



The **GMC Pacific Cruisers Chapter** of the Family Motor Coach Association, Inc. (FMCA), is a group of GMC motorhome owners from Southern California since 1976. Visit our website:
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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL **October | November | December**

Well, I believe it's that time of year once again, when Santa shows up and your renewal of your club dues is due. Hopefully you've been nice and not naughty, well maybe just a little. It's also the time of year for cookies by the fireplace, a little eggnog, and the sound of lots of rain on the roof, but not too slippery for the reindeer.

We are just coming home from a wonderful rally in Aguanga, on the Sundance Meadows Dude Ranch, with Helen Huston, her daughter Janet Knobs, and co-hosts Annie and Ralph Mundia, great Tri-Tip as usual. We celebrated Veterans Day dressed in our red, white and blue, giving thanks for our freedoms and our many veterans within our club. We donated our leftover food to Rio and the choir of kids she is working with at Cottonwood Elementary School. Our family keeps growing, thanks to our wonderful GMCers.

Check out our wonderful web-site, gmcpc.org, for our great slate of rallies for 2017. We still have two slots open and can offer you a great opportunity to become a rally master, so give us a jingle, 760 525 3551. I'm always hands on and would enjoy working with you, there is lots of help available.

Happy New Year, and wonderful holidays to all. Advice from your President, just leave a little sparkle, wherever you go. Keep calm and get your HO HO HO's on.

See you in January at the Bluegrass Festival in Blythe.

Bobbie Schultz President

GMCPC SECRETARY'S REPORT 12 NOVEMBER 2016 BY PAT NOVAK

Our meeting opened at 9am with the pledge to the flag led by Ralph and Hoss.

Joe Weaver gave us a Treasurers Report of \$4312.04 as of 31 Oct. 2016.

No secretary report was given.

Ed Stahl, Ralph Mundia, and Jim Rowe were on the Committee for New Officers for 2017.

The slate was given and asked if there were any other volunteers or nominations.

None were given and the group voted to close nominations and keep the slate as given.

Everyone voted yes.

Phil Hernandez gave a short FMCA report saying Ray McDaniel is the new director.

Rally report...

January: Audree and Jim Rowe and Judy and Ken Booth are doing the Blue Grass Festival in Blythe.

February: Bobbie and Gene Schultz and Joanne and Phil Hernandez doing a Valentines Rally,

March: Art and Jacque Johnson have a Ranch Barn Rally

April: is the GMC Western States

August: is joint rally with 49ers for the Cotate Accordian Festival.

Our new board

President....Bobbie Schultz

Vice President..Audree Rowe

Secretary.....Pat Novak

Treasurer.....Joe Weaver

Newsletter editor: Judy Booth

FMCA rep: Jim Rowe

TREASURER'S REPORT BY JOE WEAVER

Through 10/31/16

Balance at start\$3,657.04

Income\$790.00

Expenses\$135.00

Ending Balance\$4,312.04

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SPECIAL DAYS

Birthdays.....

Jan 2	Virginia Bates
Jan 9	Judy Booth
Feb 2	Hoss Hauge
Feb 14	Eileen Staal
Feb 24	Phil Hernandez
Feb 25	Charlotte Hauge
Mar 3	Ralph Mundia

Anniversaries...

Jan 21, 2006	Hoss & Charlotte Hauge
Feb 12, 1955	Ed & Eileen Staal

NOTES

Let me know your special dates (Birthday, Anniversary) so we can celebrate with you. Send by email to: hobojudyo@yahoo.com or Call: Judy Booth 928 699-1789.

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Danny McCurter. GMCPC member and our friend passed away September 14, 2016. Our rallies won't be the same without his happy face.

We miss you Danny.





FMCA INFORMATION AND BENEFITS

I am your FMCA representative and I will be reporting FMCA news to you from time to time. Members are always wondering why they have to join FMCA in order to join Pacific Cruisers. GMC Pacific Cruisers is chartered under the umbrella of our parent club, Family Motor Coach Association or FMCA and each member of Pacific Cruisers must also be a member of FMCA. We pay dues to them, and in turn we receive benefits from them; as a club and as individuals. For instance, each time we put on a rally, we contact them and Pacific Cruisers gets a \$1,000,000. liability insurance policy from them at no cost to our club. In case you back up your coach and take out the light pole behind you, we are covered. This benefit alone allows us to conduct our events without worrying about accidents.

