



## *Colfax Spring Rally*

### Message from our President

#### President's Message

We are a busy bunch. Since the last newsletter we have had two rallies.

First St. Sava (March) in Jackson where we had a great time even if it was dry camping with only electricity. We are getting spoiled with full hook-ups and therefore the attendance was down, as it was at the Colfax rally. St. Sava has a large club house and is well situated for most people. The food was good and the camaraderie better.



Then in Colfax (May) we had planned the rally at the Community Hall, but since there were only 7 coaches registered the decision was made to move to George and Ruth Beckman's estate in Colfax. The Graestone Manor was a neat backdrop for the guests. Again, only electricity, but we had great food and spent a lot of time inside the home due to the inclement weather. The overage of funds from not renting the hall was donated to the Treasury by the attendees.

Some 49ers attended the GMCWS Paso Robles (May) rally hosted by Scott Cartwright. He did a marvelous job and kept us entertained. Some 49ers are going to go to Seven Feathers in Oregon for the fall GMCWS rally, also hosted by Scott.

On the business side at the rally we will be discussing the change of the timing of the dues. It is proposed we move from the current due date of December to October. This is the second reading of the proposed Bylaws change.

Current Bylaws:

**ANNUAL DUES** Annual dues, as set forth by membership vote at the September rally, are due and payable before January 1st of each calendar year. Dues are not

refundable. All new members will pay a \$25.00 initiation fee, plus prorated dues for the balance of the calendar year in which they join. Nametags and a club flag are provided by the club.

The dues were updated to \$35 starting in January 2024 by motion of the membership in November 2022. This will change to October 2023 if the membership accepts the change via a mailed ballot. Most other clubs are on this cycle and the FMCA is requiring us to confirm membership by December. This makes it very hard for the officers to comply.

Our treasury has been supplementing many rallies and is running a little low on funds. We are looking forward to the BIG RALLY of our 50th year and we will need funds to help get that done.

The cost of the RV parks has risen dramatically. Most are charging \$10 to \$25 more than last year. But we still need to find locations to have our rallies. If you can research sites and find a location which has about 20 spaces and a clubhouse for our use, we would love to hear from you.

When you peruse the various GMC Facebook pages and find someone who lives within our area of Nor Cal, please send them a message to invite them to join our club. Some folks out there think by joining the Facebook page that they are members of the actual GMC49er club, no so Buckeroo. We should encourage the owner to join to keep our membership robust.

The 2023 club roster will be available at the Guerneville rally and be mailed soon after to those not attending.

The November rally has been relocated to the Black Oak Casino Resort in Tuolumne, since the facilities at the Plymouth RV Park were not renovated and they have no timeline in which to do so. (Hopefully it will be ready for our 50th anniversary, since that is where the club was started in 1976).

Stay well and be safe out there.  
Nick Roenick, GMC 49ers President

**GMC 49ers Business Meeting**

**May 6, 2023 Colfax, CA**

Call to Order by President Nick Roenick at 9:48 am.

Past Club Presidents, John, Joe, Alice, and Donna were recognized.

Guests and New Members Present - None

**Treasurer's Report**, by Jack Christensen. Our balance remains stable and is average for this time of year. Nick announced that beginning this year, annual dues will be due by October 1, to keep in line with FMCA membership reconciliation process. (George Beckman, Secretary, noted that, after 2.5 years, FMCA is finally sending him the membership reports, instead of Bill Wevers.) We are in the bylaw amendment process to make this happen. Ruth Beckman moved to accept the report, Mark Schneider seconded. It was also noted that any member not paying their dues after two reminders from the Treasurer will not be included in the next roster.

Christina Schneider, in the interests of maintaining a healthy balance in the treasury, suggested that we do 50/50 raffles at rallies to make monies for the treasury.

Because of an unplanned reduction in costs at this rally (i.e., using the Beckmans' home instead of the Community Center), attendees agreed to contribute any overage to the treasury rather than returning funds to the attendees.

**Secretary's Report**, by George Beckman.

Corrections/Omissions to Accept Minutes as Published in Previous Newsletter: Approval of the meeting minutes from the May meeting was postponed to the July meeting.

