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Happy Holidays!

From Our New President

Happy Holidays to All

May your GMC bring you to new places and new friends in 2022. I am honored and humbled to be your Club President for 2022. I want to thank our retiring President Alyce Shutzbaugh, for her tireless and excellent leadership the last two years. She is a hard act to follow, but I will do my best. Thankfully, Alyce has volunteered to continue as “Ms. Sunshine” for 2022 and, per the President’s responsibilities, is our 2022 Parliamentarian.

Our retiring Secretary, Bill Wevers, has done an awesome job these last 3 years. Fortunately, our new Secretary, George Beckman, is ready, willing and able to continue to keep us informed through the newsletters, annual rosters and other periodic communications.

Nick Roenick, our new Vice President, has already arranged for the reprinting of “The Classic GMC Motorhome” brochure (courtesy of Jim Kanomata of Applied GMC MH). Copies will be available at our rallies. Nick will also spearhead the review and propose any necessary revisions of the club’s bylaws.

It’s almost time to print the 2022 roster, so be sure to get your dues in to Jack Christensen, if you haven’t done so already. Also, it would be wise for you to review your listing in the current roster. For example, we stumbled on the fact that Nick’s FMCA # as listed is incorrect.

We have some great hosts and venues slated for our 2022 rallies. One of the President’s tasks is to arrange for rally hosts for all of our rallies and, as we all know, this can sometimes be challenging. This year we are very fortunate to have some new members step up to the plate – Robert and April Cowan will be hosting the March rally in Lodi, along with Dean and Gwen Hanson; Jen and Dee Sosa, along with Don and Billie Guttman and Dave and Cheryl D’Arcey, will be hosting our July rally at Parker’s Resort in Guerneville; and Mark and Chris Schneider will be hosting the

September rally, possibly in Yuba City. The November Anniversary Rally will be hosted by Dave and Vickie Case and Jim and Grace Kanomata, again in Plymouth at the 49er Village. How apropos!

Nick and I wish all GMC 49ers and their families a Blessed and Joyous Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year. See you at the next rally!

Donna Ventura
GMC 49ers President



Old and New Officers

From Our Past President

Dear 49er Family,

What a wonderful two years I have had as your President. I enjoyed it all but was sorry we had to cancel so many rallies due to the virus. Our last rally in March, 2020, was just before the virus really shut everything down. It was a tough time for all of us and we all missed seeing each other. We had a few become ill but we didn't lose anyone, thankfully.


Our last rally this year was such a beautiful one. A huge THANK YOU to Joe & Kathy Nehl for the terrific 45th Anniversary celebration! Along with the "A" team were Roenicks, Beckmans, Barney

Noel, Kanomatas, Banoviches and many more helping to make it great. A huge Thank You to all who helped. We also want to thank you all for the beautiful tribute to John and me. The standing ovation and flowers were very touching for both of us. It is hard to believe we have been in the club for 43 of those years. It has been an awesome experience. We have the very best people in our club & it has always been that way! I am sure it will continue.

Our last meeting was bittersweet, as President. I was so delighted when so many volunteered to be rally hosts and filled up the whole 2022 calendar! Please mark your personal calendars with the rally dates so you can plan ahead to attend. Thanks to all who volunteered to host. Thank you to Bill Wevers for being our Secretary the past six years. He has done an excellent job. Also to our Vice-President (now President) Donna Roenick for her help along with Jack Christensen for being our excellent Treasurer and Dean & Gwen Hanson for their help. You have all been so great to work with.

We hope to see you in January at Cal Expo!

Merry Christmas and Happy 2022!!

Alyce Shutzbaugh 
Past President

Minutes of the Business Meeting:

GMC 49ers Meeting Minutes –
Anniversary Rally Nov. 13, 2021

Call to Order by President Alyce Shutzbaugh at 9:46 AM:

Guests Present: We had no guests

Corrections/Omissions to Accept Minutes as Published in Previous Newsletter

George Banovich motioned to accept the meeting minutes as published in the newsletter.
Ruth Beckman seconded the motion, no one opposed.

