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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

April | May | June

Hope all of you are enjoying your summer with lazy days and good barbeques.

Our summer seems to be a rite of passage, a grandson graduating from grade school, a birth of our first great grandchild, a grandson's wedding, all marking our days and the pages in our life's story.

In September we are planning to attend the Western States Rally in Pueblo, CO, where I will be masquerading as a saloon girl—a girl has to make a name for herself. This is followed by the International Rally in Rapid City.

We are anxious to hit the road in our new "older" GMC Motorhome, formerly owned by Suzanne, it's a 75 23 footer, so we are keeping it in the Pacific Cruiser family. Our 76 26 footer is for sale at Mi-guel's for a very reasonable price—check with MGM GMC for the details.

Our next Pacific Cruiser rally is on Aug 7-9 at Big Bear Lake, hosted by Ben & Mary Price. We are dry camping at the Big Bear Convention Center, attending the regional old car show in downtown Big Bear, enjoying happy hour with Ben's home brew tasting and Mary's fun spirit. Dinner is at the con-vention Center followed with a dance and live music.

The subsequent Pacific Cruisers Rally Oct 16-18 is camping at Mojave River Forks Regional Park, spending Saturday at Roy and Karin Gosen's Frank Lloyd Wright inspired lake home for an afternoon BBQ, sight seeing boat rides on Lake Arrowhead, some time for shopping at the Village, followed by a scenic late afternoon van and private car ride back to the campground. Note: The ride from the camp-ground through Wrightwood, may be more of a motorhome challenge than many of you want to take your coach, and then parking at Roy & Karin's might be a problem, so drivers of "towed" are encour-age to volunteer to drive them and passengers to Arrowhead. Hosts at the campground are the Schultz's and hosts at Lake Arrowhead are the Gosen's . The Gosen's are furnishing the food, drinks and boat rides at Arrowhead.

Flyers for both rallies are included in this newsletter and on the Pacific Cruiser Web Site.

As always we welcome volunteer Rally Hosts for Pacific Cruisers Rallies, we are looking for a rally each month except for the three summer months. The Vice President will provide you with a packet and names of possible additional hosts. For now, the Prez and the VP are Bobbie Schultz—bobbie@daygotours.com.

We will have a business meeting at the August Rally in Big Bear. I have appointed a nomination com-mittee for the 2016 officers—they are Ed & Eileen Staal and Joanne Hernandez

See you soon and as Ben Price says—ride safe

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SAYING GOODBYE TO A GOOD FRIEND

On May 3, 2015 a beautiful tribute to a beautiful woman was held at the home of Jim and Audree Rowe. Suzanne Covington, their daughter, a long-time member of our GMC Pacific Cruisers, passed away after a valiant fight with cancer. You will remember Suzanne and her husband Jerry, also deceased. They attended every rally along with their two standard poodles. Suzanne always had a big smile and a story to share while she was helping the rally-masters do whatever was needed. She also served for many years as our GMC Pacific Cruisers Treasurer.

There was a cross section of Suzanne's life at her memorial. I believe almost every member of the GMC Pacific Cruisers were there. Many clients from her professional life as an architect were also there. Audree and Jim didn't even know how the news got out that she had passed on but they were there. From every part of Suzanne's life people were there with wonderful stories to tell. Family, friends, red hat ladies, I could go on and on, they were all there to say goodbye to a good friend. Suzanne will be missed, she will always remain part of our life.

Respectively submitted by Joanne and Phil Hernandez.

Newsletter editor's note: You will see Suzanne's 75 GMC Avion 23' at future rallies, the Schultz's bought it!

Treasurer's Report by Marc Trubert

(Sep 08, 2014 through June 16, 2015)

78 Paid Members Dues	\$ 2265.00
Other Income	\$ 3776.86
General Expenses	\$-1680.63
Bank Charge	\$ -12.00
Hard copy Newsletter	\$ -733.96
Rally Fees	\$ -315.00
Balance	\$ 3300.27

THE VETTE SET CAR CLUB 50TH ANNIVERSARY CAR SHOW

Ed and Eileen report of their activities.

The Vette Set Car Club held their 50th Anniversary Car Show in Redondo Beach at the King Harbor parking lot April 18. It was a Corvette show with all GM manufactured vehicles invited to participate. Ralph Mundia was on the road somewhere in Arizona and called me about it. I called the club and told them I had a GMC motorhome and was told I was a week late in registering. They said they do make exceptions and I could enter for \$40 but it was for display only, no awards. Our purpose in the GMC clubs is to get these coaches out there and generate interest. So, that was agreed upon.

We set up at 8:00 AM alongside some outrageously gorgeous "Vettes" and had some interesting looks from the group. Noontime came and the crowds began to arrive. The Corvettes and collector cars were on a no touch basis. We, however, opened the coach and invited the folks to come in. There were some people who had never seen a GMC and some who said they always wanted one. Most of the questions were how much they were worth to purchase and where could they find one. I have small cards printed up with a list of several GMC web sites. We passed them out to those who were interested.

