



Motorhome **TRAVELER**



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BARBE'S BIG GMC BIRTHDAY PARADE FOR "MOM"

What would you give your mother for her 70th birthday? If you're Sally Barbe of Royal Oak, Michigan, you give your "mom" a big GMC birthday parade.

Sally spent the first three weeks in November planning the parade. "We had pajama parties to make pom poms and to practice cheers," she said, adding that former members of the United States Women's Army Band gathered in secrecy to practice a few marching tunes.

Throughout the preparations, Sally's mother, Lorna, had no idea

that anything special was happening on her birthday. Of course, she did know that her neighbors (who proved they could keep a secret) were taking her to lunch, and that was special to her.

So on November 20, 1976, Lorna and her neighbors left for lunch at 11:30 a.m. They returned at 1:00 p.m. to a flag-lined street.

Surprised, Lorna climbed the stairs of her front porch, which had been decorated with pom poms and streamers, and then...

... the parade started! Led by a 1915 Buick and a court of young ladies dressed in formals, the first float carried a banner proclaiming "Lorna's Parade."

After the lead float came the color guard, the band, and a group of senior citizens and children in costumes.

Two more floats passed: "Love Personified" and "A Real VIP." Then, the five-year-old princess of the parade rode by in her open convertible.

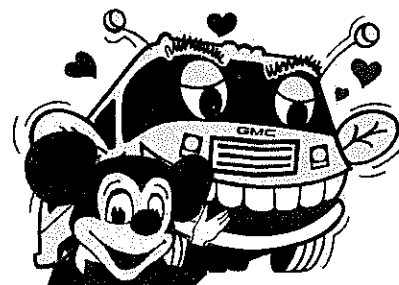
At the end of the parade was Sally's GMC motorhome, decorated with a large "Happy Birthday" banner.

Lorna said, "Wasn't it super? Even little children got to celebrate my birthday."

The children remarked, "Boy, that was sure some birthday party."

And everyone declared Barbe's big GMC birthday parade a smashing success.

REGISTER TODAY FOR...



GMC
TROPICAL REPOSE RALLY
DISNEY WORLD
Orlando, Florida
February 9-13, 1977

THE LAST PICTURE SHOW



More than 500 GMC ralliers cast their ballots during the first GMC Motorhome Owners Photo Contest in Nashville, Tennessee. Thanks to their enthusiastic response, this photo contest will not be the last!

THE NEXT PICTURE SHOW

Quick on the heels of a fantastically successful "first" in Nashville, Tennessee, the GMC Motorhome Owners Photo Contest has joined the ranks of permanent GMC Fun-tivities. Henceforth, GMC shutter-bugs and lens-lovers alike may now look forward to a host of photo Fun-tivities at all major GMC rallies.

In early February, at the big GMC Tropical Repose, rally goers will be asked to judge the best photo-

graphic entries submitted by fellow GMC Motorhome Owners. Then, the top four contestants will be honored for their photographic achievement with distinctive awards and prizes.

In addition, Cliff Brackett, the "Traveler" Photography Editor, will conduct a helpful seminar covering basic photographic principles and techniques. All owners are invited to attend the seminar, so please bring your cameras!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

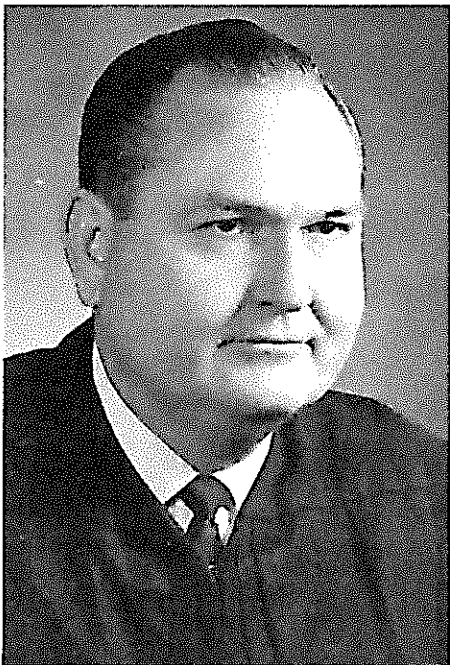
Dear Maryann,

I enjoyed reading my first issue (Nov. 1976) of the GMC Motorhome "Traveler" just as I enjoy driving my new GMC *Birchaven that I purchased in October, 1976.

