



Port Costa Rally
May 6-19

Message from our President

Barney was unable to attend the Port Costa Rally

GMC 49ers Business Meeting

March 2024 GMC 49ers Meeting
March 23, 2024

President, Barney Noel, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Introduction of New Members: Chris and Kelly Paulson

Introduction of Guests: None

Past President In Attendance: 1981 John Shutzbaugh; 2008 Terry Tyler; 2009 Dave Case; 2010 George Banovich; 2013 Suzanne Statler-List; 2015 Bill Wevers; 2020-21 Alyce Shutzbaugh; 2022 Donna Ventura; 2023 Nick Roenick

Jack Christensen motioned to accept the Minutes from the previous rally. Dean Hanson seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Chris Schneider reported \$80 in Savings...\$4815.00 in Checking. Chris Musselman motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Jack Christensen seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report – George Beckman was absent from this rally. No report except the rosters will be ready at the next rally.

Vice President/Membership Chairman –Mark Schneider is working on the name pages, and attempting to link up with the FMA membership list.

Vice President/FMCA Liaison, Dean Hanson announced a \$40 renewal special for FMCA. It is usually a three-day offer, so please respond as soon as possible.

Jim Kanomata shared some details about the GMC International Rally, which will take place in Buellton CA October 7-13. Also, Dave deGraffenreid, also representing GMC Western States, announced that there will be lots of great activities at this rally.

Sunshine Report – Alyce Shutbaugh updated us on several members.

Billie Gutman wasn't feeling well and spent a good share of this rally in her motorhome.

Gwen Hanson, heart issues. Possible surgery.

Karen Bradley is still having health problems.

Dave Elwood passed. Several 49ers were able to attend his memorial in Brentwood.

Bob Caldwell passed.

Port Costa Business Meeting

The Business meeting opened at 9:28 a.m., Vice President Mark Schneider substituting for Barney Noel, who was participating at a Sons of the Golden West convention in Reno. He also is involved with Native Son's of California and Odd Fellows convention in Sacramento. Our Secretary Gwen Hansen was under the weather and did not attend the rally (Bill Wevers taking meeting minutes). Treasurer Chris Schneider was present, George Beckman also was present. Mark began, "Welcome to Port Costa, port on the bay, and thanks to Tom and Suzanne for hosting the rally"

Introduction of Guests

Mark noted that there were not any new members present. And there were 6 past presidents attending the rally. Guests: Chris and Kelly Paulson.

Corrections/Omissions to Accept Minutes as Published in Previous Newsletter

At the time of the May meeting, the March meeting minutes from the Rally in Lodi were not back from the print shop. There were problems with the printing. George did a verbal update. Bill Wevers motioned to accept the meeting minutes as presented by George Beckman. Tom List 2nded the motion. All approved.

Treasurers Report by Chris Schneider

Chris: We have a balance of \$4815 in checking and \$80 in savings. We are working on a budget for the anniversary rally. Fin Beven, a long time member of the Pacific Cruisers was on his way to attend the Lodi Rally. Unfortunately, he had some mechanical issues with his coach while going over the grapevine and had to be towed back to the shop in LA. He has generously donated his rally fee to our club.

FMCA Report - by Dean Hanson

Dean mentioned that we could renew our membership for only \$40, discounted (at the time of the rally). The "sale" of reduced membership fee for FMCA dues - \$40/yr - with a 3-year option. Also, when 49ers pay for their FMCA dues, they should mention that they are members of the GMC49ers.

This is an option on the FMCA webpage. Karen Wevers stated that the GMC49ers used to collect two checks from people joining the 49ers, one check for the 49ers and another for joining the FMCA.

George Beckman also reminded members that dues is due in October. It should be paid before the anniversary rally in November. Nick Roenick said, "November 1st, should be the last day dues is paid. George said that 3 or 4 people are habitually late payers. Ruth Beckman opined,

"Dues is \$35, not excessive". Karen Wevers stated, "We have to certify (FMCA) members are paid up by December 31st"

.2 Nick motioned that dues not paid by November 15 are overdue (delinquent). This was 2nded by Sharon Whipkey. Mark said, “You gotta be paid up or no rally participation”

Sunshine Report by Alyce

Gwen Hanson is having some heart problems and waiting for some tests and 2nd opinions. We wish her good health. Also, Sharon Whipkey in attendance had recently spent time in the hospital. We were glad to see her attend the rally! We were disheartened to hear about Bob Caldwell's passing. He and Gloria contributed so much to our rallies with his magic tricks. Also, Dave Ellwood has passed. He was a member of the GMC clubs for many years and will be missed.

Business Meeting - Continued GMCMI Report by Jim Kanomata

Jim alerted us that the GMCMI Rally will be in Buellton in October. GMCMI is taking reservations on their website.

