

GMC Western States

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President's Message from Milt Wade



Greetings to everyone from your president. First of all I would like to apologize for not attending the Superstition Mountain Rally. As everyone who attended the rally knows, I cancelled at the last minute because of an ongoing illness that I've been fighting since January. I'm getting better very slowly. At one point about a month ago I passed out during a coughing frenzy. Carmen rushed me to the local Quick Care where they took x-rays, EKG, etc. I followed this up a couple of days later with a CAT scan, blood tests, a stress test, and an ultrasound. They determined that I had a bad case of bronchitis. This year has not started out well for our family. I have a brother, who I'm very close to, who's dying of pancreatic cancer. The situation has my family in a tailspin. That's enough said on this subject.

It's my understanding that the rally went quite well despite the fact that three of our officers, including me, were not able to attend. Jerry Work our Technical V.P. broke down in Nevada, and had to return home to Oregon. Dorris Garton our First V.P. had bypass heart surgery. I hear that we got extraordinary help from Emery Stora, Frank and Freddi Condos, Mike and Judy Cherry, Sharon Cerrina, and probably others. (If I have missed others, please accept my apology.) Fortunately Emery Stora had the International's projector with him. I had our club projector with me because it's too fragile to be shipped with all the other equipment. If it weren't for these people stepping up, the rally would have been in

trouble. Thank you to all who volunteered to help, in whatever capacity. We need all the volunteers we can get.

I'm told the Cowboy Cookout and Apache Trail Tour were very beautiful and enjoyable. I had really looked forward to these and was sorry to miss them. Thanks to Ginny and Dwight Bare for arranging such a great week for GMC Western States.

The fall rally at Estes Park, CO, Sept. 21-26, 2005 promises to be another great rally. Kerry and Leanne Tandy are our hosts, and Freddi Condos has volunteered her very capable expertise in helping to make this rally an even bigger success. So mark your calendars. The scenery should be spectacular in September. We'll probably get quite a few guests from the International rally that will be held near Mount Rushmore just prior to our fall rally. I hope to see you at Estes Park.

Milt Wade

Secretary's Report – Frank Condos



Spring 2005 Rally

Executive Board Meeting
No board meeting was held. A quorum was not present
because of illness, health, and mechanical problems.
Only two board members were present.

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General Membership Meeting

The General membership meeting was held on April 8. Michael Cherry, Treasurer, presided. A motion was made, seconded and approved to waive the reading of the minutes of the Fall meeting since they were published in the Newsletter. The Secretary reported the current membership at 374. The Treasurer's report was read and is included separately. The FMCA alternate National Director was delayed by mechanical problems and no report was available.

Under new business, Cal Danielson wanted to publicly thank all who helped him participate in the rally activities. Ed Burner offered an updated version his paper on motorhome safety considerations as part of the new member package.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved.

Checking Account Bal.	\$9,065.69
1-1-05	
2005 Year Income	\$5,765.00
2005 Year Expenses	\$1,287.40
Balance 5-1-05	\$13,543.29
Interest Account Bal. 1-1-05	\$17,992.84
2005 Year Interest	\$58.83
Balance 5-1-05	\$18,051.67
Balance (Both Accts.)	\$31,594.96
Note:- Gold Canyon	
Rally and Roster	
Expenses not finalized	

Treasurer's Report - Mike Cherry



GMCWS Interim Financial Report-2005 1-1-05 – 5-1-05	
Income Membership Dues	\$5,765.00
Total	\$5,765.00
Expenditures	
Newsletter	\$390.42
Dues Renewal Notice	\$222.85
Bank Adjustment	\$4.04
Rally Expenses –	\$696.09
Gold Canyon	
Total	\$1,287.40
Bank Accounts	

Superstition Mountain Rally Report



It's Sunday, April 3rd, about noon. We're in our space and all set up. It's already warm. We're afraid the prefect weather we prayed for may not be considered so perfect by some of our northerners, coastal inhabitants and highlanders. Shoot, when you know it's going to be 105 in a few weeks, 90 don't feel bad at all.

