



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: www.gmcpc.org.



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GMPC Quarterly Newsletter will be published the 15th of March, June, September and December. The deadline for items to be included is the first day of the publishing month.

FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

January | February | March

We just completed two great rallies and got a great start for the year. It was nice seeing lot's of Cruiser friends - it is always like having a second family - GMC'ers are such fine people!

Thank you to our rallymasters for these rallies, Judy and Ken Booth and Karen and Bob Lamey and Art and Jacqee Johnson.

Our membership drive was a success, we are up five new members.

Our Membership Roster is being printed and will be ready for distribution in March. Thank you – Pat Novak, Joe Weaver, and Audree Rowe.

Judy Booth is our new Newsletter Editor, we are grateful to have her on board and I know she will do a great job. She is looking at providing a birthday column, don't worry, she won't include your age.

Staal's, Rowe's, Mundia's and Cantrell's are showing their GMC's at a car rally in Redondo Beach, that's coming up in the Spring. Thank you for your representation and promoting our GMC's.

We are all looking forward to Spring and lot's of rain – wonder what happened to it so far.

"To what purpose, April, do you return again? Beauty is not enough" by Edna St. Vincent Millay. Spring has always been my favorite season – with all the green hills and wild flowers.

We will see each other – soon!
Bobbie Schultz – your prez

GMCPC MEMBERSHIP MEETING 15 JAN 2016

The meeting opened at 3pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Len Novak.

After the pledge we had a moment of silence for Dorris Garton who recently left the earthly bonds of life.

Bobbie then introduced and thanked the rally masters Ken and Judy Booth and Bob and Karen Lamey.

The Havasu Balloon Festival was a multi club rally, so Bobbie introduced the President Darryl Myers of the 49ers.

The Secretary's Report was read and a motion was made to accept the Minutes.

Joe Weaver gave the Treasurers Report and the club now has \$2893.09 in the bank.

Upcoming rallies were discussed, February would have the Barn meeting hosted by Art and Jacqui Johnson, the Western States will be meeting in May in Temecula.

We are still looking for rally masters to take us to new and exciting places or even old favorite places.

Audree brought up a function we had scheduled for Saturday. The club was asking for donations and then we were going to have an auction of the items. Do not miss the excitement of it all!

Ben Price spoke up that he started a Facebook page for Pacific Cruisers. When you go to the site you have to ask for permission to enter and any member that is already there can approve you and let you in. It is a fun place to post GMC pictures and share what you are doing.

Joe Weaver gave badges to Susan and Max Walz our new members.

A thank you was given to Gene Schultz for publishing the newsletter and introduced Judy Booth as the new newsletter publisher coordinator.

Jim Rowe made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Len Novak seconded it.

Your Reporter – Pat Novak

TREASURER'S REPORT BY JOE WEAVER

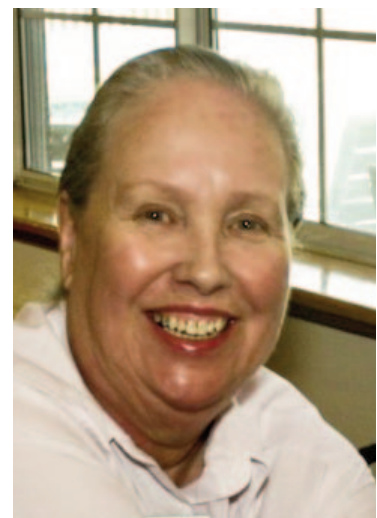
Through 1/31/16

Balance at start	\$2,893.09
Income	\$1,227.09
Expenses	\$3.00
Ending Balance	\$4,117.18

Joe Weaver joseweaver@aol.com

SAD NEWS

We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Dorris Garton following surgery. Dorris and her husband Chuck are long time members of Pacific Cruisers and hosted many rallies. Dorris was a registered nurse and was the GMC health guru for many years; making sure we observed safe handling practices with our food and giving health seminars on many subjects at Pacific Cruiser and Western States events. She will be missed by all of us.



