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MOTORHOME CLUB NEWSLETTER

FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL October | November | December

Hello, Fellow GMC Pacific Cruisers!

Since this is my first newsletter as President, I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Patrice Ciccarelli and I live in Huntington Beach with my husband, Tom, our two boys, Jeff (15) and Jeremy (12) and our yellow Labrador, Gem. I am lucky enough to work for The Walt Disney Company as an Executive Development Program Manager and have been with the company for about 20 years.

We are relatively new to the GMC Coach world. We purchased our 1977 Kingsley from Norm and Shirley Shier in March of 2017. Norm and Shirley told us about the Pacific Cruisers and what a great group of people we would meet by joining. We signed up right away with hopes that we would learn more about our coach and connect with other GMC enthusiasts.

Our first rally we attended was in September 2017 at Tucolotta Springs RV Park. The group made us feel so welcome to the Pacific Cruisers and we couldn't wait to sign up for our next rally. However, since the boys are in school and Tom and I both work, we weren't able to join another rally right away.

In the spring of 2018 we were invited to join a caravan going to the International Rally in Tucson. That was an amazing week of traveling through Arizona and making some really good friends.

Tom and I (mostly Tom) just hosted our first Rally at the Orange County Fairgrounds and had a great time playing games, touring the swap meet, watching an outdoor movie and learning from Dave De Graffenried about staghorn ferns and plumeria plants.

We hope you can join us for the next rally we are hosting in February! We will be at the Newport Dunes and taking an excursion to the Lyons Museum for a tour.

I am thrilled to be a part of this group and look forward to meeting you soon - if I haven't already!

Cheers,

Patrice Ciccarelli

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CALLING ALL GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS!!!

What a wonderful time we live in to be having rallies. Hopefully you'll be at the next rally in beautiful Newport Beach at the Newport Dunes Marina hosted by Patrice & Tom Ciccarelli on February 8-10. A big thank you to all of those who have hosted rallies for our pleasure. A lot of fun and memories have been made, together with forging endearing friendships.

As we continue to plan future rallies, we need you. Specifically Rally Hosts as well as any and all suggestions and ideas. Where would you like a rally? What are some of your favorite places for a rally? Perhaps you know of a ranch, property, location that we can consider for our beautiful GMCs. Of course full hookups are nice, but dry camping is especially fun as well. Fun, adventure, exploring, or just enjoying each other's company is what rallies are about.

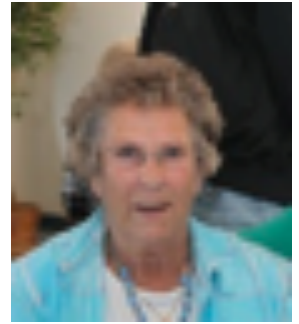
January, May, September, November & December are open for a rally and we are looking for Rally Hosts. Grab a GMC friend to co-host with you, which makes it more fun sharing ideas! The Pacific Cruisers is never short of people who will jump in and volunteer to help and make it happen. It's easier than you think.

I will be happy to work with anyone anytime in planning rallies and welcome your ideas and suggestions. If you're not sure, call me anyway & let's talk. We want to be a club where ALL OF US work together for the enjoyment of one another. Call me, 661-251-9086, we need you. I'll see you in Newport Beach at the next rally....

Fran Fimbres, fimbresmom@sbcglobal.net
Pacific Cruisers Vice President

NOTES

Longtime GMCPC member Dorthy Hooton passed away October 2018. She suffered a short illness that caused her body to paralyze. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob and their family.



MINUTES OF MEETING TREASURER'S REPORT

We will no longer include the Minutes of Meeting and Treasurer's Report in the GMCPC Newsletter. Both items will be presented at Membership Meetings and available on the gmcpc.org website.