Treasurers Report by Jack Christensen

George encouraged people to pay their annual dues at the rally to save postage on having to mail out dues requests to members. He also mentioned that we can spend the account balance over \$2000 to help fund the anniversary rally. And that Bill Wevers rally fee was paid as a gift for his years of service as Secretary on

our Board. We also spent \$296 on badges, for new blanks. The balance in the account was \$1783.46 as of Nov. 13th and is expected to increase after collecting dues. Terry Taylor mentioned that he will handle requests for badges.

His website is: dldesignstore.com There was also \$100 spent for Ginger Good as a donation to Sutter Health, in memory of long time member Bob Good. Dean Hanson motioned that we accept the treasurer's report. Manny Trovao seconded the motion, no one opposed.
FMCA Report by Dean Hanson

The GMC 49ers got notoriety from the FMCA as one of the oldest RV clubs (if not the oldest) in the FMCA. Rett Porter, FMCA National President, sent a letter congratulating the 49ers on 45 years of activity and also donated \$300 to our club. He also presented a certificate. Rett could not attend our rally and presented the award at Deans yard in Fremont. There will be mention of the presentation in FMCA magazine. Also, Dean mentioned that some clubs in the Western Division FMCA dropped their membership, due to dues increase. And that the FMCA is looking for a way to make membership more affordable. He reminded us to please keep our membership current since the FMCA is an umbrella organization for the 49ers and insure our events. Alyce thanked Dean for his report.

Sunshine Report by Alyce

We missed seeing Karen Bradley. She is recovering from hip surgery. It was good to see George Beckman after his 'bout with Covid. Barney Noel made it to the rally after his roll-over accident. Gene Fischer has been struggling with his illness. Mark Schneider reported that Adrien Genesoto has recovered from Covid, checked out early from the hospital and will be moving to Oakmont. Joe Nehl asked that we all pray for Manny Trovao's coach. George Banovich mentioned that Frank and Freddie Condos have moved back to Madera.

Rally Report

Deo spoke about the New Year's Rally that was planned to be at Casa de Fruta. Unfortunately, Casa de Fruta has cancelled the event and we cannot find an alternative venue in time. So we need a volunteer to organize the January 2022 Rally. And then Deo proposed that we skip the January Rally, since we do not have a plan in place at this short notice. Donna V. chimed in saying that our success depends on everyone working together and thanked Dee and Jen for volunteering to host next year's July rally. She also thanked Joe and Kathy Nehl for hosting the Anniversary Rally and requested that other people get involved in hosting rallies. The same people have been

hosting rallies for the past few years. Debra Taylor mentioned that the by-laws advise that new members host a rally in the first two years of membership. Gwen Hanson said, "It's not a scary commitment to put on a rally, other people will chip in to help." Also, Dean and Gwen will be attending the New Year's Rose Parade event if anyone is interested in accompanying them.

February Pacific Cruisers Rally – Dave deGraffenreid announced that the Pacific Cruisers will have a rally at Newport Dunes Feb 11-14th.

March Rally- Cowan spoke up and said he and April will host the March Rally, to be at Flag City in Lodi.

April Pacific Cruisers Rally – Dave deGraffenreid announced that the Pacific Cruisers will hold an April rally in Palm Desert for all those interested in joining.

May Rally - Terry Taylor mentioned that it's hard to find an RV park that will host our group. Most RV parks are full due to lack of affordable housing. George Beckman said it's possible to host a rally in Colfax, there is a facility available. Dave Case said if all else fails, we can meet in the Home Depot parking lot and have a "Homeless Rally".

July Rally - Dee stood up and said she was so excited to host the July Rally at Parker's Resort (site of the previous July Rally hosted by Tom and Suzanne). It's a great place to play corn hole and dogs can run free. Donna V. said, "It would be great if we can extend the July Rally a few days before and after." It was said that Parker Ranch loved to host the GMC 49ers. Thanks were given to Cheryl & Dave, Don & Billie for being co-rally hosts at the 2022 July rally.

September Rally - Mark Schneider volunteered for the 2022 September rally, possibly in Yuba City.

November 2022 Anniversary Rally - The Kanomatas and Cases are organizing next years Anniversary Rally, to be at 49er Village in Plymouth (same as 2021 Anniversary Rally).

