



Russian River Rally

Message from our President

Well, summer has arrived and with a vengeance. The temps are high and the want to work in that weather is low.

But we had a super rally in Guerneville. The temps were great and the people even better. We had some old and some new friends show up, the chili cook off was a great success, the games were played and we enjoyed the fire in the evening. George Beckman held a riveting tech session. Thank you to the fine hosts Jen Lyson-Soza, Dee Soza and Don Guttman. That's what we call the 49ers spirit.



In the business meeting we discussed the future rallies in September at the Feather Falls KOA in Oroville, the Anniversary Rally at the Black Oak RV Park in Toulumne; and that some will be going to the GMCWS rally at Seven Feathers RV Park in Canyonville, OR in October.

Also, the discussion covered the Bylaws change in respect to the dues and the timing thereof. The email went out to ALL members for final approval as required; and it is my hope that most of you will or have voted by the time this is published. The deadline is August 15, 2023.

The nominations and elections for 2024 officers are coming up at the September rally and we have the nominating committee beating the bushes for new Executive Board members. We are looking forward to their report.

The rallies for the next year have not received the attention they need. There are several that need hosts and locations. We would like to get them planned so our members have an idea where we are headed. So far we have the New Year's, July's and September's rallies booked. The March rally could be held in Lodi, where we have had good luck with the weather and if it turns bad there is a clubhouse. The May rally is still open. We have had

a tough time to get locations, since they seem to get booked up well in advance. Please make an effort to help the club with this need.

Thank you all for your assistance in promoting the GMC's future.

Nick Roenick, GMC 49ers President

GMC 49ers Business Meeting

July 7, 8, 9, 2023, Russian River

Meeting was called to order by President, Nick Roenick, at 9:40 a.m.

Guests in Attendance

Chris Bohannon and family

Pam Schneider

Past Presidents in Attendance at Rally

John Shutzbaugh

George Banovich

Suzanne List

Donna Ventura Roenick

Alyce Shutzbaugh

Joe Nehl

Corrections and Additions to Minutes

There were none. Donna Ventura motioned to accept the minutes. Ruth Beckman seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

Jack Christensen reported that the current balance in the GMC account remains stable. There were funds that were refunded from the previous rally in Colfax because of change of location and other circumstances. Donna Ventura motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. George Banovich seconded. Motion passed.

FMCA Representative's Report

Dean Hanson reported that the next FMCA rally is in August in Gillette, Wyoming. The dates are August 23-26. Details can be gotten through FMCA. We were reminded of the importance of our membership in FMCA (required by all Forty Niners members). It is offered at a very low cost \$60 for initial membership, \$50 for the following year for medical assistance and emergency service. The June issue of their magazine has a feature article about a tire program. Discussion followed. Donna DeGraffenreid also requested MediVac instructions.

Secretary's Report

George Beckman reminded the membership that FMCA dues have been updated and have been reported to him. On further note, Debra Taylor is still in charge of the Facebook page for the Forty Niners. Also, the new 2023 membership rosters are ready and were being passed out during this meeting. Each member will receive a copy. Member Bill Wevers was able to get them printed for us this year. Recording Secretary will send him a thank-you card.

Sunshine Report

Alyce Shutzbaugh brought us up to date on a few ailing members, as well as recent milestone birthdays. Please keep Sharon Whipkey and Karen Bradley in your prayers for health issues.

Upcoming Rallies

September 8-10 Feather Falls, near Oroville

November 10-12 Anniversary Rally. Moved from former Forty Niner Park in Plymouth to Black Oak Casino in Tuolumne. Details are still being worked on...possible catered dinner on Saturday. We are hoping to return to the park in Plymouth for our big 50th anniversary rally....all weighing on new owners' completion of proposed changes to the facilities.

December (New Years) We are returning to Casa de Fruta. Also available is the option of attending the Annual Rose Parade with the Hansons in Pasadena over the New Years weekend.

March 2024 Rally will be held at Flag City in Lodi. Details to come.

May 2024 We return to Port Costa. Tom and Suzanne List are hosting the rally. Rosie the Riveter museum tour, etc., which was so enjoyable for our club about six or seven years ago. Details will be provided at a later date.

July 2024 Dee, Jen, and Don will host the rally at the Russian River RV Park in Guerneville.

September 13-15, 2024 George Banovich has been busy securing a spot in the Truckee area. They are holding 15 spots for us. Details will follow later.

Old Business

President, Nick Roenick, reported on the second reading of the Bylaws which took place in July 2023. There was a proposal to change the annual dues from \$25 to \$35, effective January 2024. "Friends" dues will go from \$7 to \$10. Amended in May

to move the due date from December to October, which will coordinate with FMCA , as they are requesting us to have everything paid by end of the fiscal year. Donna Ventura motioned to accept these changes. Jen Soza seconded. Motion passed. These changes will go into print, as they must be voted on by the membership. They will be mailed out and voting instructions will be given at that time. You will be able to either mail or text your vote.

Miscellaneous

John Shutzbaugh encouraged everyone to consider being hosts for a rally. It's a very well known fact that the same people are doing all the work for this group. We have fallen away from the club's requirement that everyone should host/co-host a rally every two years....we didn't say TWO YEARS IN A ROW! Please consider hopping on board and participating in this endeavor. It can be a lot of fun. There is always someone to help, and you know that once we all arrive at a rally, many many many hands pitch in to help! Please consider your part in this.

Donna DeGraffenreid reminded us of the upcoming Western States rally in October. A Caravan was suggested. It is October 5, 2023 in Seven Feathers – Canyonville, Oregon. Details are available through Western States.

Tom List motioned to adjourn the meeting. Chris Musselman seconded. Motion passed, and meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

As a side note, all the upcoming actual rally dates were provided by Chris Musselman's Smart watch.....or was it Smart Chris's watch??? Thanks for the help, Chris.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Hanson
Recording Secretary

Russian River, Guerneville, Rally Report

The Russian River Rally was one of the best attended rallies we have had in a while. Once again we were parked in the shade, away from other campers.

We sat and talked, played games, ate, talked, played games, talked, napped, talked and were probably more relaxed that we have been for a while.

The weather was perfect. We “fixed” Dee & Jen’s coach so well that on the way home, Dee made it to the center of burgeoning downtown Gurneville before it stalled. We were heartily pleased with our efforts.

It was lovely to have such an eclectic group of people, swirling, mixing, smiling, and laughing. Thanks to Jen & Dee, and Don & Billie for planning, hosting, and making our weekend so marvelous.

Russian River Art

Jen outdid herself in providing art materials.



Rally Fun



Concentration



Easy, Now, Easy



Chili!



Barney Even Knows the Big Words



Wonderful Stories Were Told—Some True



Donna Uses Mind Control



Lovely



Oh, This Can't Miss



Dave Tutors the Dogs in Roman History



Pampered Puppy



Well, I Got 17.78 Miles to the Gallon



So Close



Dee, Do You Remember My Passcode?



Cozy



Joe, and the Near Miss



Love



Havin' Fun

Future Rallies

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

Nov 3-5 Black Oak RV Park in Tuolumne