



49ers at Corning

Message from our President

The October rally, hosted by Mark and Christina Schneider and Kathy and Joe Nehl, was great. This was Mark and Christina's first rally as hosts, and they did an awesome job. The Heritage RV Park was very close to the Olive Pit, a landmark in the area. The rally report elsewhere in this newsletter has all the details, including some great pictures.

Our annual elections were held at the business meeting. Your 2023 Club Officers are Nick Roenick, President; Barney Noel, First Vice President; Dean Hanson, Second Vice President and FMCA Representative; George Beckman, Secretary; and Jack Christensen, Treasurer. Alyce Shutzbaugh has graciously agreed to continue as "Ms. Sunshine" – she does such a great job, doesn't she? Our thanks and congratulations go out to the new and returning Officers.



In the very near future you will be receiving in your emails a notification of proposed changes to our bylaws. We think they will make the club run smoother and more efficient. Ballots will also be included for our voting membership (Regular and Associate members). **BALLOTS – ONE PER VOTING MEMBER - TO INDICATE APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF THESE CHANGES MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CLUB PRESIDENT BY OCTOBER 28, 2022.**

See you at the Anniversary rally in November at the 49er Village RV Resort in Plymouth. Hosts Jim and Grace Kanomata, Dave and Vickie Case, and Dean and Gwen Hanson have put together a fabulous agenda. The registration form can be found on our website. It's one of the best rallies each year, so don't miss it!

Reminder: Be sure to check out our ever-evolving website www.gmc49ers.org for the latest and greatest news. Webmaster George Beckman 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!

Stay well and travel safely. See you in November.

Donna Ventura
GMC 49ers President

Business Meeting

September 24, 2022 Heritage RV Resort, Corning, CA

Meeting was called to order by President Donna Ventura at 9:30 a.m. Guests were introduced and welcomed: Sharon Whipkey and Gordon Fullmer, and former member Fay Curtis. Past Club Presidents in attendance were recognized (shown in alphabetical order): Carla Bolton, Michael Burtch, Dave Case, Fay Curtis, Joe Nehl, and Alyce and John Shutzbaugh.



There were no corrections, additions or omissions to the minutes from last meeting, as posted in the latest newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes as published was made by Ruth and seconded by John. Motion carried.

First Vice President report - Nick Roenick discussed that, in the absence of a club historian, all historical records and documents will be kept in the custody of the First Vice President. Mark Schneider has graciously volunteered the services of his wife, Chris, to digitize the contents of our photo albums, which we will hopefully add to our website. The actual albums will be kept in the custody of the First Vice president – they will not be destroyed.

Treasurer's Report – Jack Christensen stated our bank balance is currently \$3385. After the annual stipend (\$1700) to this year's anniversary rally and other routine, anticipated expenses, we will have a balance of approximately \$1500. Motion was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report – George Beckman: As our Webmaster, George requested that any rally attendees who take photos of rally activities, please email them to him immediately, so he can include them in the next newsletter. The newsletters are so more interesting if he can include photos of our members and rallies.

FMCA Report: Our FMCA Representative, Dean Hanson, is not present and did not notify the President of any news to report.

Sunshine Report – Alyce: Will Smith, a fairly new member, has passed away of cancer. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his wife Cynthia and to their family.

Future Rallies: Dave Case gave an update on the upcoming Anniversary rally, which will be held once again at the 49er RV Park in Plymouth on November 11-13. Hosts are the Jim and Grace Kanomata, Dave and Vickie Case, and Dean and Gwen Hanson..

Old Business:

Proposed Changes to our bylaws: As discussed at the last business meeting, we have proposed changes to the bylaws. According to the current bylaws: "If approved by a majority membership at both meetings, the proposed Amendment shall be submitted to the entire membership by a ballot included with the minutes of the second business meeting at which the second affirmative voting occurred. The ballot shall contain:

1. The proposed Amendment.

2. Boxes to be checked for a “yes” or a “no” vote.

3. The name and address of the Club President for the next Business meeting.

“The voting membership shall mail completed ballots (one per member) to the President. Ballots must be postmarked, or received by the President, fifteen days prior to the next Business Meeting. Ratification of a proposed Amendment shall require a two-thirds affirmative majority of the membership voting. Results of the vote shall be announced and become effective at the Business Meeting following the vote by ballot.”



Therefore, attached to these meeting minutes are 3 documents:

1. A summary of changes to the GMC 49er bylaws, dated September 16, 2022
2. A copy of the proposed bylaws showing the changes as discussed in the document “Summary of changes”
3. A ballot which is to be used for voting. Please read the instructions on the ballot very carefully to ensure your vote is counted.

