



The GMC Pacific Cruisers Chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association, Inc. (FMCA), is a group of GMC motorhome owners from Southern California since 1976. Visit our website: www.gmcpc.org



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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

We are sailing along beautifully this year, thanks to our Rally's. I energetically thank all these and future Rally Masters who make it possible for our club members to expand our special friendships and continue to extend our technical competence in the unique camaraderie of the GMC Pacific Cruisers. You will gain a thousand fold from the experience as a Rally Master.

We are sad to report the passing of Ogee Wilhelm. Our sympathy goes out to his wife Ruth and family. Also Greta Hayward fell, breaking her hip and wrist. She is at home now resting and getting well.

A special thanks to JoAnne Hernandez, Vice President for all her volunteering time, patience and persistence which certainly showed thru in all chain of events.

Time again to renew membership. If you have not done so, please hurry as we are about to send out our new Roster and your name will be missed.

We are a great club with many capable and talented members who collectively can continue to do great things in keeping with our tradition of an active and vital membership.

President— **Sharon Cerrina, Pres**



OUR MEMBERSHIP COUNT IS 173

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PLASTIC SLEEVES TO PROTECT AIR BAGS

By **Bob Sternfels**

Since Firestone stopped making the Air Bags for our GMCs, my idea of covering them with a Plastic Sleeve to stop the elements from destroying the rubber covering, has taken on new proportions. It's an intelligent way to prevent deterioration from the atmosphere. What led me to develop this?

Most GMC owners have had Air Bag failures at one time or another. My latest, one blew out sitting in an RV space.. But before I installed a new one, I examined the old one and found the outer layer of rubber was almost destroyed. Tires throw up rocks and debris sticks to the aluminum cones. However, the real problem...the ELEMENTS deteriorates the rubber on the outside of the bag. When this occurs water can attack the layers of cord, cones holding debris constantly wear the ends of the bags, it's no wonder we have failures.

So before installing the new bag, I made a sleeve from elastic material that covered the bag and cleaned

the aluminum cones. My first attempt wasn't completely successful as it wasn't designed to expand along with the Air Bag. But I did not give up and now make "Sleeves" from a flexible plastic with adequate material so even when the coach is raised to the maximum, the sleeve will expand as needed.

The kit I make for sale contains 2 Plastic Sleeves, tape to seal an end, sample of 303 Blue Label Lubricant, (NOT SILICONE) photos and complete directions for installing. It's very reasonable...\$15.00 plus \$2.00 for postage and etc. They are black and when installed they fill out and give the bag a glossy look. Orders-- just call 949 497-3534. E<rwsternfels@cox.net>

I also suggest using Angelo Ragusa Rock Deflectors at each end....With this combination....it looks like the end to Air Bag problems. I'm now in the third year of using the Plastic Sleeves and each time I inspect the bags they appear like new ones.



RED HAT SOCIETY

The GMC Pacific Pearls Red Hatters gathered in San Dimas recently to visit the newly restored historic Walker House Mansion. The

15,000 square foot Victorian structure was built as a railroad hotel in the 1880s. The group enjoyed a private tour conducted by the San Dimas Historical Society. Following the tour, the ladies were seated in the private parlor dining room and indulged in a luncheon prepared by the award winning Saffron restaurant located in the Walker House. In honor of the Pacific Pearls visit, the chef prepared a special seasonal dessert; apple-spice cake with brown sugar cream and zinfandel wine sauce. Divine!!! Following lunch, the ladies were able to release their inner child by competing for prizes in a Red Hat crayon coloring contest.



Shown from left to right front row Audree Rowe and Beverly Lopez (dressed in Victorian costumes), Sharon Cerrina, Luann Parker, Dorthy Hooton, Norma Sullivan, guest Marie Humphrey (in costume), Bernice Brady. Back row, Arlene Cantrell, Suzanne Nelsen, Ellen Gandola, Emma Burner, Suzanne Covington and Jo Lindgry.

The Pacific Pearls Red Hat group is open to all GMC Pacific Cruiser women and friends. For information on the next Pacific Pearls event, contact Queen Sharon Cerrina.

