



Motorhome **TRAVELER**



JULY, 1977

SHOULD GMC OWNERS PARK TOGETHER?

A Resounding Yes!

The question, put forth in a recent column by GMC Club-National Directors Mac and Gloria McDonnell, received an overwhelmingly affirmative response. The following excerpts, from a few of the owners' letters, tell the story:

In reply to your April "Thru the Windows" column, George and I both feel that we would rather park in a group with all GMC Motorhome owners.

Although we do belong to an FMCA group called "The Long Islanders," when we are at a National Convention, our choice would be to meet with many of our GMC friends, to renew old friendships from previous GMC events and to make new friends in the GMC family.

*Robin and George Halleran
Jericho, New York*

We definitely prefer parking with other GMC Motorhome owners. We have made many friends in the GMC Club and would not be able to see and visit with them as easily if we did not park together. We also enjoy

parking with the local GMC chapter for the same reasons.

*Virginia E. A. Noodard
Delhi, Louisiana*

In reply to your question about parking with other GMC Motorhome owners, our answer is "YES."

Why? . . . Like everything else in life, we like to be with those whose interest is the same as ours, those that we can feel at ease with. When we go down the highway, it is always a thrill to see another GMC coming along and to know that we will get a friendly wave.

It is always nice to know that we belong to a great club with good people among good friends.

*Alexandra and Sherman Conover
GMC 49'ers*

Your question with regards to GMC Owners parking as a group, the answer is a big yes!

First of all, we do have something very much in common. Not only do we have the FMCA, but we share the same experiences in our mode of Motorhoming.

Regardless of status, we have a common ground. We can relate in the same manner and we can grow in knowledge from our association. The benefits are many. It's much like a fraternity, and owning a GMC kind of brings us together.

*Paul R. Lewis
Cincinnati, Ohio*

Your National Directors, along with the entire "Traveler" staff, wish to thank the many GMC owners and club members whose warm and sincere response to an important issue proved, once again, that there is no greater friendship and camaraderie than that between GMC Motorhome owners.

Thank you

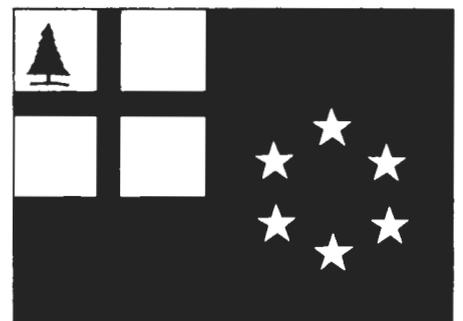


It's not too late to join the "Festival" fun in New York. See page three for the rally itinerary and registration form.

"CLIPPERS" ADOPT FLAG

Sparked by the planned GMC "Court of Flags," GMC Yankee Clippers' President, Herb Bernard, has announced the adoption of a special flag to represent all of the Clippers' Chapter states.

The New England flag, pictured below, was designed by K. Albert Ebinger. Its red cross signifies the Cross of St. George, the patron saint of England. The green pine tree represents the tall New England pines. The six stars honor the beautiful states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.



GMC'B BULLETIN

The representatives of *Wheeler's RV Resort and Campground Guides* report, that as of May 1, 90 percent of the parks and campgrounds operating CB equipment have switched to monitoring channel 12.

The *National Campground Owners Association's* effort to establish an accepted CB channel for campers began during 1976 and was officially passed by the board of NCOA at their annual conference in November. The program has been successful because of the fine cooperation of the parks and campgrounds involved.

Presently, Channel 12 is designated as the campers channel which will spread the word to the consumers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Maryann,

I was glad to hear that you liked the needlepoint picture. It was really a lot of fun to do and I hope that you will continue to enjoy it for a long time to come.

With your suggestion and encouragement, I have put together two needlepoint kits like the enclosed pictures. I currently have a supply of the kits which will also be available in Syracuse.

The following information would be helpful to anyone that would be interested in needlepointing one of these kits.

Motor Coach Kit: hand painted #12 mesh w/instructions, finished size approx. 12"x15" with sufficient amount of Persian yarn (wool) and Pearl Cotton supplied to complete design only (background yarn not included).

Caricature Coach Kit: hand painted #12 mesh finished size approx. 12"x15" with sufficient amount of Persian wool yarn to complete design, (background yarn not included), and instructions.

