

# GMC

# Motorhome TRAVELER



JUNE 1977

## GMC TIDEWATER CRABS EMERGE

### Break Hibernation to Bask in Sun

Club members in 14 coaches thawed sufficiently from the severe mid-Atlantic winter to make their way to the Spring Rally April 15-17, at the Holiday Inn Trav-L-Park in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

There they basked contentedly in the bright sunshine of a glorious weekend, exchanging winter experiences, admiring coach alterations and generally enjoying each other's company. Three new members arrived for a warm "claw shake" of welcome.

Blazing campfires Friday and Saturday nights chased the chill and promoted fun and conversation. At the meeting Saturday afternoon the club installed its newly elected representative to the National FMCA Board of Directors, Norman Dubner, and his alternate, Norman Patterson.

Rally Masters Maude and John Hammelef followed Happy Hour with a delicious pot luck dinner, providing a succulent beef and pork barbecue, while the other club members supplied generous amounts of everything else.

Although the ocean was still a bit cold for swimming, younger (and not so young) members discovered the joys of the beach, which was well populated. On Sunday the rally drew to a reluctant close.

## "SUMMER FESTIVAL" BEGINS JULY 23!

The GMC Motorhome "Summer Festival" rally is slated for July 23-25 at Verona Beach State Park, New York.

Verona Beach, on Lake Oneida, is noted for a special charm, a picture-perfect beauty all its own. Saturday's arrival and registration will include goodwill bags distributed to every adult as well as a special one for each child! A potluck dinner with entertainment will complete Saturday's events.

Sunday we will turn our rally into an old-fashioned Summer Picnic. A brunch will be followed by a band concert, cotton candy, popcorn, lemonade, games with prizes and loads of fun. Sunday evening we'll

go to a famous restaurant for dinner and dancing. Those youngsters under 12 will have their own room for dinner as well as a special menu!

Monday finds us having breakfast together. Then we will caravan to FMCA's 14th National Convention in Syracuse. FMCA will make all parking arrangements for Syracuse so you should make your own plans for parking as a chapter or with other chapters directly with FMCA! Send your registration directly to them in Cincinnati, Ohio. But, before that, you will have an opportunity to meet other GMC owners and club members at GMC's pre-rally. So, send us the registration blank on page 3 today!



Rally Master John Hammelef: he and wife Maude managed a superb job.



President Fred Woodcock presides over the rally's business meeting.



Treasurer Bonnie Fields relaxes in hammock. Photos: Maj. Eric Anderson.

All the Tidewater Crabs look forward to summer activities, beginning with a "Flying Rally" June 3-5 at Bealton, Va. There, Rally Masters Fran and Henry Nash have arranged private plane rides, so the Crabs will learn how the sea gulls feel.

Happy landings!



## GREAT LAKERS ELECT OFFICERS

GMC Great Lakers have chosen the officers who will lead them for the coming year. Shown above, left to right, are: back row, Robert Beyer, First Vice President; Virgil Barbe, President; L. L. McKenzie, Treasurer. Front row, William Helmore, Second Vice President; Ann Schipper, Secretary; Pete Zunitch, National Director.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Albuquerque, N. Mex.

Dear Maryann and Nancy,

Just a note to let you know how much we have enjoyed the GMC rallies that took us through many miles of beautiful changing country from Michigan to Florida to Nevada. We wish every member could have helped celebrate our first GMC Club Birthday, especially the impressive cake cutting ceremony.

In Las Vegas, we spent an evening on the Strip enjoying the casinos, working a few one-armed bandits, and watching the many activities. We came back by Hoover Dam and Lake Havasu City, through breathtaking scenery. We spent two weeks on the desert south of Quartzsite, Arizona — no hook-ups, but lots of sunshine, fresh air, blue sky, desert and mountains. Level strips of pebbled desert were about five miles long and half a mile wide, divided by a wash caused by flash floods. Along the washes grew the ironwood and palo verde trees, greasewood shrubs and cholla cactus; and every few steps stood the large saguaro cactus with arms outstretched, like monarchs giving the valley their blessing while the mountains loomed behind. There were campers, motorhomes and trailers of every make, model and size parked as far back as we could see on both sides of the road.

