



Motorhome **TRAVELER**



SEPTEMBER 1977

GMC SUMMER FESTIVAL A SUNNY SUCCESS!



185 GMC Motorhomes, representing more state and home town areas than we could list in this issue of the TRAVELER, zeroed in on Verona Beach State Park, in upstate New York for a "Summer Festival" weekend July 23, 24 and 25. When the final coach departed on Monday, July 25 close to 600 GMC Motorhome club members, GMC personnel and club guests went away with a host of memories not soon to be forgotten.

Blessed by a benevolent weatherman who smiled over much of the weekend, plus a schedule of events designed to interest, intrigue and entertain young and old alike, the 1977 GMC "Summer Festival" rally was rated an outstanding success by all who participated. With special games, contests and age-oriented activities keeping the young fry occupied and on the go, the adult GMCers had ample opportunity to mix, mingle and meet new friends while renewing relationships with old friends during the 3-day affair.

3 GMC Motorhome club caravans, consisting of attending members of the Country Clubbers, Great Lakers and the Yankee Clippers, arrived at the campgrounds on Saturday, July 23, registration day. Others who arrived individually, or in smaller groups, had reached the park as early as Thursday prior to the gala weekend. Registration saw the familiar GMC club "goodwill" bags going to all adult members with special "goodwill" bags being distributed to every child in attendance. That evening, following a truly sensational potluck dinner, orientation was held beneath the "big top" and Mac McDonnell unveiled the details on our newly-formed "GMC Motorhome Owners Association, Inc." Also unveiled at this gathering of club mem-

"THE GMC WAY"



*"Share a smile for that's the way
to GMC it every day.*

*Care what happens to a friend
whom you may meet around
the bend.*

*Give thanks for the blessings
large and small . . .*

*and spread some joy
and love to all!"*

June Wyckoff wrote it . . . and sang
it . . .
at the GMC "Summer Festival" at
Verona Beach.

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LETTERS



To The Editor

Dear TRAVELER:

You may recall that Mrs. Levensaler and I called at the factory June 10, 1977 and were offered a tour of the plant. This was a most enlightening experience for us for which we thank you.

We had decided to return to Palm Desert via the "Sonora Pass", a route we had not been over for approximately 18 years. We had not remembered it as being unusually steep. For your information the "Sonora Pass" takes one from the west side of the Sierra's to the east side and connects with highway 395 between Reno and Los Angeles.

We now come to the testimonial!!!

On the evening of August 16, a Tuesday, we passed through the village of Sonora, California, where a sign read, "Sonora Pass", and indicating that it was some 50 miles or so over winding mountain roads due east. "Caution — NO TRAILERS allowed to cross this pass", another sign read. We camped high in the Sierra's that night and arrived at Kennedy Meadows resort and pack station at about 10 o'clock on the morning of the 17th.

At this point we questioned a truck driver of a big rig for directions over the pass to intersect with highway 395 at Bridgeport. The trucker took a careful look at our "Parlor Car", (GMC Motorhome to you), shook his head, then pointed "that-a-way." People gathered around us and likewise shook their heads.

And so we were faced with the alternative of driving the 60 miles or so back to Sonora and then some additional 100 miles or so to our home in Palm Desert.

Let me assure you, there was considerable analysis of the pro's and con's of attempting this crossing and, I might add, there was consideration given to the approach of the tail-end of "Hurricane Doreen" whose winds could hit us at the summit. (As a matter of fact, we did catch it but were safely down in the desert by then.)

The signs read "NO TRAILERS beyond this point".

We decided to try it because we knew we weren't a trailer. There was no chance to make a run at it as the pass climbs steadily from Kennedy Meadows. And there is no turning back once started. If stuck — one would be in the hands of the gods. We started to climb — in low gear — and within minutes our speed dropped to 2 (repeat 2 — two) miles per hour. Fortunately, there were no cars coming down the pass. In places the only way this magnificent vehicle continued to perform was because we "talked" to it, and even then we only succeeded by twisting and turning the wheels viciously and praying.

It is not enough to say "we made it". The eastern descent was equally as steep and was negotiated only by several brake stops and by traveling very, very S-l-o-w-l-y.