LAKE HAVASU BALLOON FESTIVAL RALLY REPORT

As we rolled across London Bridge we could see GMCs already assembled at our campground in the Marina. We scanned the sky wondering where the balloons were, but were later told they did not launch that day due to too much wind aloft. It was like old times at our campsite with over thirty coaches signed up. We thank the GMC 49ers for joining us in a combined rally. The air temperature was dropping, but the campfire was blazing and happy hour was underway with all the wonderful snacks and hors d'oeuvres brought to share. Our rally hosts, Ken and Judy Booth, had everything covered and set out what they called a Chicken Picnic dinner with broasted chicken, salads and sides. To end on a sweet note, Judy served us big platters of assorted cookies she had made. When is the last time you had a real chocolate chip cookie?



Next morning hot coffee was ready along with juice, muffins, bagels, hard boiled eggs, yogurts, and other good stuff waiting for us. Again, there was something special, fresh fruit ambrosia salad made by Carol Pickard. Pacific Cruisers know how to eat, don't they? Strong winds aloft again so no balloons were going up, but people set off to enjoy the vendors and activities associated with the Festival. At our camp, rally co-host Chef Bob Lamey was setting up his mobile kitchen. Remember we had no hook-ups but Bob "don't need no stink'en gas or electricity." He lights charcoal briquettes and uses them as the heat source for his cast iron cookware. You have to see it to believe it. Assisted by his sidekick, Karen, he began preparing Dutch Oven Chili from scratch for our dinner. As usual, our coaches attracted a lot of attention and we got to show them off to people who were attending the Festival and were curious about us. We even had a reporter come out to take pictures and write a feature article about our coaches for the Lake Havasu News-Herald newspaper.

In the afternoon, President Bobbie Schultz gathered us for a business meeting. We had just heard the sad news of the passing of our long time member and health guru, Dorris Garton, and we took a moment to remember her. She and husband, Chuck, organized many rallies for us in Quartzsite over the years. Dorris loved tending the campfire at those rallies and she will be remembered by me for that and many other things she did for us. Bobbie introduced our board members and the board members from the 49ers. We welcomed and introduced guests. Among them were Steve and Barbara Elliott, GMC owners from Kansas City, MO. Bobbie had met them at the International Rally and invited them to join us. Also welcomed were first timers, Bill and Midge Kittredge. It was also so good to see people who hadn't been with us in a while like George and Diane Ciz, Helen Wykle, Howard and Elaine Ginn, and Dave and Leone Wood.

Happy hour was upon us and again people generously kept us from going hungry with all kinds of nibbles. For dinner, Bob and Karen's chili, Donna deGraffenreid's salad and everything to go with it was consumed and enjoyed. Bobbie and Gene Schultz had prepared and distributed a sky chart of the night



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sky, and after dinner Gene used it to help people look up and identify the stars and constellations visible in the dark desert sky.

Next morning we awoke to see balloons lifting off all around us. What a sight! After another great breakfast, 49er Suzanne Statler showed us a very clever crafting idea using strips of paper cut from magazines while her husband, Tom List, gave a seminar on generators. People went off to Festival activities or hung around to “talk GMC.” Our own Len and Pat Novak took rides in a pair of ultralights; flying around overhead, and sure enough they were soon buzzing our camp. Lots of pictures were taken and many were immediately posted on our Pacific Cruiser Facebook page. “Friend” us and check them out at “Pacific Cruisers GMC”. At lunchtime Ken and Judy brought out the leftovers and we had another picnic. They say things always taste better the next day and our leftovers lunch was mighty good.

In the afternoon there was an added attraction. A few of us are cleaning out/downsizing our “stuff” at home and after the raffle at the Lake Arrowhead rally was such a success we brought some things to auction off to benefit our club. When people heard about the planned auction they asked if they could contribute things also. Of course they could! Tables were set up and the goods laid out to preview. All I can say is that people carry an amazing array of stuff in their coaches. Volunteer auctioneer, Len Novak and his able assistant Ken Booth, and Lynda Harris who kept track of who and what was bid, did an amazing job and have definitely found a new calling. We laughed and bid and bought. This auction was so much fun that I’m sure it will be repeated at future events – next time we’ll probably go high tech and provide bidding paddles for the crowd. The auction lasted so long that we barely had time to squeeze in Happy Hour and goodies before Bob and Karen’s Dutch Oven Stew dinner, again made from scratch, and Donna’s delicious salad was ready. The stew was tender, tasty, and delicious, and did not suffer one bit from the addition of six or so bottles of wine he stirred into it. Afterward, campfire and talking into the wee hours.

