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FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL July | August | September

Well, I have to say this, my two years as your president went fast, I have really enjoyed serving and it has been a great honor. I know that your new President, Bobbie Schultz will do a great job – she is very excited about serving. I want to thank my board – they have really been outstanding.

My Secretary, Judy Booth, has always been there for me – no matter what I asked or needed she never hesitated to help, thank you Judy.

And my 1st Vice-President for the first year, Lillian Trubert, did a great job with the rallies, each one was successful.

Our Treasurer, Fin Beven, was great – we now have more money than when he took over - always had reports for me when I would ask – and does a mean Margarita Bucket – thanks Fin, and quit being a stranger.

Also Audree Rowe became 2nd Vice President on my second year term – she really lets new members feel welcome and sends them an info packet – thanks Audree.

During my second year, Bobbie Schultz became my 1st Vice President – and got a lot of great rallies together- thank you Bobbie.

And I also want to thank Sharon Cerrina for the great newsletters she put out. We will miss our world traveler. Pat and Sharon were always such active club members – but we can't deny them the pleasure from travelling extensively – Thanks Sharon.

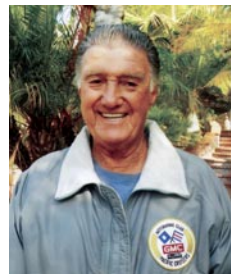
Then I want to thank our FMCA Representatives, Chuck Garton and Phil Hernandez. They always kept us informed – great job guys.

I want to thank all of the Rally Masters for the great rallies and also thank all of those that attended the rallies.

I want to close by telling you that in all the organizations I have belonged to, you people are the friendliest ones and are more like family than fellow members.

Your President (till Oct 1) Ralph Mundia

Note from Annie - Be sure to attend the next rally, Ralph is going to have a little ceremony.



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YOUR NEW PACIFIC CRUISERS OFFICERS

President: Bobbie Schultz

Bobbie is a native Californian and was born and raised in Santa Barbara.

Bobbie was a Tour Operator for over 20 years - big bus tours to Hollywood, San Diego and Mexico for the time-share resorts in Orange and San Diego Counties. Bobbie and Gene's first rally in their GMC was at the Chula Vista RV Resort.

Treasurer: Marc Trubert

Marc was born and raised in New Caledonia, a French Territory in the Coral Sea in the South Pacific. Marc came to the USA for his PHD and worked at JPL on space programs. He and Lillian live in Coarsegold in the gold country. This is their second GMC and they bought it in 1997. Their first rally was the Chula Vista RV Resort, which they attended without their GMC.

Secretary: Pat Novak

Pat was born in North Dakota, but came out to California to go to school, where she met Len. They were a career USAF couple and lived at SAC bases in the US. Pat had a friend in the soccer community and took her advice and moved to Fallbrook. They bought their first GMC in 1995 and their first rally was at Pechanga.

Newsletter Coordinator: Gene Schultz

The Newsletter Coordinator accepts your written inputs and submits them to the publisher 4 times a year. The Publisher – Golden State Graphics, finalizes it and then it is approved by the President. When it is approved, it goes to our webmaster, Jim Peugh, who publishes it on our web site, GMC Pacific Cruisers.com, and at the same time I get it printed by Staples, and is mailed to those who pay extra for a printed copy.

Rally Announcements and forms that aren't in the Newsletter, will be published on the web site and you will be notified via email.

Inputs to me for publishing in the Newsletter are due 15 days before the end of the quarter, March 15, June 15, Sep 15, and Dec 15.

Bobbie's Thoughts

Organizations should have a Missions & Goals statement – suggestions from each of you are requested.

- As President of the GMC Pacific Cruisers, these are my commitments to each of you:

Overall, impact you personally to build a strong and supportive club.

- Call every member and introduce myself & inquire how I can better serve you and ask you when you last attended a rally.
- Discuss upcoming rallies
- Involve you in planning future rallies and ask you to assist in club tasks.
- Ask you to provide inputs for the newsletter, submit articles about our rallies and provide photos after each rally that you attend.

A late note:

Win a Hummel figurine as the Grand Prize at the Karneval mit Herz Rally Nov 13-16. We are limited to 20 coaches and still have room.

