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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

I have really enjoyed being your President. You have to look far and wide to find friendly people like our GMC bunch. I want to welcome our new members that signed up in Temecula. The rally in Temecula was outstanding. Everyone especially like the crepes!! The man that prepared them was a genius. It was really different and also delicious. Thank you Len and Pat Novak for a great rally.

I am looking forward in seeing everyone at the next rally to be held in Perris. I know it will be outstanding because the rally masters are Jim and Audree Rowe. They always do an excellent job. When our motor homes are all lined up I know they will steal the show.

Don't forget to wear your name badges as Audree will be looking and collecting the \$1.00 fine.

Your GMC Pacific Cruiser President

Ralph Mundia



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We're starting 2013 out right with some new members who joined late in 2012. Be sure and look for them at the next rally and make them feel welcome. They are:

Mike and Fran Fimbres, Canyon Country, CA
Meghan Jenks and Sean Welch, Tujunga, CA
Jerry and Carmen Keck, Temecula, CA
Karl Plechinger, Los Angeles, CA
Ben and Mary Price, Sugarloaf, CA

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Isn't there a saying – "everything old is new again?" That's the case with the Temecula Bluegrass Festival Rally that was held March 15-17, 2013. We've been there and done it before but this time around, there were some wonderful new changes. Last year, we almost got rained out, this time the weather was ideal; warm and balmy in the daytime and cold enough in the evenings to enjoy the campfire and be grateful for a warm bed inside your coach.

We arrived around noon on Friday and found everything set up at our Shade Tent and almost everyone else already there. Those Pacific Cruisers can't wait for the fun to begin. Our rallymasters had information packets ready telling about all the interesting things to do in town, but most people opted to just do what Pacific Cruisers do really well, and that is to circle the chairs and talk. Before we knew it the afternoon had flown by and we were offered an opportunity for "attitude adjustment". Along with the wine and soft drinks, Fin Beven brought out a container of his famous killer Margaritas. Our president, Ralph Mundia, in accordance with the campaign promise he made while running for office to personally award a gift to a lucky attendee at each rally; held a drawing and gave away a giant jar of jelly bellys and a GMC plaque to lucky winners Al and Barbara Hobson.

Then it arrived—not just an assortment of GIGANTIC pizzas but also trays of spaghetti and salad to satisfy the appetite you worked up with all that talking. As the temperature began to sink along with the sun, our firemaster nonpareil (I am deliberately using a French word meaning "without equal" to describe our own Hoss Hauge and to get you ready for what happened Saturday morning) stoked up the firepit and brought out the toasting forks, marshmallows, chocolate bars and graham crackers. Is there a better dessert to have around the campfire than S'mores?

Our schedule showed a Saturday morning breakfast of CREPES! Crepes at a GMC rally held on a dirt parking lot? Yes! Under his own shelter, our chef, from La Creperie in San Diego, had set up a complete crepe-making kitchen. We were able to choose from a menu of seven savory crepes and six sweet crepes. The crepe fillings included a variety of meats, fresh vegetables and fresh fruits to choose from. For instance, the California Surfer had bacon, avocado, cheese, harissa, garlic, black pepper and salt. I asked him what "harissa" was and he told me, in his beautiful French accent, that he was from Tunisia, and harissa was a spicy seasoning made from chilis he imported from Tunisia and blended into his own "secret sauce." On the other side of the menu, the Dreamy Creamy was a popular choice. It was filled with fresh strawberries, bananas and seasoned with rum, chocolate and cream. When he finished putting it together, it was a work of art; embellished with puffs of whipped cream and squiggles of strawberry sauce. It was a pleasure to watch him pour the batter and use a little wooden tool to spread the crepe and seemingly without effort, wind up with a perfect circle time after time.

After some time to digest breakfast, some people left to explore the wineries around Temecula, but most took a leisurely walk through Old Town to enjoy the musicians on the street corner

