



GMC Western States

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President's Message from Alan Tolle



Bravissimo! Bravissimo! (the superlative form of the word Bravo) And superlative is the only way to describe the recent Mariposa Rally. Hosts Frank and Freddi Condos really out-did themselves on this one. The seminars were outstanding, the food was good and plenty, and the name of the game was have FUN! And we sure did. I laughed so much on a couple of evenings that my abdominal muscles actually hurt.

We all say "thank you for a job well done" to retiring Board members Dorris Garton and Frank Condos. Both were honored with small gifts in an effort to show our appreciation for their many years of service to GMCWS. Frank is not entirely off the hook yet, as he has volunteered to edit the technical portion of this news letter, at least for the near future. Again, many, many thanks to both Dorris and Frank.

Sharon Cerrina, our Wagon Master, also joins the list of retirees and she leaves with the next two years of events already on the books. (See her report elsewhere on these pages.) Thank you Sharon for a job well done. Thus we welcome Judy Cherry to her new responsibilities as Secretary. Judy has served our club as news letter editor and publisher for the last four years so she is well up to speed for the secretary job. (Diana and I are going to do the news letter for a while, until a replacement for Judy can be located. After our two day orientation by Judy we recognize what a really daunting task this has been for the Cherry's.) We also welcome Ken and Judy Lierly to the office of First Vice President. Both have been active in Western States for many years and more recently Judy has entertained large classes at two recent Rallies with water color painting instruction.

So it is time now to look forward to and make plans for the Spring Rally of 2007 which is scheduled for the Mount Hood Village RV Resort in Welches, OR from April 22 to 27. This a full service destination type Resort with all the amenities and by late April spring has made its way into the Willamette Valley. And the drive that time of the year is beautiful from any direction. So make your plans now to spend springtime in Oregon.

Secretary's Report – Judy Cherry



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 8, 2006

President Alan Tolle called the meeting to order. The following Board members were present: Alan Tolle - President, Dorris Garton – 1st Vice President, Frank Condos - Secretary, and Mike Cherry - Treasurer. Also present were Judy Cherry – Newsletter Editor, Sharon Cerrina - Wagonmaster, and Bob Blenkinsop. Not present were Bert and Fay Curtis – 2nd Vice President, Kerry Tandy - FMCA Director, and Gene Dotson - Alternate FMCA Director.

Alan Tolle presented the possible changes to the Executive Board he knew about. Frank Condos wants to leave the office of secretary and Judy Cherry has agreed to accept it. Dorris Garton stated her wish to leave the office of 1st VP pending a replacement. Bert and Fay Curtis had agreed to continue in the office of 2nd VP for another year, and so did Kerry Tandy as FMCA Director.

The treasurer's report was presented and accepted. Discussion ensued about items which need to be purchased for the club: another large screen, another shipping case, several portable microphones head or lapel types. Frank Condos will follow up on these. Dorris Garton proposed that a needs assessment should be mailed to members, to find out how to better

meet their needs and promote rally attendance. We also need to know who would want an electronic newsletter (color) and who would prefer the mailed version (black and white). Alan will put this together. Sharon Cerrina informed us about the rally schedule for 2007 and 2008. (See the section later in this newsletter.)

A motion was passed to ask Billy Massey what it would take to make the newsletters and tech letters searchable by keywords in our GMCWS site.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 9, 2006

President Tolle called the meeting to order. The reading of the previous meeting minutes was waived since they were printed in the newsletter. The secretary reported 368 members currently. The treasurer's report was given and is included below. President Tolle spoke about the ways we are using our funds to benefit the membership - new sound equipment, new large screen, funds for ladies' luncheon, etc.

Bob Cook presented the slate of names for election of officers:

- President - Alan Tolle
- 1st Vice President - Ken and Judy Lierly
- 2nd Vice President - Bert Curtis
- Secretary - Judy Cherry
- Treasurer - Mike Cherry
- FMCA Director - Kerry Tandy
- Alt. FMCA Director - Gene Dotson

A motion to elect by acclamation was passed by the membership.

The meeting concluded with discussions of up-coming rallies.

