

The www.GMCWS.org/blog web site

How to use it and how we plan to
use it.

Other GMC-related web sites.

“BLOG” – what does it mean?

- Traditional web sites are like brochures – write it once and then it stays the same
- Blog – more like a newspaper or newsletter: articles, editorials, letters to the editor/author
- Both can have ‘boilerplate’ and advertising
- Blog takes less technical skill to update and maintain

Sources for blog articles

- Anyone – member or not - can write and contribute an article (called a “post”)
- Technical writers and editors help make the article ‘pretty’ - optional
- The process: write the article, send it to ‘me’ via email, ‘I’ edit and develop it for publication and then publish when author OK’s it
- Not overly formal but quality better

“Static” pages

“Boiler Plate”
Doesn't change

News



Menu tabs

Member log-in

Members only

Links

Email signup
(anyone)

RSS

Single “post” page

GMC Western States
PROMOTING THE PRESERVATION OF THE CLASSIC 1973-1978 GMC MOTORHOME

Navigation: GMCWS Home | Join GMCWS | Club News | Rally Reports | Members Only | Tech info | Old GMCWS.org | Search

Next GMCWS Rally

- Fall 2011 "Survivor II" Rally Seminars – Men & Women
- Fall 2011 "Survivor II" Rally Registration Form
- Fall 2011 "Survivor II" Rally Schedule
- Fall 2011 Survivor II Rally

Latest News

- Newsletter #82 – August 2011
- President's Message – August 2011
- Karaoke is coming!
- Membership Roster Now Online
- Chapler Bylaws Revised

Latest Tech Info

- Silent Running – how to reduce engine noise – by Chuck Watts
- GMCnet – Your Link to the GMC Community
- Wireless Air System – by Gary Govee
- Starting your GMC – Easy as 123 by Gene Fisher

My Profile Summary

- Profile
- My Account
- Edit My Profile
- Logout

Members Only

- Technical Roster
- Chapler Polls
- Roster by State

Links

- Slide Site – lots of GMC stuff
- Eugene Fisher's GMC Information Site
- FMCA
- Get or update Acrobat Reader
- Idol's Internet Guide to Finding GMC Motor

Jul 25 2011 **GMCnet – Your Link to the GMC Community**

Tech Info | Add comments

This post is copied directly from Gary Govee's Idol's Guide – please click here for the latest version. It suggests the forum – far less confusing and much easier to follow a topic (my opinion – not everyone's).

I don't think enough can be said about the GMCnet and what it means to the GMC community. If you need information on how to repair your GMC, where to find a part, etc., there will be community member happy to help you find the information you're looking for.

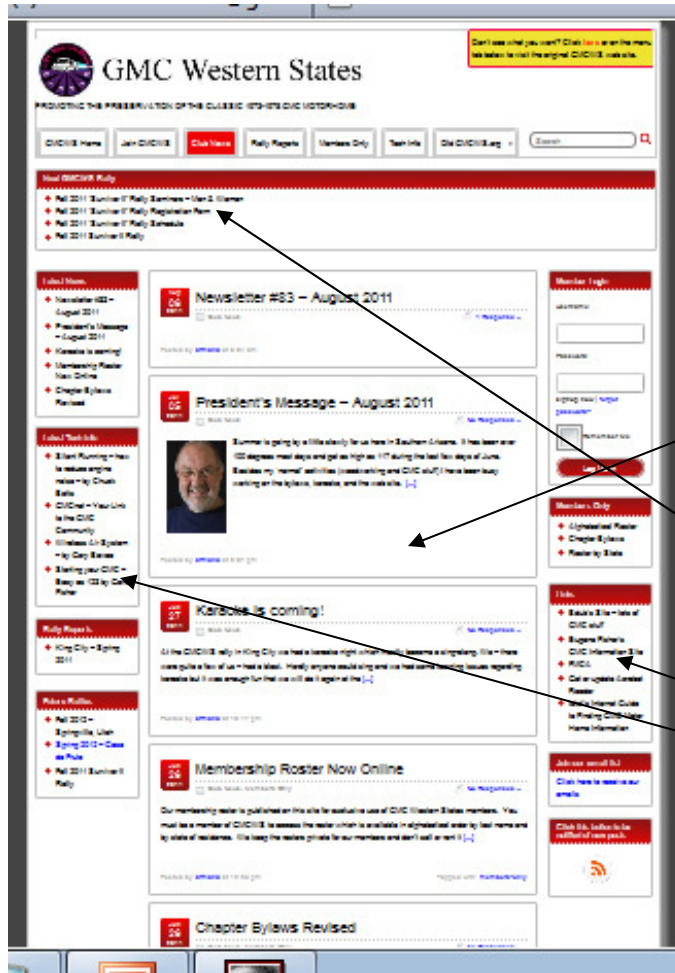
GMCnet exists for the purpose of exchanging information and promoting discussion about the motorhomes manufactured by General Motors Corporation (GMC) from 1973 to 1978. Discussion about all aspects of the GMC MotorHome and the mutual interests of their owners is encouraged.

