



Motorhome
TRAVELER



NOVEMBER, 1977

“ANCHORS AWAY” RALLY HAILED AS “GREATEST EVER!”



“Worth every mile we drove to get here!” “By far the greatest GMC Rally we’ve ever attended!” “I don’t know when we’ve had such a terrific good time and met so many wonderful people!” “How are you going to top this one?”

These are but four of the score or more of warm and genuine compliments accorded the GMC “Anchors Away” Rally at San Diego’s Mission Bay Campland, October 5-9. With a total of 85 GMC coaches on hand, and more than 180 club members and guests participating in the event-filled program, success was assured from the first moment through the last. Even the weatherman cooperated by providing wider-blue skies and balmy ocean breezes throughout the event to make everyone a firm believer in the adage of San Diego’s “perfect” climate.

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Here’s the way San Diego’s Mission Bay Campland looked early on opening day of the “Anchors Away” Rally . . . with first arrivals rapidly settling in, exchanging greetings, and already enjoying what proved to be a most memorable get-together for all participants.

LETTERS



To The Editor

Dear Friends:

What a delightful time we all enjoyed at San Diego. We are most grateful for your expert guidance in setting up such an appealing program. Right now, we already have six tentative attendees for Wisconsin next year. Thelma and I might even make it to the winter rally and Wisconsin.

V. G. Lambert
Monterey, California
GMC Forty Niners

Dear Traveler:

On a recent trip, Mary and I had driven a long way back into the hills to a State Park and were slowly driving around the camping area hunting a campsite for the night.

I had stopped to look at a site on the right when Mary said, "This looks great, let's pull in here." I immediately turned to the right and started in. After moving forward a short distance, my coach shuddered to a stop. I had cut too short and the right rear had dropped down. I was tipped at a crazy angle. I got out and looked — my two right rear wheels were down in a dry ditch — one wheel hanging free and my frame on the roadbed.

I got in the coach and tried to go forward — the wheels spun, I tried to back up — the wheels spun. Oh boy! What now? I'm really stuck out here in the boonies.

I got out and looked at my leaning coach. I had visions of a crane, a bulldozer or whatever it would take to handle a big rig like my GMC. The nearest phone was a 3 mile hike.

Suddenly I had an idea. I got into my coach and set that right side Electro-Leveler switch to "raise". I got out and watched that beautiful system function. When the air compressor stopped, I looked at my frame — it was a scant half inch above the roadbed. I got in the coach and put it in reverse. It backed out so smoothly . . . as if floating on air.

What a beautiful system!

Norman & Mary Wood
"Roving Clippers"
c/o E. Ramsay
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In last month's issue of our GMC TRAVELER, our full page announcement of the new 1978 GMC Motorhome stated that the unit featured, as standard equipment, a 40-gallon Holding Tank. This has been changed to a 36 gallon Holding Tank, thus giving you 12% more capacity and fewer dumping stops, rather than the 25% our announcement indicated.

"Thru the Windows"

Mac & Gloria McDonnell
EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
GMC MOTORHOME OWNERS
ASSOCIATION



THE YANKEES WON THE WORLD SERIES!

Which, of course, is no longer news, but history!

The GMC Club "ANCHORS AWAY RALLY" at San Diego is now history also, but there are hundreds of beautiful memories which linger with all who attended, and another Golden Page has been added to our GMC Club Fun-tivities.

We attempted to highlight each day with an event that would be worthy of adding something exciting to the rally, and from your wonderful letters expressing your appreciation, we feel we accomplished our goal. "THANK YOU!"

The visit to the very famous Aircraft Carrier "Kitty Hawk" hosted by her Commanding Officer, Captain Ned Hogan, was one of those highlights. The visit aboard was arranged by Rear Admiral, Retired GMC Club-49'ers President V. G. Lambert. We would like to review some of the statistics concerning the ship's complements and give you some idea of how impressive our visit aboard was to all of us:

DID YOU KNOW . . .

- * The Kitty Hawk is home port to over 200 aircraft!
- * She carries, in her fuel tanks, 2,222,487 gallons of diesel and 2 million gallons of aviation fuel!
- * The ship is home, when at sea, to 5,000 officers and men! A good size town in anyone's book.
- * The Kitty Hawk will distill 380,000 gallons of water per hour with her sea water system.
- * Generators produce 16,000,000 watts for her electrical systems.
- * Her galley produces 15,000 meals per day, and we, at one time, thought our little family was eating us out of house and home!

We mention these statistics just in passing, for many of our club members indicated that they were not aware of these valued facts concerning one of our ships at sea . . . a great ship of the U.S. Navy, yours, and ours.

