

GMC

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CENTREVILLE - HOW SWEET IT WAS

A BIG SUCCESS FOR GMC OWNERS

The FMCA's 13th National Convention, held July 20-22, was a tremendous success for all FMCA members and especially for the GMC Owners and Club Members who attended the rally in Centreville, Michigan. The rally marked the first National FMCA Convention attended by all of the newly formed GMC Club Chapters and yet, when the rally was over, GMC'ers had garnered some impressive honors.

Over 600 GMC Motorhomers traveled to Centreville in more than 200 GMC Motorhomes to earn the distinction of having the greatest number of motorhomes present representing a single manufacturer. Speaking of manufacturers, the motorhome people from General Motors were also well represented with a full compliment of management, manufacturing, service, and shows and exhibits personnel in attendance. In fact, the FMCA trophy for the most outstanding exhibit was awarded to the GMC shows and exhibits people for their "GMC Salutes Small Town U.S.A." Exhibit. In keep-



Hundreds of FMCA members passed through this entrance to GMC's award-winning exhibit.

ing with the convention theme, the award-winning GMC Exhibit featured demonstrations by typically "small town" craftsmen. Visitors to the exhibit enjoyed viewing the work of both a cobbler and a candlemaker.

In addition to the fine FMCA activities; clinics, entertainment, swimming, etc., GMC owners also enjoyed a host of special GMC Fun-tivities sponsored by the owners clubs, area GMC Dealers and GMC Personnel. The Fun-tivities included daily motorhome service and operational clinics as well as some fine buffet meals and entertainment by the Ban-joes of Michigan. GMC owner clubs

also sponsored a very successful Grand Finale Surprise birthday party honoring FMCA's 13th Anniversary. There was also an exciting Aeronautical exhibition performed by champion balloonists Claudia Wiley and Gerry Turnbull who provided rides for those interested in ballooning.

Considering the excellent attendance and participation of GMC Owners at the recent FMCA 13th National Convention, it isn't hard to understand why GMC'ers have earned the reputation of being enthusiastic doers!

Many thanks to those who helped to make this rally such a big success!

OPRYLAND—HOW SWEET IT WILL BE



If you've never seen a performance by the Opryland players, you're in for a real treat—Nashville style.



"If you think 'Small Town U.S.A.' looked like fun, turn to page five and see what's in store for everyone at the GMC Grand Ole Opry Rally."



On July 20, 1976, the GMC's began rolling into Centreville, Michigan, for the FMCA's 13th National Convention. Here, the Yankee Clipper Caravan forms an impressive sight enroute to the convention.



When the dust had settled, another impressive sight was the more than 200 GMC Motorhomes parked side by side — an attendance figure unequaled at the convention.

GMC FAMILY ALBUM



Later that evening, FMCA members received an unexpected surprise from the folks at GMC Truck & Coach.



It was the FMCA's thirteenth birthday and GMC presented the birthday cake in grand style.



What a way to start a busy day of Fun-tivities, with a delicious pancake breakfast served up by area GMC Dealers.



GMC Owners gathered for a variety of Fun-tivities under the "GMC Big Top."



Many thanks to Ron Frizzell, GMC Motorhome Service Supervisor, and his hard-working crew of service technicians. In addition to conducting some excellent owner seminars, they also performed complimentary service repairs for many GMC owners.



GMC Club National Directors, Mac & Gloria McDonnell, helped keep things organized and running smoothly. Next to Mac is the FMCA "Best Exhibit" Trophy awarded to GMC Truck & Coach for their "GMC Salutes Small Town USA" Exhibit.

"Small Town USA" JULY 1976



Part of the award-winning GMC exhibit featured demonstrations by a superb candle craftsman as well as . . .



. . . an honest to goodness cobbler, Holland-style. Would you believe he also makes wooden golf shoes to order?



Centreville also gave GMC owners the opportunity to see all of the quality and safety features of the GMC Motorhome Chassis.



By the end of the convention, the rumor on everyone's lips was that the GMC balloon couldn't wait to meet the Goodyear Blimp!

650 FMCA MEMBERS ENJOY GMC MOTORHOME PLANT TOUR

On Friday, July 23, following the close of the FMCA 13th National Convention, 650 FMCA members traveled to Pontiac, Michigan, to be the special guests of GMC Truck & Coach for a luncheon and tour program highlighting the GMC Motorhome plant in Pontiac.