GMCnet is an open subscription list. No qualification is required to join, nor is ownership of a GMC motorhome a prerequisite. The only requirement is a genuine interest in the GMC MotorHome or TransMode.

Single post in middle of page

Other stuff still the same

Page of “posts” (e.g. club news)

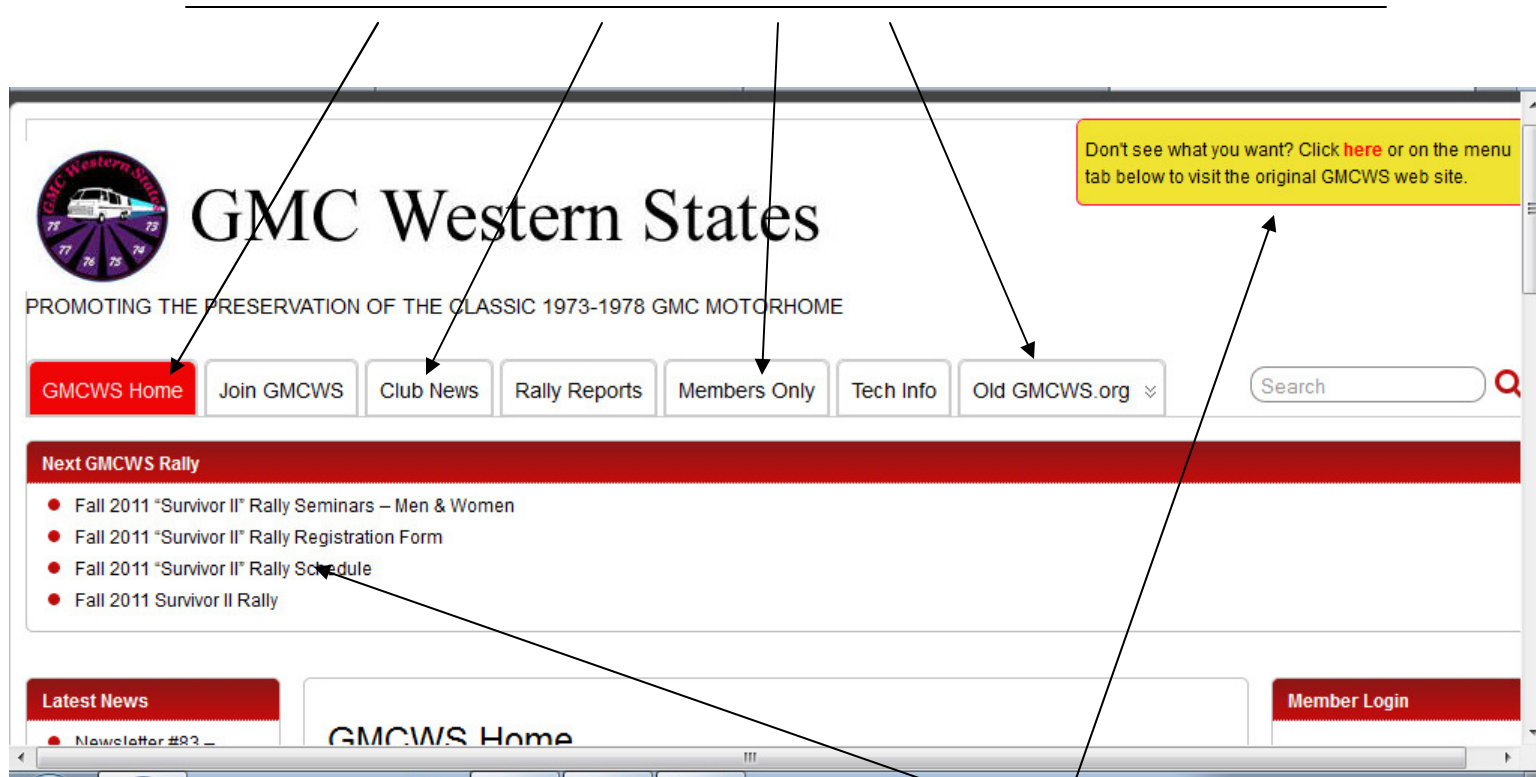


Last 10 “posts” in section
Scroll to see them all -
Click to read each one

Other stuff still the same

Navigating

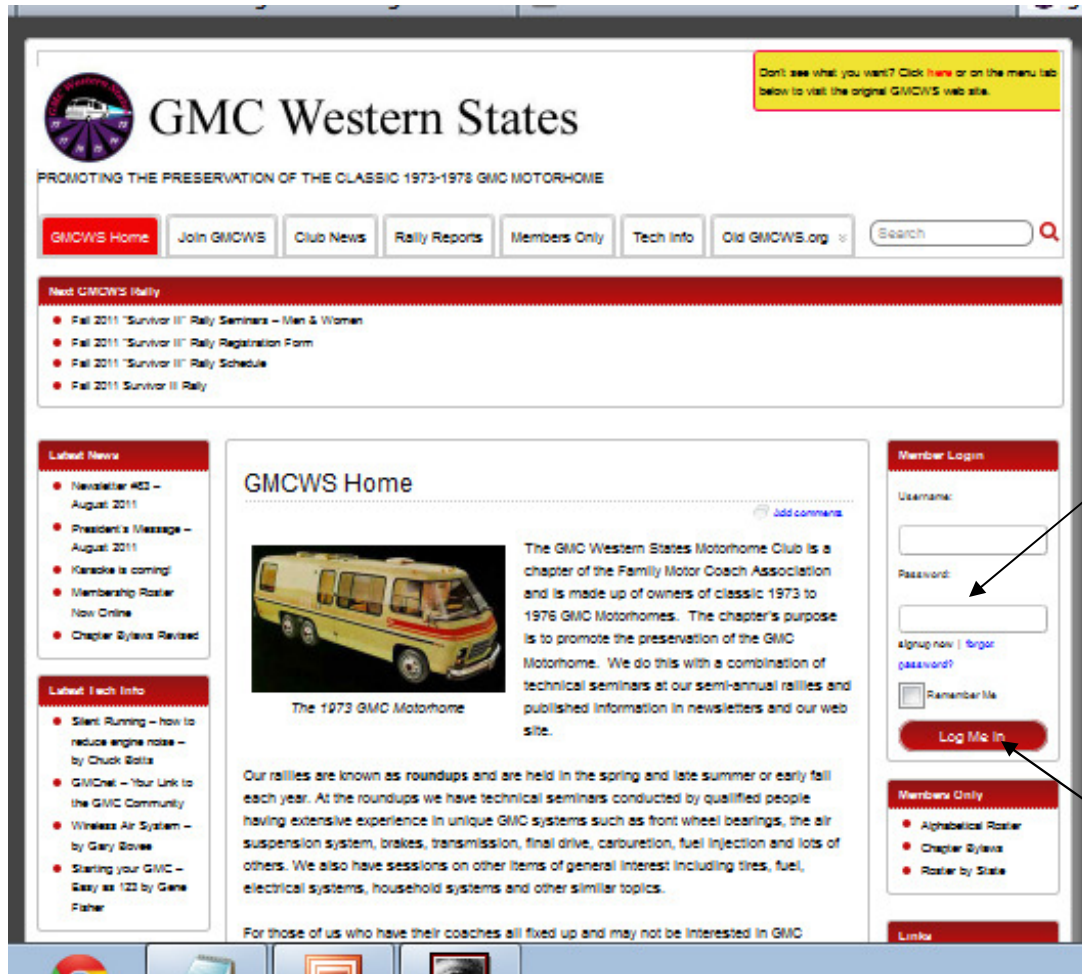
Use the menu tabs at the top to go to the various sections or the old web site