Some rigs arrived and began circling their wagons early and were set up even before we got here. Sometimes luck is with you; no lame horses or broken wagon wheels and you get ahead of schedule. I'm thankful for them because they are good help for settin' up camp.

Pat and Sharon Cerrina, incoming Wagon Masters, arrived early and set up the chuck wagon area with real fine decorations. What a great job they did on that

project, then they just jumped in and helped with anything else that needed doin'. Just like Mike and Judy

Cherry, Frank and Freddi Condos, Donna Prishmont, the Pettit's. and others. So many helped and, golldarnit, we didn't think to take names. How can we thank them all if there's so many we can't remember them all? That's the way it was!

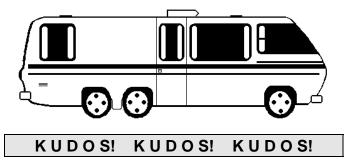
Our confidence was a little shaken when Jerry and Sharon Work's team broke down in Fallon, NV and had to turn around and limp the rig back to the barn. Then, President Milt Wade got sick and couldn't make it either. Well, just like you'd expect from this outfit, whereever there was slack, someone jumped in and pulled the rope taut. What a great crew.

Then there were the wagon drivers. In order to provide transportation for the Cowboy Cookout and the Apache Trail Tour without hirin' professionals, volunteers drove their own wagons and carried ones that don't have extra rigs; and, with the price of feed (fuel) these days that was no small contribution. We owe them an extra special thanks.

Activities went on all around. There were seminars on horse power, wagon wheels and springs, and just about everything you need to know to make your covered wagon safe, reliable, and a comfortable home away from home. Some folks played games, allll the day long, and some made pretty stuff out of buttons or a simple piece of paper. We also learned something about introverts and extroverts, about Clay Worst's beliefs about Dutchman Jacob Walz's Lost Gold Mine, and about how life influences art from artist Anne Coe. On Friday evening we were treated to music for listening and dancing by Mark Lucas and the Troublemakers.

Well, Saturday morning April 9th came and it was all over. We had this melancholy sort of feeling. It made us real proud to have about 140 of our best friends come visit us at our home. We had, to be exact, 74 registrations with 71 rigs in the camp. When you all went home it left a big ol' hole in our lives for a little while, then we remembered we'll be gettin' together again real soon. LORD willin' we'll all be seein' each other in Estes Park, Colorado next fall. Until then we wish you travel mercies and happy trails each and every day. God Bless!

Dwight and Ginny Bare





To All Volunteers at the Superstition Mountain Rally!

A warm and heart felt thank you to all who volunteered their talents at the Rally, especially, those awesome servers. This would not have been another successful rally had it not been for you. It's amazing how many contributors are needed to ensure that all runs smoothly. Rest up because you will be needed again at Estes Park, Colorado, so come early to get the primo assignments.

Fitness Team – You did an outstanding job stretching those muscles. Deep breathing, stretching, and walking are key ingredients to staying healthy. Of course a healthy diet also goes a long way. Please maintain the momentum you started at the rally and let's kick it up a notch at Estes Park, i.e. maybe some beginner aerobics for the heart.

So have a healthy, safe, and pleasurable summer.

Freddi Condos

Attendees at Superstition Mtn Rally:

Chuck and Bernie Aulgar, La Mesa, CA Amanda Bailey, Emery, SD *
Dwight and Ginny Bare, Mesa, AZ
Loren and Virginia Bates, Fountain Valley, CA Herman and Olga Beeck, Corona, AZ
Ken and Judy Booth, Lake Havasu City, AZ
Chuck and Mary Botts, San Diego, CA
Terry and Jo Anne Boyd, Vancouver, WA
Bernice Brady and Joe Rubio, San Pedro, CA
Paul and Bonnie Burkhart, Pueblo, CO
Ed and Emma Burner, Fullerton, CA
Dave and Arlene Cantrell, Rowland Hgts, CA
Pat and Sharon Cerrina, La Habra, CA
Mike and Judy Cherry, Prescott, AZ
Don and Lois Claar, Lake Havasu City, AZ