GMCP C 2019 RALLY SCHEDULE

JAN	_____ OPEN _____		
FEB 8-10	Newport Dunes Marina Rally	Newport Beach, CA	Ciccarelli
MAR	Desert Hot Springs Rally	Desert Hot Springs, CA	Johnson
APR 3-8	GMCWS Chula Vista Rally	Chula Vista, CA	GMCWS
MAY	_____ OPEN _____		
JUN 21-23	Julian Winery Rally	Julian, CA	Kittridge
JUL	Summer Break	No Rallies	
AUG 22-25	Elks/Moonlight Theatre Rally	Vista, CA	Schultz
SEPT	_____ OPEN _____		
OCT 2-7	GMCWS Seven Feathers Rally	Canyonville, OR	GMCWS
NOV	_____ OPEN _____		
DEC	_____ OPEN _____		

We need volunteers to suggest locations and volunteers to be Rally Masters.
Call Fran Fimbres 661 251-9086

VISTA ELKS RALLY

SEPTEMBER 13 - 16, 2018



What a great rally our hosts, Bobbie and Gene Schultz, planned. From Thursday to Sunday we were busy. On Thursday afternoon our newly elected President, Patrice Ciccarelli, arrived to present Bobbie, our outgoing President, with a well-deserved gift of appreciation for her five years of leading our club. The gift is a beautiful Plumeria planted in a Talavera Pottery. Then, after sharing some tasty appetizers we all went to the Elks for a grilled steak dinner followed by entertainment. The Vista Elks are famous for their Thursday dinners and it was delicious.

Friday, after a yummy breakfast, we were on our own until 3pm when we caravanned to Bobbie and Gene's historic casa where we spent the time checking out GMC items for sale. Everyone found something they needed for their coach and all the proceeds went to our club treasury. We sipped beverages, helped make dinner, admired all

the things Bobbie and Gene have collected to decorate their beautiful home, especially the Plumeria in a Talavera Pottery nestled into its new home on the patio. We had a wonderful evening until it was time to return to our own little casas at the Elks.

Saturday, again after another good breakfast, we were on our own for a few hours so the guys went to The Craftsman Miniature Museum and the women visited our favorite thrift and consignment stores. We all found something we just had to have and carried our



VISTA ELKS RALLY



treasures back to the Elks just in time to enjoy a delicious Italian meal catered by Ciao Restaurant. Then, as evening approached we caravanned to the beautiful Vista Moonlight Amphitheater for a spectacular performance of "Chicago". From the opening song "All that Jazz" to the last curtain we were entertained to the max and went back to the motorhomes singing.

Sunday morning arrived, we packed up and said a fond farewell to all our friends and headed for home. Another wonderful time was had by all. A big thank you to Bobbie and Gene for another well planned rally and five years of great leadership. Ciao for now.



Attendees

Linda Harris and Ron Roman
Art and Jacqui Johnson
Phil and Joanne Hernandez
Ralph and Annie Mundia
Ron and Karen Wagniere
Dave and Leone Wood

Bobbie and Gene Schultz
Mike and Fran Fimbres
David and Arlene Cantrell
Ken and Judy Booth
Joe and Barbara Weaver



GMCWS MT. HOOD RALLY

OCTOBER 4 - 9, 2018



Some hearty GMC Pacific Cruisers traveled the 1000 miles to Mt. Hood, Oregon for the GMC Western States Fall Rally. Five coaches decided to caravan so we met at the Cantrell's in Redding, CA for a one day mini-rally prior to leaving for Mt. Hood. Food was great, Redding weather was beautiful and as always, the GMCer's were the best. We took two days from Redding with a stop at the Elks lodge in Bend, OR for a night of



GMCWS MT. HOOD RALLY



good food, Karaoke and a good time with the locals...who were all interested in our GMC's.

We got to Mt. Hood, set up, volunteered to work and had time to say "Hello" before a Happy Hour Margarita bucket and chicken & ribs catered by the onsite restaurant. Really good food. The rest of the Rally we had seminars, swap meet, coffee social, crafts, games, dancing, auction and more good food.

Altho' we arrived without rain, it came within hours and continued all thru the Rally. We had a beautiful convention building that kept us warm & dry. One day some Rally attendees caught a break in the weather long enough for a hike. As we left at the end of the Rally, our caravanning GMC's had a gorgeous drive back to Cantrell's to spend the night before splitting up to go home. Mt. Shasta had snow and we all got beautiful pictures.

Thanks to the GMCWS Hosts, Gary Berry, Manny & Deo Travao. And especially thanks to the Cantrell's for their hospitality.



