



# Motorhome **TRAVELER**



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## LOVEBUGS CAPTURED

On film that is ... For months, dozens of hearty GMC Motorhome Owners stalked the huge but elusive creature known as the GMC "Lovebug." With Nikons and Minoltas poised ready, they awaited the single moment when they could snap the shutter and capture the luxurious beast in its most stunning Fun-tivities habitat.

Yes, there were sacrifices but in the end, those few hearty GMC shutterbugs who had braved the heat, the cold, and fogged lenses were amply rewarded for their efforts.

Twenty-six photographs, all judged superior by an impartial screening panel, awaited final judging by fellow GMC Owners attending last month's Tropical Repose. And when the balloting was complete, the GMC Photocon II was pronounced "a jolly good competition" by all, especially those who earned some well-deserved acclaim as follows:

- 1st Place: Major Eric Anderson
- 2nd Place: Gerry Jones
- 3rd Place: John Montero
- 4th Place: Herb Bernard

The "Traveler" warmly congratulates these GMC shutterbugs and, just to prove it, next month's "Traveler" will feature their award-winning photographs. In the meantime, don't forget that a picture is worth a thousand words. So, send us a picture and we'll send you a thousand thanks!

## A HEARTY HOWDY HAILS THE SUNSHINE STATESMEN

The site was sunny Orlando, Florida where hundreds of happy GMC owners were on hand to welcome their Floridian friends into the GMC family of families. The new club, dubbed the GMC Sunshine Statesmen, is more than 130 members strong and that's quite a family in anyone's book!

Despite the balmy breezes and swaying palms, the new "Statesmen" quickly got down to business. First on the agenda, "Statesmen" members elected the team of Bailey, Brinkman, Linebaugh, and Kruger to fill the posts

of President, 1st V.P., 2nd V.P., and Secretary/Treasurer respectively. Also, "Statesman" Paul McCreary was chosen to represent the new club as National Director.

Jumping into the swing of things, the "Statesmen" immediately established a GMC "First" by presenting Mac McDonnell with a Florida state flag which had flown above their capitol in Tallahassee.

Thanks, Sunshine Statesmen, your state flag will wave proudly over the next GMC Rally and hopefully, you've started another great GMC tradition!

## WORLD STUNNED!

**DATELINE:** Orlando, Florida — February, 1977.

Members of the GMC Motorhome Owners Club sent shock waves of revelation across the globe today as they disclosed the secret of the famous "mile smile" worn on the face of Floridian songbird, Anita Bryant. "It's not just orange juice, it's all those great Florida Fun-tivities that keep her smiling like that," said one of the more than 280 GMC'ers attending the big Tropical Repose Rally.

Although Ms. Bryant did not personally attend the rally, her famous smile was indeed present upon the faces of happy GMC ralliers. If you don't believe it, turn to pages 3 and 4 for the "smilerific" pictorial on yet another "smilestone" in GMC rally history.



*The Sunshine Statesmen's new officers: From left to right; Jim Bailey, Earl Brinkman, David Linebaugh, Sally Kruger, and Paul McCreary.*



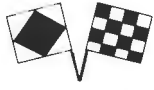
*As you can see, everyone who attended our big GMC rally in Orlando had a roaring good time...*



*Well, almost everyone!*



## GMC FORTY NINERS STRIKE GOLD IN SCOTTS VALLEY



Golden Fun-tivities that is . . . "Getting to Know You" was the theme of the Forty Niners January outing held in Scotts Valley, California. And that's just what the eighteen families and four new members present did!

The "Getting to Know You" Fun-tivities included a pot luck dinner (with momentary darkness courtesy of a blown fuse) and the musical talents of Forty Niner, Dan Kuhn.

Wagonmaster, Bud Pearson, adds

special thanks to the rally host and hostess, V.G. and Thelma Lambert, as well as to Mr. and Mrs. Cornell for graciously sharing their motorhome on the dinner trip. Next: how about some Fun-tivities prospecting at the Yosemite Lakes Trailer Park?



## GMC COUNTRY CLUB ROASTS OLD MAN WINTER

Hearty members of the GMC Country Club (shown above) traveled to icebound Columbus, Ohio the weekend of January 14-16 for — you guessed it — an "Ice Breaker Rally." Reports from very reliable sources indicate that the Country Clubbers had no difficulty in "warming up" to the occasion.

The "Ice Breaker" Fun-tivities included a gourmet dinner in the beautiful stained glass dining area of the Carrousel Inn and a drawing for door prizes ranging from a Fuzz

Buster (Don't ask!) to a handcrafted "Get the Motorhome Bug" clock.

In addition to the above, the rally-goers attended a "Motorhome Winterizing" service seminar led by Don Rooker and representatives from two Ohio GMC dealerships; George Byers Sons, Inc., Columbus, and Stan Grueninger, Inc., Cincinnati.

