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New Orleans Charms Fiesta-goers

Breakfast at Brennan's, Thursday, March 2, 1978.

If you were there, you'll never forget it. If you weren't, you'll hear about it in future talk-sessions with fellow GMC Motorhome owners who were.

Because that breakfast — "a two-hour gourmet's delight" with GMC Truck & Coach Division playing host for the whole gang — had to be the high point of the GMC-MOA "Mississippi River Fiesta and Second Birthday Party" Rally in New Orleans on March 1-5. That's strong praise, since the program was studded with many high moments.

As with other rallies, the Fiesta/Birthday Party drew attendance from all

corners of the country. By the time all comers rolled to rest at the New Orleans Travel Park campground, the count showed 178 coaches and more than 300 registrants.

Arrivals were greeted by the people who put the show together — Mac and Gloria McDonnell, Executive Directors of GMC-MOA, and the GMC crew manning the Big Tent and the Service Tent. Backing up the Service group, for on-site seminars and service, were representatives of Superior Pontiac-GMC

Even before Mac McDonnell pulled the gang together for an orientation session, the special character of New Orleans — or, at least, of the New Orleans cuisine — was

introduced. This came in the serving of coffee and beignets — that flavored-like-no-other New Orleans coffee, and those light, fluffy melt-in-the-mouth New Orleans substitutes for doughnuts. Typical comment: "Can't be duplicated anywhere!"

The orientation meeting served as an official welcome and a preview and up-date of the activities schedule. What followed for the balance of the five days was a warm blend of motorhomer's fellowship and some touches of business, tourist-style sightseeing and technical conferences on GMC service, and enjoyment of the charms of New Orleans with the fun of a GMC-MOA rally.

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SUMMER RALLY PLANS ARE SHAPING UP FOR GMC-MOA

Mark your calendar. Mail in your preliminary reservation. And stand by for full details on plans for the Summer Rally of GMC Motorhome owners!

Here are the basics.

Dates: July 19 to 23, Wednesday to Sunday.

Place: Lake Lawn Lodge, Delavan, Wisconsin. On Wisconsin Highway 50, three miles east of Delavan, nine miles west of Lake Geneva.

Site: Right on Delavan Lake.

Attractions: 275 acres of playtime country. Facilities for swimming, tennis, golf, sailing, cycling, fishing, horseback riding. A game room. And more.

Also, of course, all those GMC-MOA good people to enjoy fellowship with! And a wide array of fun-and-excitement events in the rally spirit.

So — mark your calendar. Mail in your preliminary reservation. And plan now to be at the Summer Rally!



Winner of first prize in the GMC Photo-Fun V contest was this photo by Bob Kennedy, Houston. Bob's title for the photo: "Tranquility."

LETTERS



To The Editor

Dear Maryann:

We have just returned home from a month in the Arizona desert country and in our wanderings ran into a couple from Iowa who didn't know about the GMC TRAVELER. I promised to send their address to you — Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Groe, RR 3, Burlington, Iowa 52601. They own their second GMC and I'm sure haven't logged more than 5,000 miles on both vehicles.

I would like to add my "Thank you's" for a wonderful party at San Diego. It was fabulous and I'm sorry so many missed it. I'm sorry that we will have to miss New Orleans, but hope to see you all in Wisconsin.

Best wishes.

Mary Louise Hogan
Santz Cruz, CA

Dear Maryann and Nancy:

Thanks again for a fantastic rally at New Orleans. You good GMC people who put it all together really do a fine job. Keep up the good work.

One doesn't realize what a beautiful country we live in until you see it "through the windows" of a GMC. It's a delight to travel in and a pleasure to drive.

Our sincere thanks to all you good people who selected our picture, "Good Morning, Mr. Presidents", for third prize. We sure will make good use of the slide sorter.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smock
Meadville, PA

Dear Maryann,

On behalf of the Gateway Motor Cruisers of the St. Louis Area, please accept our sincerest thanks for your participation in the GMC-MOA "Mississippi River Fiesta Rally." We wanted you to know how much we appreciate all your efforts and hard work to give us five fun-filled days in New Orleans.

