



QUARTZSITE, AZ. 85346

January 23 - 30, 2013

N 33° 39.254', W 114° 12.986'

Directions: From the West: Interstate 10 east to Exit 19, Quartzsite Arizona, turn right at first street Riggins Avenue proceed to Kuehn St. right turn. Proceed almost to Traffic signal and turn left into Rice Ranch South. From Highway 95: turn east onto Kuehn Street and turn right into Rice Ranch. Check in and join us. We reserved 20 Full Hookup Sites.

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS RALLY

Wed. January 23 (or the day you arrive) – Check-In.... **Happy Hour 4:00 PM**

Thurs. January 24 thru Tue. January 30 - Shop, Sit, Chat. **HAPPY HOUR 4:00 PM daily**

Wed. January 30 – Check Out; Back to reality.

No Meetings; just come; have fun, shop, chat, relax, play games, etc. On your own for food; however there is a lot of sharing at the evening meal. **Bring your Dutch oven, grill or other camp cooking item, and share in the fun of cooking for the group.** If anyone wants to prepare food for the group, just let us know so we can coordinate. **Bring Firewood if you have it.**

The Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama is a variety of vendors displayed on 2.2 miles of frontage. It and the R.V. show will be open through **January 27, 2013**. There are walk-up places to eat. We have lucked out with good weather, but, it can be windy, cold, and/or rainy. So come prepared. Comfortable shoes for walking are a must. Sacrificial clothing should be employed around the campfires.

Join us for any of the days listed. One, two or all eight days; **the price is the same; \$225.00 per coach (Full Hookups)**. Dry camping is available at BLM for a fee.

Rally Hosts: Chuck & Dorris Garton

**Registration – Must be received by January 17, 2013. Cancellations may not receive a Refund. Send Registration to: Chuck Garton, 604 N Las Posas Street
Ridgecrest, Ca. 93555**

Home:(760) 375-5568; Cells: Chuck: (760) 271-0205; Dorris: (760) 271-0206

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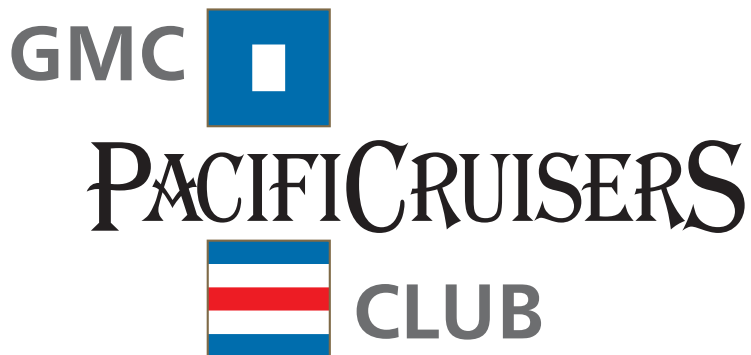
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Address_____

City_____ State_____/Zip_____

Phone #_____ Cell #_____

Coach License #_____ Tow Vehicle License #-----



2012-2013 RALLY SCHEDULE

October 29 to 31, 2012

Newport Dunes
Hosts Dave and Donna deGraffenreid

November 30 to December 3, 2012

Pyramid Lake
Hosts Lillian and Marc

January 23 to 30th, 2013

Quartzsite, Az
Hosts Chuck and Dorris Garton

March 15 to 17, 2013

Temecula Bluegrass
Hosts Len and Pat Novak

April 9 to 14, 2013

Western States in Arizona
Hosts Armond and Carol Minnie and
Dave and Donna deGraffenread

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