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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

April | May | June

We are mildly going into summer, so to speak, I'm looking forward to juicy ripe watermelons, slower times in my garden, good books, and getting together with old friends. We really enjoyed the Mothers Day rally and seeing old friends that we haven't seen for awhile. I think Kinney Grove Park was one of the prettiest camping sites we've been to. I love my California pottery vase, thank you to Fran. Thank you to Karen & Annie for all their work too, The Dutch Girls are good at Rallies and Italian food. Our kids were here at home early, awaiting our arrival. Gemma and I planted nice veggies in the garden. It was fun sharing the experience with her.

We are really looking forward to the Antique Tractor Rally June 22-23. It's always a fun rally. The Hernandez's have added an auction, so we will bring all our GMC collections, like a bumper jack. If you're a quilter they have a nice quilting area with lot's of quilts on display.

Sept 13-15 finds us at the Elk's Lodge again, a favorite of mine, cooking our own steaks, seeing Chicago at the beautiful Vista Ampitheater, followed by dinner at Bobbie's and Gene's in the garden under starry skys. Only 3 sites left so get your reservation in soon.

We selected a nominating committee at the Fillmore Rally, the new board will start in October, once the club votes to elect them. I can't believe the year is almost at a close. Remember, we are back on schedule for the new year to begin Oct 1st we will start our membership drive to coincide with that date, that will enable us to have the new membership roster to you by Jan.

I hope your summer days are filled with blessings and bounties abound.

Bobbie Schultz, President

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MINUTES OF MEETING: May 12, 2018 Kenney Grove RV, Fillmore, CA

Officers in attendance: Bobbie Schultz, President - Fran Fimbres, 1st VP - Joe Weaver, Treasurer

Meeting called to order at 5pm by Bobbie Schultz.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ralph Mundia and Hoss Hauge

Bobbie thanked the Fimbres & Wagnieres for hosting this Rally.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Motioned by Annie Mundia & seconded by Joanne Hernandez that the minutes be accepted as published in the Newsletter. Motion accepted.

TREASURERS REPORT: Joe Weaver reported current balance is \$5158.69

ANTIQUE TRAIN & ENGINE RALLY: Joanne & Phil Hernandez outlined the activities at the upcoming Rally, June 22-24. It is dry camping and you can come a day early and stay a day late at no charge. Hoss told everyone what a great time he had the last time.

ELKS/MOONLIGHT THEATER RALLY: Bobbie Schultz told us that there are only ten spaces available at the Elks Lodge RV. The Moonlight Theater will be presenting the musical "Chicago".

NEWPORT DUNES RALLY: Patrice, Tom, Jeff & Jeremy Ciccarelli will host a Dunes Rally in November. Dates will be announced later.

GMCP NEWSLETTER: Judy Booth told about losing our Publisher. We have a proposal from Kriss Roth of Media Blitz Design to put our Newsletter together for \$165 per issue. Motion made by Patrice Ciccarelli, seconded by Joanne Hernandez, proposal accepted.

VISITORS: Bobbie introduced visitors Andre & Louann Barbeau of Thousand Oaks. They are going next week to buy a GMC in Green Bay, WI.

NEW MEMBERS: introduced are Kathy & John Sullivan.

OFFICERS NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Bobbie asked for volunteers to line up nominations for 2019 Officers. Joanne Hernandez, Lynda Harris & Hoss Hauge volunteered.

GMCM/GMCWS CONVENTION: Bobbie told of the Club's contribution to the Tucson Convention. Pacific Cruisers spent \$300 on hors d'oeuvres for the Western States "Meet & Greet" to promote the West Coast Clubs.

Bobbie announced that at Audree's request, GMCP provided wine for Jim Rowe's "Celebration of Life" in lieu of flowers.

Hoss brought a Mother's Day Card to the Rally for us to sign for Audree Rowe.

Bobbie announced that we have wine glasses 2 for \$5 and badges for \$1.

John Lockwood asked about Chuck Garton. Judy told about talking to Chuck and seeing past GMCP members at Jim Rowe's "Celebration". Also Ken Booth talked to Ernie Seth. Chuck and Ernie are doing fine but have given their coaches to their children.

Ken Booth made a motion, seconded by Hoss Hauge to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:33.