Or, click on individual items

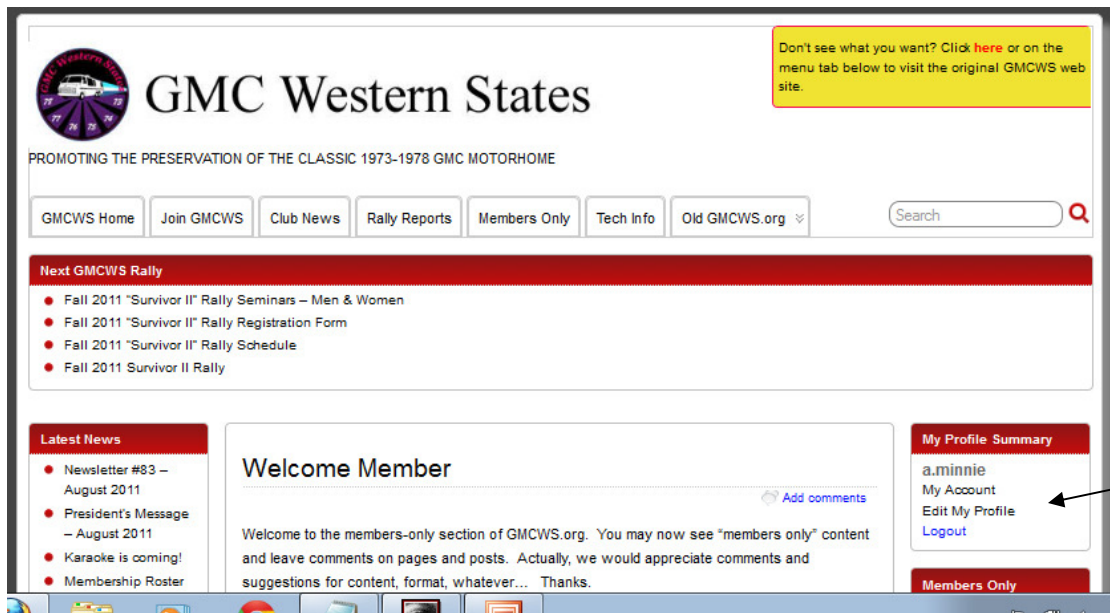
Member Login

Log in using the Username and password you are assigned. You may change your password after logging in but please use something hard to guess and remember that passwords are CaSe SeNsItIvE



Click on
"Log Me In"

After you have logged in:



Click on “**My Account**” or “**Edit My Profile**” to change your membership data – including your password.

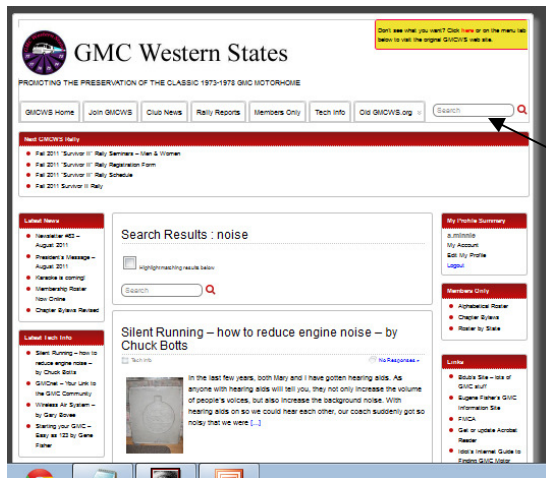
Please do this for us.

You can change: Names, **email**, street address, phone numbers, FMCA number, coach data, display name for comments, newsletter via email-only or not – emails are free, paper is not. You cannot change your Username.

How to change your email address

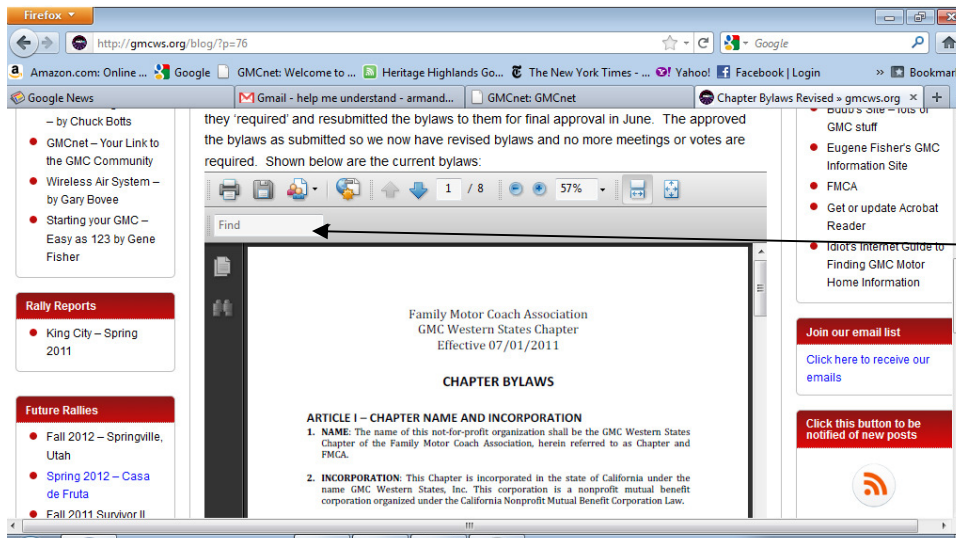
- Step 1 – log into your gmcws.org/blog account and update your profile
- Step 2 – if you receive an email from GMCWS via “MailChimp” there will be a link at the bottom of the page that will allow you to update their copy of you email address – 2 separate copies (for now)
- The software supplier for our membership maintenance software is working on a solution so it can be done in one place

