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School is starting, the day light hours are shorter, it must be time for more rallies.

We recently attended a dinner in a vineyard in Oceanside/Fallbrook, paired with really nice wines. I thought we could have a fun rally, camping in Guajome Park, with dinner and wine pairings outdoors among the grape vines. My friend's winery is close, so we could hop over for a catered event this coming spring. I'm looking for feedback, please?

We have two new officers joining our team and getting settled into their new jobs. Joe Weaver is our new Treasurer, he is replacing Marc Trubert who is retiring due to a health issue. We will certainly miss Marc and we need to thank him for his wonderful service.

Len Novak is replacing me as Vice President. After 3 years I am very grateful to have Len on board and we are working closely together to bring you a really great year of memorable rallies. We need volunteers for rally masters, so give us a call - Valentines is always a fun rally to sponsor.

We are packing and greasing the wheels for the Western States Rally in Colorado, and thought we might wander over to South Dakota for the International Rally, we have never been to one, a new experience. We did it -see our rally report.

Speaking of new experiences, Ben Price has started a Face Book Page for Pacific Cruiser's, Check out the pictures from the Big Bear Rally.

Ben and Mary did an awesome job on the Big Bear Rally. A rally report by one of our new members, Karen Wagniere, is included in this issue of the newsletter.

Pat Novak is starting our membership renewal drive, and Joe Weaver, our new treasurer, will handle the influx of new dollars.

While I am on the subject of getting our feet wet, we might all be doing that, this "El Nino" winter

I leave you with a quote from Ernest Hemingway " It is good to have an end to journey toward, but it is the journey that matters in the end"

Bobbie Schultz, President

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1ST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:

My primary responsibility is to plan and execute our rallies, besides checking on Bobbie's health, since I am in the line of succession, just before Audree – how are you doing, Audree, Bobbie?

Here is the list of locations of possible rallies, the membership must volunteer as rally master and assistant rally master for us to fill the nine Rallies we should be scheduling for the rest of 2015 and 2016. We normally don't schedule rallies in the 3 summer months due to the crowded conditions in the parks. Talk to me about rallymaster checklists.

Locations:

Temecula Excellent, but no longer available, but Pechanga may be avail, both dry camping

Huntington Beach.....nice and relaxing with all the comforts of home

Lyttle Creek.....very nice, but no longer available

Vista Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum....annual event, but dry camping

Perris Train Museum.....lots of nice stuff, dry camping

Sweetwater RV Park....very good amenities, nice setting and pool

Winery in Rancho Bernardo....available? dry camping

Gourd Festival.... Available?

March Air Force Base museum....off base but dry camping

Red Beach at Camp Pendleton.....available to non military?

Camp O'Neill on Camp Pendleton...the group stayed there once

Tehapachi Casino.....went there once in the fall

Juilian.... stayed there once

Any more locations?

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TREASURER'S REPORT BY JOE WEAVER

Through 8/15/15

Gross Income **\$3876.86**

expenses **\$1257.57**

Newsletter Expenses **-\$ 415.02**

Balance **\$2619.29**

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SECRETARY'S REPORT: AUG 19 2015

I have prepared the 2016 renewal forms for the GMC Pacific Cruisers dues for the 2016 period. I will provide them to the Newsletter Coordinator for the Sep 2015 mailing to be mailed with the Sep Newsletter and separately to those who rely on the internet for the newsletter.

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MINUTES OF PACIFIC CRUISERS GMC MOTOR HOME CLUB 4:00 PM, JULY 7 2015 BIG BEAR RALLY

Meeting was opened by Bobbie Schultz, President of the GMC Pacific Cruisers. Pat and Mary, visitors to the rally to see our GMC's, were invited to stay during the meeting. Ron and Karen Wagniere, new members attending their first rally were introduced as first timers – but they were former members who were rejoining. Audree and Jim Rowe, who were having their coach repainted, drove up for the day.

