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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

April

May

June

Greetings Pacific Cruisers! It has been such a pleasure to see the club growing and thriving over the last several months. We will have a lot to celebrate at our 45th anniversary



GMCs at Menghini Winery, 2020

celebration at the Menghini Winery Rally in Julian, June 11th - 13th. Planning is underway for several fun activities, friendly competitions and giveaways. We hope to see many of you there for a fun and festive weekend of friends, family, wine tasting and pie. What more could you want?

There has been a lot of good attention given to the Pacific Cruisers recently. You may have seen our club featured in the recent edition of the GMCMI magazine and the [Western FMCA Newsletter](#). Our FMCA Rep, Jesse Bassford, is hoping to come to the June rally to present the club with a certificate honoring our 45th anniversary and a check for \$300.

Much of our recent growth can be credited to our active facebook group. Thanks to Bill Kittredge (the group administrator) and to all who post and share photos of your travels and experiences. It not only

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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

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keeps us connected to each other, but it also promotes our club to others who are interested in being a part of our family.

Also, we are working on a facelift to our website. Jaye Steinbrick, one of our new members and IT specialist, is working on updating our website and we hope to share the new look to you in the upcoming weeks. Stay tuned, there are lots of exciting things happening.

It was so fun seeing all the new members and long-time members at the Campland rally a few weeks ago. Everyone was thrilled to be hanging out together again around the campfire, reconnecting and meeting new friends. Mike and Christine Kociela hosted the rally like pros. Thanks for being such great hosts and putting together such a fun event for all who attended.

We are starting to think about the rallies for next year. Let us know if you have one in mind. We will help you pull it together.

Have a great summer and safe travels!

Patrice Ciccarelli
GMC Pacific Cruisers President



NOTES



BOB MARTIN

Bob Martin passed away June 6. Ruth and Bob were active members for many years. We'll miss seeing their happy faces at our rallies.

LET IT BE / GMC SONG REWRITE COMPETITION

Description:

- Rewrite the song Let It Be by the Beatles to a GMC themed song

Rules:

- You need to write at least 2 verses and a chorus
- Change the words Let It Be to GMC at least 2 times in the song
- Submit your entry by email to pec92646@gmail.com by June 9, 2021

Members who are attending the rally will have a chance to review the submissions and vote on their favorite rewrite. We will attempt a group sing along of multiple submissions at the Saturday evening gathering

Prizes will be awarded to:

Best rewrite (1st, 2nd, 3rd place)

Funniest rewrite

We will send an email to let everyone know who won the competition and we will definitely post some videos on our Facebook page of the sing along for everyone to see.

Let me know if you have questions

I look forward to seeing what you come up with

Patrice Ciccarelli



GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS AT THE VINTAGE CAMPER TRAILERS RALLY

MARCH 25 - 28, 2021 - Bonelli Bluffs RV Resort, San Dimas, CA



Breaking free of COVID restrictions in Southern California the GMC Pacific Cruisers Motorhome Club gathered for a rally within a rally at the Cajun Campin' Vintage Trailer Rally hosted by Vintage Camper Trailers Magazine. Publishers Paul and Caroline Lacitinola welcomed us for a gathering where, for once, our GMCs were NOT the oldest RV's in the campground.

As COVID restrictions eased we registered 20 coaches, 43 members and at least 6 dogs for the 3 day event. We polished and scrubbed our GMCs, inside and out, and proudly rumbled in for a show and tell weekend among trailers and coaches dating back as far back as the 1930's.

The rally featured a shrimp boil welcome on Thursday night, delicious pastries and coffee every morning, a bring your own instrument sing-along on Friday night, classic car show and root beer floats on Saturday and finally a live Saturday night concert by The Ragin Cajun, Doug Kershaw.



GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS AT THE VINTAGE CAMPER TRAILERS RALLY

Paul and Caroline and their team made everyone feel so welcome, and so did the staff at Bonelli Bluffs RV Park. We all mixed and mingled around the many unique RV's. Vintage trailer owners wandered through our coaches amazed by the large windows, six shiny wheels, the sexy lines and the excellent use of space. The atmosphere was relaxing and fun, low-key and friendly, just what we all needed.