LIST OF ATTENDEES BLUEGRASS 2013

NOVAK, LEN AND PAT
FIMBRES, MIKE AND FRAN
PRICE, BEN AND MARY
BOOTH, KEN AND JUDY
KANENBLEY, CHARLES AND PATRICIA
STAAL, ED AND EILEEN
MUNDIA, RALPH AND ANNIE
LAMEY, KAREN AND BOB
HOBSON, AL AND BARBARA
CANTRELL, DAVE AND ARLENE
HAUGE, HOSS AND CHARLOTTE
HERNANDEZ, PHIL AND JOANNE
ROWE, JIM AND AUDREE
WOOD, DAVID AND LEONE
GARTON, CHUCK AND DORRIS
SHIER, NORM AND SHIRLEY
BATES, LOREN AND VIRGINIA
BEVEN, FIN AND NORUN, DEBORAH
MARTIN, BOB AND RUTH
CIZ, GEORGE AND DIANE
MARANA, JOHN AND HUSTON, HELEN
SCHULTZ, EUGENE AND ROBERTA
GOSSEN, ROY
COVINGTON, SUZANNE & BILLS, RANDY
WEAVER, JOE AND BARBARA
FISCHER, ERICH
HARRIS, LINDA AND ROMAN, RONNIE
McCURTER, BARBARA AND DANNY
DAVIS, FRED



stages and to visit the extraordinary Farmer's Market held there on Saturday mornings. In addition to all the usual fresh spring produce, one could find an abundance of plants, baked goods, spices, artisanal cheeses and meats, gorgeous flowers, and unusual spreads and sauces. Jim purchased a large supply of something he hadn't been able to find anywhere else; pickled garlic, regular and hot.

Before we knew it was time for attitude adjustment again and a wonderful Mexican Feast catered by Rosa's Restaurant. Then on to the theatre for the concert. Thanks again to the Novaks, we had prime seats right in front to enjoy the amazing music the three featured groups produced. It was a toss-up as to who was the favorite.

Next morning, St. Patrick's day, many members came out of their coaches "wearing the green" in all kinds of ways. Not too long ago, we saw Phil Hernandez with dreadlocks and now we've seen him with his dreads slightly shorter and curlier and dyed a bright green. How does he do it? Again, breakfast with a French influence; croissants with assorted fillings catered by Jacque-en-le-Box. A really good and a really imaginative choice. Then after breakfast we celebrated two St. Patrick's day birthdays, John Marana and our rallymaster, Pat Novak. Many happy returns to both of them.

After breakfast, we had a visitor. It was Mike Nadolson who is the Temecula Bluegrass Festival promoter and is in charge of allotting the camping spots. He is also the lead guitarist in "Silverado" the bluegrass group which opened the concert. He stopped by to visit and thank us for our on-going support of the festival. President Ralph presented him with some of our GMC Pacific Cruisers license plate frames, and Mike said that he would try "real hard" to find a GMC to hang them on before next year.

What a rally! Good food, good fun, great fellowship! We had some new members join, we had some first timers, and we welcomed back some people we hadn't seen in a while. Thank you again to our wonderful rallymasters, Len and Pat Novak for all their work and planning. And guess what? Pacific Cruisers has our prime camping spot reserved for 2014. Who's going to step up and put together the rally?



TEMECULA RALLY

MARCH 15-17, 2013



ANTIQUE TRUCK SHOW

MAY 3-5, 2013

ANTIQUE TRUCK SHOW AT THE ORANGE EMPIRE RAILWAY MUSEUM

By Audree Rowe

What happens when Pacific Cruisers decide to take their coaches out and show them off at the American Historical Truck Society's 28th Annual Antique Truck Show at the Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris, California? The correct answer is "A lot of fun happens." And that's just what did happen on the week-end of May 3-5, 2013.

We arrived early in the morning and got our paved and tree-shaded camping area set up. Good thing that we had some shade, a breeze and reliable generators because the temperature on Friday may have reached unseasonable triple digits. But, in typical high desert fashion, by late afternoon, cool air flowed in and made it pleasant to sit outside as we waited for Happy Hour.

And what a Happy Hour it turned out to be. Since we were camped at the Railway Museum, our rally theme was "railroading" and if you know anything about the history of the railroads in the West, you know that the Harvey Girls who worked at the Harvey House hotels along the Santa Fe railways routes were a big part of the train travel experience in the late 1800s. In our case, we had an amazing Happy Hour prepared and served by our own Suzanne Covington and Randy Bills who were dressed as Harvey Girls with big white aprons and black bow ties. When I say amazing, I mean that in addition to wine, the girls mixed and served "Harvey" Wallbanger cocktails because, what else would Harvey girls pour? And adding to the fun was Linda Harris, who dressed as a "saloon girl" and used her wiles and her bright pink boa to urge people to get up to the bar and partake. You don't see that at every rally, do you?

