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## MOTORHOME CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL October | November | December

One can never have enough socks "said Dumbledore". I hope all your Christmas lists are complete, however Christmas doesn't come from a store, says "Dr. Seuss, How the Grinch Stole Christmas".

So, in stating that, maybe Christmas comes to the Balloon Festival in Lake Havasu. It certainly sounds like fun. The Booth's & Lamey's really know how to throw a party. (Jan 14th thru the 17th, 2016)

Happy New Year's everyone.

Feb. brings us a Valentine Rally in Desert Hot Springs. Hosts are Al & Jacqee Johnson, we will dry camp on their property, which affords us a Big Barn for our gathering place. So bring your Valentine on Feb. 12th thru the 14th.

Our new VP Len Novak and our secretary Pat Novak our handling a March Rally, more information to follow.

Joe Weaver, our new Treasurer is adapting well. We are initiating some changes in an effort to save money. We are doing away with paper products at future rallies and will be phasing out what we have at the Havasu Rally, hopefully helping out our landfills, as well as less storage and hauling to rallies. We are also offering Raffles at future Rallies with all money going into our Treasury.

Our Facebook web-site "Pacific cruisers GMC" is doing well, Thank You to Ben Price for setting it up. If you haven't joined, check it out for pictures and information from your fellow cruisers across the country..

But last minute news, I'm very excited to announce that on June 25th, we have been invited to participate in a special event at the Murphy Auto Museum in Oxnard. They have invited a special camping group, Vintage Trailer Tours, bringing their camping trailers, to show their historical units and it will include 3 GMC's from the Cruisers – Jim & Audree Rowe are the coordinators and they have selected their coach, Ron & Nancy Roberts and one other – call Jim if you want to volunteer.

Gene Schultz and I are also hosting a rally at the Murphy Auto Museum at a later time, Jul 22 -24 2016, dry camping in their parking lot. More info will be provided after the holidays. In the meantime, checkout the Murphy Auto Museum website <http://www.murphyautomuseum.org/>

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day, their old, familiar carols play, and wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth, good will to men." Henry Wadsworth Longfellow couldn't have said it better.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night

**Your President, Bobbie Schultz**

## **SECRETARY'S NOTES FROM MOJAVE RIVER FORKS PACIFIC CRUISERS CLUB MEETING REPORT AT THE MOJAVE RIVER FORKS CAMPGROUND**

Our President, Bobbie Schultz, opened the club meeting at 4:08pm on 16 Oct 2015 with 24 members in attendance.

Jim Rowe led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Bobbie introduced the new 1st Vice President, Len Novak and the new treasurer, Joe Weaver.

Just to make sure all things were legal a motion to approve the new officers was given by Barbara Weaver and seconded by Jim Rowe.

We then had a discussion on some possible rally locations and ideas.

Judy Booth is doing the Lake Havasu Balloon festival in January.

Art Johnson wants to do a barn rally at his place in February.

The city of Temecula cancelled the Bluegrass festival in March so we need a new rally somewhere.

Western States spring rally is in May at Pechanga Casino.

Helen Huston is going to arrange a rally at a dude ranch next Oct/Nov.

We have plenty of months open for ideas and new rally masters are needed and wanted. Len Novak will be a lot of help to first-timers.

Ideas given were:

Skinner Lake, Santee Lakes, and a campground near the Nethercut Museum where we would do a tour of this fabulous auto museum.

New members were introduced:

Max and Sue Walz

We then were told a little about the Pueblo, Colorado Western States rally and the South Dakota GMC International Rally which were held in Sep/Oct 2015.

A motion was given to adjourn the meeting, by Ken Booth and seconded by Len Novak.

