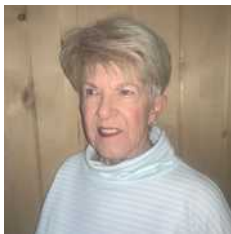




49ers at Guerneville

President's Message – September 2022

Where Has the Year Gone???



Finally – cooler weather prevails. What a hot year it's been. And now the fires throughout the West, especially in Placer and El Dorado counties, although SoCal has seen their share of pretty awful weather this year as well. Let's pray that this is the worst of the fire season this year.

The July Guerneville rally, hosted by Jen and Dee Soza, Donald and Billie Guttman, and Dave and Cheryl D'Arcey, was a blast. The weather couldn't have been better. Many of us participated in Cornhole tournaments, with Olympic-caliber performances by Jen and Dee Soza, Chris Musselman and Dave D'Arcey. A few attendees did some kayaking on the Russian River, and many of us really enjoyed playing Giant Jenga (thanks, Dave and Cheryl).

Even though we didn't have a chili contest, we had a Friday dinner of "Last Year's Award Winning Chili" and all the trimmings. Saturday evening we enjoyed a really delicious catered taco dinner by a local restaurant. The GMC 49er Photo Booth was resurrected and spruced up for this rally, and there are some great photos of some of the attendees. Rock painting was again enjoyed by some of the attendees.

Jen and Dee brought some awesome props which resulted in a hilarious "Mad Hatter" contest, which was won by Barney Noel's outlandish costume (was it Johnny Carson's "Carnac the Magnificent" reincarnated???) and Susan McCune ran a close second.

Jen and Dee have reserved the park again for next year, for our Third Annual Guerneville rally. I have a feeling this will be a very popular annual event.



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. For those of you who haven't yet checked it out, here is the information George has included: *History of the GMC, About Our Club,*

Newsletters, Upcoming Rallies, Getting in Touch, Gene Fisher's Site, Joining the 49ers, Traveling Help-Black List, and Club Bylaws. Check out the GMC "Derrieres" on the Home Page!

See you in September at the Heritage RV Park in Corning. Mark and Christina Schneider and Joe and Kathy Nehl have put together an awesome agenda, including a tour of a local historical museum. But best of all, we can see you - our 49er friends - again!

Stay well and travel safely. See you in September.

Donna Ventura
GMC 49ers President

Minutes of the Business Meeting

GMC 49ers Business Meeting
July 9, 2022
Parker's Resort, Guerneville, CA



President Donna Ventura called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. There were no new members or guests present. Past presidents in attendance were introduced: John and Alyce Shutzbaugh, Deo Trovao, and George Banovich.

Ruth Beckman moved to accept the minutes from the last business meeting, as posted in the last newsletter. Chris Musselman seconded the motion. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jack Christensen reported that our account balance is \$3,693.42. Supplement to the November Anniversary rally was discussed. The club may increase the supplement to \$1700, depending on catering and venue costs. Ruth Beckman moved to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Garen McCune. Carried.

Vice President: Nick Roenick proposed that the membership consider increasing the annual dues by \$10. Venue prices for our rallies are going up, along with associated costs, e.g., catering. If you can find an alternative venue other than what has been proposed for the remainder of 2022 and 2023 (see our website at www.gmc49ers.org), review the Rally Host Guidelines for our venue requirements and, if requirements are met, work with the Club President to book said venue(s) and perhaps host the rally. Possibility of dues increases will be discussed at the next business meeting and, since this will be a change to our bylaws, the entire voting membership will be required to vote on the change.



Secretary's Report: Secretary George Beckman reminded members to check our website www.gmc49ers.org frequently for updates. Our website and our newsletters are much more meaningful and interesting when we include photos you take at our rallies, so be sure to send them to George.

FMCA Report: In Dean Hanson's absence, President Donna Ventura reminded attendees of the GMCMI convention "40th anniversary" rally September 26-October 2 in Lebanon, TN; FMCA Western Motorhome Assn Rally in Jan 2023 in Indio; and the 2023 Vintage Motorhomes "Eclipse" convention hosted by GMCMI in April in Mineola, TX.

Sunshine Report: Alyce Shutzbaugh reported that long-time member Frank Condos recently passed; our condolences to his wife, Freddi. Vickie Case continues to have eye challenges.

Rally Reports: See the July 2022 newsletter for the St. Sava rally report.

Future Rallies:

Sept 23-25, Schneiders and Nehls, Heritage RV Park in Corning, CA.

Nov 11-13, anniversary rally, 49er RV Resort, Plymouth, Kanomatas, Cases, and Hansons. Dave Case is working on the catering.

GMC Western States, October 20-24- Pismo Coast Village RV Resort. Dave De Graffenreid encouraged our members to attend this rally. It should be lots of fun. He also reported that Pacific Cruisers have many new members who are young. They are restoring many of their coaches' interiors back to original, including wearing vintage-appropriate clothes to their rallies. He welcomes any and all of us to the Pacific Cruisers rallies.

Election of 2023 Officers

A Nominating Committee has been appointed: Dave D'Arcey, George Banovich and Susan McCune. The Committee will report on their nominations at the September rally, at which nominations from the floor will be requested and elections will take place.

Thanks to the Seminar Leader, George Beckman, and the Rally Host(s): Dee & Jen Soza, Donald & Billie Guttman, and Dave & Cheryl D'Arcey.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ruth Beckman and seconded by Garen McCune. Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

Tech Session

George Beckman gave a talk on the shade tree way to diagnose a bad engine valve. He had slides which were invisible outdoors. (He will give an expanded version of the talk at Western States in Pismo Beach.)



George passed the offending valve around, and described how he and Donald Guttman were able to lift the lift head off the engine with minimal stress to old backs.



River Excursion

Dave De Graffenreid fearlessly led his granddog, Bailey, Donald and Asher, and George Beckman on trek of over 1/3 mile to the river. At the old boat doc, both dogs had a good time biting water and looking for sticks. Dave led Bailey out to the middle of the river. Water depth there was almost up to his waist. (Dave is doing the dog paddle to help Bailey with the technique.)



Anniversary Rally

November 11-13, we will gather in Plymouth for our Anniversary Rally. Our hosts will be Jim & Grace Kanomata, Dave & Vickie Case, and Dean & Gwen Hanson. Dave secured the RV Park and big room at last year's rally, and plans are well underway. Plan ahead, and if you have never attended an anniversary rally, this link may help:

<https://gmc49ers.org/anniversary-rally-culture/>



Future Rallys

Dec 31-Jan 1 Casa de Fruta, Gilroy

March 10-12 St. Sava, Jackson

May 5-7 Colfax Community Center

July 7-9 Parkers Resort, Guerneville

Sept 8-10 Feather Falls Casino & RV Park, Oroville

Nov 10-12 49er RV Park, Plymouth (tentative)

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