

GMC WESTERN STATES NEWSLETTER



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President's Message

I have several subjects worth covering this month so here goes:

The GMC Motorhome community has an amazingly large cadre of service shops and suppliers that specialize in supporting our classics. Some are a full time business and others are dedicated part time suppliers or specialty repairs shops. Additionally, there is the "Black List" maintained by Roger Black that lists GMC owners across the Country and Canada that are knowledgeable and possess specialty tools or just provide friendship when problems occur on the road. The Black List is available on line through a link on <http://www.bdub.net/GMCLinks.html>, look for The Black List and you may want to print a copy to carry in your coach.



Now the sales pitch: These resources are listed in the GMC Western States Membership Roster. I urge you to use these resources when ever possible. They all provide a valuable service at a worthwhile cost. Your support will enable these specialty shops to find or make the specialty parts that would otherwise disappear and to maintain the skills not available in shops specializing in later model vehicles. The GMC is the largest single marc in FMCA and as we all know, the greatest motorhome ever made.

The next subject is about FMCA. As you all know, membership in FMCA is required as a condition for membership in GMCWS. This is because we are a Chapter, Chartered under FMCA. The FMCA Charter and membership provides two important benefits to us, as a Club. The umbrella liability insurance allows us to hold group rallies at both public and private facilities. The second direct benefit is the medical evacuation and coach driver program for individual members. This is a benefit that some of our members have used. Like most insurance, we hope we never have to use it.

Occasionally there are GMCWS members that drop their FMCA membership and desire to keep their membership in GMCWS. I urge you not to consider this as it weakens both organizations and could cost the lost of our FMCA Chapter status and resulting Club benefits. I decided to cover this because of the \$5 increase in FMCA dues this year for individual members, which may temp some to drop the membership.

Finally, the fun subject is about the Spring Rally to be held in Auburn California at the Gold Country RV Park (Fairgrounds). The Fairgrounds is just off I-80, East of Sacramento. Auburn is near the site of 1848 gold discovery in California at Sutter's Mill in Coloma. This is the discovery that led to the '49er gold rush.

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In your travels to Auburn, you may want to plan on spending extra time exploring along SR 49, both North and South of Auburn, through the heart of the gold country. We sincerely hope that you can join in the seminars planned by our VP's Lillian Trubert and Steve Ferguson. Of course we've planned to serve some of California's finest wine at our first Social Hour. Monkey Cat, a premier restaurant in Auburn is providing a variety of delicious meals for Breakfast and Dinner. Our cowboy bartenders, Dave Cantrell, Jim Rowe, Hoss Hauge, and Loren Bates are already packing their western attire for the occasion. The Rally Registration and Tentative Schedule of Events is included herein.

Finally, we are looking for a new President. So, if you are interested in the job or know someone who may be, please advise me, or one of the area representatives. Although I'm enjoying the job I just don't want to have all the fun of steering this outstanding Club.

Frank

Coaches for Sale

We welcome your ad. Ads will run for one year unless we are informed otherwise. Please inform us if your coach is sold before the ad runs out. The last four digits at the end of the ad represent the expiration date (month/year).

Contact: **Freddi Condos, 559-683-5185, frettyc@sti.net**

AIR BAG SLEEVES: \$15.00 for 2-plastic sleeves, 2 samples of 303 lubricant, 2 adhesive pads and directions for installation, plus \$5 postage. Bob Sternfels (949) 497-3534 (Laguna Beach, California). _____ **0410**

1978 ROYALE (26'), This coach is very clean, in good condition, and many upgrades. Must see to appreciate. \$10,000. Emma Burner (714) 871-2095 _____ **0810**

1973 CANYONLANDS (26'), 108,216 miles, rebuilt 455 engine and carburetor at 82,770 miles. Beige Flex Steel leather pilot, copilot seats, sleeper sofa and chairs. Micro/convection oven, 3-way refrigerator. Fantastic fan, roof pod. A & E awnings both sides. Macerator, hitch, golf cart house batteries. Manuals and records, very clean. Selling due to health problems. Asking \$12,000—Darrel or Arlis Tetzloff (925) 937-2418 – Walnut Creek, Ca

