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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

Time really flies when you are having such great times with great people.

We just finished one of our fun rallies at the Orange County Fair Grounds. The women got to shop a lot and the men got to talk a lot. What more could you ask for? Lots of good food and Ralph's great tri-tip and Dave and Donna's hamburgers. I want to thank Dave, Donna and Annie for making this a real success. Everyone wants to do this again next June. Let me know your input.

Everyone enjoyed open house on the de Graffenreid's new GMC. It is a Royale with many upgrades. A real beauty, must see if you haven't. I want to welcome our 4 new members: Michael Mitchell, William



Kittredge, Hans and Linda Blumhoefer and Steve and Marie Weinstock.

Watch your newsletter and emails for information about the upcoming rallies. Your GMC Pacific Cruiser President, Ralph Mundia



With the passing of our good friend and fellow GMC'er John Marana we would like to express our condolences to his family and close friend Helen. He always enjoyed his "limo" GMC. He tried real hard to attend the last rally but was just too ill. He will be missed.

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ORANGE COUNTY SWAP MEET RALLY

JUNE 14-16 2013

Ralph & Annie Mundia and Dave & Donna deGraffenreid hosted a fantastic rally as usual.

Arriving Friday, we were greeted by Annie and Ralph guided us into a nice camping spot under the trees. We set the coach up and spent the afternoon meeting and greeting everybody. Dave & Donna drove in with their beautiful new GMC. We all had to check it out and admire the work Dave has done to it. The tables in the gazebo were decorated with a variety of Dave's potted plants. Happy Hour found us at the gazebo enjoying Dave's Margarita Bucket and renewing acquaintances. A little while later, the appetizers started showing up for our "Appetizer Dinner". The tables were loaded with delicious snacks from all our attendees. We continued to eat lots of goodies and socialize thru the evening.

Saturday morning started with a Continental Breakfast. At 9am we gathered for a General Membership Meeting. After the meeting, Ralph had a drawing for the President's Attendance Gift and Emergency Escape Hammers donated by Hoss Hauge. Hans & Linda Blumhoefer received the Attendance Gift and Hammers went to Gandola's, Lamey's, deGraffenreid's and Weaver's. Then everyone started planning their activities for the day. Some went to the Fairgrounds Swap Meet, some to the Orange Coast College Swap Meet and others spent time in camp visiting with their friends. Of course, there were plenty of guys with their heads in an engine compartment or checking something under a coach. Tom & Pat Hanlon and Ron & Helen Nerio arrived to spend the evening with us. The Margarita Bucket opened for business at Happy Hour and everyone gathered to share their experiences of the day and some appetizers. After enjoying Ralph's excellent BBQ Tri-tip dinner, we continued to socialize. We were all tired from our daytime activities so no one stayed out very late.

ATTENDEES

Loren & Virginia Bates
Mike & Fran Fimbres
Danny & Barbara McCurter
Ken & Judy Booth
Ray & Ellen Gandola
Michael Mitchell
Hans & Linda Blumhoefer
Betty Gaw & Marilyn Maxwell
Ralph & Annie Mundia
Dave & Arlene Cantrell
Al & Barbara Hobston
Joe & Barbara Weaver
Fred Davis
Bob & Dorothy Hooton
Steve & Merrie Weinstock
Dave & Donna deGraffenreid
Bob & Karen Lamey
Dave & Leone Wood



Sunday morning we had a leisurely Continental Breakfast. Most people were a little slower getting into their plans for the day. It was so relaxing and enjoyable to just sit around in the gazebo and talk. Everyone eventually headed out for their chosen activity. Both swap meets were still going, some spent Father's Day time with family, others had "places to go" and many just relaxed in the shade enjoying a cool off-shore breeze. By Happy Hour, Dave had the Margarita Bucket in place and appetizers were arriving. Some of the guys were playing a ring toss game while Ralph was at the grill cooking

BBQ hamburgers & hot dogs. Add Donna's Carnitas Chili, Annie's salads and it was a delicious dinner. Discussion continued thru the evening about our swap meet buys and how to make our GMC's run and look better.

