



## *Oroville Feather Falls KOA*

### Message from our President

As Fall has arrived and we are getting our first rains and cooler weather, our annual Anniversary Rally is near. We will be in Tuolumne at the Black Oak RV resort. I am looking forward to see all our GMC friends.

This will be the time we change the club officers who were elected in September. There are several new faces on the list.

President	Barney Noel
1st Vice President	Mark Schneider
2nd Vice President	Dean Hanson
Treasurer	Christine Schneider
Secretary	George Beckman
Recording Secretary	Gwen Hanson
Sunshine Reporter	Alyce Shutzbaugh

I wish them all great success and many fun rallies. The schedule of the rallies and locations will continue to be posted on our website.

It has been a challenging year for the club to maintain memberships. We have lost a couple of old members, but also gained some new members. There are many opportunities to promote our club on the web. I have regularly seen "49er Facebook" members postings, who declare they belong to the GMC 49ers club. In the past I have directed them to the club website if they own a GMC and live within our area. There are also GMC coaches in the "For Sale" adds whose owners have never heard of our club even if they owned their coach for many years. As we all know there are some folks who are not joiners, but we should show them that owning a coach can be fun.

As of late the attendance of the rallies has dropped somewhat and it is my hope that this is temporary. The rally hosts are trying their best to make it fun and provide great food and

entertainment. We were successful in booking all scheduled rally dates in 2024 with locations, but need a couple of hosts to fill in.

As I am stepping down as President at the end of the November rally, I will still be promoting and supporting this great group of GMC members.

Nick Roenick, GMC 49ers President

## GMC 49ers Business Meeting

**September 8-10, 2023, Oroville**

President, Nick Roenick, called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.

No new members.

No guests.

### **Past Presidents in attendance were acknowledged:**

2008 Terry Taylor

2009 Dave Case

2011 Carla Bolton-Burtch

2013 Joe Nehl

2018 Mike Burtch

1981 John Shutzbaugh

2020-2021 Alyce Shutzbaugh

2022 Donna Ventura

There were no corrections or omissions to the Minutes of the previous meeting. George Beckman motioned to accept the Minutes as written. Ruth Beckman seconded. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report – Jack Christensen**

Current balance in our account was \$3301.77

Annual dues, acceptable now, will change as of October 1, 2023 and will be \$35, an increase of \$10/year. There is \$1300 available for the Anniversary rally in November. The club has been retaining \$2500 and several members felt the amount should be \$2000. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the overage, and Carla Bolton motioned that we continue with the \$2500 balance until the anniversary rally and then put the overage in a special portion of the current account (a ledger item) and save for the 50th Anniversary rally. Anything left going forward will be earmarked for the 50th Anniversary. After the 2023 Anniversary rally, the overage goes back down to \$2000. George Beckman seconded. Motion passed.

### **FMCA Report – Liaison, Dean Hanson**

Members are encouraged to attend the January rally in Indio CA. If you want the details of the rally, you can find it on the FMCA website. The subject of members' relationships with AAA was discussed at great length. Jim Kanomata reminded us that we must be members of FMCA, as Forty Niner members. They provide the insurance for our rallies. Also on a side note, we were reminded to always carry a socket for your particular lug nuts (speaking from experience).

### **Sunshine Report – Alyce Shutzbaugh**

Many of our members attended the Celebration of Life for former member, Gene Fisher. John Shutzbaugh shared a few touching memories about Gene, followed by Alyce's request for a donation from our club of \$100 to the Fisher family for a charity of their choice in Gene's memory. John Shutzbaugh made the motion. Kathy Nehl seconded. Motion passed.

### **Secretary Report – George Beckman**

George handed out the current 2023 rosters to those who did not have one. He also reminded us to send him any photos you may have taken at this rally if you want them included in the newsletter.

**Debra Taylor**, who handles our Facebook account, is looking for someone to co-administrate it with her. Discussion followed regarding access as well as password for the account. The information would be given to new members of the club. It was also suggested that this password be changed on a yearly basis. George Beckman motioned for this to take place. Donna Ventura Roenick seconded. Motion passed.

### **Future Rallies**, as of this date:

Black Oak RV, Tuolumne November 10-12 (Anniversary Rally) Shutzbaughs and Roenicks are hosts.

Casa de Fruta, December 30-January 2 Shutzbaughs and Banoviches are hosts.

Flag City, Lodi March 22-24, 2024

Port Costa (May date to be determined) Tom and Suzanne List, hosts

Guerneville, July 2024 (date to be determined) Dee & Jen Soza, Guttman's are hosts.

Truckee, September 2024 (specific date to be determined) Banoviches are hosts.

November Anniversary Rally, 2024....all details to be determined

There is a need for host/hostess for the March rally in Lodi.

There was a necessity to change the March dates for the rally in Lodi, as the location was not available March 8-10, our first choice. Nick Roenick motioned to accept the change of date to March 22-24. Dave Case seconded. Motion passed.

Other discussions regarding future rallies included the Western States rally in Feather Falls, Oregon on October 5-8, as well as some dates for the solar eclipse watching parties. Mike

Burtch and Carla Bolton are attending the one in Minneola, Texas in April of 2024. If you want to join them, please contact them.

President, Nick Roenick, was recently involved in a zoom meeting with other GMC club presidents to discuss minimizing the costs of rallies. This, of course, means possible rallies in state parks which would probably mean dry camping, potluck meals, no hookups. With the rise in costs as well as the declining membership of so many clubs, this is certainly an important issue for all clubs to discuss.

### **Results of Change of Bylaws:**

The proposed change in the Bylaws were sent out to 42 members. 27 responded, and all said YES. The result is an increase in annual dues to \$35, an increase of \$10/year (mentioned earlier in these Minutes). This becomes effective October 1, 2023. Our Treasurer, Jack Christensen, reminded us that this can be paid immediately.

### **Election of Officers for 2024**

The slate is as follows:

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Jim Kanomata motioned to accept this slate. Carla Bolton seconded. Motion passed.

Alyce Shutzbaugh talked a little about the upcoming Anniversary rally in November. The theme is “America”, so you will be seeing a lot of red, white, and blue. Friday night’s highlight will be a costume contest so start working on your costume....you have plenty of time.

President, Nick Roenick, thanked the hosts of this rally, as well as the Seminar leaders. Dave Case motioned to adjourn the meeting. George Beckman seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Gwen Hanson  
Recording Secretary

## Oroville Feather Falls KOA, Rally Report

The Oroville rally was a great success. We marveled at the KOAs ability to provide level pads to park our coaches. The staff was extremely accommodating.

We sat and talked, played games, and ate. A ping-pong table provided extra entertainment.

The weather was beautiful. Dean brought a popup shade that provided a place for outdoor conversation.

Food, Saturday evening, was provided by Farm to Fork. The food was locally grown, well presented, and good.

Thanks to Robert Cowan, Dean & Gwen, and Ruth Beckman for all their work to make this rally a success



## Oroville Crafts

Gwen led an apron making. Aprons were cut out and taken home to be finished. They will be given to women who attended the rally.

## Rally Pictures



He Slides it Over the Net



Watch it Joe!



Good Food



Goodies



Chefs



Choking it Down



Old Friends



And New Friends



Pals



Good Conversation



Big Decisions



It May Need a Worlux Gear



Our Hosts



What a Presentation

## Future Rallies

Nov 3-5 Black Oak RV Park in Tuolumne

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hosts

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