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GMC 49ers Newsletter

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A Pot O' Gold

From Our President

Happy Spring to All! We had our first rally of the year in March at Flag City RV Park in Lodi, and it was so wonderful to get together with friends we hadn't seen for several months. Robert and April Cowan and Ruth Beckman hosted a rally full of good food, camaraderie, and fun and games. It was a prelude to the other rallies we have planned for the rest of 2022, so be sure to put the dates on your calendar. You don't want to miss any of them!

At the March rally we enlisted three new members – Steve Foss and Mike Marino from Pittsburg, and David Sharp from Springville, in Tulare County. Steve and Mike have attended our rallies previously as guests, and we are happy to welcome them as new Club members. David is a first-timer and we are pleased to welcome him as well.

Stan and Mary Scharosch joined us from Folsom. They are charter (original) members of our Club – it was great to see them again.

One of the President's tasks is to arrange for rally hosts for all of our rallies and this can be challenging. We discovered, in trying to get venues for the remainder of 2022, that RV parks were often booked months in advance, and therefore unable to accommodate us. This has in some cases necessitated a change in dates from the usual 2nd weekend of the rally month.

The cost of spaces in many RV parks has increased, and continues to do so. Therefore, we have proposed the following venues for our **2023** rallies, keeping in mind the cost of the venues and the ever-increasing cost of fuel for our coaches. For the venues marked "tentative", we are definitely open to any member who wants to host a rally at a different location. See our website www.GMC49ers.org for a list of possible rally locations that we have used in the past.

Dec 31-Jan 1 – Casa de Fruta, Gilroy (tentative). Need hosts

March 10-12 – Flag City, Lodi (tentative) – Need hosts
May 5-7 – Colfax Community Center – CONFIRMED – George & Ruth Beckman, hosts
July 7-9 – Parker's Resort, Guerneville (tentative). Need hosts.
Sept. 8-10 – Feather Falls Casino & RV Park, Oroville – Need hosts. Booking is being arranged.
Nov. 10-12 – 49er RV Park, Plymouth (tentative). Need hosts

Stay well and travel safely. Looking forward to seeing you all at the next rally in May.

Donna Ventura
GMC 49ers President

Minutes of the Business Meeting

GMC Forty Niners
Rally Minutes
March 19, 2022

President, Donna Ventura, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Introduction of Past Presidents who were in attendance:

John Shutzbaugh, 1981

Terry Taylor, 2008

Dave Case, 2009

Joe Nehl, 2013

Doug Norton, 2014

Alyce Shutzbaugh, 2020/2021

Introduction of Guests

Steve Foss and Mike Marino

Dave Case motioned to accept the Minutes from the last rally. Doug Norton seconded. Passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jack Christensen, Treasurer reported we currently have \$3306.46 in our account. FMCA had donated (gifted) our club with \$300 in honor of our 45th year club anniversary. \$250 deposit was allotted for this rally.

Ruth Beckman motioned to approved the Treasurer's report. Grace Kanomata seconded. Passed.
Jack informed the club that GMC stickers are still available. See him if you need/want one.

Secretary's Report

George Beckman, Secretary, announced the completion of the new club rosters, and they were distributed to the members. George reminded us of our website which is gmc49ers.org Plans are underway with Billy Massey to include Gene Fisher's site on our new website. Discussion followed.

Bylaws no longer are included in our booklets. The current revision(s) are on the 49ers website.

FMCA Liaison

Dean Hanson asked if anyone is planning on attending the FMCA National Rally in Tucson, AZ. It is dry camping only. No one expressed intentions of going. Discussion followed. John Shutzbaugh said there is a possibility of a Western States rally in the Pismo Beach area in the Fall.

Sunshine Report

Our "Miss Sunshine," Alyce Shutzbaugh reported. Jack Kincaid passed away. Service is by invitation only but can be viewed on Zoom. Date has not been given out yet.

Gene Reitz passed away.

Irene Norton had another incident with her heart recently, but is doing fine and attended the rally. Glad to see she is doing well.

Ruth Beckman recently had breast cancer surgery, but also attended the rally (and spent most of the time in the kitchen!... her favorite place).

Rally Reports

Rally Host, Robert Cowan, updated us on the remainder of this rally, including a Tech session, as well as an afternoon seminar on Trusts and Wills.

Suggested rally sites were discussed, and a list prepared by Nick Roenick was distributed, which includes possible sites for rallies through 2023.

