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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

Thanks for allowing me to be your President.

At my first meeting I thanked my Secretary Judy Booth for all her help, Phil Hernandez for a great job in explaining a report on Medical Assistance from FMCA and Sharon Cerrina for the wonderful NOV, DEC. news letter, she does an outstanding job.

We were unable to have a full meeting due to the absence of our Treasurer and Vice President, Flin Bevan and Lillian Trubert.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ralph Mundia
President, GMC Pacific Cruisers



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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Newport Dunes

October 29-November 1, 2012

It was sunny, the park was beautiful, the food Was tasty, and we all met new friends and spent time with our wonderful GMC Family. In other words, it was a great Halloween Rally.

As we were checking in on Monday, Al and Barbara Hobson and Loren and Virginia Bates were decorating the Bayview Room to set a Halloween mood. As we settled in, Frank and Freddi Condos joined us but could only stay the day. Happy Hour started at 5pm and then a delicious Italian Dinner prepared by Annie and Ralph Mundia was served—excellent as usual.

Tuesday started with a Pancake, Egg and Sausage Breakfast. After Breakfast we all tried out our artistic talents on pumpkin carving. Our jack-o'-lanterns were whimsical, fierce and beautiful. Sharon and Pat Cerrina joined us for the day and helped with the pumpkins. It was fun and sometimes messy project. Around noon, Dave deGraffenreid launched his boat and the Newport Harbor Boat Tours began. The sun out, the sea was calm and Dave was an excellent tour guide. After boat clean up, we welcomed guest and possible new members, Mike and Fran Fimbres Steve and Merri Weinestock and Ben and Mary Price. They checked out our coaches and told us about their GMC 'S. Happy Hour and dinner started with a Mexican Feast of chips, dip and Dave's margaritas and the enchiladas with all the trimmings. Billie Simmons came to dinner. We finished the evening off with a White Elephant exchange and pie with ice cream.

Wednesday—It's HALLOWEEN!!! After Eggs, Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast and a brief business meeting, some of the group went to Roger's Gardens to see the beautiful display of flowers and plants. Others just "hung out at cam" and visited. At 4pm it was time to dress for the party!! Happy Hour found us trying to figure who was behind the mask as most everyone showed up in fantastic costumes. We enjoyed a really good dinner of Donna deGraffenreid's Clam Chowder, Carmita's Chili and Cornbread. The jack-o'-lanterns and costumes were judged— I don't remember who won 'cause they were all so good. It was a great Halloween party. We all had fun. Check out the pictures.

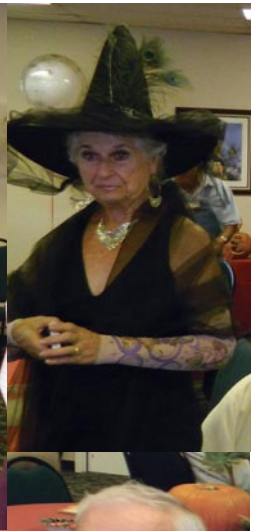
Thursday and sadly it's time to pack up and leave. We said goodbye over a Continental Breakfast and look forward to seeing everyone again at the next rally.

THANKS to the deGraffenreid's and all their helpers for another fun filled and delicious rally.

NEWPORT DUNES ATTENDEES

Loren and Virginia Bates
Ray and Ellen Gandola
Ralph and Annie Mundia
Ken and Judy Booth
Phil and Joanne Hernandez
Ben and Mary Price
Dave and Arelene Cantrell
Betty Gaw and Marilyn Maxwell
Gene and Bobbie Schultz
Cave and Donna deGraffenreid
Al and Barbara Hobson
Ed and Eileen Staal
Mike and Fran Fimbres
Bob and Ruth Martin
Dave and Leone Wood





December Rally Pyramid Lake RV Resort

We promised you attendees a "Three Nights for the price of "Two Rally", and we managed to pull it off. Hooray! We also went for a "good old days" schedule of a lot of conversations, plain "Amuricum" food, a homemade craft, games, a field trip of your choice or not and GMC talk. We had fun, drama and came all the way from Santa Monica to track us down and have a look-see. We plied them with cookies and coffee, but we think they are a good fit as seasoned GMCers. "Hello" to Meghan Jenks and Sean Welch.

