

*Idiot's Internet Guide to Finding*

**1973-1978**

# **GMC MotorHome Information**



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## **Internet Links to:**

- A comprehensive look at the history of the 1973-1978 GMC Motorhome
- Purchasing a GMC Motorhome - Buyer's Checklist
- Manuals, Wiring Diagrams, Floor Plans, Paint Codes, etc.
- GMC Motorhome Parts and Service Suppliers, Publication Listings and Service Parts Cross References
- GMC Technical Information, GMC Photo Archive and GMC Motorhome Registry
- GMC Clubs Nationwide
- GMCnet - Your link to the GMC Community
- Black List - Indispensable list of folks willing to help in case of trouble on the road.

## Preface

There is a vast amount of information available on the Internet about the GMC MotorHome built from 1973 through 1978: History, how-to-repair info, suppliers, service and repair facilities, service parts, clubs, vendors, etc. The problem is where to start searching without having to spend hours surfing the Internet. Personally, as a newbie, I spent many hours looking on the Internet for different types of GMC motorhome information and wished there was a concise reference guide to this type of information. Since I could not find one, I decided to create my own – *Idiot's Internet Guide to Finding 1973-1978 GMC MotorHome Information*.

This Guide was specifically designed with the idea to save newbies time in searching for GMC motorhome information that is readily available on the Internet. It is also a handy reference guide for all GMCers who want to quickly find Internet links of GMC motorhome information.

A lot of GMCers travel with a computer in their coaches. I suggest you keep a copy of this guide so you can take it with you on the road. Chapter 4 in the Guide lists GMC MotorHome suppliers and service/repair facilities. In the event you do not have an internet connection you will still be able to access business names, addresses, and phone numbers that may be very helpful in case of a breakdown on the road.

Hopefully, this Guide will help you speed up your internet searches!

Happy travels!

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1978 GMC Royale  
Red Bluff, CA



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## CHAPTER 1

# History of the GMC MotorHome

If you are interested in the history of the GMC MotorHome, below are some excellent links.

- ◆ **Link to the GMC Heritage Center –**  
[http://history.gmheritagecenter.com/wiki/index.php/The\\_GMC\\_MotorHome](http://history.gmheritagecenter.com/wiki/index.php/The_GMC_MotorHome)  
An historical view of the GMC MotorHome at the GM Heritage Center, the official on-line resource of GM's history. Written by Bill Bryant, well-know GMC history buff.
- ◆ **The Story of a Classic –**  
[www.bdub.net/publications/GMC\\_Motorhome\\_-\\_The\\_Story\\_of\\_a\\_Classic.pdf](http://www.bdub.net/publications/GMC_Motorhome_-_The_Story_of_a_Classic.pdf)  
Another great article by historian Bill Bryant; reprinted from a three-part series run in Family Motor Coaching, the magazine of FMCA
- ◆ **GMC MotorHome: Remembering the Classic –**  
<http://www.fmca.com/join-family-motor-coach-association/stories/162-gmc-motorhome-remembering-a-classic>  
Todd Moning, a staff writer for Family Motor Coaching magazine, provides a look at the GMC's reputation for quality and originality, something owners take pride in.
- ◆ **Looking Back on GM's Heritage: The 1973 to 1978 GMC Motorhome –**  
[www.automotivetraveler.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=593&Itemid=131](http://www.automotivetraveler.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=593&Itemid=131)  
Rich Truesdell, a writer for an online magazine geared toward the auto enthusiast, provides his view of the fascinating aspects of the GMC MotorHome
- ◆ **A Brief History of the GMC Motorhome –**  
[www.gmcmotorhome.com/faq/what.html](http://www.gmcmotorhome.com/faq/what.html)
- ◆ **More GMC MotorHome History –**  
[www.gmcmi.com/history.html](http://www.gmcmi.com/history.html) and [www.gmcmotorhomeworld.com/history.html](http://www.gmcmotorhomeworld.com/history.html)
- ◆ **Telling the World about the GMC Motorhome –**  
[www.gmcers.org/](http://www.gmcers.org/)
- ◆ **GMC Motorhome Brochures –**  
[www.bdub.net/publications/index.html](http://www.bdub.net/publications/index.html)
- ◆ **Wikipedia: GMC MotorHome –**  
[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GMC\\_motorhome](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GMC_motorhome)
- ◆ **Web address for the TZE Interpreter –**  
[www.gmcmotorhome.com/faq/vin.html](http://www.gmcmotorhome.com/faq/vin.html)
- ◆ **The GMC MotorHome from Start to Finish –**  
Bill Bryant, GMC Historian, has assembled a great collection of CDs after many years of effort obtaining the history of the GMC MotorHome. Over 500 images detail the history, development, designs, prototypes, concepts, manufacturing, pricing, sales literature, memorabilia, collectables, and much, much more.  
[www.bdub.net/billbryant/](http://www.bdub.net/billbryant/)

