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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

July | August | September

I hope you all had a great summer. Ours was busy as usual with two teenage boys and all their activities. We did, however, find a week to take our coach to Arizona for a road trip through the higher elevations of the state. As you all know when you commit to the GMC lifestyle you have to expect the unexpected and that is always part of the adventure and memories of the trip.

I wanted to share some highlights and a few lowlights because, let's be honest, not all motorhome trips are picture perfect (regardless of my amazing pictures on Facebook!)

We set out in the wee hours of the morning on our trip with the goal of making it to Kingman Az. We thought that would be a good stop at a little higher elevation so we could get relief from the heat. About an hour into the trip we came upon a multi car pile-up on the Cajon Pass. There must have been at least 20 vehicles involved! Some bashed up, some laying on their sides with all the owners standing on the highway scratching their heads. This delay set us back at least an hour and burned precious early morning cool driving time that we were hoping to take advantage of. Just before we arrived in Kingman the coach started having problems with vapor lock. Tom was determined that we were going to make it to our destination, and after a few stops and unexpected gas station logistic problems, we made it to Kingman. Tom did a quick exhaust repair on the coach and we kept our fingers crossed that when we set out the next morning for Flagstaff that the vapor lock wouldn't return.

No such luck. After driving about an hour, the dreaded vapor lock was back and we spent the next several hours crawling up the grade and stopping every chance we could get to cool down.

Long story short (too late), Tom discovered that we had a fuel pump that wasn't working. We were able to order one from the auto parts store and install it at our stop in Sedona.

Ok, here is a quick list of highlights from the trip:

Bearizona – This is a super stop near Williams Arizona. Jonni and Henry

Wolfe gave us the recommendation to make this stop. We drove our coach through the drive through zoo to get some close up views of the wild animals that live in the area.

Flagstaff – Woody's Mountain Resort was a nice RV park in the trees right off Route 66. They fit a lot of coaches in there but it was super quiet.

Flagstaff – Jeff took a tour of Northern Arizona University. Since we were in Arizona we thought it would be fun to do his first college tour there.

Sedona – Of course we visited slide rock with the kids (no one got hurt). But we also did a lot of off-roading in our jeep. The red rock scenery is so beautiful in this area we had a great time exploring the trails. We ended up staying one extra day because it was so fun. Rancho Sedona RV park was a beautiful campground right on a stream and very close to town. Jeremy turned 13 while we were in Sedona!!!

Prescott – We spent our last night in Prescott before driving home. We camped at Points of Rock RV park right next to Watson Lake. We toured the historic downtown district to get a sense of what Prescott was all about. What a cool town!

Ok, one last lowlight. This is more of a public service announcement. One night while we were in Sedona I ended up in the Emergency Room with a beetle in my ear dancing on my ear drum. I will spare you the details of my panic attack and borderline mental breakdown of having a beetle in my head. After a few unsuccessful attempts at drowning the beetle, Tom took me to the ER to get professional help. The bug was so deep the only thing they could think was to try to float it out. Right as they were about to start the procedure they put me under the bright hospital light and the darn beetle crawled out on its own. If I had known this and calmed down long enough for Tom to shine a flashlight in my ear, the creature may have come out and saved me a trip to the ER. So, keep a flashlight handy in case this ever happens to you.

Anyway, I want to hear about your adventures over the summer. Please join us at an upcoming rally so we can catch up. **Patrice**

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FEATURED NEW MEMBERS



Meet the Wolfe Family (Henry, Jonni, Gracie (12) Charlotte (10) Penelope (7)) New members to the GMC Pacific Cruisers this summer. They joined us for the June Rally in Julian and we hope to see them again soon!

What model and year is your coach? 1977 Kingsley (diesel conversion)

How long have you owned your coach? We've owned it for 5 years.

What inspired you to buy your GMC coach? Henry did a ton of research and we love retro/vintage things. He found that the GMC's were well made and small enough to pretty much go anywhere! Plus, it fits our family motto....if it was easy, everyone would be doing it! Lol!

What has been your favorite adventure in your coach? Favorite trip was our "Goonies Adventure" up the coast to Astoria, Oregon. (Where the movie Goonies was filmed). We stopped so many places along the Pacific Coast and enjoyed the ocean views throughout California and Oregon!

What else do you want us to know about your family? We are a silly, fun family that loves traveling and adventures. Many of our adventures take us to weird, off the beaten path spots and also include locations where 80's movies have been filmed. We've documented many of our traveling adventures in the GMC, including the diesel conversion, on our YouTube Channel www.youtube.com/thewolfefam.

