



Truckee Rally *September 13-15*

Message from our President

Our September rally in Truckee at the Coachland RV Park was a great success. This was a surprisingly nice park in the high Sierras and the staff was helpful and welcoming. We could not have asked for more pleasant weather, sunny days and cool nights.

The potluck on Friday evening was full of culinary delights with plenty to eat for everyone. The free breakfast that the park provided on Saturday morning was great, and we got a chance to mingle with many of the parks inhabitants. The Italian dinner on Saturday evening provided by Zano's Restaurant was wonderful with a nice variety of Italian dishes and we had several guests from around the local area related to some of our members. The weekend was very laid back with plenty of time to visit, walk around the park or just relax.

At the business meeting we approved the procedures for the club in the case of the death of a member it is good to have that accomplished and a special thanks to John and Alyce for their input. Following a tasty continental breakfast Sunday morning we were on our way. Kudos to George and Jodell Banovich and Garen and Susan McCune for being such gracious hosts.

Now its on to Black Oak Casino RV Park for our Annual Anniversary Rally. This should be another good one hope to see you all there.

GMC 49ers Business Meeting

Coachland RV Park in Truckee, CA Business Meeting

GMC 49ers Meeting was called to order 9:41 am, September 14, at the Coachland RV Park in Truckee, CA.

No new members or guests were present.

Past Presidents were introduced: John Shutzbaugh, George Banovich, Alyce Shutzbaugh, Donna Ventura, and Nick Roenick.

Motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting, as shown in the latest newsletter, was made by Ruth Beckman and seconded by George Beckman, and approved by attendees.

Treasurer's report: Christina Schneider in absentia reported an increase in club funds as well as continued growth in the savings account that will be used for the 50th anniversary party. Ruth has generated another \$100 to donate to the cause, and Kelly from Russian River RV Park donated \$250.00. Christina also asked the Secretary to add Gene and Bobbie Schultz to the roster.

Jack reminded members that rally hosts are required to submit an expense and income report to the President and Treasurer after the rally. A suggested template for this report can be found in the Rally Host Guidelines.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Ruth B, seconded by Garin McCune, and approved by attendees.

Secretary's Report: George Beckman has extra rosters for those who haven't received it/them. George showed the GMC 49ers website on the TV screen for all to see, and pointed out 2 areas in particular: Newsletters and Rallies, which includes information about upcoming rallies and registration forms. So if you have misplaced hard copies of the newsletters or registration forms, they are there for you to download.

George announced this is his last year as Secretary, although he will continue to do the website. He will give 1-2 thumb drives to the new secretary with all pertinent and necessary information to ensure his/her success. He also asked that attendees at any and all rallies, including this one, take photos and send them to him for the newsletters. He also asked that photos be taken in landscape format, for optimum clarity when included in the newsletters.

George has standardized the roster development so that future rosters that use his format can be printed at any Staples. He strongly suggests that future secretaries insist on seeing a preview copy before the job is completed.

Sunshine Report. Alyce Shutzbaugh reported that Vickie Case had a detached retina, with two subsequent corrective procedures. Recovery period is long, but she is getting better every day. It will be another 2 months before they say she will be out of the woods.

Celebration of life for long-time member Tony Lloyd will be held in Castro Valley on Sept. 29. He and his wife Kathy were active members until ~10 years ago. He fought lung cancer for ~17 years but finally lost the battle.

Gwen Hanson is doing very well after a recent heart procedure. She and Dean plan to see us at the Anniversary rally.

Alyce plans to call Doug Norton soon to see how he and Irene are doing.

Future rallies:

This year's Anniversary rally will be held November 1-3 at Black Oak RV Park and Casino, Tuolumne. Hosts are Chris and Carmen Bohannon and Dee and Jen Soza. Donna Ventura and Alyce Shutzbaugh will be in touch with Chris to fill him in on details already done, e.g., catering and band. Ruth suggests members go to our website to Upcoming Rallies and click on Anniversary Rally Culture to view appropriate dress suggestions.