**Your Reporter – Pat Novak**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT BY JOE WEAVER**

#### **Through 10/30/15**

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Balance at start ..... | \$2,617.29 |
| Income .....           | \$1032.00  |
| Expenses .....         | \$562.16   |
| Balance 10/31/15 ..... | \$3087.13  |

**Joe Weaver joseweaver@aol.com**

### **DAVID LOPEZ MEMORIAL**

David Lopez, a long time member of the Pacific Cruisers, passed away in late October 2015.

David served in WWII as a navy pilot, flying off the aircraft carrier, USS Corregidor. He remained in the Navy Reserves and retired as a Lieutenant Commander. He is survived by his wife, Beverly. A memorial for him was held on November 6, 2015 and was attended by many of the Pacific Cruisers. Beverly still has their coach and we hope to see her bringing it out and joining us at a rally.

**Reported by Audree Rowe**

## MOJAVE RIVER FORKS AND LAKE ARROWHEAD RALLY

Every rally is different but what they have in common is that the success of the rally is made up of the creativity and generosity of the members involved. The Mojave River Forks rally had both in spades. Our rallymasters, Bobbie and Gene Schultz, chose a beautiful rustic park with full hookups for this event so we all had a reason to bring our coaches out and enjoy the big sky, clean air and good chaparral smells of the high desert. When we got there on Friday morning there was welcoming camp set up and a circle of Pacific Cruisers who had come early. The first thing they told us was about the monster rain storm that had swept through the area the night before. Luckily, Friday was clear and bright. Parked with the GMCs was a pickup truck and an Airstream trailer belonging to Lynda Harris. The Schultz's coach was in a shop in St. Louis, MO, and they had planned on staying in a hotel and commuting to the rally. But Lynda and Ron brought both the Airstream and their GMC to the rally so Bobbie and Gene could be with us. Generosity!

We had been instructed to bring hors-d'oeuvres to share at happy hour but at lunch time, someone brought out something good and the nibbling began while we (men and women) started our craft project of marrying odd pieces of china with stemware to create footed candy dishes. Very elegant. The food continued to appear and the margarita bucket began flowing to stimulate those creative juices. Next on the agenda was choir practice. The Pacific Cruisers Chorus was going to make a music video of us doing our rendition of Cat Steven's "Morning Has Broken" and we certainly did need the practice. Let me know if it goes viral.

Then time for the business meeting. The nominating committee's slate of officers for the upcoming year was presented and elected. Your new board is listed on page one of this newsletter. First timers, Susan and Max Walz, were introduced and welcomed. Other business discussed was upcoming rallies and the budget. Judy and Ken

### Rally Attendees

Pat and Len Novak  
Annie and Ralph Mundia  
Susan and Max Walz  
Ellen and Ray Gandola  
Arlene and David Cantrell  
Audree and Jim Rowe  
Barbara and Danny McCurter  
Barbara and Joe Weaver  
Lynda Harris and Ron Roman  
Dorris and Chuck Garton  
Judy and Ken Booth  
Bobbie and Gene Schultz  
Karin and Roy Gosen  
Lillian and Marc Trubert



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Booth's coach is in recovery mode at Miguel's shop and they drove their car in and stayed nearby in a hotel so they could join the group. A raffle was held for a red, white, and blue portable fire pit made by Pacific Cruiser, Hoss Hauge. Thank you Hoss because this popular item brought the club \$50. Generosity!

The sky had clouded over and intermittent showers began so the dinner hour was moved up and Bobbie brought out a giant crockpot of savory homemade stew, and Barbara McCurter, our "Queen of Desserts," brought out amazing cherry cheesecake with a nutty cookie crust. The rain began to pour down and we filled our plates and bowls and retreated to our coaches for early bedtime after that long happy hour.

Blue skies again on Saturday morning. Coffee was ready and Pat and Len Novak were manning the griddle making sourdough pancakes from scratch using their own starter. Yum. Gene and Ron Roman had volunteered to get up at the crack of dawn to drive to Ontario Airport to pick up a 15 passenger van to transport us to a home owned by Pacific Cruisers Karin and Roy Gosen at Lake Arrowhead. Generosity!