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Den and Ann Clark, Bishop, CA Duane Clark and Paul Dalpiaz, Salt Lake City, UT * John and Bev Clement, Corona, CA Glen and Chris Coffield, San Jacinto, CA * Frank and Freddi Condos, Ahwahnee, CA Bob Cook, Redondo Beach, CA Bert and Fay Curtis, Kneeland, CA Cal and Sharyn Danielson, Napa, CA Bill and Lil Deal, San Diego, CA Dave and Donna deGraffenreid, Costa Mesa, CA Charlie and Terry Edwards, Oceanside, CA Duane and Amelia Edwards, La Mesa, CA Larry and Sherry Ekberg, Quartzsite, AZ Russ and Barbara Ellis, Sun City, CA Jim and Linda Faulkner, Lake Havasu City, AZ * Steve and Nancy Ferguson, Sierra Vista, AZ Larry and Barbara Frear, Aptos, CA Chuck Garton, Ridgecrest, CA Betty Gaw and Marilyn Maxwell, Atascadero, CA Howard and Elaine Ginn, Camp Verde, AZ Roy and Karin Gosen, Hacienda Hgts, CA George and Doris Griffith, Lodi, CA Bob and Nadine Hall, Colorado Spgs, CO Hoss and Charlotte Hauge, Lakewood, CA * Glenn Heinbockel, Scottsdale, AZ ' Harold House, Galt, CA Charlie and Patricia Kanenbley, Anaheim, CA Jim Kanomata, Belmont, CA Chuck and Susie Kellogg, Colorado Spgs, CO Harold and Bettie Kennedy, Loveland, CO Ken and Judy Lierly, Fresno, CA Bill and Jo Lingrey, Downey, CA Bob and Ruth Martin, Coronado, CA Frank and Jan McQuilliams, San Diego, CA Gail and Arlene Melugin, Hemet, CA Miguel Mendez, Rancho Cucamonga, CA * Ralph and Annie Mundia, Yorba Linda, CA John and Ann Nelson, Westlake Village, CA Gus and Jane Nottberg, Loveland, CO Steve and Vicki Parmley, Lyons, CO Michael and Nancy Pellegrino, Sequim, WA BeBe and Nancy Pettit, Prescott, AZ Donna Prishmont, Incline Village, NV Tom and Jerri Reynolds, Irvine, CA Gene and Marie Rizzolo, Lodi, CA Dick Roberts, National City, CA Lorne and Catherine Rosenblood, Victoria, BC * Jim and Audree Rowe, San Dimas, CA George and Ruth Salter, Escondido, CA Bill and Dorothy Shumway, San Jose, CA Duane and Billie Simmons, Orange, CA Len and Betty Simmons, Rogue River, OR Craig and Joan Stanley, El Dorado Hills, CA Emery and Michelle Stora, Santa Fe, NM Kerry and Leanne Tandy, Conner, MT Alan and Diana Tolle, Fresno, CA Gary Tollison, Ventura, CA Brian and Joy Tripp, Chula Vista, CA Manny and Deo Trovao, San Jose, CA Bucky and Phyllis Walters, Los Osos, CA Ed and Donna Wilks, Palm Desert, CA Jack and Helen Wykle, Bullhead City, AZ

* First Timers at this rally

For pictures of most of the Superstition Mountain Rally First Timers, see our website at www.gmcws.org

The photos in this issue's photo pages were taken by Donna Prishmont (DP), Jo Lingrey (JL), Larry Ekberg (LE), and Mike or Judy Cherry.

