

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2019 Vol. 108

President's Message...



Greetings from your President

I want to address how beautiful Oregon is: I would highly encourage everyone to succumb to the beauty that is Oregon at the Fall Rally this October 2-7. We have incorporated as much of Oregon as we could: Beer Tasting using a local brewery "Two Shy Brewery", three baskets for our raffles filled with local goodies such as Portland Catsup, a Keen Footwear representative giving a talk on his Portland-based, conservation-focused company, and a Ladies Brunch with a presentation of basket and jewelry making by the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians.

And there's more: A local tour of hidden sites with a lunch at a local winery located on the Umpqua River, crossing the Milo Academy covered wooden bridge, a costume Party, carving and decorating pumpkins, an Oregon couples' game, a book club event that discusses local history, a chance to bond with your GMC friends, attend seminars, shop with the vendors, attend our own church service with the Beckmans, and an auction. So, let's sign up and make some memories to last a lifetime. Just go on-line or get your registration form in this newsletter. One catch: **You must have your registration in by August 31st to participate.** Remember to bring items for the auction and swap meet. Stroll through the park and avail yourself of our "Open House" - it's always fun looking at our beautiful GMC's.

Be sure to join our Business Meeting on Saturday, Oct 5th at 9:30. Before you come please read our secretary's minutes from the April meeting (on www.gmcws.org) so you can vote to accept them. Donna has also been busy bringing our Chapter Bylaws current and within the regulations of FMCA - quite an accomplishment - a big special "Thank You" to Donna. I also want to thank Manny Trovao for building a special box for our speakers to travel in style and comfort. Thanks also to the Boys of Western States and their organizing of our sound equipment: Dave de Graffenreid, Armand Minnie, and Manny Trovao. I also want to thank Suenell Tordini for keeping my spirits up with her beautiful cards, Grace Kanomata for always lending a hand and her willingness to help me, Jim Kanomata for his support and sponsoring our Happy Hours. It really is appreciated and helps us bring you more opportunities to enjoy our Western States rallies. Also, to Carol Minnie for her support with our women's programs - she is so creative and adds so much with her decorating - to George Banovich for his Newsletter article enlightening us about his Serbian traditions (page 5), and to Jodell Banovich for leading the decorating pumpkins class.

Keep the Wind at your Back, and I'll see you soon on the "Oregon Trail".

Bobbie Schultz, President

Greetings from Your Secretary

Donna Ventura, GMCWS Secretary

The following members joined GMCWS in 2019. We are looking forward to seeing them – and everyone – at our Fall rally in Canyonville, Oregon. If I have overlooked anyone, please send me an email and I will be sure, to include you in future mailings and our next Roster as well.



Danny Cline, Mountain Ranch, CA
Tim Melideo, Carlsbad, CA

New Badges

We will be ordering new, permanent GMCWS name badges for members attending the Fall rally. If you plan on attending and would like a new badge, please let me know by August 1 so I can get the order in to Terry Taylor, DL Design, in time for the rally.

See you all in October!

Treasurer's Report

Dave de Graffenreid, Treasurer

What a great spring rally we had in Chula Vista. With a couple of raffles, a fun auction and a generous donation we broke even. Let's do it again at Seven Feathers Oregon this fall.

Our income so far this year has come from membership dues, GMCWS apparel and donations. Our income is \$3,392.00

This year's expenses include new name tags; new GMCWS rally direction signs, new roster design, Rosters and Newsletters. Our expenses are \$5,695.00

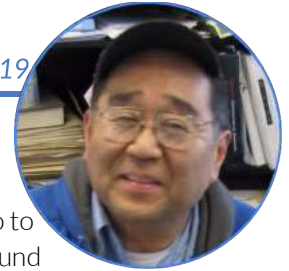
Our ending balance is \$19,158.40



Tech Report

Jim Kanomata, Tech VP 2019

I want to thank all the people that presented at our tech sessions and also to the people in the background like **Armand Minnie** and others that assisted us on sound and visual.