GMC Pacific Cruisers were well represented at the Rally by the following attendees.

Ken & Judy Booth
Dave & Arlene Cantrell
Fred Davis
Dave & Donna deGraffenreid
Hoss & Charlotte Hauge
Jim & Grace Kanomata

Bob & Karen Lamey
Bob & Ruth Martin
Nick Roenick & Donna Ventura
Gene & Bobbie Schultz
Norm & Shirley Shier
Ron & Karen Wagniere

OC FAIRGROUNDS RALLY

NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 2, 2018



Tom, Patrice, Jeff and Jeremy Ciccarelli hosted the Rally at Orange County Fairgrounds from November 30th to December 2nd.



Things were looking a little dicey with some heavy rain on the day before the rally started. Luckily, the sky dried out and we had beautiful weather for the weekend.

Everyone started arriving around 11am and the first activity was the Friday afternoon happy hour. Right after the happy hour was a catered dinner from Newport Rib Company. The last of the 16 coaches arrived just in time for dinner. The meal was delicious, especially the beans!

After dinner we played some games, which concluded with a couple of big rounds of Left, Right, Center where half the group participated. Before we turned in for the night, we coordinated the early morning trip to the Donut Derelicts Car Show.

The 6:30am call time discouraged a few, but about 8 of us met up in the morning and carpooled to the show. There were many interesting vehicles and everyone who went was glad they got up early. We saw unique 1964 aluminum motorhome (streamline travel trailer car lounge) and had the owner interested in bringing it by the fairgrounds to see our coaches. He never made it, but some people who overheard the conversation did end up stopping by. We will have to get a group together someday and take a bunch of coaches to that car show.

Once we returned from the car show, we had a quick breakfast and everyone set out to the swap meet or Gem

OC FAIRGROUNDS RALLY



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show. About 2pm Dave deGraffenreid ran a Seminar on plumeria and staghorn plants which included teaching the participants how to mount a staghorn on wood to take home and hang in their yards.

That afternoon, we had a happy hour and then shared BBQ's to make burgers together. The evening event was the movie "RV" on the big screen. The movie was funny with much of the humor related to motorhome woe's we've all experienced or at least worried about.

Sunday morning, we shared another breakfast and started getting packed up. The fairgrounds camping area wasn't too busy and we got permission to stay a little longer. Some revisited the Gem show and swap meet, a few others ventured over to Hero's Hall, the permanent fairground Veteran museum.

My first reaction to planning this rally was, "Really, camp at the fairgrounds? Surely we can find better venues". Well, I have to admit, it was a really good time and there was plenty to do. It was such a good time I'd do it again!

The Ciccarellis



Participants:

Tom, Patrice, Jeff & Jeremy Ciccarelli – Hosts
Mike & Fran Fimbres – Co-Hosts

David & Arlene Cantrell
Larry & Joanie Conley
Dave & Donna deGraffenreid
Ray & Ellen Gandola
Ralph & Annie Mundia
Phil & Joanne Hernandez
Hoss & Charlotte Hauge

Bob & Karen Lamey
Len & Patricia Novak
Norm & Shirley Shier
John & Kathy Sullivan
Ron & Karen Wagniere
Joe & Barbara Weaver
Steve & Merrie Weinstock





Valentines Rally at the Bay

February 8 – 10 2019

Newport Dunes Resort

1131 Back Bay Dr. Newport Beach, Ca. 92660

(949) 729-3863

www.newportdunes.com

RALLY HOSTS:

Patrice & Tom Ciccarelli (714) 496-4600

Name(s) _____

Coach License Number _____ Tow Car License Number _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email address for updates: _____

Emergency Contact – Name/No.: _____

Is this your first GMCPC Rally? Yes _____ No _____

Do you need Handicapped Parking? Yes _____ No _____

Coach with 2 persons \$235.00 \$ _____

Coach with one person \$162.00 \$ _____

Each Guest in Coach \$70.00 \$ _____

Guest Name(s): _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please Make Check (US Funds) Payable to: Patrice Ciccarelli

Mail by January 7, 2019 to: 20131 Port Greenwich Ln. Huntington Beach Ca. 92646

Rally Information

One tow car is included in each registration. Additional cars are \$5.00 per day (for you or a guest visiting)

The group rate is available for 2 days prior and 2 days after the rally. To reserve additional nights, please call the Newport Dunes Reservations Office at 1-800-765-7661

If you cancel before January 18, 2019, you will receive a full refund. For cancellations after January 18, 2019, we will try to do partial refunds after all expenses have been paid.