Letter from a First Timer

Dear GMC Western States Rally attendees,

I just wanted to take a minute to say that you folks are some of the friendliest and most helpful people I've ever met. As a newbie to the world of GMC motorhome ownership, I received a very warm welcome when I attended my first GMC Rally in Gold Canyon in April.

I was very impressed by the organization of the rally. There seemed to be something for everybody. As a full-time, solo RVer, I had an extremely busy schedule there. I wanted to participate in all of it. I made it to most of the tech classes where I garnered much valuable information and even had the hands-on experience of rebuilding my air compressor under the guidance of John Clement and Fay Curtis. I enjoyed the speaker, Anne Coe, at the ladies luncheon, and really came into my own with the social bonding and playful, competitive backbiting of Jokers & Marbles, a game I had never heard of before but now will never forget.

I particularly want to thank Dwight & Ginny Bare, who not only put on a great rally, but also personally assisted me with my motorhome's mechanical failures both before and after the week-long rally. Dwight helped me get my motorhome into and out of the right local transmission shop the week before the rally. My trip down from Seattle seemed to put too much strain on my little GMC because, once again, upon leaving the rally I broke down with front end trouble in Phoenix. Dwight and Ginny must've been exhausted after that busy week, but again they were very helpful to me and even very pleasant about it.

I sold my house last year to live full-time in a motorhome. Maybe it was a little crazy because I'd never before owned a motorhome. In my search for the right motorhome for me, I saw a picture of a GMC and was instantly star-struck. Doing a little research, I discovered lots of reasons to love a GMC. And now that I've met you all, I feel certain that I've fallen in with the right crowd. Thank-you all for your genuine love of these motorhomes. That's what keeps them on the road. And thank-you for your warmth and kindness toward a stranger like me. Amanda Bailey

Introvert or Extrovert?

Introverts are energy conservers while extroverts are energy spenders. Introverts recharge their energy supply by spending quiet time alone or with one or two other people. Extroverts recharge by being with many people in a stimulating environment. Extroverts have many, many friends. Introverts have many acquaintances, but a limited number of friends. Which one is more like you?

Do you want to know more about this? Read *The Introvert Advantage: How to Thrive in an Extrovert World* by Marti Olsen Laney, Workman Publishing, New York, 2002, ISBN 0-7611-2369-5

A Sad Note from Emery Stora

April 16, 2005

It is with great sadness that I report that Ken Thoma died last night while he and his wife, Ruby, were at the GMC Classics rally at Bandera, TX. Ken was a 21 year member of GMCMI and I believe a charter member of the GMC Classics.

Billy Massey contacted me this morning and told me the sad news. Billy said that Ken died the way that perhaps many of us would like to -- doing the things that he loved and with his wife at a rally in his GMC. He had actively participated in the presentations at the rally yesterday and assisted with the wheel bearing demonstration. He retired to his GMC last night and Ruby went to the GMC about 9:30 and found that he was having problems breathing. Paramedics were called but were not able to help him. He passed away at about 10:30 pm. Billy said that Ken was about 83 years old.

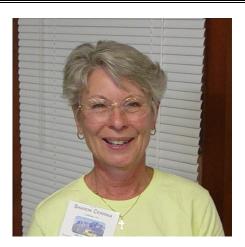
Ken and Ruby lived in the beautiful Hill Country of Texas in Fredericksburg. As many of you know, Ken was well know for rebuilding hubs and knuckles for the GMC and inventing and building many other things as well over the years. Many of us have his parts in our GMCs and many of us have been at GMC rallies or conventions with him over the years.

We will miss him.

Emery Stora

(Note from Frank Condos: Ken Thoma was also a member of Western States and has been a great resource for our members. He and his wife Ruby hosted the WS rally at Fredricksberg, TX in the mid 90s.)