Carla Bolton - demonstrated how to take an earlier style window apart and replace glass and gaskets.

Mike Burtch – went over the most important issues we all face, fire in the coach! I cannot state how important that is as it can take your life.

Manny Trovao – displayed lots of GMC special tools and showed us where and how they are used.

Tom Ciccarelli – reviewed with us the Alternator he rebuilt.

John Shutzbaugh – showed us how to install a shower temperature controller, what parts to get and how to install them.

George Beckman – discussed EFI, an electronic fuel injection system.

We had couple of cancellations for good reasons and one no-show.

We will have lots of interesting tech sessions this fall at Seven Feathers.

Should anyone have any topics they can present or want us to find someone to present them, please contact me at jimk@appliedairfilters.com or gmcrcvparts.com (formerly appliedgmc.com).



Website Notes

Armand Minnie, Webmaster



The club's web site is getting to be a little more useful these days than it was in the past. For a long time it was used mostly as a repository for technical information. Seminar slides and tech articles were all that was there. These days, those materials are still there but now the focus is on communicating with our members and potential members.

The club roster, including periodic updates, is available for downloading and/or printing as are our newsletters, rally registration forms, and even the latest rally schedule. After rallies are over we can publish rally reports and we can store and display as many photos as we can collect from the attendees – for the San Diego rally we have more than 200 photos on the site. Those photos, by the way, were shot mostly by **Geoffrey Godding** who worked very hard to get us lots of photos of every activity. Geoffrey won't be at every rally, maybe not even the Fall rally, so some others might like to volunteer – Please?

Tech Note: The web site stores things like the newsletters, rosters, etc. in PDF-format (PDF = Portable Document Format). When your device (laptop, tablet, phone, etc.) encounters a PDF it automatically downloads it to your device before displaying it. Once it has downloaded the document it is available on your device whether or not you are still connected to the internet. One way of taking advantage of that, for example, is the latest rally schedule. Download it from the web site onto your smart phone (time to get one yet?) and you will get the latest version available and you can look at it with a couple of clicks. Want to learn how? I can arrange an impromptu seminar at the rally as needed.



By Daniël Jacobs, the Netherlands



My Serbian Heritage

by George Banovich



My Serbian heritage is an integral part of my life. I am the President of the St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in Oakland, California, at which Jodell and I were married 55 years ago! I periodically travel to Serbia and Montenegro to visit relatives there.

Most Serbs live in the Balkans, in Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Croatia.

Europe's oldest known civilization was discovered in Serbia, Lepenski Vir and Vinca culture (between 9500/7200–4500 BC).

The identity of Serbs is rooted in Eastern Orthodoxy. Three elements were crucial in forging and preserving Serbian identity during almost five hundred years of the Turkish rule in the area: the Serbian Orthodox Church, the Serbian language, and Kosovo Myth.



Serbian Orthodox Monastery of Decani, built in the 14th century



The White Angel fresco from Mileševa Monastery

The tradition of slava, the family saint feast day, is an important ethnic marker of Serb identity, and is usually regarded their most significant and most solemn feast day. Serbs are the only Christians who celebrate “slava” – a patron saint day. It is the tradition of the ritual celebration and veneration of a family’s own patron saint.

It is the family holiday when with prayer and rituals family remembers their ancestors who celebrated the same saint. Unlike most customs that are common for an entire nation, each family separately celebrates its own saint.

Sons inherit the slava from the head of the household, normally from their fathers, while daughters inherit a “slava” only if they don’t get married because married women celebrate their husbands’ “slava”.

The central elements of “slava” (patron saint day) are the icon of the patron-saint, “slavski kolac” (literally: “slava” cake), “žito” (boiled wheat) and wine.

The most important part of the ritual is the church service with the blessing of the “slavski kolac”, “žito” and wine. These are gifts that represent a bloodless sacrifice glorifying God and the saints, then for souls of deceased family members and health and prosperity of those who celebrate and honor the particular “slava”.