Now that they've put Old Man Winter in his place, Country Club ralliers are looking forward to April 29, the date of their first Spring Fling Rally in beautiful southern Ohio.



*GMC Forty Niners Club President, V.G. Lambert (left), Thelma Lambert (center), and Secretary, Orine Pearson (right) display the special horseshoe bulletin board made by Bud Pearson.*

## "Thru the Windows"

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

Today, we said a fond good-bye to Orlando, Florida — site of our "First National Winter Rally." Just a few hours ago, we enjoyed the natural comradery of joining with you and other GMC club members for a wealth of rally Fun-tivities. But now, our campsite is deserted.

What goes through our minds — first, as we watch the hustle and bustle of rally activities and later, as we witness the silence at the close of the rally? This month, Gloria and I would like to share those thoughts with you.

When we first arrive at the rally site, it is very empty. But suddenly, it comes to life, with workmen who erect the Big Tent and electricians who install the lights we'll need. Trucks arrive with tables, chairs, and a stage, all of which must be set in place prior to the rally.

At the same time, various behind-the-scene activities are taking place: filling the welcome goodie bags, checking to see that the caterer will prepare and serve the food on time; arranging for off-site transportation; securing tickets for events away from the rally grounds; and planning the entertainment. Other important de-



tails are taken care of, including arrangements for parking and registration. All these efforts have one purpose: to make our owners as comfortable as possible.

The stage is set, we are ready for your arrival, and the curtain goes up on another GMC national event. Registration day is here. The motorhomes appear — one by one, then two by two, and in fives or even sixes. Friends greet one another, strangers meet new friends, and the excitement is underway!

Yes, we laugh together, sing together, and dine together. But, as always, there is that last dinner or breakfast, the last cup of coffee, and the fond good-byes until we meet again. Then, as silently as they appeared, the motorhomes depart for

their destinations. And suddenly, we're reminded that the rally is almost over.

As the day ends, there are a few members who remain behind — owners whose plans will not put them on the road until the following day. We visit with these few people, who tell us how much they have enjoyed sharing these past few days with friends.

The morning arrives. Electricians remove the electrical equipment. A clean-up crew loads the tables and chairs onto a truck. The freight is sent along its path to return the exhibits to the warehouse. And finally, the gang arrives to pull the Big Tent down, to pack it, and to send it on its way to another fun-filled event.

Just as empty as the site was when we first arrived, it again stands empty, clean, quiet, and silent as the sun sets upon the first lonely night of the rally's close. We are left with many fond memories of pleasurable hours just past and even with a few tears, for we have shared another rally of fun and laughter with our family.

As you leave, we have a prayer for one of our friends and on our lips that each one of our friends will: Drive 'em safely, with many happy hours of GMCeeing, and we'll see you down the road.

Mac & Gloria



*Take 125 GMC motorhomes parked side by side, add a palm tree or two and plenty of sunshine . . .*



*Put up a big "GMC Tent" and fill with a group of fun-loving owners . . .*

## **GMC FAMILY ALBUM**

### **TROPICAL REPOSE RALLY**



*Throw in a tour of the famed Disney World Amusement Park . . .*



*Add a flying killer whale, courtesy of Sea World . . .*



*Bring on some lively entertainment . . .*



*And what do you have? The GMC Tropical Repose Rally, a big Fun-tivities for all!*



*Well, that show is okay, but let's switch channels and see what's on the other stations.*



*For some reason, it doesn't look the same when I do it.*

## **FEBRUARY 9-13, 1977 ORLANDO, FLORIDA**



*What a way to end a day of Fun-tivities, with a delicious pot luck dinner.*



*GMC rallies . . . not for adults only.*



*If you guys could just learn to march in formation, you'd be ready for half time at the Rose Bowl.*



*Ski hats in sunny Orlando? Why not?*



# SERVICE TIPS

By Don Rooker

Supervisor

GMC Motorhome Service

Some budding GMC owner-mechanics have devised a few ingenious emergency procedures for the rear air suspension system. And this month, I would like to share their tips with you.

In the event of total air loss for any reason, it may be possible to add air to the rear suspension at the wet tank (shop air fill valve located on tank) at a local gas station. (DO NOT EXCEED 120 psi.)

## Power Level Air Suspension System

Place the power leveler control knobs in the "TRAVEL" position while adding air to the system. Remove the shop air from the fill valve when the vehicle is leveled; put the power leveler control knobs in the hold position; and have the system repaired as soon as possible.