At the Ventura Rally, we held a business meeting, chaired by our president, Ralph Mundia.

The new slate of officers was elected and will be installed at the Santee Rally.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 2014-15 Fiscal Year is about to begin on October 1, so it's time to renew your membership. The Renewal forms have been mailed to you. GMCPC Chapter Members list is due to FMCA in December so we'd like to get your renewal back as soon as possible.

At the Membership Meeting August 23, 2014 in response to the Proposed Bylaws change and Proposed Policy & Procedures change sent to you in July, the Bylaw change was voted down and the Proposed Policy & Procedures change was approved.

We are maintaining an extensive Contacts List on the GMCPC e-mail account. If you know someone who would like to receive our e-mail notices, please have them contact the Club Secretary and they will be put on our Contacts List. We will not remove anyone from our e-mail Contacts list unless they ask us to do so.

Thanks for working with me the past few years and please welcome Pat Novak as your new Secretary for the coming year.

Judy Booth

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 09/11/14 GMC Pacific Cruisers has a bank account at Bank of America in Oakhurst, CA, so we are in business.

Bank of America in Oakhurst and FMCA in Cincinnati have talked to one another and have simplified the process for opening an account. We only need a letter from FMCA stating that I am the Treasurer of the Chapter and I am authorized by FMCA to open an account at the bank. There is no longer any need for a "Fictitious Business Name". The letter also mentioned that the Chapter is a non-profit entity under the umbrella of FMCA. This is a significant improvement from what the process was previously.

I am the main signor for the account. I am sending the President by snail mail a four page document for her to also become a signor for the account. She will have to go to her neighborhood Bank of America to implement the process. There is no rush to do that as I can fully operate the new account without her signature.

Marc Trubert

OUR MEMBER'S RECENT VACATION EXPERIENCE

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us"

R W Emerson

Emerson sponsored Henry David Thoreau and was his mentor and best friend.

This last summer we visited Walden's Pond in Concord, Massachusetts. It was beautiful as well as transforming. "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived." H D Thoreau

How did you spend your summer? Will you share your memories with your friends?

Write an article for the newsletter. Closing date is December 15th.



Happy Holidays

Bobbie

OUR MEMBERS FIRST RALLY REMEMBRANCE

From Phil & Joanne Hernandez:

My story about our first GMC rally is when we did not even own a GMC. We had sold our Tioga motor home and I was so ready to just stay in hotels and never own another motor home.

Phil and I had spent the last 15 plus years traveling California, Arizona, Utah, Mexico and points beyond towing and sailing a Hobie 16 in regattas and I for one was ready to hang it all up but then Ed and Eileen Staal invited Phil and I down to the Chula Vista RV Resort where a GMC Pacific Cruiser rally was being held. We drove down there in our pickup and spent the weekend meeting all the great Pacific Cruisers and we were hooked. We loved the motorhome and the people in the club and within 3 weeks we were the proud owners of our 1977 GMC Palm Beach. We found the coach in Oceanside and when we drove up to see it we both said "The first thing we will do is paint it another color". Well, 15 years later it is still a glorious Palm Beach green and we have grown to love it.

From Gene & Bobbie Schultz:

Our first GMC Rally was at the Chula Vista RV Park. At our first happy hour, Jim & Audree Rowe welcomed us and invited us to sit at their table and have dinner with them. We have always remembered the courtesy extended to us by the Rowe's and now try to follow their example.

We would like to hear about your first GMC Rally and what mattered most to you.

Our first member contribution, we will need many more to keep this newsletter interesting!

By Audree Rowe

WHAT'S IN A NAME---- BADGE THAT IS??



One of the first things that happen when new members joins our club is that we order name badges for them to make them an identifiable part of our group. Nothing is more important than the fellowship and friendship we enjoy when the Pacific Cruisers get together. And nothing is more embarrassing than walking up to someone you have known (and loved) for years and not being able to remember their name, and they may be struggling to remember yours as well. There is a simple way to handle the problem. Wear your name badge in plain sight and a quick glance tells all. Plus there is an added incentive; the 2nd Vice-President, currently yours truly, is our "Sheriff" and has the duty and the responsibility to collect a \$1 fine from any member "caught" without his badge. I've been a softie lately and have been letting people off with a warning but "no more Ms Nice Guy." Wear your badge.....or else!

