

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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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

July | August | September

Dearest Friends,

This month finds us well into our Membership Drive, having added 10 new members in our register already this year - Magic! A special welcome to you all!

We had a great shared rally in Paso Robles including plates and corn dishes, along with filling out a Paso Robles quiz. See our rally report for the winners. We had lovely evenings spent in the breezy portico with friends, some meeting with them for the first time, and looking at and comparing everyone's coaches. A special thank you to Suzanne Statler List and Tom List for great breakfasts, including lox & bagels and Suzanne's great wine cork crafts. I now have one displayed in my kitchen, and of course I love my little plaque which I display proudly in my coach. From Paso Robles we continued our journey to Lake Cachuma for 3 days before heading for Oxnard and the Murphy Auto Museum. We met more great friends as well as seeing historic motor coaches in the museum.

While in Oxnard, Roy McDaniel and his wife, Anna, from FMCA, joined us and he awarded the GMC Pacific Cruisers Club a FMCA check for \$250.00 for being a FMCA motorhome club for 40 consecutive years - Congratulations to all of us!

We have lots of great rallies planned, so be sure to check the website. Suzanne and I are working on a joint rally for 2017, I'm hearing accordion music in my head so keep August of 2017 open, your engine greased, possibly ear plugs, and your main squeeze.

Some of you are heading to Coos Bay Oregon Oct. 10th thru the 14th for Western States. We will not be attending as we have Gene's Squadron Reunion at the same time, but our thoughts will be with you. Dave and Donna de Graffenreid will represent me and will head up a dinner sponsored by the Pacific Cruisers, a special thank you to them for their work as well as their devotion to our club.

November 11th to the 13th finds us in Aguanga on a dude ranch. Helen Huston is our Wagon Master and has some great events planned that might include singing, dressing up in cowboy gear. Leave your pistols and sharp shooters home. All attendees will receive a special monogrammed wine glass commemorating our 40th anniversary as a GMC Club. The glass project is headed up by Jim Rowe, Thank You, Jim

Well that just about does it, think I'll mosey down the road a bit. See you in November "We ride, never worry about the falling". I guess that's just the cowboy in all of us. Love,

Bobbie Schultz President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hello everybody! I believe all my medical issues are resolved and only time will tell on this. But, Len and I are ready to get back into the swing of things and back to being active members in the club. One little catch and that is he has to get our beast up and running again. The darn thing has been neglected and not fixed from our road trip back in January. He says it is a little thing like not getting gas. We will see because I want to go to the next rally.

Anyway, it is that time of year again for the ANNUAL RENEWAL of DUES. Watch your email or mailbox for it and you'll find a copy in this Newsletter. Be sure to also check your FMCA membership to make sure it is current.

Happy trails to everyone and I look forward to seeing everyone at a rally!

Pat Novak, the missing in action secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT BY JOE WEAVER

Through 8/31/16

Balance at start	\$4,048.30
Income	\$877.66
Expenses	\$226.00
Ending Balance	\$4,699.96

Joe Weaver joseweaver@aol.com

NOTES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Ed Stall on October 2.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Bobbie & Gene Schultz on October 3.

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.

AUDREE ROWE says.....Check out the great article in the September issue of Family Motor Coaching magazine about the restoration of a GMC motorhome.

Please send me your birth dates and anniversary date via Email, US Mail or a phone call to: Judy Booth

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LOREN BATES

We were so sad to hear of the passing of Loren Bates. Loren & Virginia have been loyal members of GMC Pacific Cruisers and GMC Western States for many years. We'll miss his always smiling face.



BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

GMC Pacific Cruisers at Paso Robles July 9, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. by President Bobbie Schultz.

Joe Weaver led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Bobbie introduced the new members and first timers to the group.

Bobbie read the minutes from the meeting at the Balloon Festival. Motion to accept was made by Jim Rowe, seconded by Phil Hernandez.

Joe Weaver gave treasurer's report.

Phil Hernandez said that Chuck Garton is stepping down as FMCA representative. A new rep will be needed.

Bobbie said that a representative from FMCA will visit us at the Oxnard portion of the rally and present us with an award for our 40th anniversary as a club and a check for our club from FMCA.