More memories are associated with our trip to Tijuana, Mexico, where the GMC Club 49'ers led everyone in a conga line that eventually involved the restaurant management sharing in the dance and laughter of the night.

From the stage of the famous Del Coronado Hotel's Grand Ball Room, it was our pleasure to witness some of the most beautiful people on earth, dancing, singing, and dining together . . . our beloved GMC Motorhome Owners.

Many of the group took home prizes that shall serve as an added memory to the "Anchors Away Rally" — for (in number) we drew names for 63 door prizes . . . and that's a bunch!

What's next? Well, mark your calendars right now for two of the biggest GMC happenings of your lifetime . . . we are going to the Southland for our Winter Rally in March. It is birthday time, and we shall herald our second year as an organized GMC Club, and this year celebrate as the "GMC Motorhome Owners Association, Inc." . . . and the patch will bear two candles for all of those who attend.

Our dreams have looked toward the day when we would tell you that GMC will hold a "Grand National Rally," and it is with pleasure that we announce the dream will come true.

DATES: July 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 1978

SITE: Beautiful Wisconsin . . .

Our plans will offer a rally that has never been done by any other motorhome club, and we have programs planned that should allow us to suggest to all of you, that, without any doubt, we shall have created a number of motorhome rally firsts.

We were asked a number of times, at the San Diego rally, (by the owners) this question: "How can you possibly top this one?" Our reply to each person asking the question was just this: "Come to the next rally, and we shall attempt to prove that it will be done!"

That invitation is extended to all of you . . . we think that we can top the rally now past and we need your help to prove it.

In the meantime — "Drive 'em Safely, Happy GMCceing, and we shall see you all, down the road."

Mac and Gloria McDonnell
Executive Directors

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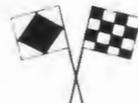
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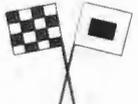
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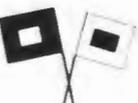
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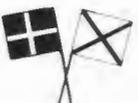
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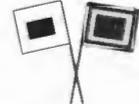


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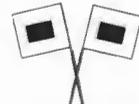
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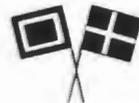
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Anyone seeking membership information on any of these clubs is urged to contact the President as listed.

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.

"GREATEST EVER!"

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Highlight of the Rally, hands down, was the Friday visit to the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk, the giant aircraft carrier that hosted the entire GMC Motorhome Club group to an on-board visit, inspection and survey. Coming in a very close second was the "Grand Ball Dinner Dance" at San Diego's fabulous Del Coronado Hotel. Many were the compliments heaped on this distinguished and historic hostelry for its food, its service, its decor and, thus, a perfect background for the evening of dancing to music provided by GMC.

A host of door prizes were awarded by drawing during the course of the Rally, 63 winning names being drawn in all, and lucky recipients received everything from camp directories to Barbie Doll replicas of the GMC Motorhome to Micro-wave ovens. The Micro-Wave, by Frigidaire, was the Grand Door prize and it was awarded to John and Jo Weesner, of San Jacinto, California, members of the GMC Pacific Cruisers; first prize of a Thermasan II, by Thetford Corporation, was won by John Mitchell of Tucson, Arizona; second prize, consisting of a set of matched Alcoa oven pans from Norcold, was awarded to Leon

Siegel of Monticello, New York, a member of the GMC Heritage Cruisers; third and fourth prizes of Delco Citizen Band radios went to John Holling, of Ukiah, California, and Ms. Ruth Winzen, of San Ramon, California.

A special award was made to Ken and Margaret Dammen, members of the GMC Forty Niners, for having the oldest GMC coach at the rally. The Dammen's unit was the 69th produced by GMC Truck and Coach in 1973.

A special award, in the form of a commemorative plaque of appreciation, went to Rear Admiral V. G. Lambert, Retired, president of the GMC Forty Niners, for arranging the historic visit to the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk.

As the last GMC coach eased out of San Diego's Campland on that bright and sun-washed Sunday of October the 9th, the one question uppermost in every participant's mind was, "How can GMC ever top this one?"

We'll just have to wait for time, circumstances and loads of careful planning to find the answer to that one!





PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS KNOW HOW TO TAKE PICTURES . . . AS WELL AS MAKE PICTURES . . . WITH THEIR GMC MOTORHOMES

The voting was spirited, competition was keen, opinions were sharply divided on who had gotten the most out of his or her subject, but the winning ribbons ended all controversy. The winners were praised for the perfection of their work — the losers were lauded for their valiant efforts.

