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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

January | February | March

Thank you to my GMC Pacific Cruisers' board for all their hard work. Marc T. for his membership reports. Pat N. for our updated membership roster, Audrey R. for welcoming new members, Gene S. for our great newsletter, and Patricia K. for being our "Sunshine" reporter.

We've had some great rallies-

Quartzite was fun as always, great home-prepared meals, eaten under desert skies with a million stars above.

We returned to the Newport RV Resort for a Valentine's Celebration. Dave de G. and Steve W. taught us how make starter plants of the famous Hawaiian Plumeria for each coach to plant in their garden. Donna de G. made us her wonderful Clam Chowder – the girl can cook, and Ralph M did the honors with the Tri Tip.

Temecula in the springtime is always fun, blue grass entertainers on many street corners throughout the day and evening, while we shopped and explored "Old Town" and did the beer, wine and olive oil tasting. Len and Pat N. had our favorite and unique crepe breakfast guy – lots of great choices – we all love it.

A special thank you to the rallymasters for this last season, and we are looking forward to more new rallies – but some new rallymasters are wanted and needed for the future season! It is always fun to see great ideas transformed into memorable events.

Summer is around the corner, hope yours is filled with lots of blue skies and sunshine.

Your President – Bobbie Schultz

Quote for this time – "Evolution and all hopes for a better world rest in the fearlessness and open-hearted vision of people who embrace life" - John Lennon

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We just attended an AARP senior driver training course at the Vista Senior Center, you can get a discount on your auto and motorhome insurance if you take one of these courses at a senior center near you!

Here are some internet addresses they provide that might be helpful.

ADDITIONAL WEBSITES & RESOURCES

California Care Network

Website: www.calcarenet.ca.gov

California Department of Transportation

Website: www.dot.ca.gov

California Registry

Website: www.calregistry.com

Telephone: 1-800-777-7575

Caltrans 511

Website: caltrans511.dot.ca.gov

ClinicalTrials.gov

Website: www.clinicaltrials.gov

Driving School Association of California

Website: www.dsac.com

Health.gov

Website: www.health.gov

NIH Senior Health

Website: www.nih.seniorhealth.gov

Senior Citizens' Resources

Website: www.usa.gov/Topics/Seniors.shtml

Seniors Against Investment Fraud (SAIF)

Website:

www.corp.ca.gov/Consumer/SAIF/Default.asp

Elder Care Locator

Telephone: 1-800-677-1116

Website: www.eldercare.gov

Local County Information and Referral Agency

Telephone: 1-800-777-7575

Website: www.calregistry.com/resources/aaa.htm

Transportation

California Area Agencies on Aging

Telephone: 1-800-510-2020

Website: www.aging.ca.gov

DMV RESOURCES

The following DMV publications and forms are available online at www.dmv.ca.gov or upon request by calling 1-800-777-0133:

Publications

FFDL 10 *Potentially Unsafe Driver*

FFDL 14 *Vision Standards*

FFDL 16 *Vehicle Collisions!*

FFDL 22 *DMV's Driving Test*

FFDL 26 *Administrative Hearings*

FFDL 27 *DMV's Reexamination Process*

FFDL 28 *Driver Distractions*

FFDL 33 *Selecting a Driving School*

FFDL 41 *Helping Drivers Maintain Their Driving Independence*

DL 955 *Driving Test Criteria**

DL 956 *Preparing for Your Supplemental Driving Performance Evaluation*

* Available upon request by calling 1-800-777-0133 or at your local field office.

Treasurer's Report by Marc Trubert

Through 2/27/15

74 paid 2015 members	\$2130.00
Other Income	\$3720.43
Expenses	-\$ 919.00
Newsletter Expenses	-\$ 415.02
Rally fees	-\$ 315.00
Balance	\$4201.41

QUARTZITE RALLY

Coaches began arriving around noon Wednesday at Rice Ranch. We were greeted by the Lamey's who had arrived early and set up their Dutch-oven Kitchen. After parking our coaches, we set up our camp and washtub fire pit near the Kitchen. Karen brought out the whiteboard with the Dutch-oven menus for the week. Before long, more people added their contributions and we had more food listed than we could possibly eat.....but we tried.