Kosovo myth was built around the Battle of Kosovo that happened on 28 June, 1389 at the Kosovo field when Serbs were defending their country and Christianity for the Turks. Majority of Serbian nobility was killed in the battle. and the people were left leaderless. The myth says that during the battle, Serbs, headed by Prince Lazar, lost because they consciously sacrificed the earthly kingdom, Serbian state, in order to gain the Kingdom of Heaven.

Serbian people are among the tallest in the world, with an average male height of 1.82 metres (6 ft 0 in). That's why there are always several Serbian basketball players in NBA.

The most prominent Serbs, known in the U.S.A. are scientists Nikola Tesla and Michael Pupin, tennis player Novak Djoković, and basketball players Vlade Divac and Nikola Jokić.

New FMCA Member Benefit

FMCA is excited to announce a new member benefit and partnership with Briter Products, Inc., designer and contract manufacturer of the Ion-Ready™ Lithium-Ion battery created specifically for RVs.

Briter's Ion-Ready™ 12V battery leaves no detail untouched. From the LCD status screen to its steel casing, its specially-designed cell architecture and vent-less, green rechargeable power, Briter's Lithium-Ion batteries are designed to be safer and longer-lasting than the "standard" RV battery.

And the best news? In addition to discounts on the batteries, FMCA members are eligible for special member-only pricing on a battery and charger bundle, reduced rates on installation, and the option to purchase an extended warranty for an additional 5 years – you could potentially be fully warranted for 10 years!

The Briter Advantage

A Smart Investment!



- Members-only discounts and offer
- Best return on investment when considering cost per cycle of current battery chemistries available
- All batteries include a full, 5-year standard warranty

The Responsible Choice!

- Specifically designed for RVs, built with safety in mind
- Green product
- Optimized for solar power storage

Specifically Designed for RVs!

- Longer cycle life – up to 5000 cycles
- Fully charge within 2 hours (when bundled with the specially-designed charger from Progressive Dynamics)
- Built in a steel case to ensure durability
- No heat output
- Half the weight and twice the power of lead-acid batteries – a 2-to-1 ratio!
- Easy-to-read LCD State-of-Charge display to see real time power usage

Careful Installation

- Easily replaceable parts and cells for servicing
- Installations overseen by an electrical engineer each step of the way
- Post-purchase support includes speaking directly with a Briter Products' employee – no outsourcing



FMCA National Director Report

Sharon Work, FMCA National Director



In the current issue of the FMCA magazine there is a full page ad describing an important member benefit that comes along with your FMCA membership fee at no additional cost. It is called FMCAassist. If you or someone traveling with you experiences a medical issue anywhere in the world - so long as you are more than 100 miles from home - this insurance will provide an ombudsman to interface with all the medical services necessary to get the person with the medical emergency the help they need plus will arrange and pay for transporting your motorhome, pets and other traveling companions back to your home. It is great coverage that you and your family should know about.

On the other side of this page is a simple one-page document that contains all the info you and they need to trigger this world-wide help. Fill in your FMCA member number that starts with an F (and is shown on the address block on your magazine) and print out multiple copies to distribute to those who would be called if you have a medical emergency while traveling.

Sharon Work, FMCA National Director for GMCWS -- Kerby, OR

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It is as easy as 1, 2, 3, 4 to get medical help if and when you need it

Included as part of your FMCA membership is a medical help, evacuation and repatriation service you or your family members can access 24 hours a day any time you are traveling more than 100 miles from home. It doesn't matter whether you are in your GMC motorhome, traveling by common carrier, by air or by cruise ship, you are covered.

If you or your loved one experiences a medical issue.....

- 1) Call 9-1-1 or whatever the emergency telephone number is where you are.**
 - 2) Consult with the attending medical personnel to get the care you or your loved one needs right now.**
 - 3) Call Seven Corners, 877-202-4176 or 317-582-2619 (collect from Mexico).**
 - 4) Give them your FMCA membership number _____ and they will take care of the rest.**
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They will assign an ombudsman on the spot to arrange and pay for transport to the best available medical facility for your needs. They will also make the arrangements and pay for getting your RV, traveling companions and pets get back home safely. You can get all the details at www.FMCA.com/FMCAssist or by calling FMCA at 877-202-4176.