ATTENDEES:

Ken & Judy Booth
Dave & Arlene Cantrell
Tom & Patrice Ciccarelli
George & Diane Ciz
Mike & Fran Fimbres

Lynda Harris/Ron Roman
Hoss & Charlotte Hauge
Phil & Joanne Hernandez
John & Dee Lockwood
Ralph & Annie Mundia

Eric & Tippy Schulte
Gene & Bobbie Schultz
John & Kathy Sullivan
Ron & Karen Wagniere
Joe & Barbara Weaver

SAD NEWS



JIM ROWE

Following a lengthy illness, long time GMCPC Member and Officer, Jim Rowe passed away on March 31.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Audree and all of Jim's many friends. A "Celebration of Life" was held at the Rowe home on April 21. It was attended by many past & present GMC Pacific Cruisers members including the following:

Ken & Judy Booth	Bill Kittredge
Dave & Arlene Cantrell	Bob & Karen Lamey
Frank & Freddi Condos	Beverly Lopez
Bob Cook	Ralph & Annie Mundia
Dave deGraffenreid	Len & Pat Novak
Mike & Fran Fimbres	Jim & Alice-Faye Peugh
Ray & Ellen Gandola	Marilyn Roland
Roy & Karin Gosen	Gene & Bobbie Schultz
Lynda Harris	Ed & Eileen Staal
Hoss & Charlotte Hauge	Joe & Barbara Weaver
Phil & Joanne Hernandez	Steve Weinstock

HANS LOUDERMILK

GMCPC Member Lydia Vogt's brother Hans Loudermilk passed away May 15. Our sympathy goes to their family & friends.

We spent time with Hans when he attended Rallies with his sister. Most recently, at the Fountain of Youth Rally last November.

NOTES

GMC Pacific Cruisers Membership Renewal Form is at the back of this Newsletter. It must be returned to Secretary, Patricia Novak in September since Fiscal Year 2018-2019 begins October 1, 2018.

Elks/Moonlight Theater Rally in September is full since we have only 10 spaces. If you would like to be on the waiting list, contact Bobbie Schultz.

GMCM I/GMCWS TUSCON CONVENTION

APRIL 6-12, 2018

GMC Motorhomes Int'l & GMC Western States joined together to make the Tucson GMC Convention spectacular. There were over 150 sign-ups & 96 came with their coaches. The rest flew in just to enjoy the convention.

GMCM I hasn't had a convention in the Southwest in a long time so GMCWS wanted to show the "Easterners" what great rallies we have in the West and maybe they'd join us. The Western Clubs presented a full day of activities starting with breakfast where we served sausage & fruit/whip cream for the waffles. After a couple seminars mid-morning, the Western ladies served a "Feeling Groovy" luncheon (keeping with the 70's theme of the Convention). The men joined Ken Frey for his Famous Chili. More tech sessions in the afternoon and then at the Happy Hour Meet & Greet our Western Clubs served the ever popular Margarita Bucket (times 4) and hors d'oeuvres. Dinner followed with the Western Clubs grilling burgers & sausage. Dessert was the Ice Cream Social served by GMCM I. Bill Kittredge and Dave deGraffenreid then acted as auctioneers for another fun filled auction from the Westerners.



GMCM I organized a fantastic rally. We even had a 1970's Disco Dance with a DJ. The food was tasty... & loved the Ice Cream Socials. The Craft Table was visited by everyone....either to put together a craft project or work on the 1970's themed jigsaw puzzles. The Pineblock Derby was fun...boy do those cars go fast! There was a Flea Market and the Open House showed us coaches we hadn't seen before. Including the one with the garage in the back that housed their Morris Minor. Non-tech had sessions on Mind Aerobics, dementia, genealogy, Book Exchange, 70's

dance lessons, RV cooking, strength & balance, Geocache Treasure Hunt and more. Tech sessions covered aligning steering columns, coach weigh-in, transmission care, upgrades, camshafts, brakes, fuel injection and more. Some tech presenters actually checked out our coaches & made repairs. Thanks to everyone for a fun & informative convention.



GMCM/ GMCWS TUSCON CONVENTION



FILLMORE RALLY

MAY 11, 12 & 13th, 2018



We went off to Kenney Park Grove. None of us had ever camped there and most of us hadn't even heard of it! It's a County Campground, between Fillmore and Santa Paula but it's been run for the last 30 years by a private individual. She has leased the property and planted all around the local oaks for a very scenic but private park. She is very particular about the "groups" she accepts for camping and it's only thanks to the persistence of Fran Fimbres that we got in at all. It was scenic, quiet, and among orange groves and farms.

We had 14 coaches and a Van for a nice cool week-end. There was lots of food – a home made Italian Dinner on Friday by Ralph and Annie Mundia, who were also King and Queen of the Checkers Tournament. (Honorable mention to John Sullivan for beating Ralph in one game of checkers, but winning 5 games total made Ralph over-all champ.) We had a Catered breakfast on Saturday and a Taco Bar on Saturday night. (Only 1 Bucket of Margaritas was consumed – a light mist sent some of us to bed early).