The RV Show was in full swing under the big tent and throughout the week we all managed to get there at least once and several times for some. There were lots of booths with information and products to interest everyone. Annie got her hair curled at one booth and found blingy T-shirts at another. The guys checked out all kinds of new parts & equipment. We all collected brochures, watched demonstrations and bought unique items. The smoked turkey legs and ice cream were favorites.

Tyson Wells Sell-a-Rama had vendors with a wide variety of merchandise and food. Lots of booths this year and everybody bought something. Bad Boys Café was busy as usual and I think most of us got there for breakfast at least once.

Bob & Karen manned the Dutch-oven Kitchen every day with delicious entrees. The Lamey's menu consisted of Brats & German Potato Salad, Beef & Noodle Stew, Pork & Sauerkraut, Chili, Tanshon and Kielbasa & Cabbage....all served with Beer Bread or Cornbread and fantastic Dutch-oven cooked desserts. Added to that by others was green, fruit, potato & pasta salads, soups, ribs, casseroles, appetizers and more. All the food was soooo good.

The weather was beautiful. The wind blew the first day but was gone by evening. The evenings were cool enough for the campfire to feel good. Hoss builds a great fire and kept it burning brightly as usual. The days were sunny and warm except for rain on Monday and that was good too.

Nick brought a box of Chinese Lanterns and we had fun watching them float into the night sky. On Sunday the night sky brought us a surprise. We watched colored lights and heard an unusual engine sound coming toward us from the west. Was it a helicopter? An ultra-light? A motorized balloon? As it arrived overhead we could see the shape and read "GOODYEAR" printed on the side. It was the Goodyear blimp, flying low, headed to Phoenix for the Super Bowl next Sunday.

It was good to see fellow Pacific Cruisers and welcome a few 49ers who all contributed to making this a great rally. We all headed home with our food supply replaced by our RV and Sell-a-Rama "buys". The ladies have more clothes and the men have more paint, hats, hardware, tools and who knows what kind of gadgets.

Thank you to our hosts the Gartons and Lameys for another great Quartzsite Rally.

Reported by: Judy Booth

QUARTZITE RALLY

Attendees:
Ken & Judy Booth
Hoss Hauge
Nick Roenick & Donna Ventura
Dave & Arlene Cantrell
Bob & Karen Lamey
Dave & Leone Wood
Chuck & Dorris Garton
Ralph & Annie Mundia
Kirk & Eloise Yeager



NEWPORT DUNES RALLY

VALENTINES DAY

Together again, with our old and new friends for a fun weekend in Newport. The Dunes, being a beautiful RV Park, and Steve & Merrie Weinstock and Dave & Donna de Grafenreid made our weekend a pleasant one!

Upon arrival, Hoss Hauge was there to greet each coach and get all 24 parked in our reserved area. It was a beautiful sight, seeing all 24 parked facing each other down the street.

Friday night, the new members were introduced and welcomed by our Prez, Bobbie Schultz. She also said that our Jan – Mar 2015 Newsletter would be out by 4 April.

Dinner followed, a catered Mexican Dinner, with homemade Bread Pudding desert by Donna de Graffenreid - delicious!

The Saturday morning breakfast was prepared by our hosts, helped by a few volunteers, it got us started for a day of visits with friends and getting acquainted with the new members. Billie Simmons dropped in for short visit, she is a past president and long time Pacific Cruisers member.

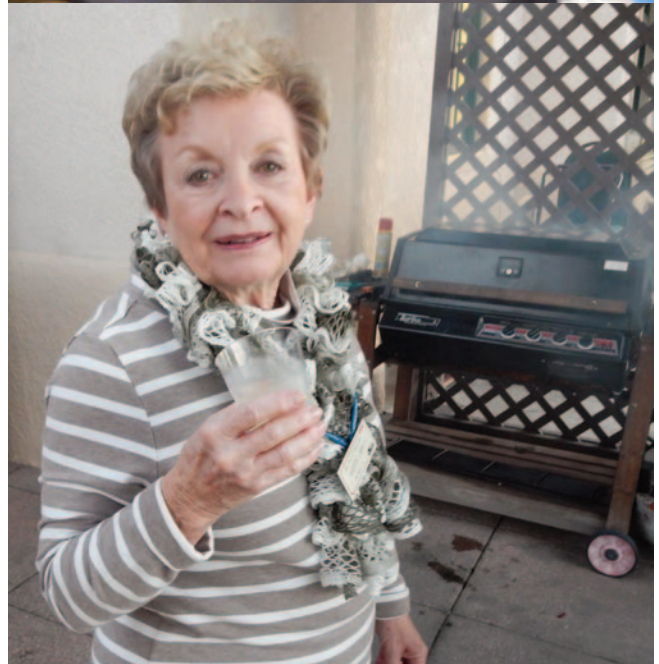
Also our hosts gave us a detailed workshop on Plumeria rooting and gave everyone a complete package that will be ready for planting in a month or so. Dave also took some of us who wanted to go to the Rodgers Garden and Nursery in Newport, a short distance away.