_____ **0310**

1976 PALM BEACH (26'), 77,000 miles, upgrades include new alcoa rims, new tires, leather driver/passenger seats, zip dee awning, and macerator. All maintenance and other records are available and photos on Request. Asking \$5,000 OBO. Walter Rugh (818) 865-2988/ Cell: (503) 807-9115 _____ **1110**

1974 GLACIER (23'), Documented custom exterior (restoration & paint), meticulous mechanical maintenance and repairs, and interior upgrades. Two-tone blue & silver custom paint w/dark blue stripe, 7 alcoa wheels. 106,000 total miles. 7,600 miles on rebuilt 3.42 Final Drive transmission by Allen's Classic Service (Denny Allen). 17,500 miles on rebuilt 455 core motor, thermostat & radiator. Purchased 1987. Full maintenance log on-line at www.gallery.me.com/evedavidson. Asking \$19,800. Sonny's, Pork Hadlock, Wa. – (800) 300-4819 _____ **1110**

1976 GLENBROOK (26'), Fully self-contained with generator, custom paint with graphics, Alcoa wheels, custom interior with leather front seats, laminate flooring and increased spaces. Call for a list of components that have been replaced and or added. Asking \$12,500. Located in Lodi, California Contact: Gene Rizzolo (209) 368-3526 _____ **1110**

2010 Newsletter Publication Date Schedule

	2nd	3rd	4th
Publication Dates:	June 18 th	Aug 27 th	Nov 19 th
Info to Coordinator:	June 4 th	Aug 13 th	Nov 5 th
To Publisher:	June 9 th	Aug 18 th	Nov 10 th

Job Application for Convention Manager of GMCMI

GMC Motorhomes International is seeking a replacement for Ray Swartzendruber, our Convention Manager. Ray has decided to retire and we are accepting applications with resume for this position. The position of Convention Manager is a paid position with an annual salary of \$17,500.00 plus approved expenses.

The general duties of Convention Manager include:

1. Set up and management of two conventions (rallies) annually.
2. Report to the president and the board on convention services status and financial activities.
3. Develop convention budget and control expenditures to stay within the budget.
4. Active member of the Board of Directors and provides assistance and expertise.
5. Maintain and account for GMCMI's equipment and supplies associated with convention services.

General requirements:

An applicant shall have educational and/or career experience in business administration. Also possess leadership, communication and superb inter-personal skills along with computer knowledge sufficient to perform required duties.

Applicants (or suggestions for applicants) for this position, please contact any of the Executive Search Committee members listed below:

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Regards,

JR Slaten

President, GMC Motorhomes International

Changes To The List Of Suppliers And Services In The 2010 Roster (Directory)

Custom Instrument Panels moved to:
28585 Valley Dr.
Albemarle, NC 28001
Phone 704-985-0171

GEMRECS Will be closing at the end of March at
the Huston location

MGM GMC has moved to:
5436 Holt Blvd
Montclair CA 91763
Phone: Shop 909-982-7747
Cell 909-229-7508

Danny Dunns Transmissions is no longer active

Western States Rally Schedule

MAY 19-24, 2010

GOLD COUNTRY FAIR
AUBURN, CALIFORNIA
HOSTS: FRANK AND FREDDI CONDOS

OCTOBER 17-22, 2010

OASIS, LAS VEGAS RV RESORT
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
HOSTS: MICHAEL AND JUDY CHERRY

SPRING 2011

SAN LORENZO RV RESORT
KING CITY, CALIFORNIA
HOSTS: PHIL AND JO ANNE HERNANDEZ

FALL 2011

ST. GEORGE, UTAH
HOST: STEPHEN STOLLEY

SPRING 2012

CALIFORNIA COAST
HOSTS: DE GRAFFENREID AND TROVAO

Treasurer's Report

CORRECTIONS TO...