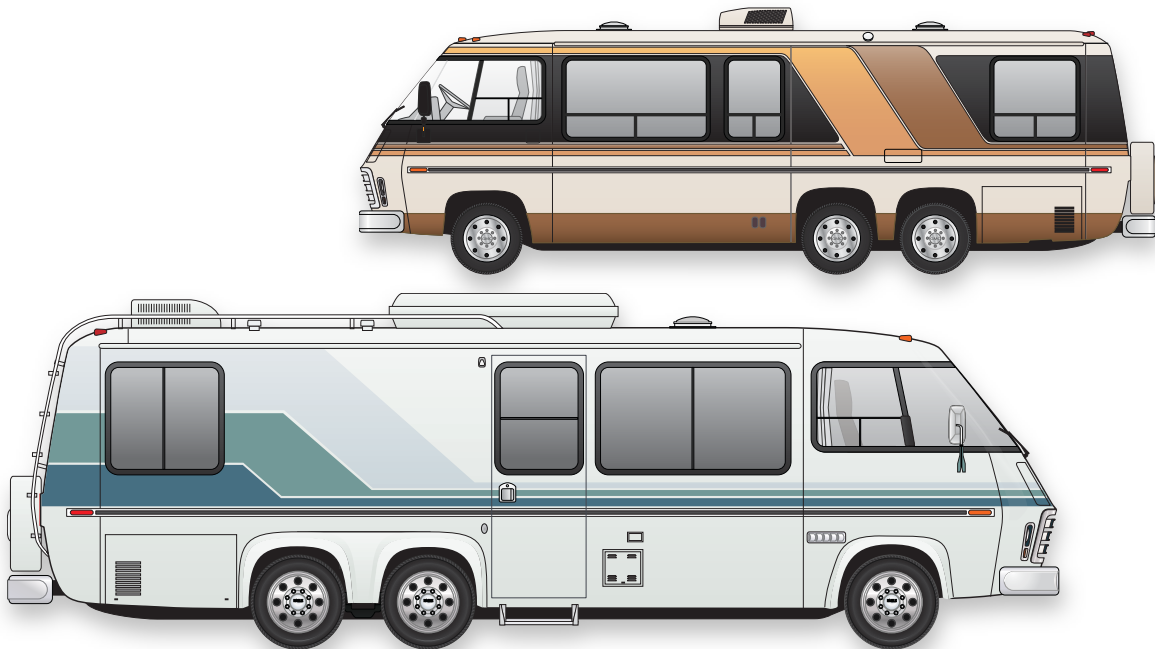
## CHAPTER 2

# Purchasing a GMC MotorHome

## ***Buyers' Checklist; Links and Tips for Searching for a GMC MotorHome; Restoration Costs and Restoration Project Links***

Following are some tips to look over before you rush out and purchase an over thirty-year-old GMC motorhome

- ◆ **So You Want to Buy a GMC –**  
[gmcmotorhome.info/buygmc.html](http://gmcmotorhome.info/buygmc.html)
- ◆ **Buyer's Checklist –**  
<http://gmcmotorhome.info/buyer.htm>
- ◆ **Links and Tips for Searching for Your Prospective GMC Motorhome –**  
[www.bdub.net/publications/gmcsearch/index.html](http://www.bdub.net/publications/gmcsearch/index.html)
- ◆ **Cost to Restore a GMC –**  
[gmcmotorhome.info/buygmc.html#cost](http://gmcmotorhome.info/buygmc.html#cost)
- ◆ **Restoring a Vintage RV Like the GMC –**  
<http://www.gmceast.com/about/restore>  
This is a reprint of an article by Jim Bounds that first appeared in RV Adventure.



