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**FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL**

This will be my last letter as Presidents and it is bitter sweet. While I look forward to being "just a member" I feel I was fortunate to meet so many of you because I was President. One of the most important parts of the President's job is to get to know the members and to make them feel at home. It is especially important for new members to be welcomed into the Club and to feel like they belong.



All RV-ing is facing trying times as the price of fuel continues to remain above \$4.00 a gallon. It is tough on anyone, but many of our members are on fixed income and it has hit them particularly hard. We have lost so many members this year through illness and their passing. They (and those they left behind) are truly missed. Our new officers have an enormous challenge in front of them and I wish them success. With your support and ideas they will meet the challenge.

We have some fantastic rallies lined up and most are close enough to many members so that fuel should only be a secondary challenge. The variety of locations and what they have to offer should please the most discriminating members.

I have been a member of several clubs over the years and served in one capacity or another. I can say to you it has been an honor and I hope I have kept your trust.

Suzy and I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming rallies.

Keep your tires pumped up and brakes in top shape and most of all keep your GMC on the road,

Lee

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**OUR MEMBERSHIP COUNT IS 144**

# BARN BASH III

by : **Karen Lamey**

If we were to rate a Rally on a scale of 1-10, this would score 11! The weather was absolutely beautiful, especially for those of us who arrived from HOT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA! We left 105 degree temperature for the pleasant 70's in Ventura.

Some members arrived early and did a lot of preparatory work. Dave De Graffenreid got some trees planted, trimmed, removed, etc. Maybe that's how he remains so slim and trim! He was also seen making some wonderful Salsa every day, but the gas mask he wore did concern us! Also, Donna made a great salad most days. Thanks guys! A "new" Happy Hour" drink was provided for us called Blasters. They were G R E A T! Like drinking Lemon-aid, only it wasn't Lemon-aid but there was no hangover! No one cared how many calories were in one? Our Rally Host created another great invention.

It was a "working" Rally, and everyone pitched in to help and it was great fun! On Friday afternoon, Jerry Benson from DUDA Farms told us about "Organics and Sustainable Agriculture". It was informative and interesting! Friday's dinner was Fabulous Fish Taco's. The fish had been speared in the local waters. They were really good! Later Friday night we had a ceremonial bonfire lighting and Summer Solstice Party with a Live Band and some wild dancing in the barn. Also on Friday the meat and vegetables were prepared for the deep pit BBQ.

Each morning John and Dee, with some help from attendees, prepared a hearty Ranch Breakfast, in the Wok. That Wok sure does come in handy! Several of us now have one of our own. They can be made from a disc from a piece of farm machinery and a bit of welding.

Saturday morning, the general membership meeting was held and officers were elected for 2009. Afterwards, Perry and Stephanie did a presentation about Turtles and the Pond. They were both knowledgeable and enthusiastic about their subject matter. While this was going on, some of the "guys" were preparing for the "Erection Party". There was concern that they could pull it off without someone being severely injured. With a little help from some blue jellybean pills and lots of people, some yelling, and oh yes, the Fork Lift, up went the Flag Pole! It worked like a charm! Then up went the Glorious Flag. Later the Canadian Flag was added. You can see both from miles away.

Saturday afternoon, Gary's Famous GMC Limo escorted members to a downtown shopping spree. There were some

Tech Sessions (just enough to scare some new members) and then an early "Happy Hour" (more Blasters) and the Famous Johnny D Auction. Dave De Graffenreid sat in the big easy recliner above the bandstand and blew his horn every time someone paid more than the item's purchase price. There was even a really neat pair of plaid shorts auctioned off! At the last Barn Bash Rally an Ice Chest full of "our beer" was auctioned off. That was the last time we kept our Ice Chest outside our motor home! We enjoyed the unveiling and dinner of the Deep Pit BBQ meat and veggies (excellent). All cheered the exciting ceremonial bonfire lighting event. Later we devoured ice cream sundaes. Several of our members participated in a Solstice Drum Circle. Didn't know we had so much rhythm and talent.

Sunday, after another Hearty Ranch Breakfast, there was a Watercolor Painting Class given by Cynthia Davis. The guys had another Tech Session. There was a picnic with our Hosts providing Watermelon. There were more Tech Sessions and more Blasters. An abundance of meat (beef brisket, pork and lamb) from Saturday's dinner was available for Taco's to be prepared in the BIG Wok. Big Daddy John was again in his glory turning out made to order Taco's. Ernie Seth offered to spell him in his labor but Big Daddy would not hear of it. Sort of think BDJ enjoys cooking.

