

# GMC WESTERN STATES NEWSLETTER

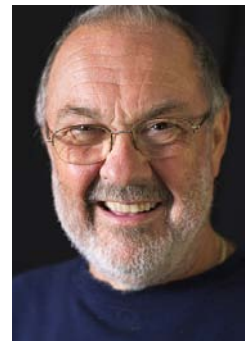


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## President's Letter – June 2013

I am writing this just after the Spring rally and we – Carol and I – are still excited about how much fun we all had there. Even though we had fewer coaches and people than we expected at such a great location, we had more than enough to have a good time. We maxed out at 35 coaches (plus 7 members who came without their coaches) and 79 people on Thursday evening. We had a very exciting Casino Night (thanks to Dave and Donna deGraffenreid and the fabulous GMC saloon girls), we had individual and sing-along karaoke, we played jokers and marbles and, above all, we had some of the best food ever, every evening and every morning. We can't say enough about Amy and Bob, our hosts and the owners of the DeAnza RV Resort – thanks again Amy and Bob.



We did a little experimenting with the format of the technical sessions this time. Recognizing that one of the main reasons people attend GMCWS rallies (besides seeing some good friends) is to talk about GMCs, we called the new format “We’re talking GMCs” and we extended each of the tech sessions with an anything-goes question and answer session after a short main topic was presented. It was a sort of an “ask the experts” session without anyone being designated an expert ahead of time. I think it worked out pretty well. We got lots of questions answered, had some good discussions, and used every minute of the tech session time allocated. At the end of the rally we raffled off six T-shirts that say “Help! I am talking about GMC Motorhome and can't quit!” for people that contributed to our efforts.

We did our best to put as much rally information on the [gmcws.org](http://gmcws.org) web site as we could. There are almost 200 color photos, multiple rally reports (thanks to Frank Condos and Nancy Ferguson – be sure to look at Nancy's report on the web site, there are more photos with it), six videos, and seminar presentation materials available to everyone on the site. Although this letter is being written for the newsletter I will post it on the web site along with anything and everything that our members suggest.

The best thing about using the web site to communicate with members is that there is no size limit. We can have as many photos, movies, articles, and rosters as we want and there are no extra fees. When my term as President is over (in October) I plan to continue managing the web site and making it the center of club information and activity by making it so good and easy you'll have to look – I'd appreciate your help doing that too.

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Other items we discussed and decided at the rally were as follows. I introduced the club to the GMC MotorhomesForSale.com site that should really help improve our ability to buy and sell GMC Motorhomes. There is an article about this new site on gmcws.org – take a look. Also, we decided to request a significant deposit when members borrow club tools such as the front-end alignment kit. From now on the deposit will be set at the tool's replacement cost and will be refunded in full when the tool is returned in good condition.

Summer is already starting here in Arizona – we had some great weather for the rally and we had it just in time. It's barely a week later and it was 97 degrees today – but it's a dry heat. We plan to use our GMC to get out of here for a while again this summer – probably not the 8 to 10 week long trips we have taken for the past 3 years but some good ones nevertheless. Hope you have a great summer and get to use your GMC to make it even better.

*- Armand Minnie*



## Membership Meeting Minutes

Amado, AZ  
April 13, 2013

President Armand Minnie called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the September meeting (available on the website) was made by Jim Rowe and seconded by Nick

Roenick. The minutes were approved without corrections.

Carol Minnie gave the Secretary's Report noting that there are currently 234 members (down from 265 in September). More than 30 members did not renew this year but we continue to get new members from the website.

Dave de Graffenreid gave the Treasurer's report. For 2012, we had a balance of \$28,011.26 which included \$10,326.44 in income. Expenses of \$8,909.79 went to roster newsletters, rally expenses and new scales. As of January 2013, the balance was \$29,427.91 and as of 4/09/2013, it was \$25,772.78. Dave asked for volunteers to help review the financial reports for 2011 and 2012. (Chuck Botts and Carol Minnie will help.)

Old business: the car shows have been successful and we will continue our policy of reimbursing entry fees to members who attend. There are current plans for some folks to go to the Annual Fallbrook Vintage Car Show in California. Also, Jim and Audree Rowe are organizing a group to attend the American Historic Truck Society show in May in Perris, CA.

