



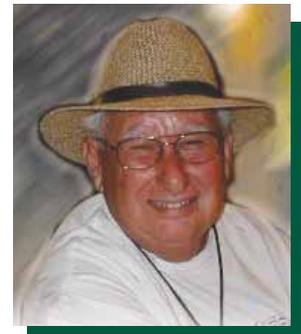
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**HERE COMES THE PRES** **Oct | Nov | Dec 2006**

The end of the year is here and your Board has been working diligently to line up rallies for 2007. Most of the rallies will be at new locations and will be a little different. The concentrated effort is due to the need to get the rally information printed in the Newsletter months ahead of the rally dates. Speaking of the Newsletter, I have been asking rally attendees to receive their newsletter by e-mail to conserve Club funds. To the club members that have not been to a rally lately, I ask you to send an e-mail note requesting e-mail delivery of the Newsletter to Cindy Liebeck at the new Treasurer's e-mail site [gmcpc treasurer@yahoo.com](mailto:gmcpc treasurer@yahoo.com). As we continue to reduce the printing and U.S. mail delivery costs, the Club will see the benefits.



A Nominating Committee has been formed, early, to seek potential office holders for next year's slate. Let's help the Committee by suggesting members that have the potential to run this Club. Experience in life, business acumen, enthusiasm, leadership, "can do attitude", and a desire to participate in the workings of a great Club are characteristics of the people we want to run the Club. Give the name of the person you would like to see on the Board to a current Board member and the Nominating Committee will do the rest. At the time of announcing the Nominating Committees slate of officers, the question is always asked, "Is there a nomination from the floor?" It is rare that a person is named from the floor and this is due to the Nominating Committee working months ahead to recommend the best possible candidates.

The position of Club Historian is still open and those of you that can do scrap booking are really missing out. You can use your style to set up the history of rallies just the way you want it. Talk to a board member about the nature of the position. It is not hard and you get to record the history of the Club by selecting the photos that go into the scrapbook. So far the Club has a collection of large two inch thick leather bound books that probably have pictures of you when you were young and spry.

**cont.**

**OUR MEMBERSHIP COUNT IS 173**

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## HERE COMES THE PRES CONT.

The quantity of technical articles for the Newsletter is coming up a bit short. Usually the article is about maintenance but it can be about modifications, RV products or special tools. There is probably something that you know that would be appreciated by our members. The main interest is the topic itself. When was the last time you read a technical article written by a woman? Come on ladies—you are knowledgeable also. Lets look at a few categories that could be the subject of an article; furnishings, lighting and carpet preferences, type of fabrics for long wear, do's and don'ts of color combinations, window coverings and how you get your husband to do the things you want him to do.

Participate as often as you can.

**Jim Rowe**

## TREASURER'S NOTE

The last two months have been a time of transition for your treasurers, past and present. Eileen Staal is very thorough, and the quality of her records and the instructions she gave to me reflected this. In addition to the normal hand-off of responsibilities, the decision was made to change banks. The banking change was considered because of new requirements put in place by the Patriot Act as well as some service pitfalls by the existing bank. After some research, a bank was found that provided better service and convenience for an organization like Pacific Cruisers.

The result of all of this was a delay in depositing some of your renewal checks. Now that the new account is in place, please expect your transactions to happen in a more timely fashion. Thank you for the questions many of you had regarding the delay, and, more importantly, thank you for your patience through this period.

## WISHING YOU ALL



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by : **Ellen Gandola**

### **FLYING FLAGS RV RESORT**

Going North to the Central Coast was a warm wonderful weekend to gather again for the GMC Pacific Cruisers. Ed and Eileen Staal planned and carried out a fantastic Rally (again).

After parking 32 coaches, the five o'clock Happy Hour in the main clubhouse gave opportunity to renew friendships, catch up on current happenings and welcome new members. Guy Hickey, Bill Plaster and Doris Hayes of the human kind and Dave and Arlene Cantrell introduced "Mattie" of the four legged kind.

Tables were decorated with Autumn leaves made a festive feeling to enjoy another delicious gala Italian dinner of pizza, lasagna and salad.

Saturday morning we were treated to freshly prepared Ableskivers, Danish sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee and juice, all was fantastic. Followed by a business meeting with presiding President, Jim Rowe and newly elected Treasurer, Cindy Liebeck. Chuck Garton gave an update on FMCA happenings and Jim Peugh updated information on the

website. Also there was discussion on purchase of a new sound system.

