



## *Russian River Rally*

### *July 12-14*

#### Message from our President

Another great rally was held on the Russian River in July at the Russian River RV Resort. The rally was well attended with hosts Dee and Jen and Donald doing an excellent job of organizing and running the rally which at times can be as challenging as herding cats which was apparent on our field trip to the pinball machine museum where we all had a great time.

The RV Park truly enjoys having us there. A big thank you goes to Jen and Dee for having a great raffle that raised in excess of \$300.00 for our special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary account. This is becoming one of our most popular annual rallies with a laid back atmosphere and lots of relaxing and visiting with each other. If you missed it you missed a good one, plan on attending next year.

Our nominating committee is in the process of finding our slate of officers for next year if you are interested in becoming more involved in the group please let Chairman George Banovich know.

Now it's on to Truckee for our September rally hosted by the Banovichs and McCunes. Hopefully we can escape the heat for a few days. Hope to see you all there!

#### GMC 49ers Business Meeting

#### **Russian River 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 31<sup>st</sup>"

.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 3<sup>rd</sup> , 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

## Russian River Rally

Our fourth Russian River Rally was absolutely wonderful. Many came early and there was many a nap taken.

Much thanks to Dee and Jen, and Donald Guttman for all the preparation and work during the rally.

We ate well, and celebrated birthdays. Enjoy this shot of the Birthday Kids.



## Crafts

Beautiful craft work was enjoyed by the young and not so young. Here are some of the results.



## Tech Talk

Donald Guttman explained why he was buying two coils at every parts store from Louisiana to Texas. The good news is that Donald is getting very fast at changing coils. The bad news is that Billy was scouting airports along the way. Apparently having to do a coil change every 45 minutes was not her idea of fun!

After Donald discovered that George Beckman had faulty thinking and wiring of Lithium batteries, several tech sessions were held at George's Onan compartment. This involved much help and advice while George and Donald attempted to make things "right." Once again, not a single picture was taken of either of them sitting uncomfortably on mats trying to get into places that even a monkey could not reach. The good news is that George and Ruth dry camped for three days, charging computers and phone, running fans and heaters plus their electric blanket in early morning. The Onan or coach never started.

# Rally Pictures











## Future Rallies

Truckee, September Sept 13-15  
Banoviches & McCunes—hosts

Anniversary Rally  
Nov 1-3 Black Oaks Casino RV Resort  
Avoid the Rush! Volunteer Now!