After settling in we proceeded directly to the Happy Hour, and it was clearly apparent that we had a very convivial group. The "Old Thyme" pot luck casseroles followed by the large variety of cookies were enthusiastically consumed. An then the "Joke Fest began! What a bunch of jokesters-mostly men, but watch out for the sisters! Our Ralph Mundia definitely kept the ball rolling along with Jim Rowe, Ed Staal, Phil Hernandez and other rowdy guys. The box wine produced dialects and accents rarely heard.

Big thanks to Ed Staal for the hot coffee awaiting us every morning and the breakfasts included protein, carbs and fruit as Marc and I organized the food and then ran for shelter. As always we had plenty of help so we enjoyed ourselves with the group .

Then the business meeting. I always enjoy that part of a rally. President Ralph Mundia with good discussions and funny comments. And we were able to add Audree Rowe to our board as 2nd VP. Not only is she now empowered to extract a \$1.00 penalty for forgetting your identification badges and send welcome letters to new members.

Many members visited the Vista Del Lago Water Info Center across the road where they learned all about Calif water plan. I recommend it as a five

PYRAMID LAKE ATTENDEES

Cantrell, Dave and Arlene
Davis, Fred and Cynthia
Fimbres, Mike and Fran
Garton, Chuck and Dorris
Gandola, Ray and Ellen
Hauge, Hoss and Charlotte
Hernandez, Phil and Joanne
Kananbly, Charle and Patricia
Lamey, Bob and Karen
Mundia, Ralph and Annie
Rowe, Jim and Audree
Staal, Ed and Eileen
Trubert, Marc and Lillian



star travel stop. The big hamburger model is worth the tour alone.

The ladies and some men whiled away some time reading fascinating Internet info of all kinds. I brought my collection of trivia and regaled with jokes, medical claims, handy hints and the like.

Happy hour ensued followed by a catered dinner ordered on an individual basis from the Ranch House Restaurant. We did the same thing the next night. Yes, it was nippy, but we were warm inside and games, pool and ping pong were also on the menu.

The next day Jim Rowe really made me laugh when he came prepared with a little holster on his belt with a bottle of Tabasco in it. Surprise! We were having eggs-We were having eggs-how did he know?

The craft project was decorating shopping bags with all sorts of ribbons, artificial flowers, wrapping paper etc. to hopefully ending up with beautiful gift bags. I think Cynthia Davis and Annie Mundia really outdid themselves in creativity and output. Those bags were a sight to behold.

After another catered dinner, the Christmas gift exchange and hijinx began. This time we played the "Left-Right Game" with the help of Arlene Cantrell. She read a story with the words "left" and "right" in it lots of times, and we had to pass whatever gift we were holding appropriately. And thanks to the Rowes for a donated box of wine!

One last breakfast and lots of good byes brought this adventure to a close. THANKS for the memories and the help of all the people who helped make this rally a true memory.



Quartzite Rally

The Garton's Quartzsite Rally was a huge success as usual. We walked, talked, ate and shopped. We had sunny days with one evening of rain. Even that was fun sitting around the campfires eating dinner with one hand while we held our umbrellas with the other. It was just another adventure!

During the day we visited the RV Tent Show and Tyson Well's many vendor booths. We all bought treasures we couldn't live without. We walked a lot but sometimes just stayed around camp and enjoyed our fellow GMCer's. We had a visit from a couple who belong to the Dixielanders that flew in for the RV show. We always enjoy members of other clubs coming by to say HI!

