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GMC WESTERN RESERVE CHAPTER'S FIRST!

First rally that is . . . On August 21 & 22, 1976, the GMC Western Reserve Chapter held its first motorhome rally at the Buccaneer Campground in Austinburg, Ohio. Apparently everyone knew that the rally was bound for success when, on the first morning of the rally, it was clear that Mother Nature was going to contribute some magnificent weather for the outing.

The first morning of the rally passed pleasantly with all of the greetings and new arrivals. By late afternoon, everyone had arrived and the rally commenced in full-swing. The Western Reserve women began preparing a delicious pot-luck dinner while the men pitched-in to



engineer a community awning over the picnic tables.

To begin the evening supper, Lou Gaeta offered a toast with the delicious wine he brought as a thank you to all of those who attended. After supper, coffee and nibbles were served until late in the evening.

The next morning, Mother Nature

out-did herself again by providing another magnificent sunrise. Everyone got together for a hearty breakfast before beginning an active day of Fun-tivities. Unfortunately, the rally did have to end some-time, but more fun was had as the caravan of five GMC's headed for home with C.B.'s

buzzing.

The GMC Western Reserve members in attendance were:

Mr. & Mrs. R. Tindal	Jack Nickels family
Ted Hedstrum family	Mr. Mark Cutrone
Ward Hill family	Mr. Lou Gaeta
Tom Sherman family	Ms. Betty Cotton
Mr. & Mrs. R. Sherman	Jim Marsh family

AN INVITATION TO ALL GMC MOTORHOME OWNERS:



COME JOIN THE "FAMILY CLUB"

By
Maryann Grausam,
Editor

In the "Traveler," you've probably read about the tremendous growth of the GMC Motorhome Owners Club, seen the pictures of members thoroughly enjoying their chapter rallies, and also heard about the excitement surrounding the club's first national rally to be held in Nashville, Tennessee, on October 21-24.

Now, I'd like to announce plans for yet another exclusive GMC rally to be held in balmy Key West, Florida on February 10-13, 1977. We will be including the details on this rally, along with a pre-registration blank, in the November "Traveler." For now, I would

like to have an idea of the number of owners attending so that adequate reservations can be made. So, if you would like to attend the rally in Key West, I would appreciate hearing from you. Please address your reply to: Maryann Grausam, GMC TRUCK & COACH, 660 South Boulevard East, Room 210, Pontiac, Michigan 48053.

WE'RE GROWING!

With all of the good things happening lately, perhaps you've been wondering when we would be organizing a GMC Club Chapter in your area? Well, it is a great pleasure to announce that we will soon be organizing six new GMC Club Chapters across the country.

In the next few weeks, we will be holding organizational rallies in Casa Grande, Arizona; Plymouth and Los Angeles, California; New Orleans, Louisiana; Fargo, North Dakota, and

Kings Mills, Ohio. If any of these locations are within your own area, we sincerely hope that you will join us for the purpose of meeting your fellow GMC Motorhome owners and organizing a GMC Club Chapter in your area. You will find complete details of the upcoming organizational rallies on the following page.

In essence, the GMC Motorhome Owners Club is a family of families, just like yours, who have discovered that there is no better way to enjoy the rewards of GMC Motorhoming than by joining with other GMC Motorhomers for the purpose of good old-fashioned family fun. I hope that you too will agree when you attend one of our organizational rallies. I am looking forward to meeting many of you at our first national club rally in Nashville and also to receiving your RSVP for our big rally in Key West, Florida. Until we meet . . . HAPPY MOTORHOMING!

GMC CLUB CHAPTERS — WHEN, WHERE, AND HOW TO JOIN

The following announcement blocks outline the specific details regarding the next five GMC organization rallies to be held in those areas which do not presently have a local chapter of the GMC Motorhome Owners Club.

For information on holding a GMC organizational rally in your area, please contact:

National Directors Office
GMC Motorhome Owners Club
660 South Boulevard East
Room 210
Pontiac, Michigan 48053

"THE FIESTA GRANDE RALLY" (Arizona)

DATE: December 10, 11, 12, 1976
SITE: Francisco Grande Hotel, Casa Grande, Arizona
IMPORTANT NOTE: We have arranged to park our motorhomes on the hotel property, and those wishing room accommodations may make reservations directly to Francisco Grande Hotel.
TIME: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING will be held on Saturday, October 30, 1976, 10:00 a.m.

SPECIAL: The Arizona GMC Dealers will host a dinner party the evening of October 30, 1976. Therefore, it is most important to include the number of persons in your party, when acknowledging the "RSVP."