We will see you in Syracuse on our way back to Florida after getting acquainted with our first grandchild who lives in Utah.

Sincerely,
Geneva Dye

Geneva Dye proudly displays her beautifully finished needlepoint kits. For price and color information, write:

Geneva Dye
212 Sheridan Ave.
Langwood, Florida 32750

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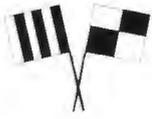
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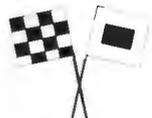
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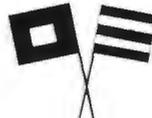
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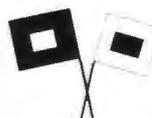
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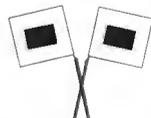
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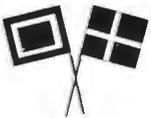
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(Massachusetts). For membership information, contact Pres. Herb Bernard: (617) 686-9404



GMC "SUMMER FESTIVAL" RALLY

THE ITINERARY:

Saturday, July 23

- 10:00 am-9:00 pm Registration and Parking.
- 6:00 pm Social Hour BYOB (Ice, mix & soft drinks furnished).
- 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Potluck Dinner at the Big Top (Bring a favorite dish to serve 6 or more). Hot vegetable, salad or dessert. Barbecue entree furnished by GMC.
- 8:30 pm Orientation by Mac McDonnell, GMC National Director.
- 9:00 pm Entertainment. Time to visit with old friends and meet new friends.
- 11:00 pm Generators off (Have a good rest).

"FESTIVAL DAY"

Sunday, July 24

- 8:00 am-10:00 am Coffee, donuts and milk.
- 10:00 am Adult games and prizes. Children's games and prizes.
- 12:00 noon Lunch. Prepare a picnic basket. Eat along the beach or in the park. Available for purchase — hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream, popcorn, soft drinks and candy.
- 2:00 pm-4:00 pm Band Concert at the Big Top.

(Lemonade will be served)
Enjoy visiting with friends and swimming at the beach.

CAUTION: Parents with small children should watch them while near the water. Lifeguards will be on duty, but we request your assistance.

- 4:00 pm Relax and rest.
- 5:00 pm-5:30 pm Busses depart for dinner-dance.
- 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Social Hour (Cash Bar).
- 6:45 pm-8:15 pm Dinner in Dining Room. Brief ceremony to present "our thanks" to those who helped with the rally.
- 8:30 pm-11:30 pm Dancing and entertainment.

The first bus leaves the dinner dance at 10:00 pm to return to Verona Beach State Park.

Busses will then depart on the hour and half hour. The last bus departs at 12:00 midnight. (Don't miss the bus — it is a long walk home!!)

Monday, July 25

- 8:00 am-9:30 am Coffee, donuts and milk.
- 10:00 am Champagne Party. Soft Drinks also available.
- 12:00 noon Departure (This completes GMC Club functions).
- 1:00 pm Organizational Meeting for New York Area Club (at the Big Top).



DON'T DELAY ENTER TODAY!

It was a crowd pleaser in Nashville . . . earned "Fun-tivity" fame in Orlando, and now it's headed for Verona Beach to add an extra measure of fun to the Summer Festival Rally. What is it? It's Photo-Con III, the third national photo contest for GMC Motorhome Owners.

To enter the contest, simply select up to five of your favorite color slides or negatives depicting memorable motorhome vacations, GMC national rallies, or local chapter activities. Then, add a caption or description for each entry and mail to:

GMC Photo-Con III
c/o Cliff Brackett, Rm 210
660 South Boulevard East
Pontiac, Michigan 48053

Note: To be eligible, entries must be received no later than July 15, 1977.

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 _____ PHONE (____) _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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

I am enclosing a check for: (Total) \$ _____

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

*In cooperation with the Central New York State Parks & Recreation Commission
(Emergency phone number for Verona Beach State Park — (315) 762-4463.)

"Thru the Windows"

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



bers as they correspond to the International Code of Flags.

When the members of a new club have voted upon the name of their club, the flags are assigned to correspond with the identification, and these flags become the master flag for that particular club. The flags are your unique identity . . . FLY 'EM WITH PRIDE!

