



Motorhome **TRAVELER**



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ANCHORS AWAY! . . . TO SAN DIEGO, CA

The GMC Second National Motorhome Owners Rally is on the horizon and soon, GMC'ers from across the nation will be hoisting anchors and setting sails for San Diego, California. October 5-9, 1977, will mark the days of GMC national friendship, "Fun-tivities," and events entitled "Anchors Away."

In addition to the variety of interesting attractions in and around the

DeAnza (Mission Bay) Campland, highlights of the GMC 2nd National Rally will include; a San Diego Bay sunset cruise to the luxurious Hotel del Coronado for the first GMC Grand Ball complete with elegant dining and dancing, an international shopping spree in Tijuana, Mexico, and, of course, a full complement of GMC Fun-tivities.

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CLIPPERS CELEBRATE!

Members of the GMC Club Yankee Clippers (Massachusetts chapter) recently met for a weekend celebration of the chapter's first anniversary. Officially chartered in July 1976, the Yankee Clippers have seen a very active year with the GMC Motorhome Owners Club, cause for an active celebration indeed!

Yankee Clippers' President, Herb Bernard, reported 19 coaches attending the anniversary celebration which began, appropriately, with coffee and doughnuts and ended with a champagne and cake breakfast. In between, of course, were plenty of GMC good times!

Please join the "Traveler" staff in congratulating the Yankee Clippers on a happy anniversary with wishes for many more to come.



Yankee Clippers' President, Herb Bernard cuts the anniversary cake while "Clipper" officers (L. to R.) Jerry and Rita Pelletier and Dana Brayton signal their glowing approval.



Nestled between mountains and a modern skyline on the east and the Pacific on the west, San Diego Bay (Above right) is no stranger to the cry of Anchors Away! In the heart of the city, 1400 acre Balboa Park (left) provides a beautiful surrounding for many of San Diego's cultural and historical treasures.

(Photos courtesy of San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau.)

"Thru the Windows"

By Mac & Gloria McDonnell

Executive Directors
GMC Motorhome Owners Association,
Incorporated

Yes, you read the title correctly, and there have been some changes made, for we are now to be known as the:

GMC Motorhome Owners Association, Inc.

It seems most fitting at this writing to print the contents of our announcement of this major program, which we delivered to those GMC Motorhome Owners who attended our "Summer Festival Rally," at Verona Beach State Park, New York, on the evening of July 23, 1977.

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CLUB



CRUISERS



NINERS



MOTOR CRUISERS



LAKERS



STARS



CRUISERS



TRAVELERS

GMC MOTORHOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

"Thru the Windows" . . . Cont.

Quote:

The message I carry to you today has an important bearing on the future of each club or chapter, and in the future for those chapters that will be formulated, organized, and chartered in those months that lie ahead, yes, even in those years to come.

We should like for a moment to indulge in a short resume, or history of our GMC Motorhome Owners Clubs . . . reviewing, if you will, where we have been, and openly discussing for all to hear, the "Milestones of Accomplishments." Then let us discuss where we are today, and most importantly: WHERE ARE WE GOING?"

Just 16 months ago, the first of our GMC Motorhome Owners Clubs was organized, and thanks to the courageous owners who braved a winter snow storm, birth was given to our identity as: "GMC Motorhome Owners Clubs!"

Today we are 20 GMC Club Chapters strong, and with the prospect for organizing the 21st Chapter here at Verona Beach State Park on Monday, July 25th . . . immediately following the conclusion of our "Summer Festival Rally."

We have met together in two GMC National Fun-tivities, and your letters as well as your personal favorable comments have inspired us to plan National Rallies for our GMC Owners, that we hope will have no comparison by any measure with any other group, or groups.

The profile of you, Our Owners, is something that we all are proud of, and needless to add, we are most grateful for the pride you have in your GMC Motorhomes.

We want to extend our "Thanks" to the officers, and the members of each GMC Motorhome Owners Chapter, for all their untiring efforts in adding to the quality of our GMC Clubs, and for the wealth of camaraderie they have added to our profile.