Ben Price, host for the rally, announced that he has started a new GMC Pacific Cruisers Facebook account – Just google GMC Pacific Cruisers Facebook, there will be a page that lets you log into Facebook and then you ask for permission to join. This account is administered by Ben Price. You can participate with any device, like a computer, smart phone, etc. It is a little like the GMCnet, but just for Pacific Cruisers, lets you post pictures and "how to do it" thoughts and questions. (Bobbie monitors it every day)

The cost of producing/mailling the newsletter was discussed, about 1/3 of the members are paying \$10.00 annually to receive the newsletter by mail. The conclusion is that printing/mailling a large newsletter costs more than \$10.00 annually, needs more discussion.

Ed Staal reported for the 2016 club officers nominating committee.

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Lacking a quorum, the new officers volunteered to assume their duties and to vote on it at the October rally.

Bobbie reported that Joe Weaver reported the club balance was \$2,976.46

Jim Rowe mentioned that GMC Western States and GMC International were holding week long rallies in the center of the country, Pueblo, CO and Rapid City, SD. Lots of entertainment and seminars for the men and women will be provided.

Pacific Cruiser rally Oct 16-18 scheduled – see the Pacific Cruisers web site.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45.

Reported by Karen Wagniere, paraphrased by Gene Schultz

BIG BEAR LAKE RALLY

Our rally hosts, Ben & Mary Price arranged for a dry camping site behind the Big Bear Convention Center. A small group, only 5 rigs, made for a very friendly dinner Friday night at the Big Bear Convention Center. It was their "Country" Theme night and the on-site restaurant delivered huge platters of food to our tables. There was a live band outside and the weather was perfect.

We drove up the side route through Redlands and the Mountain road didn't give us any trouble. We only pulled over twice to let cars go by us. We did hear that Phil and Joanne Hernandez got within 8 miles of the Lake and decided to turn back and a few other rigs just decided not to attempt the climb up in the heat and traffic. (The Friday in-town traffic on the 210 was terrible but we just took our time.) Big bear was on the low side but the main Lake was still sparkling and a lot of boats were out. We missed the cruise around the Lake but heard it was very nice.

Saturday morning was a feast. We had fruit, rolls, bacon donuts, and coffee. Ben made the fluffiest blueberry pancakes! We were camped right next to the Big Bear Airport so we also got to watch the small planes take off and land. Afterwards we all piled into the tow cars and headed into town for the Car Show. Our local guide, Ben, knew the most convenient parking – at the Moose Lodge. The whole crowd walked ... and walked up and down streets to see the Big Bear Fun Rally. They had over 530 classic cars parked all around town. All cars must have been built prior to 1975 and they had some beautiful paint jobs. Ben said it was "Like herding flies" to keep us all together.

For lunch we got in our cars and went to the Mill Creek Manor Tea Room owned by Pat & Art Garza. It's a little out of town, delightful to see and the chicken Chinese salads and chicken salad sandwiches were perfect. They had the freshest French rolls and I hope someone took pictures because it was a beautiful house full of glass, tea cups, wreaths made of cups and they even had "loaner" dress up hats for their customers.

Later that afternoon, back at the Convention Center, we had visitors show up curious to see the GMC's and ask questions. Everyone was happy to interact and we had our own Open House and you know the type of questions, "How did you find one", "My Dad had a GMC and I've always loved them", "My the wood inside is so much nicer than the plastic in our motorhome", "I've seen some on the internet but been afraid because they are so old". I did give my husband's cell phone to two guys and offer his help if they found one they wanted to look at. (I didn't tell him; this is the first he'll hear of that and I may not be doing it again.)

We even had one guy show up on his motorcycle who seemed to know a very lot about GMC motorhomes He said his name was "Miguel" and everyone seemed to know him.

We had a wonderful dinner and debated all kinds of topics. We had homemade Applewood smoked pulled pork, macaroni salad, cornbread, beans, coleslaw and even some of Ben's home brewed beers. The food was great, the company was interesting and you could find out anything you wanted to know about your GMC. Everything was covered from fixing your air conditioning, to putting on new side stripes, to who's going to the Western States Rally in Pueblo, Colorado and who's going on to the International Rally in South Dakota.