Saturday's Happy Hour was followed by Ralph Mundia's Tri-Tip roast on the grill, Donna de Graffenreid's Caesar Salad, and at last some ice cream to end the meal. Most of us then went out to the beach on the lake for a campfire.

Sunday morning featured a continental breakfast – lots of fruit, yogurt, cereal, juice and coffee. This was another great GMC Pacific Cruisers RV Rally. Thanks to Steve & Merrie and Dave & Donna for yet another wonderful weekend, especially since it was Valentine's Day weekend. Thanks to all who helped – our sincere thanks

See you all again soon.

Ellen Gandola



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TEMECULA RALLY

Mary and I arrived around 1 pm on Friday March 20th to find 14 GMC rigs parked and ready for the rally. Hoss was handling the parking duties making sure everyone got parked in the correct spot. We had noticed that there wasn't as many rigs this year and even as we drove through old town you could see that many rig parking areas weren't as full as in past years. I guess the concert being cancelled made some people decide not to go this year.

Well let me tell you that was a big mistake granted we did miss the concert but just being with the friendly and fun loving Pacific Cruiser's is enough for Mary and I.

Pat and Lyn Novak had again planned and put on a wonderful experience for the attendees. Friday night there was the normal "Happy Hour" followed by Pizza which was great. I ate my fill, yummy. There was a couple of late arrivals which Hoss got them parked and now there were 18 rigs. As afternoon turned to night Hoss (aka the "Fire God") started the group's campfire for the night.

Saturday morning the crepe guy like last year was again making some damn fine crepes. The coffee was brewed and everyone had time to talk and enjoy the crepes. During the day many of us went over to the Temecula Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market was fun with the farmer's stalls filled with fresh vegetables and fruit. There were also vendors selling homemade breads, spreads, honey, dips and the like. There was also many places to get a quick bite to eat as you walked through the market.

As always in down town there many groups playing bluegrass which is something Mary and I enjoy most about the rally. I even got lucky this year and a group was playing just outside the cigar shop.

Saturday after the happy hour the Taco Guy set up in the tent area and we had our choice of beef, chicken or pork tacos with beans and rice. I have to add the Taco Guy also had some of the best and hottest hot sauce I have had in a long time.

After dinner there was a surprise birthday cake for Pat Novak we all sang her happy birthday even if it was a little off key. Most of the group sat around Hoss's fire pit talked and enjoyed the fire. Some of the group walked over the RV area next to us to listen to jam sessions.

It was disappointing that there was no Saturday concert but sitting around with our fellow owners of the classic GMC is still a really good reason for going to Temecula Rally. See you all at the next rally and again next year at Temecula



TEMECULA RALLY

Attendees:

Len & Pat Novak
Gary & Selma Lachman
Dave & Arlene Cantrell
Chuck & Dorris Garton
Hoss & Charlotte Hauge
Ben & Mary Price
Joe & Barbara Weaver
Ken & Judy Booth
Phil & Joanne Hernandez
Ralph & Annie Mundia
Gene & Bobbie Schultz
Roy & Karen Gossen
Miguel Mendez
Art & Jacqui Johnson
Karl Plechinger
Charlie & Patricia Kanenbly



Merrie Weinstock's Brownie Recipe served at the Newport Valentine's Rally

Chocolate Raspberry Brownies

1 cup	unsalted butter (16 tablespoons)
2 cups	sugar
1 tablespoon	vanilla
4	eggs
1 ¼ cups	flour
1 cup	good quality cocoa powder (I use Dutch processed)
½ teaspoon	salt
1 cup	frozen raspberries (*)
½ cup	white chocolate chips
½ cup	semisweet chocolate chips

On the stove, melt the butter in a medium heatproof bowl positioned over a pan of simmering hot water.