Last month, in an attempt to rate your technical and operational maintenance knowledge, our column took the form of a multiple-choice test. We gave you 10 questions and, beneath each question, 4 choices for the correct answer; — A, B, C and/or D. Here, once again, are the questions and, this time, the correct answers. Check your score.

1. Recommended engine oil change interval is?

A. 3 Months/3,000 Miles

Oil does not wear out, but it does become dirty, diluted by crank-case acids and most importantly, the additives break down. Oil is cheap compared to any engine repair.

2. The vehicle engine oil filter should be changed every?

A. 6 Months/6,000 Miles

3. The transmission oil and filter should be changed at what interval?

B. 12 Months/12,000 Miles

Transmission fluid contains many additives which tend to gradually wear out due to heat and contamination. This is the most overlooked maintenance item, and potentially, the most expensive repair. It is vital that the transmission be serviced even sooner if towing or operating mainly in the mountains.

4. The vehicle final drive (rear end) oil should be changed at what interval?

D. 12 Months/12,000 Miles

Do at the same time as transmission.

5. The chassis should be lubricated how often?

D. 3 Months/3,000 Miles

6. The recommended tire pressures are what?

That's our story, if it's of any value to you. Needless to say, we are very pleased with our GMC's performance and its reliability. Also, we are looking forward to a trip on the Alcan Highway, so would you please send us a copy of the Alaskan itinerary described in a recent issue of the GMC TRAVELER?

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Judson Levensaler

Marrakesh Golf Club
47-112 El Menara Circle
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Our thanks to the Levensaler's for both an interesting and exciting account of their recent conquest of the "Sonora Pass." It was a real tribute to the GMC Motorhome, its construction and particularly its engine and running gear! The Alaskan itinerary is on its way to them and let's hope they stay in touch with the TRAVELER as they sample the adventures of the Alcan!

SERVICE TIPS



By Don Rooker
Supervisor
GMC Motorhome
Service

B. Bias — 60 Radial — 65

Should be checked "cold" which is when driven less than one mile or not driven for three hours.

7. Tires should be rotated how often?

D. 6 Months/6,000 Miles

8. Type oil recommended for the engine is?

A. SE

9. Traction can be increased by doing what?

A. Using snow tires

B. Using tire chains

C. Raising rear of vehicle with air leveling system

D. All of the above

Raising the rear of the vehicle throws more weight on front tires, thus increasing traction. This should only be used in low speed, short term situations: such as a steep, slippery entrance drive. *Caution!* Rear suspension height *must* be returned to normal before operating your vehicle at normal driving speeds.

10. How many filters are on the GMC Motorhome?

D. Ten

Automotive Engine

1. Air
2. Oil
3. Fuel
4. PCV

Motor Generator

5. Air
6. Oil
7. Fuel
8. Transmission
9. Carbon canister
10. Air compressor inlet air filter

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"ANCHORS AWAY" GMC MOTORHOME CLUBS

2nd NATIONAL RALLY, SAN DIEGO 1977

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5th

10:00 am - 6:00 pm ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION
 10:00 am - 6:00 pm SERVICE CLINIC OPEN
 Register for repairs, training classes and vehicle inspections.
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm SOCIAL HOUR
 (BYOB) Ice, mix and soft drinks furnished.
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm LIGHT BUFFET
 8:30 pm - 9:00 pm ORIENTATION BY MAC
 McDONNELL, NATIONAL DIRECTOR
 9:00 pm - "WELCOME" PARTY AND ENTERTAINMENT

12:00 midnight

Final bus departs for Campland.
Please don't miss it!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7th

8:00 am - 9:00 am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (AT TENT)
 8:30 am - 5:00 pm SERVICE CLINIC OPEN (as Thursday)
 9:30 am - 10:15 am "Women's Training Seminar" by Service Department.
 11:00 am Busses board for tour of San Diego or tour of San Diego Zoo and Balboa Park. (Box lunch included.)
 3:30 pm Return to Campland from tours.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6th