As a benefit of membership, FMCA also gives each one of us, without additional cost, a form of health insurance called FMCAssist. This insurance is for human, not mechanical, breakdowns. You can get the complete benefit description on the FMCA website. But basically, it provides that if you are traveling in your coach, and are at least 100 miles from your permanent residence and you have a medical emergency, FMCAssist will arrange for you to be transported to the appropriate medical treatment center or to your residence.

FMCA also offers, at a current cost of \$109. per year, a Roadside Assistance Program. This insurance is similar to what you can buy from AAA or Good Sam. Again, you can find the complete coverage description on the FMCA website, but basically, if your coach breaks down on the road, it will be towed to the nearest qualified repair center. If you need a jump start, a tire replaced, run out of gas, lock yourself out of the coach, etc. they will send someone to help you. If your RV mechanical breakdown occurs when you are more than 100 miles from home and results in the interruption of your trip, you may be reimbursed for the cost of lodging and meals while your coach is at the repair facility.

These are both important individual benefits. You and your family members should be aware that you have them. FMCAssist is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. FMCA suggests that you program the telephone number, 877-202-4176, into your phone or tablet. We hope we never have to use their services, but it is good to know help if available should we need it.

Jim Rowe, FMCA Director



A SALUTE TO PACIFIC CRUISERS

This year we are celebrating forty years of GMC Pacific Cruisers Motorhome Club history. Just as we did for our 20th and 30th, the club has had 40th Anniversary Wine Glasses made to commemorate this important milestone. They will be available at upcoming rallies for the nominal cost of \$5.00 each from Vice-President Audree Rowe.

Think what that forty year history means; people from all walks of life coming together with one thing in common – the ownership and enjoyment of our GMCs. When you look at it that way, the fun and friendship we share is pretty amazing, isn't it? Forty years is a long time. Over the years we've lost some good people and we remember them with thanks for all they contributed. Pacific Cruisers is made up of its members and it is your responsibility to keep it strong. Though your contributions of time and energy, we will keep it going and be together to celebrate our fiftieth anniversary. Here's to us!



TUCALOTA SPRINGS SEPTEMBER RALLY REPORT

We all owe a big "Thanks" to Audree and Jim Rowe and Arlene and Dave Cantrell for stepping up and making all the arrangements in a very timely manner so that we had a great rally in September. These members have been real stars in the Pacific Cruisers as they have been right there to serve our club many times in many ways. It is people like these who contribute to making our club unique.

Just getting to the Tualota Springs RV Park and Campground was an adventure. Excellent directions led us through the town of Temecula and back country among the oaks, palms, eucalyptus, pepper trees, bouganvillas, white oleanders, hills, rocks, and ever growing number of beautiful wineries. And there were lambs, calves, goats, horses and ponies along the way. The campground was entered through a large gate with a little lake (or large pond) welcoming us. Trees shaded us so out came the chairs as we settled in and soaked in the beauty of the place.

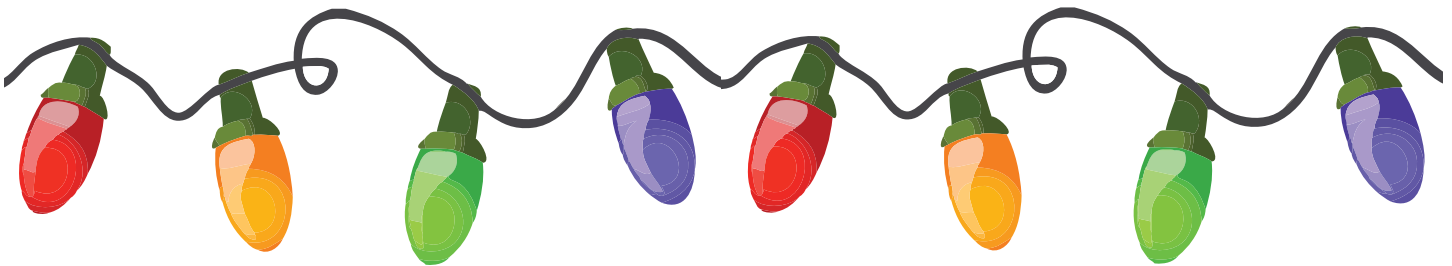
What a wonderful old timey location and opportunity to kick back and take it easy and talk to friends. Of course the fishing pond, small zoo, basket ball court, ball field, and swimming pool called out to some, but others of us only took time out for a real hay ride pulled by a tractor (we figured that tractor was pulling about one and one half tons). Then we went back to our chairs to solve some more problems of the world, review the latest GMC add-ons, share silly stories or talk about our families' latest capers.