FOR SALE CORNER

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

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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

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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

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1973 Gmc Custom

Beautiful 23 foot coach with perfect drive line. Excellent paint and interior. Recently rebuilt engine and transmission. New tires & air bags. Folding satellite dish. Roof and dash air. Alcoa Wheels. Tow hitch \$15,900, (909) 987-4307 in Alta Loma, CA

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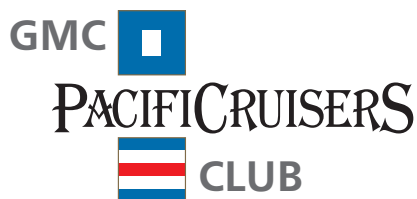
Dear GMCers,

Emma Burner and her daughter Sharon, would like all to know that Ed Burner is suffering from Congestive Heart Failure. Ed is under Hospice Care and he is not expected to last much longer.

I'm sure that Emma would appreciate receiving cards, a visit, and inclusion in your prayers for strength and comfort for the family. No phone calls please, as things are very busy at the house.

**The Burner's
451 Pinehurst Court
Fullerton, Ca. 92835
714-871-2095**

**Freddi
11-14-09**



2010 RALLY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 20-27

QUARTZSITE, AZ
 HOSTED BY CHUCK AND DORRIS GARTON REGISTRATION FORM AVAILABLE ON THE PACIFIC CRUISER WEBSITE. FULL HOOKUPS AVAILABLE OR DRY CAMPING.

FEBRUARY 19-20

FLYING FLAGS IN BUELLTON, CA
 HOSTED BY ANN AND JOHN NELSON. REGISTRATION FORM AVAILABLE ON THE PACIFIC CRUISER WEBSITE.

MARCH 19-21

OLD TOWN TEMECULA BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
 HOSTED BY PHIL AND JOANNE HERNANDEZ.

APRIL 23-25

MORRO DUNES RV RESORT
 HOSTED BY CYNTHIA AND FRED DAVIS AND BETTY GAW AND MARILYN MAXWELL.

MAY 19-24

WESTERN STATES IN AUBURN, CA
 HOSTED BY FREDDI AND FRANK CONDOS

JUNE 18-20

ANTIQUE GAS AND STEAM ENGINE MUSEUM IN VISTA, CA
 HOSTED BY AUDREE AND JIM ROWE.

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



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NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE FOR 2010?????

Publication Dates	Dec. 5
Info to Coordinator	Nov. 6
To Publisher	Nov. 13





FLYING FLAGS RV RESORT
180 AVENUE OF THE FLAGS, BUELLTON, CA
 Toll free (877) 783-5247

FEBRUARY 19-21, 2010
 Your rally hosts: John and Ann Nelson 818-991-2790

Directions: From the South: North on Hwy 101, exit 246 Hwy. and turn left 0.25 mi. Turn Left on Avenue of the Flags. Park is Approx 0.2 mi on your Left.
From the North: South on Hwy 101, exit Avenue of the Flags. Go South approx. 1 mile. Park is on your left.

There are lots of things to see and do. Visit the Danish village of Solvang or Santa Ynez and Los Olivas. Bring your golf clubs and play at the public course that is within walking distance from the RV Park. For gamblers, visit the big Chumash Indian Casino. They have a courtesy bus that stops at the RV Park. There are also many local places for wine tasting. The Santa Ynez Valley bus service operates on a regular schedule departing from in front of the campground. The cost is \$1.25 one way.

SCHEDULE

Friday, Feb. 19th	12:30 to 5:00 pm	Check in
	5:00 to 6:00 pm	Happy hour at the clubhouse
	6:00 pm	Catered dinner is served
Saturday, Feb. 20th	7:00 to 8:30 am	Continental breakfast at the clubhouse
		Then enjoy your day exploring the area.
	5:00 to 6:00 pm	Happy hour at the clubhouse.
	6:00 pm	Catered dinner is served
Sunday, Feb. 21	7:00 to 8:30 am	Continental breakfast at the clubhouse
	12:00 pm	Check out time, have a great trip home

Registrations must be received by February 2, 2010. Any cancellations after that date may not receive a full refund. Fill out and mail registration below with your check payable to:
John Nelson, 32195 Sailview Lane, Westlake Village, CA 91361

Cut and mail-----

Name _____ Phone # _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Coach License # _____ Tow car License # _____
 Handicap Parking: Yes _____ No _____ First Rally: Yes _____ No _____

Coach with 2 persons: \$175.00 _____
 Coach with 1 person: \$140.00 _____
 Total amount enclosed _____