Ann Evans
Bridgeton, MO
Gateway Motor Cruisers

CAMERA ENTHUSIASTS CAPTURE GREAT MOTORHOME MOMENTS

The display of Photo-Fun V contest entries at the GMC-MOA "Mississippi River Fiesta" in New Orleans revealed several truths about GMC Motorhome owners who wield cameras. The display proved that our camera enthusiasts can make:

1. Dozens of good photographs.
2. Impressive pictorial records of the highlights of travel in a GMC Motorhome.
3. Problems for judges who have to decide which four among many, many striking pictures deserves to be ranked as the best.

When the judges completed their task, the top honors for Photo-Fun V were awarded to Bob Kennedy, Houston, Texas. His picture, "Tranquility," on the front page of this issue, was made during a stop while en route from Los Angeles to Las Vegas. Bob's prize was a SLIK S103 tripod system.

Jim and Shirley Coley, Vallejo, California, caught the geometric sweep of a bridge against a cloud pattern, in "Sunset on Coronado Island." Their second-prize award consisted of a Da-Lite slide screen and a Harwood projector table.

"Good Morning, Mr. Presidents" earned third prize for Robert L. Smock, Meadville, Pennsylvania. He photographed the Mt. Rushmore Memorial with the four great Americans in bright morning sunshine beyond his GMC unit. His prize — a Logan slide sorter/viewer.

Mrs. Colleen King, Chillicothe, Missouri, photographed her personal version of what has to be a great memory for every GMC Motorhome owner — the first campsite with the unit in place. For "My Two Loves and Our First Campsite," Mrs. King won a Velbon unipod.



This spectacular skyscape, "Sunset on Coronado Island," took second prize when GMC photo entries were judged at the Mississippi River Fiesta. The photo was entered by Jim and Shirley Coley, Vallejo, California.



In the Black Hills, Robert L. Smock of Meadville, Pennsylvania, stepped out into an October sunrise to photograph Mt. Rushmore. His photo, "Good Morning, Mr. Presidents," took third-place honors at New Orleans.



Mrs. Colleen King, Chillicothe, Missouri, was fourth-prize winner among Photo-Fun V competitors with this picture. The title: "My Two Loves and Our First Campsite."

PLAQUES OFFERED TO OWNERS OF 100,000-MILE MOTORHOMES

Are you, as a GMC Motorhome Owner, eligible for what has to be one of the most exclusive motoring clubs in the world?

You are if your GMC Motorhome has clocked 100,000 miles in its travel!

Right now, this exclusive group has two known members. They are Roland and Ruth Wilbur, of Colfax, California, who are members of the GMC Elegant Cruisers, and Elliott Sanders, of Memphis, Tennessee.

Both of these owners have been presented 100,000-mile plaques by GMC Truck & Coach Division. The Rolands, first to receive this recognition, were presented their plaque at the Verona Beach State Park rally last summer — which they attended in their 1973 unit of many happy miles.

Owners of other 100,000-mile coaches

are urged to make their eligibility known to GMC Truck & Coach. Give us the basic information — year, model, and number of your GMC Motorhome and a statement of the miles traveled. We'll also welcome any comments about those travels, such as your most memorable experience, where you were when the odometer clicked out the 100,000, and the like. Comments and tips on your unit's performance would also be helpful.

This information should be sent to: GMC Motorhome TRAVELER, GMC Truck & Coach, 660 South Boulevard East, Room 210, Pontiac, MI 48053.

Given the facts, GMC Truck & Coach will be happy to present each GMC 100,000-mile Motorhome Club member a plaque marking a real travel achievement!

"Thru the Windows"



Mac & Gloria McDonnell
EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
GMC MOTORHOME OWNERS
ASSOCIATION

A VERY MAGIC PALACE

This column offers a slight departure from the usual, and we hope you bear with us for touching upon some personal experiences in the lives of the McDonnells!

Our story begins with Nicole and Alexia, two young ladies recently arrived in the United States from London, England. These two girls are our nieces, and are responsible for awakening us to some very important realities concerning our motorhome. It is far too often that we take the things surrounding us for granted, failing to realize the true values of the treasures we in America hold in our hands.