THE GMC CLUB-COURT OF FLAGS

We announced in the May 1977 issue of the *Motorhome Traveler* our dream of "The Court of Flags," and requested that GMC Club Members attempt to acquire a flag from their own State, or the flag from where each club's official address is based.

We related the idea was given to us upon Mr. Paul McCreary's presentation of the Florida State Flag, to your National Director, and that this particular flag had flown over the Florida State Capitol.

Presently, we have four state flags and have been advised that other members will present us with flags from their states during our GMC Rally at Verona Beach Park, New York. The plan will be to raise each state flag at all future GMC National Rallies. We realize that these very special state flags might take a little time to acquire . . . but when we have them all assembled, they will form a display of importance to all of us. Therefore, your help in presenting us with your club's state flag is needed to accomplish our goal. Because each flag should represent an important ideal to the club presenting it, we would not find it proper, nor befitting the total idea, if we set about to purchase these state flags. Each flag must represent the spirit of our owners, and we want them to fly in the "GMC CLUB COURT OF FLAGS" attesting to the unity we all share.

In the meantime; "Drive em safely, Happy GMCeeing, and we'll see you down the road!"

Mac & Gloria McDonnell
National Directors



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relate messages across the distances.

Ultimately, the "International Code of Flags" was adopted both for its special interest and its virtual simplicity for identification on national and international scales. And, respecting the member whose suggestion gave thought to this month's column, we shall illustrate the simplicity of our flag system by using, as an example, Sally's GMC Club — Great Lakers.

EXAMPLE:

GREAT LAKERS

The "G" is represented by this flag

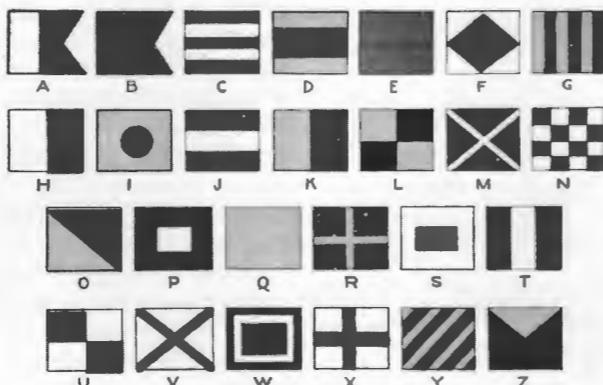
The "L" is represented by this flag



Each club has their own coat of flags. The flags indicate the first letter in each name of the club. When two names make up the official chapter designation, as in "Great Lakers," we assign a second flag to complete the insignia.

These "Coats of Arms," or insignias can readily be recognized, by each club member, and are easily related to identification by the mem-

THE INTERNATIONAL CODE OF FLAGS



GMC CLUB-CHAPTER FLAGS:

The members who are now active with their GMC Club Chapters are aware of the "International Code of Flags" used to identify their individual chapters, but for those who are not yet members, we shall explain the meaning of our Chapter Flags (or pennants).

Our first purpose for employing the "International Code of Flags," was to initiate a unique manner of identification for our GMC Motorhome Owners Clubs, totally unique to those now used by any other motorhome club. We therefore selected a method that is almost as old as the sailing vessels of the high seas, for which the code of identification has been in use for centuries to identify ships at sea, or

SERVICE TIPS — OFTEN OVERLOOKED OPERATING FACTS

By Don Rooker
Supervisor
GMC Motorhome Service



I. ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

- A. The GMC Motorhome living area 110 VAC electrical system is serviced by the main circuit breaker panel. The panel contains circuit breakers that are designed to snap to the neutral position in the event of an over-loaded 120-volt circuit. Once the cause of an over-load is corrected, the circuit breaker must be moved *FIRST* to the "off" position with firm pressure and then to the "on" position. The circuit breakers are spring loaded devices and are thus "cocked" or "reset," so that they will automatically trip an electrical over-load. Many owners are unaware that the circuit breakers must be reset and thus spend many frustrating hours chasing the cause of the apparent lack of electrical power.
- B. The main circuit breaker panel described above, along with the 45 amp AC to DC power converter, water heater switch, and 12 VDC fuse block are all located in the "living area electrical compartment." Do not use this compartment as a storage area. The converter must have a free flow of air through and around the unit. If air flow is restricted, the converter could overheat which could result in malfunction and permanent

damage. Do not let the unit get wet, but do keep it as clean as possible to help assure its long life.