"THE GOLDEN HARVEST RALLY" (Ohio)

DATE: October 29, 30, 31, 1976
SITE: Kings Island Camping, Kings Mills, Ohio.
Located: On Interstate-71, 20 miles northeast of Cincinnati.
TIME: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING will be held on Saturday, October 30, 1976, 10:00 a.m.
RSVP: Mr. Joe Martin
c/o F.M.C.A.
P.O. Box 44144
Cincinnati, Ohio 45244

IMPORTANT NOTE: Owners may choose to bring their motorhomes or are free to make reservations at the Kings Island Inn, which is just across the street from the campground . . . phone: 513/398-2901.

SPECIAL: The Ohio GMC Dealers will host a dinner party the evening of October 30, 1976. Therefore, it is most important to include the number of persons in your party when acknowledging the "RSVP."

"GMC CLUB—FRENCH AFFAIR" (Louisiana)

DATE: October 15, 16, 17, 1976
SITE: River Boat Travel Park
6232 Chef Mentaur Hwy. New Orleans, Louisiana 70126
RSVP: Warren Reuther or George Quartano. Telephone: 504/242-7795

Or you may make reservations by mail; please address to River Boat Travel Park, as shown above.

TIME: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING will be held on Saturday, October 16, 1976, 10:00 a.m.

SPECIAL: The good folks at Superior Pontiac GMC, will host a very lovely dinner, at one of New Orleans finest French Restaurants, and they have other activities scheduled for you.

"THE CALIFORNIA 49'ER" (Sacramento Area)

DATE: November 12, 13, 14, 1976
SITE: 49'er Trailer Village — KOA Kampground, Plymouth, California 95669
Located: On State Hwy. 49, near State Hwy. 16
TIME: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING will be held on Saturday, November 13, 1976, 10:00 a.m.

RSVP: M. J. McDonnell
National Director - GMC Clubs
c/o Mr. Langford
2400 Fulton Avenue
Sacramento, California 95825
Phone: 916/482-1600; ask for Mr. Langford.

SPECIAL: The GMC Dealers of Northern California will host a dinner party the evening of November 13, 1976. Therefore, it is most important to include the number of persons in your party when acknowledging the "RSVP."

UPDATE: GMC Motorhome Dealer Directory

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

Coleman Oldsmobile, Inc.
9150 Airline Hwy.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
(504) 923-3610

Gary Henry Chevrolet, Inc.
8700 Charles Page Blvd.
Sand Springs, Oklahoma
(918) 245-2201

James Motor Co., Inc.
13th & Main Sts.
Hays, Kansas
(913) 625-3454

"GMC CALIFORNIA WHING DING" (Los Angeles)

DATE: November 5, 6, 7, 1976

SITE: Dodger Stadium
1000 Elysian Park Drive
Los Angeles, California

RSVP: M. J. McDonnell
P.O. Box 2005
Scottsdale, Arizona 85251

SPECIAL NOTE: Arrangements have been made to park your motorhome on the property at Dodger Stadium. The charge for parking and security will be \$1.00 or \$1.50 per night. Since there are no hook-ups at the site, please fill your water tanks and empty the holding tank prior to arrival.

"THE WELLS-FARGO EXPRESSION RALLY" (North Dakota)

DATE: November 19, 20, 21, 1976
SITE: Holiday Inn
I-29 and 13th Avenue South
Fargo, North Dakota
TIME: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING will be held on Saturday, November 20, 1976, 10:00 a.m.

RSVP: Mr. Jerry Hall, or Mr. Rick Hall
4242 West Main Avenue
P.O. Box 2781
Fargo, North Dakota 58102
Telephone: 701/282-5400

Messrs Jerry & Rick Hall, of HALL GMC, INC., will host a buffet luncheon on the date of November 20, 1976.

SPECIAL NOTE: Arrangements have been made to park your motorhome on the properties of either the dealer or the parking lot of Holiday Inn . . . those wishing hotel reservations should request them of Mr. Rick Hall when replying to the RSVP.

L & H Manufacturing Co.
Corral Sales
617 Sixth Ave., S.E.
Mandan, North Dakota
(Bismarck area)
(701) 663-9538

B. A. Wackerli Company
810 W. Broadway
Idaho Falls, Idaho
(208) 522-6060

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"THRU THE WINDOWS"
Mac & Gloria McDonnell
(L-6006)

NASHVILLE (MUSIC CITY, U.S.A.), HERE WE COME!

Excited . . . You better believe it, because the excitement surrounding our forthcoming rally on October 21-24, 1976, is something that no GMC Motorhome Owner should miss. The management at GMC Truck & Coach, our newsletter editor, Maryann, and your National Directors, have all rolled up our sleeves to make still one more dream become a reality for our owners; the *First National GMC Motorhome Owners Rally*.



OCTOBER 21 - 24, 1976

There are some additional spaces available for the Nashville rally and you may still reserve a "place in the fun" for your family by returning the pre-registration fee, with the blank included in this issue, by October 19, 1976. So . . . Don't hesitate! . . . Accelerate to Nashville!

Immediately Following Nashville . .