Judy Cherry, Secretary

Treasurer's Report - Mike Cherry



**GMCWS Interim Financial Report-2006
1/1/06 - 10/20/06**

Income	
Membership Dues	\$3,155.00
Return overpayments	(\$65.00)
Bank charge	(\$25.00)
Net Dues Income	\$3,065.00

Expenditures

Newsletter #61, 62, 63	\$1,599.94
Roster Print, Dist.	\$1,532.22
Secretary Expenses	\$340.81

Board Expenses:

CA tax filing	\$10.00
CA Sec. State filing fee	\$20.00
Web hosting B Massey	\$100.00
New sound system	\$583.77
Misc.	\$403.00

Rally Expenses

Casa de Fruta final net	\$89.17
Mariposa not final	\$1,884.09
Benson adv fall07	\$1,000.00
Total Expenses	\$7,563.00

Bank Accounts

Checking Bal.1/1/06	\$8,668.94
Checking Bal. 10/22/06	\$4,170.94
Interest Acct. Bal. 1/1/06	\$26,237.19
Interest (9 mo.)	\$347.44
Int. Acct. Bal. 10/20/06	\$26,584.63

Balance (Both Accts.) \$30,755.57

Report from Mariposa Rally

Surrounded by oaks and golden hills, about 70 coaches and their people assembled in the Mariposa County Fairgrounds for Frank and Freddi Condos' Western Hoedown in Autumn. The weather was excellent, with cool nights and warm days. The food, catered by Pete's in Oakhurst, was plentiful and savory. There was plenty of technical and nontechnical activity going on for everyone who wished to participate. As Jerry Work says, these rallies are just like fun summer camp for adults.

For information on technical sessions, see the Tech Center part of this newsletter. Nontech sessions included watercolor painting by Judy Lierly, jewelry making by Ms. Jane, theatrics by Lucy Weidner, hula classes by Grace Kanomata, line dancing by Gerry and Vi Bowden, keeping balance in your life by Suzanne Nelsen, and helping Venusians and Martians understand each other by Dorris Garton. The women who attended the Western luncheon were serenaded by the Chordinators barbershop quartet. We kept ourselves hydrated all week by water donated by Jack Wright, the manager of Von's supermarket in Oakhurst, CA.

Cindy Liebeck outdid herself by providing bratwurst, sauerkraut, and German potato salad for everyone who wanted to participate in an Oktoberfest meal on Wednesday evening. To celebrate his October birthday,

Frank Condos bought a keg of beer for all to enjoy. We even had German music provided by a volunteer musician from Mariposa. Fun and silly competition reigned supreme at the Fun in the Grass Mania, for all that dared to compete. Our last evening together featured a performance by the Sugar Pine Singers, and all of us got into the act in one way or another. Oh, how we laughed!

Freddi had a bag of goodies for all who attended and more gifts besides for everyone who helped at the rally. It was a real team effort, but Freddi and Frank worked to stay at the head of the pack all week long. Thank you Freddi and Frank for a wonderful time in Mariposa!

Judy Cherry

A New Game in Town

A new game called LCR appeared at the Mariposa rally. It was a lot of fun for everyone who played. Players only need to bring 3 quarters for each game they want to play. Three dice are thrown for each turn. If a die comes up L the player must pass one quarter to his/her left. If a die comes up R the player must pass one quarter to his/her right. If a die comes up C the player must put one quarter into the pot in the center of the table. The game continues until only one player still has money to play. He or she wins the pot!

GMC Tune (Side By Side)

It's not a question of money
Mostly retired and funny
And we travel along, singing a song in our GMC.

Busted engine or tranny
Makes us land on our fanny
Still we're rolling along, singing a song in our GMC.

Through all kinds of weather
Winter, Spring, Summer, or Fall
As long as we're together
It really doesn't matter at all.

When we've all sung our songs and departed
We'll be the same as we started
Just rolling along, singing our songs in our
GM, GM, GMC!!!