PACIFIC CRUISER TALENT WANTED OR WHAT IT REALLY TAKES TO PUT ON A RALLY

What would it take for you to put on a rally for Pacific Cruisers? The first thing you need is an idea. What would you like to do at a rally? What about sharing that hidden RV Park or camping gem that one no one has ever heard about? What about going back to a place we've been to and enjoyed; doing things exactly the same as before, or doing things your way? What about an interesting event being held somewhere and you think maybe we can piggy-back our event onto theirs? We've even had at least one "no-host" rally at a beautiful wooded U.S. Forest Service campground in the nearby mountains where each attendee made their own reservation, meals were all on your own if you wanted to enjoy your galley, or pot-luck if you felt like sharing. Entertainment was just being out in our coaches in a beautiful spot and enjoying each other's company, and it was an outstanding event. Every rallymaster has his own ideas and they are all good.

So now you have your idea of what to do and where to do it. Next the fun part starts. Make some phone calls and begin getting information. Is the campground available for the time you want? What is the best price for a group? Do they have a clubhouse we can use? What about meals? If you want to make it easy on yourself (and I do), get some ideas and prices for meals from a caterer. If you don't know of any, the RV Park probably knows who works in their area and who is "good." You get the idea. So now you have your idea, a place to do it and some idea of how much it will cost and you can start laying out a budget. Some costs to consider are:

- **a.** Camping fee for each coach
- **b.** Food and beverages
- **c.** Entertainment?
- **d.** Decorations and paper goods?
- **e.** Equipment rental (tables, film projector – what do you need?)
- **f.** Prizes?
- **g.** Tours? (Rent a bus if you need to or make the cost of a side-trip optional)

See how it's all coming together? The club has written rallymaster guidelines to help you with the planning of what is needed and for tracking and reporting the expenses so you don't have to reinvent the wheel.

So now you think your ideas will work but you are still worried about something you are planning, or wondering about specific details; like how you will get the information to the membership because your computer skills are limited. Ask for and get help. There are plenty of "experienced" rallymasters who will advise you and/or be co-hosts with you. The Pacific Cruisers is never short of people who will jump in and volunteer to help and make it happen. What we have been short of lately are rallymasters willing to commit. Think of all the good times you've enjoyed with the club. Step up and put on an event for the group. This is your chance to put your talents and your ideas out there. It's easier than you think.

BARN BASH REVUE

reported by: Judy Booth
August 22-24, 2014

WOW – Where do I begin? – It was great!!

We arrived at noon Wednesday to find Ron Roman power washing tables & chairs and John & Dee pulling equipment out of the barn and sheds. Shortly six coaches had arrived and everyone was involved in cleaning and set up.

The barn was cleared out & cleaned, awnings erected and tables & chairs organized.

Dave deGraffenreid started manicuring the landscape with help from Steve Weinstock hauling the debris away. The keg of beer was kept cold and appreciated throughout the day. As evening approached, a tired crew sat down to pizza and salads followed by a bonfire and relaxing evening with friends

Thursday we started the day with John's Huevos Ranchero. Then setup work began again. Six more coaches arrived and a busy day of getting everything cleaned & setup continued. Dave cut bamboo poles to make the enclosure for the outdoor shower. Cooking counters and dishwashing areas were set up with more bamboo poles to hold up the shade tarp. The barn was finally the "Party Barn" with a bandstand, dance floor and hay bale seating. The barn's upstairs was cleaned and prepared for Guest Speakers and game players. The day ended with an excellent potluck dinner, bonfire and evening sharing a drink with friends. Friday after another Huevos Rancho breakfast, we welcomed the remaining twelve coaches.

The rally began with Lockwood's presenting all attendees an aluminum Barn Bash IV mug and John's invention, the Wombat Paint Bucket Kit. From there it was a weekend full of activities. Talks were given by our fellow GMCer's Frank Condos about the GMC's, Dave deGraf about Staghorn ferns and John Lockwood about the organic farm. Many other discussions were going on all weekend between GMCer's trying to make their coaches better. A few fixes were attempted and some were successful. We had Guest Speakers author Jerry Knott and author/publisher Craig Smith. They told us about their journey to research, write and publish their books. Slides were shown that enhanced the presentation. It was very interesting.