Gloria and I have many dear friends among this assembly gathered here today, which of course is the result of our GMC Motorhome Clubs, and basically that is what it is all about, to be with friends who have a common interest, which means to say: "We play together, we dine together, we laugh together, we sing together, and yes, we dance together." You have met first hand the management of GMC Truck & Coach, in turn, these people have gotten to know you . . . you the owner. Your counsel has influenced changes and added features in our beautiful motorhomes, and continued product changes are planned for the future. Your product suggestions, both verbal and written are valued by GMC management.

In these past few months, we have grown from a few, to many . . . our commission is to support you, our GMC Motorhome Owner, in adding to your pleasures, and opening new horizons of happiness for all of you.

We asked these questions of our owners gathered for the "Summer Festival Rally:"

Have you enjoyed these hours of fun we have shared together?

Have you enjoyed the camaraderie in your chapters, and with other GMC Motorhome Owners?

Note: The total response from our audience was very gratifying.

When the GMC Clubs were first formed we all felt it would be beneficial to associate ourselves to the National Organization of Family Motor Coach Association. This decision was correct, at the time. It has provided us with valuable rules, guidelines, and organizational benefits. In addition, it gave GMC Motorhome Owners an opportunity to immediately share motorcoaching experiences with seasoned veterans.

Now, it is with pleasure, as your Executive Directors, to announce another "Major Milestone!" We are now to be known as the:

"GMC MOTORHOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC."

Ahead are many hours of planning, and so that each of you will have heard it from our lips, we have decided to govern ourselves without assistance from any outside source . . . These are your clubs, they will remain with you the GMC Motorhome Owners, and the success of each chapter is the responsibility we all must share . . . if we are to be a success, and we shall be a success, for the responsibility lies in the efforts of each member, and if we are anything less than a success . . . then one or more of us has dropped the ball.

There will be questions among those members who are now associated in the chapters chartered with Family Motor Coach Association, and you will ask: "What does this mean to our Club?" You may further ask: "What do we do?"

We do not advocate that you do anything, that is not the desires, or purposes of your members . . . each club that is now chartered as an F.M.C.A. Charter, may at the members' and the chapters' option join our "GMC MOTORHOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION" . . . carrying along the Chapter's name, the Chapter's officers, and the Club Membership.

We do not propose, nor offer a mandate, that you depart from FMCA. This we say loud and clear, so that no one misinterprets my statements . . . any discussion of movement will be totally in response to the chapter, and the individual members of those chapters.

It will, however, be necessary that each chapter make a formal request to the Executive Board for recognition as a Chapter of the "GMC MOTORHOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. . . ."

Proper documentation of our GMC Motorhome Owners Association's "Constitution and By-Laws" will be mailed to the president of each chapter, along with our "Membership Code & Regulations," and we shall soon have available applications for membership in the new association, which are being sent forward to each chapter immediately. Naturally, this change also eliminates the need for individual owners to join FMCA, before becoming a member of the GMC Motorhome Owners Association.

The GMC Motorhome Owners Clubs have come a long way in these few months, we have an identity wherever we are, one that all of you should hold in great pride.

These clubs are your clubs, work to make them a part of you, for the purpose for which they have been organized: TO HAVE FUN, TO SHARE WITH OTHER GMC OWNER'S THE VALUED EXPERIENCE AND PRIDE OF OWNING A GMC MOTORHOME!

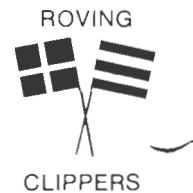
So much for the speech making, let us get on with the true purpose of our GMC Motorhome Owners Association, and meet us at the next "GMC National Rally-Anchors Away" in San Diego, California, on October 5th . . . "FUN" is the password, and we need your support to spell it out.

In the meantime . . . "Drive 'em safely, Happy GMCEEING, and we shall be looking for you in San Diego!"