Monday morning we met for a Continental Breakfast as we said our good-byes. Dave gave away the potted plant centerpieces that we had admired all weekend. We packed up, wished everyone a safe trip and said "see you next time" as we pulled out.

Thank you Ralph, Annie, Dave and Donna. We had beautiful weather, fabulous hosts, wonderful food and found some great buys at the swap meets.....a good time was had by all.



ORANGE COUNTY SWAP MEET RALLY

JUNE 14-16 2013



SECRETARY'S REPORT

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR E-MAIL ACCOUNT REGULARLY.

The GMCPD Board has been working to keep our members better informed.

A GMC Pacific Cruisers e-mail account has been set up. We will be using it to notify you quarterly when the Newsletter is available for viewing at www.gmcpc.org. We can also use it to make available Rally Registrations and information that comes out between Newsletters. If you do not have e-mail, we will contact you via US Mail but you will receive the notice later than the e-mail members. If you and your spouse/partner would both like to receive notices on your individual e-mail accounts, please let me know at gmpacificcruisers@gmail.com.

The GMC Pacific Cruisers 2013 Roster was mailed in April. We've worked hard to make it as accurate and current as possible. Please check your information in the Roster and let me know of any corrections. In the future if you have changes to your info, please let me know as soon as possible so we can put a correction in the Newsletter and keep the club files current.

GMCPD is a Chapter of Family Motor Coach Association so your membership in FMCA is required. Be sure to keep your FMCA membership current. Also go to fmca.com to make sure your personal information is correct. You are the only one who can make corrections to your FMCA information. I've noticed some outdated info in their records.

Please add the following new members to your 2013 Roster:

Larry & Joanie Conley
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Manhattan Beach CA 90266
Phone: 310-545-9708
FMCA#375153

Michael (Mickey) Mitchell
PO Box 8903
Anaheim CA 92812
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Yorba Linda CA 92887
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Email: wrkittredge@aol.com
FMCA#433797

Keep that GMC moving and we'll see you at the next Rally.

Judy Booth, GMCPD Secretary
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(928) 764-3378

Orange County Fairgrounds
Costa Mesa, CA
Hosted by: Dave & Donna deGraffenreid and Ralph & Annie Mundia

The meeting was called to order by President, Ralph Mundia on June 15, 2013 at 9am.

Fred Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call The list of rally attendees was accepted in lieu of roll call. Officers absent were 1st VP Lillian Trubert, 2nd VP Audree Rowe, Treasurer Fin Bevin, FMCA representatives Chuck Garton and Phil Hernandez.

New Members Hans & Linda Blumhoefer and upon arrival Steve & Merrie Weinstock were introduced.

Minutes of the last meeting were distributed for the members to read. Fred Davis moved that the minutes be accepted as printed, seconded by Dan McCurter and approved by the members.

Treasurer's report was distributed for the members to read. Dorothy Hooton moved that the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Annie Mundia and approved by the members. Later in the meeting Fred Davis asked if he could clarify the \$900.00 listed as a negative expense. This was a return of an RV Park rally deposit.

Since Lillian Trubert was unable to attend, Secretary Judy Booth read the list of upcoming rallies as listed on the GMCPD web site. We took the September rally off the list. We don't have GMCPD rallies in September because it interferes with Labor Day, vacations and the GMC Western States Fall Rally. The rallies are as follows:

July, August, September October 2-7, 2013	Summer Break no rallies GMC Western States, Coos Bay, OR Mill Casino, Hotel & RV Park Hosts: Jerry & Sharon Work
November 2013 December 2013	Caliente Spa, Desert Hot Springs, CA OPEN....need hosts and location
January 22-29, 2014 February 2014	Quartzsite, AZ Hosts Chuck & Dorris Garton Santa Anita Race Track, Arcadia, CA Hosts: Dave & Arlene Cantrell and Ray & Ellen Gandola
March 2014	Bluegrass Festival, Temecula, CA Hosts: Len & Pat Novak
April 24-29, 2014	GMC Western States, Hemet, CA Golden Village Palms RV Resort Hosts: Dave & Arlene Cantrell
May & June 2014	OPEN....need hosts and locations

Ken Booth introduced the possibility of a stop on the way to the Quartzsite Rally in January for the Lake Havasu Balloon Festival, January 18-19. He will keep on top of it as the Festival is planned and get back to us with more information.