II. HOLDING TANK OPERATION IN RV PARKS

If you are using a sewer hook-up in an RV park keep the tank dump valve closed until the tank becomes full. This will allow complete drainage of the holding tank. The amount of flushing water in the RV toilet system is not sufficient to insure aggressive flushing action which is needed to carry solid wastes from the holding tank system. The common result of extended camping with the dump valve left open is a clogged valve which won't seat properly. This may, in some cases, require removal of the tank and/or dump valve for cleaning (UGH!!). Or, also, the dump valve may not seat properly due to paper lodged in the valve seating surface; which will cause leakage that can fill up the dump tube with sewage, waiting for the unsuspecting cover to uncap to hook-up (also messy-UGH!). So *please* keep the dump valve shut until holding tank needs to be dumped, open valve dump tank and return valve to shut position to assure greatest owner SATISFACTION.

III. THE NORCOLD ALL-ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR

The Norcold all-electric refrigerator utilizes outside air to cool the refrigeration coils and thus cool the contents of the food compartment. The flow of outside air must not be blocked or reduced or refrigeration efficiency will be reduced. Therefore, do not carry items in the refrigerator access compartment that is located just behind the entrance door. This compartment seems to be a favorite place for unsuspecting owners to carry spare power cords, water hoses, charcoal, etc. Remember, keep this compartment uncluttered so the cooling coils can do their proper job.

IV. THE AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

The most common Motorhome chassis maintenance item that is neglected has to be the transmission. The automatic transmission in any vehicle is a very complicated device, which although very reliable in nature, has certain service requirements.

The natural enemies to any automatic transmission are dirt and heat. The transmission fluid should be changed every 12 months or 12,000 miles, or sooner if towing and/or mountainous operation is encountered. The engine cooling system, which also cools the transmission fluid, should be inspected and kept in top shape. If maximum protection is desired for heavy-duty driving and/or towing conditions an auxiliary transmission oil cooler is available through GMC Motorhome dealers.

We are looking forward to answering more service questions during the upcoming Summer Festival Rally. See you there . . . have a safe and happy journey.

THE NATIONALS

GMC PRE-CONVENTION RALLY

"Summer Festival"
July 23-25

Verona Beach State Park
(Near Syracuse, New York —

See page three for registration form)



FMCA 14th NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 26-29
Syracuse, New York

GMC 2nd National MOTORHOME OWNERS RALLY

"Anchors Away"
October 5-9
San Diego, California



G M C Fun-tivities



ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS FOR NEW CHAPTERS

July 8-10
Jellystone Campground
Milwaukee, WI

Contact: Henry Regauld
(414) 281-4000

Monday, July 25
Verona Beach State Park
New York

Note: Consult the "Summer Festival" schedule on Page three for further details.

GMC ELEGANT CRUISERS (of Los Angeles, CA area)

July 22
Camp Magill
(off Interstate 5 near Gorman,
California)

Contact: Myron Stahl
(213) 550-7104

GMC GATEWAY MOTOR CRUISERS

Twin Rivers Lodge
Lesterville, Missouri
July 15-17

Contact: Roy Reitter
(314) 527-6825

GMC GREAT LAKERS (of Great Lakes Region)

July 9, 10 & 11
Timber Shores
Northport, MI

August 13, 14 & 15
Three Braves Campground
Buchanan, MI

September 9, 10 & 11
Leisure Valley
Decatur, MI
(A first — special guests
will be GMC Ohio
Country Clubbers)

October 14, 15 & 16
Lappan's Private
Retreat
Alpena, MI

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 SIX WHEELERS (of Illinois)

Annual Meeting
August 19-21
Site to be announced
Contact: Chick and Parker Wiggins
(312) 668-0560

GMC TIDE-WATER CRABS (of the Nation's Capitol area)

"Summer Fun Rally"
July 8-10
BelAir, Maryland
Contact: Fred Woodcock
(301) 926-6431

GMC YANKEE CLIPPERS (of Massachusetts area)

August 19-21
Little Ponderosa
Boothbay Harbor, Maine
Contact: Herb Bernard
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