The midday was a chance to explore Solvang, go wine tasting, relax, or play games before the five o'clock "hour" and a great Santa Maria style Steak dinner with ice cream for dessert.

Norm Shier introduced a new game, L-C-R. It was fast moving and everyone really enjoyed it...Bob Blenkinsop was the big "\$" winner.

Unfortunately, Sunday morning came all too soon. Before we said goodbye we had one more meal, all catered so our Hosts Ed and Eileen could enjoy their time to. A B I G, B I G **THANK YOU** for their time and effort so we could enjoy another outing together. Sorry Phil and Joanne Hernandez had mechanical problems and had to cancel.

The upcoming rallies look very interesting, so plan to join in and enjoy with us.

#### **Attendees:**

ABirch, Jack & Shelby

Blenkinsop, Bob

Burner, Ed & Emma

Bowden, Gerry and Vi

Cantrell, Dave & Arlene

Condos, Frank & Freddi

Cook, Bob

Covington, Gerry & Suzanne

Davis, Fred & Cynthia

Ellis, Russ & Barbara

Gandola, Ray & Ellen

Garton, Chuck & Dorris

Gaw, Betty & Marilyn Maxwell

Gosen, Roy & Karin

Grant, Bill & Carol

Hanlon, Tom & Pat

Hauge, Hoss & Charlotte

Hickey, Guy

Hobson, Al & Barbara

Lachman, Gary & Selma

Liebeck, Cindy

Nelsen, Lee & Suzanne

Nelson, John & Anne

Peugh, Jim and Alice-Faye Brown

Plaster, Bill & Doris Hayes

Roland, Marilyn

Rowe, Jim & Audree

Schultz, Gene & Bobbie

Shier, Norm & Shirley

Skiles, Narod & Jessie

Staal, Ed & Eileen (Rally Hosts)

Walters, Bob & Phyllis

## **SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS**

**Welcome! - To our new members and we hope to see you at upcoming rallies.**

**Bob and Joanne Edmison** – Alta Loma, Ca. – Purchased GMC January 1999. Bob has an automotive engineering background. He built car engines professionally and has also built race cars. He raced sport cars, both midgets and sprints from 1952-1969. Joanne's interest includes photography, bonsai and reading. Both are retired. The Edmison's were discovered at a nearby restaurant and were encouraged to attend the Buellton Rally and they agreed.

**Guy Hickey** – North Hollywood, Ca – 1978 Royale, purchased September, 2006. Guy is retired from his company that manufactures Hiend stereo components. Guy joined us at the Buelleton Rally.



**QUARTZSITE, AZ.  
January 16 - 24, 2007**

Directions: highway 10 east to exit 19, Quartzsite Arizona, turn right at first street Riggins Avenue proceed to Kuehn St. right turn. proceed to just before Az. 95 (signal) turn left into Rice Ranch South. There will be signs guiding you to our area.

On your own for food, no meetings, just come and have fun, shop, chat, relax, etc. There are no hook-ups, so bring your water tanks full and your holding tanks empty. They have water wagons and honey wagons (for a charge) that come around, at their will.

Bob Lamey and Ed Staal will share their experience with dutch oven cooking. Bring your dutch oven and share in the fun of cooking for the group.

**Tues. Jan 16** – Check-In... 4:00 Happy Hour

**Wed. Jan 17 thru Tues. Jan 23** - Shop, Sit, Chat. **HAPPY HOUR 4:00 pm daily**

**Wed. Jan 24** - Back to reality, long showers, and the remote control



The Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama will be starting on Friday. It's an unbelievable variety displayed on 2.2 miles of frontage. The R.V. show will be opening on Saturday. It's similar to FMCA with vendors. There are walk-up places to eat. Last year we lucked out with good weather, but, it can be windy, cold, rainy. So come prepared. Bring comfortable shoes for walking.

