

# GMC

## Motorhome **TRAVELER**



NOVEMBER, 1976



The Dubners (F-18122) visit GMC Headquarters

### THE DUBNERS' \*PALM BEACH HOMECOMING

An unusual homecoming was recently enacted as the Norman Dubner family (F-18122) of Baltimore, Maryland, traveled to Pontiac, Michigan, the birthplace of an important family member — their \*1976 GMC Palm Beach! For the Dubners', Norman, Diane and their four youngsters, the visit to GMC's Motorhome plant was one of the highlights of a late summer jaunt through some of Michigan's most interesting attractions.

The trip to GMC's Michigan facilities was planned for some time as Norman Dubner, Communications Officer for the GMC Tide-Water Crabs, was particularly interested in communicating some of his ideas to GMC service and design engineers. He has done some interesting customizing to both the interior and exterior of their motorhome including a retractable door-step and a handy counter extension for the galley area.

In addition to meeting some of the motorhome people from General Motors, the Dubners also enjoyed touring the facilities where their own GMC was crafted.

Following a short stay in Pontiac, the Dubners headed their motorhome toward Battle Creek, Michigan, famous as the home of the giant Kellogg Cereal Company, and then homeward to prepare for the next Tide-Water Crabs Rally.

### NEWLY PROPOSED 'REPOSE'

The GMC Tropical Repose Organizational Rally tentatively scheduled to take place in the Florida Keys will now be held near Orlando, Florida, February 9-13, 1977.

The relocation was made following the unavailability of the original site and upon the advice of local GMC's contacted for alternative suggestions. Their general consensus was that a rally site near Disney World of Orlando would offer GMC Owners a more convenient location with even greater recreational facilities.

The new rally site for what might now be called the GMC "Semi-Tropical Repose" will be the Outdoor Resorts Campground located ap-

### NASHVILLE, A SOUTHERN SUCCESS!

GMC's first national motorhome rally is on the books now as just about the best time anyone's had since the big birthday party in Centreville. More than 200 GMC families, a total of 500 ralliers, gathered south of the Mason-Dixon Line for the gala event which featured healthy doses of Southern hospitality and charm. Don't miss the exciting "hoe down-low down" in your Christmas "Traveler."

DECEMBER'S BIG STORY . . .



. . . THE NASHVILLE GLORY!

proximately five miles west of Disney World on Highway 192 in Clermont, Florida. In addition to the exciting Disney World attractions, the Outdoor Resorts facility is one of the finest outdoor resorts in the country and offers an almost limitless variety of fun-tivities. (See next issue for complete agenda.)

If you missed all of the fun in Nashville, you'll not want to miss the GMC Tropical Repose in February. On the other hand, if you were in on all the fun at Nashville, you'll know why you shouldn't miss it! For further details and pre-registration blank, see page three of this issue.

# CHURCH AND TROST BI-CENTENNIAL EXPEDITION



*The expeditioners, Norm & Betty Trost and Roy & Violet Church, chronicle their departure from Birmingham, Michigan, on June 18, 1976.*

## Alaska's Inside Passage Explored GMC-Style

Today, each year finds millions of Americans, many of them GMC owners, along the roads to discovery just like Lewis and Clark. Unlike the Lewis and Clark expedition, though, modern expeditions, like the Church and Trost Bi-Centennial Expedition, can be enjoyed comfortably in the luxury of a GMC Motorhome.

In planning their 23-day, 8,733-mile expedition from Birmingham, Michigan, to Anchorage, Alaska, and back, the Churches, Roy & Violet, and the Trosts, Norm & Betty, decided on an interesting variation to the well-known ALCAN Highway Route. The route chosen as the most interesting and scenic is known as the Inside Passage and affords some exciting opportunities for land, rail and sea travel.

After deciding upon the Inside Passage route, a detailed itinerary was developed utilizing a most helpful Alaskan highway publication known as the "Mile Post." The two-page itinerary detailed each day's travel by: destination, miles to be traveled and the various exploration sites along the way. The itinerary takes advantage of



*A few miles down the road, 2,200 to be exact, the group encounters high country and their first snow.*



*The expedition pauses near a breathtaking cascade outside of Valdez, Alaska.*

the great freedom afforded by the GMC Motorhome and a copy is available to all owners upon a request to the editor.

Alaska's Inside Passage, the highlight of the Church-Trost itinerary. The inside is a 600-mile water route connecting the coastal cities of British Columbia and Alaska. For this most interesting leg of their journey, the expeditioners boarded the steamship Malaspina for the 500-mile cruise from Prince Rupert, British Columbia, to Haines, Alaska.