CALIFORNIA HERE WE COME!

The compass setting will read: "270 degrees (due West)," and we shall head our GMC Motorhome toward the City of Los Angeles for an organizational rally which figures to be most unique.

THE CALIFORNIA WHING DING

On November 5, 6, 7, 1976, we will be at Dodger Stadium to organize a GMC Owners Club for the Los Angeles and surrounding areas. We urge all the owners to be present for this one to help make the event an outstanding success.

Adding to the excitement of our "Whing Ding" . . . The Recreational Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA) will be holding its major West Coast RV show on the same dates of our rally. So, in addition to helping form a new GMC Club in the Los Angeles area, while enjoying all of the

Fun-tivities at Dodger Stadium, you will also have the opportunity to browse through the many fine exhibits displaying the latest RV equipment.

The cost of attending the "Whing Ding" Rally will be nominal. The charge to park our motorhomes on the grounds at Dodger Stadium (with security) will be either \$1.00 or \$1.50 per night. The only other cost to you will be the dish you offer for our pot-luck dinner on Saturday evening.

PLEASE NOTE: There are no hook-ups at Dodger Stadium so, prior to arrival, please fill your water tanks, empty the holding tanks, and come prepared to have fun.

The program . . .

November 5, Friday . . . Arrival, meet your new friends, music, and a weenie roast.

November 6, Saturday . . . Morning coffee & donuts, a meeting to organize the new club, your first opportunity to see the new "GMC Kingsley," and our evening potluck dinner — you bring a salad, vegetable or dessert as your contribution, and we will offer the main meat dish as well as the coffee, tea or milk.

November 7, Sunday . . . Pancake breakfast together, a short meeting to install the interim officers, and give the new club a name . . .

We're heading to Nashville first, and then it's on to Los Angeles with the "hammer down." See you down the road, and drive 'em safely.

Mac & Gloria
 National Directors

↓ **STILL TIME TO RESERVE YOUR "PLACE IN THE FUN"** ↓

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 _____

(Two Persons, one unit — \$135.00) \$ _____ PHONE (____) _____
 (One Person, one unit — \$ 85.00) \$ _____
 FEE SCHEDULE: (extra persons 12 years or older — \$60.00) each \$ _____ MAIL TO
 (children 3 thru 11 years - \$45.00 each) \$ _____ GMC MOTORHOME OWNERS CLUB
 NATIONAL DIRECTORS OFFICE

I am enclosing a check for: (Total) \$ _____ 660 South Boulevard East, Rm. 210
 Pontiac, Michigan 48053

Pre-registration must be received no later than October 19.

SERVICE TIPS

By Don Rooker
Supervisor
GMC Motorhome Service



Greetings, and welcome to my first "Service Tips" column. First, I want to thank everyone for the warm reception given to my introduction in last month's issue of the "Traveler." In my book, GMC stands for Great Motorhome Customers, so I want this column to help keep you and your family traveling along a carefree road.

I have anticipated some general areas of motorhome servicing knowledge which would be of value to all of you, but I would also like to address this column to some of your own specific questions. So, I am going to establish a "question and answer" format in which I will reply to your specific questions for the benefit of all our readers. To start the ball rolling, please send your questions to:

Don Rooker
c/o GMC Motorhome Owners Club
660 South Boulevard East
Room 210
Pontiac, Michigan 48053

For everyone residing in our Northern climes: Now is the time to see your GMC Dealer for his winterizing service. In the meantime, keep the shiny side up, and see you in Nashville.

GMC MOTORHOME FUN-TIVITIES SCHEDULE

GMC GREAT LAKERS

October 15, 16, 17
St. Clair Wilderness
St. Clair Shores, Michigan
(Off Interstate 94)
Contact: Sally Barbe
(313) 358-0555

GMC SIX WHEELERS

October 29, 30, 31
Landuits Lake
Hillsdale, Illinois
Contact: Bob Boen
(309) 658-2131

GMC ROVING CLIPPERS

("Pop" & Bell Poppenheimer's Place)
November 6-11
"Deer Hunt Fiesta"
Hardy, Arkansas
Contact: "Pop" at
(501) 966-3620

GMC ORGANIZATIONAL RALLIES (New GMC Chapters)

GMC CLUB — FRENCH AFFAIR

October 15, 16, 17
New Orleans, Louisiana

THE FIESTA GRANDE RALLY

December 10, 11, 12
Casa Grande, Arizona

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WHAT'S DOWN THE ROAD

*GMC TROPICAL REPOSE (GMC Motorhome Exclusive)

February 10-13, 1977
Key West, Florida

*Details in the November issue

FMCA 2ND WINTER NATIONAL CONVENTION

March 4, 5, 6, 1977
Convention Center
Las Vegas, Nevada

FMCA 14TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

August 2, 3, 4, 1977
Syracuse, New York

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