Our annual roster: As we know, printing costs for the roster are expensive – last year's rosters were ~\$10 each. Attendees agreed that, in the future, each coach will get one printed roster and the Secretary will email a pdf of the roster to each member/coach. Mark noted that sending it electronically, without printing, would eliminate printing costs. Discussion of putting the roster on our website - declined because of privacy issues with member data. Another option discussed was to send it electronically as a booklet, but this would be very difficult for members to print out. If a member wants more than 1 copy, perhaps they can pay for it. George is having difficulty with Word's maintaining the formatting - Joe Nehl will show him how to facilitate the issue. Barney will check on a specific printer who may be willing to do the job at reduced cost for non-profits. Another option: Have a roster assembly party where we assemble the books ourselves. Jack and Cecelia Christensen graciously offered to have a work party at their house before the July rally, but that's too late this year. John Shutzbaugh asked that we check our bylaws to be sure the number of hard copies per coach/member isn't specified [Done 5/24/2023 by Nick – it is not specified]. Ruth and others prefer 2 copies - one for coach and one for the home. Donna Ventura made a motion that each coach/member will receive 1 printed roster. Christina Schneider seconded. Carried.

George confirmed with members that the Rally reg forms, when finalized, are available on our website.

## **FMCA Report** by Dean Hanson – not present

Sunshine Report, by Alyce Shutzbaugh. Sharon Whipkey is not doing well, per telecon between George Beckman and Gordon Fullmer, Sharon's husband. Alyce will send a card from the club.

Janet Young, a past charter member along with her husband Ross, has passed away.

### **Rally Report/Updates**

FMCA Certificates of Insurance (COI). Donna Ventura indicated that getting FMCA insurance for our rallies has become a rather onerous process, and suggested that starting in 2024 an officer or club member be given the responsibility for requesting COIs from FMCA for all the rallies – she has done or is doing it for 2023 rallies. Currently each rally host is responsible for doing it. She believes that it will be much less daunting if one person tackles it as a favor to the rally hosts, and to do them all at the beginning of each year, if possible.

November Anniversary rally. We have the 49er Resort in Plymouth reserved, but their kitchen accommodations continue to be less than desirable (microwave, ovens and stove are inoperable), and they have no plans to make any upgrades this year. Donna contacted Black Oak RV Resort and Casino in Tuolumne and has made reservations there. As soon as she receives a contract from them, she will cancel the 49ers Resort reservation. Alyce and John Shutzbaugh are the rally hosts, and will continue to look for a venue closer to Vacaville because of planned events related to Veterans Day (the rally dates are on Veterans Day weekend).

Alyce: The Club's 50th anniversary is coming in a couple of years. The question of subsidizing every anniversary rally was raised – should we subsidize only the 5-year anniversaries instead of every year? No resolution.

Guerneville rally. Mark asked when the registration form will be available for sign-ups. Donald Guttman, one of the co-hosts with Jen Lyson-Soza and Dee Soza, said hopefully by June 1. Donald will check on attendees being able to go 1-2 days earlier since we will be unable to stay an extra night after the rally.

### **Old Business – None**

For the Good of the Order. President Roenick thanked the hosts of this rally, George and Ruth Beckman, for graciously opening their home to the attendees. Ruth discussed the rest of the day's activities.

### **Closing**

A motion was made by Ruth Beckman to adjourn the meeting and John Shutzbaugh seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:32 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Ventura

## GMC 49ers Business Meeting

March 11, 2023 St Sava, Jackson, CA

Call to Order by President Nick Roenick at 9:30 am.

Past Club Presidents in attendance at this meeting were recognized: 1981 John Shutzbaugh, 2009 Dave Case, 2010 George Banovich, 2013 Joe Nehl, 2015 Bill Wevers, 2021-22 Alyce Shutzbaugh, 2022 Donna Ventura

Guests and New Members Present - None

Treasurer's Report, by Jack Christensen. Our balance remains stable and is average for this time of year. Move to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Ruth Beckman and seconded by Bill Wevers. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report, by George Beckman.

Corrections/Omissions to Accept Minutes as Published in Previous Newsletter: Motion to accept was made by Dave Case, seconded by Ruth Beckman.

George Beckman noted that, after 2.5 years and multiple communications, FMCA is still sending the membership reports to former Secretary Bill Wevers instead of George. We have a few club members who haven't yet joined FMCA, despite our membership requirement. We are down to 40 members and 3 Friends. Multiple efforts are made, especially by Jack Christensen, to members who are late in paying their dues. Recently both Jack and Barney Noel have contacted non-paying members. Attendees agree that we will not include non-paying members in our rosters. We have been forgiving in the past, but no longer.

Our annual roster: As we know, printing costs for the roster continue to be expensive – last year's rosters cost us \$700 because we had to do 2 printings. Bill Wevers said he will explore low-cost printing options in his area; George will send Bill a pdf.

Further discussion was tabled until Bill gets back to George with his findings.

George confirmed that our web site is up and running and updated frequently, and noted that Rally reg forms, when finalized, are available on our website.