Karin and Roy's house was amazing. It was designed by a student of Frank Lloyd Wright and based on a design of Wright's. What a treat to get to see their house and admire all the beautiful things and interesting collectibles that Roy and Karin have filled it with. The deck, overlooking the sparkling water of the lake, was set up with tables and chairs and snacks and beverages. You can be sure that the selection of wines offered by connoisseur, Roy, was not \$2 Buck Chuck. People were shuttled into the village to shop, while Roy took others out for a tour of the lake in his boat, and Karin entertained us with piano music. Then we settled in to enjoy the BBQ buffet that Roy and Karin prepared for us. Dessert was a chocolate banana cake made by Roy. Generosity!

Back at the RV Park everyone was too full of BBQ to want dinner but all agreed that dessert and some hot-mulled wine would hit the spot. Bobbie made the mulled wine and Barbara brought us a selection of desserts; spicy apple cake with homemade caramel sauce and pound cake and cut up fresh fruit with Barbara's famous chocolate sauce for dipping. Generosity!

Sunday morning Gene and Ron got up with the birds and took the van back to Ontario. The Novak's again provided sourdough pancakes (a different taste from a different starter). Did I say Generosity? After breakfast many hands made short work of taking down our camp and we were on our way home. All the rallies are good but this one was special because so many people were generous with their talents and energy.

**Your Reporter – Audree Rowe**





# Johnson Farm Barn Rally

February 12–14, 2016

Valentine's Day

63605 Scenic Drive, Desert Hot Springs, Ca. 92246

(760) 899 0545 or (760) 408 2694

(Early arrival on 2/11/16 is OK, but contact the Johnsons)

Come and join us for a festive weekend adventure. Dry camping on Art & Jacqee Johnson's farm near Desert Hot Springs. They have a large barn for group settings, and they have a large collection of antique cash registers for you to see.

So join us and find that the desert is great for "rock hounds" and in the evening there is star gazing in the non light-polluted skies.

We are within 20 miles of the Morongo Casino, where \$20.00 each buys you dinner on Saturday night. There will be a tram for transportation. Lunch and dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday will be on your own. Coffee and rolls will be provided on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>  
Check in 12 to 5pm  
Margaritas & Wine  
Fire Ring

Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>  
Margaritas & Wine  
Morongo Casino Dinner  
approx \$20.00

Valentines Day the 14<sup>th</sup>  
Cinnamon Rolls  
Bon Voyage

Your rally masters, Art and Jacqee Johnson have a fun filled weekend party planned.

Total cost for the weekend will be \$75.00 per coach.

Please send check and registration to: Art Johnson, 63605 Scenic Drive, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92246

Questions? Art or Jacqee 760 408 2694 or 761 899 0545

Directions: I-10 freeway east to Hwy 62 north 3 miles. Right on Pierson Blvd for 3 mile, left on Western Ave, then first right on Scenic Dr to #63605. There is a barn and 4 car garage at the Johnson's.

Detach and mail with check for \$75.00 To Art Johnson

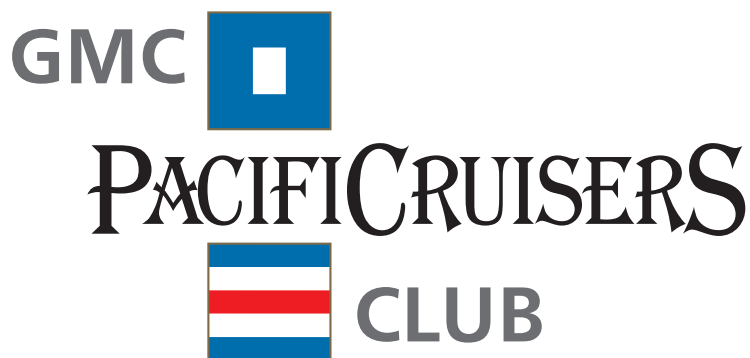
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Coach Lic# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tow Car Lic# \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