You might be interested to know that, as a County Judge, I use my GMC Motorhome to drive to the branch courts here in Dade County where I hold court. My beautiful yellow GMC has become quite a conversation piece. Indeed, everyone has come to know that I am "sitting" when they see my GMC drive up. I have been told they yell out, "Here comes the Judge, here comes the Judge."

Sincerely,

James S. Rainwater
County Judge
(FMCA - 23714)



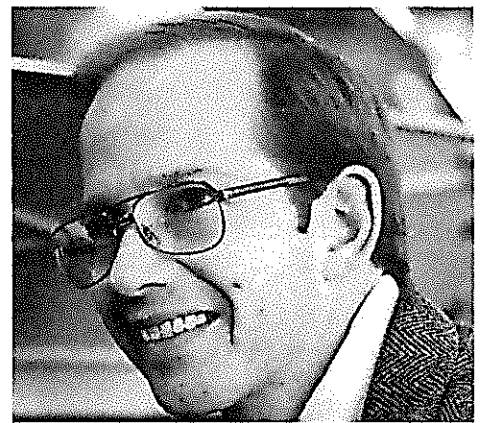
Dade County citizens know when Judge James S. Rainwater is "sitting" in court. He's the only Judge who drives to work in a yellow GMC *Birchaven.

SERVICE TIPS

By Don Rooker
Supervisor
GMC Motorhome Service

Winter is still with us, and many of you will, no doubt, be steering your motorhomes towards winter fun activities. Here are a few service tips to insure a trouble-free journey in cold weather:

- Fill your LP gas tank. Add methyl alcohol to help prevent lines from freezing.
 - Check the fluid level in your battery. Add water as required.
 - Check the pressure in your tires at *least* once a month. See your owner's manual for proper inflation pressures.
 - Check the fluid levels in your engine and transmission. Refer to your owner's manual for the proper oil viscosity selection.
 - Add windshield washer anti-freeze solvent.
 - Check your anti-freeze protection
 - 1/3 anti-freeze + 2/3 water = -5°F
 - 1/2 anti-freeze + 1/2 water = -40°F
 - 2/3 anti-freeze + 1/3 water = -65°F
- NOTE: Never exceed 2/3 anti-freeze. Freeze protection reverses beyond 2/3 protection.
- Carry an auxiliary heater or heaters in case of furnace failure. Electric heaters and catalytic heaters are excellent backup heating sources.
 - Don't fill your fresh water tank until you reach your destination. Once there, thoroughly warm up your motorhome to prevent the plumbing from freezing. (You may have to remove the water tank access panel to improve air circulation in the water tank compartment. If extremely cold temperatures are encountered and freeze-ups do occur,



an electric hair dryer is an excellent tool for thawing frozen plumbing.)

- Drain and deodorize your holding tank, and do not use that tank until you arrive at your destination. Once there, add anti-freeze to the tank. Minimize water drainage. (A recirculating toilet puts considerably less water into the holding tank.)

NOTE: Some campgrounds turn off the water in winter. You may want to take a sanitary water container with you.

- If you operate your motor generator in sub-zero temperatures, open the compartment door and extend the motor generator on its track system. Also, check the crank case oil. You may have to change the oil if the motor generator is operated for extended periods.
- One more tip — don't forget your long underwear!

Have a pleasant, fun-filled winter trip.

Please address your service questions to:

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THRU THE WINDOWS
Mac & Gloria McDonnell
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In this new year, we think it rather appropriate to review some milestones in 1976 for our "family of families," the GMC Motorhome Owners Clubs.

To date, 15 GMC Owners Clubs have been organized, ranging from the rocky shores of New England to the blue waters of the Pacific; and from the border of Mexico to the border of Canada.

The first club began with a meeting held in Pontiac, Michigan, on a snowy mid-January night. Some 15 GMC owners braved the storm to organize that club, later named the Great Lakers.

In succeeding months, 13 other clubs were formed. The most recent club, Saguaro Jetset, was organized December 11, 1976 during the "Arizona Fiesta Grande Rally."

Gloria and I joined the "family" March 1, 1976 during the FMCA 1st Winter National Convention in Harlingen, Texas. As your National Directors, we hope that our efforts have permitted each of you to enjoy



the pleasures of meeting new friends, enjoying good old-fashioned family fun, and promoting comradery among GMC owners.

Most of all, we hope that you will continue to support your clubs for furthering the enjoyment of the one thing that has brought us all together . . . our GMC motorhome!