FMCA Report by Dean Hanson – not present

Sunshine Report, by Alyce Shutzbaugh. Mary Kincaid had a fall recently but is recovering.

## Rally Report/Updates

Question was asked if non-members can attend our rallies. It was agreed that they can attend, and in the future they will have to pay an additional \$10 over the rally fees. Nick will start the process for amending our bylaws to add this provision.

May rally in Colfax: Hosts George and Ruth Beckman will add a video to the website on directions for parking at the Colfax Community Center. It will be dry camping, with some electrical hook-ups if required.

Western States rally – Paso Robles April 13-17. Several members indicated they will be attending. Hosts are Scott and Brenda Cartwright.

November Anniversary rally. We have the 49er Resort in Plymouth reserved, but their kitchen accommodations continue to be less than desirable (microwave, ovens and stove are inoperable), and they have no plans to make any upgrades this year. It was agreed that we explore alternative venues for this rally – e.g., Casa de Fruta, Flag City.

Guerneville rally. July 7-9, hosts Dee Soza and Jen Lyson-Soza and Donald and Billie Guttman. This is one of our most-anticipated rallies each year.

50th Anniversary rally November 2026 – Ruth Beckman stated that planning should start soon and should include a very nice venue.

Old Business – None

For the Good of the Order. President Roenick thanked the hosts of this rally, Nick and Donna Roenick, Barney Noel, and Jodell and George Banovich.

Closing

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:08 am.

## St. Sava Rally Report

St. Sava, Jackson, CA  
March 2023

The St. Sava rally was great fun. We parked our coaches in a huge arc, with electric cords trailing off to the buildings. As expected, we popped circuit breakers left and right. The

exciting one was behind a locked door. We were supplied with a huge bowl of keys. After trying about 80 keys, it was decided that the key to the door was not available. With drills, chisels, and awkwardness, the maintenance crew was able to open the door, and power was restored.

The puzzling thing about our weekend was the excitement about puzzles. Food was great, and Alyce had cute LED leprechauns and shamrocks, but the draw for some was jigsaw puzzles. Even as we were breaking down the tables, Cecilia was desperately adding one more piece.

Catered food was to die for and a good time was had by all.

## Colfax Rally Report

The May 2023 GMC 49ers rally had to make a change of venue due to a shortage of registrations. Instead of the Colfax Sierra Community Center, George and Ruth Beckman invited registrants to spend the weekend at Graestone, their lovely historic home in Colfax. What a treat! The weather was rainy but not cold – it was really quite pleasant.

On Thursday evening, early arrivals carpoled to the Monte Vista Inn in Dutch Flat for a great dinner. The Inn is a quaint log cabin restaurant, very much like a classic ski chalet that has been transported in time from the 1960s. Upon returning to Graestone, we socialized on the Beckmans' covered patio around a fire pit and tall heater. A perfect spot to watch the rain and stay warm and enjoy the camaraderie.

Friday's dinner was spaghetti, green salad, garlic bread and dessert prepared by a good friend of the Beckmans Chuck Borgardt – simply delicious! After dinner most of the attendees retired to the covered patio and continued to socialize. Attendees were the Beckmans (of course), Nick and Donna Roenick, John and Alyce Shutzbaugh, Barney Noel, Mark and Christina Schneider, Donald Guttman, Joe and Kathy Nehl, and Jack and Cecilia Christensen.

Saturday breakfast was made for a rainy day in the country - biscuits and gravy, eggs, bacon, fruit – followed by the business meeting and a tech session by Nick on “Cutting a Port” for door lock access, since this was a problem for one of our members recently, and others wanted to be proactive if they were to encounter this problem in the future. In the afternoon several attendees went to an arts and crafts fair in Dutch Flat, where our chef showed and sold some of his wares. Cecelia showed us how her loom works with some lovely angora wool.

Saturday dinner was again prepared by Chuck Borgardt- scrumptious Chicken Marsala, risotto, salad, and cake. The evening was spent inside with a lovely fire in the living room, socializing and, as George likes to say, “pretending we like each other.”

After Sunday breakfast – egg casserole, breakfast meat, fruit, and sweets – everyone packed up and said their goodbyes, till we see each other in Guerneville.



## Rally Fun



The Patio



All at One Table



Happy Camper



George Checks Rooftops





Coaches in the Drive



Ensnconced

Coaches on the Circle Drive



Cozy



One Long Table, requiring ordered seating.



Chef Chuck



All Stretched Out



## It Was a Beautiful Time At Greystone



## Future Rallies

July 7-9 Parkers Resort, Guerneville

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

Nov 3-5 49er RV Park, Plymouth (tentative)