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Hey there, fellow Pacific Cruisers! I honestly thought that when it was time to write this article for the quarterly newsletter that I would have all sorts of exciting news about upcoming rallies and events. But, as the months passed since our last rally in Julian, the situation around Covid 19 has created a set of circumstances that continue to keep us apart. It is frustrating that we can't plan for any group events, but rest assured that as soon as we get the green light to get back together we will get something planned as soon as possible.



GMCs in Big Bear

This pandemic has really disrupted our normal routines, but it has also created some opportunities that haven't been so bad. I will give you an example. Typically over the summer our two teenage boys are busy with activities, camps, and events that limit how much time we can travel as a family. Not, this year! Everything was canceled so we took advantage of the extra time to get out of Huntington Beach and create a change of scenery so we didn't go stir crazy in our quarantine quarters.

I have mentioned in previous articles that we have a cabin in Big Bear. This became our retreat from covid. Every chance we got we headed up the mountains to relax, fish, hike, play on the lake and visit with friends. Several times we found GMCs parked in our front yard with Pacific Cruisers looking for an escape from their quarantine conundrum too.

In early July we fired up SHHAGGY and headed to Tahoe for 10 days of fun. I had never been to Tahoe before so I was excited to experience what everyone had been talking about. Boy, was it beautiful. We spent the first couple days in South

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Lake Tahoe with the Everhart Family (fellow Pacific Cruisers). Then we headed to West Lake Tahoe and camped for 5 nights at the William Kent Campground. We were hidden away in the trees, across the highway from the lake. It was perfect. We paddle boarded, fished, went off roading in the jeep and did the float down the Truckee River.

We met up with the Everhart family again for our 2 day trip home. We spent the first night in a tiny little campground just out of Big Pine on the 395 called Tinnemaha Creek. This actually ended up being a surprisingly good stop. Our sites were right on the creek and shaded by big pine trees. The kids fished and practiced driving stick-shift in the jeep. They were all experts by the time we headed out.

On the last night of our trip we found ourselves back up in Big Bear. This was an unplanned stop but it ended up working out well. We dropped off the jeep and bikes, took hot showers and did laundry before we headed home. We never thought we would bring SHHAGGY to Big Bear, but it was sure fun seeing her up there.

Until we can get back together again, stay safe and healthy. I hope you are finding ways to stay busy and not go stir crazy. We will be keeping an eye on the situation so that we can get back together as soon as it is safe.

All the best!

Patrice Ciccarelli
President - GMCPC



William Kent Campground



South Lake Tahoe with the Everhart family



Tinnemaha Creek Campground

MESSAGE FROM 1ST VP

GMCPC RALLY UPDATE



We had a delightful rally June 11-14 at Menghini Winery in Julian. July and August were, by design non-rally months. Sadly, the COVID-19 virus rules recently lead to the cancellation of our September rally at Lake Cachuma. At this point we do not have any club sponsored rallies scheduled for the remainder of 2020, though I am hopeful for November or December.

While organized group gatherings, such as rallies, are a challenge, this should not stop us from getting together with our GMC motorhomes on a smaller, and less organized basis. Campgrounds are open for individual reservations, and camping is a safe activity. Open spaces, fresh air, breezes... They all play to our healthy advantage. As such, I encourage you all to make reservations, get out there and enjoy your coaches. Link up with other members for a "mini rally" that includes social distancing and get reacquainted with your GMC friends AND your motorhome.

I believe no-host rallies will work best for us in the near term. By this I mean that we select a date and everybody attending the rally makes their own reservation with the campground, they bring their own food to prepare in their motorhome, and they don't invite others into their motorhome. We can still gather for happy hour, hang out around the coaches, even dine together in our socially distanced chairs... just skip group gatherings in enclosed buildings, lining up close together for meals, shared food, riding together in tow vehicles and the like. Perhaps Bonelli Bluffs in November or December will again work for such a gathering? I will look into it and hope you will share suggestions with me as well.

As regards 2021, Eric and Tippy Schulte have graciously offered to re-ignite the Lake Cachuma rally, and we are thinking about May, a lovely time in Santa Barbara County. June will have us again at the Menghini Winery in Julian. I am looking for ideas in this new era and asking for volunteers to host/organize. Please give me a shout to learn more and to volunteer. Many hands make for easy lifting.

Cheers! Bill Kittredge



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP. GMPC Fiscal Year begins October 1. Please send in the renewal form at the end of the Newsletter with a check for your dues. ASAP!



Bob Cook passed away July 6, 2020. Bob was a long time GMPC member. Thanks for your friendship & your mechanical expertise. RIP Bob.

MEMORIALS



Bob with Freddi Condos. We will always remember the good times.



missed her. RIP sweet Charlotte.



Charlotte Hauge passed away Aug 30, 2020. Charlotte & Hoss have attended almost all GMPC Rallies in the 20 yrs we've known them. Charlotte moved to Assisted Living in September 2019 and we've all

PACIFIC CRUISERS RECIPE CORNER



ingredients

- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 bag of tortilla chips
- 1 (7.75 oz) can Mexican tomato sauce (like El Pato)
- 1 cup shredded Mexican cheese blend
- 1 (14.5 oz) can black beans, drained
- 1 large avocado, cubed 4 green onions, sliced

directions

- Lightly oil the bottom of a large dutch oven, to prevent the nachos from sticking.
- For the first layer, evenly spread 1/3 of the chips into the dutch oven,

- top with 1/4 can Mexican Tomato Sauce,
- 1/4 can black beans,
- 1/4 cup cheese,
- a handful of avocado,
- 1/3 green onions,
- 1/3 cilantro.
- Repeat for the second and third layers.
- Cover the dutch oven and place on a metal grill over your campfire for about 10 minutes
- Serve with the lime wedges.

SUMMER TRAVELS

BILL & MIDGE KITTREDGE on the road in Oregon & California



Midge and Bill Kittredge enjoyed their first ever 3 week GMC motorhome trip in July, a 21 day, 14 stop jaunt around Oregon and down the California coast. We visited Crater Lake, Bend/Sisters, Hood River, the Willamette Valley wine country, and as many coastal stops as we could fit in. Enjoyed spectacular waterfalls and forests, and so many nice campgrounds. Even got to visit Richard Curiel in his Oregon home. The Oregon and California coasts were stunningly beautiful, the Redwoods were amazing, and the GMC turned heads and made new friends at every stop. The highlight was that our 1978 Royale remained mechanically sound throughout. Always a bonus!



ERIC & TIPPY SCHULTE at Refugio



JEFF & SUSAN OVERMAN at the beach.



SERGIO MUSJI AT Rogue River & Crater Lake, OR

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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)

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Yes my FMCA membership is current _____
Signature Date

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