



GMC Western States

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YOU ARE INVITED



**GMC Western States Superstition Mountain Rally
Canyon Vistas RV Resort, 6601 E. Highway 60, Gold
Canyon, AZ 85218
Phone 480-288-8844**

Directions: Gold Canyon, AZ is just east of Apache Junction on Route 60. Canyon Vistas is south of the highway across from the large supermarket there.

Greetings fellow GMC'ers! Plans for the 2005 Spring Rally, April 4-9, are coming together. Dwight is an Arizona transplant, but I am a third generation native so it is with great pride that we invite you to our rally. The spring time weather in Arizona is usually almost perfect and the desert is always beautiful. This year should be especially showy because of the winter precipitation we have received.

The tentative schedule we are sending you will be filled in with an interesting variety of technical and non-technical activities and entertainment. The Cowboy Cookout will be a steak dinner with a one hour horse-back ride for the more adventurous, or a one-hour wagon ride for those desiring a more serene look at the Superstition Mountains. The Ladies' Luncheon will feature world renowned artist Anne Coe who will present a slide show on Women of the West. On Friday

Dwight and I will personally guide you up the Apache Trail. This road is the road on which the mule skimmers hauled supplies to the Roosevelt Dam during its construction. I've been told that Teddy Roosevelt himself rode one of those wagons to the Dam to dedicate it on March 18, 1911. We will be looking for volunteers to drive. Hopefully we'll have enough tow vehicles, but if we don't, our motorhomes are quite capable of maneuvering the twists and turns. You should know that approximately 20 miles of the route is gravel, but trust me, you won't be going very fast! Also, we'll take breaks for gawking, photo ops, and lunch in Roosevelt. You can either bring your own lunch or purchase something there. I strongly recommend the Apache Trail trip if you want to get a sense of the "lay of the land."

Dwight has designed a beautiful logo for our rally and T-shirts will be available. If you want one, be sure to fill in that portion of the registration form. They are white, 50/50 poly/cotton T-shirts.

We look forward to seeing you and may God bless your travels.

Ginny and Dwight Bare

Are You Interested in These Nontech Sessions?

Would you like to make an attractive hat band out of elastic and buttons? If so, bring whatever buttons you have and maybe even scrounge a few more interesting ones. I'll have elastic, needles, thread, and scissors, and we'll just see what we can create. This idea came from Joanne Carter of Surrey, BC at the Albuquerque Rally. She didn't know if she would make it to Gold Canyon to work with us. If she is there – Great! – if not, we'll muddle through together! Judy Cherry

Are you an introvert like me? If so, come learn about how to make the most of it in your life. If you're an extrovert, come learn about what makes your introvert friends tick. Presentation based on the book *The Introvert Advantage: How to Thrive in an Extrovert World* by Marti Olsen Laney. Judy Cherry

**Outgoing Treasurer's Report
Bill Shumway**



INTEREST ACCOUNT	
12/30/ 03 BALANCE	\$17,878.14
2004 YR. INTEREST	\$114.70
CURRENT BAL.	\$17,992.84
BAL {BOTH ACCTS}	\$27,058.53

Note:- Albuquerque
Rally not finalized

* Doesn't include \$114.70 of interest.
**Includes 2005 membership dues of \$3,240.00.

Note from New Treasurer, Mike Cherry:

As I assume the duties of GMCWS Treasurer, I want to thank Bill Shumway for making the transition as smooth as possible. Mike



**GMCWS FINAL REPORT-2004
1/1/04 - 12/28/04**

INCOME*

**MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$11,140.00
RALLY ADV. RTN.	\$1,400.00
RALLY PROFIT	\$16.80
BANK ERROR	\$5.00
TOTAL	\$12,561.80

EXPENDITURES

NEWSLETTER	\$2,012.29
ROSTER	\$1,282.43
DUES NOTICE	\$260.30
BANK CHARGE	\$27.05
CAPITAL EXP.	\$239.64
STATE FEE	\$20.00
MISCEL. {BOARD}	\$985.85
PRESIDENT EXP.	\$92.75
WEB MASTER EXP.	\$100.00
RALLY ADV (SPR 05)	\$6,500.00
SHIPPING	\$421.41
TOTAL	\$11,941.72

BANK ACCOUNTS

CHECKING ACCOUNT	
12/30/03 BALANCE	\$10,285.61
2004 YR. INCOME	\$12,561.80
2004 YR. EXPENSE	\$11,941.72
CURRENT BAL.	\$9,065.69