Of course we had super duper local caterers to back up our Happy Hours. The food was great - breakfast, lunch and dinner were more than adequately supplied. Eating seems to be very popular with this group!

Two new members visited us and introduced themselves to us on Saturday, and so we forced them to have lunch with us. We look forward to seeing Steven and Sherry Steffek from Simi Valley at future rallies as they were very much our kind of people.

As we said our farewells after a huge breakfast and dispersal of the autumn table center pieces and hit the road back home, little did we realize how tricky it was to find the path back to the way we came in. Marc and I saw many friends as lost as we were. That was fun too.

Reported by: Lillian Trubert



SUNDANCE MEADOWS RALLY NOV. 11-13, 2016

Did you ever want to step back in time to California as it was many years ago? Sundance Meadows is such a place. It was a time when huge ranches were to be found; ranches where horses roamed in large corrals, the barns were full of tractors and the bunkhouse was home to workers, visiting family and friends. The Pacific Cruisers, thanks to Helen Huston, got the unique opportunity to do just that. Helen, with the help of her daughter Janet Kobs, and Ralph and Annie Mundia treated us to a weekend of fine food, fun, live country western entertainment and more. Helens good friends, Jean and Gary Clawson, opened their ranch and their hearts to our club.

A little bit of background will help. Helen was a life-long friend of John and Martha Marana. You will remember them as long time members of the Pacific Cruisers. John and Martha raised their family at their Shamrock Valley Ranch in Aguanga, just outside of Temecula, Sundance Meadows adjoined their ranch. Their daughter Jean and her husband Gary own Sundance, they and daughter Rio live on and work this beautiful property. Rio was born on the ranch, went to the local Cottonwood and Anza elementary schools, and then went on to the local Hamilton High. After graduating college with her degree she came back to Hamilton High as a sophomore English teacher. Oh, and by the way, Rio is also a champion Barrel Racer. She is one beautiful, intelligent and talented young woman.

OK, back to what we did during the weekend. Guys opened their hoods and the other guys all gathered around to see what was going on and to help solve any problem. The women watched the ferrier shoe Rio's horse, took walks, exchanged all the latest news, showed quilts we had bought or made, tried to solve any problems and in general had a great time. We had a very tasty Italian dinner on Friday and Ralph and Annie's famous Tri-tip dinner on Saturday. After dinner Helen's son Mark entertained us with his guitar. He was a wonderful singer. Then on to Karaoke time....those of us who sang were advised not to quit our day jobs.

Sunday morning came and nobody was in a hurry to leave. We all gave a great big thank-you to our hosts and all their friends who ferried us around, opened gates and gave us big smiles as they did so. What great folks. As a little thank you all of the leftover food and goodies were donated by the Pacific Cruisers to Rio so she could treat her class to a school party. We all hope we can come back to Sundance Meadows one day.

Reported by: Joanne Hernandez

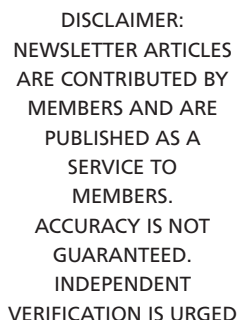
Rally Attendees

**Ken and Judy Booth
Dave and Arlene Cantrell
David Gardner
Hoss and Charlotte Hauge
Phil and Joanne Hernandez
Bob and Dorothy Hooten
Helen Huston and Janet Kobs
Art and Jacqui Johnson
Bob and Karen Lamey
Bob and Ruth Martin
Barbara, Shawn & Lisa McCurter
Miguel Mendez
Ralph and Annie Mundia
Ron and Helen Nerio
Len and Pat Novak
Gene and Bobbie Schultz
Ed and Eileen Staal
Marc and Lillian Trubert
Max and Susan Walz
Joe and Barbara Weaver
Dave and Leon Wood**









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