ATTENDEES

Paul & Joan Baity
Dave & Arlene Cantrell
George & Diane Ciz
& Guest Kim Kaskie
Jim & Shannon Clark
Randy Bills & Suzanne
Covington
Ray & Ellen Gandola
Chuck & Dorris Garton
Ron Roman & Lynda Harris
Hoss & Charlotte Hauge
Bob & Dorthy Hooten
Charles & Patricia Kanenbley
Helen Huston & John Marana
Danny & Barbara McCurter
Ralph & Annie Mundia
Len & Pat Novak
Ben & Mary Price
Jim & Audree Rowe
Stephen & Karen Simon
Marc & Lillian Trubert
Joe & Barbara Weaver
David & Leone Wood

By the time, the shrimp, and assorted cheeses and crackers, and nibbles were gone, our caterer appeared with our dinner of green salad, lasagna, bread and butter, and fruit salad and chocolate éclairs for dessert. Luckily we had no dieters registered for this rally.

After dinner everyone stayed put for a game of 40 questions called "Getting to Know You and Your GMC." People earned points for answering tough questions like "Who actually read any of the material in their information packet?", and "Who tried on the paper train engineer's hat in the packet?" The three players with the highest score won prizes. After that, another surprise and I think a first for one of our rallies, Linda and Ron set up a TV set outside and played the classic railroading movie musical, "The Harvey Girls", with Judy Garland, for us to watch. You forget how much fun those films were, so thank you, Linda and Ron.

Breakfast was served at a civilized 8 o'clock and we enjoyed juice and coffee, potatoes, sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy, fresh fruit, and coffee cake. By the time breakfast was over, interesting vehicles were being trailered in for the big Sunday show and the train cars and engines were moving around on the tracks near our camp. Then we had our own mini swap meet. Former Pacific Cruiser member, Dave Krough, had contacted us and asked if he could bring some GMC "stuff" he still had. He no longer has his coach but he wanted to find good homes for some things he had been holding onto. Dave brought a treasure trove of parts, GMC clothing, club history and memorabilia and lucky Pacific Cruisers were able to acquire it. He had a rare and unique item, playing cards which were given to all attendees at the very first GMC Motorhome Owners Assn. gathering, 270 coaches (4 PCers) at Lake Delevan Lodge in Wisconsin in 1978, still in their plastic box and cellophane wrappings! For this item, he set up a raffle and sold tickets at 2 for \$1.00 and then donated the cards and the proceeds to Pacific Cruisers as a thank you for letting him come in and sell.

ANTIQUE TRUCK SHOW

MAY 3-5, 2013

Thank you, Dave! At happy hour, we drew for it and the lucky winner was Barbara McCurter. Trains were running, buildings were open, docents were conducting walking tours of the Museum grounds and the day passed quickly and pleasantly.

Dinner was Hawaiian Chicken, with green salad, rice pilaf, Hawaiian sweet bread and butter, and dessert was fresh fruit, for the saintly, and lemon meringue and/or coconut cream pie for the sinners.

People had spent the day at the railroad museum so it was time to find out who had absorbed any "railroadiana" by taking the Railroad Trivia Challenge which contained riddles, puns, serious questions, movie and music lore. These two questions stumped a lot of people, "What is the name of the railroading song that contains the lyrics, "fee fie, fiddle I o" and "What is the railroad train destination in Roger Miller's "King of the Road?" People had been invited to sing out loud or even consult with their neighbor for help and a lot of good natured kibitzing and groaning occurred when the answers were revealed. Again three knowledgeable or lucky people took home nice prizes.

Sunday morning was just a simple continental spread; juice and coffee, yogurt, dry cereal, toasted bagels with cream cheese and jam, fresh fruit and assorted sweet stuff. After breakfast, we were off to check out the truck show entries, enjoy the music of the disc jockey, shop the swap meet, eat great junk food from the vendors and continue to explore the museum exhibits. Meanwhile back at our campsite, we had our own show going on. We had hung our banners announcing that the GMC motorhomes had been built by the GMC Truck Division (which is how we came to be invited to participate in a truck show). We had an information table with lots of material about our unique coaches and Pacific Cruisers welcomed the looky loos and let curious people look inside and find out all about our coaches.