Future Western States Rallies

Fall 2005 Elk Meadow RV Park
Estes Park, CO
September 21-26, 2005
Rallymaster: Kerry Tandy

Spring 2006 Casa de Fruta Orchard RV Resort
Near Hollister, CA
March, 2006
Rallymasters: Manny and Deo Trovao

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 four digits are the month and year of the expiration date.
Contact: **928-445-7875 or jcherry@northlink.com**

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
1005

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. Reduced price: \$24,000. Chuck Davenport, CA 707-451-1092.
1205

1977 Eleganza II 26' Good mech. condition. 8K on rebuilt 403 engine and transmission and a new 3.42 final drive. Thorley headers, new mufflers, and 3" exhaust. Fairly new gas-elect. refrigerator/freezer. Stereo, tape deck, 8 changer CD player, speakers, and CB radio. Fairly new macerator and no-odor toilet. GMC manuals and parts catalog. Configured to sleep 3 with dinette and 2 swivel chairs. Original furniture available to sleep 6. Asking \$17,500. OBO. Gale Gregg, Sacramento, CA 916-391-1120
0405

1976 Eleganza 28' 13,500 miles on rebuilt 455 fuel injected engine, modified transmission for hill climbing; stretched 2' to accommodate twin beds in rear. 6 wheel disc brakes, 4 bag suspension, macerator with timer, custom instrument panel, enlarged overhead cabinets in rear, dual air conditioners, convection oven, drawers under couch. \$25,000. Picture at www.obetz.com. Tow vehicle also for sale: 1997 Geo Tracker, 105K miles, automatic transmission with driveshaft mod. for towing. Works great. Stowmaster tow bar and trailer hitch. \$3,500. Contact at motorhome@obetz.com or 760-789-5711 for Michael O'Betz in Ramona, CA or 909-294-1092 for Dennis O'Betz in Temecula, CA.
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1976 GMC Eleganza II 26' 9 K miles on rebuilt engine that just passed CA new car smog standards. Interior modified, fixed couch, 2 moveable chairs, drop table, boxed Venetian blinds, two extra large overhead storage boxes, large under bed storage drawer. Norcold 2 way refrigerator. Microwave oven. CAT catalytic heater. Extra medicine cabinet. Pod, ladder, 3 awnings, Aulgar aluminum engine cover. 6 KW Onan with electronic ignition, 518 hours, automatic time delay coach to shore power switch, 2 Trojan batteries in Simmons polyethylene pull out tray. Several clever electrical circuits. SURE VIEW mirrors with improved turn signals. Electronic cruise control, vacuum pump brake assist, fiberglass fan shroud, Lamey rebuilt distributor, Caspro progressive steering box, rebuilt front suspension with reinforced A arms. Five function Digi panel, air pressure gages for system and each bag, newly rebuilt air pump. Holding tank and water tank replaced. Dry macerator. Aluminum wheels. Ragusa

transmission pan, water spray cooling on extra transmission cooler. Manuals with complete modification, repair, and maintenance history. Appraised @ \$23,125. Will consider all offers. Al Topp 805 528 8208 alphones188@aol.com
1105

1977 GMC Royale 26' Original yellow color, garaged all but last two years, then under a cloth cover. Finish redone on walnut cabinets. New microwave/convection oven, new cook top, new refrigerator. Rebuilt transmission, 87K total miles on coach, tires new in Nov 2003. Rear suspension modified with new levelers. 6KW generator with 350 hours, runs well, also has new house battery charger. Asking \$15,000. Fruita, CO Phone: 970-858-6886 Cell: 970-250-8180
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1974 GMC 26' 455 cid. Wet side bath, convection/microwave, 3 way Dometic refrig., Alcoa wheels, Onan generator, inverter, macerator, hitch. Newly replaced items: Flexsteel seats, sofa, side chairs, upper/lower ball joints and control arm bushings, brakes and wheel bearings, transmission, Michelin tires, mufflers, batteries, 2 roof a/cs, AM/FM XM ready radio w/ CD. Asking \$16,000 OBO. Mike Sheffield, Henderson, NV 89015, 702-564-5910. E-mail: Gshefffi749@aol.com.
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Parts for Sale

For Sale: GMC transmission parts, reinforced A-arms, 455 motorhome engine pan, and other parts too. Call to find out! BeBe Pettit, Prescott, AZ, 928-445-9432.
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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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