Top prize for a photograph entitled, "Live Oaks and Spanish Moss — Evangeline Country", went to Mrs. Evan Pancake, a member of the GMC Travelin' Texans, from Bellaire, Texas. Mrs. Pancake won first prize of a Kenco Automatic Folding Projector Table.

Second prize, for a photograph entitled, "Reflections", was awarded to David Linebaugh of Ypsilanti, Michigan. Linebaugh's prize consisted of the complete Time/Life Technical Photography Library.

Third prize, consisting of a portable photo copy stand, went to Bill and Cin Ruth of Rancho Palos Verde, California, for their entry, "Ports of Call — First GMC Houseboat."

Fourth and final prize, awarded to Mable Hilliker of Lakewood, California, was a slide sorter and filer system and was in recognition of her entry, "My Three Pets."

All entries in the San Diego competition were on display throughout the Rally, beginning with Registration Day, October 5th, and the display drew a steady and interested gallery throughout the entire Rally. It is hoped at some future Rally that all past Photo Con entries, winners and non-winners alike, can be shown in one grand mass display to demonstrate not only the beauty of our coaches — but the creativity of our member-owners as well.



"LIVE OAKS AND SPANISH MOSS — EVANGELINE COUNTRY"



"REFLECTIONS"



"PORTS OF CALL — FIRST GMC HOUSEBOAT"



"MY THREE PETS"

Now that the new models are rolling down the production line, there are two important changes that will affect the servicing and operation of your 1978 GMC Motorhome.

First of all, the gross vehicle weight rating has been increased from 11,700 lbs. on the 1977 26-foot model, to 12,500 lbs. on the 1978 model. This will allow you to carry an additional 800 lbs. without exceeding the gross vehicle weight rating.

Second, a new item has been added to

the Vehicle Maintenance Schedule for the 1978 model. A maintenance interval for front and rear wheel bearings is now required every 24,000 miles. The front wheel bearings should be cleaned and repacked with high melting point lubricant Part No. 1051344. The rear wheel bearings should be cleaned and repacked with lithium soap multi-purpose chassis grease, meeting requirements GM 6031-M. For further details, refer to the 1978 Vehicle Maintenance Schedule.



SERVICE TIPS



*By Don Rooker
Supervisor
GMC Motorhome
Service*

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GMC "FUN-TIVITIES"



GMC FUN-TIVITIES AFTER/WORD . . .

With Verona Beach, New York and Mission Bay Campland, San Diego, successfully behind us, we thought this might be a good time and place to review some of the recent activities of our individual GMC Clubs. If you keep us updated, and continue to send along the facts and the details, we'll turn out one of those "what's happening?" columns every now and then. Then all your fellow GMC club members will know what you've been doing. And enjoying.

The GMC Prairie Schooners made waves this past summer with a combined Land/Water Cruiser Rally at Lake of the Ozarks. It was the Schooners "first", and as they gathered at Page Boat Yard, 'neath the beautiful Ozark trees, it afforded all members a pleasant "get acquainted" time. After the customary continental breakfast and club business meeting, the Schooners formed a caravan to Millstone Lodge at Laurie, Missouri where they joined the water cruisers. A champagne cruise aboard the 42' "Type High" motor yacht, with Captain Ray France at the helm, provided one and all with a fun-filled afternoon. The evening was highlighted by a genuine out-of-doors pig roast that proved delectable to one and all. Sunday's buffet, offering a choice of 3 meat dishes, eggs, juice, fresh fruit, hashbrowns, biscuits, gravy and grits, afforded a grand finale for a GALA "first ever" Rally!

The Travelin' Texans, 10 coaches strong, took to the Texas beaches for their September Rally, and, despite blistering weather and blustering mosquitoes, report that one and all had a most enjoyable time. Saturday morning's breakfast gathering was brightened by an excellent assortment of Kolaches, and Saturday evening's repast of barbecued chicken almost proved to be a marathon of enjoyment in the endless number of covered dishes that were served. One member brought a large cake decorated with a full-color replica of one of the club patches. In addition to providing the chickens for the barbecue, Frank Gillman Motor Homes also provided a number of door prizes for the group drawings held following dinner. At the business meeting, it was decided to hold the next Travelin' Texans Rally in San Antonio in January of 1978. Jim and Teena Hill, of Media, Texas, were charged with the responsibility for arrangements.

The Tidewater Crabs Rally was held, also, in September, at the Cunningham Falls State Park in Thurmont, Md. Ten GMC coaches were in attendance with 30 club members enjoying the area, the occasion, and each other's company. Following a delicious potluck dinner, the Tidewater Crabs business meeting resulted in a decision affiliating their club with GMC-MOA. The Rally was hosted by Frank and Grace Riggs, and Ed and Betty Jo Wharff.