Treasurer's Report
Newsletter, November, 2009 – Vol. 75

"Income" should have read:
"Balance Brought Forward "

Expenses are as reported "Net Income"
should have read:
"Balance on All Accounts "

Dave deGraffenreid, Treasurer



Secretary's Report

Thank you to everyone who renewed their memberships for 2010.

Also, I have a new email address: judycherry44@gmail.com. Please use this address if you need to contact me. It is also listed in the new roster.

Judy Cherry, Secretary



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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. Web site: www.gmcws.org, Billy and Debbie Massey

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GMC WESTERN STATES TECH CENTER



Ever had that “funny feeling”?

By Steve Ferguson,
Technical Vice President

It's kind of hard to describe. It falls somewhere between a hunch and a nagging suspicion for me. For instance, you're on the way to the Post Office and all of a sudden you can't remember whether or not you closed the garage door. So, you turn around and drive back home to check. Sure enough, you did it while you were operating on auto pilot. This is called “muscle memory”. We are so programmed by things we do repeatedly that we often can't remember if we did them. This is a good thing and not related to CRS or one of the other acronyms we associate with getting older. It's what has kept us out of trouble for a long time and partly why we are getting older.

Here are some more examples of why we need to pay attention to those “funny feelings” or hunches. At a recent GMC Christmas rally I had just shut off the TV and was getting ready to hit the hay for the night. We were in a park we have never stayed in before so I was unfamiliar with the background noises, traffic, etc. “What's that odd noise?” Probably nothing but, I had that nagging feeling and knew I shouldn't ignore it, so I checked. I put my ear against the wall, nothing. I went outside and listened for a sound like a tire losing air...nothing. Then I walked around to the utility side of the coach and sure enough, there was the source. My new WalMart FW hose had split and the utility compartment was gushing water. Easy fix, just turn off the water, but that's not the point. The point is, I listened to my inner “hunch” and checked it out, and saved myself a lot of future grief (and next day embarrassment).

You're getting ready for an outing in the GMC. You're finally packed, have the dog and mom both in the same place at the same time...and you start wondering if you checked the oil after the

last trip. Sure you did, you always do, right? But you still have that nagging feeling so you unbuckle, exit the GMC and check the oil. Wow! Down over a quart! You could've sworn you checked it after the last trip. Lucky you! You listened to that inner feeling and acted. Just think of the consequences if you hadn't acted when you did.

1. What's that funny noise?
2. Have I heard it before?
3. It's probably nothing.
4. This GMC is always making funny noises.

Number 3 and 4 are the thoughts that could get you into trouble if you don't follow up on your hunch and check and see just what that funny noise is and where it is coming from.

There's a little reward here for acting on those funny feelings and hunches. It's called “peace of mind”. It's what you get after you've followed up, found a problem, fixed it and then continued onto whatever you started out to do in the first place. Now you can cruise along NOT wondering. Great feeling, isn't it?

It's how we got to be as old as we are...we listened to that inner voice.

Til next time, keep the sticky side down.



Auburn Rally Women's Activities

by Lillian Trubert – First Vice President and Rally Reporter

May 19th is just around the corner and I'm starting to gear up for my first stint as the First Vice President in charge of women's activities. I know and derive great comfort from the fact that I have a lot of knowledgeable and wonderful ladies in GMC Western States who will pitch in and prop me up as needed. Please feel free to pass on ideas for activities, and anyone who volunteers to help me will no doubt receive a big win at the casino of your choice. Do you have an idea for a women's seminar? I want to hear it!

Remember you can always attend the technical seminars, Vendors' Fair, Swap Meet and Open House tours. That "Getting Your Coach Under Control with Steve" or something like that sounds pretty interesting. Anything you'd like to pass on is great for the swap meet. It's always fun to scour all those GMC coaches at the Open House for ideas others have come up with. We have evening get togethers starting with the Social Hour, so try and work in a nap and goof off time. It might be hard to do but, oh, so necessary. Of course, I'm speaking for myself. I also like to relax playing Jokers and Marbles, but other games are open to one and all. Don't be shy.