Now do your part! Fill in your FMCA membership number above, print out three or more copies, cut on the dotted lines and tape this to the inside of the medicine chest in your GMC, give a copy to a trusted relative and put a copy in the glove compartment of your tow car, and a copy in your purse or wallet.

GMC Western States Seven Feathers Oregon Rally Wednesday, Oct 2 – Monday, Oct 7, 2019

Tentative Schedule

Wednesday, October 2 – Welcome Day

- 12-5 pm Check in - Seven Feathers Resort
- 1-2 pm Clubhouse - Executive Board Meeting
- 3 pm Patio Gazebo - Decorating pumpkins for the center pieces with **Jodell Banovich**
- 4-5 pm Information Desk - Sign up for activities with **Donna Ventura**, buy a shirt, make changes to your profile
- 5-6 pm Clubhouse - Happy Hour Margaritas. Donated by **Jim Kanomata**
- 6 pm Clubhouse - Welcome, join in our basket raffle by **President Bobbie Schultz**
- 6-7 pm Clubhouse - Catered Dinner and Dessert
- 7:30 pm Clubhouse - Meet the Vendors
- 8:15 pm Clubhouse - Jam Session - Bring your Instruments with **Grace Kanomata**



Thursday, October 3 – Country Tour and Lunch, separate sign up

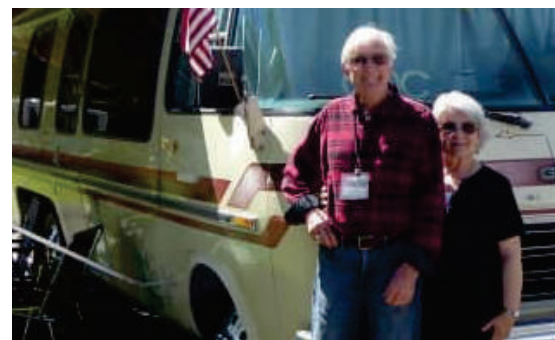
- 8 am Clubhouse - Join the Coffee Meister, **Hoss Hauge**, for coffee
- 8 - 9 am Clubhouse - Sponsored by the GMC Cascader's Continental Breakfast
- 9 - 5 pm Day on your own or join The Country Tour and Luncheon with **Tour Guide Bobbie Schultz**
- 9:15 am Clubhouse - Wheels Moving on Bus Tour, Water on Board
Our tour begins in Canyonville. We will follow the South Umpqua River, enjoying the country, decorated with fall colors and quaint little towns. Then cross our first covered bridge, Milo Academy Bridge, on our way to the Tiller Ranger Station, staying till 10:30.
- 10:40 am Depart for Riddle and the historic mining country.
- 12:15 pm Stop for lunch beside the Umpqua River at the Melrose Vineyards in Roseburg, the site of an early French Settlement.
This site is a unique setting for both wine and history lovers alike. Enjoy the 100 year old barn, 100 acres of vineyards, visit and enjoy the fine wines & gift collectibles from their tasting room. Lunch and tastings of 3 wines are included.
- 2:30 pm Stop and visit one more winery - Oregon's oldest estate winery, "Hill Vineyard"
- 3:30 pm Head for home, Seven Feathers Resort, arrive at 4:30pm



You have a free evening, dinner on your own or jump on the casino shuttle bus and enjoy one of the dinner specials at the Seven Feathers Casino.