Attendees Included:

- Alexander – Joe & Sally
- Cantrell – David & Arlene
- Cartwright – Scott & Brenda
- Ciccarelli – Tom & Patrice and Jeremy
- Curiel – Richard
- DeGraffenreid – Dave & Donna
- Hauge – Hoss
- Everhart – Yancy and Adele and Yancy Jr.
- Kociela – Mike & Christine
- Kittredge – Bill & Midge
- Lamey – Bob & Karen
- Macaluso – Leo & Julie
- Mantyla – Tom & Cathy
- Overman – Jeff & Susan
- Simon – Stephen & Karen
- Steinbrick – Jaye & Edwardo
- Wagniere – Ron & Karen
- Weaver – Joe & Barbara
- Weinstock – Steve & Merrie

CAMPLAND ON THE BAY RALLY

MAY 21 - MAY 23, 2021 in San Diego, CA



We had a wonderful gathering on Mission Bay, San Diego as 16 coaches and almost 40 campers joined the May Rally at Campland. Jeff and Susan Overman arrived early on Thursday and got the “lay of the land” and then welcomed everyone as they arrived on Friday. There was a major backup on the I-5 which delayed most, but sure enough the bulk of the group arrived just in time for the tiki party reception at 5:00pm. Everyone brought appetizers to share and Christine Kociela (Rally Host) whipped up a signature Hawaiian cocktail for the gang called “Pacific Punch,” named after the Pacific Cruisers. Everyone was encouraged to wear Hawaiian shirts/outfits which really created a festive mood. Alison MacArthur won the prize, a Trader Vic’s coconut tiki mug, for the best outfit. The party was humming along and around 6:30pm the now infamous “On-D-Go” GMC arrived sporting its new purpose in life as a tamale food truck! The owners Mani and Vania Karavas sold/served Peruvian style tamales that were incredibly delicious. The evening continued with a robust Karaoke session, more libations and multiple campfires. It probably went a little too far past everyone’s bedtime. Sorry Camplanders!

Saturday morning began with a large continental breakfast outside of the Kociela’s coach that included toasted bagels, croissants, muffins, Aussie Bites, yogurt, fruit, a juice selection and coffee from a new old stock 1960’s era atomic coffee maker. Chet Baker music filled the air as the weather turned from slightly overcast to a classic super sunny San Diego day. Patrice and Jeff enjoyed a late morning stand up paddle board outing on the bay as others spent time sharing stories, taking “e-bike” rides and walking their dogs. Oh...and shaking off some serious hangovers - oops!



CAMPLAND ON THE BAY RALLY



Everyone was on their own for lunch and by 1:00pm the horse shoe tournament began. Jeff Overman won the competition, along with bragging rights and a pink flamingo lawn ornament. We may have spawned a new tradition here - goofy prizes for the winners of fun spirited competitions. Dinner was catered by one of San Diego's top companies - Gringas Tacos & Catering. They provided a yummy spread of Mexican cuisine that several additional guests and the Cruisers enjoyed. As the sun set, people gathered around the campfire as Richard Curiel did what he does best, plays guitar and sings the most thoughtful songs from the 70's. Andrew Hinkle accompanied him on the bowed saw which lended an eerie and atmospheric vibe to the performance. For the most part, everyone made it an early evening as the sun and sea can really take it out of you when spending the day at the beach.

Sunday morning awakened to another continental breakfast and yet another perfect day in SoCal. Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin was the music of choice as the Cruisers drank coffee and talked tech. Tom and several others assisted with diagnosing a minor transmission issue with a coach and as per usual, they narrowed it down and got it straight. Several new potential members had spent time with the group at Campland including Twon and Molly Ridenhour. They got the bug hard and are going to look at a coach this weekend! Woohooo!

All and all, everyone had a great time and most are headed to the next gathering in Julian, California. The Pacific Cruisers are growing in numbers and excitement to keep their 45 year tradition alive and well.

Attendees:

- Mike & Christine Kociela (Rally Hosts)
- Joe & Sally Alexander
- David & Arlene Cantrell
- Tom & Patrice Ciccarella
- Richard Curiel
- Dave & Donna de Graffenreid
- Roy & Karin Gosen
- Phil & Joanne Hernandez
- Andrew Hinkle & Allison MacArthur
- Leo & Julie Macaluso
- Jeff & Susan Overman
- Eric & Tippy Schulte
- Gene & Bobbie Schultz
- Joe & Barbara Weaver
- Steve & Merrie Weinstock



GMCPC 2021 RALLY SCHEDULE

HOST

July - August	Summer Break Or ??	
September	OPEN	
October 7 - 10	Wine Country RV - Paso Robles, CA	GMC Western States
November 11 - 14	Lake Cachuma - Lake Cachuma, CA	Eric & Tippy Schulte
December	OPEN	

2022

January ??	TBD - Palm Springs, CA	Mike & Christine Kociela
March 31 - April 3	Bonelli Bluffs - San Dimas, CA	No Host - *Vintage Trailerfest

*No Host Rally within a Rally. You will make your own reservations & say that you are part of the GMC Pacific Cruisers and they will park us together.

LET US KNOW WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE TO GO!

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