Participants in the tour program met at Pontiac's new, domed sports arena where they enjoyed a complimentary luncheon before boarding buses for the plant tour. Tours were conducted continuously from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The huge parking area at the Pontiac Metropolitan Stadium was buzzing with activity as motorhomes from across the nation came and departed throughout the day. At last count, there had been 114 GMC Motorhomes and 216 other motorhomes parked at the stadium.

It was apparent by the happy motorhomers that the GMC tour program was well worth the drive to Pontiac. Hats off to the motorhome people from General Motors, for an enjoyable afternoon.



Some of the 650 participants boarding the GMC tour bus at Pontiac Metropolitan Stadium.



"So this is how the GMC folks put quality and care into their product."

GMC TEEN CLUBS GET NAMES

Following a proposal by the National Directors regarding the formation of both a GMC National Youth Club (ages 6-12) and a GMC National Teen Club (ages 13-19), a "Name the Clubs" contest was announced in the June issue of the "Traveler." Now, all of the entries have been judged and the winners officially announced at the recent FMCA Convention in Centreville, Michigan.

Contestants in both age groups were asked to submit both a name for their club and a short description of the functions and activities which they would propose for the club.

In the Youth division, there was a tie for first place due to identical entries. Both winners, Georgia Halleran, aged 8, and Kraig Shultz, aged 7, submitted the winning club name: "THE LITTLE BUGGERS." Both contestants received a tape recorder for their first place entries. Second place youth honors and a portable radio were awarded to Darren Greenberg, aged 9, for his entry, "GMC 'LIL' CLIPPERS."

In the teen division, Diane Schipper, aged 16, won a tape

recorder and the honor of naming the GMC Teen Club with her first place entry: "GMC TRAVEL-N-TEENS." Second place teen honors and a portable radio went to Megan Halleran, aged 13, for the entry: "THE BUG HOUSE GANG."

Now that both of the clubs have been named, and the National Directors have been supplied with some suggested functions and activities for the clubs, it won't be long before the "LITTLE BUGGERS" and the "GMC TRAVEL-N-TEENS" will be organizing their clubs and hosting their own functions at rallies. Look for more teen club information in future issues of the "Traveler."

WELCOME CLUBS!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POSTCARD FROM GREECE

Dear Maryann:

We are travelling Europe by GMC 26' Motorhome. It is a marvelous way to see Europe. The motorhome has performed excellently even in the Swiss Alps. People just gaze at us as we drive into campgrounds with this beautiful machine. We thought you should know. Our hats off to GMC.

The Meester Family
Grand Rapids, MI

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THRU THE WINDOWS

Mac & Gloria McDonnell

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Throughout our travels, we are often asked why an "L" rather than the customary "F" precedes our FMCA identification number (6006). It is a question which we are always proud to answer because the "L" designates that we are lifetime members of the Family Motor Coach Association.

Presently, the FMCA has 40 lifetime members, and any member of the association may join this group if they so desire. We feel that becoming lifetime members was one way of expressing our special feelings for an organization which has meant a great deal to us over the years.

It was some years ago, now, that Gloria and I met that first group of people we would come to know as the FMCA, while attending a rally in Traverse City, Michigan. It began an entirely new life for us. We had found



people with the same fun-interest in their motorhomes as we had in ours. They were people with whom we could relate our experiences, share mutual problems over a morning coffee, and enjoy the good, clean fun of club activities.

Now, for those owners who have not yet joined one of our clubs: While it has not been possible to organize clubs in every section of the country in

this short time period, we *will* be in your area soon. In the meantime, please plan to attend the GMC Grand Ole Opry Rally, October 21-24, at Nashville, Tennessee. We will be there to help you organize a GMC Club Chapter if one has not already been formed in your area. This event is the prelude to many events planned exclusively for the pleasure of GMC Motorhome owners.

We wish to offer our sincere "Thanks" to all of you who have assisted in organizing GMC Owner Clubs from coast to coast, and for the efforts which make our rallies the finest, fun-filled hours of our lives.

We're heading toward Nashville, see you down the road, and drive 'em safely.