## CHAPTER 3

# Now that I Purchased the GMC, What Next?

## **Manuals, Wiring Diagrams, Floor Plans, Paint Codes, etc.**

This chapter is loaded with links to information that cover a very broad range from getting that old sleeping giant started, things to check before hitting the road, spare tools to take along, repair manual and wiring diagrams, paint codes, specifications (capacities and dimensions & 455 Engine).

- ◆ **Waking a Sleeping Giant** – [gmcmotorhome.info/buygmc.html#waking](http://gmcmotorhome.info/buygmc.html#waking)
- ◆ **Preflight Checklist and Other Documents** – <http://www.gmceast.com/lifestyle/>
- ◆ **Tools and Spares for the Trip** – [gmcmotorhome.info/SPARES.html](http://gmcmotorhome.info/SPARES.html)
- ◆ **Top Safety Maintenance/Upgrades Before You Hit the Road** – [gmcmotorhome.info/safety.htm](http://gmcmotorhome.info/safety.htm)
- ◆ **Repair Manuals** – [www.bdub.net/manuals/index.html](http://www.bdub.net/manuals/index.html)
- ◆ **Wiring Diagrams** – [www.bdub.net/wirediagrams/index.html](http://www.bdub.net/wirediagrams/index.html)
- ◆ **GMC Dimensional Drawings** – [www.bdub.net/GMCDrawings/](http://www.bdub.net/GMCDrawings/)
- ◆ **Weight Diagrams** – [www.bdub.net/GMCDrawings/GMC-Scale-Weights.gif](http://www.bdub.net/GMCDrawings/GMC-Scale-Weights.gif)
- ◆ **GMC Floor Plans** – [www.gmcmotorhome.com/faq/models.html](http://www.gmcmotorhome.com/faq/models.html)
- ◆ **GMC, Coachman and Midas Interiors** – [www.gmcmotorhome.com/faq/GMC23Interior.html](http://www.gmcmotorhome.com/faq/GMC23Interior.html)
- ◆ **GMC Paint Codes; 1973 thru 1977** – [www.gmcmotorhome.com/faq/GMCEXterior1.html](http://www.gmcmotorhome.com/faq/GMCEXterior1.html)
- ◆ **GMC Paint Codes; 1976 thru 1978** – [www.gmcmotorhome.com/faq/GMCEXterior2.html](http://www.gmcmotorhome.com/faq/GMCEXterior2.html)
- ◆ **Specifications (Dimensions, capacities & 455 Engine)** – [www.gmcmotorhome.com/faq/specs.html](http://www.gmcmotorhome.com/faq/specs.html)



**CHAPTER 4**

# **GMC Suppliers, Service & Repair and Publication Listing**

This is a very complete listing of suppliers, service & repair shops and publications with names, addresses, phone numbers, web and email addresses last updated February 28, 2008.

[www.bdub.net/GMCSuppliers.pdf](http://www.bdub.net/GMCSuppliers.pdf)  
[www.bdub.net/GMCSupplierLinks.html](http://www.bdub.net/GMCSupplierLinks.html)

Link to Service Parts - Cross Reference

[www.bdub.net/gmcmhparts/](http://www.bdub.net/gmcmhparts/)

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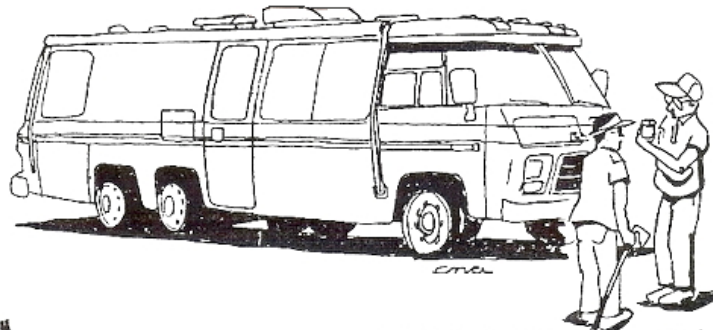
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## CHAPTER 5

### Web Sites Full of GMC Information

This chapter lists some of the better sites that provide a great variety of information. On these web sites you'll get help with maintaining, repairing or upgrading your GMC.

#### *Gene Fisher's GMC Technical Information Page*

This site has tons of information on how to repair and upgrade your GMC. MR.ERF, as he's known, gleans the GMCnet gathering great ideas from other, knowledgeable owners then archives it here according to subject.