8:00 am - 9:00 am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (AT TENT)
 8:30 am - 5:00 pm SERVICE AND INSPECTION REPAIRS PER OCTOBER 5th REGISTRATION SCHEDULE. SERVICE CLINIC OPEN.
 (closed 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm)
 10:00 am - 10:45 am SERVICE TRAINING CLASS (Subject to be announced.)
 10:00 am - 12:00 noon SEMINARS TO BE ANNOUNCED (Microwave cooking, packing, etc.)
 1:30 pm - 2:45 pm OPEN SERVICE DISCUSSION
 3:45 pm Busses begin pickup at Campland to take you to board boats for the Harbor excursion. (2-hour boat trip.)
 6:00 pm ARRIVAL, BY BOAT, AT HOTEL DEL CORONADO
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Cocktail hour at Hotel Del Coronado.
 7:00 pm "The Grand Ball" Dinner and dancing at Hotel Del Coronado.
 10:00 pm First bus leaves Hotel Del Coronado to return to Campland.

EVENING — FREE TO EXPLORE SAN DIEGO AREA!!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8th

8:00 am - 9:00 am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
 9:00 am - 10:00 am SERVICE QUIZ & PRIZES
 10:00 am Busses leave for Tijuana, Mexico — shopping trip and luncheon.
 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm SERVICE TRAINING CLASS (Subject to be announced.)
 5:00 pm Return to Campland from Tijuana, Mexico.
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm SOCIAL HOUR (BYOB) Ice, mix and soft drinks furnished.
 7:00 pm Potluck Dinner at Big Tent. (Main dish furnished by GMC. Bring a favorite dish to serve 6 or more.)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9th

8:00 am - 9:30 am Complete breakfast
 10:00 am Worship service
 12:00 noon DEPARTURE

NOTE: SERVICE CLINIC OPEN DAILY 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. CLOSED 12:00 NOON TO 1:00 PM.
 PLEASE REGISTER FOR SEMINARS, REPAIRS AND INSPECTIONS. EMERGENCY SERVICE ONLY!
 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE # (714) 274-6260
 To communicate with your GMC Motorhome Club Members use CB Channel 14. Contact KSD 0108.

FLASH!!! At presstime we were informed that all GMC Motorhome Club members attending the San Diego "Anchors Away" rally, have been invited to board, and inspect, the famous U.S. Navy Aircraft Carrier, U.S.S. Kitty Hawk, (CV63) at the Naval Air Station in San Diego Bay! Arrangements are being made now to reschedule our bus service to accommodate this most gracious invitation on the part of our Armed Forces and additional details will be awaiting you on your arrival at the San Diego rally.

"ANCHORS AWAY" REGISTRATION

GMC SECOND NATIONAL MOTORHOME OWNERS RALLY — OCTOBER 5-9, 1977 DeANZA (MISSION BAY) CAMPLAND, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

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

GMC CLUB CHAPTER NAME (if any) _____

LAST NAME _____ HUSBAND _____ WIFE _____

CHILDREN (names & ages) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ PHONE (_____) _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

(Two Persons, one unit — \$150.00) \$ _____
 (One Person, one unit — \$85.00) \$ _____
 (____ extra persons 12 or older — \$65.00 each) _____
 (____ children under 12 — \$25.00 each) _____

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

I Register for San Diego Zoo Tour or I Register for City of San Diego Tour

MAIL TO:
 GMC MOTORHOME OWNERS
 ASSOCIATION INC.
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 Pontiac, Michigan 48053

THE CAMARADERIE WAS CONTAGIOUS



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bers was the new line of official GMC Motorhome club jackets, now available to all club members everywhere.

Sunday, July 24, officially tabbed as "Summer Festival Day", dawned bright, clear and sunny and the day's festivities began with an 8:00 a.m. continental breakfast followed by non-denominational church services held in the big rally tent. George Schipper, of the Great Lakers, officiated at the services with June Wyckoff providing music direction. The day was highlighted by a service seminar and quiz offered by Don Rooker, supervisor of GMC Motorhome Service; by special displays of new merchandise and equipment; and an endless series of games, contests and entertainment for the children. Following a special brunch, an old-fashioned band concert was held in the big rally tent with the Wildcat Band of West Genesee High School, of Camillus, New York, entertaining young and old alike.

Sunday evening, as a high-point of the 3-day rally, members and guests were bussed to the Trinkhaus restaurant for an evening of dining and dancing in an atmosphere of superb elegance. The children had their own party at the restaurant, being served and specially entertained in a room of their own. A great evening shared and enjoyed by one and all.