It is true that English companies build motorhomes. But those are on a scale much more compact than the mini-motorhomes produced in this country. And certainly English motorhomes do not contain all the refined support systems of our GMC Motorhomes. I offer this comment as background so that, in reporting the details, the total picture will be clear. For the experiences reflected here can be of value only when we understand that in America we have so much to be thankful for.

Upon an invitation from the Myron Stahl Family (he is President of GMC-MOA Elegant Cruisers Chapter), who spent a holiday in Arizona, we headed North to Sedona, Arizona. There we would join with them, as well as other GMC Motorhome Owners, for a weekend of touring, sight-seeing, camping, and — very importantly — GMCeeing. Neither of our nieces had ever seen a Class A motorhome before, nor so much as touched a unit, let alone entered a vehicle as beautifully appointed as our GMC Motorhome. So the feeling to them was that of entering into a fairyland for the first time ever.

Prior to boarding for the trip, we had filled the motorhome with all the provi-

sions for the tour. And as we began to motor down the city streets to the outer boundaries of the foothills, the first comment came from the girls: "Uncle Mawk, it's so quiet, it moves softly like a caterpillar — and as swiftly as the falcon flies."

Thereafter we entered the "Super Slabs" of the Interstate, heading due North toward the High Country. With the big engine humming, and singing its praises for another day of freedom, that beautiful GMC seemed to know it held two little girls who truly believed they were flying on a magic carpet. Yes, indeed they were. For the fields of the desert were filled with blanket after blanket of wild flowers, becoming more like a Garden of Eden as the miles quickly slipped past.

With all the colors of the rainbow stretching from horizon to horizon, and the sudden appearance of the Red Rocks of Sedona framing the entire scene, it was to prompt another question: "Auntie Glo, who made America so beautiful?"

We'll hesitate here for you to answer this question for yourself. But take a few moments before you reply, because it can really make your mind begin to spin.

We, of course, related that God was the Master Builder, then related that many great men crossed this Nation to build the highways so that these earthly wonders could be seen by many. First the roads accommodated the horse and stage. Then the rails of steel brought the powerful locomotive pulling its passenger rail cars to these mountain tops. We explained the invention of the automobile, which required these beautiful highways to be built, so many more people could visit the Gardens of the Gods. And from the automobile was born the motorhome, so that even while traveling in the rugged territories, we could be as comfortable as we would be at home — for this was a home, and even more, it is "Our Castle to visit a Fairyland."

Now let us speak of miracles. For as we pulled into a roadside rest stop to have a late breakfast, we did the normal act of choosing a table and bench for the gala affair.

Glorida took the electric coffee pot and

the electric frying pan to the table, to brew the coffee and prepare the bacon. Meanwhile, Mr. Mac set up the electric grill for pancakes and to fry the eggs.

We stretched our electric cord from motorhome to appliances, attaching them to the main system 110-volt outlet, which is on the curbside of our motorhome exterior. Then we fired the APU (Onan Auxiliary Power Unit), which performed to perfection as it sent the power to the various appliances scattered around the site.

Here it was, food cooking, pots boiling, and breakfast being prepared — but where was the campfire? Well, of course, we were calling upon all the support systems of the motorhome to aid us in preparing this meal. But — being many miles removed from the nearest electric power lines — people stared, people questioned: "HOW?"

All of you know how this is done, for you own a GMC Motorhome. But for those who have never shared or witnessed such a performance, this just had to bring forth the questions!

From the mouths of babes came the most appropriate reply to all the questioning: "Uncle Mawk and Auntie Glo have a Very Magic Palace. It's what you call a GMC Motorhome!"

We are first to admit, we take so much for granted. But stop for a moment to consider the miracle we hold in our hands with these GMC Motorhomes. Yes, it is one. And we are proud to be a part of this very Special Miracle!

Swiftly as the falcon flies, softly as the caterpillar moves, a very Magic Palace, a Miracle to behold, and as the sun rose that day high over the mountain tops, the voices of the choir were heralding Easter Morning over the Grand Canyon.