Words courtesy of Lucy Weidner

Chuck Aulgur, La Mesa, CA
Paul and Joan Baity, Mariposa, CA
George and Jodell Banovich, Pleasanton, CA
Dwight and Ginny Bare, Mesa, AZ
Fin and Mary Beven, Pasadena, CA *
Bob Blenkinsop, Fresno, CA
Ken and Judy Booth, Lake Havasu City, AZ
Chuck and Mary Botts, San Diego, CA
Gerry and Viola Bowden, Lancaster, CA
Francis and Margery Burgess, Hanford, CA
Dave and Arlene Cantrell, Rowland Hgts, CA
Pat and Sharon Cerrina, La Habra, CA
Mike and Judy Cherry, Prescott, AZ
Den and Ann Clark, Bishop, CA
Lynn and Sandy Clark, Sandy, UT
Frank and Freddi Condos, Ahwahnee, CA
Bob Cook, Redondo Beach, CA
Bill and Connie Cracraft and Tina Rivera, Lower Lake, CA *
Sharyn Danielson, Napa, CA
Fred and Cynthia Davis, Santa Paula, CA
Bill and Lill Deal, San Diego, CA
Dave and Gerri Elwood, Brentwood, CA
Jim and Linda Faulkner, Lake Havasu City, AZ
Steve and Nancy Ferguson, Sierra Vista, AZ
Chuck and Dorris Garton, Ridgecrest, CA
Betty Gaw and Marilyn Maxwell, Atascadero, CA
Hoss and Charlotte Hauge, Garden Grove, CA
Fred and Pat Heidner, Santa Barbara, CA
Glenn and Carol Heinbockel, Scottsdale, AZ
Al and Barbara Hobson, Newport, CA
Bob and Dorthy Hooton, Downey, CA
Bill and Betty Hubler, Caldwell, ID
Charlie and Patricia Kanenbley, Anaheim, CA
Jim and Grace Kanomata, Belmont, CA
Jack and Mary Kincaid, Castro Valley, CA
Dave and Phyllis Krogh, Chula Vista, CA
Cindy Liebeck, Irvine, CA
Ken and Judy Lierly, Fresno, CA
Dave and Beverly Lopez, Altadena, CA
John and Martha Marana, Temecula, CA
Bill and Kate McCleish, Manhattan Beach, CA *
Bob and Joan McKechnie, Sacramento, CA
Dave Meyer, Stockton, CA
Gordon and Helen Miller, Arcadia, CA
Ralph and Annie Mundia, Yorba Linda, CA
Joe and Kathy Nehl, Loma Rica, CA *
Lee and Suzanne Nelsen, Alta Loma, CA
Donna Prishmont, Incline Village, NV
Gene and Carol Ranson, Grants Pass, OR
Larry Schaffer, Castro Valley, CA
George and Alice Scott, Santa Barbara, CA
Grandpa Bill and Sandy Scott, Scotts Valley, CA
Norm and Shirley Shier, Bethel Island, CA
Bill and Dorothy Shumway, San Jose, CA
Len and Betty Simmons, Rogue River, OR
Narod and Jessie Skiles, Chino, CA
Alan and Diana Tolle, Fresno, CA
Manny and Deo Trovao, San Jose, CA
Marc and Lillian Trubert, Coarsegold, CA
Bob Valpey, Riverside, CA
Fred and Rose Walsh, Swift Current, SASK Canada
Larry and Lucy Weidner, Menomonie, WI
David and Leone Wood, Coronado, CA
Jerry and Sharon Work, Kerby, OR
Jack and Helen Wykle, Bullhead City, AZ

* GMCWS First Timers at this rally

Attendees at Casa de Fruta Rally:

Denny and Fran Allen, Cowichan Bay, BC Canada

Line Dancing seems to be all the craze now. Not only is it fun, but darned good exercise as well. Following are instructions for the dance taught at the Mariposa Rally, reprinted here for all of you who want to practice.

Slap Leather - a line dance taught at Mariposa by Vi and Gerry Bowden (Different from Slappin' Leather from Casa de Fruta!)

Grapevine to the right (R to side, L behind, R to side, tap L by R foot)
Grapevine to the left (L to side, R behind, L to side, tap R by L foot)
Step back 3 (R, L, R), lift left foot up (boot hitch)
Slide L fwd (follow with R) twice
With feet together swivel heels to left, to right, to left, to center.
Touch R heel to front and home, touch L heel to front and home 2 times.
Touch R heel to front and home 2 times.
Star: Touch R foot to front, to side, to back, to side.
Slap L side of R calf with L hand then R side of R calf with R hand while turning ¼ turn left.
Start over at the beginning of the sequence.

The photos in this issue's photo pages were taken by Dorris Garton (DG), Fin Bevan (FB), Ken Booth(KB), Diana Tolle (DT), and Mike or Judy Cherry.

Western States Rally Schedule From Wagonmaster Sharon Cerrina



- Spring 2007 Mt. Hood Village RV Resort
Welches, OR
Rallymasters: GMCWS Exec. Board
April 22 - 27, 2007
- Fall 2007 Cochise Terrace RV Resort
Near Benson, AZ
September 4 - 8, 2007
Rallymasters: Steve and Nancy Ferguson
- Spring 2008 Tentatively Southern Canada
Rallymasters: Fred and Rose Walsh
- Fall 2008 Blackwell Island RV Park
Lake Coeur d'Alene, ID
Rallymasters: Terry and Gloria Morris
and the Cascaders
September 15-19, 2008

New Journeys:

Larry Frear of Aptos, CA passed away in August 2006. His friends who saw him at Casa de Fruta in April will remember that he had a wonderful attitude about life, and that he was enjoying every day he could. His wife Barbara reports that he had hoped to attend the Mariposa Rally, but it was not meant to be.

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 jmcherry@cablone.net**

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.

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-tilt. 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.