*New business:*

- Ralph Mundia suggested numbering our coaches so we can identify a GMC when we pass it on the highway. There were several ideas about how that could be done but some were concerned about giving out too much personal information. It was noted that if the GMC has an FMCA plaque, that number could be used as an identifier. Ralph and Annie agreed to prepare a list of ideas for future consideration as to how we can identify a GMC owner when we pass.

- Equipment loans – due to a current situation where we are having difficulty getting equipment back that has been loaned to members, we will now get a deposit. A motion was made by Hoss Hauge to get a deposit equal to the replacement value of the item. Terry Morris seconded the motion.

A nominating committee was selected for the upcoming changing of the guard. Jack Kincaid, George Banovich and Dorris Garton will be on the committee. Bob Martin approved the committee and Chuck Botts seconded.

### *Future Rallies:*

Fall: October 2 – 7, 2013. Joint GMC Cascaders and GMCWS rally at Coos Bay Oregon. Jerry and Sharon Work will host. See the website for details

Spring and Fall 2014 rallies are in discussion and will probably be in California.

Cal Terry moved to adjourn the meeting and Terry Boyd seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Carol Minnie, Secretary*



## Treasurer's Report

We had a wonderful rally in Arizona, now it's time to head north to Oregon. We are calling this a Three Club Rally, GMC Western States, GMC Cascader's and the GMC 49ers, it will be a good one.

Our clubs finances are looking good. We supported rallies, bought equipment and supported future rallies. We started 2012 with \$28,011.26 and finished 2012 with \$29,427.91, not bad I would say.

Thank you for all the support and good times.

*GMCWS Treasurer*

*Dave de Graffenreid*

# GMC WESTERN STATES TECH CENTER



## SUMMARY OF THE GMCWS SPRING RALLY IN AMADO

Presented by the intrepid GMCer Frank Condos who wrote the summary. SAFETY comments are by Nick Roenick

As always, the rally technical sessions generated a lot of useful information and were well attended. Information generated from the presentations, questions and discussions, both during the sessions and after the sessions. We were fortunate to have three of the top experts on GMC Motor Homes present, Jim Bounds, Jim Kanomato, and Manny Travao all participated and shared their expertise.

Manny discussed the struggle to find front axles and CV joint replacements. Many of the Toronado replacements have different inner U-joints and will not accept the longer motor home axle. Some will not accept replacement boots. While it may be possible to find some old stock rebuilds, axles and CVs can become critical part issues. Manny offered the one ton front drive system as an alternative. The explanation and showing of the one ton kit parts and benefits followed.

**SAFETY:** The original front axle assembly needs to be serviced about every 20,000 miles and requires a bearing puller to correctly complete the service. The lack of grease will damage bearings and has led to catastrophic failures.

Steve Ferguson discussed the inspection and replacement of lower control arm bushings. Steve also showed examples of early years control arm wear and creaks and apparent attempts by dealer shops to reinforce the arms. Steve does an excellent rebuild of these arms and his work is available through our specialty suppliers. During the discussion, it was pointed out that there are many items that could need attention, in addition to the control arms, if you experience a wandering coach. Each of these can be checked by the average owner for looseness if you don't mind getting on your back and have a friend move the steering wheel. Steve's presentation is available on the web.

**SAFETY:** There are several great tutorials on the GMCnet which show how to correctly install all front end items. These are a major part of the hardest working system on the coach, your front end.

Gene Fisher covered using your ears to listen to your coach telling you of problems. For example, if you turn on your house water pump and you hear periodic burps, you have a leak. If your air suspension compressor runs frequently in the travel mode, you have a leak. If your fuel fill system burps and gurgles during fill, you may have a pinched vent hose. A more complete edition of Gene's presentation is available on the GMCWS web site.

**SAFETY:** If you fix the small issues, you might prevent bigger issues. A flooded coach can ruin your floor/carpet, short wiring, cause mildew, etc. Leaking fuel costs you \$\$\$ and might cause a fire. Also, install a smoke alarm for good measure.