On July 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 1978, the GMC Motorhome Owners Association will gather for a National GMC Rally in the state of Wisconsin. We hope you plan to join us there, so we can share "Our Miracles" in good FUN and GMC FELLOW-SHIP.

In the meantime — "Drive 'em safely, Happy GMCeeing, and we will be GMCing you soon!"

Yes, please include us as an "OFFICIAL MEMBER" to: THE GMC MOTORHOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Please send an application today:

NAME _____
First Last

ADDRESS _____
Street

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

I do understand dues for joining GMC-MOA, INC., will be \$25.00 per year, and a \$5.00 filing fee, which must be included in my application for membership in the GMC MOTORHOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION.

PLEASE NOTE: Do not send check or money order with this request for your membership. We will immediately mail you an application form upon receipt of your request.

SIGNED: _____

MAIL REQUESTS TO: GMC-MOA, INC.,
P.O. Box 2005
ACT TODAY Scottsdale, AZ 85252

CAMERA CATCHES GMCers ENJOYING NEW

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In a capsule run-down, the notable social and fun events included:

— The opening-day social hour and Southern Buffet, with the greeting of old friends and the meeting of new. Scrumptious chicken and fixings.

— The Second Birthday Party, spinning on from the buffet. Beautiful birthday cakes to be cut and nibbled after being admired and judged — with Thelma Fitch, of the GMC-MOA Elegant Cruisers Chapter, winning first prize among the cake entries. People in Mardi-Gras style costumes, and everyone in costume a prizewinner. And champagne toasts in number to mark the birthday.

— Breakfast at Brennan's. An extravaganza in this world-famed restaurant. Tables in rooms set around a central courtyard, and in the courtyard. A menu to be remembered, including — if you tried the dish — Bananas Foster. And even a strolling violinist.

— City tours, everything from the Superdome to cemeteries. "Bourbon Street at night is a hodgepodge of humanity where the carnival spirit prevails . . . theatrical bright lights, jazz bands blaring, flags and banners flying from lace work balconies."

— River cruise, dampened by rain and chilly weather — but not to the extent of dampening GMCers congeniality and enjoyment of one another's company for a truly unusual look at the host city. Good food and good music, of course!

— Potluck Dinner, a flood of excellent dishes by the roaming chefs of GMC-MOA meant "more food than we could eat." Another gourmet experience, the roast beef entree prepared by Leopoldo Hirsch, Executive Chef at Ro Jé's Restaurant. Fabulous!

— Ice Cream Party, with what seemed to be tons of ice cream from another famous New Orleans name, Farrell's. Yummy!

— Sunday breakfast, catered by McDonald's of New Orleans. Traditional in scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, orange juice. Unusual and festive with champagne flowing freely!

Sidelights? How about the discovery that in New Orleans a nickel still pays for a phone call? And the "innumerable antique shops on Royal Street" as a treat for buffs and browsers both?

But it had to end. So the memorable Fiesta/Birthday Party broke up on Sunday, March 5, with some coaches heading home while others made for the next stop on a long-trip itinerary.

Of course, there were farewell gifts — to go with those goodies received on registration.

And many pledges to "See you in Wisconsin!"



ORLEANS FIESTA/BIRTHDAY PARTY



PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION

GMC Motorhome Owners National Summer Rally — July 19-23, 1978

Lake Lawn Lodge, Delavan, Wisconsin

Please be sure to send me/us complete information on the Summer Rally as soon as it is available. If I/we decide to complete this registration, I/we will make it firm by mailing check or money order to cover the registration fee.

GMC-MOA CHAPTER NAME (if any) _____

LAST NAME _____ HUSBAND _____ WIFE _____

CHILDREN (names & ages) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ PHONE (____) _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Mail to: GMC Motorhome Owners Association, Inc.
 c/o Mac McDonnell
 P.O. Box 2005
 Scottsdale, AZ 85252



Pleasant, comfortable travel through as much as 40,000 miles a year. That's what a GMC Motorhome provided for Roy Hope (left) and his family — wife Rose; daughters Janet, Kristin, and Karen; and son Brett — in the wide-ranging concert ministry of the Hope Evangelistic Association.