OCTOBER 8-13, 2024 GMC Motorhomes International (GMCMI) is a separate organization, this event is their GMCMI Fall Convention

Name: GMCMI Fall Convention

Location: Flying Flags Resort, Buellton, CA

Hosts: GMC Motorhomes International

Future Rallies

July 12-14, 2024 Rally – Dee & Jen Soza, Guttman—
hosts. You can arrive earlier.

September 13-15, 2024 Rally – At Truckee hosted
by Jodell and George Banovich.

October 1, 2024 Pacific Cruisers – mini rally ??

Before the GMCMI convention, Mike Kociela ... TBD

October 8-13, 2024 GMCMI Rally – To be held at
Flying Flags Resort, Buellton, CA. In conjunction
with GMC Western States. <https://flyingflags.com/>
<https://www.gmcmi.com/>

November 8-10 2024 Anniversary Rally – To be held
at Black Oak Casino Resort

19400 Tuolumne Rd N, Tuolumne, CA 95379

New Years Eve 2024 Rally – TBD.

March 7-9, 2025 Rally – The Beckmans will be

hosting the rally at Pomo campground in Fort Bragg.

November 2026 50 Year Anniversary Rally –

Ruth Beckman, “We need volunteers to plan the big event”

. Christine, “We need a committee to plan the 50 year anniversary”

Old Business & New Business

Mark spoke about his trip to see the eclipse, traveling with the Gutmans. It was an adventuresome trip with some mechanical issues. They arrived at the GMC International event April

3rd, in Mineola, Texas. There were 105 coaches in attendance. Donald Guttman got an award for the heaviest coach, weighing in at 13,800 LBS. Mark also signed up two new members at the convention: Billy Massey from Texas and Jim Felipe from Santa Cruz, CA. Mark also announced that Manny will be getting new flags (we ran out of the prior batch). We also heard that Mike Burtch and Carla Bolton have been having problems with their SOB coach on the road and overstaying their visit to Mineola, Texas.

And finally, Mark asked that members bring ideas to the July rally for acknowledging the passing of members of the club.

For the Good of the Order

There was a lot to be said about what a fine place Port Costa is. And the historic Port Costa school facility met all our needs for hosting the rally.

Motion to Adjourn

Ruth Beckman motioned to end the meeting. This was 2nded by Nick Roenick. Mark hammered the gavel to close the meeting at 10:16.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Wevers

Port Costa Rally

Port Costa is a little town time forgot. The 280 souls live peacefully on quiet streets.

Suzanne took us on a walking tour to their home. It is a marvel of construction that did not change the front exterior as per town rules, but inside is a wonderful warren of quaint rooms. Tom did all the work on one \$80 building permit.

Suzanne also gave us an historical tour of the school. Port Costa, in its heyday, shipped grain from the central valley. A natural deep water channel lies just off the shoreline and the railroad brought wheat to the port to be shipped at a lower price than to San Francisco Bay. This meant that during the shipping season, there were 3000 workers with families in Port Costa.

The schoolhouse is a huge, two story building in the process of being restored. Classrooms are twice the size of current schools. The building sports a coal fired forced-air furnace and skylight that passes through a glass floor. The bathrooms were originally the size of today's classrooms.

We were also treated to a trip to the Rosie the Riveter National Park. The museum was full of equipment and photos. Suzanne arranged for us to see two historical movies about Richmond. During the war, everything in Richmond was open 24 hours a day. Liberty and Victory Ships were built in the Kaiser Shipyards. Most women were welders, and over half of them were Black. 747 ships were launched during the war. One ship was built in less than five days. Steady production of a ship took about two weeks.

Henry J. Kaiser realized he had to provide medical care for the workers in Richmond which was the beginning of what is now Kaiser Permanente. (As a side note, some may remember the Kaiser automobile, and it's smaller cousin the Henry J.)

After our tour, we went to the Yacht Club for lunch. Tom showed us the huge wood shop where repairs are made.

Tom List was always in the background, bringing supplies for the rally, cooking, and supplying us with interesting facts. He towed a big grill to the school with a two-cylinder tractor, driving up the main street. He treated us to an evening of bingo, and Tom is a pretty good caller!

Crafts

Tech Talk

We were treated to George Beckman's improper battery installation and Donald Guttman's coach's body misalignment after he hit a mud slide. BTW, Donald was buying engine coils at every opportunity. Tech talk in Guerneville to explain

Rally Pictures



School House



Skylight



Tom & Suzanne's Home



Donald Guttman's Coach's Body Shift



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Future Rallies

Guerneville, July 12-14

Dee & Jen Soza, Guttmans—hosts

Truckee, September Sept 13-15

Banoviches & McCunes—hosts

Anniversary Rally

Nov 1-3 Black Oaks Casino RV Resort

Avoid the Rush! Volunteer Now!