The "Summer Festival" rally went into its final day on Monday the 25th with a special full-complement breakfast and the announcement of the photo contest winners. (Optimistically, we hope to publish the winning entries in the October issue of TRAVELER.) By noon many of the coaches had detached their umbilicals and were departing for the FMCA annual convention in Syracuse, or for an extended vacation jaunt, or for their home ports. The afternoon was devoted to the business of organizing and chartering another new GMC Motorhome club, "The Heritage Cruisers", and with this officially completed, it was "farewell to Verona Beach . . . we'll be GMCEEing you in San Diego!"

AT "SUMMER FESTIVAL" RALLY



"Thru the Windows"

Mac & Gloria McDonnell
EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
GMC MOTORHOME OWNERS
ASSOCIATION



Ohio Wisconsin
New England (Six State Flag)

Our first flag of another country, "Canada".

The "Stars & Stripes", our United States Flag, which has flown over the Capitol of our Nation, and was presented by the GMC CLUB-TIDEWATER CRABS.

On behalf of the clubs who presented their state flags to us, our sincere thanks from all the GMC-MOA, and we plan to fly all of them in San Diego on October 5th.

You will note we are missing a number of the flags, so we urge all clubs attending the San Diego Rally to bring your state flags, so we can fly them with all of those mentioned above.

San Diego will be more fun-filled days, and we shall be looking forward to greeting you at the "GMC-MOA ANCHORS AWAY RALLY", where we shall play together, laugh together, dine together, and dance together in the Del Coronado Grand Ballroom, one of the most famous ballrooms in the world, on beautiful Coronado Island.

In the meantime: "Drive 'em safely, Happy GMCeeing, and we'll see you down the road!"

Mac & Gloria McDonnell
Executive Directors

FIVE NEWCOMERS SWELL GMC CLUB ROLL TO 22!

We're adding five new names to the GMC Motorhome owners Honor Roll this month with the announcement of the formation of five spankin', brand-new clubs! A big and hearty welcome for, the HERITAGE CRUISERS, of New York ... the CUSTOM KLASSICS of Minneapolis ... the MIDWEST TRAVELERS of Des Moines, Iowa ... the COLONIAL TRAVELERS of New Jersey and, last but far from the end of our caravan of newcomers, the ROLLING VAGABONDS of Milwaukee!

ATTENTION

CLOSET PHOTOGRAPHERS
EVERYWHERE:

WE KNOW WHO
YOU ARE . . .

. . . and we aren't about to let you pass up another opportunity like this!

What's the opportunity? It's Photo-Fun IV, the fourth national photo contest for GMC Motorhome Owners. And, although the name has changed, the spotlight remains on fun, excitement, and the chance to win valuable Photo-Fun prizes and awards at the upcoming "Anchors Away" Rally in San Diego, California.

Here's your chance to get those favorite slides and photos out of the closet and into the spotlight . . . the Photo-Fun IV spotlight. It's free, it's easy, and you'll be the judge too! That's right, you'll be both judge and contestant in San Diego as each registered GMC Motorhome Owner will receive one ballot to cast for his or her favorite Photo-Fun Entry.

To enter the contest, simply choose up to five of your favorite color slides or negatives fitting the general theme of "GMCing at its best." Then, record your entries on this registration form and return it with your slides or negatives. Your originals will be returned. You need not be present to win.

The evening was spent at a restaurant, surrounded by a lovely garden setting, with crystal chandeliers overhead, candles softly lighting our tables, very danceable music, and a superb dinner. It was our wedding anniversary, and two of the GMC clubs presented us with a very special cake to commemorate our day, which to say the very least, added another "Golden Page" to our book of fond memories with all of you.

A DREAM COMES TRUE . . .

One by one, they approached the bandstand to present the flags of their various states, and the GMC Motorhome Owners Association "Court of Flags" began to grow as each of the members from the clubs presented their state flags.