Monday morning, after yet another Hearty Ranch Breakfast, it was the "Big Clean-up Time". With lots of help it was completed in no time. Some said farewell and other stayed on another day. By now John and Dee are ready to collapse into some R & R. As always, it was a great place for a Rally. Thank you John and Dee! We do look forward to Barn Bash IV, only after John and Dee have thoroughly recovered from this one.

Oops, forgot to mention that some of the "ladies" kept disappearing into the loft of the barn for you know what. There was worry about them when the Flag Pole was being raised, as it came quite near to their location. All went well and they survived to continue in their quest for more days of J & M.

Ernie Seth brought his "Model T" and provided rides to the marina and around the farm for all to enjoy! Thank you Ernie, that was swell fun! Some of the ladies even dressed for the event.

**Again: THANK YOU JOHN AND DEE!**







# BARN BASH III



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## Attendees:

Booth, Ken & Judy  
Boyd, Mike & Ruth Christy  
Cerrina, Pat & Sharon  
Condos, Frank & Freddi  
Cook, Bob  
Covington, Jerry & Suzanne  
Davis, Fred & Cynthia  
De Graffenreid, Dave & Donna  
Fischer, Erich & Martha  
Garton, Chuck & Dorris  
Gaw, Betty & Marilyn Maxwell

Hauge, Hoss & Charlotte  
Lamey, Bob & Karen  
Lockwood, John & Dee (Rally Host)  
Nelsen, Lee & Suzanne  
Peugh, Jim & Alice-Faye  
Pickard, Jon & Carol  
Russell, April  
Seth, Ernie & Ann  
Simmons, Duane & Billie  
Tolison, Gary  
Valpey, Bob  
Wilhelm, Augie & Ruth (New Members)

## DOODLE THE THERAPY DOG

by **Audree Rowe**

Well known GMC Pacific Cruiser dog, Doodle, is shown here wearing her "Love on 4 Paws" uniform after she passed her therapy dog exam with flying colors. Therapy dogs are used to bring happiness and comfort to the sick and disabled. Doodle, and her owner, Marilyn Roland, will soon be volunteering together in local hospitals. Congratulations to them both.!



### HEALTH CORNER:

Ray Gandola recently had extensive surgery. Ray is home and on the mend.

Bob Hooton is recovering from hip surgery and also is mending but not yet running a marathon.

Frank McQuilliams is suffering a grave illness and his days are limited.

These guys would appreciate your cards, words of encouragement, and/or a visit.

### KUDOS...

to all that promptly provided articles and other information, especially our resident photographers **DORRIS GARTON** and **JUDY BOOTH**.





## PRESS RELEASE: ALCOA RECALLS 16" DUALY WHEELS

Contributed By **Steve Ferguson**

CLEVELAND, OH – Alcoa Wheel Products is voluntarily recalling 16x6-inch Dually aftermarket wheels manufactured between September 1993 and June 1996. These wheels may contain process-induced stress, which could lead to cracks developing over a period of time. This could lead to air loss from the tire as well as the eventual separation of the wheel and tire.

The recall includes aftermarket wheels only. Alcoa wheels sold through original manufacturers such as Ford, General Motors and Chrysler are not affected.

Customers who purchased a recalled wheel should return it to their local dealer for inspection. Before beginning any work on the wheel or vehicle, the dealer must call the Alcoa Campaign Center at 888-279-3055 for instructions and an authorization number. The authorization number is necessary to arrange payment for services and, if necessary, return of the wheel.

If the wheel is affected, Alcoa will replace the wheel at no cost to the customer. Authorized payment includes reasonable costs of demounting, tire balancing and remounting the assembly.

Customers and dealers can determine whether their wheels are included on the list by checking the part number and date of manufacture in the wheel roll stamp. Recalled part numbers are:

Model:LTS: Part Numbers: 160251, 160252, 160261, 160262, 160271, 160272

Model:Classic: Part Numbers: 160231, 160232, 160241, 160242, 160281, 160282, 160291, 160292, 160301, 160302

Recall Customer Notice: Alcoa recalls 16" dually wheels  
Safety Recall: 16 x 6 Aluminum Forged Light Truck Wheel

LTS and Classic Models produced between September 1993 and June 1996.