February 8, 2019:

2:00 pm – Check in

4:00 pm – Happy Hour (Bring an appetizer to share) at the Coaches

5:30 pm – Pasta Dinner in the gathering room

Evening Activity – Left Right Center game & Raffle in the Gathering Room

February 9, 2019:

8:30 am - Continental Breakfast and coffee in the Gathering Room

10:00 am – Depart for Lyons Air Museum Group Tour (admission and bus transportation included in registration)

12:30 pm – Return to Newport Dunes (Lunch on your own)

2:00 pm – Activity (TBD) in Gathering Room

3:30 pm – GMCPG Meeting in the Gathering Room

4:30 pm – Happy Hour (Bring an appetizer to share) at the Coaches

5:30 pm – Chicken Dinner in the Gathering Room

Evening Activity –Valentines Activities & Raffle (TBD) in the Gathering Room

February 10, 2019

8:30 am - Continental Breakfast and coffee in the Gathering Room

12:00 pm - Check out

→ Due to logistical challenges, Rally hosts will no longer be supplying paper goods and utensils for the rallies. make sure your coach is stocked so you have what you need when it is time to eat.

Location & Directions

I-5 North

Non-toll road

Follow I-5 north to the I-405 north. Exit on Jamboree Rd and turn left (heading west). Follow Jamboree for about 7 miles. Back Bay Dr. will be on the right-hand side. Turn right onto Back Bay Dr.. The entrance to the resort is right there.

Toll-road

Follow I-5 north to Hwy. 73 north (toll road). Follow the toll road until you exit Bison, turn left follow to Jamboree turn left again onto Jamboree. Look for Back Bay Dr., turn right onto Back Bay Dr. The entrance to the resort is on the left after the turn.

I-5 South

If coming from north of LA

Follow I-5 south to Hwy. 55 south. Take Hwy. 73 south and exit on Jamboree Rd. Turn right at the exit (heading west). Look for Back Bay Dr. on the right hand side. Turn right onto Back Bay Dr. The entrance to the resort is on the left after the turn.

If coming from the LA area

Follow I-5 south to Hwy. 55 south. Follow Hwy. 55 until it ends and intersects Pacific Coast Highway. Turn left on PCH and follow until you reach Jamboree Rd. Turn left onto Jamboree (heading east) and at the first street, turn left again, which is Back Bay Dr. The entrance to the resort is on the left after the turn.

I-15 North

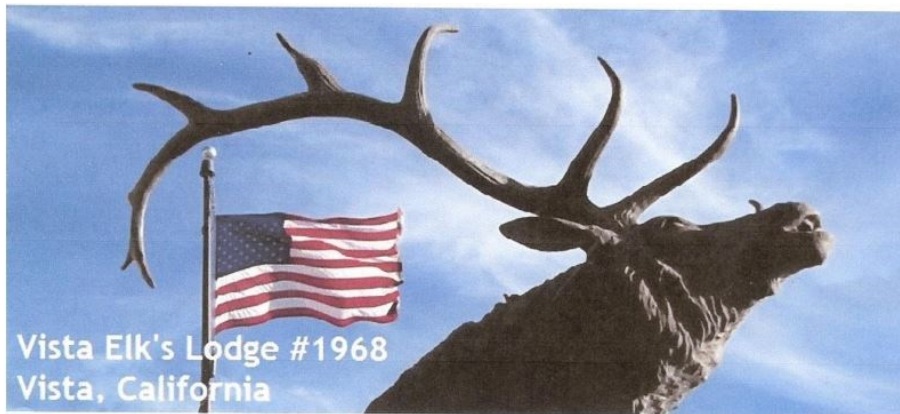
Follow I-15 north to Hwy. 78 west. Follow Hwy. 78 until you reach I-5 north. Non-toll road Follow I-5 north to the I-405 north. Exit on Jamboree Rd. and turn left (heading west). Follow Jamboree for about 7 miles. Back Bay Dr. will be on the right-hand side. Turn right onto Back Bay Drive. The entrance to the resort is right there. Toll-road Follow I-5 north to Hwy. 73 north (toll-road). Follow the toll road until you come to Bison Rd. Exit and turn left on Jamboree Road. Turn right onto Back Bay Drive. The entrance to the resort is on the left after the turn