Next morning, breakfast and goodbyes. Thanks to our rally hosts, Judy and Ken Booth and Bob & Karen Lamey and our first couple Bobbie and Gene for all your planning, creativity, and plain old hard work. Pacific Cruisers do love to eat and thanks to Karen and Bob for gourmet meals. Thanks to everyone who came, and volunteered, and made it happen for all of us. What a wonderful time we spent together. What a wonderful rally. Please join us for the next one. Every Pacific Cruiser rally is different, but the one thing that they all have in common is that when you arrive it feels like a homecoming. There is nothing else like it.

Reported by Audree Rowe







Attendees:

George & Jodell Banovich
 Ken & Judy Booth
 Dave & Arlene Cantrell
 George & Diane Ciz
 Frank & Freddi Condos
 Dave & Donna deGraffenreid
 Steve & Barbara Elliott
 Mike & Fran Fimbres
 Howard & Elaine Ginn
 Roy & Karin Gosen
 Dean & Gwen Hanson
 Lynda Harris/Ron Roman
 Phil & Joanne Hernandez
 Bob & Dorthy Hooton
 Charlie & Patricia Kanenbley
 Bill & Midge Kittredge
 Bob & Karen Lamey
 Suzanne Statler/Tom List
 Danny & Barbara McCurter
 Darryl Meyers
 Ralph & Annie Mundia
 Joe Nehl
 Doug & Irene Norton
 Len & Pat Novak
 Jon & Carol Pickard
 Ben & Mary Price
 Nick Roenick/Donna Ventura
 Jim & Audree Rowe
 Gene & Bobbie Schultz
 Norm & Shirley Shier
 Ed & Eileen Staal
 Max & Susan Walz
 Joe & Barbara Weaver
 Steve & Merrie Weinstock
 Dave & Leone Wood
 Helen Wykle
 Kirk & Eloise Yeager

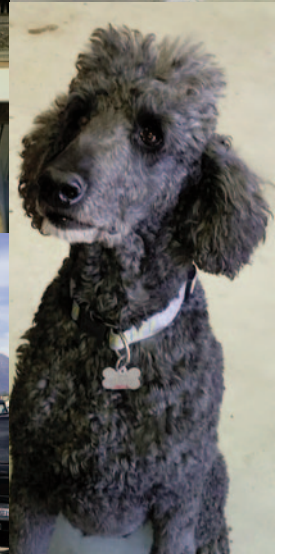
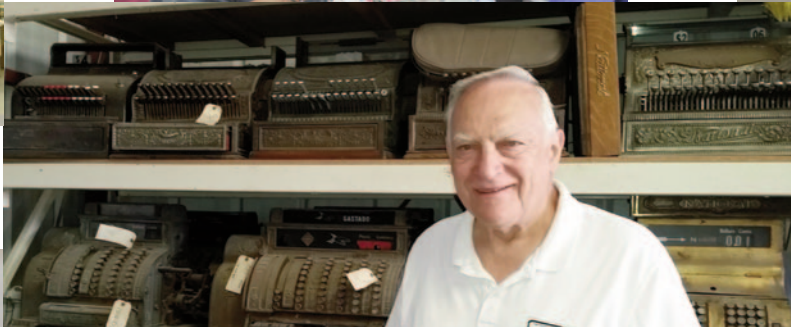
JOHNSON BARN RALLY

GMCPG Valentines Day Rally was held near Desert Hot Springs, CA at the beautiful desert home of our rally hosts Jacqui and Art Johnson.

