



GMC Western States

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Membership Renewal:

If your mailing label this time reads Dec03, it's time to renew your membership. If you've already done so, you have our permission to feel a little smug. (Just a little now.)

Emerald Desert 2004 Spring Rally March 15th – 21st, 2004

We are gearing up for a great time out in the Palm Desert area this spring. Emerald Desert R.V. Park is an incredible place to hold a GMC Rally. It is truly a spot of green in the desert. The park has golf, tennis, swimming pools, hot spas, dog walks, a gym, large meeting rooms, a putting green and we are adding food, entertainment and lots of GMC activities. It will include 4 dinners and 5 breakfasts and 5 nights parking. If you come early or stay late you can enjoy an extra 3 nights at our group rate of \$34.61 by calling the office and making your own reservation (800) 426-4678. Hope to see you all there. Don't forget to wear green for St. Patrick's Day!

Dave & Donna deGraffenreid

Directions to Emerald Desert RV Park:
Take I-10 to Palm Desert, CA. Exit at Cook St. and head south. Turn left on Frank Sinatra Dr. The park will be on your left.

Non-Technical Activities at Emerald Desert

Hi All. This is just a little advance publicity to begin letting you know about some of the special events in store for you at the upcoming Western States Spring Rally to be held at Emerald Desert Resort.

Another Junque Jewelry Craft Session This event was so popular last year that it is going to be repeated--only this time you will be selecting from pieces and bits of vintage jewelry to fashion one-of-a-

kind hat pins. As we asked last time, please bring small tools that can be used for jewelry making such as needle-nosed pliers, nippers, wire cutters, etc. We have some tools, but the more we have to share, the better. A nominal cost per person will let you create to your heart's content. AND you will produce a beautiful hat pin that you can show off at the Ladies Victorian Tea Party.

The Tea Party We will be gathering for a teatime celebration. Please bring your favorite china cup and saucer for your tea. We will have an outstanding speaker program given by Shelley Cooper of Sweet Romance Jewelry fame. Shelley is a renowned historian of Women's Beauty Culture who speaks at conferences and colleges. She will be bringing with her a part of her extensive personal collection of women's beauty and vanity items to share with us. Shelley will help you identify vanity items or jewelry that you bring to share so dig into your collection and bring the odd item you got from Grandma or that flea market find you've been curious about. You may find out you have a treasure! Following the tea, ladies can enjoy browsing in a special boutique featuring items of Shelley's designs and other things. Remember ladies and gentlemen -- there are no rules or requirements as to how you dress, and jeans, t-shirts or any of our regular attire are perfectly acceptable, but hats, gloves, pearls and boas will add to the festivity—so start planning your motorhome traveling tea attire now. Last year several women came attired in period costumes which were a treat to see. This year, we will make sure that we all get a chance to see and admire each other. **Cost for this event will be \$5.00 per person.** One other note, this event is not limited to women alone. Any men who are interested in hearing an interesting presentation on women's history told through their beauty and vanity items – *or just want to enjoy the company of lots of women, beautifully attired for tea*, are certainly welcome to attend.

Crafts, crafts and more crafts Other ideas to share are also being planned by some of our talented and creative members. Have you ever seen the beautiful beaded lanyards that some people wear with their name badges? Have you ever wished you could have one? You will find out all about how to accomplish this thanks to the lanyard kits and a class that will be

held. Also, did you check out the great tote bag that was shown at Osoyoos and pictured in the last newsletter? For this one you need to bring 100 plastic bags (the kind you get at the grocery store or Walmart) and a pair of scissors to get started on owning one of these for yourself.

Health Updates We will find out about "hot health topics" from Dorris (and anyone else who wishes to contribute. Among the topics already planned are Food Safety and West Nile Virus (the next big threat heading to the United States?).

Care and Share This popular event is where we bring our ideas for making our motorhome lives easier, safer, more interesting.....you have the picture. Men and women, be thinking about the storage or safety ideas or other innovations you have worked out for your coach and share them in our discussion group.

More Lots more interesting activities and seminars are in the planning and will be available for your pleasure and edification. For updates please check the GMC Western States website at www.gmcws.org.
- Audree Rowe

Technical Seminars at Emerald Desert

Be sure to keep checking the web site for the Spring Rally (GMCWS.org). As we nail down the topics and time slots, we will update the schedule on the web site. As you can see from the Agenda, there are a lot of special events going on at the Rally. There are a lot of Technical Seminar slots open and we are selecting the topics now. Some of the topics we are working on are:

- Solar Systems
- Drive Axle Rebuilds and Exchanges
- Men's Mall Parts
- Engine Replacements
- Vendor Demonstrations
- New Products
- Coach Open House

Call your favorite Vendor and ask them to attend the Rally. This is a perfect opportunity for them to attend the GMC Western States rally and the GMC Motorhomes International rally, one after the other. This should definitely make it worthwhile trip for them.