Friday, October 4

- 7:30 am Clubhouse - Morning Walk with your friends
- 8 am Clubhouse - Coffee with Coffee Meister, **Hoss**
- 8:30 am Clubhouse - Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
- 10 am Clubhouse - GMCWS Tech Session Volunteers?
- 11 am – noon Clubhouse - Noon Book Club, hosted by **Carol Minnie**.
"The Oregon Trail" by Rinker Buck. A modern journey along the Oregon Trail, an epic account of two brother's adventures on the 2,000-mile length of the Oregon Trail in a covered wagon with a team of mules. It's a recipe for adventure and a moving personal saga, a masterpiece to be read, as well as a history lesson to be learned. (Gene Schultz grew up on the family homestead in Nebraska which had 40 acres of original prairie sod with deep indentations from the wagon wheels heading to the Oregon Trail)
- 12:30 - 1:30 pm Clubhouse - Casacader's Business meeting
- 1:30 - 2:30 pm Clubhouse - Tech Session Volunteers?
- 2:45 - 3:45 pm Information Desk with **Donna Ventura**.
Change your personal information, buy a shirt, or pick up some reading material, I will check out some local books from the library that you can borrow. You can also solve the "Mystery Puzzle", a 1000 piece jigsaw puzzle you assemble by solving the mystery
- 5 - 6 pm Clubhouse - Oregon craft beer tasting sponsored by **Jim Kanomata**, the brewery is Two Shy Brewery.
- 6 pm Clubhouse - Pizza and Salad, followed by dessert
- 8 pm Clubhouse - Oregon Couples Game with **Dave de Graffenreid**



Saturday, October 5

- 7:30 am Clubhouse - Morning Walk with your friends
8 am Clubhouse - Join Coffee Meister **Hoss** for coffee
8:15-9:15 am Clubhouse - Breakfast TBA
9:30 - 10:30 am Clubhouse - **President Bobbie's** Western States Meeting
10:30 am-noon Clubhouse - Tech Session TBA
12:30 pm Clubhouse - Hot dog Lunch
1:30 - 2:30 pm Clubhouse - Ladies Session TBA
2:30-4 pm Gazebo - Swap Meet
3:30-5 pm Park - GMCs Open House
5-6 pm Clubhouse - Get your costume on for the "Monster Bash" and join us for Happy Hour Margaritas and Wine hosted by **Jim and Grace Kanomata**. Halloween Music, **Armand Minnie**.
6 pm Clubhouse - Raffle, Oregon Goodies
6 - 7:30 pm Clubhouse - Halloween Dinner filled with Gory Delights
7 - 8 pm Trick or Treat in the Park Turn on a light. I hope you decorate your GMC so the Goblins can find you, all in the spirit of the season. Sleep tight - don't let the ghosts keep you up.

Prizes for your GMC decoration, costumes, best pumpkin carving!

Sunday, October 6

- 7:30 am Clubhouse - Morning Walk with your friends
8 am Clubhouse - Catered breakfast, coffee with Coffee Meister **Hoss**
9:30-10 am Clubhouse - Church Service with our own **George and Ruth Beckman**, Pianist **Karin Gosen**
10:30 am - noon Clubhouse - Tech session TBA
12 - 2 pm Clubhouse - Ladies Brunch with a presentation by the Cow Creek tribe.
Speakers are Beth Gibson and Tabtha who will share some of their culture and traditions, sharing baskets and jewelry with an option of purchasing some to take home as souvenirs.
12-2 pm Gazebo - Men's Brunch
2- 3 pm Clubhouse - Tech session TBA
3- 4 pm Clubhouse - Tech session TBA
5- 6 pm Clubhouse - Sponsored Happy Hour with **Jim Kanomata**
6- 8 pm Clubhouse - Catered Dinner followed by entertainment TBA

Monday, October 7 - Departure Day

- 8 am Clubhouse - Coffee with **Hoss** followed by a Continental Breakfast
9 am Clean up, Pack up, Say Goodbye

Mark Your Calendars - April 1-5, 2020

We will meet again at the next GMCWS Rally - Cava Robles RV Resort Rally in Paso Robles, Ca - Wednesday April 1st thru Sunday April 5th, 2020.

Look for another fun Spring Tour, "Hearst Castle and Sea Lions" with Bobbie Schultz.



October 2-7 2019 At Seven Feathers RV Resort

325 Quintioosa Blvd. Canyonville, OR. 97417

Registration Form and Check in US funds payable to Armand Minnie due by Aug 31

Armand Minnie 13533 N Buckhorn Cholla Dr. Marana, Az 85658



The Road Less Traveled, "Oregon Scenic Byways" or is there a Ranger in the Trees?