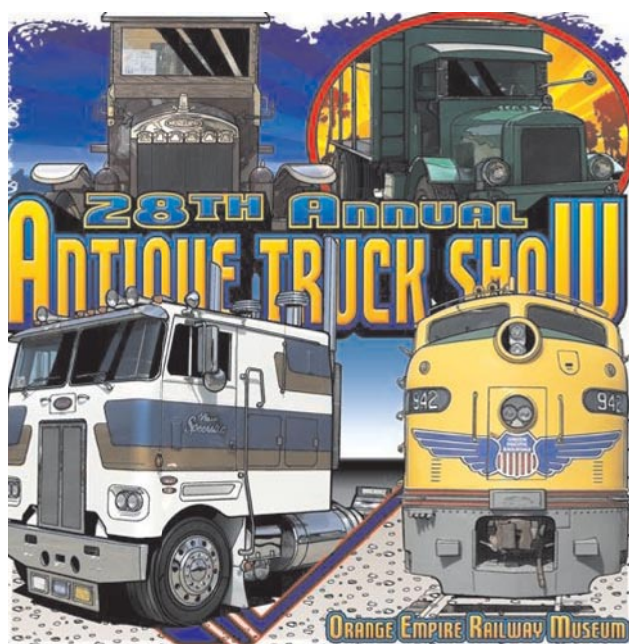
Before we knew it, the show was over and vehicles were being trailered past us again on their way out as we packed up. As we are everywhere we go, we were a big hit. We would be welcomed back next year. Shall we do it again?





SAVE THE DATE

MAY 3 – 5th, 2013



Rally within a Rally!! GMC Pacific Cruisers Club will have a unique opportunity to attend the 28th Annual Antique Truck Show at the Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris, CA.

You will have the opportunity to see and participate in the grand and proud history of the mechanically powered vehicles that built America as enthusiasts from all over the Western region—come together to share their passion for antique trucks and equipment. Hosted by the Southern California Chapter of American Truck Historical Society, an anticipated display of 200 vehicles, representing over 75 years of trucking history will complement the West's largest collection of railway locomotives, passenger and freight cars, streetcars, and electric trolleys. The event will feature restored pre-1987 American trucks from pickups to big rigs as well as vintage military vehicles, fire trucks, "hit-n-miss" engines, farm tractors, a parts swap meet, and craft vendors.

DETAILS TO FOLLOW BUT NOTE THIS WILL BE DRY CAMPING, We want to have a great turnout for this unique event so mark your calendar now!

RALLYMASTERS

Jim and Audree Rowe
and

Suzanne Covington and Randy Bills

Pacific Cruisers O.C. Swap Meet Rally June 14-16

Join us for a last minute kick off the summer rally at Orange County Fair Grounds.

Annie and Dave are all over this one. We will plan a BBQ and catered restaurant dinner with you, when we all arrive. We will have coffee in the mornings and I'll go get whatever we want for breakfast. Bring or buy your lunch at the Swap Meet.

- First night everyone brings their favorite appetizer to share and we provide a Bucket of Margaritas?
- Second night we will plan a BBQ Dinner.
- Third night we will decide what we want and have it delivered to us.

We will be eating on the lawn area around your coaches. Bring your own chairs, plates, cups and utensils. Bring some food and cash. Rally fee covers Parking, Coffee and Margaritas.

Pacific Cruisers O.C. Swap Meet Rally
June 14-16, 2013
Orange County Fair Grounds
Arlington St.
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

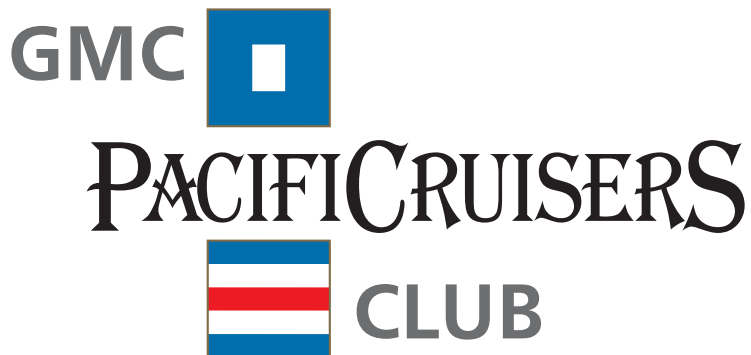
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Rally Fee \$85.00
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Annie and Ralph Mundia 714-777-3598
Dave and Donna de Graffenreid 949-285-7913



2013 RALLY SCHEDULE

June 14-15 and 16th, 2013

Orange County Fair Grounds

Costa Mesa, Ca 92627

Hosts: Ralph and Annie Mundia and

Dave and Donna De Graffenreid

Western States

October 2-7, 2013

Mill Casino Hotel and RV Resort

Coos Bay, Oregon

Hosts: Jerry and Sharon Works

April 24-29, 2014

Golden Village Palms RV Resort

Hemet Ca

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