Marilyn Maxwell had driven up from Atascadero for the day and was introduced by Bobbie.

Rally schedule updates: Dave deGraffenreid explained how the chili cook-off will be judged.

Bobbie explained the competition for the table centerpieces.

Nominating committee is needed for the November election of officers. Ralph Mundia, Ed Staal and Jim Rowe volunteered.

November rally will be held at the Dude Ranch owned by John Marana's daughter. Helen Huston and Annie and Ralph Mundia will be co-hosts. Ralph will do his famous tri-tip dinner for the rally. 40 year anniversary of GMC Pacific Cruisers will be celebrated at the rally. 40 year logo wine glasses are being ordered and will be presented to each person attending the November rally. After the rally, glasses will be available for purchase by the rest of the membership.

A change to the membership application was proposed by Joe Weaver and approved by the membership. Currently the application is sent to the secretary who forwards it and the check to the treasurer. In the future, the application will be sent directly to the treasurer who will forward copies to the secretary and the 2nd VP. Since the treasurer is responsible for ordering the club badges, this will speed up the time for the new members to receive badges.

Roy and Karin Goshen will do the rally report for the next newsletter.

Motion to adjourn made by Hoss Hauge and seconded by Ralph Mundia. Meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.



WINE COUNTRY RV RESORT GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS AND GMC 49'ERS

Originally, this Rally was scheduled for Sunday, 7/17 thru Tuesday, 7/19 but almost every attendee scheduled Saturday as an extra day...which the Club reimbursed.

The Rally was well attended with 34 coaches. Pacific Cruisers had 23 coaches; 49'ers 11 and 6 belonged to both clubs. Eight were first timers.

First, we were welcomed with a packet including the schedule, attendees, things to do in the area, quiz about Paso Robles, a refrigerator magnet remembering this rally and a few goodies.

The weather for this time of year was almost perfect. The changes in daytime and night temperatures made everyone feel comfortable.

Much of the time was self-directed. The area has 111 wineries, cheese shops, thrift stores, lavender farms, olive oil growers, breweries and museums.

On Sunday, Monday and Tuesday the Rally had the usual routines; breakfast and dinner in the clubhouse. This Rally had one special feature – a chili cook-off. Ten different chilis were submitted for judging. What a variety! After careful consideration,

1st place – Donna deGraffenreid

2nd place – Barbara Weinstock

3rd place – Brenda Cartwright

Another great rally.

Submitted by: Roy Gosen







Following the joint Pacific Cruiser – 49ers rally in Paso Robles, a group of Pacific Cruisers made their way south, stopping for a couple of days to enjoy the peaceful campground at Lake Cachuma together. Due to the drought, the lake is down but everyone is hoping for some rain in the next season to fill it up again. It was quiet in the campground, but the good conversation flowed and the happy hours with shared goodies were as great as ever. One afternoon the rangers put on a bingo game in the meeting room and several Pacific Cruisers won nice merchandise prizes. The campground store was open if supplies were needed and we enjoyed visiting the little museum and learning about the flora and fauna of the area.

Then on Friday we headed further south to the Murphy Auto Museum in Oxnard, California. The Murphy is a small, privately owned museum, open to the public, which houses the vehicle collection of the owner, Ventura County business owner and car enthusiast, David Neel. In addition to Mr. Neel's collection the museum hosts various special exhibits. Pacific Cruisers were invited to come to the museum on the week-end of July 22-24th and be a part of their 4th annual Vintage Trailer and Camping Vehicle Show.

We set up in the parking lot of the museum, making our headquarters at tables and chairs in the patio outside the entrance where we could talk, play games, and enjoy our usual fantastic happy hours. The museum is located in a commercial district in Oxnard with restaurants and fast food emporiums within easy walking or driving distance. On Friday night, our rally masters, Gene and Bobbie Schultz, brought us pizza and trimmings and on Saturday night we had a complete fried chicken dinner.

On Saturday, we were joined at the museum by Roy McDaniel, FMCA Southern Region Vice-President, and his wife Ann, and we were presented with a certificate and a monetary gift to celebrate our 40th anniversary as a club. While he was there, Roy told us about the upcoming FMCA rally to be held in Indio in January 2017. It sounded like a lot of fun and the event may be put on our upcoming schedule of events.