Mac & Gloria McDonnell
Executive Directors



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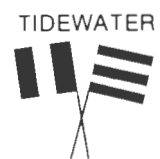
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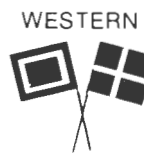
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COME . . . JOIN OUR FAMILY IN SAN DIEGO!

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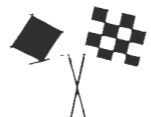
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(Los Angeles Area). For membership information, contact Pres. Myron Stahl: (213) 550-7104

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(Arizona). For membership information, contact Pres. Lester Garling: (602) 266-6145

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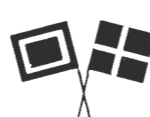
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GMC PHOTO-FUN IV

STOP! Before you seal that envelope with your "Anchors Away" registration form, please take a moment to include a couple of your favorite color slides or negatives depicting GMCing at its best. Your slides or negatives, along with the captions you supply, will be carefully duplicated and returned following preliminary judging for entries to Photo-Fun IV, the Fourth National GMC Motorhome Owners Photo contest.

Each registered GMC Owner will receive one ballot for determining Photo-Fun IV winners at the rally in San Diego. The deadline for Photo-Fun entries is *September 15, 1977* so please send yours today!

ANCHORS AWAY" . . . Cont.

A tour of San Diego and the renowned San Diego Zoo, along with a comprehensive schedule of service seminars featuring quizzes and prizes are just a few of the many Fun-tivities awaiting "Anchors Away" ralliers. For the ladies, "Anchors Away" will feature helpful seminars in the areas of makeup, packing, and microwave cooking.

"Anchors Away" will undoubtedly be the biggest event of the year for the GMC Motorhome Owners Association. To reserve your family's place in the fun, please send your registration form as soon as possible. Anchors away . . . See you in San Diego!

"ANCHORS AWAY" REGISTRATION

GMC SECOND NATIONAL MOTORHOME OWNERS RALLY — OCTOBER 5-9, 1977 DeANZA (MISSION BAY) CAMPLAND, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

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

GMC CLUB CHAPTER NAME (if any) _____

LAST NAME _____ HUSBAND _____ WIFE _____

CHILDREN (names & ages) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ PHONE (____) _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

(Two Persons, one unit — \$150.00) \$ _____

(One Person, one unit — \$85.00) \$ _____

(____ extra persons 12 or older — \$65.00 each) _____

(____ children under 12 — \$25.00 each) _____

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

I Register for San Diego Zoo Tour or I Register for City of San Diego Tour

MAIL TO:
GMC MOTORHOME OWNERS
ASSOCIATION INC.
GMC TRUCK & COACH
660 South Boulevard East, Rm. 210
Pontiac, Michigan 48053

SERVICE TIPS - Service Knowledge Quiz

By Don Rooker
Supervisor
GMC Motorhome Service

The following Service Knowledge Quiz should be a familiar sight to those GMC'ers who recently attended the GMC Summer Festival Rally in Verona Beach, New York. The quiz, along with a similar Vehicle Knowledge Quiz, proved to be both an interesting and informative review of the important points in maintaining a happy GMC motorhome.

This month, for the benefit of those who were unable to attend the rally, "Service Tips" features a reprint of the quiz given during the pre-convention service seminars at Verona Beach. So, why not take a moment now to brush up on some valuable service knowledge!

To test your service savvy just circle one correct answer for each of the following questions (answers will follow in next month's "Traveler"). Good luck and see you in San Diego!

GMC MOTORHOME SERVICE KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. Recommended engine oil change interval is?
A. 3 Months/3,000 Miles
B. 1,500 Miles
C. Never
D. 12 Months/12,000 Miles
2. The vehicle engine oil filter should be changed every?
A. 6 Months/6,000 Miles
B. Annually
C. 12 Months/12,000 Miles
D. Monthly
3. The transmission oil and filter should be changed at what interval?
A. 6 Months/6,000 Miles
B. 12 Months/12,000 Miles
C. 3 Months/3,000 Miles
D. Annually