Each day began with the rosy dawn and ended in a blaze of color. Darkness falls quickly, as if one had turned off the lights and pulled down the shades. The temperature drops, and it's time to reach for warm



jackets and light the campfire. Soon the moon rolls up like a huge ball of fire and seems to rest for a moment as if waiting for the stars to catch up, before moving high into the sky. You have never seen the heavens in all their splendor until you see them on a dark night through the clear desert air. Tiny stars compete for places among the large ones. If you are lucky, you will hear a coyote serenade.

We enjoyed long walks, once we learned there wasn't a rattler behind each bush or a scorpion under every rock. Days were filled with walking, gathering rocks and firewood, reading, visiting, pursuing a hobby or lazing in 70-80 degree sunshine.

When we left, the desert floor was ablaze with color as flowers sprang up overnight through dry sand and rock.

All good things must come to an end, so we are heading our faithful GMC toward home. See you at the next rally.

*Clinton & Ethelyn Long  
Michigan*

## GMC GREAT LAKERS

The GMC Great Lakers held a Spring rally at Groveland Oaks, Michigan, May 13-15. There was a potluck dinner Saturday afternoon followed by a square dance and midnight pizza snack.

After a worship service and business meeting Sunday morning, Great Lakers played volleyball. With no net available Great Lakers used two motorhomes instead!

## TRAVELIN' TEXANS

The Travelin' Texans' spring rally (see photo below) was held on April 29 and 30 and May 1 at the KOA Kampground on Houston County Lake at Crockett, Texas. Eight member families and one guest family attended. Houston Lake is well known for its excellent fishing and while the fishing was good the catching was well below par! Delicious barbecued hamburgers and sausages were provided by Frank Gillman, GMC Motorhome Dealer from Houston, Texas.

New officers elected for the coming year include: National Director and President, Mr. Robert S. Kennedy; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Grace Malone; 2nd Vice President, Curly Malone; Treasurer, Mr. Evan Pancake; Secretary, Mrs. Tena Wahrmond.



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Articles from readers are welcomed.

# "Thru the Windows"

By Mac & Gloria McDonnell  
 GMC Club National Directors  
 (L-6006)

Thanks to all GMC owners who responded to our questions in the May issue of the *Motorhome Traveler*, it becomes apparent that most of you wish to park with other GMC Motorhome owners. At this writing, 99% have shown concern about *not* being privileged to park as a group at the National FMCA Rally.

We constantly remind you that the club chapters belong to *you*. Therefore, our every aim will be to abide by your majority vote.

Owners who expressed a desire to park with chapters other than the GMC owners group, should indicate their wishes on their pre-registration forms from FMCA.

Gloria and I, along with Maryann Grausam and Nancy McCamy, have been busy traveling to the various rally sites so that we could expedite all of your projected national GMC Fun-tivities.

Imagine an old-fashioned summer festival on a Sunday afternoon in beautiful Verona Beach State Park, where the campsite is in a wooded area on Lake Oneida.

We plunge into the past for a few hours on that special Sunday of July 24, when we attempt to re-create the days of John Phillip Sousa with an afternoon band concert. A family day in the park with balloons, games, prizes, popcorn, hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream and lemon-



ade! We are all excited, and hope we have piqued your interest enough to make you join the party.

That same Sunday, we'll take buses to a famous restaurant for dinner and dancing, surrounded by a lovely garden. Then, Monday morning we enjoy a special breakfast before we leave for the FMCA convention. We look forward to seeing each of you.