FMCA representatives were not present so we have no new report.

Donna deGraffenreid reported on the caravans being planned for the trip to the GMCWS rally in Coos Bay, OR. Hoss Hauge is working on the trip from So Cal to San Jose area. Donna deGraffenreid is doing San Jose to Coos Bay. Both groups hope to meet up in the San Jose area and travel together to Oregon. Get in touch with Hoss or Donna for more details.

Loren Bates gave his unfavorable opinion of the FMCA Emergency Medical Plan. It requires approval before anything can be done. It did not cover Virginia because she was medivaced out before they could get approval. He says "It's not worth the money". Dave deGraffenreid suggested that we look into other medivac programs.

Judy Booth told about the e-mail account that has been set up to get info to members quicker. She asked that members check their e-mail regularly for GMCPD notices. All members that listed e-mail addresses are being sent the newsletter, notices of quickly planned rallies that were not in the newsletter and any other information that the members might need between newsletters.

Dave deGraffenreid talked about the activities that are available to us this weekend.

Bob Hooton moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Barbara Hobson. Meeting adjourned.

After the meeting was adjourned, the following took place:

President's attendance gift was won by Hans & Linda Blumhoefer. Hoss Hauge donated Emergency Escape Hammers that were given by drawing to:

Ray & Ellen Gandola, Bob & Karen Lamey, Dave & Donna deGraffenreid, Joe & Barbara Weaver

We thanked the deGraffenreid's & Mundia's for planning and executing this great rally.

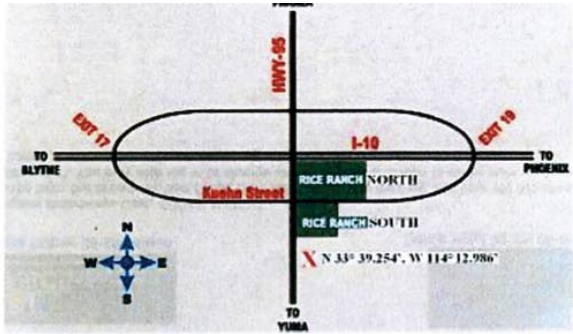
Ralph Mundia told about getting his refrigerator repaired for a reasonable price by Matt Willis at Kona Cools, Inc., Homeland, CA. Their contact information is: Matt Willis: 951 704-3223, rvrefrigerator@gmail.com, www.konacools.net

Meeting Attendees

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Bob & Dorthy Hooton
Hans & Linda Blumhoefer
Bob & Karen Lamey
Dave & Arlene Cantrell
Danny & Barbara McCurter
Fred Davis
Michael Mitchell
Dave & Donna deGraffenreid
Ralph & Annie Mundia
Mike & Fran Fimbres
Joe & Barbara Weaver
Ray & Ellen Gandola
Steve & Merrie Weinstock
Betty Gaw & Marilyn Maxwell
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FOR SALE

We are reluctantly selling our 1976 GMC, due to health issues. Our coach has been in continuous use since new. It has never sat in storage for any extended period of time. We are the second owners. We have made numerous upgrades/replacements including; Six new tires last year (on Alcoa rims), rear disk brake conversion, four bag rear suspension conversion, forced-air heater replaced, new stove/oven, new refrigerator, new interior (top quality vinyl seating with steelcase captains chairs. It has been re-painted in a similar color scheme as the original Palm Beach. We have installed full-length Zipdee Patio and window awnings. The interior is in tan with white headliner. Most of the original drapes have been replaced with exactly original fabric by the woman who made them for GMC (she no longer makes drapes). I've replaced both the fresh water and black water tanks. I have installed a maserator waste pump while retaining the provision to use gravity. Our motorhome has more features which I can discuss, if interested in it. Call, Jerry at (858) 232-5350. the price is \$20,000 or best offer. If you are interested in a GMC, this is the one.