4. The vehicle final drive (rear end) oil should be changed at what interval?
A. Never
B. 36 Months/36,000 Miles
C. 24 Months/24,000 Miles
D. 12 Months/12,000 Miles
5. The chassis should be lubricated how often?
A. 12 Months/12,000 Miles
B. Monthly
C. Annually
D. 3 Months/3,000 Miles
6. The recommended tire pressures are what?
A. Bias-120 Radial-105
B. Bias-60 Radial-65
C. Bias-75 Radial-80
D. Bias-35 Radial-40
7. Tires should be rotated how often?
A. Monthly
B. 12 Months/12,000 Miles
C. Annually
D. 6 Months/6,000 Miles



8. Type oil recommended for the engine is?
A. SE C. SAE
B. MM D. CC
9. Traction can be increased by doing what?
A. Using snow tires
B. Using tire chains
C. Raising rear of vehicle with air leveling system
D. All of the above
10. How many filters are on the GMC Motorhome?
A. Five
B. Seven
C. Twenty Seven
D. Ten

GMC CONVENIENCE & EMERGENCY ACCESSORIES

Bulb and Fuse Kit Part No. 2006642

Recently this new bulb and fuse kit was made available through your servicing GMC Motorhome Dealer. This kit is a convenience item that you can take advantage of for those times when a bulb or fuse goes dead and you want to have it replaced as soon as possible. The current list price for this kit is *\$16.75.

Emergency Operation Air Valve Part No. 2214895

This air valve can be utilized if a failure occurs for any reason in your

GMC Motorhome/Transmode air suspension *other than* the rear air bellows. The valve is easily installed, usually by any mechanic or by the owner, if he has basic tools. This kit would allow you to get the motorhome in operation until you can get to a GMC Motorhome dealer. The suggested list price of the air valve is *\$1.85 each.

Belt & Hose Kit Part No. 2006646

This kit was made available during 1976 for motorhome owners as a convenience item should any of the belts or hoses need to be replaced while in transit (for vehicles with 455 cubic inch engines only). The items in the kit can be easily installed, usually by any mechanic or by the owner, if he has the basic tools. The suggested list price of *\$23.30 is about \$6.00 less than the same parts purchased individually.

To order any of these GMC convenience and emergency accessories, see your Motorhome dealer today.

*Prices are subject to change without prior notice.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Maryann,

Just a note to let you know how much we have enjoyed the new Transmode we picked up at GMC Truck & Coach Division in Pontiac, Michigan last fall. I recall how royally we were treated by everyone there and our special thanks to Bud Waack who gave us a personal tour through the plant and supplied many helpful ideas for customizing our own Transmode. We have thoroughly enjoyed all of the GMC club activities and hope to attend as many as possible.

Lewis & Doris Beeton
Kelowna, BC Canada



Lewis and Doris Beeton pause during the GMC first birthday celebration in Las Vegas to discuss one of their favorite subjects, their GMC Transmode, with Bill Morrow, GMC Regional Service Manager.

BON APPÉTIT

As announced in the May 1977 edition of the "Traveler," we're putting together a cookbook... a GMC Motorhome Owner's Cookbook! The "GMC Gourmet Gazette," as we like to call it, will feature a variety of recipes that are particularly suited to the carefree motorhome lifestyle. In addition to your favorite recipes, the cookbook will include some of your helpful hints on storage, utensils, meal planning and, of course, cleanup. So, please keep those recipes and cooking hints coming! In the meantime, here are a couple of the recipes we have received:

Yogurt Pie

1 store bought graham cracker crust
2 8-ounce cups of fruit yogurt
1 large container of Kool Whip

Fold yogurt into Kool Whip and fill pie crust. Chill in refrigerator for two hours.

It sets up to cheesecake consistency without baking. It's also good frozen. Made with key lime yogurt, it rivals standard key lime pie.

Bettina Gunderson
Homestead, Florida

Beer Bread

3 cups self-rising flour
3 tablespoons sugar
1 12-ounce can of beer

Mix lightly. Pack into well-greased loaf pan. Brush top with margarine. Bake in 400° oven for 50 minutes. Cool on rack.