Also, our GMC Second National assembly, the "Anchors Away" rally, takes place October 5-9 in San Diego, CA. It features some extra special events and should be *the* motorhome rally of the year!

Follow the *Motorhome Traveler* for more details on the San Diego rally, but plan now to join us; it's another milestone for the GMC Motorhome Owners Clubs.

In the meantime, drive 'em safely, happy GMCing, and we'll see you down the road.

Mac & Gloria  
 National Directors

# SERVICE TIPS

By Don Rooker  
 Supervisor  
 GMC Motorhome Service

Service fun for summer rallies:  
**PRE-RALLY SUMMER FESTIVAL**

1. Product knowledge quiz; prizes
2. RV trivia quiz; prizes
3. Service knowledge quiz; prizes
4. Emergency repair provisions only

**FMCA 14th NATIONAL CONVENTION**

1. Service seminars — body construction, monitor system, electrical, rear suspension
2. Emergency repair provisions, with dealer personnel
3. Individualized vehicle evaluations, as requested
4. X-ray view of GMC Motorhome available for owners to inspect construction
5. Parts and accessories available for sale



## GMC PRE-CONVENTION REGISTRATION \*VERONA BEACH, STATE PARK, VERONA BEACH, N.Y. JULY 23-25, 1977

Please complete the form and mail with check or money order made out to GMC Motorhome Owners Club. Your reservation will be confirmed. **Registrations must be received no later than July 15, 1977.**

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

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

CHILDREN (names & ages) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

(\_\_\_\_) Person(s) 13 or older — \$20/each  
 (\_\_\_\_) Children under 12 years — \$5/each

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ MAIL TO:  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ GMC MOTORHOME OWNERS CLUB  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 660 South Boulevard East, Rm. 210  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Pontiac, Michigan 48053

I am enclosing a check for: (Total)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*In cooperation with the Central New York State Parks & Recreation Commission

# G M C Fun-tivities

## ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS FOR NEW CHAPTERS

June 17-18

Adventureland Rally

Des Moines, Iowa

Contact: Chuck Ellsberry  
(515) 265-7506

June 24-26

Golden Valley Rally

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact: Dan McDonnell  
(612) 544-1313

July 8-10

Jellystone Campground

Milwaukee, WI

Contact: Henry Regauld  
(414) 281-4000

## GMC COUNTRY CLUB

(of Southwest and Central Ohio)

"Roaring Good GMC Time"

June 24-26

Ramada Campgrounds

(East of Indianapolis)

Contact: Marvin Grossman  
(614) 443-4601

## GMC ELEGANT CRUISERS

(of Los Angeles, CA area)

June 17-19

"Father's Day Fling"

Wilderness Pines

Idyllwild, California

July 15-17

Camp Magill

(off Interstate 5 near Gorman,  
California)

Contact: Myron Stahl  
(213) 550-7104

## GMC GATEWAY MOTOR CRUISERS

(of St. Louis area)

Silver Dollar City Campground

Branson, Missouri

June 10-12

Twin Rivers Lodge

Lesterville, Missouri

July 15-17

Contact: Roy Reitter  
(314) 527-6825

## GMC GREAT LAKERS

(of Great Lakes Region)

"Let's go Gourmet"

June 10-12

Lake Chemung — Outdoor Resorts

Howell,

Michigan

Contact: Pete Zunitch  
(313) 647-3924

## GMC NORTHERN STARS

(of North Dakota area)

August 12-14

Medora, North Dakota

Contact: Jan Softing  
(218) 233-5903

## GMC PACIFIC CRUISERS

(of Southern California)

Rally and Meeting to be announced

Contact: John Weesner  
(714) 566-6460

## GMC PLAINS TRAVELERS

(of Oklahoma area)

June 3rd meeting

Contact: Bob Kennedy  
(404) 848-5676

## GMC SAGUARO JETSET

(of Arizona)