Chuck Botts provided an update on oils for our flat tappet (pre-'90s) engines. The issue is how to get sufficient ZDDP to protect camshafts and tappets from scuffing. Chuck contacted several prominent cam suppliers and engine rebuilders for recommendations. As examples, AMSOIL, Castrol Syntec, Mobile One in the higher viscosity 10-40, 15-50 have sufficient ZDDP. As a general rule, any oil showing an API rating of SL, weather synthetic or conventional is good. Chuck's complete paper is available on the GMCWS web site.

**SAFETY:** While most of you use the correct oil and lubricants, it is important to point out that modern technology sometimes does NOT cover older engines like ours.

We had a rare opportunity to hear from a young family member that likes to dry camp in the

dunes and Forest Service campgrounds. Carl and Kathy Stouffer described the rationale and details of their solar electrical addition as well as other mods to enhance the dry camping experience. The complete presentation is on the GMCWS web site.

**SAFETY:** Listen to Smokey the Bear: "Only you can prevent forest fires" and treat our natural resources with care.

As always, Jim Bounds' presence is a great contribution to any discussion. Jim participated and contributed to all discussions, but the highlight was his presentation on maintaining personal safety in the coach while using it. Key to this is fire suppression and safety. Most RV fires begin in the engine area or with the absorption refrigerator area fired with propane. This is not unique to our GMCs but to most all. Jim advocates installing a foam suppression system in the engine compartment and a Halon in the refrigerator and Onan areas. Most importantly, foam extinguishers near the sleeping area and near the door are very important for personal safety. Further, it's imperative to have impact emergency hammers for the rear sleeping area and near the exit to break a window for an emergency exit. Remember, with the new style swing out vent windows, there is no way out if the door is jammed; further, the rear window pull string may have lost the ring or is stuck with age.

By the way, Jim does install a cutout and cover plate over the inside door panel latch to

allow activating the lock if it jams. Not a bad idea for all of us.

**SAFETY:** Several fire extinguishers and impact hammers in the coach are a must. Have a plan to get out of the coach and share it with you loved ones. The less confusion about where to turn and where to run in an emergency, the better for the execution in a real event. A smoke alarm is great, but they need batteries changed once a year and the alarm needs to be replaced at the manufacturer's recommended intervals. In addition to that, a carbon monoxide alarm can be a life saver, since we use our heaters on really cold nights and CO is odorless and colorless. Some might even install a propane gas detector in the appropriate location for additional safety.

The coach weigh-in results were covered with the usual questions and discussion as to what they mean. The principal benefit of these weigh-ins is setting correct tire pressure according to the tire

## Tech VP Report continued...

manufacturer load tables. The complete presentation is on the GMCWS web site.

**SAFETY:** Keep an eye on your tire pressures. Do a walk-around at every fuel stop and look at the tires. Check for items lodged in the tread (rocks, nails, rodents, Mini Coopers, etc.). Slingshotting a rock at someone's window is not polite. Removing the nail or screw at a gas station will save you time dodging traffic along the highway when the tire goes flat.

Finally, much of the unscheduled discussion centered on getting good, reliable engine replacements. This discussion has continued on the GMCNet.

Thank you, Frank for the summary and being a great GMCer.

See you at the next rally and ...

**BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!**

## First VP Report

**ARE YOU READY!!** The Coos Bay Rally is going to be LOTS of fun, informative and relaxing, to name just a few positive adjectives. The seminars are going to be excellent. The book club seminar will include a book exchange. Bring your books that others might enjoy for the exchange. There is a swap meet scheduled for Friday so be sure to bring your items to exchange or sell. Prices can be as little as \$1.00 or even less. Your items need to have your name and price so we can get your money to you. I will be needing help with managing this table so give it some thought if you're able to help take money.

Thanks to Sharon Work, here is a reading list for those who want to know more about the Northwest region, the Oregon coast in particular.

1. "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian" by Sherman Alexie will be discussed in the book club seminar led by Lillian Trubert. The Spokane writer, Native American himself, has found a national readership as he writes short stories and novels about modern day Indians. Alexie is a National Book Award Winner, has received the Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year award, New York Times Notable Book of 2007 and numerous other awards. Currently this book and his "Ten Little Indians" (short stories) are the Multnomah County (Portland) Library "Everybody Reads" selections for the year 2013.