With Mt San Jacinto to the south and Mt San Gorgonio to the west, both still snow-capped, we were provided with a spectacular backdrop, combined with a weather-perfect weekend for our event. Friday, after greetings were exchanged and nibbles were brought out, we were treated to a tour of Art's collection of antique cash registers, some dating back to the 1800's. These have been restored by Art, the most impressive being a mahogany cash register sitting on its own pedestal. Many more were lining the shelves of his large organized work shed, which is where we had our meet (not a barn by any stretch of the imagination). The neon beer signs lit up in the evening and provided an appropriate backdrop for our afternoon hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. Bobbie and Gene brought out a "1,000 piece puzzle of the United States", complete with a specially-designed table to work on it. This proved to be quite a formidable task for several of the ladies while the men told stories around the campfire. The swap meet tables were set up and everybody quickly headed to the items that were for sale, GMC parts, shoes, books, CD's, pictures, purses, jewelry, clothing, candles and what-have-you's. There was not much left the next day. It's amazing what we think we need. It was then that Jacqui brought out the evening meal of barbecued sausages, meatballs, macaroni salad and a delightful sandwich loaf. As this was a lovely clear evening, we moved to the deck to view the stars, with Gene pointing out several constellations. Needless to say, we all retired early to our coaches as it had been a long day.

Rally Attendees

Dave & Arlene Cantrell
Phil & Joanne Hernandez
Art & Jacqui Johnson
Patricia & Charlie Kanenbley
Danny & Barbara McCurter
Ralph & Annie Mundia
Jim & Audree Rowe
Bobbie & Gene Schultz
Norm & Shirley Shier
Ed & Eileen Staal
Max & Susan Walz
Dave & Leone Wood



Saturday morning breakfast was a make-your-own omelet in a sandwich bag and place it in a big pot of boiling water, which took about 10-12 minutes to cook. This was a unique experience for some of us non-scout types, but very delicious. We again toiled over the puzzle but never did find the wine bottle for California or the cow for Oklahoma. Bobbie sold tickets for the raffle, to benefit the club, so we all chose the items that interested us the most. A small antique cash register toy (very appropriate) from the '40s was the most coveted item, donated by Jim and Audree Rowe, and was won by Annie Mundia. She had one just like it when she was a little girl. We had "doggie" entertainment with Jack, Rowe's standard poodle, chasing little Holly, Barbara McCurter's tiny Yorkie, with the little one facing up to Jack (she's about 1/30th his size). On the sidelines was Maddy, Cantrell's Jack Russell, who just watched the goings-on.

Saturday evening was a trip to the casino for some and others just wanted to sit around the campfire and chat. As it was Danny McCurter's birthday, Barbara made him a delicious German Chocolate cake. We sang Happy Birthday to him and also to Eileen Staal whose birthday was the next day, Valentines Day. We sat around the campfire some more and "puzzled" some more.

It was a nice little "get-to-know your fellow GMCers better" weekend.

Sunday morning it was time to break camp and head on to our homes or other destinations.

Report prepared by Shirley Shier (see pics on Facebook)





Joint Rally

Pacific Cruiser's & 49er's Clubs - Classic GMC Motorhomes

Murphy Auto Museum, Oxnard, CA

Host's: Bobbie Schultz & Suzanne Statler

Join us -Jul 22 to 24 2016

Check in with us at the Murphy Auto Museum parking lot, 2230 Statham Blvd, Oxnard, for 2 nights of dry camping,

Cost: \$100.00 per coach, includes all admissions and 2 catered dinners, movies and special events including a craft session.

Hosts: Bobbie Schultz & Suzanne Statler

7-22, Fri Check in

4:00pm

Happy Hour - bring hors d'oeuvres.

6:00pm

Catered Italian Dinner

under the canopies

7:00pm

Movies outside under the canopies

7-24, Sun

Breakfast of local fast food on your own. 8:00am

McDonalds is next door

Check out

Noon

7-23, Sat

8:00am

Breakfast of local fast food on your own.

McDonalds is next door

Enjoy the Murphy Museum, visit their exhibits. 10:00am

Also time on your own in Oxnard

Happy Hour under the canopies 5:00-6:00pm

Catered Dinner under the canopies 6:00pm

Movies under the canopies afterwards

NOTE: Coaches will be advertized and will be on exhibit for visitors to see. Please promote your club. Let's set a goal of 2 membership sign-ups

This is a special event for the museum, "Vintage Trailer Show-2016" People will be visiting us and viewing our GMC'S, and as well, we will be viewing a selection of unique and rare trailers and camping memorabilia.

