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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

How is your spring-cleaning coming? Have you done everything to the coach that needed to be worked on?

Surprising how many of us have items on their coaches that aren't perfect, but still they attend rallies.

Did you attend Columbia State Park, Tamale Festival in Indio, Quartzite, Az or Santa Paula? These were sites of some very goood rallies. All the side trips and new people you meet and renewal of old friendships .

Any who did not attend missed a great time. We also have some great get-togethers planned in the months ahead.

So wash that coach and come, ya hear!

We will be electing new officers for the Fiscal Year of 2010 at Lone Pine. It takes a lot of willing volunteers to keep the club functioning.

Have a healthy, safe summer. See you in the fall.



— Sharon Cerrina, Pres

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SANTA PAULA RALLY

MARCH 3-5, 2009

Reported by : **Lillian Trubert**

It's a rally like this latest one (March 3 through March 6) at the Far West Resort beside the Santa Paula River in a lush citrus planted canyon dotted with oaks, sycamore, cottonwoods and even bougainvilleas that Pacific Cruisers get to be friends and enjoy old friendships. The weather was glorious (the one rainy day was beautiful too), the resident peacocks certainly strutted their stuff – photo ops abounded and our GMCs dominated the landscape in our almost private world. A friendly 8th wheel snuck in somehow, but perhaps the time he spent in his "rig" was to allow him to cry, because he didn't have a GMC. He seemed quite normal otherwise.

The environs of Santa Paula were a lovely world to explore. The town square was devoted to a life sized bronze monumental sculpture of two vintage 1928 motorcyclists (on an Indian 4 and a Harley Davidson) who rode throughout Heritage Valley as far as present day Santa Clarita to spread the word of the historic damn disaster and resulting floods. A beautiful series of murals show the development of Santa Paula and this community's respect for the past. In fact "while at times the rest of the world seems to worship youth and all things new and shiny, Santa Paula can show that there are more enduring values - values like heroism and survival and rebuilding and renewing" as it says in the town's proud brochure. "Rebuilding" – that's a concept every GMC owner can appreciate, but not the only one.

The "Happy Hours" were indeed happy! The cozy little clubhouse was alive with conversations from seriously funny to bizarre (as per usual.) These people are salted peanut addicts! But all the snacks went down, and a special thanks

goes to Fin and Mary Blevin who added a jolt of Margaritas to the mix. And to local key boardist Gale Graham goes special thanks for the golden oldies that permeated the atmosphere.

The food was great! And I should know because Cynthia and Fred Davis and my husband Marc Trubert and I were in charge, so naturally this report will be good! We had lots of help from many people especially Sharon Cerrina. I can honestly report no one left hungry and give the lion's share of the planning to Cynthia as she is a local resident and really knew what local restaurants and vendors to rely on. The citrus cake with "Pacific Cruisers" written on it was de-lisshus. Game playing, peacock watching, visiting coaches, crafting, napping, trouble shooting mechanical mysteries, ice cream socials, making s'mores around the bonfire and enjoying the beauty of the place in the here and now can really chase the problems of the world away, and you can't do it with nicer people.

And because I know so many of you are interested, I am happy to report the spinal injury sustained by first timers Steve and Mary Lee Smith's best friend Buddy, a beautiful golden retriever, when he attempted to go through a fence while tied up to chase an irresistible peacock is showing signs of improvement. With the help of a harness for his back legs, which remain paralyzed but have some level of feeling in them, he is again functioning on many levels with hope for further recovery. He can signal to go outside, knows his name and responds to tickling by grandchildren. Here's hoping he gets those legs in gear soon!

IS THIS YOUR GMC?

Check out the blue GMC in the youtube video. Contact the coordinaters if you know the owner.

Ram Vs Toyota

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPdLtRexwqw>



March 4, 2009

9:05am

Old Business:

General Business Meeting held at Far West RV Resort, Santa Paula, CA

Board members present: Sharon Cerrina, President, JoAnne Hernandez, Vice President, Suzanne Covington, Treasurer, Absent; Alice-Faye Peugh, Secretary,

President Sharon Cerrina opened the meeting at 9:05 am with thanks to Fred and Cynthia Davis and Marc and Lillian Trubert for planning a GREAT Rally at the Far West Resort in Santa Paula.

38 members in 20 coaches attended the rally.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes: In the absence of the Secretary, Alice-Faye Peugh, Vice President Joanne Hernandez read the minutes from December 6, 2008. They were approved as read (M: Audree Rowe, 2nd Eileen Staal, Carried)

Treasurers Report by Suzanne Covington

Since our last meeting there was an expense of approximately \$500.00 for our Club Newsletter. Income was received from new members. Our current Balance is \$4,629.04. The Treasurer's report is placed on file

FMCA National and Alternate Director: No Report

Vice Presidents Report: by Joanne Hernandez

New Members: Four new members attended the rally, Warren and Phyllis Wright and Steve and Mary Lee Smith.

Rally Report: Up coming Rallies:

Dates are subject to change; please verify on the Web Site:

April 22-27 Western States, Emerald Dessert:
Hosts: Donna and Dave DeGraffenreid

****CPR** class will be offered for \$50.00

June 12-14, 2009, Boulder Creek RV Resort, Lone Pine.
Hosts: Ray and Ellen Gandola and Dave and Arlene Cantrell

October , 2009 Joint Western States/International:
Pueblo, CO.

