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GMC 49ers Newsletter

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St. Sava

From Our President

Summer Is Here!

2022 is becoming a great year for our club. First we had a great rally at Lodi in March, and then a wonderful May rally at St. Sava Mission and Retreat Center in Jackson. We're on a roll! George and Jodell Banovich, members of the Serbian Orthodox Church in Jackson, spearheaded arrangements for use of this impressive event center. Although the rally was considered dry camping, many "needy" coaches were able to hook into the Center's electricity via extension cords, and the Center provided showers and restrooms as well. A large industrial kitchen and banquet room were made available to us, and we even had a catered Serbian dinner on Saturday night. Ruth provided us with delicious breakfasts and desserts (after dinners, of course). Kudos to both Ruth and George Beckman for a memorable rally. The business meeting notes from the rally, shown elsewhere in this newsletter, give some fascinating history of the Mission and other information covered at the rally.

Several club members either walked into town (hardy souls) or drove to the Jackson Classic Car Show. George Banovich gave a tour of the St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church, located in the town proper. Built in 1894, this was the first Serbian Orthodox Church in America, and was founded by America's first Serbian Orthodox missionary, Fr. Sebastian Dabovich, whose relics are interred within the church sanctuary. The Banoviches are in the process of eventually moving full time to Jackson, so they took some of us on a tour of their new (to them) home.

We welcomed 2 GMC coaches and their owners to the Club – Bob and Camille Belmont have attended previous rallies and we are pleased they decided to join us. The lovely Danny and Jhackie Sanchez family attended their first rally and also decided to join. Welcome to all!

Be sure to check out our ever-evolving website www.gmc49ers.org for the latest and greatest news. George Beckman, our webmaster, is constantly updating the information for you.

See you in July at Parker's Resort in Guerneville. The registration form can be found on our website (thanks, George) – time is getting short! Hosts are Dee and Jen Soza, Don and Billie Guttman, and Dave and Cheryl D'Arcey. They have a marvelous itinerary planned for us, including a chili cook-off, cornhole tournaments, and a catered taco dinner. Should be a blast!

Stay well and travel safely. See you at the July rally.

Donna Ventura
GMC 49ers President

Minutes of the Business Meeting

GMC 49ers Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2022
St. Sava, near Jackson CA

President, Donna Ventura, called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m.

Past Presidents of the club who were in attendance were recognized:

John Shutzbaugh
Dave Case
George Banovich
Joe Nehl
Doug Norton
Alyce Shutzbaugh

Ruth Beckman motioned to accept the Minutes from the previous meeting. Grace Kanomata seconded. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

In Jack Christensen's absence, this report was given by Nick Roenick. There is currently \$3236.42 in our account, with just a few small expenses still outstanding.

Ruth Beckman motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Grace Kanomata seconded. Carried.

Secretary's Report

George Beckman announced that there are still some extra club rosters available. He has been experiencing some problems with various email addresses, so please check your individual information in the roster to make sure everything is correct. If anything needs to be changed, please contact George. George also refreshed our memories and guided us through the club's website briefly. Dean Hanson motioned to accept the Secretary's report. Gwen Hanson seconded. Carried.

FMCA Report

Dean Hanson said there is nothing to report at this time.

Sunshine Report

Alyce Shutzbaugh welcomed some members who have not attended for awhile.

Ginger Good doing well. Shutzbaughs recently visited her. Also, Gwen Hanson read a note from Mary Kincaid, thanking the club for their donation in Jack's memory to the Kidney Foundation. Thankful for Ruth Beckman's successful surgery, as well as George Banovich's heart surgery, Irene Norton's physical well being, and hearing that Kirk and Eloise Yaeger are doing well in Nevada.

Future Rallies

*September 23-25 – at Heritage RV Park in Corning. Updates will be given at the July rally.

*November 11-13 Anniversary Rally at the 49ers Park in Plymouth CA.

*December/Jan (New Years Eve??) – Need an alternate location incase

Casa de Fruta doesn't work out. We were all encouraged by President, Donna Ventura, to be looking for other possible locations for future rallies. Since the pandemic, several venues have either closed or changed their requirements, which will need to be considered before we actually book anything. One immediate suggestion was Sonora fairgrounds.

Reminder of the Western States rally October 20-24 in the Pismo Beach area. Details will follow later.

Old Business

Magnetic plaques for this current rally were delayed. Robert Cowan thanked everyone for all the positive responses to him and his wife, April, for their efforts at the March 2022 rally in Flag City. They really appreciated the feedback from club members.

New Business

A brief history of St. Sava was given, which proved to be very interesting. 173.55 acres were purchased in 1961 for \$625 per acre. A \$10 deposit was required! The first camp occurred in 1962, so this is the 60th anniversary year for the camp. What a wonderful location we had for this rally! George Banovich shared his personal history with the camp, having brought his children here as well as Jodelle working in the kitchen and learning some of the customs (and language) of the local Serbians. The actual church had been established in 1894.

President, Donna Ventura, thanked Don Guttman for leading the mens' seminar. Also, a big thank you to George and Ruth Beckman for hosting this rally.

Ruth Beckman reminded everyone of the change of dates for the May 2023 rally in Colfax. It will be the FIRST weekend in May, because of the venue's availability at that time.

Dave Case motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ruth Beckman seconded. Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Hanson
Recording Secretary

Tech Session

Donald Guttman showed us how to install a "dentist's foot peddle" to recirculate hot water from the kitchen to the fresh water tank. When dry camping, this allows the Guttmans to have piping hot water at the kitchen sink without wasting a drop of H2O.

He also demonstrated how he installed his on-demand water heater and plumbed into the existing system.

Tour and Car Show

George Banovich gave a tour of the town, including the Serbian Church and graveyard. It was interesting to see all the —viches buried there, along with a Leach.

At the car show, we saw millions of dollars worth of automobiles of every color and vintage. George treated is to a goody made at the Blue Door Serbian Bakery. We divided the pastry, much to the horror of the owner.

It was a delight to hear George launch into his native tongue, chatting with the workers.

Thanks to George and Jodell for their work in arranging things behind the scenes

July Rally

July 8-10 we return to Guerneville for a few days of rest and relaxation. The park is quiet and restful and we intend to do as little as possible. Our hosts will feed us well and we will entertain each other with lies and other stories.

2022 Rallies

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.

Check the club website for next year's rallies.

Crafts



Jodell led the group in making miniature bird houses. The project required painting and laughter. A good time was had by all.



Finished Product

The Frank We Remember

We take a moment to remember our friend Frank Condos. Frank and Freddi have meant so much to the



49ers and Western States GMC. Frank was a quiet, unassuming man who had forgotten more about GMCs that some of us will ever know.

Frank was always eager to talk and answer questions. He restored GMC coaches, cars and made rockets fly into space. Rest in Peace, dear friend.

Rally Fun



A Dab of Paint



Talent? Show



Roster Updates

Welcome to our new members, Bob & Camille Belmont
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Old Business

One of the checks for the May rally in Jackson was not cashed by the bank. We know it wasn't Barney, Nick, Will, Doug, Dean, Sanchez, or Shutzbaugh. If you attended the rally, please look at your statement for a \$220.00 check written to Ruth or George Beckman.



Beautiful Coaches