Near the end of the day one gentleman asked how much a coach like mine in good condition would be valued at. I suggested \$25,000. He offered me \$30,000 cash. He scared the hell out of me, I told him it was not for sale. Another man standing nearby waited until he left and then gave Eileen his business card and told her, "If you decide to sell, call me and I will beat his offer." Keep in mind, people at this show were car collectors and were paying in the tens of thousands for classic Corvettes. It was a very enjoyable day and we are looking forward to entering another show.

Phil Hernandez called me the other day and told me the Fallbrook Classic Car Club was having their annual show May 23. He and Joanne had already entered their coach. So Eileen and I are joining him and Joanne. Phil knows there is a third coach entered but up to now he doesn't know who they may be. We will be making another report soon.

A DAY AT THE FALLBROOK VINTAGE CAR SHOW

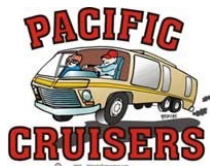
Phil and Joanne Hernandez

It's hard to imagine being one of over 400 vintage vehicles on exhibit but on May 24, 2015 that is exactly what Phil and I did along with Ed and Eileen Staal, exhibiting both of our GMC Motorhomes.

Fallbrook Vintage Car Club puts on a great show every Memorial Day and this year was extra special because it was the 50th anniversary of the Car Club and also the 50th anniversary of the beautiful Pala Mesa Golf Resort where the event was held. A joint celebration was planned and what a success it was. Attendance was estimated at between 25,000 to 30,000 folks of all ages and there were fun things for everyone to do. A Beatles Tribute Band entertained for hours, wine, beer and good food were offered plus a huge play area for the little guys.

Phil and I and Ed and Eileen were parked in a great spot. We had our coaches shined up and looking beautiful both inside and out and had GMC pictures and information for all who were interested. Boy, were they interested. You know how when you go to a car show and everyone has signs that say "look but don't touch"? Well we didn't have any signs like that. People would walk up and peek thru the window and we would say "go right on in, we want you to see how beautiful they are on the inside too". We heard so many comments like "I always wanted one of these" and "this size would really work for us". Parents and their little guys sat on the sofa and at the dining tables which were set up for a nice meal complete with GMC Western States wine glasses. Hopefully we will be adding some new GMC owners to our group.

Exhibiting the motorhomes was a great experience. Do you have a local car show being held? See if they will accept a vintage motorhome and enter yours. The response you get will make you happy and you will show folks what a gem the GMC Motorhome is.



Pacific Cruisers GMC Big Bear Lake Rally

August 7-9, 2015

Dry Camping at Big Bear Lake Convention Center

Hosts: Ben & Mary Price

- Aug. 7** 12:00 Check-in at the Big Bear Lake Convention Center 42900 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear, CA 92314
- 4:00-5:30 Happy Hour, Snacks & Beer tasting from local craft breweries, including Ben's Mountain Ale's
- 6:00 Hosted dinner at the restaurant on site. A \$10 Dinner voucher per paid camper is included in the Rally Price. Live music, dancing, no host bar.
- Aug 8** 8:00 Continental Breakfast—fresh fruit, Bobbie's pumpkin bread, juice, supply your own coffee please
- 9:00 Visit "Fun Run 2015 " car show, the largest in the mountains, in downtown Big Bear Village
- There are many shops to explore, restaurants for lunch
- Poker Walk thru Big Bear village buy in \$5
- Miss Liberty Paddlewheel Tour Boat located end of downtown 90 min tour. (Seniors \$18)
- Mountain Zoo (seniors \$9)
- Mountain Area Transit stop in front of convention center (daily pass \$2)
- 4:00—5:30 Happy Hour—margarita bucket, beer tasting, wine
- 6:00 Dinner by Ben & Mary— Pull Pork sandwiches with BBQ ribs, Cole Slaw, Mary's famous Mac salad, Bobbies beans & corn bread. Cake for desert.
- Aug 9** 8:00 Breakfast.....Breakfast sandwiches from McDonalds, juice coffee on your own....
- 12:00 Have a great and safe trip home See Ya next Rally

Front route I-210 exit CA-330 towards Big Bear 27 miles. At the Dam make a left onto CA-38 towards Fawnskin, follow around the lake 9 miles to Division St, turn right on Division, Convention Center will be on your right. Max elevation 7000 ft

Side Route East bound I-10 exit, turn left Tennessee St, make left—west bound I-10 exit Tennessee St make a right to Lugonia St turn right on Lugonia turns into CA-38 in 3 miles stay on CA-38 until you junction with CA-18 50 miles stay on CA-18 towards Big Bear Lake 1.2 miles then right on Division, Convention Center on left. Max elevation 8400 ft

Back Route I-15 north exit Bear Valley Road east for 23.3 miles junction CA-18 then 21.3 to junction with CA-38 stay on CA-38 to Division. Go left on Division to Convention Center. Max elevation 6500 ft

Also, if anyone would like to come in on Thursday night, there will be a \$25.00 charge payable that night. Please let us know if you want to do that, so we can alert the Convention Center.