2. "A Gathering of Finches" by Jane Kirkpatrick is a general understanding of the history of the Coos Bay/North Bend area. The book is a fictionalized story of the wife of Louis Simpson, original settler of the area and founder of the lumber company that bears the family name. One of our rally events will be a guided tour of the Simpson estate grounds and gardens that today comprise Shore Acres State Park. (Transportation provided.) Jane Kirkpatrick is an Oregon writer who has written many interesting novels about the NW region.

3. "Mink River" by Brian Doyle is a recent publication by Oregon State University. A novel about a modern day, fictional community on the Oregon coast, full of imagery, the smell of salt and moss, the taste of berries and colorful characters.

4. For avid readers there are always the classic novels by Oregon writers David James Duncan ("The River Why") and Ken Kesey ("Sometimes a Great Notion" set in the Florence area.)

Looking forward to seeing all of you. The coast is a great place to be. Weather should be good in October but bring warm clothes and plan on having a GREAT TIME! See you there.

*Melissa Fisher*

## SPRING 2013 RALLY

reported by Nancy Ferguson

Was this a great rally or what?

Tuesday the GMCs began to roll in. After a lot of gripping and grinning and renewing acquaintances, the attendees enjoyed a Social Hour (aka Happy Hour) with Dave deGraffenreid's Margarita Bucket available to loosen folks up and followed by a wonderful home made lasagna dinner catered by the RV park. Thanks to the volunteer crafters for adding a western look with their creative centerpieces.

Wednesday was the official start of the various tech and non-tech sessions for the GMCWS Spring Rally at De Anza RV Resort in Amado, AZ. It was a very busy day for the ladies. The day started off with "Walking with Freddi" at 7:00 am followed by a catered breakfast of blueberry pancakes, bacon, fresh fruit and coffee. At 9:00 am, the guys started their Swap Meet and the vendors started plying their wares. The first event for the ladies began with the "Cowgirl Coffee". Western wear was encouraged and cowgirl hats were in abundance. All of the ladies in attendance got acquainted after offering a brief self introduction. Coffee, pastries, games, gifts and a discussion of upcoming rally events followed.

At 10:30, speaker Betty Barr took us on a historical verbal tour back to the early 1900s – looking at the life of May Watkins on the 65,000 acre ranch owned by "Texas John Slaughter" near Douglas, AZ. Her presentation was very interesting and informative. Betty is an award winning journalist and a great speaker. (Learn more at [www.brockingjbooks.com](http://www.brockingjbooks.com).)

The afternoon brought us together for Line Dance lessons while the guys were doing a "weigh-in" on their coaches. Fran Wimer from Marana, AZ patiently guided us through three dance routines that none of us had ever participated in before. For a bunch of newbies, we did pretty darn well.

The remainder of the early afternoon as free time to do as you wished. A couple of us took a quick run over to Walmart to pick up a few things that we couldn't live without returning just in time to enjoy the evening's Social Hour. Manny Travao contributed to the fun with his Margarita Bucket. A catered Mexican dinner followed, but . . . that didn't end the fun. After dinner, there was an ice cream social and a magic show by our own Bob and Gloria Caldwell.

Thursday began with another group of troopers heading out on their morning walk with Freddi in the lead. All that exercise was followed by another great catered meal of breakfast burritos. Then, the line dancers gathered in the gym for another hour of practice on the three dances that had been introduced the day before. Lots of cardiovascular work was available for those that participated in these activities.

When the ladies were done with their dancing to the music, they went next door to the Rally room to participate in a crafting session and a Craft Marketplace/Swap meet. Under the trusty guidance of Ruth Martin and Audree Rowe, scarves were decorated with paint, stencils, stick-on appliques and glued on bling. Sliders for the scarves were a bit more complicated for those of us with little talent in that area. In the swap meet area, some of the ladies offered a variety of merchandise for sale ranging from jewelry to leis cloth bags, quilts and more.

The afternoon offered time off to “Be A Tourist”. Some of us did just that and some of us took a nap to rest up for Casino Night. Rally attendees were encouraged to dress up in cowboy/cowgirl attire or western period costumes for Social Hour. Happily, virtually everyone did. Dave De Graf contributed to the fun by providing the Margarita Bucket for the night.

