



# GMC FORTY-NINERS

## Newsletter

January-February 2026

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Troops;

What a great time to be alive and able to go out and fellowship with fellow GMCers.

The weather is great and I look forward to all that will gather together in Angel's Camp. It looks like we will have 17 coaches and a great group of friends.

Plan to Join us in Chico in May. We plan to have a blast. See you there.

Dean Hanson, President



### GMC 49ERS OFFICERS FOR 2026

- President:** Dean Hanson
- First Vice President:** Dee Soza
- Second Vice President:** Open
- Secretary:** Chris Musselman
- Treasurer:** Chris Schneider

Contact information is in the current roster or on the GMC 49ers Web site:

[gmc49ers.org](http://gmc49ers.org)

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# CORNING RALLY HIGHLIGHTS

## The Corning Capers Caper

The Corning rally, dubbed The Corning Capers, was splendid. Saturday, we had our business meeting followed by the tech session, led by George. George? George B. George B? George Beckman. Some of the women said they were going for a drive to see the giant olive.

The tech topic was engine cooling, and we talked about radiators, water pumps, and may have mentioned fan clutches. The big thrill was when George passed around a propane fill valve and bored everyone to tears about changing out his valve. Lessons: When your propane tank is almost empty you can run your furnace, stove, oven, and Onan for almost 8 hours. He ran the AC and microwave as well, because that made the Onan work harder. (Yes, the Beckman Onan runs on propane.) Some original GMC propane fill valves are a two piece unit and a real pain to remove.

The tech session lasted exactly one hour, and George was pleased. Some stayed in the clubhouse to regale others with lies beyond cooling, branching into wiring.

George went to his coach and noticed

that John & Alyce's new 49er flag was missing. Only the wire stand remained. A quick glance revealed that the Beckman's and Schneider's flags were missing as well. Men began to gather and postulate about this sad state of affairs. George even asked the guy across the row if he had seen any kids stealing flags. Neither the man nor his leashed beast had anything to report. The men soon lost interest and tottered off to Michèle's coach to "help" figure out why her engine battery wasn't charging. Some alert person happened to notice that the McCune's and the Wevers' flags were also missing.

When the women returned, several men were sitting around a picnic table, grousing. Soon the scales fell from the men's eyes and their fears were assuaged. The ladies had taken their flags for a photo op at the Corning Giant Olive. They thought their "caper" was lots of fun, and the victims of the robbery found their complaints were met with laughter, jokes, and no sympathy.

(Courtesy of George Beckman)

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Showing off their new GMC 49ers flags at the Giant Olive.

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# MEETING MINUTES



0940 AM:

Mark Schneider called the meeting to order.

Meeting started late and with laughter.

He asked about the minutes motion to accept minutes by Bill Wever, and 2nd by George Beckman.

Mark mentioned that Gwen and Dean Hansen and Chris Musselman all weren't feeling well and had to cancel for this trip.

Next meeting at Angel's Camp the Kvammes, will be the hosts. Michèle and Ruth will be co-hosts to help them. Mark is POC for campground issues and payment

5 past presidents:

Bill Wever

Barney Noel

John Shutzbaugh

Alice Shuttzbaugh

Mark Schneider

New flags were given to Garen and Jack.

If you need a new flag let us know. Everyone is supposed to get one with their membership.

Sunshine report:

Alyce said an old member Kathy Lloyd fell and really hurt herself and had to wait for help. Which turned into a discussion about safety. And carrying a phone and or watch

Welcoming Susan and Garen McCune back after his surgery.

1040 AM:

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

George Beckman moved, 2nd by Ruth Beckman

Approved

I was the only official officer in attendance

No official treasurer report.

Pretty much an informal meeting

(Recorded by Chris Schneider, Treasurer)

Thank you, Chris!

## GMC 49ERS NEWS

### The 2026 rosters are here!

After a seriously long delay (more than a year, I apologize!), we will have the 2026 rosters available at the Angels Camp rally, barring any last-minute roadblocks. Copies will be mailed or delivered to members not attending the March rally soon afterward. Thank you all for your patience as I worked to achieve a long-term solution and process to create and update the membership database and edit/format the rosters in the future.

Chris Musselman



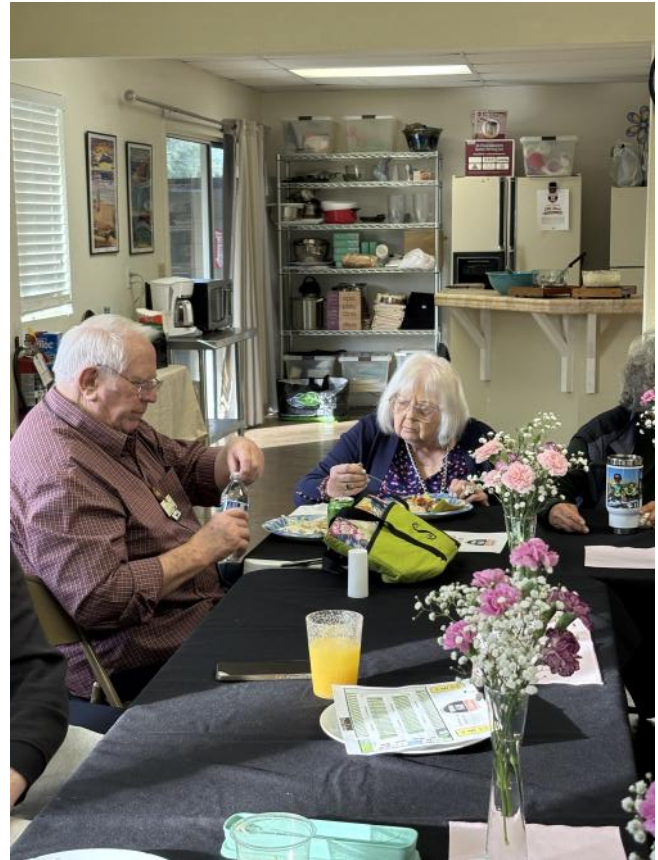
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## UPCOMING RALLIES

March 2026	Angels Camp	Eric and Donna Kvamme, hosts
May 2026	Chico	Donna Ventura and Suzanne Statler-List, hosts
July 2026	Guerneville	Don and Billie Guttman, co-hosts Dee Soza, Jen Lyson-Soza, co-hosts
September 2026	Vacaville	Alyce and John Shutzbaugh, co-hosts Chris and Mark Schneider, co-hosts
November 2026		—GMC 49ers 50th Anniversary Rally— (Details to be announced soon)