Results will be announced at the Business meeting at the Anniversary rally on November 12, 2022. If the proposed bylaws receive a two-thirds affirmative majority of the voting membership, they will take effect immediately.

New Business – Election of 2023 Officers - None of the Nominating Committee members – George Banovich, David D’Arcey and Susan McCune - could be at this rally, so President Ventura announced that the following members have been nominated by the Committee for 2023:

- President – Nick Roenick
- First Vice President – Barney Noel
- Second Vice President & FMCA Representative – Dean Hanson
- Secretary – George Beckman
- Treasurer - Jack Christensen

The President requested nominations from the floor. There were none. All nominees shown indicated their willingness to serve. The 2023 slate of officers as shown above was approved by the members present with a show of hands; there were no nays. Congratulations! Per our bylaws, the new slate of officers will be installed, and their terms of office will begin, at the close of the November rally.

Rally Host Thanks

Thanks to the leaders of the technical and Crafts sessions at this rally, and to our rally hosts Mark and Christina Schneider and Kathy and Joe Nehl.

Move to adjourn the meeting was made by Ruth and seconded by Mike; meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Dues are Due

Here's the big to-do: club dues are due before the dew sets on December 31st. Dues remain \$25 for this year, but the news is that dues are due increase to \$35, next year. This will be the first dues increase since the club began. It is due time to do a dues change. Please review your roster data to ensure there are no errors.

Crafts

Kathy was our rally crafts person. Succulent Gardens were arranged in seashells. Folks also painted and decorated picture frames.



Tech Talk

Mark gave a report about SMD (Atomic) fuel injection on their new coach. CARB (California Air Resources Board) has been resistant to fuel injection on GMC coaches built after 1975. Mark has paperwork created by the previous owner, giving an EO (Executive Order) for a 1977 GMC V-8. Mark was able to smog his coach using the magic number. The document does not specify 455 or 403 engines, and the attendees were hopeful that this opens the doorway for all CARB regulated GMC motorhomes.

The EO is written in broad in terms, and yet mentions that because these coaches have no catalytic converters, there was no reason the SMD fuel injection would not be an improvement in the emissions of GMC coaches. Mark will make available all the paperwork the previous owner did to make this new position of CARB possible.

Museum Outing



Several went to the local Museum. The trip proved quite interesting



Rally Report

Mark and Christina Schneider, Hosts

Beautiful weather for the Fall rally at the Heritage RV Resort in Corning, CA – aka Olive City CA. The rally attracted 17 members and 3 guests: Gordon Fullmer and Sharon Whipkey from Berkeley, and former member Fay Curtis. It was great to catch up with Fay – it has been way too long! Jack Christensen dragged himself to the rally once again without his coach - Poor Jack. Robert Cowan was unable to attend, unfortunately. Kathy and Joe Nehl co-hosted the rally, since this is our first host rally. Their support and help was very much appreciated.



The group had a great time welcoming and introducing themselves to Gordon and Sharon, our GMC guests. Guess we didn't scare them away since they decided to join. Fay rejoined the club at the rally – Welcome to all!

Friday we had a contest to guess the number of olives in a large jar during our dinner of heavy Hors d'oeuvres – appropriate for Olive City, don't you think? It's always fun to have a little bit of everything. Sitting by the fire the guesses were announced with enthusiasm. Jack got to take all the leftover olives home - he guessed 57, 1 shy of the actual total of 58.

Saturday's breakfast Waffle bar was a great hit and everyone enjoyed making them and trying various toppings. The craft session included making personalized GMC photo frames and some beautiful abalone shell planters with succulents from Kathy's yard. At the Tech Session, Mark provided new information on the newly approved California process for smogging our coaches with EFI equipment.

The local history museum tour was a great hit. Over half of us attended and enjoyed hearing about some local history from one of the museum's docents.

The salsa contest was great fun and quite a success. We had 7 delicious salsas to choose from. Everyone had a hard time deciding. Gordon's green salsa was chosen #1 and Chris's mango salsa came in a close 2nd. It was followed by an excellent Mexican dinner from a local restaurant – as usual at GMC 49er functions, no one went away hungry! We even stuffed ourselves with cheesecake and carrot cake after!

We played a great conversation game provided by Alyce and John and learned a lot about each other.

Everyone enjoyed a continental breakfast on Sunday and said their goodbyes. A few stayed an extra day, despite the prediction of close to 100° weather.

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 all is in readiness. Plan ahead, and if you have never attended an anniversary rally, this link may help: Registration can be found at [Anniversary Rally](#).



Future Rallies

- 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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Salsa Contest

Salsa was put out for sampling. Some cleansed their pallet with a beverage and others just ate. No one danced.





Nick replaces His Airbag Nick? Nick?



Exotic Olives



Easy Conversations



How Many Olives?