RALLY REPORTS

GMC WESTERN STATES AT PUEBLO AND GMC INTERNATIONAL AT RAPID CITY

We went to the GMC Western States Rally in Pueblo, CO, along with Ralph & Annie Mundia, Jim & Audree Rowe, Ken & Karen Wagniere, Dave & Donna de Graffenreid, Dave & Arlene Cantrell, Bob Hooton, and Frank & Freddi Condos, Freddi is President of the Western States.

We were a lively group – had lots of fun and learned a lot of things. Yours truly was a saloon girl at the Western Party Sat. night. The Roasted Pig was delicious and the party was very festive, and there were seminars about anything, this rally was planned to precede the GMC International's Rally at Rapid City, SD.

So it was time to hit the road to our first International Rally, where we met lots of new faces and over the next 7 days we came to know more. The rest of our Pacific Cruiser group had commitments which sent them back to Southern CA, but we went on, since we had never been to an International Rally.

We met a lot of people whose names were familiar to us from the GMCnet email site, and joined up with a number of 49ers in the Campground and met more from other clubs over the 7 days we were there. I really enjoyed the luncheon sponsored by the Mountaineer Ladies "Once Upon An Apron". Gene attended many seminars, one was where you weighed your coach, ours needs to lose some pounds on the left side - I can sympathize.

Alex Ferrarri, who is on a mission to get all GMC steering boxes aligned with the front wheels, and works like a dog every day at every rally he attends, all for free. He does bring a lot of customers to Applied GMC and Dave Lenzi for parts. He has done his magic for over 70 coaches at rallies he attends. Ours set a record, they can be 30, 60, or 90 degrees off center, but ours was 120 degrees off of straight ahead.

We panned for gold and played bingo – I won one bingo board and the numbers were called by an old friend of Gene's, they both worked at the same division of Univac in St Paul, MN 25 or 30 years ago.

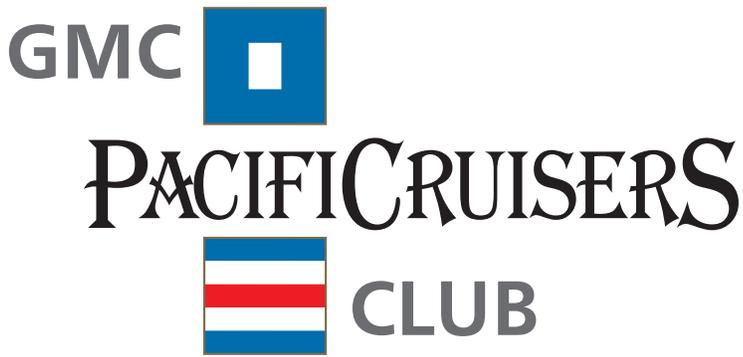
On the way in and on the way home we enjoyed camping and sightseeing in some famous locations.

The Badlands – "Let sculptors come and painters too! But first of all, let the true architect come, he who could interpret this vast gift of nature in terms of human habitation, so that Americans on their own continent might glimpse a new and higher civilization, touch it, feel it as they lived in it and deserved to call it their own. Yes I say that the aspects of the Dakota Badlands have more spiritual quality to import to the mind of America than anything else in it made by man's god, Frank Lloyd Wright 1935"

In recognition of our upcoming rally with Roy and Karen Gosen in their Frank Lloyd Wright inspired home in Lake Arrowhead, we bring our classic GMC Motorhomes to the high desert and will spend a day at Lake Arrowhead for sightseeing and an early dinner at the Gosen's

On this trip, people admired our GMC coaches, and we include a picture showing a caravan of GMC's heading north, with a very scenic backdrop. What an extraordinary experience the last month has been!





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2015 RALLY SCHEDULE

Jan 13-16 Host	2016 Pacific Cruisers Ken & Judy Booth	Havasu Balloon Festival Havasu, AZ
April ?	2016 Western States	
April 8-15 Host	2016 GMCI Kimberly Weeks	Dothan, AL
June 25-Jul 1 Host	2016 GMCI Kimberly Weeks	Branson, MO
Sep 30-Oct 6 Host	2016 GMCI Kimberly Weeks	Mansfield, OH