Add the sugar, cocoa & salt.

Stir until the mixture is melted/hot. Remove from the stove & set aside until the mixture has cooled to just warm (not hot).

Mix in the vanilla

Add the eggs one at a time – mixing well after adding each egg

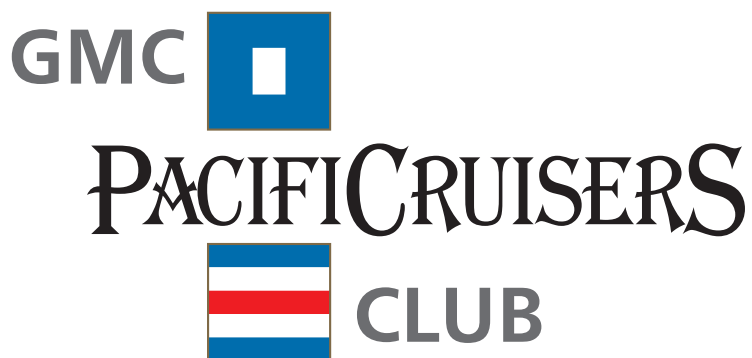
After the mixture is well blended (shiny & thick) add all of the flour & mix until well incorporated

Continue mixing – 40 additional strokes.

Stir in the white & chocolate chips, and then gently stir in the frozen raspberries – reserving enough for placing one raspberry on the top of each brownie, if desired. Spoon batter into baking cups - then top each brownie with a raspberry.

Bake @ 325 degrees for about 12 minutes or until done.

(*) Note: It is important for the raspberries to be still frozen when added to the mixture - as fresh or unfrozen raspberries will come apart when added to the mixture.



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2015 RALLY SCHEDULE

April 11-16 Hosts	Western States de Graffenreid	Palm Desert	Hook ups
Aug 7-9 Hosts	Pacific Cruisers Ben & Mary Price	Big Bear	No Hook Ups
Sep 17-21	Western States	State Fairgrounds Pueblo, CO	Hook Ups ?
Sep 25-Oct 1 Host	GMCI Kimberly Weeks	Central States Fairgrounds Rapid City. SD	Hook Ups?





Into the Woods

Dry camping at Big Bear Lake Convention Center

Hosts: Mary & Ben Price August 7-9 2015

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| Aug 7 | 12:00 | Check in at the Big Bear Convention Center |
| | 4:00-5:30 | Happy Hour, Snacks, & Beer Tasting from the local craft breweries |
| | 6:00 | Hosted dinner at the restaurant on site |
| | | 3 dinner choices |
| | | No host bar. Lots of mountain stories following dinner |
| Aug 8 | 8:00 | Continental Breakfast - fresh fruit, Bobbie's pumpkin bread, juice, coffee |
| | 9:00 | Visit the largest Antique Car Show n the mountains, do we share interests in vintage classic vehicles? |
| | | Big Bear Lake was once a gold mining mecca, as you explore the town you will see many reminders of a bygone era. |
| | 4:00-5:30 | Happy hour – margarita bucket, beer tasting from the local Big Bear craft breweries |
| | 6:00 | Dinner by Ben & Mary, Ben is smoking meat and ribs. Mary's famous pasta salad, Bobbie's beans and corn bread. Pie for desert. |
| Aug 9 | 8:00 | Breakfast sandwiches from McDonalds, coffee and juice. |
| | 12:00 | Checkout |

Driving Directions

Easiest route from most Southern California locations.

HWY 38 THROUGH REDLANDS

It is a bit longer, but is the most scenic.

HWY 18 THROUGH CRESTLINE/RUNNING SPRINGS

Shortest way if you are coming Hwy 210 Eastbound.

HWY 18 THROUGH APPLE VALLEY/LUCERNE VALLEY

Less mountain driving and least amount of traffic

Cut and mail-----

Names _____ Tele _____ Cell _____

Address _____ Zip _____ Coach Lic# _____

Aug 7 to 9th 2015 Coach with 2 persons: \$140.00

Coach with 1 person \$120.00

Total Enclosed _____

Mail to: Ben & Mary Price PO Box 5518 Sugarloaf, CA 92386 by July 4th 2015