[gmcmotorhome.info/](http://gmcmotorhome.info/)

#### *GMC Photo Archive homepage*

The site is divided into the following categories – Member galleries (Modification, Electrical, Mechanical, Interior, Exterior) Upgrades, & Showing Off.

[www.gmcmhphotos.com/](http://www.gmcmhphotos.com/)

The search page, somewhat hidden on the site, may be accessed here.

<http://www.gmcmhphotos.com/photos/search.php>

#### *Bdub's Place*

FAQs assembled by Billy Massey and presented here. Billy also has a collection of information from brochures of the era.

[www.bdub.net/gmc-faq.html](http://www.bdub.net/gmc-faq.html)

A great collection of old GMC Brochures and Manuals

[www.bdub.net/publications/index.html](http://www.bdub.net/publications/index.html)

Some Great GMC motorhome links

[www.bdub.net/GMCLinks.html](http://www.bdub.net/GMCLinks.html)

#### *Jim Bounds' Cooperative Motor Works*

The more popular element of this site is the Daily Pose. Jim blogs about a variety of things related to the GMC and the work he and others do refurbishing classic GMCs and other RVs of interest. This site also has a little bit of everything – how to information, coaches for sale, etc. Become a member and get access to all kinds of additional support.

[gmccoop.com/](http://gmccoop.com/)

#### *GMC Motorhome Registry*

The GMC Registry was founded by Dave Greenberg. The goal was to locate, develop and maintain a historical record and track changes in ownership for the 12,921 GMC motorhomes built between 1973 and 1978. Dave has done a fantastic job of tracking this info. An online registration page exists for new owners to register their TZE-based coach.

[www.gmcmhregistry.com/](http://www.gmcmhregistry.com/)

#### *Promote Your GMC*

In recent years many owners have wanted resources to help in promoting their GMCs whether parked at a KOA or at an automotive show. The Eastern States website has an area with templates that can be used in proudly promoting your classic coach. There's a table or windshield poster, tri-fold brochure and a GMCers business card.

[www.gmceast.com/gmcers/](http://www.gmceast.com/gmcers/)

## CHAPTER 6

### **GMC Motorhome Clubs**

Below is a list of links to GMC motorhome clubs across the US and Canada. Also, a number of these sites have technical information available on their web site for anyone to view. Go check them out. Some clubs do not host websites but are still listed below.

#### *GMC Cascaders*

[www.fmcanw.org/gmc](http://www.fmcanw.org/gmc)

Oregon, Washington, Idaho, British Columbia and Alberta (Canada)

#### *GMC Classics Motorhome Club*

[www.gmcclassics.com](http://www.gmcclassics.com)

Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas

#### *GMC Colonial Travelers*

Its membership is drawn from a 200 mile radius of Morris County, New Jersey.

#### *GMC Dixielanders*

[www.gmcdixielanders.org](http://www.gmcdixielanders.org)

Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, and the Western Carolinas.

#### *GMC Eastern States*

[www.gmceast.com](http://www.gmceast.com)

The Mississippi river and east in the United States and Canada. The chapter purpose is to promote the preservation of the GMC motorhome through technical presentations at rallies.

#### *GMC Elegant Cruisers*

Members live in Southern California & Southern Nevada.

#### *GMC Flatlanders*

Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Nebraska, Iowa & Colorado

#### *GMC Gateway Motor Cruisers -*

Saint Louis and 200 mile radius

#### *GMC49ers*

[www.gmc49ers.com](http://www.gmc49ers.com)

Northern California & Northwestern Nevada

#### *GMC Great Lakers*

[www.gmcgreatlakers.org](http://www.gmcgreatlakers.org)

All state and provinces of Canada that touch the Great Lakes

#### *GMC Greater Midwest Classics*

[www.gmcmidwestclassics.org](http://www.gmcmidwestclassics.org)

Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Manitoba and Ontario

### ***Great Mountain Classics***

[www.greatmountainclassics.com/](http://www.greatmountainclassics.com/)

Utah

### ***GMC Heritage Cruisers***

[www.gmcheritagecruisers.com/](http://www.gmcheritagecruisers.com/)

Its members are drawn from 200 mile radius of Niagara Falls.

### ***GMC Motorhomes International***

[www.gmcmi.com](http://www.gmcmi.com)

GMC MI was formed to provide the exchange of technical and non-technical information on the GMC MotorHome in a quarterly newsletter and at semi-annual conventions.

### ***GMC Mountainaires***

Members generally live with a 500-mile radius of Denver, Colorado.