You can join us for any of the days listed. Rice Ranch North has closed, and payment must be made in advance for any area roped off including the gathering area. Therefore we're charging \$50.00 per coach for the eight days. Come for one, two or all eight days; the price is the same - **\$50 per coach**

**Rally Hosts: Chuck & Dorris Garton; Marilyn Roland; Bob Cook**

**Registration – must be received by January 8, 2007. Cancellations after January 12, 2007 will not receive a Refund. Send Registration to :Dorris Garton –604 Las Posas Street, Ridgecrest, Ca. 93555 (760) 375-5568 (cell: (760) 271-0206)**

\*\*\*\*\*Cut off and mail with your check\*\*\*\*\*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No \_\_\_\_\_ First Rally (Y/N) \_\_\_ Coach Lic # \_\_\_\_\_ Tow Vehicle Lic # \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED\$ \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_



By Ed Burner

## FUEL TANK HEATING

The air under the tanks has been heated by the radiator, the engine, the exhaust system and the road. When the road is hotter than the tanks, the road also radiates heat to the tanks. For each grade, gasoline with an open surface evaporates at a rate limited by its temperature and the pressure at the surface. Our tanks have a pressure cap that opens at 5 psi to prevent tank damage. A little vapor escapes thru the vent line (The fuel overflow valve in the vent line has a 1/16" opening that limits the vapor flow rate). If the fuel exceeds its cap-on boiling point, the cap will vent vapor. If the cap were to be removed at this point, boiling fuel would eject from the filler tube big time! In summary, over heating of fuel tanks wastes fuel and can cause damage, so what did I do about it?

I re-routed the OEM exhaust away from the fuel tanks. In the second bay behind the mufflers I have two 2" pipes turning left under the frame, extending out far enough for the smoke to clear the left intermediate wheel. I have 1" rigid building insulation, shiny side out, supported by two 3/4" plywood panels 48" by 54" under the tanks from frame to frame. I have the front of this compartment blocked with the same combination. If you have OEM location pipes, I suggest you put an insulated steel covered wall between the tanks and the exhaust pipe. Attach the right side of the bottom plywood to this, leaving the smoke pipe open to cool.

When I drive in or out of driveways, sometimes the tank covers scrape. When I get down to it on my list, I'm going to readjust my automatic ride height valves a little to minimize this.

## FLOOR INSULATION & FIREPROOFING

I saw a GMC for sale that had a hole burned thru the floor behind the dinette by a hole in exhaust pipe. Also, I read of a case where a hole burned thru the floor and melted a hole in the water tank. Sloshing water kept putting out the fire. The owner discovered the damage when he tried to fill the tank. The following is what I did to protect the 3/4" plywood floor:

I inspected the whole exhaust system for leaks. I jacked and blocked the rig to gain access. I started the engine and before the pipes got hot, I felt for and noted out of sight holes . . . In the bays forward of the tanks, I removed the corroded thin aluminum and the flammable insulation. I replaced them with 1" rigid insulation and .040" polished stainless steel (.005" to .010" would be better). (If you have the OEM pipe beside the fuel tanks, do the same there. One 4' by 8' sheet would suffice in this case.) I replaced whole exhaust parts as necessary. If my GMC \$ bag repair kit had allowed it, I would have gotten stainless steel mufflers, pipes and preformed bends.

## SYNTHETIC LUBRICANTS

I've done a little synlube research recently. The truth-in-labeling laws do not apply to synlubes. There are two types of base stocks used, the best and the cheaper. Red Line and EON are truly 100% best base stock. Mobil 1 is unknown % of the cheaper base stock. For dealers and additional info, check [neosyntheticoil.com](http://neosyntheticoil.com) and [redlineoil.com](http://redlineoil.com). Both sell a full line of lubricant types, even CV joint grease (which was news to me). Although synlubes are more expensive than petrolubes, their extended drain intervals, less wear and increased gas mileage make them more economical in the long run.

*Editor's Note: If you are interested in the subject of synthetic oils, you can research on the internet to avoid manufacture's hype. There is a lot of information including synthetic oils makeup from Material Safety Data Sheets and some independent test data. No negatives except for the price.*



### **MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING November 4, 2006**

Meeting called to order by President, Jim Rowe, at 9:30 a.m. Jim Peugh brought a sound system, borrowed from the Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce, and set it up for us to try. It was very much appreciated. Every word could be heard by everyone in the room. Jim Rowe announced that the club was shopping for a new system and that member, Marilyn Roland, had agreed to make a \$200.00 donation to the club to help with its purchase.

Rallymasters Ed and Eileen Staal were given a rousing thank-you for a great rally.