From Haines, the expedition encountered two more interesting



*Norm Trost proudly displays the expeditioners' impending lunch, some delectable Alaskan King Crabs!*

*July 4th finds the expedition aboard the M. V. Bartlett as it passes the famed Columbia Glacier (the white break in coastline).*



variations in their mode of travel before reaching Anchorage and Mt. McKinley National Park. The first, another boat excursion found the GMC explorers on the M. V. Bartlett for the 100-mile trip from Prince William Sound to Whittier, where they drove onto a train for the ten mile rail trip to Portage, Alaska. Following Portage, the expedition hit solid ground again and they had clear motorhoming all the way to Anchorage and Mt. McKinley, a most beautiful spot in which to conclude the Church and Trost Bi-Centennial Expedition to Alaska on July 10, 1976.

**"THRU THE WINDOWS"  
Mac & Gloria McDonnell  
(L-6006)**



Glorious pages of history have just been written in the annals of the GMC Motorhome Owners Club. The first GMC Club National Rally at Nashville has been acclaimed a smashing success!

The "Nash-Villians" opened up their hearts, and put the "welcome mat" out for each of us. They have asked us to return next year since they know what special people the GMC Motorhome Owners really are. Their invitation: Y'all come back, because we want to really show you what southern hospitality can be!" Our reply: "How could it be any better?"

Today, we're traveling west, over the high country of the Navajo nation,

located in northeastern Arizona. Our thoughts continue to reflect the excitement of Nashville and recount over and over the fun and laughter of our first national GMC rally.

Our thanks to all of those folks who traveled to Nashville, for it was their

participation and spontaneous enthusiasm, that made the rally a roaring success. We also extend our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Beaman, for that very special touch they so graciously added to put the frosting on the cake.

We now look to the future through the windows of our GMC Motorhome, and down the road we have envisioned many future fun-tivities for all of us. We have many exciting plans for our clubs, all of which will be announced in the Motorhome "Traveler" from time to time. Keep your eyes on the schedule of events because we are looking forward to seeing you at our next family get-together.

In the meantime, drive them safely, Happy GMCeeing and see you down the road.

Mac & Gloria

## COME ONE AND ALL TO THE GMC TROPICAL REPOSE

It's an organizational rally and a big fun-tivities for everyone!

On February 10, 1977, the GMC Tropical Repose Rally, commences full swing in sunny Orlando, Florida.

It's going to be another great GMC Rally because everyone's invited to join in all the fun-tivities and, it will also be an organizational rally. On February 10 at 10 a.m., an organizational meeting will be held in order to form a GMC Club Chapter for Florida owners. All Florida GMC Motorhome Owners who wish to join

the new chapter should attend the organizational meeting.

In addition to the main attractions, Florida sunshine and the famed Disney World amusement park, the Tropical Repose will offer the usual comradery of a GMC rally and some great fun-tivities as well. The registration fee includes:

- Outdoor Resorts Site (full hook-ups)
- Wienie Roast
- Pot Luck Dinner
- Buffet Dinner & Entertainment

- GMC Luau & Island Entertainment
- Bus Transportation to Disney World
- Continental Breakfasts (all four mornings)
- Two Disney World Tickets (Adult)

The National Directors have acquired 200 sites at the Outdoor Resorts park despite the peak season rally dates. Be sure to reserve your place in the sun and fun as soon as possible. See you there snowbirds!!

### GMC TROPICAL REPOSE REGISTRATION OUTDOOR RESORTS — ORLANDO, FLORIDA FEBRUARY 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 1977

Please complete the form and mail with check or money order made out to GMC Motorhome Owners Club. Your reservation will be confirmed.

GMC CLUB CHAPTER NAME (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ HUSBAND \_\_\_\_\_ WIFE \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

(Two Persons, one unit — \$125.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(One Person, one unit — \$80.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(\_\_\_\_ extra persons 13 or older — \$60.00 each) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(\_\_\_\_ children 4-12 years old — \$50.00 each) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing a check for: (Total) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO  
GMC MOTORHOME OWNERS CLUB  
NATIONAL DIRECTORS OFFICE  
660 South Boulevard East, Rm. 210  
Pontiac, Michigan 48053

Pre-registration must be received no later than January 15, 1977.



*GMC Great Lakers James Kellerman captured a first prize in the Nashville photo contest for this "campfire" portrait taken during the club's August rally in Northport, Michigan.*



*Joining the "Lakers" for their August rally, National Director Mac McDonnell led an ideas and suggestions discussion.*

## **GMC FAMILY ALBUM**

### **GREAT LAKERS DOUBLE HEADER**



*The Great Lakers form an impressive "GMC Motorhome Lane" at their September rally near Grass Lake, Michigan.*



*There was an excellent turn out at Grass Lake as indicated in this mouth-watering dinner scene.*



*Margaret Lappan conducted a needlepoint class for interested Great Lakers and displays her own "GMC Love Bug" creation.*



*The Great Lakers September rally closed on a thankful note as George Schipper delivered Sunday service.*



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Maryann

Just a few lines to specially tell you what a Great PLEASURE it was meeting you recently at the GMC Grand Ole Opry Rally in Nashville. The PRIZED guitar-shaped ashtray we received has already been placed in a very unique hanging spot for everyone to enjoy! Our sincere THANKS in making it possible for us to be a participating part of your rally.