Registrations must be received by August 1, 2015. Any cancellations after that date may not receive a full refund.

Fill out and mail registration below with your check payable to: Ben Price, then mail to:

The Price's, PO Box 5528, Sugarloaf, CA 92386

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Coach License # _____ Tow car License # _____ First Rally: Yes _____ No _____

Coach with 2 persons: \$140.00 _____ Includes Fri., Sat. Camp spot

Coach with 1 person: \$120.00 _____ Includes Fri., Sat. Camp spot

Each additional guest: \$30.00 _____

_____ Total



October Fest Rally

Mojave River Forks Regional Park, Summit Valley, Hesperia

Full camping with a day trip to visit the
Gosen's Frank Lloyd Wright inspired Lake Arrowhead home
for boat rides and BBQ dinner

Fri-Sun October 16th thru 18th



Hosts: At Mojave Riviera Forks Regional Campground—Bobbie & Gene Schultz
At Lake Arrowhead—Roy & Karin Gosen

- Oct. 16 12:00** Check in at Mojave River Forks Regional Park
25 pull through sites with full hookups, hot showers and restrooms near, under the shade of sycamores, pines and junipers, in the high desert. No clubhouse, but we will have our large canopies. View some 1,500 species of watchable wild life. Pets OK with leash and license.
- 1:00-2:00** Make a candy dish with Joanne & Bobbie, see picture
Ranger will drop in for a brief talk about Summit Valley. You can expect wind and possibly chill temps
- 4:00-5:30** Happy Hour, please bring an hor d'oeuvre to share
- 6:00** Dinner, something fun, fried chicken, potato and other varieties of salad, but will have options for our Vegans. Surprise desert by Barbara McCurter.
- Oct. 17 8:00** Continental Breakfast - fresh fruit, Bobbie's pumpkin bread and other sweet breads, yogurt, juice, coffee
- 9:00** Depart in a 15 passenger van and/or your cars for Lake Arrowhead, where we will be the guests of Karen & Roy at their lovely Frank L. Wright inspired home, a real treat - how lucky can we get. Arrowhead is known as the Alps of Southern California, in the majestic mountains of San Bernardino National Forest. Roy & Karin have offered boat rides on Lake Arrowhead to view the fabulous shore. We will be right at the Village—shopping—refreshments.
- 3:00** Barbeque at Roy & Karin's.
- 5:00** Depart for Mojave River Forks Regional Park and see the beautiful sunset on our scenic ride to the campground .
- 6:00** How about a little Happy Hour when we arrive back in camp with hor d'oeuvres, hot mulled wine, cheese, and various cakes and breads for dipping in the chocolate fondue to top off our evening.
- Oct 18 8:00** Continental Breakfast – Rolls, juice & coffee before closing out and heading home.
Another fun and exciting rally under our belts, the smell of pine trees will linger in our heads until the next rally.
- 12:00** Checkout **Drive Safe!**



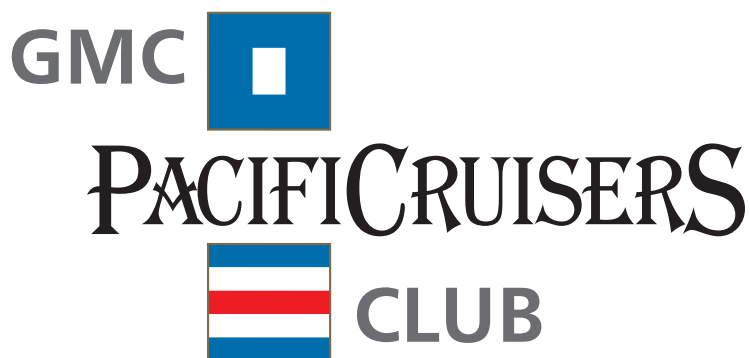
From the south on I-15 from LA, exit 131, right on CA 138 for 8.3 miles, then road turns south, left on CA 173 for 7.0 miles, campground on right

From the north (Hesperia) on I-15, exit to the east on Main St for 3 miles, name changes to Arrowhead and turns south, for 7 miles, turn left on CA 173, Mojave River Forks Campground immediately on right

Cut and mail-----

Names _____	Tele _____	Cell _____
Address _____	Zip _____	Coach Lic# _____
Oct 16th – 18th 2015	Coach with 2 persons:	\$185.00
	Coach with 1 person	\$135.00
	Total Enclosed	_____

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2015 RALLY SCHEDULE

Aug 7-9 Hosts:	<u>Pacific Cruisers</u> Ben & Mary Price	Big Bear	No Hook Ups
Sep 17-21 Hosts:	Western States	State Fairgrounds Pueblo, CO	Hook Ups
Sep 25-Oct 1 Host:	GMCI Kimberly Weeks	Central States Fairgrounds Rapid City. SD	Hook Ups
Oct 16-18 Hosts:	<u>Pacific Cruisers</u>	Mojve River Forks Regional Park & Gosen's Frank Lloyd Wright inspired lake home on Arrowhead Schultz's and Gosen's	Hook Ups