Mac & Gloria
National Directors

PS - Please address all club inquiries to:
GMC Motorhome Owners Club,
660 South Boulevard East,
Pontiac, MI 48053

GRAND OLE OPRY RALLY — AN INVESTMENT IN FUN

If you and your family enjoy: lively music, top-notch entertainment, hearty food, dancing, interesting tours, and plenty of old-fashioned hospitality, then the GMC Grand Ole Opry Rally is an investment in fun which you'll not want to miss.

The organizers of this rally, along with your National Directors, have introduced a new concept to motorhome rallies. In order to take advantage of Opryland's group discount rates and to insure that everyone will be able to enjoy all of

the activities together, the pre-registration fee for this rally covers all of the scheduled Fun-tivities. Included in that fee is three nights and four days at the Nashville KOA, a Music City Tour (including admission to the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Country Music Wax Museum), dinner and dancing to Dick Dorney's Band, a champagne party featuring the Lonnie Jones Band, Opryland tickets, a Grand Ole Opry Matinee, (tickets for which must normally be ordered a year in advance), a farewell breakfast

and transportation to and from the aforementioned events.

To make your investment in fun, simply return the pre-registration blank below by September 10. See you in Nashville.

Note: Regretfully, there are only 275 available parking sites for the Opryland Rally. In all fairness, reservations will be confirmed according to earliest post-marks.

GMC GRAND OLE OPRY RALLY PRE-REGISTRATION NASHVILLE KOA KAMPGROUNDS — NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE OCTOBER 21, 22, 23, 24, 1976

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

GMC CLUB CHAPTER NAME (if any) _____
LAST NAME _____ HUSBAND _____ WIFE _____
STREET ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

FEE SCHEDULE: (Two Persons, one unit — \$135.00) \$ _____
(One Person, one unit — \$ 85.00) \$ _____
(extra persons 12 years or older — \$60.00) each \$ _____
(children 3 thru 11 years - \$45.00 each) \$ _____
I am enclosing a check for: (Total) \$ _____

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

Pre-registration must be received no later than September 10 in order to be confirmed.

GMC CLUB FILM COMMITTEE OFFERS STARDOM

(No Screen Test Necessary)

ATTENTION GMC SHUTTER BUGS: Cliff Brackett, Photography Editor for the "GMC Motorhome Traveler" needs a hand (a handful of slides that is!) for his committee's projected film program featuring the GMC Motorhome Owners Club.

Cliff's idea, an exciting one indeed, is for each photography inclined club member to submit ten to twelve color slides (35mm) of their favorite GMC Club activities, GMC organizational meetings, and any pictures of their chapter officers. If all you GMC Shutter Bugs participate, and we hope that all of you will, then Cliff and his committee should wind up with

several hundred slides from which to select material for their projected GMC Club film.

In typically Hollywood fashion, the film committee can't wait for the day when they will be able to say, "Lights, Cameras, Action!" Seriously, though, everyone is urged to submit their slides as soon as possible so that the committee can begin production on the kind of film everyone will be proud of. So, why not give a slide show of your own tonight and let the whole family contribute to this worthwhile project by helping to select their favorite fun-tivities slides.

To submit slides for the com-

mittee's consideration, simply add a one sentence caption to each slide along with your name and address, and mail them to: MR. CLIFF BRACKETT, PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR, c/o GMC MOTORHOME OWNERS CLUB, 660 SOUTH BOULEVARD EAST, PONTIAC, MICHIGAN 48053. All slides will be carefully duplicated and the originals returned.

By the way, Cliff says that the projected film program will definitely be rated GCF (Good Clean Fun) because that's what the GMC Clubs are all about. Ready, POPCORN...SLIDES...ROLL-EM!

GMC MOTORHOME FUN-TIVITIES SCHEDULE

GMC YANKEE CLIPPER CHAPTER

August Meet

KEZAR FALLS KAMPGROUND -
Route 25 KEZAR FALLS, MAINE
August 13-14-15

September Meet

**LITTLE PONDEROSE - BOOTHBAY,
MAINE**

September 10-11-12

GMC GRAND OLE OPRY RALLY

October 21-24

NASHVILLE KOA KAMPGROUNDS -
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
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WHAT'S DOWN THE ROAD

GMC CALIFORNIA WHING DING
(Southern California)
Early November

GMC TROPICAL REPOSE
(Florida Keys)
Late January or February

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