On Saturday a bus picked us up at the campground for the short ride to the Fillmore train station. (Karen Wagniere was persistent in arranging the bus transportation.) The 4 hour train ride was included in the Rally Fees and most of it was nice and relaxing. The first stop at the Koi Pond/Gift Shop was rather strange. We got to wander over the grounds and see some huge Koi and lots of water lily ponds. There were many interesting statues, fountains and ceramic pots but I didn't see any prices on them. That's probably a good thing as it would have been hard to carry them back on the train. Our stop at Bennett's Honey Farm unfortunately coincided with another tour group so that was a free-for-all to taste the honey and a crush to get to the sales counter. (I



FILLMORE RALLY



did score some Avocado Flavored Honey and some honey sticks that went as gifts on Mother's Day.)

Fran provided each GMC couple with a take-home gift from her collection of California Girl Pottery. Each charming individual ceramic bud vase held live flowers and was a vintage piece from the 40's and 50's. California Pottery is not a "company" but is applied to various manufacturers including Weil Ware Co., and DeLee Hollywood Art. This has led me to research these hand-painted girls on the internet. While Weil Ware Co. sometimes had a Donkey stamped on the bottom and "made in California", most of the small pottery pieces

had no markings or stamps at all. The 1940's brunette girl, in the blue dress, spreading her apron to hold flowers is probably a 1940's piece from Jessie Grimes. Looking on Ebay & Etsy for similar pieces I found prices from \$9 to \$52 per piece. Thank you Fran for sharing your collection with us and giving me the start of a new collection! (So Fran "donated" over \$600 worth of Mother's Day gifts to the attendees and Karen donated Chinese Fans, .25 each from Vietnam.)



I want to personally thank my co-hostess and her husband, Fran and Mike Fimbres. Fran was so organized and on top of things I just had to refer to her lists and see what I needed to help with. Mike was up very early every morning, making coffee, setting up tables, etc. I am sure he had a long list of things to take care of as he was always busy. Thanks to Hoss Hauge for his fire pit tending and to everyone for their fireside stories and good company. I heard about taking GMC's to Alaska & back, several times, to the Burning Man Festival and to Cabo San Lucas. It's enough to make me want to get on the road again ... at the very least we are going to the Tractor Rally!

FILLMORE RALLY



I also had a 3 ½ year old grand-nephew along, Miles O’Brien, who thoroughly enjoyed the Pacific Cruisers’ hospitality. He thought we were all related. When he returned to Washington, he said he can’t wait to come back and play with his Motorhome relatives this summer. Oh, it was just a rumor that he licked all the apricots that he gave out on the train – He did not! He even washed his hands before we opened the apricot box. It does help to have a “village to raise a child” and I am very thankful to all who gave him so much attention.

Submitted by Karen Wagniere

FILLMORE RALLY ATTENDEES:

Ken & Judy Booth	Lynda Harris/Ron Roman
Eric & Tippy Schulte	Dave & Arlene Cantrell
Hoss & Charlotte Hauge	Gene & Bobbie Schultz
Tom & Patrice Ciccarella	Phil & Joanne Hernandez
with Jeff & Jeremy	John & Kathy Sullivan
John & Dee Lockwood	Ron & Karen Wagniere
George & Diane Ciz	Ralph & Annie Mundia
Joe & Barbara Weaver	Mike & Fran Fimbres



FILLMORE RALLY





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GMCPC 2018 RALLY SCHEDULE

JUN 23-24	Antique Engine Rally	Vista, CA	Hernandez
JUL-AUG	Summer Break	No Rallies	
SEP 13-15	Elks/Moonlight Theatre Rally	Vista, CA	Schultz
OCT 4-9	GMCWS Mt Hood Rally	Welches, OR	GMCWS
NOV	_____OPEN_____		
DEC	_____OPEN_____		

GMCPC 2019 RALLY SCHEDULE

JAN	_____OPEN_____		
FEB 8-10	Newport Dunes Marina Rally	Newport Beach, CA	Cicarelli

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



GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's that time of year again – time to renew your membership for 2018-2019 so you can continue to be in our Roster and enjoy the club's great events, camaraderie and access to the GMC technical knowledge base.

To renew, you must own a GMC Motorhome and your FMCA membership must be current.

Dues are \$25, plus \$10 per year for those members that want to receive the Newsletter by US Mail instead of email.

If you wish, you may also pay more than one year membership with this renewal form.

Please submit the bottom portion of this form with check to "GMC Pacific Cruisers". Fiscal Year 2018-2019 begins October 1, 2018 so we must receive your renewal by September.

If you no longer own a GMC but would like to receive updates from GMCPC by email, please let me know on the form below or by email. No one will be removed from the GMCPC email, even if you sell your coach, unless you request it.

Any questions, please contact me by email or phone.

Patricia Novak, GMCPC Secretary iamsocref@yahoo.com 760 731-0751

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL (Please return this portion with your payment.)

NAME(s): _____ FMCA# _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

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Yes, my FMCA membership is current _____

Signature

Date

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