PACIFIC CRUISERS RECIPE CORNER



Cream Cheese Tarts

Yield: 12 - **Prep time:** 20 min - **Total time:** 1 hour + cooling time

Ingredients for Tarts

Cream Cheese | 3 – 8oz packages
Separated Eggs | 5
Sugar | 1cup
Vanilla | 1tsp

Directions

Beat cream cheese, egg yolks, sugar and vanilla with electric mixer for 3-4 minutes. In a separate bowl, beat egg whites to peaks. Blend egg whites and cream cheese mixture together. Prepare a muffin tin with double liners. Fill $\frac{3}{4}$ full. Bake for 30 min @ 300 degrees. Cool cakes for 5 minutes.

Ingredients Topping

Sour Cream | 16 oz. container
Sugar | $\frac{1}{2}$ cup
Vanilla | 1 tsp
Comstock Pie Filling | 1 can of Blueberry or Cherry

Directions for Topping

Beat sour cream, sugar and vanilla with an electric mixer for 1-2 minutes. Drop 1 spoonful on the top of each cooled tart. Place berry filling on the top of the sour cream mixture. Bake for 5 more minutes. Cool in refrigerator until tarts have set.

If you have a recipe you would like to share, email me at pec92646@gmail.com.
This recipe comes Tom Ciccarelli's Mom. They are great to bring to potlucks and parties.

NOTES

***MINUTES OF THE JUNE GMCPG MEETING ARE AVAILABLE AT gmcp.org ***

CHUCK BOTTS, long term GMCPG member, passed away in August. Google his name and you will find many articles on the GMC along with his book "240,000 Miles in Small RV's". Mary passed June 2018.



We will miss Chuck, Mary



and their beautiful Birchaven.



GMCPC MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE



4" Sticker
\$ 1



11"x18" Flag
\$ 15



3" Static Window Cling
\$ 1

The above merchandise will be available at all GMCPC Rallies or can be ordered from: Patrice Ciccarelli Email: pec92646@gmail.com

GMCPC 2019 RALLY SCHEDULE

			<u>HOST</u>
OCT 2-7	GMCWS Seven Feathers Rally	Canyonville, OR	GMCWS
DEC 6-8	Bonelli Bluffs RV Resort Rally	San Dimas, CA	Kittredge/ Ciccarelli/ Fimbres

WE NEED RALLIES FOR 2020!

PLEASE CONTACT BILL KITTREDGE (714) 264-7386 WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS.

MENGHINI WINERY RALLY

JUNE 20 - 23, 2019



We gathered 16 coaches in Julian, CA to share the first warm days of summer. Mike and Toni Menghini warmly welcomed us to their winery, a calm and pastoral setting replete with apple trees and grape vines for those who braved the twisting, narrow climb to 4,000 feet. Bill and Midge Kittredge served as rally hosts, their first time doing so.

Thursday, under sunny sky's and cool westerly breezes the first 7 GMC's rolled in, climaxed by the arrival of Billy and Debbie Massey in a Center Kitchen Royale they were transporting from California to new owners in Virginia. We enjoyed a delicious potluck supper including pasta, vegan chili, beef stew, salad and homemade sweets. As the sun set all retired to the GMC's to avoid the cold, wet wind. Only Ralph Mundia was wise enough to bring his chairs in from the weather.

Friday was gray and breezy as 9 more GMC's rumbled in, notably the "Arizona Overnight Riders", Todd Lehmacher along with Henry and Jonni Wolfe. Kudos to these Saguaro Jetsetters for arriving with smiles on their faces after a through-the-night drive from Phoenix. Brothers David and Mike Vega cruised up with the Novaks, and showcased the '78 Royale that once was the pride and joy of their stepfather. David is well under way maintaining and improving this proud coach. Some of us



MENGHINI WINERY RALLY

used Friday to explore the town of Julian, while others relaxed, napped, and took full advantage of cold beer on tap from Mike Menghini's beer truck. Mike and Toni then showcased their wines in a pre-dinner tasting for all. We then bowed our heads, giving thanks for safe arrivals, before enjoying a dinner of pulled pork, beans and coleslaw from A&S Catering. The chill in the air did not prevent us from enjoying Julian Apple Pies a la mode, nor from convening a brief meeting to confirm the new slate of officers.



Saturday brought delicious A&S breakfast burritos and the sun and warmth for which we longed. It was again a day for wine tasting at Menghini and a neighboring winery, and for visits to quaint Julian. Mike Menghini delivered a technical tour of the winery and even showcased his collection of antique cars. We lifted hoods and slid out more than a few Onans. Len Novak came to the rescue of at least two refrigerators and an Onan, and Richard Curiel saw his colorful awning open up for the first time! In the afternoon we hosted a delightful open house with dozens of winery visitors viewing their first GMCs. This included Edwin and Nancy, a couple who drove all the way to Julian with the specific goal to see Pacific Cruisers coaches. Tim, our drone pilot from On The Go Video provided aerial coverage of the event. The Stephen Roman family joined us for dinner, new owners of a '78 Royale now being fine-tuned at MGM. A&S served us grilled chicken and beans followed by more Julian Apple Pie a la mode and a spectacular sunset. Evening brought live fireside acoustic guitar music and musings from Richard Curiel. Like another famous carpenter, Richard offers much more than meets the eye.