Western States Rally Schedule From Wagonmaster Sharon Cerrina



Fall 2005 Elk Meadow RV Park

Estes Park, CO

September 21-26, 2005 Rallymaster: Kerry Tandy

Spring 2006 Wine Fest III Rally

Casa de Fruta Orchard RV Park On Hwy 152 near Hollister, CA

April 25-30, 2006

Rallymasters: Manny and Deo Trovao

Fall 2006 Mariposa Fairgrounds

Near Mariposa, CA September 24-29, 2006

Rallymasters: Freddi and Frank Condos

Spring 2007 Rallymasters Sharon and Pat Cerrina

and Lil and Bill Deal

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

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 1004

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.

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

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.

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

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: Gsheffi749@aol.com.

1976 Eleganza 26'. Excellent condition. Loaded. Insured for \$25,000. Asking \$20,000. Make offer. LA area. 626-355-7753.

1976 Glenbrook 26'. 455 eng. Rear bed plus two front sideby. 3-way refrig, dual air, like new tires on Alcoa rims. New front seats rest-turntilt. Hall TV for 2 way viewing. Lots of storage in and out. Reduced price \$20,000. Will accept best offer. Jacky Clutter 951-244-8340.

Parts for Sale

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

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5 Original hubcaps for 1973 GMC motorhome. \$125 OBO. Call Jerry at 805-434-1213.

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For Sale: Fiberglass wheel well flares like Buskirk model, set of 4 \$500. Dark color cabinet LH side \$75. Chrome spare tire cover \$25. Safety-Plus steering shock \$50. Front driving mirrors set \$25. Jacky Clutter 951-244-8340

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GMC Liquidation Sale: Bike rack (bolts to spare wheel) - \$10. Spare tire rack - \$10. Two rear T skirts with lower mount parts - \$90. Surflo pump - \$20. Dana compressor - \$40. Six outer wheel bearing caps -\$10. Quarter inch air line - \$.25 per foot. White rubber interior window trim OR ceiling rib (retainers) - \$5. Original roof vent assembly - \$10. Dinette table with two wings - \$35. Original beige corduroy upholstery off dinette and wall - \$10. Two headlight doors - \$5. Ash tray - \$5. 1978 left inner panel (air controls mount on panel) - \$25. Four engine hatch latches - \$10. Blue leather wrapped stainless steel spoked steering wheel - \$20. Complete T&T steering column - \$30. Two OEM Eleganza II decals - \$40. Crank (455) - \$150. B, C, E, J heads each \$50. '69 and '70 (low F numbers) complete Toro engines - \$500 and up. 425 transission with final drive - \$75. Switch pitch tranny - \$100. 3.21 final drive - \$400. Complete thru the side door engine puller -\$250. Knuckles reamed for GMC - \$30. Transmission mounts - \$10. Motor mount - \$50. Starters - \$5. Outer CV joints - \$20. Inner CV joints - \$40. Two new inner CV boots - \$40. Rear spindle with rear hub - \$150. Used air bags - \$10. Charcoal canister - \$5. Two upper control arms \$40. Two reinforced lower contron arms - \$500. Air conditioning condenser - \$50. Fuel tank (main/rear) no rust - \$150 HEI design air cleaner - \$10. Rear disk brake set up off Caddie Eldo -\$50. Fly wheels - \$10. Sensitized brake booster - \$125. Steel fuel pump to carburetor lines - \$5. Steel choke tubes - \$5. Engine carts to roll engines around - \$10. Bosch fuel port injection off Cad. Seville (350 Olds) good to convert 403 to port injection, make offer. Parts cars - 1 1966 Toro and 2 1967 Toros - \$500 all. Free pulleys. Free '73 and '76 steering wheels. Steve and Gail Ault stevengail@hotmail.com or (520) 603-5342 and leave a message on this cell phone.

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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First Timers at the Superstition Mountain Rally Gold Canyon, AZ April 2005

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Jim and Linda Faulkner, Lake Havasu City, AZ



Duane Clark, Salt Lake City, UT



Hoss and Charlotte Hauge, Lakewood, CA



Glen and Chris Coffield, San Jacinto, CA



Glenn Heinbockel, Scottsdale, AZ



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