How to search on the site



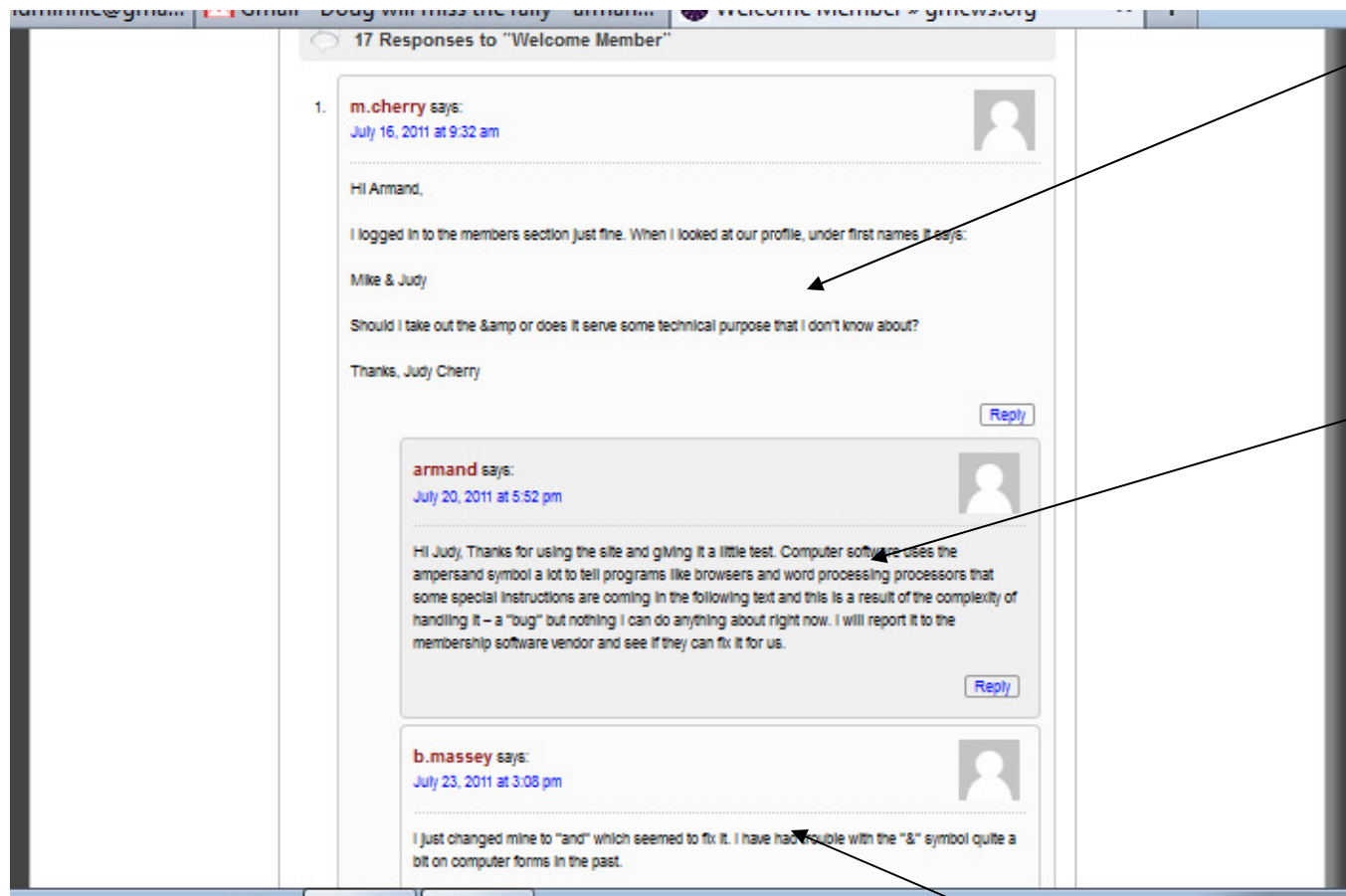
Insert search argument into “Search” box and press “Enter” key or click magnifying glass symbol.

This will search the text portions of the site but not PDFs and photos.



For PDFs just use the search box at the top of the PDF display.

Communicating via Comments: Replies and replies to replies



Reply to original post

Reply to reply

Another reply to same reply

RSS – what and why?

ems of general interest including tires, fuel, electrical systems, other similar topics.

: their coaches all fixed up and may not be interested in GMC conduct non-technical seminars that may cover health or fitness while experiences, crafts, coach decoration and remodeling.

and nontechnical seminars are held in the mornings, leaving eeing, shopping or other recreational pursuits. In the evenings we eals, local entertainment and great socializing. We try to make these ig experience for everyone.

cheduled up to a year in advance so everyone has plenty of time to . They have been held in such scenic and interesting locales as Mt.), California; Tuscon, Arizona; Colorado Springs, Colorado; Calgary, Texas; Bryce Canyon, Utah; Hope, British Columbia; Albuquerque, Desert and Mariposa in California.

