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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

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Hello Pacific Cruisers!

Boy, it has been one hell of a year! I am sure looking forward to a new year, and I am hopeful it is all around better than 2020. Who's with me?

I was really inspired this past weekend when we were able to reconnect with some of our GMPC "family" at Canyon RV in Anaheim. It reminded me of a post I saw on Facebook:

"There are friends, there is family, and there are the friends that become family"

Arlene Cantrell said to me when I first saw her on Friday, "It is so good to be able to see our family again". It really hit me at that moment that GMPC is family to so many of us. It is the family that we choose to spend our time with, travel with, laugh with, share memories with, cheer on, support, and celebrate milestones with.

Did you know that the GMC Pacific Cruisers will be celebrating our 45th anniversary in 2021? I think this is an amazing milestone and one to be proud of. It is a testament to the people who created this group and the ones that have carried on the tradition of coming together around our special coaches. It doesn't matter where we live or what we do for a living. We find a common purpose, language and experience by owning our GMC coaches that brings us together as a family. Here are some common experiences we might have:



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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

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1. When you are at a rally and more than one person wakes up in the morning complaining that their furnace didn't work. (This happened last weekend – Hahahaha)
2. When you are traveling to a rally and you stop more than once for roadside repairs. (Luckily this didn't happen this weekend)
3. When you are all set up at a rally and multiple people stop by to tell you how cool your coach is and want to know more about it.
4. They might ask: What is it? Can I look inside? What year is it? How long have you had it?
5. Finally, the last day of every rally is always full of talk about where we are going next and what other ideas we have for rallies.

We will be planning some fun ways to mark our 45th anniversary. So, stay tuned because we want you all to be a part of it. Until then, I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And, no matter what 2021 brings, when I count my blessings I will always count you twice.

Patrice Ciccarelli

President - GMCPC



NOTE FROM OUR "KEEPER OF THE COIN", JOE WEAVER

**THANK YOU TO FIN BEVIN
who sent a check for \$130 a while ago & said it was
a donation to the club.**

Renewal form is attached or can be downloaded at gmcpc.org.
Roster will be printed soon so make sure you are included.

CANYON RV RESORT RALLY

DECEMBER 4 - DECEMBER 6, 2020 in Anaheim Hills, CA



Braving COVID-19 warnings, Santa Ana winds and a nearby brush fire we gathered 11 coaches at Canyon RV Resort in Anaheim Hills for a socially distanced rally. The park-like setting was welcoming, and we enjoyed a sunny sky, warm afternoons and VERY chilly nights. Bill and Midge Kittredge served as rally hosts and boasted a 5-mile drive to the rally. Hosting does have its benefits.

First on the scene were Jeff and Susan Overman in their Palm Beach. They arrived early and scouted the weather and the fire reports for us... They also supplied super photography (including a drone!) during the event and hosted memorable gatherings at their vintage '70's site. Bill and Midge Kittredge arrived as hosts, then Dave and Arlene Cantrell pulled in, blessing us all by saying how good it was to again "be with family." Their Eleganza II is still the shiniest in the club.

Leo and Julie Macaluso showed up next and were strategically parked, so their site became the primary gathering spot. By Friday evening Dave and Donna deGraffenreid, Tom, Patrice and Jeremy Ciccarelli, and Ron & Karen Wagniere were on site. We enjoyed a distanced happy hour, plenty of storytelling, including Great Loup boating adventures from the Wagnieres, then dinner on our own in our coaches.

Saturday morning was a chilly 40 degrees, so the hot coffee was a welcome blessing for all. Tom Ciccarelli, in addition to offering technical assistance to many sure was timely getting the coffee going every morning. Hoss would be pleased. Patrice Ciccarelli led us in a club meeting after the continental breakfast. She brought GMCPG face masks for all, and what a terrific group picture it made. Rally attendance continued to grow when Richard Curiel arrived in his '78 Birchaven. He has done a marvelous job restoring Bob Cook's coach, inside and out! New members, Jaye and Edwardo Steinbrick



CANYON RV RESORT RALLY



rolled in with their cream beauty replete with freshly coated fuel tanks... then two more new members arrived in their '78 Royale's: Tom and Cathy Mantyla; and Moises and Xochitl Villarreal. They added to the enthusiasm and energy of the day and have our solid support as their GMC ownership adventures begin.