After an excellent Italian meal of Chicken Parmesan (Spaghetti Western?? Clint Eastwood, anyone?), we headed into the main Rally Room aka “The Casino”. Each participant was given a cup holding \$20,000.00 for their gambling pleasure. Craps, Roulette, Black Jack, and other games of chance were available to either increase or deplete your \$20K. And, don’t forget those Saloon girls in their feather boas and fancy attire that definitely added to that Western saloon atmosphere.

Friday brought more “Walking with Freddi” for those early risers. After working up an appetite, the walkers, et al enjoyed a Breakfast casserole – a first time presentation by the RV park. The ladies then gathered for a discussion of “Women of the Wild West” and developed a great appreciation for a GMC versus a covered wagon! The “Annie Oakley” documentary that followed was an entertaining look at the great entertainer and we found out that we had a few sharpshooters in our own group! Who knew?

The afternoon was open to “Be A Tourist”. Some took advantage by traveling a few miles down the road to the Tubac artists’ colony for a day of lots of shopping, lunching and spending. While some shopped and toured, other ladies got together for a fun craft session where they painted and decorated the cutest birdhouses ever (a special thanks to Jodell Banovich for leading the session and to Melissa Fisher for planning it). After that, they learned how to be beautiful and healthy inside and out from Gloria Morris as she shared her skin care secrets.

The evening included another Social Hour with Margaritas provided by Jim Kanomata and a catered dinner meal of fish and chips. After dinner, the group retired to the Rally Room for a raucous evening of Karaoke (lots of Karaoke) and line dancing. We had a great time.

Saturday morning, Freddi led her group of relentless early risers on a power walk around the park. A catered breakfast of eggs cooked to order followed immediately thereafter. Group activities for both men and women filled the morning. The first order of business was the GMCWS Membership meeting led by Armand where numerous reports were given and items discussed. Then, Jim Bounds gave an interesting and lengthy talk about fire safety. There was heavy participation from the group both in asking questions and contributing stories of their own.

At the conclusion of Jim’s talk, Kathy Stouffer presented an informative session called “Aerobics for the Mind” – a subject from which many of us could benefit. She discussed age related issues and exercises for the brain that could be done to improve memory and restore sharper thinking. She also included an additional session on improving balance, and demonstrated exercises that can strengthen muscles in the legs and hips to help prevent falls.

The balance of the day included four hours of Open Coach which gave everyone the opportunity to explore other coaches and glean ideas to improve their own. Then Social Hour arrived and the Margarita Bucket showed up again . . . leftovers from the previous evenings were more than enough to fill the bucket one more time. A delicious dinner of the largest serving of pot roast in history marked the end of our catered meals. Entertainment began with a hula performance by Elaine Ginn who then gave lessons to several willing volunteers. A somewhat more reserved evening of Karaoke concluded the last night. Thank you Armand and Carol and Dave and Donna for making this one of the best GMCWS rallies ever.

Sunday we met one last time for pastries and coffee before heading for home. Lots of hugs were passed around for friends not seen often enough. “See you in Coos Bay” was the word of the day. We will see you all again then. Love those GMCWS rallies. They are the best. I am looking forward to the next . . . and the next . . . and the next

### International Saloon Girls ...

With joyful gratitude, we thank those Outstanding Lookers that graced us with their presence at the Spring Rally: none other than the renowned International Saloon Girls...namely: Donna de Graffenreid, Nancy Ferguson, Elaine Ginn, Charlotte Hauge, Annie Mundia, Gloria Morris, Audree Rowe, Donna Ventura

These ladies looked and danced extremely well...Thanks Ladies for your participation in making the evening fun filled.

### Freddi C







## FALL 2013 COOS BAY RALLY

Hi gang, Good time to do your late summer/fall planning and get your reservation in for what should be a really great three GMC club rally on the Oregon coast at Coos Bay, OR, October 2 through 7. All five of the major west coast clubs will be present with three, GMCWS, GMC Cascaders and GMC 49ers as the official hosts. In addition to GMCs coming from Canada and all over the west there are caravans already planned coming from the Pacific Cruisers. We also expect a big turnout from the Jet Setters as well. I also hear tell of GMCers coming from the other side of the Rockies so it should be a great turnout. If you want to put together your own caravan, a number of our members will be publishing self guided tours for coming from all points of the compass --- well, maybe not from the west!