June 17-19

Woodie's Campground

2 miles west of Flagstaff, Arizona

Contact: Don Myers  
(602) 967-7645

## GMC SIX WHEELERS

(of Illinois)

June 17-19

"Ranch Resort Rally"

Annual Meeting

August 19-21

Site to be announced

Contact: Chick and Parker Wiggin  
(312) 668-0560

## GMC TIDE-WATER CRABS

(of the Nation's Capitol area)

"Flying Rally"

June 3-5

Bealton, Virginia

"Summer Fun Rally"

July 8-10

BelAir, Maryland

Contact: Fred Woodcock  
(301) 926-6431

## GMC YANKEE CLIPPERS

(of Massachusetts area)

June 24-26

Wagon Wheel Campground

Warwick, Massachusetts

Yankee Clipper Birthday Party

August 19-21

Little Ponderosa

Boothbay Harbor, Maine

Contact: Herb Bernard  
(617) 686-9404

## GMC PRE-CONVENTION RALLY

"Summer Festival"

July 23-25

Verona Beach State Park

(Near Syracuse, New York —

See page three for registration form)

## ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR N.Y. CLUB

MONDAY JULY 25 — 1:00 P.M.

FMCA 14th

## NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 26-29

Syracuse, New York

## GMC 2nd National MOTORHOME OWNERS RALLY

"Anchors Away"

October 5-9  
San Diego, California

## GMC COUNTRY CLUBBERS RALLY AT OHIO STATE PARK

The weather couldn't have been more appropriate for the "Spring Fling" rally the Country Clubbers held during the last weekend in April. Eighteen GMC owners gathered at Hueston Woods State Park, Oxford, Ohio, April 29 and 30, and May 1st. Evenings were a little nippy but the warm friendliness of those attending from Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio made up the difference. Although a small rally, compared to others, there was no lack of activities or enjoyment for a group that really exemplified family togetherness.

Bob and Evelyn Skinner, Wagonmaster duo, can be credited with successfully accomplishing a demanding requirement — keeping everyone involved and satisfied. This included attendance at the Cincinnati Reds-Chicago Cubs game, with the Big Red Machine winning; a seminar on "Getting that coach out of mothballs," by FMCA Contributing Editor Harvey Lawrence; a sumptuous dinner and breakfast at the splendid Hueston Woods Lodge followed by entertainment and a Service on Site provided by Stan Grueninger, GMC Motorhome dealer from Cincinnati.

Other activities at the park included golf on the exciting 9 hole championship course, nature hikes



Harvey Lawrence conducts seminar for GMC Country Club members on picturesque trails, boating and fishing.

Of course evenings were filled with campfire socials and marshmallow toasting. Marvin Grossman, Chapter President, conducted the usual business meeting and included an announcement of June's rally scheduled for June 24-26 at the Ramada Camp Inn, Indianapolis with Pat and George Nolan, (National Director) appointed Wagonmasters. Barbara Sintz, club Secretary, will be in charge of activities.

Saturday evening included a pre-dinner social hour followed by entertainment from Cincinnati, the Jimmy Wilbur trio. Another highlight of the rally was the awarding of prizes furnished (all motorhome associated) by Grueninger GMC.

The "Spring Fling" rally for tri-state GMC Motorhome owners



Left to right: Country Clubbers Barbara Sintz, Bill Sintz, Bob Skinner, George Nolan, Betty Hardy, Russ Hardy and Marvin Grossman enjoy themselves.

proved one thing that always holds true at rallies of this nature — they are worth attending!

## AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS GMC SIX WHEELERS RALLY

Sixteen GMC Motorhomes drove in for the GMC Six Wheelers spring rally at Holiday Acres Park in Belvidere, Illinois the weekend of April 22-24.

Saturday morning found coffee brewing under their new tarp do-



Talented Six Wheelers brought beautiful hand-made items for the craft auction.

nated by the Boens. The Spauldings came with dozens of hot sweet rolls, compliments of the GMC Motorhome dealership in Rockford, Illinois.