We trickled on home Sunday and Monday, none of us in a hurry, not wanting the weekend to end. Good news, we have been invited back by the Menghini's in 2020, so impressed were they by our polite and respectful group. Get ready to put this one on your calendar again.

Dates are being negotiated.



Attendees:

Bill & Midge Kittredge - Hosts

Tom & Patrice Ciccarelli, Jeff & Jeremy
Richard Curiel

Dave & Donna deGraffenreid

Lynda Harris & Ron Roman

Phil & Joanne Hernandez

Art & Jacqui Johnson

Todd Lehmacher

Billy & Debbie Massey

Ralph & Annie Mundia

Len & Pat Novak

Stephen Roman family

Brian & Joy Tripp

David Vega and Mike Vega

Joe & Barbara Weaver

Steve & Merrie Weinstock

Henry & Jonni Wolfe



SUMMERTIME MOONLIGHT RALLY

AUGUST 22 - 25, 2019



"I wanna' be in America...OK by me in America....." Yes, we got to see West Side Story at this rally!

Everyone arrived by around 3PM in the beautiful town of Vista. Soon there was a circle of chairs under the awning of one of the GMC's, with lots of talking and catching up. Happy Hour and hors d'oeuvres were enjoyed by all.

Bobbie and Gene Schultz were our rally masters and Bobbie soon announced that it was time to walk over to the Elks Lodge and cook our own steak on the Elks "do it yourself grill." Who would have thought that the Elks Lodge was so lovely. Our small RV park (we were allowed only ten coaches for the rally) was next door to the Lodge, which had a large bar, dance floor, restaurant and patio. I think I want to join the Elks Club! The steaks were great, with salad and baked potato, live music and lots of conversation.



SUMMERTIME MOONLIGHT RALLY

Everyone gathered at the picnic tables in the morning for a delicious breakfast of blueberry pancakes and bacon, cooked by John Lockwood, plus coffee and juice and of course more conversation. John and Dee Lockwood told the group about their plan for next year to ship their GMC to Japan, put the coach on a ferry to South Korea and then land in Vladivostok, Russia, drive 2,200 miles to Lake Baikal, turn left and go to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, then left again through China to Beijing, ship the coach home and fly back. There was lots of positive feedback and many ideas on what to bring in order to keep the GMC going. We'll see!



At noon we caravanned over to Bobbie and Gene's home see their awesome gardens and beautifully restored home and to enjoy Bobbie's white chili and nachos, beer, wine and of course... great conversation. Some of us die-hards worked on a puzzle and then it was already time for a yummy dinner of smoked chicken, salad, pasta and birthday cake for Arlene and Ken. Home around 7:30PM for a beautiful warm evening sunset.

Delicious breakfast again, then...guess what...more great conversation! And of course we continued diligently on our puzzle. I never realized how compelling "puzzling" can be. The afternoon was filled with shopping at antique/thrift stores, more puzzle work andmore great conversation. John and I found an antique store where the man had a parrot that really liked John. The parrot would say, "Hi, honey!" and laugh and sing opera.

Lasagna and salad for dinner and then off to the beautiful Moonlight Amphitheatre to see

a presentation of "West Side Story." It is a lovely venue...seating is all outside and we enjoyed our happy hour as the sun set and the play began. Home about 10:30PM...another great rally day.



Our last delicious breakfast, including cake by Judy, more great conversation and see-you-next-times. The puzzlers endeavored to finish the puzzle, but to no avail. Bobbie said she will finish it at her house.

Every time I spend several days with the GMC crowd, I am reminded of what a smart, adventurous, active group GMC'ers are. Yes, we're old now, grandmas and grandpas, walking a little more slowly and carefully. But just talk to any person and you will find competitive water-skiers, snow skiers, pilots, race car drivers, management executives, teachers, philosophers, readers, military of all stripes, mechanics, engineers and even professional secretaries.

Yes, we had our day. We were all 18 years old and beautiful, or 25-year-old strong young men. We have built rich and complex lives and still enjoy every moment to the fullest...and our GMC friendships and the funny and amazing life stories are a valuable addition to each of our lives.