November 2009. Benson, AZ , Will join Saguaro Jet Setters for Thanksgiving Feast, Hosts: Steve and Nancy Ferguson

The subject of paid advertising on the club website was initially discussed at the June 1, 2007 business meeting and the specific arrangement for charging vendors to place ads was clarified at the March 4, 2009 business meeting.

At present two vendors are advertising with banner ads on the website. The current fee is \$300.00 yearly, payable in two installments to our Webmaster Jim Peugh. This fee is divided 60%/40%, 60% to the Webmaster, 40% to the Pacific Cruiser Club

This being the background information given by the Club Treasurer it was moved by Freddi Condos and seconded by Audree Rowe that GMC Pacific Cruiser members may place a GMC related listing on the web site free of charge and vendors may place GMC related listings on the web site for a fee, as determined by the webmaster and approved by the Board". The motion was approved as stated.

New Business:

- Lillian Trubert proposed different ideas for holding rallies. An appointed Wagon master would choose a site and reserve spaces. At that point many more people would become involved with the actual process, each coach having a specific task to make the rally a success. These would be simplified rallies, no frills, able to be done with less expense but a lot of pre-planning. Much discussion ensued and then a motion was made to keep rally planning at the discretion of the rally master. (M. Ralph Mundia 2nd Dave Cantrell-Carried with 2 opposed)

Announcements:

There being no further business President Sharon Cerrina declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05am

Minutes taken by Joanne Hernandez, -Acting Secretary

OUR MEMBERSHIP COUNT IS 125

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PACIFIC CRUISERS **2008 RALLY SCHEDULE**
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NOVEMBER, 2009

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS JOINING SAGUARO JET SETTERS FOR THANKSGIVING FEAST – BENSON, AZ
 HOST: STEVE AND NANCY FERGUSON

JANUARY, 2010

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS QUARTSITE , AZ
 HOST: CHUCK AND DORIS GARTON

MARCH, 2010

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS TEMECULA RALLY
 HOST: JOANNE AND PHIL HERNANDEZ

JUNE, 2010

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS ANTIQUE GAS AND STEAM ENGINE RALLY IN VISTA
 HOST: JIM AND AUDREE ROWE

PLEASE SEE ANY OFFICER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST A RALLY IN 2010

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**NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE
 FOR 2009**

Publication Dates	June 26	Aug. 28	Dec. 5
Info to Coordinator	June 5	Aug. 7	Nov. 6
To Publisher	June 12	Aug. 15	Nov. 13



FOR SALE CORNER

1977 Royale, 26 FOOT

Rear bath, ready to go anywhere. This coach has all the goodies and accessories. New Lamey Engine with only 35,000 miles. Interested in someone who will give it a good home. We are physically no longer able to use the coach..MAKE AN OFFER. Bucky Walters (805) 534-0418 (San Luis Obispo, Ca. area)
_____ (0610)

A REAL SOLID GMC NEEDS A NEW OWNER. 1975 Eleganza

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 – Asking \$15,000 – Willing to negotiate the price. Motor home is parked at El Toro Marine Base in Irvine, CA. Bob Sternfels (949) 497-3534 (Laguna Beach, California).
_____ (1209)

1973 BIRCHAVEN, 23 FOOT

Total miles 98,000. Rear bath, 455 TBI engine, 400 miles Jasper Oh. Numerous upgrades, Alcoa wheels, 6 wheel disc brakes, recent refrigerator and upholstery, microwave, frt suspension rebuilt, new paint, tranny OH and final drive upgrade. Satellite antenna, 4 KW generator with overhead exhaust, custom motorbike carrier and rear bumper storage. Coach is housed in garage. Photos can be provided by emailing outdog31@hotmail.com - Asking \$23,500
John Glatz (928) 468-6212
_____ (0210)

1976 (Former Glenbrook Interior) 26 FOOT

Frank Condos (559) 683 -5185 – Ahwahnee, Ca
This coach has a new home in Swift Current, Sask, Canada and work has begun on the '73 Glacier

1973 26 FOOT Canyon Lands

108,216 miles, rebuilt 455 engine and carburetor at 82,770 miles.Beige Flex Steel leather pilot, co-pilot seats, sleeper sofa and chairs. Micro/convection oven, 3-way refrigerator. Fantastic fan, roof pod. A & E awnings both sides. Macerator, hitch, golf cart house batteries. Manuals and records, very clean. Selling due to health problems. Asking \$12,000–Darrel or Arlis Tetzloff (925) 937-2418 – Walnut Creek, CA
_____ (0310)

1976 Birch Haven

26' side bath & lounge. New precision steering box and linkage, three swaybars, square headlights and taillights, driving lights, Alcoas, Lamey brake boost conversion, roof air, microwave, onan gen set, dual starting batteries, manual DTV antenna, fender skirts, bus heated and electric remote mirrors. Interior fixer. Needs air bags and tires. Has not been run for 4 years. \$4,000 and buyer must move it from storage in Santa Paula. Call Jim Jones at 805 377-2487 for details.Arlis Tetzloff (925) 937-2418 – Walnut Creek, CA
_____ (0610)

1978 GMC Royale

Center kitchen model. 44K miles. Always garaged in Mira Loma, California. Many extras to numerous to mention. Alcoa wheels with new Bridgestone tires. Roof pod, two AC's. Excellent interior. \$18,500. Call Loren Mitchell at 951-6854075 8AM to 8 PM PDT
_____ (0610)