A Saturday afternoon caravan of five "buses" departed for a tour of the Rockford Hardware Mfg. Co. They were greeted by the employees, outfitted with safety glasses and escorted through the factory where they saw how "hardware" is manufactured.

Next they were off to the Rockford Time Museum to view a fascinating collection of clocks and timepieces from antiquity to today.

Late Saturday afternoon, they gathered for a craft auction. Andy Allen and Parker Wiggin did an admirable job as auctioneers. After much heated bidding they ended up with \$153.00 to add to the club treasury. After a delicious chicken dinner they settled around the



Six Wheelers now boast one of the finest rally dinners in club history... delicious fried chicken!

campfire for movies and an evening of friendship.

Sunday morning brought sunshine, a birthday party for Ralph Benhart and a short business meeting. The Six Wheelers are off to the Great American Theme Park in Gurney, Illinois for their next rally.

## GMC ACCESSORIES . . . A PAIR WITH FLAIR!

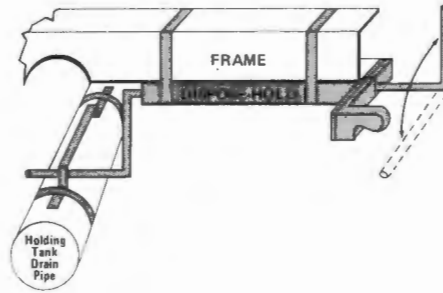
Your GMC Motorhome dealer offers a variety of optional accessories designed to make your motorhome life a little easier and more enjoyable. This month, the "Traveler" spotlights two new additions to the GMC line of quality parts and accessories available through your GMC Dealer's Parts Department.

### MOLDED SPARE TIRE COVER

This rigid spare tire cover gives the motorhome a custom appearance. It's specially made of durable ABS plastic to fit the 16½-inch motorhome tire, and it can be painted to match the body color. The smooth, hard surface is weather resistant and easy to clean with a damp cloth. A hand operated latch makes mounting and removing the cover easy.



PART NUMBER 2234830



PART NUMBER 2234834

### DISPOSE-HOLD

Simplifies Raising and Lowering the Holding Tank Drain Pipe on 26 ft. Models.

The Dispose-Hold is a convenience item that makes emptying the GMC Motorhome holding tank a one-hand operation. It's specifically designed for 26 ft. models that have a rigid drain pipe. To operate just turn the handle to lower or raise or secure the pipe. There is no kneeling down and reaching under for this task. The all metal construction of the Dispose-Hold makes it durable. When installed it's concealed, with only the operating handle protruding between the body and the rear bumper. Installation can be made with a screwdriver, using the clamps and stainless steel straps included in the package.

## THANKS TO YOU!

We wish to express our appreciation for all of the letters we received in response to the question of parking at the FMCA Convention. The number of letters is overwhelming and this prohibits us from answering each of you personally. We will, however, print excerpts from the letters in our July issue of the *Traveler*.

**Note:** We will have jackets for the "Summer Festival"! Look for a flyer in the mail soon! Also, we will distribute patches again. Registration deadline is July 15. See you at the "Summer Festival" in Verona Beach State Park, New York.

## UPDATE: GMC Motorhome Dealer Directory

The following dealerships should be added to your directory of GMC Motorhome service outlets:

Bob Baker Chevrolet, Inc.  
1850 N. Shadeland Ave.  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46219  
(317) 357-1121

Sharon Recreation World, Inc.  
3960 Union Rd.  
Cheektowaga, N.Y. 14225  
(716) 633-8914

The following dealership should be deleted from your directory:

Collins Motor Co., Inc.  
4801 Coldwater Rd.  
Fort Wayne, Ind. 46825

GMC Truck & Coach Division  
General Motors Corporation  
660 South Boulevard East, Rm. 210  
Pontiac, Michigan 48053

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