Submitted by: Dee Lockwood



ATTENDEES:

Ken & Judy Booth
Dave & Arlene Cantrell
Mike & Fran Fimbres
Lynda Harris/Ron Roman
John & Dee Lockwood

Ralph & Annie Mundia
Len & Pat Novak
Gene & Bobbie Schultz - Hosts
Joe & Barbara Wever
Dave & Leone Wood



BONELLI BLUFFS RV RESORT RALLY (Formerly known as Puddingstone)

1440 Camper View Rd., San Dimas, CA 91773 ~ 909-599-8355

December 6 – 8, 2019

JOIN IN THE FUN at one of our favorite camping spots for a CHILI December nite! On Friday we'll have a CHILI contest, so if you want to compete bring a pot of chili along with everyone bringing a favorite side, i.e. cornbread, slaw, cheese, chives, sour cream, Fritos, or appetizer to share. Sat. nite will be pizza & salad. Breakfasts will be kept simple with coffee & pastries. All sites have their own picnic tables, so bring your favorite games, puzzles, and jokes as we play together in making this a fun weekend for all.

Bonelli Bluffs has a lot to offer: We will be in Section "B" on a beautiful bluff overlooking the lake with full hookups, spacious sites, picnic tables, swimming pool, showers, laundry, horseshoes, fresh water, cable, fishing, hiking trails & more. A bike & walking trail through the park will lead you to the Brackett Airfield and Norm's Hangar Restaurant with a great view of the runways. There is a General Store where you can purchase a fishing license & bait. Bring wood for the fire pit if you have some.

The Pomona Fairplex is a mile away and on Sunday, 5 a.m. – 2 p.m., is the infamous vintage car show and swap meet. Some of us are bringing our own cars to go to the car show. If you want to go & don't have a car, perhaps you can hitch a ride from someone, so feel free to work it out. Keep in mind, checkout from our campsite is NO LATER THAN NOON on Sunday.

Friday check-in time is 1 pm, Sunday check-out time is 12 pm. Pets are welcome and they have asked that we keep pets on a leash. Fee for each pet is \$3 per day and Fran will collect your pet fee at the rally. If you wish to stay extra days, feel free to arrange with Vanessa @ Bonelli RV, 909-599-8355, and she will give you a 10% discount as part of our GMCPA "B" group.

Coordinators for the rally are Fran Fimbres, 661-803-0690, and Bill Kittredge, 714-264-7386. In order to secure our sites, **please send registration in early**. If for some reason you need to cancel, we will make every attempt to reimburse you fully if cancelled at least a week prior to the rally.

Send registration and check payable to: [Fran Fimbres, 28062 Meadowcreek Rd., Canyon Country, CA 91351.](#)

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ADDRESS: _____ **ZIP** _____ **COACH LIC #** _____

TOW VEHICLE LICENSE # _____ **DO YOU NEED HANDICAPPED PARKING?** _____

COACH WITH 1 OR 2 PERSONS & KIDS RALLY FEE: \$185



From the I-210E

1. Continue on I-210 E to Pomona. Take exit 43 from I-10 E
2. Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 45 for CA-57 S/Orange Freeway toward Santa Ana
3. Continue onto CA-57 S
4. Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 22 to merge onto I-10 E toward San Bernardino
5. Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 43 for Fairplex Dr
6. Turn left onto Via Verde Ave/Vía Verde
7. Turn right onto Camper View Rd
8. Resort will be straight ahead

From the I-10E

1. Follow I-10 E to Fairplex Dr in Pomona. Take exit 43 from I-10 E
2. Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 43 for Fairplex Dr
3. Turn left onto Via Verde Ave/Vía Verde
4. Turn right onto Camper View Rd
5. Resort will be straight ahead

From the I-10W

1. Follow I-10 W to Fairplex Dr in Pomona. Take exit 44 from I-10 W
2. Merge onto I-10 W
3. Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 44 toward Fairplex Dr
4. Keep left to continue toward Fairplex Dr
5. Keep right, follow signs for Fairplex Dr
6. Turn left onto Via Verde Ave/Vía Verde
7. Turn right onto Camper View Rd
8. Resort will be straight ahead

From the CA-57N

1. Continue on CA-57 N. Take I-10 E/San Bernardino Fwy to Fairplex Dr. Take exit 43 from I-10 E/San Bernardino Fwy
2. Merge onto CA-57 N
3. Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 21 for I-10 E/I-10 W toward San Bernardino/Los Angeles
4. Keep right at the fork to continue on Exit 22B, follow signs for I-10 E/San Bernardino Fwy and merge onto I-10 E/San Bernardino Fwy
5. Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 43 for Fairplex Dr
6. Turn left onto Via Verde Ave/Vía Verde
7. Turn right onto Camper View Rd
8. Resort will be straight ahead

From CA-60W

1. Continue on CA-60 W. Take CA-71 N to Fairplex Dr in Pomona. Take exit 14A from CA-71 N
2. Use the right lane to take exit 29B for CA-71 N toward Pomona
3. Keep left and merge onto CA-71 N
4. Take exit 14A toward I-10 E/San Bernardino/Holt Ave – Valley B1
5. Continue on Fairplex Dr
6. Turn left onto Via Verde Ave/Vía Verde
7. Turn right onto Camper View Rd
8. Resort will be straight ahead