And with that commitment, let us set goals for 1977 — goals that can only be attained with your *continued* support.

Down the road and through our windows, we see . . .

200 GMC motorhomes at the GMC Tropical Repose (February 9-13, 1977) in Orlando, Florida . . .

200 GMC motorhomes at the FMCA 2nd Winter National Convention (March 4-6, 1977) in Las Vegas, Nevada . . .

500 GMC motorhomes at the FMCA 14th National Convention (July 26-29, 1977) in Syracuse, New York . . .

350 GMC motorhomes at the 2nd GMC National Motorhome Owners Rally (September or October, 1977) at a site to be announced in the next few months . . .

10 or *more* GMC Motorhome Owners Clubs.

Our GMC motorhome has had little rest over the holidays, and now we are ready to drive it to Orlando and the big GMC Tropical Repose Rally. We look forward to reuniting with old friends and to forming yet another GMC Motorhome Owners Club.

In the meantime, drive 'em safely, Happy GMCeeing, and see you down the road.

Mac & Gloria

HURRY! LAST CALL FOR ORLANDO

If you and your family like fine food, fabulous Florida sunshine, and the famed Disney World attractions, then you won't want to miss out on the GMC Tropical Repose Rally in Orlando, Florida.

The pre-registration blank below is your ticket to fun in Orlando, including:

- Buffet Dinner & Entertainment

- GMC Luau & Island Entertainment

- Bus Transportation to Disney World

And more! But you must sign up *today*. The rally commences full swing on February 9, 1977. So pack your bathing attire and point your motorhome south.

See you there sun-lovers!



The Disney World amusement park

GMC TROPICAL REPOSE REGISTRATION
OUTDOOR RESORTS — ORLANDO, FLORIDA
FEBRUARY 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 1977

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 — \$125.00) \$ _____
 (One Person, one unit — \$80.00) \$ _____
 (_____ extra persons 13 or older — \$60.00 each) \$ _____
 (_____ children 4-12 years old — \$50.00 each) _____
 I am enclosing a check for: (Total) \$ _____

PHONE (____) _____

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Hear Ye Right Here Ye

Ye Swap Shoppe

My wife Nicky and I live in a lovely Caribbean Villa in Antigua overlooking the sea and countryside. The villa "Twenty Hill" has two bedrooms, each with private bath, a large living and dining room, and a spectacular private courtyard and dining patio full of colorful tropical flowers. It is truly very delightful and peaceful.

We would like to swap the use of our villa in exchange for the use of a GMC motorhome so that we may tour the northwestern U.S. next summer.

Interested? Please contact:

Roy N. Kaufman
P.O. Box 141
St. John's
Antigua

Ye Horseless Carriages

My husband and I are avid cycling enthusiasts, and we were wondering if any of your readers have devised a way to transport bicycles on their GMC motorhomes. We've seen various exterior bike racks, but we'd like to know if one of your readers has a better suggestion.

Send your suggestions to:

"ANNEX"

Ye Joyous Occasions

Have you ever had an announcement you wanted to make to the thousands of GMC Motorhome Owners and Club members across the nation? Well, now you have the perfect vehicle, metaphorically speaking, by which to do that very thing.

So, if something like a wedding, birth, anniversary or other special honor has taken place for a fellow owner, club member, or yourself, this is just the place to spread the good news.

From now on, don't trust your important announcements to fate and word of mouth, have them printed in "The GMC Towne Crier & Flier Annex" for the low, low cost of nothing! Pray thee don't forget that a picture telleth a thousand words and send all materials to:

"ANNEX"

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GMC Fun-tivities

GMC SIX WHEELERS (Winter Dinner Meeting)

FEBRUARY 5, 1977
3604 Woodland
Downers Grove, Ill.

RSVP: Andy and Mary Allan
(312) 969-4390

GMC TROPICAL REPOSE (GMC Organizational Meeting)

FEBRUARY 9-13, 1977
Outdoor Resorts
Orlando, Fla.

Note: The organizational meeting begins at 10 a.m. Thursday, February 10, 1977.

GMC SAGUARO JETSET (First Official Meeting)

FEBRUARY 11-13, 1977
Fiesta Del Sol
Tombstone, Arizona

FMCA 2ND WINTER NATIONAL CONVENTION

MARCH 4-6, 1977
Convention Center
Las Vegas, Nevada

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