### ***GMC Nor'easters***

Its members are from the northeastern portion of the United States and neighboring Canadian provinces.

### ***GMC Pacific Cruisers***

[www.gmcpc.org](http://www.gmcpc.org)

Members primarily reside in Southern California (Los Angeles to San Ysidro).

### ***GMC Sagurao Jetset***

[www.gmcjs.com](http://www.gmcjs.com)

Members are from Arizona

### ***GMC Six Wheelers***

Its membership is drawn from Chicago and a 200-mile radius of the Windy City.

### ***GMC Sunshine Statesmen***

[www.gmcss.com](http://www.gmcss.com)

Primarily for residents of Florida whether full- or part-time; monthly rallies through the winter season.

### ***GMC Tidewater Crabs***

Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia & District of Columbia.

### ***GMC Western States***

[www.gmcws.org](http://www.gmcws.org)

Mainly drawn from the 11 western states and 3 western provinces of Canada. The chapter purpose is to promote the preservation of the GMC motorhome through technical presentations at rallies.

### ***GMC Yankee Clippers***

Its membership is drawn from the New England States.

### ***Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA)***

[www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com)

To become a member of a GMC club you must first be a member of FMCA.

## CHAPTER 7

# GMCnet – Your Link to the GMC Community

I don't think enough can be said about the GMCnet and what it means to the GMC community. If you need information on how to repair your GMC, where to find a part, etc., there will be community member happy to help you find the information you're looking for.

GMCnet exists for the purpose of exchanging information and promoting discussion about the motorhomes manufactured by General Motors Corporation (GMC) from 1973 to 1978. Discussion about all aspects of the GMC MotorHome and the mutual interests of their owners is encouraged.

GMCnet is an open subscription list. No qualification is required to join, nor is ownership of a GMC motorhome a prerequisite. The only requirement is a genuine interest in the GMC MotorHome or TransMode.

As an internet discussion group, users may interact with other members of the GMCnet by way of email subscription or through the what is called The Forum (a mirror of the mailing list). At the Forum web site owners may also participate in the Swap Meet or through out comments in the Sandbox.

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GMCnet Home: [www.gmcnet.org](http://www.gmcnet.org)

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## CHAPTER 8

# Black List

## GMC Motorhome Assistance Listing (aka The Black List)

“Any time of the day or night if you're in your GMC”

You can download a current copy here - [www.bdub.net/Black\\_List/GMCAssist.pdf](http://www.bdub.net/Black_List/GMCAssist.pdf)

Copies are available in PDF or Excel format. I suggest you download and printout a copy to carry in your motorhome or you can keep it stored on your laptop or memory stick that you carry in your GMC.

To be included on the list or to update your information go to - [www.bdub.net/Black\\_List/#](http://www.bdub.net/Black_List/#)

In addition to the two, hardcopy formats of the Assistance Listing, there's a visual version at BatchGEO. It uses a Google Map to display locations of contacts on the list. Go to <http://www.batchgeo.com/map/c08045cc78af2cf8890e90a57d497a63> for the map. It's an easy way of locating who may be near you or your path as your travel.

An interesting anecdote about the list is that Roger Black, for whom the list is nicknamed, began building the list before he was a GMC owner. He was aware of this type of list for Triumph owners and thought the concept would be great for GMCers. After buying a Birchaven and taking delivery, it broke down on his journey back to his home state. At that point the Black List even came in handy for Mr. Black.

The list has been a “life-saver” for many owners who never leave home without a copy in their coach or on their laptop. Heed the advice, keep a copy with you at all times. It will help you save time and frustration while giving your comfort knowing help is just a phone call away.



## BONUS MATERIAL

### Editorial Comment on “GMC MotorHome”

For this document, Gary and I have elected to use the designation originally used by GMC for their revolutionary product, the GMC MotorHome. By restoring this term we hope you rekindle awareness that the TZE-based chassis and body developed by GM was truly unique and worthy of a name that set it apart, though subtly, from other names. In the early 1970's the term “motorhome” was somewhat new. Originally these vehicles were called “house cars.” FMCA used the term “motor coach” because the earlier vehicles were just that, repurposed over-the-road coaches or busses. Out of respect for other material in existence that refers to the product as “GMC Motorhome” we have retained that term. We prefer to use the historically accurate product term when referring to the GMC MotorHome.

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