And, finally, way down south in Meridian, Mississippi, Mr. and Mrs. Ham E. Sanders celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, October 22nd. Our warmest congratulations and best wishes for 50 more to both "Ham" and "Big" on this joyous occasion . . . from each and every member of the GMC Motorhome Owners Clubs, coast-to-coast.

Remember, we'll make this *your* column if you make the effort to get your news to us. Just address it to: Nancy McCamy, GMC TRAVELER, 660 South Boulevard East, Room 210, Pontiac, Michigan 48053.

Newt Crain (l) and Dee Pancake (r) take a proud stance with the "GMC Travelin' Texans" new "patch" tire cover.



GMC Prairie Schooners enjoy first Rally at Lake of Ozarks

GMC ELEGANT CRUISERS

Club Birthday Bash
November 11-13
Carriage Place Campground
Contact: Myron Stahl
(213) 550-7104

GMC FORTY NINERS

Gold Rush Anniversary Rally
November 11-13
Sutter's Mill Retreat
Coloma, California
Contact: Don Kuhn
(916) 483-1603

GMC MIDWEST TRAVELERS

Planned Meeting for 1978
November 11 & 12
Fort Dodge, Iowa
Contact: Bob & Elaine Zellers
Ft. Dodge, Iowa

Annual Meeting

January 20 & 21, 1978
Adventureland Inn
Des Moines, Iowa
Contact: Gary Friedman
(515) 278-7047

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS

Fall Rally
November 11-13
Elfin Forest Ranch
Escondido, California
Contact: Abe Sandler
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GMC SUNSHINE STATESMEN

(Florida area)
Fort Wilderness Rally
Disney World
November 11 & 12
Contact: Geneva Dye
(305) 339-9124

GMC TIDEWATER CRABS

Thanksgiving Rally
November 11-13
Westminster, Maryland
Contact: Fred Woodcock
(301) 926-6431

GMC SAGUARO JETSET

First Birthday Celebration
November 11, 12 & 13
Katherine Landing,
Casa Grande, Arizona
Contact: Dr. Earl Gilbert
3010 Van Marter Court
Kingman, Arizona 86401
602-753-5451

GMC YANKEE CLIPPERS

(Nation's Capitol area)
Christmas Party
December 10 & 11
Independence Harbor
Assonet, Massachusetts
Contact: Herb Bernard
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MISSISSIPPI RIVER FIESTA...

GMC MOTORHOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION... WINTER RALLY

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA MARCH 1-5, 1978

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1978

Arrival and Registration
 Orientation - coffee and doughnuts
 Mardi Gras Champagne Birthday Party
 — our second birthday
 Buffet and Dixieland Band

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1978

Breakfast at a world famous restaurant
 followed by a tour of the city of
 New Orleans.
 Seminars throughout the day
 Free evening*

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1978

Coffee and hot French doughnuts
 (Beignets)
 Seminars throughout the day
 Mississippi River Cruise
 (On the Sternwheeler
 Steamboat Natchez)
 with dinner and dance band.
 Free evening*

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1978

Continental breakfast
 Seminars throughout the day
 Potluck dinner and entertainment

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 1978

Champagne breakfast

*You'll
 love
 New
 Orleans
 And she'll love you
 right back*

NOTES: *A night tour of New Orleans is included with your registration fee. Choose Thursday or Friday!
 Your Registration Fee includes all activities and parking. Look for more specific details in future issues of the TRAVELER.
 Buses will be available to the French Quarter for shopping and sightseeing each day.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER FIESTA GMC MOTORHOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION WINTER RALLY NEW ORLEANS TRAVEL PARK, 7323 Chef Menteur Hwy, New Orleans, LA

Limited space available.

Send your reservation as soon as possible!!

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

Your reservation will be confirmed. THE DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS JANUARY 31, 1978.

GMC CLUB CHAPTER NAME (if any) _____
 LAST NAME _____ HUSBAND _____ WIFE _____
 CHILDREN (names & ages) _____
 STREET ADDRESS _____ PHONE () _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

| | After Jan. 31st |
|--|--------------------|
| Two Persons, one unit — | |
| \$150.00 | \$165.00 |
| One Person, one unit — | |
| \$ 85.00 | \$ 95.00 |
| _____ extra persons | |
| (12 or older) \$ 75.00 each ... | \$ 85.00 |
| _____ children under 12 | |
| (under 6 - free) \$ 37.50 each ... | \$ 47.50 |
| I am enclosing a check for: (Total) | \$ _____ |

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