I-15 South

15 SOUTH Follow I-15 south until you reach Hwy. 91 freeway (heading towards L.A.). Follow Hwy. 91 until you reach 55 freeway south. Follow the 55 south to the 73 south (you will not pay a toll for the distance on this road). Exit Jamboree Rd, turn right onto Jamboree heading towards the beach (west). Go to Back Bay Dr., turn right onto Back Bay Dr.. The entrance to the resort is on the left after the turn.

I-405 South

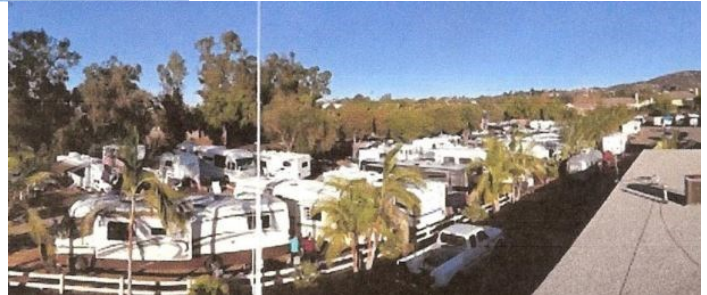
405 SOUTH Follow I-405 south until reaching Hwy. 73 south (the toll road). Take Hwy. 73 south and exit on Jamboree Rd. Turn right at the exit (heading west). Look for Back Bay Dr. on the right hand side. Turn right onto Back Bay Dr. The entrance to the resort is on the left after the turn.



Summertime
Moonlight Rally
22-25th Aug 2019
Elks Lodge Vista, CA
Full Hook Ups
Cost \$220
Steak dinner separate

Hosts:

Bobbie & Gene Schultz



Join us at the Elk's Lodge in Vista, for a summer rally under the stars

Thursday, 3:00pm, Happy Hour, bring an hors d'ouvres to share

4:00pm, Cook your own steak at the Elks "do it yourself grill", Afterwards sit by the fire and visit the owl.

Friday, 8:30am, Breakfast is blueberry pancakes, juice and coffee, followed by games of Bocce Ball.

2:00pm, Happy Hour and dinner at our personal "old Spanish Hacienda, Patio and Gardens" in Vista. Dinner is Italian, by the vegetable garden, al fresco, Limoncello drinks by the fire. Shuttle to and from.

Saturday, 8:30am Continental Breakfast

5:30pm, assemble for rides to Brengle Terrace Park, sit among the trees and sip champagne.

7:00pm, take the shuttles to the Moonlight Ampitheater for a musical production of "Westside Story"

10:30pm return by shuttles to the Elks.

Sunday, 8:30am Continental Breakfast, prepare for departure, kick the tires, kiss the elk good by, point the GMC's for home.

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Summertime Moonlight Rally 22-25th 2019

Hosts: Schultz's Camping at the Elk's Club in Vista \$220 per coach

Dinner at the Elk's is separate, 12 to 17 dollars per person , depending on your selections, you pay this separately to the Elk's at dinner time.

**DIRECTIONS: From I-15, go west on hwy 78, or from I-5, go east on hwy 78, then take Civic Center Dr north, then east on Vista Way to 1947 Vista Way to the Elk's
Send your check and registration to: Bobbie Schultz, 128 Terrace Dr, Vista CA 92084**

Bobbie's cell 760 525 3551, home 760 941 1589)

We are limited to 10 spaces now, so reserve early, when we are full we'll scramble for more

Names_____Tele_____Cell_____

Coach with 1 or 2 persons: \$220.00 Total enclosed_____Handicap parking?_____