When: Oct. 3rd
Departure: 9:00 am
Cost: \$60.00 per person

Our tour begins in Canyonville, departing at 9:00 from Seven Feathers RV park. From there, we will be wrapping around the south Umpqua River. Traveling will be through farm country as the road bends with the river, crossing the Milo Academy Covered Bridge, continuing on to the Tiller Ranger Station. The Ranger Station is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. From the ranger station we swing north through the Umpqua National Forest, where we will view stands of Douglas Fir Trees, Oregon's State Tree. We will cross the Horse Creek Covered Bridge as we make our way to Riddle, a small historic town. I hope you brought your gold pan so you can pan for gold in the recreational Gold Panning areas. Whether or not you pan for gold, you'll strike it rich on this 45-mile Scenic Canyon drive through western Oregon's historic mining country.

I'm sure you've worked up a thirst, and I've found a beautiful old winery in Roseburg, where we will be having lunch beside the Umpqua River. Lunch includes 3 wine tastings, prawns with bow-tie pasta, salad and garlic bread. Lunch is included with your tour. The winery also includes a lovely gift shop, for your shopping pleasure.

On our way home we will visit one more winery, " Hill Vineyard", Oregon's oldest estate winery, before we head back to Seven Feathers RV Park.

We will be using two 10-seater buses for your comfort.

Available spots will be limited to 19 so sign up early. This is a separate registration from the rally registration but you can include it with your check for the rally just mail the two registrations and your check to:

**Armand Minnie,
13533 N Buckhorn Cholla Dr.
Marana, AZ 85658**

Thank You. Bobbie

Names _____

Qty _____ \$60 each person Total _____

The 2019 GMCWS Fall Rally

Where: Seven Feathers RV Resort, 325 Quintioosa Blvd. Canyonville, OR. 97417.

When: October 2-7. 2019

Check-in begins at 2 pm; Monday is check-out at 11 am unless special arrangements are made in advance .

Cost: \$245:00 Registration Form and Check in US funds payable to

**Armand Minnie
13533 N Buckhorn Cholla Dr.
Marana, AZ 85658**

Rally Fees include RV camp site for one night, full hook ups (Water, 30/50 amp, sewer, TV, and WiFi, 5 breakfasts, 4 catered dinners, and seminars. The first night's stay is guaranteed payment whether the site is occupied or not in the case of a no show or late cancellation. Upon arrival you will check into the office and at that time be charged for the remainder nights that you are staying, excluding the first night which you paid in your rally fees.

Non GMCWS Members add \$10.00 to total fees.

We will close all camping registrations by Aug 31, and there can be no exceptions with the RV Park, and no late sign-ups for the price of \$49 per night during the rally Oct 2 thru Oct 7, if you sign up after Aug 31 the resort will charge you their regular price. If anyone wishes to come early or stay after the group reservation dates, they must include this information on their reservation form to avoid having to move during their stay.

The Seven Feathers Reservation Form (on the other side of this page) must be filled out and included with your registration.

Please attach your check for registration and (if you will be attending) Wine Tour.

GMC Western States Fall Rally 2019

For staff use only

Confirmation # _____

Processed by _____

Today's Date _____

Site: # _____

Seven Feathers RV Resort Group Member Reservation

Group Name _____

Group's Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

YOUR Arrival Date _____ **YOUR** Departure Date _____

**Nights outside of your Group's dates will
be charged at our regular rates.**

Site Length you will need: 60' _____ 45' _____ 23' _____ Your Total Length _____

Special Requests:

Your Last Name _____ First Names _____

Please Print

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

E-Mail _____

**Staying outside the group's dates? Discounts that can lower your rate:

Good Sam _____ AAA _____ AARP _____ FMCA _____ Veteran _____

Seven Feathers Casino *Players Club Card* # _____

Guest Signature _____ Date _____

***All reservations are made through your wagon master.
Check-in time is 2pm or later