As part of the exhibit, we opened our coaches to members of the public who were curious about them and wanted to see "inside." As usual, our coaches attracted a lot of attention. Two GMC owners who were just driving by and noticed us, stopped to see what was going on and when they found out who we were, they signed up as new members. Welcome Kelly and Melinda Doke from Oxnard, and Bill and Carol Pierson from Santa Paula. What a great finish to a three part rolling rally!

Submitted by Audree Rowe



SAVE THE DATE

**Don't Miss the 30th Annual
Blythe Bluegrass Festival
January, 20th, 21th & 22th, 2017
At the Colorado River Fairgrounds,
Blythe, California, USA**

Get ready for two huge stages jam-packed with musicians all day long for 3 full days. BlueGrassers will also enjoy contests, food and merchandise booths, and a major quilt show.

We'll be camped together (dry camping) on the Fairgrounds within walking distance of everything going on. At night we'll be able to enjoy a bonfire at our campground or walk around enjoying the jam sessions going on all around

More information as we get closer to the dates

Watch for the flyer and sign up

SUNDANCE MEADOWS GMC RALLY-NOVEMBER 11-13-2016

Hosts: Helen Huston and Janet Kobs

Ralph and Annie Mundia

Friday Night: Salute our Veterans-Dress: Red White and Blue

Saturday Night: Western Night: Wear your Western Duds

Nov. 11

12:00-4:00 Check in at Sundance Meadows Entrance gate

5:00-6:00 Happy Hour in the Sundance Office

Margarita Punch and wine

6:00 Dinner: Rigatoni, salad, bread and dessert

Prepared by: Janet Kobs and Helen Huston

7:30 Free time: Games, Fire Ring or Relax

Nov. 12

8:00 Breakfast in the Sundance Office

9:00 Board Meeting following breakfast

9:45 Free Time: Horseshoes, Swimming, Fishing-catch and release pond,
Tennis Court, Basketball Court, Swimming Pool relax and enjoy the ranch
– animals at the barn

9:45 Ladies Craft-Audrey Rowe in Sundance Office

12:00 Lunch on your own and free time until Happy Hour

Check out the crafts at the Corner Shack, Lunch at the Stagecoach in
(back out to 79 go left a couple miles), Local Wineries, Pechanga

5:00-6:00 Happy Hour in the Sundance Office

Margarita Punch and wine

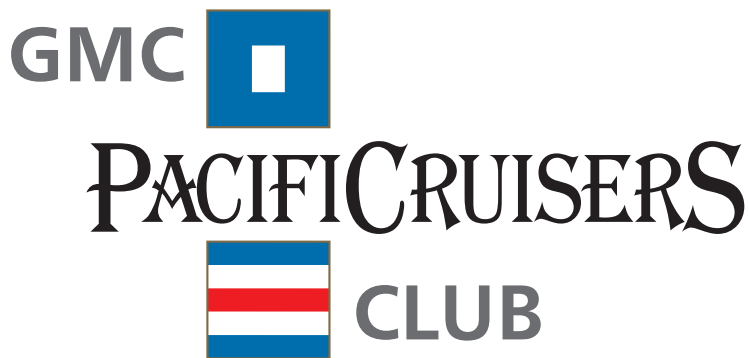
6:00 Dinner: Tri-tip, beans, salad and dessert

Prepared by Ralph and Annie Mundia

7:00 Music by Mark Huston and then Mark will have Karaoke

Nov. 13

8:00 Continental Breakfast: Muffins, Juice and Coffee in
Sundance Office before closing out and heading home.
Until next time, drive safely.



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2016 RALLY SCHEDULE

SEPT

GMC Pacific Cruisers

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

DEC

GMC Pacific Cruisers

2017 Rally Schedule

JAN 20-22

30th Annual Bluegrass Festival

Blythe, CA Rowe

FEB 14-16

Valentine's Day, Elks Lodge Vista, CA

Schultz

MAR ??

Temecula Bluegrass Festival

Temecula, CA



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