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Click this button to be notified of new posts



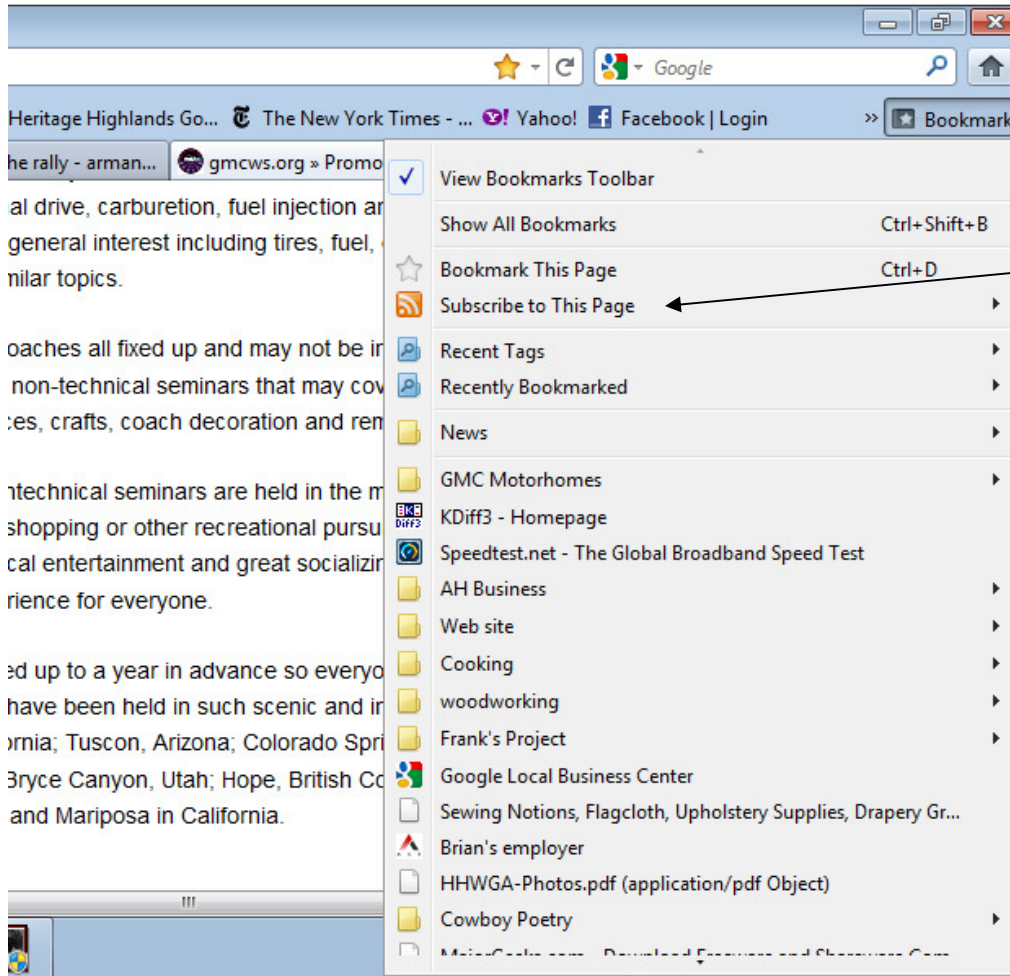
Why: Easy to check for new stuff at a variety of sites at one time – if they support RSS.

RSS “subscribe” button or use the browser’s tool

RSS (most commonly expanded as Really Simple Syndication) is a family of web feed formats used to publish frequently updated works—such as blog entries, news headlines, audio, and video—in a standardized format. ...

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSS

How to subscribe to RSS feeds



Just like any other
bookmarks / favorites

GMCWS.org/blog has
feeds for posts,
comments, and pages

Things we can do with a blog

- Stories about GMCers – their hobbies, travels, adventures, ...
- Surveys or idea gathering – reader input for rally seminars, activities, projects, ...
- Discussions by committees via comments and replies
- Advertising for GMC-benefitting vendors
- Editorials - I have ideas that I will be writing about and I'll be looking for feedback via comments
- Simply -----→ communications