DIRECTIONS: From the North, take Hwy 101 to Oxnard, right on US Hwy 1, then right on Stathem Blvd to Murphy Auto Museum at 2230 Stathem Blvd on your left.

From the South, take Hwy 101 to Oxnard, left on to Las Posas Road in Oxnard, right on Pleasant Valley Road, right on Oxnard Blvd, left on Stathem to the Murphy Auto Museum at 2230 Stathem Blvd on your left.

July 22 to Jul 24 2016

Reservations To Bobbie Schultz 760 525 3551 by June 22 2016

NAMES: _____ Coach license _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Only 20 parking spots available, sign up early!

Coach with one or two persons \$100.00

Send check to Bobbie Schultz, 1161 Meadowlake Drive, Vista, CA 92084



Joint Rally at Paso Robles Wine Country RV Resort Pacific Cruiser's & 49er's Clubs - Classic GMC Motorhomes

Host's: Bobbie Schultz & Suzanne Statler

Join us among the rolling vineyards and oak-studded hills of Paso Robles. Wine Country RV Resort is the Central Coast's newest destination RV resort with fantastic amenities. We will be on the second level with access to the Clubhouse, fire ring, and adult only Jacuzzi, featuring a water fall.

Dates: July 17 – 19 2016

Cost \$240 per coach

7-17, Sun 2:00pm
Check in, if you wish to come a day early, you must book your space a month in advance. Rate is \$49.00 per night just for our clubs.

3:00-4:00pm

Relax meet and greet, enjoy the amenities and hors d'oeuvres along with wine in the clubhouse, dinner to follow. Please bring hors d'oeuvres, grill your own steak, and enjoy the chili cook-off between the 49'ers and Pacific Cruisers. We will recruit impartial judges.

7-18, Mon
clubhouse: 8:30am
Bagels & Lox, fresh fruit, coffee & juice

clubhouse: 10:00am
Cork craft with Suzanne. You can contribute wine corks or use ours
Free afternoon to wander, taste wine in the local wineries, olive oil tasting, cheese tasting, chocolate tasting, explore & shop in the village downtown or visit a

DIRECTIONS: From the North, take Hwy 101 to Paso Robles, In Paso Robles, left on Hwy 46, the left on Airport Road, Wine Country RV Resort is on the right.

From the South, take Hwy 101 to Paso Robles, right on Hwy 46, then left on Airport Road, Wine Country RV Resort is on the right.

July 17th to Jul 19th 2016 Reservations To Bobbie Schultz 760 525 3551 by June 17 2016

Names _____ Cell _____ Coach License _____

Only 25 sites available, shared by the Cruisers and the 49ers. Reservations due by June 17 2016

Coach with two persons \$240.00 Coach with one person \$189.00

Send check to Bobbie Schultz, 1161 Meadowlake Drive, Vista, CA 92084

lavender farm. Suggestions:
Central Coast Trolley Co, 805-226-8400-www.centralcoasttrolley.com
Paso Robles Wine Alliance, 530 10th St. P.R. 800-549-9463-www.pasowine.com

Mt. Olive Organic Farm, 3445 Adelaide Rd. P.R-805-237-0147-
www.mtoliveco.com
Green Acres Lavender Farm, 8865 San Gabriel Rd. Atascadero-805-466-0837

Central Coast Lavender Farm, 6630 Northstar Lane, P.R.-805-467-3500-
www.centralcoastlavender.com
Vivant Fine Cheese, 821 Pine St. Suite B, P.R.-805-226-5530-
www.vivantfinecheese.com

clubhouse 5:00pm
Happy Hour
Dinner 6:00pm
Stroll next door to the EOS Winery for dinner, al fresco in the vineyard, accompanied by wines with each presentation.
Menu to be established.