2025 - March 7-9 at Pomo Campground, Ft. Bragg, hosts George and Ruth Beckman. Ruth will work on recruiting co-hosts.

2025 - July 11-13 - Russian River RV Park, hosts Dee and Jen Soza and Don Guttman.

2025 - Vineyard RV Park, Vacaville, hosts Mark and Christina Schneider.

2026 - 50th Anniversary Rally: Christina Schneider, Suzanne List and Ruth Beckman have volunteered to be included in the planning committee.

Old Business: President Noel presented formal procedures for donations in the event of death of a member. A committee of Alyce, Jack Christensen, and Barney Noel drafted the following: Donation of \$25 upon death of a member or former members with low activity; \$50 for moderately active members or former members who are no longer active; and \$100 upon death of longtime active members or former officers who were active. These guidelines are at the discretion of the Sunshine Chairperson and are meant only as a rule and guide, with exceptions to be made at the discretion of the Sunshine Chairperson.

George Beckman moved to accept these procedures; Ruth Beckman seconded. Members presented voted Aye, and motion was accepted.

New Business: Barney reminded members of the requirement for all members to host/co-host a rally. In that vein, Ruth Beckman will think about someone she will approach about co-hosting her rally next year at Fort Bragg. Also, it was suggested that we sort out the list of rallies for 2025 to ensure we have a full schedule.

Thanks to the rally hosts, George and Jodell Banovich and Garen and Susan McCune, for a wonderful rally at a beautiful location. Jodell especially thanked the McCunes for their assistance. Susan McCune thanked Jodell and George for being excellent mentors. Attendees were reminded to pay the rally hosts before they leave on Sunday.

Good of the Order. Nominations for Officers for 2025 were announced by George Banovich, chairman of the Nominating Committee:

President - Mark Schneider
Vice President - Barney Noel
Secretary - Chris Musselman
Treasurer - Christina Schneider
Sunshine - Alyce Shutzbaugh
FMCA Liaison - Dean Hanson

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Nick Roenick, seconded by George Banovich, and passed by attendees. Meeting was adjourned at 10:13 am.

Coachland RV Park in Truckee

Several stopped at George & Ruth Beckman's Thursday night and made the climb to Truckee in the cooler part of Friday.

The rally was well attended and a relaxing time. George & Jodell and Garen & Susan were well prepared, and we thank them. All coaches made it up the hill without any failures.

John & Alyce had a primo spot with a raised "dance floor" outside. Friday evening there was a gathering around Nick's propane campfire. After all had tottered off to their beds, Ruth Beckman woke up at 2 am and saw a flame flickering. She roused George, who isn't the most clever person at 2 am, and they peered out the windows without their glasses. Finally George put on shoes and wandered out. The flickering wasn't on John's dance floor, but in a neighbor's "yard." It was one of those fake fire lamps that came on at night.

A small boy attended our Business Meeting, and some were concerned that he was lost or something. It was determined that he was playing video games and needed the WiFi in the room. He made no contributions to the meeting and does not own a GMC.

The campground had a splendid bicycle repair shed, and many marveled at the array of tools and pumps available to anyone with a bicycle. None of us had bicycles.

Crafts

No crafts were injured during the rally.

Tech Talk

There was not tech talk, so I am including a picture of the George & Ruth engine number 5's progress, so far. This was taken after I shut it off upon return from Truckee. 1/8" Oil movement on the stick. No knocking or pinging. Trip 3 is cumulative since the engine install.



Rally Pictures





Future Rallies

Anniversary Rally

Nov 1-3 Black Oaks Casino RV Resort

Pomo Campground, Ft. Bragg March 7-9, Beckman Hosts (Tentative)

Russian River Annual Rally, July 11-13, Dee & Jen Soza, Donald Guttman