### Letter from Alcoa:

Dear Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Alcoa has determined that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 16 x 6 forged aluminum light truck wheels. Specifically, Classic and LTS Models which are typically used on vehicles with dual rear wheel axle applications such as the full-ton Ford F-Series Pick-up, full-ton General Motors GMC and Chevrolet Pick-up, full-ton Dodge Ram pick-up and the Econoline E300/E350 Full-ton van. These wheels are aftermarket products, and do not include any shipments we have made to Original Equipment

Manufacturers (Ford, General Motors, or Chrysler). The following part numbers are affected:

Model: LTS: Part Numbers: 160251, 160252, 160261, 160262, 160271, 160272

Model: Classic: Part Numbers: 160231, 160232, 160241, 160242, 160281, 160282, 160291, 160292, 160301, 160302

Our records indicate that you may have purchased wheels that were manufactured during the period affected.

These wheels produced between September 1993 and June 1996, inclusive may have certain induced stresses in the forging. This condition may lead to cracks developing over a period of time, depending on the severity of the application. First indications could be cracks in the bead seat or disc/rim area of the wheel, leading to air loss from the tire. This could possibly progress around the circumference of the tire bead seat and if not heeded, could result in the tire separating from the wheel and a vehicle crash due to loss of vehicle control.

If the tires on your vehicle are losing air and require refilling in order to maintain pressure, stop using the wheels and have them replaced immediately. Call the Alcoa Campaign Center TOLL FREE at 1-888-279-3055 for immediate replacement.

In all cases, to correct this condition, Alcoa will replace the subject wheels at no cost to you.

We need you to take the following actions immediately:

Please take your vehicle or wheels to a local tire dealer or service center to have your wheels inspected. Please provide the dealer/service center with the enclosed sketch illustrating where the part number stamping and production date stamping can be located on Alcoa wheels.

Have the tire dealer or service center call the Alcoa Campaign Center (1-888-279-3055) for additional instructions and an Authorization Number before initiating any work on your vehicle. The Authorization Number will be necessary to allow payment for services, to arrange for billing, and to arrange for returned wheels, if necessary.

If your wheels are affected by this campaign, arrangements will be made to have your wheels replaced. Alcoa will need to confirm the quantity of wheels on your vehicle, as well as the part number and date of manufacture. If required, new wheels will be ordered and your wheels replaced within eight (8) weeks (for those not experiencing air loss) on a no-charge basis, including reasonable costs of demounting of the tire and wheel assembly from the vehicle, changing the tire, balancing and remounting the assembly.

If you would like to discuss this matter in more detail, or are unclear regarding the direction set forth above, please call the Alcoa Campaign Center at 1-888-279-3055, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. E.S.T. This hotline has been established specifically to handle this issue.

Some people receiving this letter may have purchased wheels that are not one of the listed part numbers or were manufactured after June 1996. Only wheels with the specified part numbers produced before June 1996 are eligible for replacement. If you believe we have failed or are unable to affect the remedy without charge as described in this notification, you may submit a complaint to:

Administrator

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
(NHTSA)- 400 Seventh Street, SW - Washington, D.C.  
20590

Or call the toll free Auto Safety Hot Line at:  
(800) 327-4236

We apologize to you, our valued customer, for any inconvenience this campaign may cause. Our primary concern is for your safety, and we are taking great pains to assure that we efficiently manage this situation to minimize the activity required by you. We would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Tim D. Myers

Sales and Marketing Manager

Alcoa Wheel Products, Int.

## NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE FOR 2008

### GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS

<b>Publication Dates</b>	Dec. 5
<b>Info to Coordinator</b>	Nov. 13
<b>To Publisher</b>	Nov. 19

## FOR SALE CORNER

**1975 GMC PALM BEACH**  
**CONTACT: GEAN STRICKLER (951)684-2373**  
**(1208)**

**1978 26' Royale**  
Center kitchen model. Brand new paint and windshields, 7 Alcoa wheels, good Bridgestone tires. GMC truck engine 403, (not 455 car engine). Top brand synthetic lubricants since 1985 in engine, transmission, chassis grease. New Bendix Hydroboost (replaced vacuum boost). New front calipers/carbon metallic pads. New rear brake shoes, cylinder kits. Custom built couch and rear bed. Full kitchen with, microwave, stove with oven, Newtone). Appraised in 2003 at \$27,500. Asking \$22,500.  
**CONTACT: ED BURNER (714) 871-2095**  
**(Southern California). (0309)**