Mrs. Allen Willett
Vista, California

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"Cookbook"
GMC Motorhome Owners Club
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SOMETHING NEW FOR THE KIDS

Mattel, manufacturer of the popular "Barbie Doll" and "Hot Wheels" toy lines, has been bitten by the Lovebug! Recently, the company introduced two new toys bearing a striking resemblance to the familiar Lovebug. In fact, they are faithful replicas of a deluxe GMC Motorhome.

The new toys, a GMC "Barbie Doll" Motorhome and a GMC "Hot Wheels" Motorhome, are currently available on a pre-distribution mail order basis. In September, Mattel will launch an extensive national advertising campaign which may limit supplies during the fall and Holiday-Christmas time period. For price and

ordering information, the number to call is: (313) 875-7818.



"Barbie," Mattel Toys' star of "doldom," can now travel anywhere with all the comforts of home! The "Star Traveller" Motorhome (above) is a 36-inch replica of a deluxe GMC Motorhome, will store and carry dolls and their accessories, for hours of imaginative play. Dolls sold separately.

The new GMC "Hot Wheels" Motorhome (left) is a special gold plated version made exclusively for GMC by Mattel. An orange version of the 3 inch toy will be offered to consumers this fall.



With a removable sun deck, cheerful sleeping area, and a fully equipped kitchen and dining area, it's clear that the new GMC "Barbie Doll" Motorhome by Mattel will please even the most discriminating "Barbie Doll" fan.



GMC ELEGANT CRUISERS
(of Los Angeles, CA area)

September 9-11
Refugio State Beach
(15 miles NW of Goleta
on Hwy. 101)
Contact: Myron Stahl
(213) 550-7104

GMC FORTY NINERS
(of Northern California)

"Wine Country" Rally
September 23-25
Windsorland
Windsor, California
Contact: Orine Pearson
(209) 524-3749

GMC GREAT LAKERS
(of Great Lakes Region)

September 9-11
Ohio
(site to be announced)
(A first — special guests will
be GMC Ohio Country Clubbers
and GMC Western Reserve)
October 14-16
Lappan's Private Retreat
Alpena, Michigan
Contact: Pete Zunitch
(313) 647-3924

GMC NORTHERN STARS
(of North Dakota area)

August 12-14
Medora, North Dakota

G M C Fun-tivities

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 PRAIRIE SCHOONERS

August 26-28
Cutty's Campground
Bonner Springs, Kansas
Contact: Arthur Mellot
(913) 422-5380

GMC SIX WHEELERS
(of Illinois)

August 19-21
"Springfield Rally"
Springfield, Illinois
September 23-25
Elkhart, Indiana
October 28-30
"Halloween Rally"
Contact: Chick & Parker Wiggin
(312) 668-0560

GMC TRAVELIN' TEXANS

September 16-18
Galveston — Freeport KOA
(Hwy. 257 from Freeport or
Hwy. 3005 from Galveston)
Contact: Evan Pancake
(713) 668-2745



GMC SUNSHINE STATESMEN
(of Florida)

September 9 & 10
Holiday Inn Travel Park
Riviera Beach, Florida
Contact: Bill Morse
(305) 847-3131
November 11 & 12
"Fort Wilderness Rally"
Disney World
Contact: Geneva Dye
(305) 339-9124

GMC YANKEE CLIPPERS
(of the Nation's Capitol area)

August 19-21
"Clam Bake" Rally
Little Ponderosa
Boothbay Harbor, Maine
September
Goose Hollow Campground
Campton, New Hampshire
(featuring craft demonstrations)
December 10 & 11
Christmas Party
Independence Harbor
Assonet, Massachusetts
Contact: Herb Bernard
(617) 686-9409

**GMC 2ND NATIONAL
MOTORHOME OWNERS RALLY**

"Anchors Away"
October 5-9
DeAnza (Mission Bay) Campland
San Diego, California
(Registration Form on page 3)

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