7-19, Tues. 8:30am
clubhouse:
Fresh blueberry pancakes, fruit, juice, & coffee
Noon checkout

Option - Second half of the joint rally, visit several of the 21 missions situated in California on your own while you are travelling to Oxnard. You have 3 days on your own, a suggestion is:

Learn the Mission Story,
and knowing this, visit one or more of the missions on your journey from Paso Robles to Oxnard;
San Luis Obispo de Tolosa
Santa Ines In Solvang
Santa Barbara, the Queen of the missions in Santa Barbara
La Purisma Conception in Lompoc
or 19 miles west of Buellton is Miguel Arcangel Mission on old Highway 101, 9 miles north of Paso Robles



GMC WESTERN STATES-CELEBRATE THE 70's

MAY 2-6, 2016

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www.pechangarv.com (877) 997-8386

Directions – From the intersection of I-15 and Temecula Parkway in Temecula: Drive East approx. 1 mile to Pechanga Parkway. Right on Pechanga Parkway. Drive approx. 2 miles to Pechanga Casino, go **past** the entrances to the Casino to RV Resort Drive. Right on RV Resort Drive to the entrance to the Resort on the left.

RALLY HOSTS: Phil and Joanne Hernandez 760-723-4575 (see gmcs.org for more information)

Name(s) _____

Coach License Number _____ Tow Car License Number _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address For Updates: _____

Emergency Contact – Name/No.: _____

Rally Fees include full hook up spaces (Water, 30/50 amp, Sewer, TV and WiFi, Catered Breakfast and Dinner Daily, Seminars. Shuttle to adjacent Casino, Shuttle to free use of driving range and putting green at the adjacent Journey golf course. Proper Golf attire required.)

First GMCWS Rally: Yes ____ No ____ Handicapped Parking: Yes ____ No ____

Vendor: Yes ____ No ____ Sorry, no display of items for sale are allowed at your site. We will do our best to accommodate your items during the day on the deck by the clubhouse.

Per Couple With Full Hookups: \$ 375 \$ _____

One Person in a coach with full Hookup: \$ 285 \$ _____

Per Guest in Coach: \$ 90 \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Guest Name(s): _____

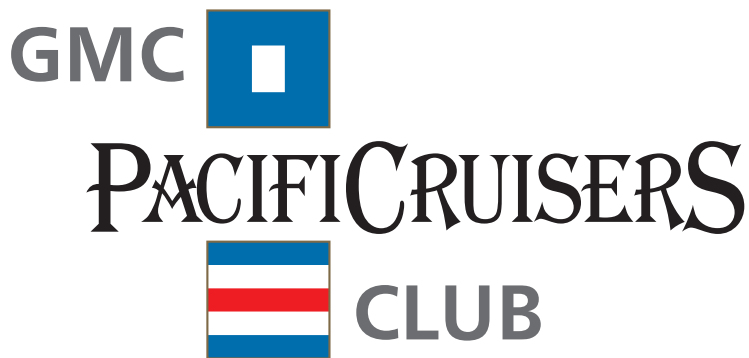
Please Make Check (US Funds) Payable to: JOANNE HERNANDEZ

Send by April 1st, 2016 to: 40751 De Luz Murrieta Rd.
Fallbrook, CA 92028

(You may cancel at any time before April 1, 2016, and receive a full refund of the amount paid. For cancellations after this date, we will attempt to do partial refunds after all expenses have been paid)

PETS ON BOARD? The resort allows a total of 3 pets per coach with a combined weight of 150 pounds. The fee is \$5.00 each pet for up to 7 days. Check in at the office and pay when you arrive.

KEY CARD FEE: FULLY REFUNDED ON DEPARTURE. After you arrive, bring \$10.00 to the office (CASH ONLY PLEASE) for each card you will need to access the pool area, showers and restrooms, and dog areas. One for each person is recommended.



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2016 RALLY SCHEDULE

MAY 2 - 5	Pechanga Casino RV GMC Western States	Temecula, CA	Hernandez 760 723-4575
JULY 17 - 19	Wine Country RV Resort GMCP & GMC49er's	Paso Robles, CA	Schultz/Statler 760 525-3551
JULY 22 - 24	Murphy Auto Museum GMCP & GMC49's	Oxnard, CA	Schultz/Statler 760 525-3551
OCT 10 - 14	The Mill Casino & RV GMC Western States	Coos Bay, OR	Bovee
NOV 11 - 13	Sundance Meadows GMC Pacific Cruisers	Aguanga, CA	Huston

2017 RALLY SCHEDULE

Jan 20 - 22	Blythe Bluegrass Festival	Blythe, CA	Rowe/Schultz
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