We have full hookup room for 100 coaches with nearly unlimited adjacent dry camping for the rest. The first 100 to sign up will receive a special custom made metal art piece that Sharon and I have commissioned from well known metal artist, Serene Silva of Santa Cruz, CA. In addition to a full suite of seminars covering all aspects of how to restore, maintain and modernize your GMC and how to get the most from the GMC lifestyle, we are planning a whole media day with live vendor demonstrations in the morning and open houses in the afternoon. We hope to attract regional media interest so more people can learn the joys of these fine old coaches.

A special treat for many will be the optional tour, student food sampling and wine paring event at the culinary arts center. All transportation will be provided. We also will be going to the estate of lumber baron Louis Simpson that is now a beautiful State Park featuring the outstanding gardens and breathtaking views of the ocean. And, for those of you who really like to be pampered, all our meals (except for the very special Saturday BBQ) will be catered by the Mill Casino, Hotel and RV park staff. Bring your swimming suits if you enjoy sitting in the hot tubs overlooking Coos Bay watching the commercial shipping traffic go by.

We are featuring a risk free early registration process to make sure you get the spot of your choice. If you need to cancel for any reason and do so prior to August 25 you will receive a 100% refund. That is the date we have to commit to the caterers and the RV park so after that cancellation refunds will be made only if we can after paying all the rally expenses.

The registration form is included with this publication and the GMCWS web site has full rally info and registration forms, so ya'll come! See you there.

Also included with the registration form is a list of the task assignments that will allow you to directly participate in help making this one of the best west coast rallies ever. Just let us know where you would like to serve and we will put you in touch with your team members, the other folks from around the country who want to contribute in the same way. Thanks, Jerry & Sharon Work 541-592-5360 [glwork@mac.com](mailto:glwork@mac.com)

### **GMC Three club rally event schedule, October 2 thru October 7, 2013, Mill Casino, Hotel & RV Park, Coos Bay, Oregon**

Breakfast		Cont. 7:30-9 catered in ballroom	Full catered breakfast in ballroom 8-9:30	Cont. 7:30-9 catered in ballroom	Cont. 7:30-9 catered in ballroom	Cont. 7:30-9 catered in ballroom
Morning		<b>RMM</b> seminars 9-12 in ballroom	<b>GMCLS</b> seminars 9:30-12 in ballroom	<b>RMM</b> seminars 9-12 in ballroom	Vendor demos 9-12, place to be determined	GMCWS club meeting 9-11
Lunch		On your own	49ers club meeting and lunch in Yurt 12-1	Cascaders club meeting and lunch in Yurt 12-1	On your own	On your own
Afternoon	Checkin	1-4 Shore Acres State Park guided tour, transportation provided	<b>GMCLS</b> seminars 1-3 in ballroom.  Swap meet 3-5 place to be determined	Optional <b>GMCLS</b> seminars in ballroom.  Culinary Arts tour & wine tasting, transportation provided	1-3 Open House for half the coaches  3-5 Open House for other half of the coaches	Departure
Happy Hour	5-6 in the Yurt	5-6 in the Yurt	5-6 in the Yurt	5 on in the Yurt	5 on in the Yurt	
Dinner	6:30 staff catered in ballroom	6:30-9 staff catered in ballroom	6:30-9 staff catered in ballroom	GMC potluck BBQ at Yurt	On your own	
Program	honor vendors and first time attendees			Rally rewards ceremony, entertainment, weather permitting		

RMM = GMC Restoration, Maintenance & Modernization      GMCLS = Getting the most from the GMC Lifestyle

**GMC Western States, GMC Cascaders, GMC 49ers, Rally hosts Jerry & Sharon Work cell 541-499-1027, [glwork@mac.com](mailto:glwork@mac.com)  
Version 1.1, schedule subject to change**



