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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

January | February | March

Hello Pacific Cruisers!

Spring has sprung in Southern California, I can feel it in the air. Every year as we slowly come out of the winter season a feeling of optimism emerges with the longer days, the warmer weather and the flowers blooming. I can't think of a year where I have sensed more anticipation for better days. With the vaccine being rolled out people are starting to imagine a day when the pandemic is behind us and we can start gathering together again in groups.



GMCs in Oceanside

In a year where so many businesses and organizations struggled the GMC Pacific Cruisers continued to grow. Did you know that we added 9 coaches to our club in the last year? That 16% increase is amazing and an indication of how special this club is. Thinking back on the 3+ years that we have been attending rallies and getting together with the club, it occurred to me that the reason this club has lasted for 45 years (and many more to come) is because all of our members are people who are willing to:

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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

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Step UP
Show UP
Lift Each Other UP

Clubs like this don't last for 45 years without people willing to **Step Up**. Our members share their skills and talents by taking on leadership positions on the executive board, organizing rallies and pitching in to make sure the rallies run smoothly. It takes a lot of organization and leadership to keep GMCPG going but "many hands make light work". So, don't be shy to share your talents with the club.

Our members **Show UP** consistently. They show up to events and rallies, they show up on our facebook group to let us know what they are up to, and they show up for each other. Before the pandemic we would consistently get 15-20 coaches at an event. And in 2020 with everything going on, we still have had roughly 10 coaches showing up every time we get together.

Finally, our GMC Pacific Cruiser members **Lift Each Other UP**. As soon as you join the club there is always someone there who will make you feel welcome. You are immediately a part of the family and you feel the support. Not just at the rallies, but if someone needs help to fix their coach, advice on where to buy something for their coach, or just need someone to talk to, our GMC pacific cruiser family shows up for each other. Do you remember who made you feel welcome at your first event? I do! Everyone made us feel welcome and it is a memory that I will cherish forever.

We said goodbye to one of our past GMC Pacific Cruiser Presidents this year, Ralph Mundia. Ralph and Annie are great examples of members who always stepped up, showed up and lifted others up. I will never forget how Ralph made me feel when I became President of GMCPG. He pulled me aside and said "Patrice, thank you for stepping up. We need people who will keep this group going. It means so much to us, our GMC family."

Please continue to lift Annie up as she navigates this difficult time without Ralph. He was a very special man, and it was an honor to know him.

So, from the bottom of my heart, Thank You for continuing to step up, show up and lift each other up. This group wouldn't be the same without you.

Patrice Ciccarelli
President - GMCPG



VP MESSAGE

FEBRUARY 2021 in Oceanside, CA



We all have our eye out for that light at the end of the tunnel signaling that we can begin organizing and attending traditional GMCPC rallies. It sure seems like it is just around the corner!

In February a number of us joined with Jeff and Susan Overman at Paradise By The Sea RV Resort in Oceanside for a Thursday through Sunday informal gathering. What a breath of fresh air it was to gather 8 GMC coaches in such a beautiful setting. We enjoyed beautiful sunsets, fine dining and relaxing socialization and talked of coming events. The gathering ended with a caravan of 8 coaches to the Oceanside waterfront. What an adventure!

Please put these upcoming events on your calendar:

March 25-28 – Vintage Camping Trailers rally at Bonelli Bluffs in San Dimas. Register online at www.trailerfesttrally.com and make sure they know you are in a GMC. We will all be parked together.

May – TBD – Mike Kociela, a new member and professional event planner is aiming to host his first rally, very likely in Desert Host Springs. Keep an eye out for updates in the coming weeks.

June 10-13 – Menghini Winery rally in lovely Julian, CA. This will be our 3rd consecutive June with Mike and Toni Menghini. Details to come out later this spring.

November 11-14 – Lake Cachuma rally hosted by Eric and Tippy Schulte



OCEANSIDE 2021

We are wide open from June through October. Who would like to host during this time period? Do you have a spot in mind? Reach out and let's get something organized. We are all hungry for a gathering.



NOTES



RALPH MUNDIA

Long-time member and Past President, Ralph Mundia, passed away in January. Ralph & Annie attended almost all GMCPC Rallies and were good friends of us all. We'll miss his smiling face, his BBQ Tri-tip, his songs & friendship.

Long-time member, Leone Wood, passed away in September. We'll miss her happy face, quiet voice and just having her close. Leone & Dave attended most of our rallies in their 26' coach until a fire a few years ago destroyed it. Didn't slow them down tho'. Next rally they showed up in a nice 23'.

LEONE WOOD



PACIFIC CRUISERS RECIPE CORNER

BREAKFAST SANDWICHES

In a hurry to get out and go when you are camping? I am, so I like to make these Breakfast Sandwiches at home & freeze them to take along.

Judy Booth

RECIPE:

1. Lightly toast English Muffins or other rolls.
2. Place ½ sandwich slice of cheese on bottom roll. Don't use too much or it will run out when reheating.
3. Cook egg in 3 ¼" stainless ring or in one-egg skillet. Break the yolk, smear it around & flip it.
4. Place egg on top of cheese.
5. Salt & pepper, optional.
6. Break a cooked slice of bacon in half & place on the egg. Cover with top roll.
7. Wrap in wax paper & place in zip bag.
8. Freeze until ready to travel. Then put in the RV freezer.
9. To heat individually, remove from zip bag, loosen wax paper and microwave on HI 90 sec.
10. Add catsup or your favorite spread and enjoy!!





GMCPC 2021 RALLY SCHEDULE

		HOST
March 25 - 28	*Vintage Trailers Cajun Campin' - Bonelli Bluffs, San Dimas, CA	No Host
April	OPEN	
May	TBD - ? Desert Hot Springs, CA ??	Mike & Christine Kociela
June 10 - 13	*Mengheni Winery - Julian, CA	Bill & Midge Kittredge
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	

*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.trailerfestrally.com.

*May New member & event planner, Mike Kociela is aiming to host his first rally, likely in Desert Hot Springs.

*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.

*Schedule & Registration form are available at gmcpc.org.

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

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