Perry, the pond guardian, told us about the six week old ducks in the pond and the Monarch butterflies that stay year-round. He asked us to be careful and not walk on the fragile vegetation around the pond. The pond was beautiful with all the different plants and flowers. The rest of the property was beautiful too when Dave was finished trimming & removing trees, bushes and grapevines.

Saturday morning we had a GMCPG Membership Meeting. We had good discussions, elected new officers and resolved several issues.

John & Dee working as everything from short-order cooks to gourmet chefs provided us with delicious meals all weekend. Mornings we enjoyed egg scrambles to order from the Maytag Wok plus meat, pancakes and muffins. Evening meals were fish tacos with all the trimmings on Friday and deep pit

Attendees

Ken & Judy Booth
Frank & Freddi Condos
Bob Cook
Suzanne Covington & Randy Bills
Dave & Donna deGraffenreid
Mike & Fran Fimbres
Linda Harris & Ron Roman
Phil & Joanne Hernandez
John & Dee Lockwood
Bob & Ruth Martin
Danny & Barbara McCurter
Ralph & Annie Mundia
Randy & Marla Ohnemus
Jon & Carol Pickard
Kent, Tessa,
Serena & Kelsa Ropersmith
Jim & Audree Rowe
Gene & Bobbie Schultz
Ernie Smith
William Shourt & Michele Logan
Gary Tollison
Marc & Lillian Trubert
Joe & Barbara Weaver
Steve & Merrie Weinstock



BBQ on Saturday. John's fabulous chili pot was on for all meals.

Several of the guys worked hard to dig out the BBQ pit. After John got the coals going, everyone got involved in preparing the tri-tip, ham, pork, turkey and antelope for slow cooking all day Saturday in the pit. The meat came out perfect. We really enjoyed the barbequed meat and all the side dishes.

The Saturday auction was a success as usual. Auctioneer Johnny made sure everybody got at least one item that they might or might not need. We drank all the wine that was auctioned and had a fun afternoon. Still not sure what we'll do with all that stuff we brought home.

Our evenings were filled with bonfires, friends and Happy Hours that included box wine, Blasters and a cold keg of beer. Saturday night we enjoyed a live band and dancing thanks to John and Dee's family and friends. The band was great and so was the dancing. We'll invite them back anytime!! Sunday after another hearty breakfast, it was time to clean up and put everything back in the barn until next time.

A big THANK YOU to the Lockwood's for another wonderful Barn Bash.

We really appreciate all your time and work to set this up.

This rally requires a lot of member participation in preparation and cleanup.

THANKS to all of you who pitched in and helped to make this a great rally.



KARNEVAL MIT HERZ

KARNEVAL MIT HERZ Nov 13,14,15,16 2014 Canyon RV Park Anaheim, Ca

Hosts: BOBBIE & Gene Schultz, Judy & Ken Booth

Price \$279.00 per coach, \$50 less if you come on Friday Nov 14th

Thursday Check in at noon – towed's are free—extra car \$10.00, dog \$1.00 extra per day, payable at gate, Full hook ups.
Canyon RV Park is the hidden jewel of Orange County – 63 acres of the Featherly Wilderness Preserve – Canyon RV is situated along the Santa Ana River in the heart of the Santa Ana Canyon—bring your bikes - you can cruise through the park or cycle down the Santa Ana Bike Trail.

4:00 - 6:00 Happy Hour—Clubhouse at the pool. And a Deutsch lesson.

7:00 Meet the vans—Arlene & David Cantrell are the two drivers who will shuttle the two 15 passenger vans for the 3 days

7:30 - 10:30 We will attend Big Band dancing at the German Club in their beautiful ballroom—dress like you are on a cruise ship—cocktail attire. Dance admittance is \$10.00 per person, not included in the rally price.

Friday .

8:00 - 9:30 Continental breakfast in the clubhouse by the pool—coffee, fruit and rolls.