Jim introduced new Treasurer, Cindy Liebeck who gave the Treasurer's Report and explained to the membership that some checks they may have written for membership renewal are being held and will be deposited as soon as the new bank account is functioning. Cindy reported that most people had checked both U.S. mail and email for their Newsletter on the membership renewal form. Jim and Cindy asked people to try taking the newsletter solely via email to save mailing costs. Some members stated that if costs were the main consideration, the dues should be raised to cover them. Cindy reminded the group that we are a non-profit organization and must operate under the guidelines for such a group. Raising the dues might put that status in jeopardy. Those that want snail mail will still be able to have it, but those who opt for email and have a color printer will enjoy the Newsletter in living color.

Eileen Staal was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her service as Treasurer of GMC Pacific Cruisers. Eileen served three presidents and her contributions were significant. Jim told the membership that Eileen had "questioned everything" and served us well.

Jim introduced new members and first time attendees, Bill Plaster and Doris Hayes. Also introduced were guests and potential members, the Edminstons, who were found checking into Flying Flags in their GMC and invited to the rally. They are planning on joining our Club.

Jim reminded the membership that we currently have no Historian. He described the importance of that office and urged a volunteer to come forward.

The Nominating Committee has been formed chaired by Ed Staal, with Freddi Condos and Jim Rowe. Jim discussed the function of the Nominating Committee and their importance. They will be talking to members and soliciting the strongest possible slate of officers for the upcoming elections in June.

Webmaster Jim Peugh gave an update on our website, [www.gmcpc.org](http://www.gmcpc.org). He is currently reworking it to give it a more modern look and make it easier to navigate. He urged

members to send pictures and other things they want posted.

Chuck Garton, FMCA Representative, gave a report on the FMCA National Meeting and efforts to streamline their method of governing by changing the districts and lowering the number of representatives.

Lee Nelsen gave the dates and descriptions of upcoming rallies. This will be printed in the next issue of the Newsletter and posted on our website.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

### **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2006**

Meeting called to order by President, Jim Rowe. Present were board members plus two guests, Eileen Staal and Freddi Condos. Absent was Treasurer, Cindy Liebeck.

Jim explained that there is currently no GMCP bank account at the present time due to transitioning of Treasurers and opening the account at a new location. As before, only President and Treasurer will have signing capacity on the account.

New membership form with Cindy's name instead of Eileen's, needs to be printed and distributed to membership. Old forms should be discarded.

Freddi will continue as Newsletter Coordinator. Deadline date for input is Nov. 15th.

Status of upcoming rallies was discussed:

Cable Airport – Jan 5-7, 2007, FMCA Roundup, Indio, Jan. 10-14, 2007, Quartzsite – Jan 16-24, 2007.

Silent Valley – Feb. 16-18, 2007 (Lee and Jim to visit Silent Valley and finalize details).

Midway – March 16-18, 2007

GMC WS at Mt. Hood, OR - last weekend of April, 2007

Nominating committee consisting of Ed Staal, Freddi Condos, and Jim Rowe will begin soliciting a new board for the election in June.

Audree Rowe, Secretary

Reported by **Ellen Gandola**

## LAKE JENNINGS COUNTY PARK

"Go East" young at heart GMC people. Route 8 from I-5 or I-15 brings you to San Diego County and Lake Jennings, just past the City of El Cajon for a simple and refreshing weekend arranged by Chuck and Mary Botts. A fine time we had! Find your campsite with full hooks (for \$18), visit with old friends and new acquaintances until five pm, the "Magic Hour", in the pavilion, followed by a gala Greek Isle Buffet dinner, different and delicious. A few of us stayed for a game of dominoes. In the dark, it was an adventure finding our campsite. Always should carry a flashlight.

Saturday, 8:15 am was the first run to the Dyno Shop for testing, in turns until 3:00 pm. Everyone got their evaluation

in time for the "Magic Hour" and dinner at the Hosts campsite. Down with the chairs and BYOB for the Pollo Loco Party. Chuck made the food runs and it was terrific.

Sunday breakfast was ready in the pavilion as we arrived. Breakfast included juice, muffins, and bagels with the works.

We had a wonderful time and wish to thank Chuck and Mary for the invitation. We have a wonderful Club, and it is a pleasure and privilege to be a GMC PACIFIC CRUISER! Come and join in the fun.