May 2023 rally has been changed to Colfax, because of its availability at that time. It will be the FIRST weekend of May. Discussion by members. John Shutzbaugh motioned to using caterers more in the rallies, as the same people seem to be doing all the work on a regular basis. Dave Case seconded. Passed.

Old Business

Debra Taylor addressed the issue of membership on the Facebook website for our club. You must belong to a GMC group. If not, she will contact you.

Jim Kanomata reminded us of the new brochures that were made, and encouraged us to keep a few on us at all times to give to people who are interested or curious about GMCs. He also has more GMC plaques available for \$15 each.

New Business

The May 2022 rally is now going to be at St. Sava Mission in Jackson. Hosts are George and Ruth Beckman. All dry camping. It will be the THIRD weekend of the month because of the availability of the Mission at that time.

Doug Norton wanted us to discuss the schedule going forward. Our rallies should be on the second weekend; however some venues are not available at that time. This is why the list was prepared and distributed of all planned rallies through 2023.

If you have any announcements pertaining to our club, please send them to George Beckman. He can be reached at gbeckman@graestone.org

Ruth Beckman motioned to adjourn. Debra Taylor seconded. Passed.

Donna Ventura adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Hanson
Co-Secretary

Tech Session

Rally Host, Robert Cowan gave a cheerful talk about the upgrades he has made to their ForeTravel GMC. Robert has installed 900AH of lithium batteries. He joked that he has no idea what he is doing, but apparently he knows more than he let on. The charger/inverter allows both air conditioners to run at the same time. (He didn't say how long that would work.) In addition to the batteries, Robert has a full array of solar panels covering the roof. This coach is set up for dry camping!

Estate Planning

Robert is an attorney who specializes in Estate Planning. He gave a very informative seminar on Trust and Estate Planning. It was interesting to learn about all the components of estate planning, and to learn about the differences and purposes of wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and health care directives. Robert answered many questions from the rally attendees, making the interchange of information truly pertinent to his audience. Discussions on this topic can be difficult, especially with family members, and being knowledgeable about estate planning can make it easier.

September 20-23 – Horizon RV Park, Corning – Mark & Chris Schneider and Joe & Kathy Nehl, hosts
(NOTE CHANGE IN DATE)

November 11-13 – 49er RV Park, Plymouth – Jim & Grace Kanomata and Dave & Vickie Case, hosts.



Our Hosts, Robert and April

May Rally

In May we will make the drive to the foothills of the Sierras to the lovely town of Jackson. The town has a rich Serbian history and we will have the pleasure of dry camping at St. Sava Mission. St. Sava is a camp for kids in the summer and other groups throughout the year. If you think you will be hot, better tune up the Onan. Plan on joining your friends the third weekend in May.

2022 Rallies

May 20-22 – St. Sava Serbian Mission, Jackson – George & Ruth Beckman, hosts (NOTE CHANGE IN DATE). Dry camping.

July 8-10 – Parker's Resort, Guerneville – Dee & Jen Soza, Don & Billie Guttman, and Dave & Cheryl D'Arcey, hosts.



Beautiful Double Rainbow
(Roy G. Biv)



George takes a picture of Doug taking a picture of the Rainbow while others gawk, and Jack checks to see if his picture came out.



During the rally, Robert and April fed us like royalty. Robert is a pastor and this wasn't their first dinner for a large group.

We also enjoyed corned beef and cabbage in celebration of St. Pattie's Day.

Roster Updates

Welcome to our new members:

Mike Marino & Steve Foss
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Mike and Steve are both nurses.

David Sharp
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davidsharp35@yahoo.com
David owns and runs the Ponderosa Lodge in Springville, CA

Note that Dee Sosa's correct number is: (707) 321-6262.

No Movers

We had two "No Mover" coaches unable to attend the rally. Jack Christensen and Cecilia's coach had a failed transmission. Then the beautiful Classico had the nerve to fall off a tow dolly, causing a bit of fiberglass damage. Jack soldiered on to the rally, staying in a motel. Manny to the rescue!

Don and Billy Guttman's "SlowMover" has been getting a new engine. This has been a long process, but Don took advantage of the fact that the coach was always in the same place. He installed an on-demand water heater. Manny removed and will install the new engine.

If anyone didn't know it, Manny is the best!



There was ice cream left over, but not enough to refreeze. Jim, like many of us when we were kids, was told there are starving people in China.

Following family instructions, he pitched in to eat the leftovers. It took a while, but he did not falter, and in the end was able to help the cleanup crew.

Jim! Jim! Eat ice cream with a spoon, not a fork!