The Canyon RV location lent itself well to our needs. Walking and bicycling were a breeze as there were acres of open space, mature trees and the Santa Ana River nearby. There was plenty of opportunity to visit with friends, lift hoods, troubleshoot Onan's, and introduce the new members around their coaches and around the club. We enjoyed a visit Friday from Ralph & Annie Mundia and were sure sorry they couldn't stay. Joe Weaver popped by Saturday for the club meeting, and Steve & Merrie Weinstock also graced the event... Thanks, Steve, for your help with Tom Mantyla's Onan, and cheers to Merrie for her delicious sangria.



We gathered for happy hour again Saturday. Then Wise Guys catered a delicious Italian pasta dinner Saturday night. A little ice cream for dessert helped settle us in for more talking around the fire. Those who were warmly dressed then enjoyed Chevy Chase in Christmas Vacation presented by Julie Macaluso on the side of her and Leo's Palm Beach.



We lingered as long as we could on Sunday, pushing the check-out deadline a bit. Plans are being drawn up now for a February rally in either Riverside, Anaheim Hills (again) or Newport Beach. Stay tuned!



Attendees:

Bill & Midge Kittredge – Hosts
Dave & Arlene Cantrell
Tom & Patrice Ciccarelli and Jeremy
Richard Curiel
Dave & Donna deGraffenreid
Leo and Julie Macaluso
Tom & Cathy Mantyla (NEW MEMBERS!)
Ralph & Annie Mundia

Jeff & Susan Overman
Jaye & Edwardo Steinbrick (NEW MEMBERS!)
Moises & Xochitl Villarreal (NEW MEMBERS!)
Ron and Karen Wagniere
Joe Weaver
Steve & Merrie Weinstock



GMCPC 2021 RALLY SCHEDULE

2021

HOST

January 29-31	*Newport Dunes	Newport Beach, CA	Dave & Donna deGraffenried
February			
March 25-28	*Vintage Trailers Cajun Campin'	Bonelli Bluffs, San Dimas, CA	No Host
April			
May	*Any Ideas??	Call Bill Kittredge	
June 10-13	*Mengheni Winery	Julian, CA	Bill & Midge Kittredge
July – August	Summer Break Or ??		
September			
October			
November			
December			

*January 29-31 Newport Dunes, Newport Beach, CA. Working on details to follow soon....Stay tuned!

*March 3/25 – 3/28 Vintage Trailers Cajun Campin' gathering at Bonelli Bluffs in San Dimas, CA. This is a gathering of all sorts of vintage RV's and the organizers promise to put all GMC motorhomes together in one spot. Register yourself online at www.trailerfestally.com.

*May – Who has an idea and the inclination to host? You will have tons of support when you step up. Give Bill Kittredge a shout! May is a beautiful in so much of So. Cal...There has got to be a spot we can gather for a rally.

*June 10-13 -Menghini Winery Rally in Julian, CA. Bill & Midge Kittredge are the hosts for this wining location among the apple trees and vineyards of historic Julian, CA. Registration material is being developed.

LET US KNOW WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE TO GO IN 2021!

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

G M C P A C I F I C C R U I S E R S C L U B

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's that time of year again – time to renew your membership for 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 begins October 1, 2020 so we are accepting renewals until Dec. 1, 2020.
If you joined GMCPC after July 1, 2020 your membership is good until October 2021.

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.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL (Please return this portion with your payment)

NAME(s): _____ FMCA# _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL# _____ CELL# _____

EMAIL #1 _____ EMAIL #2 _____

Yes my FMCA membership is current _____
Signature Date

2020-2021 Annual Dues \$25/year X _____ years \$ _____

Newsletter Hardcopy by mail \$10.00/year X _____ years \$ _____
or Email only \$00.00

Payable to: GMC Pacific Cruisers \$ _____
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