Be sure to contact me if you would like to recommend a topic for the rally. I am sure there are a lot of new great new topics that should covered at one of our rallies.
- Gene Fisher

Treasurer's Report - Bill Shumway



GMC W S 2004 PLANNING BUDGET

INCOME	
MEMBERSHIP	\$8,500.00
INTEREST	\$150.00
RALLY PROFIT	\$350.00
FROM RESERVE	\$1,000.00
TOTAL	\$10,000.00

EXPENSES	
NEWLETTERS	\$3,800.00
*OTHER PUBLICATIONS	\$1,800.00
OFFICE EXPENSE	
{SECRETARY}	\$600.00
BOARD EXPENSE	\$400.00
PRESIDENT EXPENSE	\$200.00
CLUB RALLY EXPENSE	\$400.00
VICE PRES. EXPENDITURES	\$500.00
TECH PRES. EXPENDITURES	\$500.00
**CONTINGENCY	\$1,800.00
TOTAL	\$10,000.00

The GMC WS 2003 final Financial Report will be in the next newsletter. For those interested, the Osoyoos Rally run by Denny Allen had a \$95.00 surplus (profit).

Western States Rally Schedule

Fall 2004	Albuquerque, NM Oct 5 -10, 2004 Rallymaster: Al Chernoff
Spring 2005	Canyon Vistas RV Resort Gold Canyon, AZ March 21 - 26, 2005 Rallymasters: Dwight and Ginny Bare
Fall 2005	Rallymaster: Kerry Tandy

**GMC Yuma Area Rally – Jan. 3 – 7, 2004
Sponsored by Steve and Gail Ault
(970)420-0511 and Brent and Shirley
Steinbock (970)484-4605, members of the
GMC Mountaineers from Colorado.**

This rally is to be held at the Pilot Knob BLM Parking 4 miles west of Yuma off the southern frontage road of I-8 (Sidewinder Exit). This is dry camping. Fees are \$15 per couple or \$10 single. Many area activities are planned including breakfasts at Paradise Casino, shopping in Algodones, Mexico, and visits to historical and cultural attractions in the area. Call ahead if you plan to join this group. Their regular registration ended Nov. 30th, but you are probably welcome to join them since they're in the wide open spaces.

Coaches For Sale

*We welcome your ad. Each ad will be run for one year unless you tell us to continue. **Please tell us when your coach has been sold** or if you want to stop the ad before it runs out. The last four digits are the month and year of the expiration date. Contact: **928-445-7875 or jcherry@northlink.com***

1977 Coca Cola 403 engine (fresh 455 available). Wallace hubs, Bilstein shocks, Caspro powerdrive, steering box, front stabilizer. Flowmasters. Alcoa wheels w/ Goodyears. Rear hitch. Roof ladder, storage pod, A & E awnings. Electric step. Recent custom base coat, clear coat repaint in 3 silver tones. Original red interior. Two roof airs, pleated shades, microwave, Norcold 3-way refrig. Always garaged. Many happy miles spent in this coach. Asking \$24,000. Don Klusman, Scottsdale, AZ 480-585-5599

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1975 Glenbrook 26' 455 engine with 22,065 original miles. Updated in 2001 and 2002 including: dash air compressor, belts/hoses, 1 roof bubble, 1 Fantastic Fan, Daylight window shades, new captain and passenger chairs, new upholstery, new carpet, burnished welcome step, macerator. Original owner's manual included plus detailed list of specific items checked and updated from 2000 to 2002 (including money spent on them!) Asking \$20,000 OBO. Contact T.A. or Michelle Heckel in Fresno, CA. (559) 275-0844 or (559) 307-7227.

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1974 Painted Desert 26' 78,000, 4K on rebuilt 455, transmission, brakes, bias ply, door and window moulding. All air bags, lines, compressor new. Ext. sun visor, extra passenger air conditioner. Ext. paint 2 yrs old. Interior mostly original, like new. Microwave. Asking \$19,500. Richard Klix, Phoenix, AZ, 623-584-2874, irklix@aol.com

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1978 Eleganza II 26' One owner – AZ garaged. 507 cid Cadillac with 14K miles. Coach 60K miles. Original clean appearance. Two roof a/cs. Onan 6 KW – 200 hours. ZipDee awnings both sides. Burch screen door. Ragusa step. Dometic 3 way fridge. Cinnabar 3.42 final drive. Cinnabar upgrade airbag stop leak kit. 7 Alcoa wheels. Bilstein shocks. Wallace triple bearings and Tru-track. Caspro stabilizer bars. Hitch – extra parts. Asking \$25,000. Garrett DeJong, Tucson, AZ (520)299-6034.

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1978 Royale 26' Center kitchen, side dry bath. Rebuilt transmission with 3.42 Cinnabar final drive. Thorley headers. Color coordinated ZipDee awnings, full length, both sides. Bilstein shock absorbers. Rear hitch. Roof ladder and storage pod. 3 way fridge. Macerator. Remodeled interior with expanded living area. Rear twin beds. Includes manuals and GMC Western States and GMC International newsletters. Call for pictures and list of additional upgrades. Asking \$25,900. Chuck Davenport, CA 707-451-1092.

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The GMC Western States Inc, chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association, is comprised of GMC Motorhome owners from all fifty states and the three southwestern provinces of Canada. The Chapter purpose is to promote the preservation of the GMC Motorhome with a technical program of professional seminars and published information and to further the mutual association, membership, enjoyment and common interest of GMC Motorhome owners, their families and friends. Website: "www.gmcws.org", **Billy and Debbie Massey**

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