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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

July | August | September

Greetings to all of you,

I hope your summer travels were safe, adventurous and enjoyable. Our family took our motorhome to Colorado on



an amazing trip to Durango, Ouray and Dolores. We were blown away at how beautiful that area of the country is and we were so grateful to have experienced that trip as a family, especially based on the story I am about to tell you.

One day after we returned from our 2000 mile round trip to Colorado our coach was involved in a devastating accident that caused it to be totaled. The accident occurred when Tom was returning the coach to storage (2 miles from our home). We were so fortunate that Tom was not seriously injured. The damage was so extensive to the coach it is hard to picture someone walking away from it relatively OK. I think that is a testament to how well built these motorhomes are and the amount of energy they can absorb.

As you can imagine, our whole family is devastated about the loss of our motorhome. If you had a chance to camp with us over the last 4 years you would understand how central the motorhome was in our family

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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

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story and how much all 5 of us (including Gem) cherished every trip we took in Shhaggy.

This was not how I expected to step down from being President of The Pacific Cruisers and it breaks my heart to have to share this news. However, for a variety of reasons, we are not actively looking to replace our coach at this time. We are not completely closing the door on potentially owning one in the future, we are just giving ourselves some time to process what happened and decide what the next Ciccarelli chapter will be.



As you know, our club has thrived over 45 years, because we kept true to the charter of all members being owners of GMC Motorhomes. We have said goodbye to many loyal members over the years who gave up their coaches for one reason or another. They will always be part of our club story just like the Ciccarelli Family. But the unfortunate reality of not being GMC Motorhome owners any longer, is that we have to step out of the club and let it thrive under new leadership.

You likely received an email from me asking for members to consider stepping up to be on the executive board so that the club can continue to thrive. My term ends at the end of September. We are hoping to have a new board for you to approve before October 1st. If you have any questions about taking on the role of President (or any other role), please reach out to me, I am happy to share what I know and help anyone get up to speed.

Oh, and don't forget, As President, you can request reimbursement for rally fees if you want! - a great incentive!

I love you all and will miss seeing you at rallies.

Patrice Ciccarelli

GMC Pacific Cruisers President



MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

October Rally:

Plan to join the fun at the GMC Western States rally this October in Paso Robles. It will be held October 7-10 at the Wine Country RV Resort, a location we have enjoyed a number of times in the past. Armand Minnie and Dave deGraffenreid are the lead hosts. If you are not already registered, I encourage you to reach out to Dave deGraffenreid at 949-285-7913 to discuss attending. There will be technical sessions and social gatherings, as well as plenty of easy access to the wineries in Paso Robles.



December Rally:

Keep an eye out for updates from Mike Kociela about the December rally in the Palm Springs area. It is tentatively scheduled for the first or second weekend in December. Mike has a lead on a very nice location. Details to come in the next month or so.

We Are Moving On:

Midge and I will be moving to our new home in Daphne, Alabama October 17, a move that allows us to ease into retirement and to be close to family. As such, the GMC Western States Palo Robles rally will be our last with the GMC Pacific Cruisers. We joined the club with the selfish desire to learn the do's and don'ts with our GMC, and no doubt the contacts we have made here have carried us through many a technical episode with the coach. It is the friendships, however that have kept us in the club, and the bonds forged here will be hard to re-create as we head to the Gulf Coast. Thank you all for your love and support. We wish the Pacific Cruisers family every success and happiness in the years to come.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Our Fiscal Year begins October 1, 2021. It's time to renew your membership so that you will be included in the Roster.

The Membership Renewal Form is being sent with this Newsletter. There is also now an online renewal option at: <https://www.gmcpc.org/join>.



GMCPC 2021-22 RALLY SCHEDULE

2021

HOST

October 7 - 10	Wine Country RV - Paso Robles, CA	GMC Western States
November	CANCELLED due to COVID19 Restrictions - Lake Cachuma, CA	
December 3-5	Emerald Desert - Palm Desert, CA	Mike & Christine Kociela

2022

HOST

January ???	OPEN	GMC Western States
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 CLUB OFFICERS WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS.**

NOTES

FROM DAVID & ARLENE CANTRELL

To our dear friends that we have made in the 27 years as a GMC Pacific Cruiser. This has been a wonderful time in our lives, but it's time to hang up the old steering wheel.

Anybody coming thru Redding, give us a call. We have room for 6 GMC's.

Love to all,

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MENGHINI WINERY RALLY

JUNE 10 - 13, 2021 in Julian, CA



For the third consecutive June we gathered at Menghini Winery in Julian, this time to celebrate Flag Day in all its splendor. Mike and Toni Menghini again welcomed us to their pastoral property where we parked among apple trees and grape vines in a warm and sunny setting. Bill and Midge Kittredge served as rally hosts, and there were 19 GMCs represented, the most ever.

Thursday, under sunny skies and cool westerly breezes the first 9 GMC's rolled in. The Wolfe family arrived at 2:00 AM Friday from Arizona and were greeted by temps 50 degrees cooler than what they left at home.

Friday was sunny and warm as the remaining GMC's rumbled in, notably the Arizona Everharts who made a 2-day event of the commute to Julian. Some used Friday to explore the town of Julian, while others relaxed, napped, played cornhole and took full advantage of cold beer on tap from Mike Menghini's beer truck. Mike and Toni showcased their wines in a pre-dinner tasting for all. We then bowed our heads, giving thanks for 100% safe arrivals, before enjoying a dinner of pulled pork, beans and coleslaw from A&S Catering. Everyone saved room for



MENGHINI WINERY RALLY



Julian Apple Pie a la mode.



Saturday brought delicious A&S breakfast burritos and another warm and beautiful day. We held a club meeting after breakfast to confirm the slate of officers for the coming year. It was again a day for wine tasting at Menghini and at neighboring Volcan Winery, and for visits to quaint Julian. Mike Menghini introduced anybody who was interested to the winery and to his collection of antique cars. Under the "it's a small world" category, Rick and Marli Shoop, former 49ers who happened to be camping nearby in their Eleganza II joined us for the day and gained some mechanical insights from our crew. Hurray, they plan to join the club!



In the afternoon we hosted a delightful open house with numerous winery visitors viewing our GMCs. A&S then served a dinner of grilled chicken and beans followed by more Julian Apple Pie a la mode and a spectacular sunset. Evening brought live acoustic guitar music from our very own Richard Curiel and Mike Kociela. Wow, musical blessings to us all. This was preceded by several renditions of submitted GMC songs, all of which drew applause and laughter. The Family von Ciccurelli took home the grand prize.



We meandered home Sunday, none of us in a hurry, and not wanting the weekend to end. The kids, in particular, noted this is their favorite GMCPC rally. Fortunately, we have been invited back by the Menghini's for a fourth annual event in 2022. Get ready to put this one on your June calendar. Dates are being negotiated.



Attendees:

- Bill & Midge Kittredge (Hosts)
- Scott & Brenda Cartwright
- Tom & Patrice Ciccurelli,
- Jeff & Jeremy
- Richard Curiel
- Dave & Donna deGraffenreid
- Yancy & Courtney Everhart,
- Ady & Yancy Jr.
- Mike & Fran Fimbres
- Gary & Cathy Gunn
- Lynda Harris & Ron Roman
- Mike & Christine Kociela
- Leo & Julie Macaluso
- Ben & Mary Price
- Eric & Tippy Schulte
- Rick & Marli Shoop
- Jaye & Eduardo Steinbrick
- Joe & Barbara Weaver
- Steve & Merrie Weinstock
- Henry & Jonni Wolfe,
- Gracie, Charlotte & Penelope
- Dave Wood