The Lamey's Dutch-oven Kitchen was in full swing most of the day providing delicious entrees for our evening meals. Around 4:00pm, we lit the campfires and gathered for snacks and drinks in anticipation of the feast to follow. Everyone contributed to the meals so we had a great variety of tasty food.

DORRIS SAYS——

Chuck and I express our sincere appreciation and thanks for everyone who contributed in some manner to make the Rally a success. The Major contributions came from Chef Bob Lamey and his assistant (sous Chef) who purchased, processed and cooked outstanding food. Ken and Judy brought a trailer full of wood and two fire pits. Hoss Hauge rarely stopped moving; keeping the evening campfires burning and policing the camp site all day. Everyone worked to maintain a clean and safe site.

Thanks to all who shared other food items(appetizers, side dishes, soup, desserts and even an additional entree or two).

Mark your calendar for January 22 to January 28, 2014 so you can enjoy Quartzsite with us next year. THANKS to Chuck and Dorris for again organizing a great outing.

QUARTZITE ATTENDEES

Fin Beven and Deborah Norum
Carla Bolton
Ken and Judy Booth
Dave and Arlene Cantrell
Pat and Sharon Cerrina
Bob Cook
Chuck and Dorris Garton
Hoss Hauge
Gary and Selma Lachman
Bob and Karen Lamey
Dan and Barbara McCurter
Ralph and Annie Mundia
Doug and Irene Norton
Ben and May Price
Norm and Shirley Shier
Dave and Leone Wood
Jack and Helen Wykle





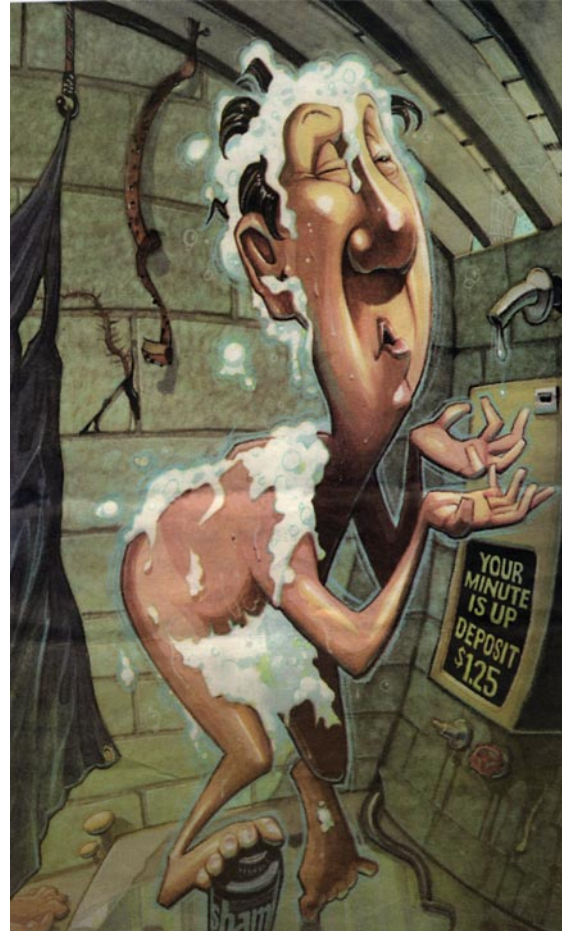
MESSAGE FROM LILLIAN TRUBERT:

We are in need of rallies and people to attend those rallies. I am trying new things. Adaptability is a high sign of intelligence I keep reminding myself. Except for a Western States, this is it. Again I would like to remind you, whatever help you might need it is at hand. Need a tri tip cook?? a craft person?? a seminar presenter?? I am here to help or direct you to someone who can fill the bill. Feel free to email or call me with any questions or needed information.