We'll have plenty of activities for the ladies in Auburn. The artists in our group will have two opportunities for painting with Judy, all supplies will be provided. If you want to give it a try, just show up.

We have a couple of health seminars planned that shouldn't be missed. Dorris will tell us all about "Calcium, Vitamin D and You", and if you've ever been to one of Dorris' seminars, you know you come away feeling you have more of a handle on things concerning good nutrition or the sex life of germs. I assume this time it will be more about vitamins, but she's looking out for us,

and we are lucky to have such a knowledgeable resource. Dorris will also give us the latest on "Loving Them Bones." I think it's about Osteoporosis, but it could be about barbecued ribs – germ free ribs or some other pertinent information.

"Movie Time", with popcorn, a good women's flick will be followed by a sharing discussion. We can share something we are thankful for about our husbands, as the movie will show us what some women have to endure. Our video with Florence Littauer called "Silver Boxes" is a must see. She will amuse and intrigue you while filling your heart and mind with positive thoughts, and I'm sure a lively discussion will ensue. We will also have one other chance to swap experiences at a "Getting to Know You" (otherwise a "Gab Fest", this name was originated by the late Marilyn Harvey) session with yours truly. A great time will be had by all, that I can predict, as we relate those pet peeves, funny GMC stories, jokes and anything thing else that pops into our pretty heads.

You will have the special opportunity to have "Facial Time" with Sharon. This lady really knows her stuff, and you may have to fend off admirers (remember those?) on the way back to your coach. Facial masks are all natural and are made specifically for us by Sharon. Please bring your face. The men will provide the admiration.

Monday is bittersweet "Aloha", and I am joining Frank and Freddi in thanking you for attending, if you can. Spring is a time of renewal, and our Spring Rally is a great time to renew your GMC friendships and start new ones. When Marc and I started GMCing, we had no idea what a rich and rewarding experience awaited us. We want you with us!

For Your Information

By Loren Bates

ADCO cover #22813, Class C, 23'-26' is close to being a custom fit cover for our 26' GMC. The zipper is in the right place for our door, and the cover touches the ground around the coach. It has elastic on the front and rear, with several tie downs on the sides.

**GMC WESTERN STATES
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GOLD IN AUBURN**

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
MAY 19 - 24, 2010**

Wednesday, May 19th

- 10 - 5:00 Check In (Placer Bldg)
- 3:30 Board Meeting (Clubhouse)
- 5:00 Social Hour – Beverages Provided (Sierra Bldg)
- 6:00 Catered Dinner (Sierra Bldg)

HAVE A RESTFUL EVENING, THE CELEBRATION BEGINS TOMORROW

Thursday, May 20th

- 7:15 - 7:50 Fitness Time (In front of Placer Bldg)
- 8:00 - 9:00 Catered Breakfast (Sierra Bldg)

FOR THE LADIES:

- 9:00 - 11:00 Painting w/Judy – Session 1 of 2 (Clubhouse)-Limited to 25
- 11:15 - 12:00 Gifts and Teddies w/Lillian (Sierra Bldg)
- 1:00 - 3:00 Painting w/Judy – Session 2 of 2 (Clubhouse)-Limited to 25

FOR THE GENTLEMEN:

- 9:30 - 11:00 Building the Olds 455 w/Dave (Placer Bldg)
- 11:15 - 12:15 Getting Your Coach Under Control w/Steve (Placer Bldg)
- 1:00 - 4:50 Vendor Fare, Swap Meet, Open House (Ball Field)
- 5:00 - 6:00 Social Hour BYOB (Sierra Bldg)
- 6:00 - 7:00 Catered Dinner
- 7:05 General Membership Meeting (Sierra Bldg)
- 7:30 - Melanie Barton, Placer County Museum Administrator (Sierra Bldg)

Friday, May 21st

- 7:15 - 7:50 Time to get Fit (Front of Placer Bldg)
- 8:00 - 9:00 Catered Breakfast (Sierra Bldg)

FOR THE LADIES:

- 9:15 - 10:45 Calcium, Vitamin D and You w/Dorris (Sierra Bldg)
- 11:00 - 12:00 Beech Street – Movie w/Lillian (Sierra Bldg)
- 1:00 - 2:30 Loving Them Bones w/Dorris (Sierra Bldg)
- 3:00 - 4:00 Getting To Know You w/Lillian (Sierra Bldg)

FOR THE GENTLEMEN:

- 9:30 - 10:30 Sun, Wind, & Fuel Cell Power f/GMC w/Gary Worobec
(Placer Bldg)
- 11:00 - 12:00 Cooling System Basis w/Steve (Placer Bldg)
- 1:30 - 2:30 Blackstone Labs (Oil Analysis) w/Jim (Placer Bldg)
- 5:00 - 6:00 Social Hour – BYOB (Sierra Bldg)
- 6:00 - 7:00 Catered Dinner (Sierra Bldg)
- 7:00 ----- GMC Password w/Davy de (Sierra Bldg)

Saturday, May 22nd

- 8:00 - 9:00 Catered Breakfast (Sierra Bldg)
- 10:00 Docent Lead Walking Tour of Auburn – (Optional)
Auburn County Court House

REST OF THE DAY ON YOUR OWN TO EXPLORE AUBURN'S FINEST, INCLUDING WINERIES, RESTUARANTS, MUSEUMS, GALLERIES, FARMERS MARKET, GOLFING, OLD TOWN, etc.!

Sunday, May 23rd

- 8:00 - 9:00 Catered Breakfast (Sierra Bldg)
- 9:30 - 10:00 Morning Devotion with Gordon Miller & Co. (Clubhouse)

FOR THE LADIES:

- 10:30 - 12:00 Silver Boxes – Movie w/Lillian (Sierra Bldg)
- 1:30 - 3:30 Facial Time w/Sharon (Sierra Bldg)

FOR THE GENTS:

- 10:30 - 11:30 TBD w/Jim Kanomata (Placer Bldg)
- 4:15 - 4:45 Recognitions (Sierra Bldg)
- 5:00 - 6:00 Social Hour BYOB (Sierra Bldg)
- 6:00 - 7:00 Catered Dinner (Sierra Bldg)
- 7:15..... Cowboy/girl Poetry Competition (Sierra Bldg)

Monday, May 24th

- 7:30 – Catered Breakfast (Sierra Bldg)

SAFE, UNEVENTFUL AND JOYOUS GMC TRAILS TO THE SPRING RALLY.

FRANK AND FREDDI



G M C WESTERN STATES
Northern California Gold - May 19-24, 2010
Auburn Gold Country RV Park (Fairgrounds)
1273 High Street – Auburn, California

Directions: From Junction I-80, Exit 119a (Maple Street – toward Auburn), take ramp toward Old Town Auburn, Turn slight right onto Lincoln Way, Turn slight right onto Sacramento Street, Turn left onto High Street to 1273 on the right.

PLEASE PRINT

Name(s) _____ and _____

Additional Person(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Tel: _____ First Rally: Yes ___ No ___

GMC Coach Lic: _____ St _____ Tow Veh. Lic. _____

Emergency Contact _____ Telephone No. _____

Handicap Site Needed? Yes _____ Vegetarian Meal ? Yes _____

Walking Tour of Auburn Yes _____ No. _____ # of People _____

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Amount Enclosed (US \$ Please)

Coach With Two Persons	\$345.00	\$ _____
Coach With One Person	\$259.00	\$ _____
Each Additional Guest	\$ 90.00	\$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please Make Check Payable To: Freddi Condos

MAIL REGISTRATION AND CHECK TO:

FRANK CONDOS – 42744 WINDY GAP DRIVE

AHWAHNEE, CA 93601

PLEASE PROVIDE CHECK AND REGISTRATION NO LATER THAN APRIL 26, 2010

Cancellations after April 27, 2010 MAY NOT receive a full refund. Please contact the Fairgrounds direct for early or late stay-over- (530) 885-0990.