# GMC Three Club Joint Rally Registration Form

GMC Western States, GMC Cascaders and GMC 49ers

**October 2 to October 7, 2013**  
**The Mill Casino, Hotel and RV Park**  
**Coos Bay, Oregon**

Jerry and Sharon Work, rally hosts  
[glwork@mac.com](mailto:glwork@mac.com), 541-592-5360, cell 541-499-1027

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

as you wish them to appear on the name tags

Coach license number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tow car license: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address for updates: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone for contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fees include full hook up spaces (water, 30/50 amp, sewer, cable tv, free wifi) or dry camping, catered breakfasts and dinners as shown, the Saturday night GMC BBQ, free use of the indoor and outdoor pools, spas and workout rooms, free on-demand transportation throughout the Coos Bay area, designated pet walking areas, at-site tow car parking and all rally activities:

		<u>Amount Enclosed</u>
Per couple with full hookups	\$365	_____
One person in a coach with full hookups	\$250	_____
Per couple dry camping or other*	\$250	_____
One person in a coach dry camping or other*	\$160	_____
*same price if you wish to make your own lodging arrangements		
Weekend dry camping per couple	\$125	_____
Weekend dry camping one person	\$ 80	_____
(Fri dinner, Sat & Sun cont. breakfast, Sat BBQ and rally events)		
Tour of Southwestern Culinary Institute <b>each</b>	\$ 25 X _____	_____
(Transportation, food and wine)		
Total amount enclosed		_____

(pay via check to Jerry Work, PO Box 3195, Kerby, OR 97531 or Paypal to [glwork@mac.com](mailto:glwork@mac.com))

Note: The first 100 coaches to sign up and pay for the rally will receive a special commemorative art object made by noted Santa Cruz, CA, metal artist Serene Silva and commissioned by Jerry and Sharon Work.

You may cancel at any time before September 1, 2013, and receive a full refund of the amount paid. That is the date we commit the number of people to the catering staff and number of spaces to the RV park. For cancelations after that date, we will attempt to do partial refunds only if we can after all rally expenses have been paid. No promises.

Please note any special parking requests on the back side of this sheet. See you there!



## GMC Coaches & Parts....FOR SALE

Your ads are welcome and will run for one year unless we are informed otherwise. Please inform us if your items are sold before the ad runs out. The last four digits at the end of the ad represent the expiration date (month/year). Contact: Judy Booth, 928 764-3378, [hobo@citlink.net](mailto:hobo@citlink.net)

### 1976 GMC BIRCHAVEN (23') (78,000)

Excellent original condition with side bath, rear gauchos, which make a double bed, and a side dinette. The custom stainless steel trim (approx. 1/32 in. thick) makes a strikingly beautiful coach. The interior is the original birch wood. The wood and appliances are in excellent condition. Rebuilt transmission, AC thoroughly gone thru and six new Firestone 10 ply tires. Complete maintenance record for last 4-1/2 yrs available. Comes with 2008 heavy duty car dolly.

Price \$14,000

Contact: Chuck & Sharon Taylor - 916 331-3320

[cdtaylor300@msn.com](mailto:cdtaylor300@msn.com)

Sacramento, CA \_\_\_\_\_ 0613

### 1977 GMC ELEGANZA II (26')

Owned 40 years...been updated...wheels, tires, brakes, Mondello directed engine improvements during rebuild, clear coat exterior matches awning, chairs & blending with soft tones of beige/browns in interior...two small size rocker swivel reupholstered in complementary fabric with custom size table with hanging lamp, new 3 burner stove recessed & covered with new formica woodgrain pattern, microwave, hardwood floor from door to rear, quality drapes, front beige carpet, new headliner, insulated cabinets, improved roof & dash A/C, electric leather seats, "Sound Down" conditioning in forward section for less engine noise...many more innovations. Flat screen TV with adjustable inside antenna.

Price: Reasonable offers only...NO TRADES

Contact: Bob Sternfels - 949 497-3534

[rwsternfels@cox.net](mailto:rwsternfels@cox.net)

Exterior & Interior pictures available via e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ 0613

### 1973 GMC CANYONLANDS (26') (80,000 miles)

455 engine overhauled at 60,000 miles. Beautiful and in great condition. Alcoa wheels, new tires, repainted, reupholstered, new Guske day/night blinds. Always stored inside. Has unique canopy. All manuals.