QUARTZSITE, AZ. 85346

January 22 - 29, 2014

N 33° 39.254', W 114° 12.986'

Directions: From the West: Interstate 10 east to Exit 19, Quartzsite Arizona, turn right at first street Riggins Avenue proceed to Kuehn St. right turn. Proceed almost to Traffic signal and turn left into Rice Ranch South. From Highway 95: turn east onto Kuehn Street and turn right into Rice Ranch. Check in and join us. We reserved 18 Full Hookup Sites.

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS RALLY

Wed. January 22 (or the day you arrive) – Check-In... **Happy Hour 4:00 PM**

Thurs. January 23 thru Tue. January 29 - Shop, Sit, Chat. **HAPPY HOUR 4:00 PM daily**

Wed. January 29 – Check Out; Back to reality.

No Meetings; just come; have fun, shop, chat, relax, play games, etc. On your own for food; however there is a lot of sharing at the evening meal. **Bring your Dutch oven, grill or other camp cooking item, and share in the fun of cooking for the group.** If anyone wants to prepare food for the group, just let us know so we can coordinate. **Bring Firewood if you have it.**

The Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama is a variety of vendors displayed on 2.2 miles of frontage. It and the R.V. show will be open through **January 26, 2014**. There are walk-up places to eat. We have lucked out with good weather, but, it can be windy, cold, and/or rainy. So come prepared. Comfortable shoes for walking are a must. Sacrificial clothing should be employed around the campfires.

Join us for any of the days listed. One, two or all eight days; **the price is the same; \$235.00 per coach (Full Hookups)**. Dry camping is available at BLM for a fee.

Rally Hosts: Chuck & Dorris Garton

**Registration – Must be received by January 15, 2014. Cancellations may not receive a Refund. Send Registration to: Chuck Garton, 604 N Las Posas Street
Ridgecrest, Ca. 93555**

Home:(760) 375-5568; Cells: Chuck: (760) 271-0205); Dorris: (760) 271-0206

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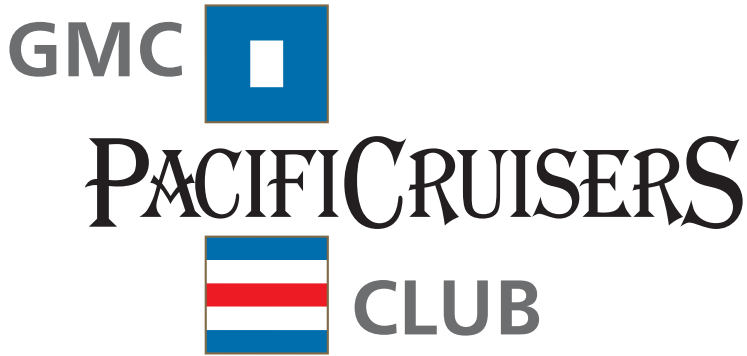
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Address _____

City _____ State _____ /Zip _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Coach License # _____ Tow Vehicle License #-----



2013 RALLY SCHEDULE

June 14-15 and 16th, 2013

Orange County Fair Grounds
 Costa Mesa, Ca 92627
 Hosts: Ralph and Annie Mundia and
 Dave and Donna De Graffenreid

Western States

October 2-7, 2013

Mill Casino Hotel and RV Resort
 Coos Bay, Oregon
 Hosts: Jerry and Sharon Works

April 24-29, 2014

Golden Village Palms RV Resort
 Hemet Ca

PLEASE SEE ANY OFFICER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST A RALLY IN 2013

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