Hope Family's GMC Motorhome Rolls 125,000 Miles in Ministry

From early 1974 through January, 1978, the GMC Motorhome owned by Roy and Rose Hope traveled 125,000 miles. Purpose: To carry the Hopes — and, during summers and on school-time weekends, their four children — in the wide-ranging concert ministry of the Hope Evangelistic Association.

The Association was founded in 1971. That's when, after several years working in business management and a growing interest in the ministry and evangelism, plus an association with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Roy Hope opted for a full commitment to a new career.

Now his work — in which the entire family shares fully — is a wide-ranging one, with their home in Minneapolis as their base. Take 1977, which Rose Hope describes as fairly typical. The Hopes presented some 250 concerts and other musical programs last year, under sponsorship of churches, clubs, and civic groups. And there were a good number of television and radio program participations, too.

"But these programs involved a different location almost every day," Mrs. Hope says. "And a trip of 300 to 500 miles between concerts isn't unusual."

Meeting the 1977 schedule took the Hope family through some 21 states — "just about every state west of the Mississippi" — and into Mexico and Canada. And put a round 40,000 miles on their GMC Motorhome odometer.

How did the GMC Motorhome perform? "Just marvelous," says Mrs. Hope. "In three years, we had no serious problems,

no major repairs or overhauls. Except," she laughs, "we did wear out some tires!"

Despite outstanding performance, the Hopes rate one other feature of the GMC Motorhome as even better. That feature is the sheer comfort of travel in the GMC coach.

And that's important to the Hopes. Because while a ministry such as theirs is, and has to be, a work of dedication — it can also be physically demanding. The travel distances alone indicate that.

"I can't imagine any other vehicle matching the GMC Motorhome for pleasant, comfortable travel in a schedule such as ours," Mrs. Hope says.

Recently, however, necessity forced Roy and Rose Hope to a reluctant decision. The equipment needed in their concert ministry, such as sound amplifiers, has multiplied to a size and weight taxing the space and load capacity of the GMC Motorhome. So, with regret, they replaced the unit with one built on a truck chassis.

"It does the carrying quite easily," Mrs. Hope says, "but we can really tell the difference in comfort."

Still, the replacement shows the strong impact of the GMC Motorhome. Because the Motorhome's reliability led the Hopes to specify a GMC chassis for the replacement.

"And we'll still be depending on Hall GMC, in Fargo, North Dakota, for all our service needs," Mrs. Hope adds. "On our Motorhome, Hall GMC proved to us they're tops for service!"

TWO BANNERS GIVEN FOR COURT OF FLAGS

A highlight moment of the GMC-MOA "Mississippi River Fiesta" Rally in New Orleans came when the Association was presented with the State Flags of Missouri and Wyoming for addition to our Court of Flags. These banners bring to 21 the number of individual states now represented.

Making the presentation of the Missouri banner were Henry Struss and Charley Laws, on behalf of the Gateway Motor Cruisers Chapter. The Wyoming flag was presented by Floyd Waak, Cheyenne, a member of the Western Wheelers Chapter.

The Court of Flags is a dream project sparked by Mac McDonnell, GMC-MOA Executive Director. The idea is to assemble a permanent collection of flags which would be flown at all national GMC-MOA rallies. The first-phase target is a set of flags representing all states in which GMC-MOA Chapters are located. The second-phase target is representation of all 50 states, plus appropriate national flags.

To this end, all GMC-MOA Chapters are cordially invited to contribute the flag, or flags, of states in which they have members. The flags should be a standard three feet by five feet so that the Court of Flags will maintain a uniform appearance.

Currently our flag collection includes two national and one regional flags — those of the United States, Canada, and New England, respectively — as well as 21 state banners. The states represented are, in alphabetical order:

Alabama, Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, and Indiana.

Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, and New York.

North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Watch for the GMC-MOA Court of Flags on proud display at our next national rally, in Wisconsin in July!

