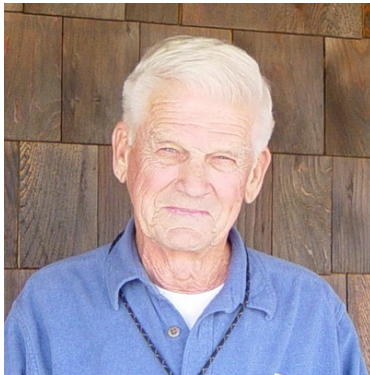




GMC Western States

Newsletter Number 65 – February 6, 2007

President's Message from Alan Tolle



Well, it is time --- time to make your plans to attend the GMC Western States Spring Rally to be held at Mount Hood Village Resort in Welches, OR April 22 to 27, 2007.

You know, the designers of the GMC motor home got it right three decades ago when they decided that getting there should be half of the fun. So they designed a coach that was easy to drive, had a comfortable ride, featured panorama windows to enjoy the view, and with all the comforts of home right at your fingertips --- yes, the GMC was, and still is, a coach for traveling. They are quite adequate for camping once you get there, but on the road is where they really shine.

This is the reason why GMC Western States, over the years, has made a very conscious effort to scatter Rally locations around those eleven western states and the three western most provinces of Canada. This has given us all the opportunity (or perhaps the excuse) to journey and see new parts of our great country. In the few short years I have been a member of Western States I have enjoyed the experience of trips to Albuquerque, NM, Gold Canyon, AZ, Estes Park, CO, Gilroy, CA, and Mariposa, CA. Now it is time to go north to OREGON.

Oregon in the spring is one of the prettiest places we know. By late April winter has let go and everything is

in bloom. But remember, this is Oregon and the countryside is green year round because rain happens, so be prepared. The highways to Mount Hood are good from any direction (with the possible exception of the stretch from Lake Shasta to Mount Shasta) and the scenery from any direction (including the south once past Redding) just gets better and better and better.

Mount Hood Village is a true destination Resort with every amenity you can imagine. All sites feature full hook ups and a backdrop of tall pine trees. We have reserved the Cascade Lodge (easily seats 300) for meetings and dining. There is a beautiful heated indoor pool with accompanying hot tub, saunas, workout rooms, you name it! The site is laced with bike paths for those so inclined, and various tables, (ping pong and pool) for those less active.

Western States Rallies have always been known for fine cuisine, and Mount Hood will be no exception. Food preparation will be in the very capable hands of Chef Ron Clement, who is the proprietor of the Mount Hood Village Restaurant. Cooking is Ron's passion, as he describes it, and the menus he has planned will be a real feast.

Programs for the Rally will be of the same variety and quality you have all come to expect. There will be timely technical seminars for the men, activities for the women and plenty of entertainment for all. There will be time for games (bring your marbles and dominoes if you choose) time for dancing and an evening of entertainment by local talent.

Time has been planned for popular Rally events, including the Swap Meet and Open House. A special area has been set aside for our vendors so that those who are keeping our coaches going, so to speak, have adequate opportunity to ply us with their wares, and we can probe them for their knowledge.

As usual there will be one free day for Rally attendees to enjoy the local area. The Rally site is relatively close to many of Oregon's tourist attractions, including the spectacular Columbia River Gorge with the Bonneville Dam, Cascade Locks, and Multnomath Falls. Near by are such attractions as the Oregon Gardens, the Mount Hood Railway, the Evergreen Aviation Museum, the "Fruit Loop," Timberline Lodge, the Woodburn Outlet

Mall, not to mention Portland, the City of Roses. For the free day we will ask those who tow to share a ride with those who do not --- this is a situation which has worked well at past events. The free day will be the Chef's day off, so meals will be at your choice.

So we offer a prime location, great program, superb cuisine, and an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. Y'all come.

Alan

Treasurer's Report – Mike Cherry



Secretary's Report – Judy Cherry



Secretary's Report – February 6, 2007

Membership renewals for 2007 have been coming to me through December, January, and early February. At this writing, GMC Western States has 273 members for 2007. A few people have written to say they are not renewing for specific reasons such as the sale of their coach, a death in the family, or "too many birthdays." Realistically, all of us will have to face these issues some day in our lives, but it's still hard to accept the end of an era.

There are still 82 members from 2006 who have not renewed for 2007 yet. Are you one of them? If you are not sure, call or e-mail me to check on your status. Phone: 928-445-7875. E-mail: jmcherry@cableone.net. Annual dues are still \$20, and checks should be made out to GMC Western States. Mail to: GMC Western States, c/o Judy Cherry, 2212 W. Tonto Ridge Rd., Prescott, AZ 86305-3938 I'll be working on the new roster in early March and you'll want your name and correct information included there.

Judy Cherry, Secretary

2006 Final Report	1/1/06 – 12/31/06
Income:	
Membership dues 2006	\$3155.00
2007 dues in 2006	\$3750.00
Returned overpayment	(\$95.00)
Donation	\$30.00
Sub-total	\$6840.00
Interest on Accounts	\$422.86
Total Income	\$7262.86
Expenditures:	
Newsletters (4)	\$2638.92
Roster	\$1532.22
Board Expenses:	
CA Tax Filing	\$10.00
CA Sec St Filing Fee	\$20.00
Web Site Hosting	\$100.00
New Sound System	\$583.77
Bank Charge	\$25.00
Sec'y Expenses	\$340.81
Treas. Expenses	\$44.00
Misc.	\$403.00
Rally Expenses:	
Casa de Fruta Final	\$89.17
Mariposa (not final)	\$1884.09
Benson (advance)	\$1000.00
Total Expenses	\$8670.98
Bank Accounts:	
Checking bal 1/1/06	\$8668.94

Checking bal 12/31/06	\$8837.96
Interest Acct 1/1/06	\$26,237.19
Interest Acct 12/31/06	\$24,660.05
Balance Both Accts:	
1/1/06	\$34,906.13
12/31/06	\$33,498.01

Western States Rally Schedule

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

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

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: **503 838 9900 or alantolle@earthlink.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.

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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-turn-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. Micro-wave 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 Llavonne Smith, 5624 SW 14th St., Topeka, KS 66604-2207 (785)272-1552, cell (785)640-6603, e-mail: lavonned@sbcglobel.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.

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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@slextreme.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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1973 Sequoia 26', 455 engine, 3-way Norcold refer, new 6-way power Ultraleather captains' seats, like new Michelin tires on Alcoa rims, exterior repaint in white with teal green stripes, major running gear upgrades include "Manny" tranny, Bilsteins, radiator, rear pins, brakes, front hubs and bearings. Rear bed plus front fold out, flat screen TV in living area, color TV in bedroom, interior upgrade of original light wood interior and day-night shades. Excellent driver. \$19,000. OBO (503-641-9299, Portland, OR, e-mail leonleinnann@aol.com)

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1976 GMC Eleganza II, 66,231 original miles, tires replaced at 64,706 miles. Dual air conditioners, bed in back. Original paint. Original upholstery in excellent condition. Converted fridge (original fridge included.) Complete and working in covered storage, no or low rust. Call Kathy Sinkard at 775-782-6156 (Reno, NV area.) \$11,000

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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: " ", **Billy and Debbie Massey**

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