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1973 Sahara 26'. 12,000 miles on rebuilt 455 engine, 3,000 miles on rebuilt transmission and transfer case. All running gear completely checked over. Bilstein shock absorbers, rear hitch. All new upholstery with oak wood finish, new microwave, Kenwood stereo with tape deck and six speakers plus woofer, new TV with VCR and new carpet. GMC manuals and parts catalog. New two tone paint, new radial tires and Alcoa wheels, flares, sun visor, new flow master exhaust, new carburetor plus HEI. Invested \$35,000, asking \$22,000 OBO. Cruz Charles in West Sacramento, Calif. 916-372-0507

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1978 Royale Coachman interior. Sale due to health. Day/night shades with walnut trim. Rear queen with custom mattress. Microwave under cabinet. Built in blender. TV under cabinet above table. Front leather captain chairs with lumbar adjustment. Recent upholstery with fireproof aircraft material. Hand rails in shower. Walnut hand rails under cabinets. Newer refrigerator. Front extended bumper with tool box, grab handle, and flat to stand on to wash windshield. Vacuum pump for dead engine brakes. Ragusa battery carriers and side step. GM fuel injected engine. TB engine and transmission rebuilt. Extended air horn on breather with K&N air filter. Engine hatch holder by Rex. Sensitized brake booster. New macerator with electric shut off valve. Jim Anstett brake system. Hubs and knuckles rebuilt. Steering hear rebuilt (my specialty). Complete frony end rebuilt. Rear airbag risers for softer ride. Side toolbox with slide out drawer. Side lift for lifting wheel chair into coach. Alcoa wheels with Goodyear tires 159R E's. Ted and Laverne Smith, 5624 SW 14th St., Topeka, KS 66604-2207 (785)272-1552, cell (785)640-6603, e-mail: lavonneted@sbcglobal.net

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1973 Sequoia 26' Side bath model. Only coach model with light wood interior. 455 CI original engine, runs well. Alcoa rims/Michelin tires 2 yrs old, Phantom screen door, Norcold 3 way refrig., Denny Allen macerator. New transmission, not rebuilt, with braized fin torque converter. Caspro steering box and steering column linkage. Strengthened lower A arms, all new bushings. 3" exhaust system. New Suburban furnace. Ragusa step and transmission pan. Front steering knuckles rebuilt by Ken Thoma. Rotary valves for air system replaced with Kanomata valve system. Coach ran 2700 miles in fall 2005 to SD and CO without problems. Many more improvements made. Call for further details. \$10,500. Mike Cherry, Prescott, AZ, (928)445-7875, e-mail: jmcherry@cablone.net.

0507

1978 Eleganza II 26' 83K miles. Last month of production. Sleeps 6, seats 13. Upholstery, carpeting, headliner replaced. Eight solid walnut overhead cabinets, 3 way refrig., AM/FM/cassette radio. CD, 13" TV, CB, Ham ants., 6KW gen, roof pod, 3 A&E awnings, macerator, 2" hitch, Thorley headers, Digipanel. \$21K/ offer. Reason for selling: too many birthdays. Bill, 760-758-7163 or n6cou@slxtreme.com.

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1978 Royale. \$26,500. Very clean inside and out. Alcoa wheels, Goodyear all steel tires, 49K actual miles, never been in snow, 6K Onan generator, 2 roof air, pod, dash air, newer interior, many upgrades. Contact Ozzie Porter, Santa Maria, CA 805-934-2267.

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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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425 GMC Motorhome Transmission, fresh, recently rebuilt with correct clutches, kits, bushings, seals, gaskets, bearings, and 1975 case This unit was completely torn down and all parts were inspected. Contact "The Transmission Shop," BeBe Pettit in Prescott, AZ (928)445-9432 for price and questions.

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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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Rallymasters Frank and Freddi Condos



Overview of Coaches(KB)



Sugar Pine Singers (FB)



Caterer Pete Dishing It Out (FB)



Photographer Fin & Mary Beven (DT)



Luncheon Servers (DT)



At the Swap Meet #1 (DG)



Bob Hooten and Donna Prishmont (DG)



Ralph and Annie Mundia(KB)



Hoss Hauge and Bob Cook(KB)



Lucy and Larry Weidner (FB)



Alice and George Scott (FB)



Cindy Liebeck and Lill Deal (FB)



Alan and Diana Tolle



Ann and Ernie Seth (DG)



Sharon and Jerry Work (DG)



Morning Walkers



Chuck Aulgur's Leak Test



Watercolor Painting Class



Painting Teacher Judy Lierly



Listening Intently



Hula Performance (DT)



Fun in the Grass Teams (DT)



Bribing the Judges (DT)



The Chordinators Barbershop Quartet



Dorris Garton



GMC Hotshots Performing(FB)



Playing LCR (FB)



Jerry Work and Carol Ransom (FB)



Sharon and Pat? Cerrina (FB)



Den and Ann Clark (DT)



Mike and Judy Cherry (DT)