Old Business – Debra Taylor invited GMCers to join the Facebook group and invite more people to join GMC 49ers Motorhome Club
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GMC49ers/about>

New Business - No new business was mentioned

For the Good of the Order - Alyce thanked the "A Team" for hosting the Anniversary Rally. (The A team being Joe and Kathy Nehl). She also thanked others who pitched in and helped at the rally. Manny Trovao donated a stylish GMC jacket for someone to enjoy wearing. Jen snapped it up and strutted across the room, enjoying her new wardrobe addition. Manny also donated a 49er flag to Robert Cowan who needed one. Dean Hanson also thanked the Shutzbaughs for

their years of service to the 49ers group. Joe Nehl then motioned that we had to vote on acceptance of next year's club officers.

Announcement of the Slate of New Officers for 2022- Alyce announced to the group that the following people have been nominated as club officers:

President	Donna Ventura
Vice President	Nick Roenick
Treasurer	Jack Christensen
Secretary	George Beckman
Assistant Secretary	Gwen Hanson
FMCA Liaison	Dean Hanson

A motion to accept the new slate of officers was made by Dean Hanson and seconded by Joe Nehl. All at the meeting said "Aye" with no one opposed. The motion passed. With that Alyce Shutzbaugh handed her gavel over to Donna Ventura in a brief ceremony.



Who's the Bozo in the Background?

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ruth Beckman. It was seconded by Jen. Meeting ended at 10:50AM.



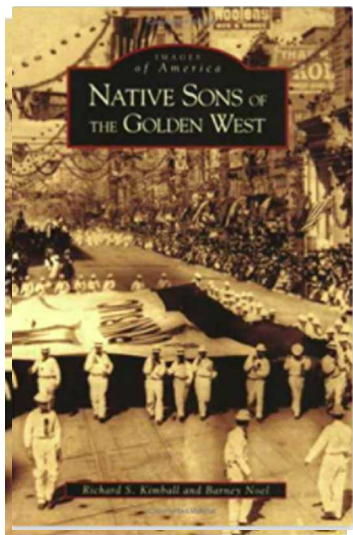
Native Sons of the Golden West

Barney Noel gave a fascinating presentation about the Native Sons of California. The Native Sons of the Golden West is a fraternal service organization founded in the U.S. state of California in 1875, dedicated to historic preservation, documentation of historic structures and places in the state, the placement of historic plaques and other charitable functions within California. With beautiful slides Barney showed a history of the group, dedicated to preserving California history.

Barney turns out to be a diligent researcher, combing over old letters and documents to piece together what actually happened in our early history.

The Native Sons researched and restored a stage coach that is the largest ever made. The detail work was deemed to be perfect by an expert from the East.

Barney and Richard S. Kimball have written a book, *Native Sons of the Golden West*, chronicling the history of the Sons of California. It is available on Amazon.



Book Blurb: Friendship. Loyalty. Charity. These are the values of the Native Sons of the Golden West, the organization that, since 1875, has dedicated itself to the mission of preserving the physical vestiges of California history. Through the years, this group has helped to save, memorialize, and restore such treasures as Sutter's Fort, the Monterey Custom House, the Vallejo Petaluma Adobe, and many of the California missions. Starting out in San Francisco, the Native Sons now has 75 "parlors," or chapters, statewide. With nearly 9,000 history-minded members, the Native Sons are known worldwide for their pageantry, pomp, and parades, as they keep alive the traditions of history.

Yet Another Engine

George and Manny gave a tech talk about George's fourth engine. After an early (2041 miles) failure of the S&J engine, George got the engine ready for removal and Manny came to the rescue. For Manny's comfort, George scheduled a drizzling rain.

Work started about 7:30 AM and by 10 the engine was out. They struggled with the engine hoist from Harbor Freight. (Be warned the new Pittsburgh One Ton jack does not have the reach of the former model.)



By noon an engine salvaged out of a Bob Cook coach was in place. Ruth fed Manny well, and by noon the next day the engine was running. Manny ate lunch and was on the road by 1:00 PM.

The Dinner Dance

Saturday evening, we donned our fancy duds and met in the large rustic room, complete with a stage. Joe's sister catered the dinner, and we ate, talked, and danced the night away. We honored John and Alyce, the consummate 49er couple.





Tellin' Lies



Handsome Guys

and



Love Birds—Thanks for the Great Rally



Smooth Moves



Hold on John!



Our Queen



What are they saying, Manny?



Executive Table



They Can Dance!



We're Starting a Shoe Fund for Donald



Robert is Funny



Pictures of Past Rallies