Future Plans

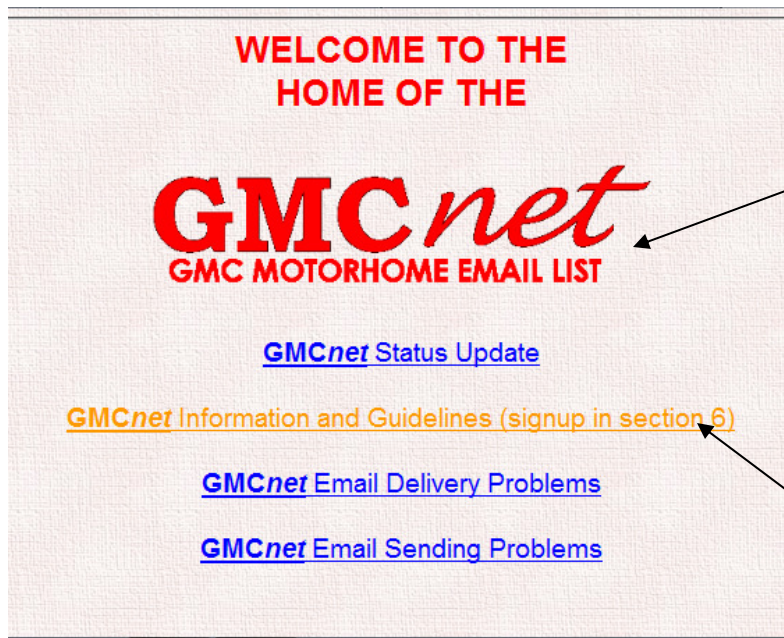
- membership renewal via web site - PayPal setup and safety
- Combining efforts with other clubs and other websites so that it is easy to find and access GMC-related information

GMCnet and the GMCforum

- GMCnet is email based – lots of messages as they are posted by participants or in digests
- GMCforum – organized by subject and easy to follow conversations. Indicates unread posts using color.

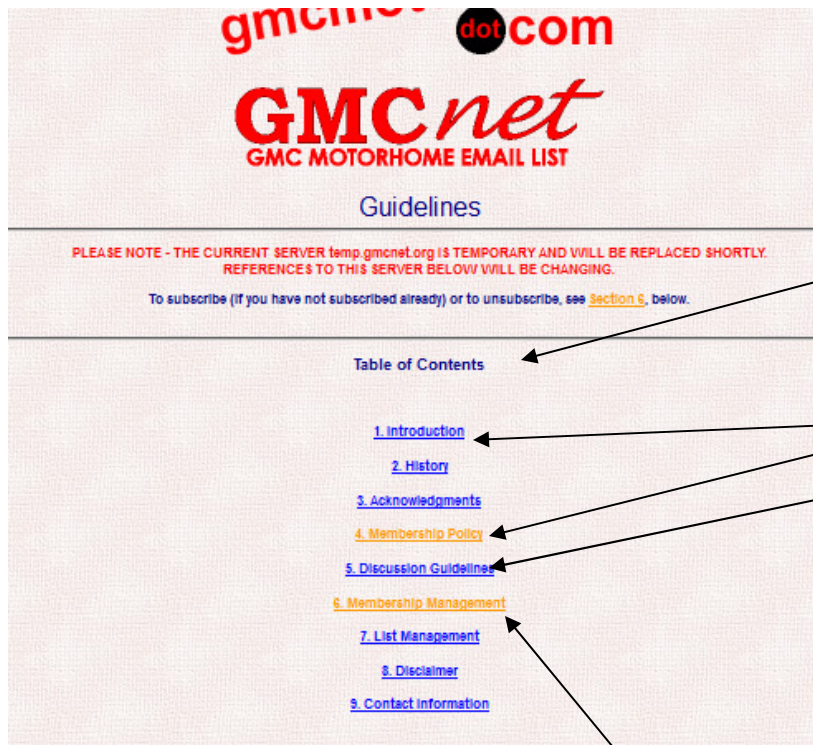
The GMCnet – signup and control

Step 1 – go to www.gmcnet.org



Step 2 – click on line that says:
[GMCnet Information and Guidelines \(signup in section 6\)](#)

GMCnet – signup and control



Step 3 – scroll down to
“Table of Contents”

Step 4 – read “1. Introduction”,
“4. Membership Policy”, and
“5. Discussion Guidelines
before signing up

Step 5 – go to
“6. Membership Management”

GMCnet – signup and control

Send an email to:	
To subscribe	gmlist-join@temp.gmonet.org You can leave the Subject line and message body blank. You will receive a confirmation message that you must reply to in order to confirm your subscription.
To unsubscribe	gmlist-leave@temp.gmonet.org You can leave the Subject line and message body blank. You will receive a confirmation message that you must reply to in order to confirm your unsubscription.
Digest Version	gmlist-request@temp.gmonet.org In the Subject line or message body include the command: set digest plain or set digest mime depending on the digest style you prefer. This must be done after successfully subscribing.
Turn mail delivery off (vacation option)	gmlist-request@temp.gmonet.org In the Subject line or message body include the command: set delivery off This must be done after successfully subscribing.
Restart mail delivery	gmlist-request@temp.gmonet.org In the Subject line or message body include the command: set delivery on This must be done after successfully subscribing.

Subscribe

Unsubscribe

Select digest or “fire hose”

Vacation hold

Restart emails

Complete generic Mailman user instructions are available at <http://www.11st.org/mailman-member/contents.html>
and can also be downloaded as an Acrobat pdf file at <http://www.11st.org/mailman-member.pdf>.