Here are the flags now represented for the Court of Flags:

Alabama	Kentucky
Arizona	Maryland
Delaware	Michigan
Florida	Nevada
Illinois	New York
Indiana	North Carolina

GMC PHOTO-FUN IV ENTRY FORM

(Entries must be received by Sept. 19, 1977 to allow for processing)

Slide/Neg #

TITLE OR DESCRIPTION

MAIL TO:
GMC Photo-Fun IV
% Cliff Brackett, Room 210
660 South Boulevard East
Pontiac, Michigan 48053

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____
Zip Code _____

GMC MOTORHOME CLUBS, COAST-TO-COAST



Club President

Club President

Club President

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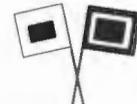
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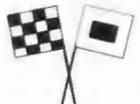
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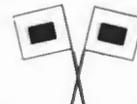
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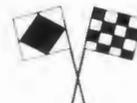
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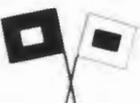
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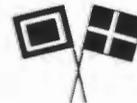
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HERITAGE



CRUISERS

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Anyone seeking membership information on any of these clubs is urged to contact the President as listed.

This Directory of GMC Motorhome Clubs will be published in The TRAVELER from time to time for your use and reference. We suggest that you save this page and post it...in your coach or at home...in a spot that will be easy for you to find. As new GMC Clubs are added we'll update the National Directory and republish it here for your use and information.

GMC COLONIAL TRAVELERS

"First rally" at the
KOA Campground in
East Stroudsburg, New Jersey,
October 14, 15 & 16
Contact: Donald Shaw
(201) 538-8676

GMC ELEGANT CRUISERS
(Los Angeles, CA)

September 9-11 at
Refugio State Beach
(15 miles NW of Goleta
on Hwy 101)
Contact: Myron Stahl
(213) 550-7104

GMC FORTY NINERS
(Northern California)

Wine Country Rally
September 22-24 at
Windsorland Trailer Park
9290 Old Redwood Hwy.
Windsor, California.
Contact: Orine Pearson
(209) 524-3749

GMC GREAT LAKERS
(Great Lakes Region)

Entertaining GMC Ohio
Country Club and
GMC Western Reserve Clubs,
Sunny's Campground
Wauseon, OH
September 9-11
Contact: Ann Schipper
(313) 681-9365
Lappan's Private Retreat
Alpena, MI
October 7, 8 & 9
Contact: Margaret Lappan
(517) 356-0072

GMC HERITAGE CRUISERS
(New York State)

Wine Country Tour
September 23-25 at
Geneva, New York
Contact: Kitty Beckstein
(716) 839-0101 . . . or
(716) 549-0270

GMC MIDWEST TRAVELERS

"Octoberfest" at the
Safari Campground,
Amana, Iowa
October 7, 8 & 9
Contact: Ruth Maughan
(319) 277-1155

GMC NORTHERN STARS . . .
and**GMC CUSTOM KLASSICS**

"Autumn Rally" at the
Breeze Campground,
Park Rapids, Minnesota
September 31, October 1 & 2
Contact: Jan Softing
(218) 233-5903

GMC ROLLING VAGABONDS

At Styza's on Okauchee Lake,
a "Spanferkel Rally"
September 16, 17 & 18
A "Goose Watch" on
Horicon Marsh,
October 28-30.
Contact: Alice Styza
(414) 782-3136

GMC SIX WHEELERS
(Illinois area)

Rally at Elkhart, IND
September 23-25
"Halloween Rally"
October 28-30
Contact: Chick & Parker Wiggin
(312) 668-0560

GMC SUNSHINE STATESMEN
(Florida area)

Holiday Inn Travel Park
Riviera Beach, Florida
September 9 & 10
Contact: Bill Morse
(305) 847-3131
Fort Wilderness Rally
Disney World
November 11 & 12
Contact: Geneva Dye
(305) 339-9124

GMC TRAVELIN' TEXANS

Galveston — Freeport KOA
(257 from Freeport or . . .
3005 from Galveston)
September 16-18
Contact: Evan Pancake
(713) 668-2745

GMC YANKEE CLIPPERS
(Nation's Capitol area)

Goose Hollow Campground
Campton, New Hampshire (Sept.)
Christmas Party
December 10 & 11
Independence Harbor
Assonet, MA
Contact: Herb Bernard
(617) 686-9409

AND DON'T FORGET — GMC's
SECOND ANNUAL NATIONAL
MOTORHOME OWNERS RALLY
"Anchors Away" — October 5-9 —
DeAnza (Mission Bay) Campland,
San Diego, California. Registration
for this rally is on page 3.

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