**A REAL SOLID GMC NEEDS A NEW OWNER.** Updates include: Professionally: rebuilt 455..headers 3" stainless exhaust...clear coat beige and black paint....new one piece side windows (a great improvement)....tires, brakes, trans, bearings, interior, 2 top air conditioners, macerator, dash, new gas and electric large size refrigerator. I'M READY TO DEAL! Please call me for other details:  
**Bob Sternfels (949) 497-3534 (Laguna Beach, California). (0209)**



June 21, 2008 Meeting Started at 9:20am  
Lee Nelsen, Sharon Cerrina, Suzanne Covington, Alice-Faye Peugh  
Moment of silence for those we have lost this year.

**New Members:** Augie & Ruth Wilhelm of Lake Havasu City, AZ

**Treasurers Report** by Suzanne Covington

**Old Business:**

- Texas Hold-em brought up at last meeting to be able to gamble at the rallies if we are having a Texas Hold-Em Tournament. Motion was for **NOT** allowing gambling at any of our rallies (M: Frank Condos / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Chuck Garton / Carried)
- Defiberator- Who is to bring it? Who is responsible for it? Where will it be kept? Are we covered with liability insurance through FMCA? Are we covered by Good Samaritan Law? A suggestion to have several of the members trained to use it and it be kept at the hosts motor home. Also a suggestion was to have everyone trained in CPR than at least we know what to do? No motion was made...

**New Business: Future Rally's**

Dates are subject to change please verify:

**September, 2008: *Blackwell Island RV Park***, Lake Coeur d' Alene, Idaho

**October, 2008: *Tucalota Springs Rally***, (Oct. 3-5, 2008) Tucalota Springs RV Resort, Sage (right next to Temecula), CA Your Host: Chuck Botts

**November, 2008: *Columbia*** (Oct. 30-Nov. 2) Columbia, State Park, CA. This is a 49er Ranch just this side of Sonora off of hwy 49.

**December, 2008: *Tamale Festival***, Indio, CA (Dec. 5-7, 2008) Indian Wells RV Park, Indio, CA. Hosted by Pat and Sharon Cerrina .

**January, 2009: *Quartzite, AZ - "World's Largest Swap Meet"*** (January 16-23, 2009) - Dry camping on BLM land near all the action.

**Nominating Committee-** to select the new officers for the next year 2008-2009

- Jim Rowe Chair
- Freddi Condos
- Billie Simmons

**Slate of Offices:**

**President:** Sharon Cerrina

**1<sup>st</sup> VP Rally Master-** Fin Bevin

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership –** Joanne Hernandez

**Secretary:** Alice-Faye Peugh

**Treasurer:** Suzanne Covington

Nominations from the floor: none were given.

Welcome the new board of 2008-2009

Meeting Adjourn 9:50am (M: Frank Condos 2<sup>nd</sup>: Freddi Condos / Carried))

Minutes taken by Alice-Faye Peugh-Secretary





# PACIFIC CRUISERS 2008-9 RALLY SCHEDULE



CLUB

## SEPTEMBER 15-19, 2008

GMC WESTERN STATES

BLACKWELL ISLAND RV PARK

LAKE COUER d'ALENE, ID.

HOSTS: TERRY AND GLORIA MORRIS/

GMC CASCADERS

## SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 4, 2008

GMC MOTORHOMES INTERNATIONAL

DELAWARE STATE FAIRGROUNDS

HARRINGTON, DE

## OCTOBER 3-5, 2008

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS

TUCALOTA SPRINGS RV PARK

SAGE, CA.

HOSTS: CHUCK AND MARY BOTTS

## OCTOBER 30 – NOVEMBER 2, 2008

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS

49er RANCH RV RESORT

COLUMBIA, CA.

HOSTS: FIN AND MARY BEVEN

## DECEMBER 5-8, 2008

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS

TAMALE FESTIVAL – INDIAN WELLS RV PARK

INDIO, CA.

HOSTS: PATRICK AND SHARON CERRINA

## JANUARY, 2009

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS

QUARTZITE, AZ.

HOSTS: CHUCK AND DORRIS GARTON

KEN AND JUDY BOOTH

PLEASE SEE ANY OFFICER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST A RALLY IN 2009

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