GREAT LAKERS LOSE PETE ZUNITCH

The "Newsletter" of the GMC Great Lakers Chapter brings the sad news of the recent death of Pete Zunitch, a former National Director.

Sally Barbe, "Newsletter" editor, wrote movingly of the recollections of those who travelled with Pete on the Chapter's caravans to Nashville and Syracuse. As she recalled:

"His calm reassurance to 'Come on, gang!' kept two miles of coaches together through times that were new and unsure to us. We travelled in fun and fellowship with him."

GMC-MOA members who knew Pete Zunitch may wish to drop a note to his wife, Ann. Her address is: Ann Zunitch, 253 Toucan, Auburn Heights, MI 48057.



LET'S BLINK OUR LIGHTS IN A GMCer SALUTE

You're tooling down the road in your GMC Motorhome. Then, approaching you, you spot another GMC Motorhome. And immediately there's that natural impulse to get in touch, to communicate, to salute someone who's experiencing and enjoying the same travel pleasures your GMC unit provides for you.

But you can't raise your fellow GMCer on the CB! So what might you do that could be the equivalent of a hearty "Hello! And happy traveling!"

In a sit-around-and-talk session during the "Mississippi River Fiesta" in New Orleans last month, this topic came up for discussion. From the talk, which involved a number of GMC-MOA members as well as Executive Director Mac McDonnell, one suggestion won endorsement as simple, workable, and effective.

As Mac McDonnell puts it:

"How about saluting our fellow owners, and GMC-MOA members, by blinking our headlights three times to an approaching GMC Motorhome? When the CB airways are too crowded to pass good wishes to a fellow GMC Owner, this could be a unique manner of letting one another know we are all reading the same mail.

"Just remember, three blinks of the headlights. First blink for 'G', second blink for 'M', and third for 'C'."

"Got the idea now? Let's communicate!"

GMC FUN-TIVITIES AFTER/WORD

GATEWAY MOTOR CRUISERS BRAVE STORM FOR RALLY

Temperatures hovered near zero. Gusty winds whipped seven inches of snow through the St. Louis area. Ice coated the roads. A major winter storm virtually paralyzed all traffic. And it all happened on the date the GMC Gateway Motor Cruisers had scheduled their Chapter Christmas Party/Rally.

So those hardy GMC-MOA folks braved the cold, the winds, the blowing snow, the icy roads — and rallied to the Viking Restaurant in St. Louis, there to hold their scheduled get-together. Considering the conditions, it had to be a memorable occasion!

Along with the festivities, the Chapter held a business meeting and elected officers for the new year. Those elected were: Charles Law, President; Basil Bickel, Vice President; Ann Evans, Secretary; Nancy Renz, Treasurer; and Henry Struss, National Director.

Saguaro Jetset

Members of the GMC Saguaro Jetset Chapter, 15 coaches and 20 persons strong, rallied in Casa Grande for the annual Indian festival held in February. Highlights of the weekend — beyond viewing the festival parades — included a barbecue, shopping at the Arts and Crafts Center, a business meeting, and loads and loads of good fellowship. And, to vigorous applause from the GMCers and the rest of the audience, the recruiting of Jean Guthmann to be a participant in a circle dance performed by young Papago Indians!

For members Carmon and Clayton Damman, Casa Grande was the departure point for a planned seven-month trip. First stop was the Mississippi River Fiesta Rally at New Orleans.

And on the March 31-April 2 weekend, six coaches and 12 persons represented the Saguaro Jetset at the Long Beach Grand Prix, in Long Beach, California.

GMC GATEWAY MOTOR CRUISERS

Chapter Rally
May 5-7

Hawn State Park
Farmington, MO

Contact: Charles Laws
108 Colorado Ave.
Farmington, MO 63640

GMC GREAT LAKERS

Spring Fling
May 12-14

Groveland/Oaks Park
Holly, Michigan

Contact: Virgil Barbe
843 Sheffield
Madison Hts., MI 48071

GMC ROLLING VAGABONDS

Cherry Blossom Rally
May 19-21

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park
Sturgeon Bay, WI

Contact: Bob & Esther Borkovetz
No. 10, Bay Shore Hts.
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235
(414) 743-5990