It was nice of you to take a photo; however, I always feel there's only half of me in view when my Sam is not by my side! Thus the enclosed one! We thoroughly enjoyed your most pleasant cameraman, but certainly hope I didn't wreck his equipment in the process!!

It is our fervent hope to join you for your big Florida rally. It is your group's genuine warmth that makes us ever eager to participate.

Fondly,  
Soley Dietz  
Hendersonville, Tennessee



Dear Maryann:

The early part of this year I purchased a GMC Motorhome and had a very interesting experience with it during the past few months. I am a resident of California and had to spend five months in a training program for Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company in their home office, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Our family took a leisurely trip to and from Philadelphia, which we found to be particularly relaxing, thanks to GMC.

The training class I mentioned consisted of myself, Brad Day from Tuscon, Eric Almassy from Chicago and David Ayres from Dallas. The picture of us, enclosed, was taken by Bob Kleier of Jackson, Mississippi.



The four of us traveled from our temporary homes to the office each day in the motorhome. We were all able to enjoy our picturesque heritage over the cobblestone streets and felt the interesting parallel between the ultimate in modern, luxurious camping vehicle and the historic beginning of our country that made our mode of transportation possible in this still young country.

It was a gratifying experience for our family to have been in Philadelphia for the 200th birthday of our country, however, there's no place like home, Newport Beach, California.

Sincerely,  
David L. Robertson, CLU

# SERVICE TIPS

By Don Rooker  
Supervisor  
GMC Motorhome Service



It was my pleasure to attend the first National GMC Motorhome Rally in Nashville, Tennessee, and have the opportunity to meet the many proud GMC Motorhome Owners. Numerous owners commented that they like to service their motorhomes themselves, and they would like a better understanding of the GMC Motorhome's construction and how it operates.

I am very pleased to see that so many GMC owners have such a keen interest in the technical aspects of their motorhomes and I am looking forward to satisfying that interest with the right answers. GMC encourages all of its Motorhome Owners to thoroughly understand their vehicles and follow our maintenance recommendations to insure the most enjoyable and trouble-free operation.

Many interesting seminars, exhibits, and displays are currently being prepared for the upcoming rally in Florida to acquaint you with the operation and maintenance of your Motorhome. If you want to see how a specific Motorhome component operates and would like to see it on display at the upcoming Florida rally, please mail your requests to my attention.

HAPPY MOTORING!

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## Hear Ye Right Here Ye

**DATELINE: Pontiac, Michigan: In the never-ending quest to supply our readers with the very finest columns and features fit to print, here it is!**

*Here's what?*

Here is the brand new feature of the "Traveler" known simply as "The GMC Town Crier & Flier Annex."

*Big deal.*

Right you are! And it's the best deal around.

*How so?*

Glad you asked. Have you ever had an announcement you wanted to make to the thousands of GMC Motorhome Owners and Club members across the nation? Well, now you have the perfect vehicle, metaphorically speaking, by which to do that very thing.

*What will you print?*

All the news that's fit to print and then some! So, if something like a wedding, birth, anniversary or other special honor has taken place for a fellow owner, club member, or yourself, this is just the place to spread the good news. Also, if you happen to have various items of distinction for sale or swap which might be of interest to other GMC Motorhome owners, we'll print your classified (providence and space allowing). And, best of all, it doesn't cost a copper-clad dime!

From now on, don't trust your important announcements to fate and word of mouth, have them printed in "The GMC Towne Crier & Flier Annex" for the low, low cost of nothing! Pray thee don't forget that a picture telleth a thousand words and send all materials to:

**"ANNEX"**

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### GMC Fun-tivities

#### THE FIESTA GRANDE RALLY (GMC Organizational Meeting)

DECEMBER 10, 11, 12, 1976

Francisco Grande Hotel  
Casa Grande, Arizona

RSVP: M. J. McDonnell  
P.O. Box 2005  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85251

#### GMC YANKEE CLIPPERS

##### "Yuletide Party"

DECEMBER 11, 12

Independence Hall  
Assonet, Massachusetts

Contact: Herb Bernard, Pres.  
(617) 868-9404

#### GMC CLUB — FRENCH RETURN

##### (GMC Organizational Meeting)

JANUARY 7, 8, 9, 1977

River Boat Travel Park  
6232 Chev Menteur  
New Orleans, Louisiana

RSVP: M. J. McDonnell  
c/o Mr. Ed Bailey  
200 Wright Ave.  
Gretna, Louisiana 70053

#### GMC TROPICAL REPOSE (GMC Organizational Meeting)

FEBRUARY 9-13, 1977

Outdoor Resorts  
Orlando, Florida

**Note:** See Page 3 for information and registration blank.

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