Your Rally Master

Lillian

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**HAS THIS HAPPENED
TO YOU?**



IMPORTANT ALERT:

Norcold, Inc. Product RECALLS- Call 1-800-767-9101

Refrigerator units in RV's

Norcold Inc. has decided to recall certain 1200,1201,1210,and 1211 model gas/electric refrigerators with serial numbers from 315525 to 13088811, non consecutively. The refrigerator's model and serial number are located inside the fresh food compartment. These refrigerators may have cooling units with a cooling unit serial number between 700000 to 13085759. This is a new recall campaign to include all above models.

Even if your refrigerator was repaired as part of a previous recall, it is necessary to have it repaired again to minimize the risk of injury or death due to FIRE! If you have any questions and further information call above number or go to norcoldrecall.com



**THE GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS WILL BE "FIDDLIN
AROUND" AGAIN AT THE
12th ANNUAL TEMECULA BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
ON MARCH 15, 16 and 17
Hosted by Len and Pat Novak
760-731-0751**

Directions: From the I/15 in Temecula exit Hwy. 79 South. Go west one block to Old Town Front Street. Turn right on Front Street to just before Santiago Street. We will camp in the same site as last year. On the left just to the south of Santiago Street.

JOIN IN THE FUN! This will be a dry camp weekend in a dirt lot but that will just get you in the mood for some great bluegrass musicians who perform **FREE** on the street corners and at stages set up at various locations in Old Town Temecula. This year's performers are sure to include some of your favorites. If you play a fiddle or other bluegrass instrument, bring them so you can jam with groups on the corners. We will be within walking distance of all the action. An indoor Friday night concert is available. Ticket price is \$15.00.

We only have 25 sites available so registration will be first come, first served and then we will start a waiting list to fill in for cancellations. Arrive any time after 11am Friday, leave late Sunday afternoon. There is no clubhouse available but we will be able to provide a continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday and a repeat of last year's menu. Pizza and salad on Friday and great Mexican food on Saturday. You can treat yourselves to one of the great local restaurants in Old Town or fend for yourselves in your coach for other meals. Check out the website at Old Town Temecula Bluegrass Festival for local restaurants and more information on the festival.

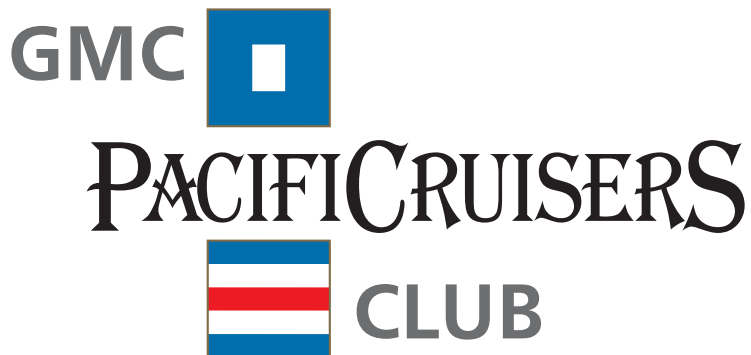
Registrations must be received by March 10, 2013. Any cancellations after that date may not receive a full refund. Fill out and mail registration below with your check payable to:

Pat Novak, 1350 Friends Way, Fallbrook, CA

Cut and mail-----
Name _____ **Phone #** _____
Address _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____
E-mail address _____
Coach License # _____ **Tow car License #** _____
Handicap parking not available this time **First Rally: Yes** _____ **No** _____

Coach with 2 persons:	\$95.00	_____ Includes Fri., Sat. Camp spot
Coach with 1 person:	\$75.00	_____ Includes Fri., Sat. Camp spot
Each additional guest:	\$25.00	_____
*Concert Tickets??	\$15.00 each X _____	_____
Total		_____

*Friday night concert tickets are the same price as last year. Indicate how many tickets you want times \$15.00. This concert always sells out and features the best musicians of the weekend.



2013 RALLY SCHEDULE

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

May

Ventura Rally Cancelled

June 2013

In Fallbrook Info to follow later date
Hosts Jim and Audree Rowe

PLEASE SEE ANY OFFICER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST A RALLY IN 2013

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