First Rally? \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap Parking? \_\_\_\_\_

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|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Coach with two persons: | \$ 75.00       | Saturday night dinner at the Casino approx \$20.00 per person |
| Coach with one person:  | \$ 75.00       | You pay at the casino.                                        |
| Two Persons no coach:   | \$ 75.00       |                                                               |
| Total:                  | <u>\$75.00</u> |                                                               |



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## 2015 RALLY SCHEDULE

|                                                                                                   |               |                                       |                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>Jan 11-14</b>                                                                                  | <b>49er's</b> | <b>Pre-Rally</b>                      |                                         |
|                                                                                                   | Hosts         | Tom & Suzanne List                    | Avi Casino, Laughlin, NV                |
| <b>Jan 14-17</b>                                                                                  | <b>2016</b>   | <b>Pacific Cruisers</b>               | <b>Havasu Balloon Festival</b>          |
|                                                                                                   | Hosts         | Ken & Judy Booth<br>Bob & Karen Lamey | Havasu, AZ                              |
| <b>Feb 12-14</b>                                                                                  | <b>2016</b>   | <b>Pacific Cruisers</b>               | <b>Johnson Farm</b>                     |
|                                                                                                   | Hosts         | Art & Jacqee Johnson                  | Desert Hot Springs, CA                  |
| <b>March ?</b>                                                                                    | <b>2016</b>   | <b>Pacific Cruisers</b>               | <b>?</b>                                |
|                                                                                                   | Hosts         | Len & Pat Novak                       |                                         |
| <b>April 8-14</b>                                                                                 | <b>2016</b>   | <b>GMC International</b>              | <b>Nat Peanut Festival Grounds</b>      |
|                                                                                                   | Host          | Kim Weeks                             | Dothan, AL                              |
| <b>May 2-6</b>                                                                                    | <b>2016</b>   | <b>GMC Western States</b>             | <b>Pechanga Casino</b>                  |
|                                                                                                   | Hosts         | Phil & Joanne Hernandez               | Temecula, CA                            |
| <b>June 25</b>                                                                                    | <b>2016</b>   | <b>Pacific Cruisers</b>               | <b>Murphy Auto Museum</b>               |
|                                                                                                   | Hosts         | Audree & Jim Rowe                     | Oxnard, CA                              |
| Vintage Trailer Tours 3 GMC on Exhibit Jim & Audree Rowe,                                         |               |                                       | Nancy & Ron Roberts & 1 more            |
| <b>June 25-Jul 1</b>                                                                              | <b>2016</b>   | <b>GMC International</b>              | <b>Branson KOA &amp; Convention Ctr</b> |
|                                                                                                   | Host          | Kim Weeks                             | Branson, MO                             |
| <b>July 22-24</b>                                                                                 | <b>2016</b>   | <b>Pacific Cruisers</b>               | <b>Murphy Auto Museum</b>               |
|                                                                                                   | Hosts         | Bobbie & Gene Schultz                 | Oxnard, CA                              |
| <b>Sep 30- Oct 6</b>                                                                              | <b>2016</b>   | <b>GMC International</b>              | <b>Richland County Fairground</b>       |
|                                                                                                   | Host          | Kim Weeks                             | Mansfield, OH                           |
| <b>Oct ?</b>                                                                                      | <b>2016</b>   | <b>Pacific Cruisers</b>               | <b>Dude Ranch</b>                       |
|                                                                                                   | Host          | Helen Huston                          | ?                                       |
| <b>Oct 10-14</b>                                                                                  | <b>2016</b>   | <b>GMC Western States</b>             | <b>Mills Casino</b>                     |
|                                                                                                   | Host          | Gary Bovee                            | Coos Bay, OR                            |
| (This rally may be jointly operated by all of the West Coast GMC clubs – plans not yet finalized) |               |                                       |                                         |



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