**ATTENDEES:**  
 BIRCH, JACK & SHELBY  
 BLENKINSOP, BOB  
 BOTTS, CHUCK & MARY  
 CANTRELL, DAVE & ARLENE  
 CERRINA, PAT & SHARON  
 CONLEY, LARRY & JAN  
 COOK, BOB  
 FERGUSON, STEVE & NANCY  
 GANDOLA, RAY & ELLEN  
 GARTON, CHUCK & DORRIS

HOOTON, BOB & DORTHY  
 MARANA, JOHN & MARTHA  
 MC QUILLIAMS, FRANK & JAN  
 NELSEN, LEE & SUZANNE  
 NUTMANN, BOB & BARBARA  
 RUBIO, JOE & BERNICE BRADT  
 TRIP, BRIAN & JOY  
 VALPEY, BOB  
 WOOD, DAVE & LEONE  
 WORLLITZ, NORMAN & DONNA

## TRAVEL ADVISORY

by Marilyn Rowland

Here's a reminder –the official GMC channel on your CB radio is Channel 14. The next time you want to call that GMC you see heading in the other direction, or stopped by the side of the road, remember to use Channel 14.

### NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE FOR 2007

<b>Publica. Dates</b>	Mar 30	June 29	Aug 31	Dec 7
<b>Info to Coordi.</b>	Mar 9	June 8	Aug 10	Nov 12
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## FOR SALE CORNER

1976 GMC GLENBROOK, 26'  
 REAR BED, DUAL ROOF AIR, GOOD TIRES  
 ON ALCOA RIMS,  
 CUSTOM IN AND OUT.  
 MAINTAINED BY BOB LAMEY  
 ASKING \$15,000 OBO  
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 LISTED ITEMS) – 951-244-8340

1978 GMC ROYALE  
 VERY CLEAN! ASKING PRICE \$26,500  
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# PACIFIC CRUISERS 2007 RALLY SCHEDULE



## JANUARY 5-7, 2007

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS, CABLE AIRPORT – UPLAND, CA

HOSTS: NORM & SHIRLEY SHIER

We enjoyed the planes at Cable Airport last time but this is the BIG air show with acrobatics, wingwalkers, prize winning hot rods, entertainment and great food. It is dry camping, however, we'll have our own large tent right on the edge of the tarmac for a birds eye view of everything.

## JANUARY 10-14, 2007

FMCA ROUTE 66 WESTERN AREA RALLY – INDIO, CA

(Contact Chuck Garton at 760-375-5568 – for information)

## JANUARY 16-24, 2007

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS, QUARTZSITE, AZ

HOSTS: CHUCK & DORRIS GARTON; MARILYN ROLAND AND BOB COOK

By popular demand, it's time to circle the wagons, share potlucks (or not...you are on your own for food), and tell tall tales around the campfire. Just come and have fun, shop, chat, relax, etc. No hook-ups, so bring your water tank full and your holding tank empty. There is a charge for the water and honey wagons that come around.

## FEBRUARY 16-18, 2007

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS, SILENT VALLEY RV RESORT (NEAR BANNING, CA)

HOST: BILL BOYER

This is a privately owned Five Star RV Resort located in the San Jacinto Mountains. There was a devastating fire in the area but the Resort was untouched and all should return to normal by our Rally Date. Enjoy nature or Clubhouse activities. As always a wonderful weekend is planned.

## MARCH 16-18, 2007

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS, MIDWAY CARRIER – SAN DIEGO, CA

HOSTS: GERRY AND SUZANNE COVINGTON

Enjoy a visit to the San Diego area and a tour of the famous aircraft carrier, USS Midway. Gerry sailed around the world on the Midway, during his career as a Navy Pilot.....so we are sure to hear some good sea stories from him.

## APRIL 22-27, 2007

GMC WESTERN STATES, MT. HOOD VILLAGE RV RESORT

HOSTS: GMCWS BOARD

## SEPTEMBER 4-8, 2007

GMC WESTERN STATES, COCHISE TERRACE RV RESORT – (NEAR BENSON, AZ)

HOSTS: STEVE AND NANCY FERGUSON

NEED HOSTS FOR MAY, JUNE, OCT, NOV, DEC- 2007

(PLEASE SEE LEE NELSEN IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST A RALLY)



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