12:00 Men's GMC discussion—Ken Booth

Ladies group activity—Make hats for Karneval, bring fabric scraps, trim, old jewelry

4:30 - 5:30 Happy Hour Clubhouse by the pool—continue with Thursday's hors d'ouvers, BYOB

6:00 Dinner at the Clubhouse by the pool—Ralph Mundia, your president, is cooking his famous Tri Tip Roast. Each coach to bring a side dish to share with the group.



Saturday

8:00 - 9:30 Continental breakfast in the clubhouse by the pool—coffee, fruit and rolls

4:30 - 5:30 Happy Hour Clubhouse by the pool—BYOB, come dressed for Karneval, prizes by popular vote

5:00 Shuttle to German Club

5:30 - 12:00 Dinner at the German Club, Garden Room, German buffet:

Salad: German Potato salad, Wurst salad with parsley vinaigrette– Tomato and Cucumber Salad, Dill dressing

Entrée: Oven Roast pork loin with homemade gravy—Beef Roulade, all accompanied with braised red cabbage or sauerkraut—spatzle or mashed potatoes—fresh veggies

Dessert German apple strudel, vanilla sauce, German chocolate cake—coffee & tea included
The Club has a Bierstube, a full Bar with \$5.00 german drafts or \$15.00 pitchers of Bit burger Pils. A variety of Bier Steins are available for purchase.

Much awaits us after dinner. We will have our own tables at the Karneval Show and we will learn to Polka like the Germans. The Karneval show is extensive, comedy acts, costumes, marching, dancers and dancing, skits in English and German, dress in bright colors, beads, and funny hat, prize for funniest hat. The show goes till midnight, we then crawl to the vans for home. All included in your package except for the drinks.

Schlafen sie wohl—las die wansen nicht beisen - sleep tight—don't let the bed bugs bite

Sunday Continental breakfast in the clubhouse by the pool—coffee, fruit and rolls

8:00 - 9:30 Fill out Bobbie's quiz for an extra prize—Aufwiedersehen

DIRECTIONS From the East: Take I-15 to Hwy 91 West to exit 41a, at the foot of the ramp, there is a stop light, continue straight to the Canyon RV Park entrance.

From the West: Take a north/south freeway to Hwy 91, proceed east to exit 41, at foot of the ramp (Gypsum Road), turn left under the freeway, at first light, turn left into Canyon RV Park

Send your check and registration to: Roberta Schultz, 1161 Meadowlake Dr., Vista , CA 92084

760-941-1589 (home) 760-525-3551 (Bobbi's cell) 760-525-5016 (Gene's cell)

Sign up by November 9th

After that I can't get reservations for you at the Saturday Karneval dinner and dance

Names _____ Tele _____ Cell _____
Address _____ Zip _____ Coach Lic# _____

Nov 13 to 16 2014

Coach with 2 persons: \$279.00

Coach with 1 Person \$229.00

Total Enclosed _____

Nov 14 to 16 2014

Coach with 2 persons \$229.00

Coach with 1 person \$179.00



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2014-2015 RALLY SCHEDULE

September 19-21, 2014

Santee Lakes Regional Park-Santee/San Diego Hosted by Fimbres/Schultz

October 1-6, 2014 Western States 4 Amigos-French Camp RV park in Manteca, Ca. Hosted by Banovich/DeGraffenreid/Travao, Roenick. More information to follow.

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January 21-28 2015: Pacific Cruisers Shop till You Drop

Hosts: Garton's. Quartzsite, CA. Hook Ups
No formal events, just camp together, share food, play games, socialize. Shop at the Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama, 2.2 miles of shopping. Come 1 day or the whole period, but same price for one day or the whole period.

February 13-15 2015 Pacific Cruisers Valentine's Day Rally

Hosts: Wienstock/deGraffenreid. Newport Dunes, Ca. Hook Ups
In the planning stage but will include Friday and Saturday Happy Hours, hosted dinners and breakfasts, stay tuned.

March ? Pacific Cruisers Blue Grass Festival

Hosts: Novak's. Temecula, CA. Dry Camping

April or May: Western States Spring Rally

Hosts: TBD, Palm Springs, CA. Hook Ups

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