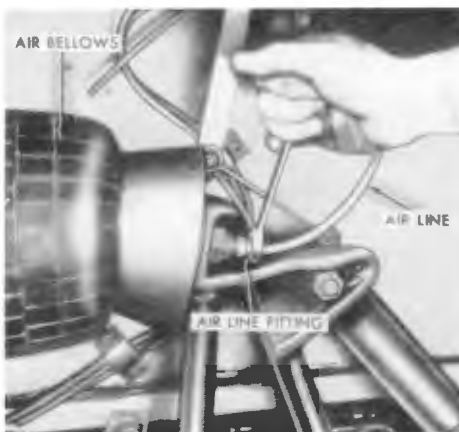
## Electro-Level Air Suspension System

Be sure the engine is running or the ignition switch is turned to "ON" or "ACCESSORY" position, and the outer rocker switches in "RAISE" position until vehicle is leveled. Then move "RAISE-LOWER" switches to "OFF" and "TRAVEL" switch to "HOLD." Have the system repaired as soon as possible.

## Emergency Operation Air Valve

Schrader air valves can be utilized if a failure occurs for any reason in the GMC Motorhome air suspension other than the rear air bellows. If the failure affects one side of the vehicle and an air valve is required, remove the air valve from the suspension wet tank and use it. If the failure affects both sides of the vehicle, purchase Schrader air valves locally.

Refer to the figure shown below and use the following procedure for



installing a Schrader air valve in an emergency situation:

- Completely lower the vehicle using the Electro-Level or Power Level controls.
- Remove the air line fittings from one or both sides of the vehicle if it is necessary.
- Insert the attached Schrader air valve in the place of the air line fittings and secure.
- Add air to the rear suspension via the Schrader air valve to a maximum of 100 psi.
- Put the dash mounted air suspension controls in a normal travel position.
- Take your vehicle to the nearest GMC motorhome dealer for repairs.

In the event the above emergency operation recommendations cannot be used, the vehicle may be driven at a speed of 5-15 mph (depending on road surface) with the rear of the vehicle in the fully "DOWN" position. Care should be exercised since ground clearance at the rear will be at a minimum. Again, take your vehicle to the nearest GMC motorhome dealer for repairs. Many dealers have mechanics on call 24 hours a day.

If you have some service tips that you would like to share with our readers, please send your ideas to:

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Maryann:

I have been the business manager for the entertainer, Mr. Bobby Freeman, for two years. During that time, we've toured the United States in our GMC Eleganza, and I have nothing but good things to say about our coach. It enables us to get to our concerts on time, and it's a delight to travel in.

From a woman's point of view I would, and have recommended it to anyone who wants to travel first class. I have back trouble, and I've found that the only way I can travel is with the GMC coach and its air suspension ride.

Sincerely yours,  
Kim Fetter, Mgr.  
Bobby Freeman Show

Dear Maryann:

Just a short note to convey to you good people the fine job you are doing and the enjoyment that we are receiving from the GMC motorhome rallies.

As you know, we just returned from the rally in Orlando and I just cannot say enough about how well planned and layed out everything was. Most particularly, the courtesy of the GMC people, including yourself, was tremendous.

Certainly the type of people that have gone to these rallies have been most enjoyable to meet and we look forward to attending all of them.

My sincere thanks once again to all of you good GMC people who are really putting it together and keep up the good work.

Sincerely yours,  
Gordon H. Stanley  
Norfolk, Mass.



### GMC Fun-tivities

#### GMC TIDE-WATER CRABS

"Spring Rally"  
April 15-17  
Virginia Beach

"Flying Rally"  
June 3-5  
Bealton, Virginia

"Summer Fun Rally"  
July 8-10  
Bel Air, Maryland

Contact: Fred Woodcock  
(301) 926-6431

#### GMC SIX WHEELERS

"Spring Rally"  
April 22-24  
Holiday Acres Park  
Belvidere, Illinois

Contact: Gene Kyle  
(815) 398-8926

#### GMC SAGUARO JETSET

"Spring Outing"  
April 22-24  
Oak Creek Campground  
(South of Sedona, Arizona)

Contact: Harlan Yeager  
(602) 977-0229

#### GMC COUNTRY CLUB

"Spring Fling"  
April 29  
Southern Ohio

"Roaring Good GMC Time"  
June 24  
Ramada Campgrounds  
(East of Indianapolis)

Contact: Marvin Grossman  
(614) 443-4601

#### GMC FORTY NINERS

"May Outing"  
Yosemite Lakes  
Trailer Park

Contact: V.G. Lambert  
(408) 372-1883

Down the road . . .

#### FMCA 14TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 26-29  
Syracuse, New York

#### GMC 3RD NATIONAL MOTORHOME OWNERS RALLY

September or October

Watch for more details!

### Hear Ye Right Here Ye

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to start building your own GMC library. Two of the many books available to readers are: the GMC motorhome Parts Book and the GMC Motorhome Maintenance Manual.

Here's how to order a book:

First, state the book reference number and price on your order . . .

No.	Book	Price
77Z	Parts	\$ 9 ea.
X-7525	Maintenance	\$20 ea.

Then, mail your order to:

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