Price: \$21,500

Contact: Bert Wanlass - 801 423-1860

[bertbarb9@msn.com](mailto:bertbarb9@msn.com)

Woodland Hills, UT \_\_\_\_\_ 0614

### PARTS

**Carburetor**-removed from 455 to install TBI **\$150.....Airtex E8228** fuel pump-new-used on Howell TBI-lifetime warranty **\$99.....Distributor** (not HEI) w/cap, drive gear, ign. cable & boots. Cap appears new, 1 ign. wire bad **\$45....**

**Watts IR-56** brass water pres. regulator **\$50.....Axle boot strapping tool**-KD3191-new **\$14.....Oil pump** for 455, OH by Jasper Engines **\$15.....Hour meter**, mfg. VDO, 12v, new **\$22.....Speed Pro cam** CS-102R, new **\$55**

Contact: John Glatz 928 468-6212 [outdog31@hotmail.com](mailto:outdog31@hotmail.com) \_\_\_\_\_ 0613

**PARTING OUT (26')** front-end damaged. Completely restored. Call for items available.

Contact: Dan & Barbara McCurter - 909 980-4251 Alta Loma, CA \_\_\_\_\_ 0613

**TURBO CITY CUSTOM TBI INJECTION** for 455ci GMC motorhome. Computer w/several different chips, wiring, Adapter plate & of course the throttle body. I'll throw in an HEI distributor base set up for this unit with high power Module and complete installation instructions. Cost \$1400.....now \$469.

**NICE HOMEMADE FRONT BEARING PULLER KIT** \$60.

Contact: Ken Booth - 928 764-3378 [hobo@citlink.net](mailto:hobo@citlink.net) Lake Havasu City, AZ \_\_\_\_\_ 1113

### 1975 AVION (26')

455 engine, rear twin beds, hardwood floors and tile counters. Garaged. 2 A/C & many upgrades.

Call for more information.

Price: \$12,000 obo.

Contact: Jim Cook - 928 445-0351

Prescott, AZ \_\_\_\_\_ 0613

### 1977 GMC BIRCHAVEN (23') (Under 60K miles)

455 engine, yellow, always garaged.

Price: \$7500

Contact: Ralph Johnson 702 328-5606

Henderson, NV \_\_\_\_\_ 0613

### 1977 GMC BIRCHAVEN (23') (Under 3,000 miles)

New 403 engine. All new paint, front-end, Generac generator, converter system and interior. Must see.

Price: \$19,750 obo

Contact: Tom & Pat Hanlon 310 831-8530

Sun City West, AZ \_\_\_\_\_ 0613

### 1977 GMC COCA COLA (26') #3 Interior (2000 miles)

Complete 403 engine rebuild w/70,000 mi. warranty. Complete tranny, final drive & carb rebuild. NEW bearing, seals, front disc brakes & rotors, radiator core, engine & tranny lines, belts & hoses, 16.5 Firestone tires (6), exhaust system, hot water tank, ceiling, Norcold fridge & red carpet in cockpit. Dual air, good glass, good upholstery & carpet and some Coca Cola memorabilia. Original blinds cleaned & repaired. Exterior could use some touch up. We have used the coach for 2000 miles & it runs very strong. Receipts available. Call for details.

Price: \$18,000

Contact: Dick & Isola Olsen - 509 464-1434

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Spokane, WA \_\_\_\_\_ 1113

# GMC WESTERN STATES RALLY SCHEDULE

## Fall Rally - 2013

GMC WESTERN STATES,  
 GMC CASCADERS , GMC 49ERS  
 October 2-7, 2013  
 The Mill Casino, Hotel & Rv Park  
 Coos Bay, Oregon  
 Hosts: Sharon And Jerry Work

## Spring Rally – 2014

April 24-29, 2014  
 Golden Village Palms Rv Resort  
 Hemet, California  
 Hosts: Arlene And Dave Cantrell

## Fall Rally – 2014: 4 Amigos Rally

September 30 – October 5, 2014  
 Lodi Grape Festival Fairgrounds  
 Lodi, California  
 Hosts: The 4 Amigos: George Banovich, Dave De Graffenreid, Manny Trovao, Nick Roenick

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