Unable by the 11st server for any period of time, or if they are changing Internet addresses. Chronic bounced mail (1.5

GMCforum – signup and use

- Go to to this web address and “**register**”
<http://gmc.mybirdfeeder.net/GMCforum/>

Google™

Search

Web gmc.mybirdfeeder.net

[GMC Supplier Discounts](#) Find Supplier Discounts on Most GMC Models. See Site for Details. www.GMSupplierDiscount.com/GM/

[24hr Motorhome Windshield](#) Fix it Today 800-670-1637. Best Price on Motorhome Windshields. www.fixthatglass.com/motorhom

[Bags and Bows™ - Official](#) Save Now at Bags & Bows Online. Huge Selection. Ships in 24 Hours! www.BagsandBowsOnline.com

Private Messaging Members Search Help Control Panel Logout [armandminnie] Home

Welcome **armandminnie**, your last visit was on Fri, 30 September 2011 07:49

Show: [Today's Messages](#) :: [Unread Messages](#) :: [Unanswered Messages](#) :: [Show Polls](#) :: [Message Navigator](#)

Forum	Messages	Topics	Last message
GMC - GMC Forums			
GMCnet Mirror of the GMCnet mailing list.	916	730	Fri, 30 September 2011 By: Mr. Whisler ⇄ Moderator(s): batman
GMC Swap Meet Post your GMC related items for sale or give away on this forum.	2	5	Fri, 29 September 2011 By: beancounter ⇄
GMCsandbox A place to post test messages without annoying the GMCnet mailing list.	64	23	Sun, 25 September 2011 By: midlf ⇄

[mark all messages read]

Logged in users list [show what people are doing] [Today's Visitors]

There are 3 members(s), 0 invisible members and 59 guest(s) visiting this board. [Administrator] [Moderator]

[armandminnie](#) [larry.whisler](#) [sarge](#)

7:50 AM

GMCforum – signup and use

The screenshot shows the GMCforum website interface. At the top, there is a Google search bar and a blue banner for 'Monroe Factory Outlet' with a discount code 'SAVE50'. Below the banner are navigation links for 'Private Messaging', 'Members', 'Search', 'Help', 'Control Panel', and 'Logout'. The main content area displays a list of forum topics with columns for 'Topic', 'Replies', 'Views', and 'Last message'. A large text overlay 'Topics – red indicates new message(s)' is positioned over the list, with arrows pointing to red folder icons next to several topic titles. Below the screenshot, two text annotations are present: 'Who started this topic' with an arrow pointing to the 'By:' field of a topic, and 'Who last replied and when' with an arrow pointing to the 'Last message' column.

Topic	Replies	Views	Last message
Announcement: GMCforum website update By: batman on Tue, 01 January 2008	10	9328	Wed, 27 January 2010 18:21 By: philipswanson
Re: [GMCnet] New Skirt and shiny bumper By: KB on Thu, 29 September 2011	1	108	Fri, 30 September 2011 07:50 By: Kingsley Coach
Airbag Mount Drawings. By: mgrue on Fri, 30 September 2011	2	138	Fri, 30 September 2011 05:54 By: Mr ERFisher
Re: [GMCnet] slinger question By: Steven Ferguson on Thu, 29 September 2011	9	319	Fri, 30 September 2011 04:42 By: Johnny Bridges
Re: 1976 GMC Motorhome 23' Model 230 Crestmont - \$4000 santa cruz CA By: mygodchris on Thu, 29 September 2011	2	226	Fri, 30 September 2011 04:39 By: Johnny Bridges
FYI Steering Gearbox By: bigreen on Mon, 13 June 2011	14	813	Fri, 30 September 2011 04:35 By: bigreen

Who started this topic

Who last replied and when

GMCforum – signup and use

The screenshot shows a forum thread on GMCforum. The thread title is "Re: [GMCnet] New Skirt and shiny bumper". The user "KB" is the author of the main message, which discusses "3/8\" carriage bolts". Below the main message, there are two reply messages, both titled "Re: [GMCnet] New Skirt and shiny bumper". The second reply is from "Kingsley Coach" and is marked as unread with a red icon. The interface includes navigation links like "Home", "GMC", "GMCnet", and "Search". There are also buttons for "flat view", "new topic", and "post reply".

Initial or current message

Next message – red if unread

Reply or Quote/Reply

Photos

- Photos are not to be posted on either site. They are rejected on email and discouraged on the forum. Photos are to be shared and archived at www.gmcmhphotos.com
- You must register at the photo site to be able to post photos. Photo or album links are shared with others on the GMCnet email list or the GMCnet forum.
- It will be much quicker and easier to post photos if you make them smaller before uploading. I use picasa, a free tool from google.com – another subject for a future seminar?