GMC SAGUARO JETSET

Chapter Rally
May 19-21

Cochise Stronghold
Dragoon Mountains

Contact: Don Myers
1637 W. Fairmont Dr.
Tempe, AZ 85282
(602) 967-7645

GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS

Peaceful Waters Rally
May 26-29

Newport Dunes

Newport Beach, California

Contact: Abe Sandler
6242 Lake Leven Drive
San Diego, California 92119

GMC GREAT LAKERS

Chapter Rally
June 9-11

Cedar Springs
Sterling, MI

Contact: Jim Kellerman
Jerry Kamm

GMC SAGUARO JETSET

Chapter Rally
June 16-18

Canyon De Chelly
Chinle

Contact: Lindy Lindhoff
13641 Kaanapali Point
Sun City, AZ 85351
(602) 977-9849

GMC GREAT LAKERS

July 14-16

Pioneer Park

North Muskegon, Michigan

Contact: Virgil Barbe
843 Sheffield
Madison Hts.: MI 48071

GMC GREAT LAKERS

August 12-14

Frankenmuth RV Park

Frankenmuth, Michigan

Contact: Virgil Barbe
843 Sheffield
Madison Hts., MI 48071

SERVICE TIPS



By Don Rooker
Supervisor
GMC Motorhome
Service

Now that Spring is right around the corner, many GMC Motorhome owners are getting ready to take their units out of winter storage. Or, if the unit has been in service through the colder months, it's time to de-winterize the living-area systems now that warmer weather is ahead.

This month's column is my recommended list of items to consider in this seasonal chore. Take these as reminders — and refer to the operating manuals and maintenance schedules for your own GMC unit to be sure of satisfying specific requirements.

Yes, this is a preventive maintenance procedure. And it does take some time and care. But this kind of maintenance, in the long run, is far less expensive than breakdown repairs. More important, some attention to maintenance *now* can prevent a ruined weekend or spoiled vacation later. And who needs that?

Spring Check-up

1. Maintenance items, if needed, in accordance with your vehicle's recommended maintenance schedule.
 - A. Chassis Lubrication

1. Lithium-base multi-purpose grease GM Specification 6031-M
2. Points — 17 fittings
 - Front suspension
 - Rear suspension
 - Steering linkage

B. Engine Oil

1. SE quality engine oil
2. SAE 30 single viscosity preferred
3. SAE 10W30 or 10W40 acceptable
4. Filter change with every other oil change

C. Fluid Levels

1. Brake master cylinder reservoir
2. Power steering pump reservoir
3. Engine coolant
4. Transmission
5. Final drive
6. Engine oil
7. Batteries
8. Windshield washer reservoir
9. Air conditioning refrigerant charge

D. Engine Tune-Up, if needed

E. Often Overlooked Items

1. Fuel filter in carburetor base
2. PCV valve and filter
3. Transmission and final drive fluid change
4. Engine cooling system flush and new coolant: Coolant does not lose freeze protection but additives to prevent internal engine corrosion, electrolysis, etc.; can wear out.
5. Radiator — Flush any accumulated contamination and insects from core with water hose and/or compressed air.
6. Final drive axle boots — Check for damaged, torn, or leaking boots.
7. Clean all battery connections and surfaces.

F. Tires

1. Rotate if needed
 2. Check condition and inflation
2. Visual Chassis Inspection
 - A. Belt tension and condition
 - B. Hoses for condition and tight connections
 - C. Fluid leakage or seepage
 - D. Air conditioning hoses for routing and condition
 - E. Check for fluid leaks
 3. Body Visual Inspection
 - A. Windshield wiper blades for wear
 - B. Window and mirrors — Check, clean, and adjust.
 - C. Body — Wash, wax, paint touch-up as needed.
 4. Operational Checks
 - A. Headlights — High and low beam
 - B. Parking and turn signals
 - C. Tail and stop lights
 - D. Emergency flashers
 - E. Backup lights
 - F. Marker and clearance lights
 - G. License plate light
 - H. Horn
 - I. Windshield wiper and washer operation

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