

Classic Chatter



The Prez Seys

Bill Wortham

It is always a pleasure to attend a rally at Waco. The town has a lot of history to see and enjoy. The Dr. Pepper museum was one of my favorite places to visit. Cameron Park Zoo was one of the best zoos that I have visited in a long time. The suspension bridge and riverwalk were nice to see. If you like history, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum was a place you can spend half a day looking at old guns and reading about the Texas Rangers. The golfers had three or four places to play a round or two.

The rally at Riverview Campground was very enjoyable and relaxing. Thanks to **Wayne and Charlotte Alumbaugh, Bruce and Georgene Farrill, and Boyd and Sherry Mooney**. We all enjoyed the watermelon patch being open all day. You guys made the rally a great event.

At the Perrin rally in October, we will elect officers for 2009. The nominating committee consists of **Mattie Driskell, Billy Massey, and Wayne Alumbaugh**. They will present their list of officer nominees at the business meeting. Make sure you attend this rally if possible.

We would like to thank **Glyn Trimble** for starting the Tulsa Lunch Bunch back in September 1999. Glyn and the group in Oklahoma started something that has spread through out the club. We now have 5 lunch groups in Oklahoma and Texas. We have started a north east Texas lunch bunch and we will meet Sept 11, 2008 at Ryans at 11:30 am in Tyler, Texas. We will

meet on the second Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcome to come join us.

Glyn and his late wife **Melrose** bought their first GMC, a 23 foot Glacier, in 1973. They bought their current GMC in June of 1976, a 26 foot Glenbrook. They joined the Classics a few months after the club was organized. They are charter members of the GMC Motorhomes International.

This information may surprise some of the men our club. In the early years when Glyn was working, Melrose and her friends would take the GMC on trips by themselves without the men. I guess the coaches were new and in better shape in those days.

I would like to say thanks again for the idea of having lunch with close friends at least once a month. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Perrin, Texas on October 16-19, 2008.

Bill Wortham



NEXT RALLY

Dates: October 16-18, 2008
Location: Perrin, Texas
Site: Mitchell Resort & RV Park
(Hawaiian Theme)

Reservations due Oct. 6, 2008
(Forms in this newsletter)

WINTER RALLY

Dates: Feb. 5-7, 2009
Location: Rayne, Louisiana
Site: Civic Center



Red Hat Report

Ladies, don't forget this Red Hat Tea will be Christmas in October, so don't forget to **bring a Christmas ornament for the exchange.** This is bound to be your first Christmas party of the season **SO DRESS PURPLE, FESTIVE, AND WEAR YOUR BLING** if you want to... **OR NOT.** I am looking forward to a great time. ..Your queen ...

Georgene Farrill

Stanley's Waco Report

By Georgene Farrill

I must say I had reservations about writing the column this time. I think most of you know **Georgene Farrill** and I are related. We are like second cousins, three times removed. I am sure you noticed the resemblance as she ran around like a chicken with it's head cut off most of the time. I didn't want to be bias, but a good rally is a good rally and as Will Rogers would say, "I never met a rally I didn't like." Let me tell you what happened.

We ate watermelon, boy did we eat watermelon! That patch was a producer. There was a was a smaller group at this rally, but it is July and a lot of members are up north or have family commitments for the summer. **Bob** and **Marilyn Musgrove** came down with a bug the day they were to leave, so the only people from Oklahoma were **Judy** and **DeWayne Lugafet**. They did such a good job of representing Oklahoma and getting to know so many people that I think we are just going to make them "honorary Texans". Musgrove did have the Tech Session already set up with **Ken Rose**, so everything was OK, except we missed a lot of our friends from Oklahoma. **Harry Driscoll** brought two boxes of old GMC Motorhome magazines that he was selling for .25 cents apiece or a dollar for the whole box!!! No really .. he was giving them to anyone that wanted them. He does have two motors for sale, nearly as cheap, but he wouldn't give them away, duh. I think the swap meet was a good one. I saw a lot of big parts laying in front of a couple of coaches.

The only breakdown on the road this time was **Frank** and **Sharon Jacob**. Thank goodness they were only a few miles from home when it happened. They got it to garage and came on to Waco in their car. They stayed with "Frank's Harem": **Carolyn**, **Emmy** and **Nancy** in the big rig. **Ed** and **JoAnn Johnson** discovered their problem before they left and put the GMC in the shop, but they will be ready for Perrin. **Bill** and **Ann-Marie Carter** had a battery to explode about 3 hours after they arrived. A few people thought they had been shot. We got to see up close and personal **Charles** and **Janice's** coach where they hit the deer. I hear it was \$5,000 of damage. These are a few of the exciting things traveling in a GMC.

Norma Grissom was sick and feeling a terrible a couple of days, but ALL medical personnel (the women) jumped in with home remedies, baking powder, heating pads ETC. She decided she had better get up before they killed her!!! Really she was very sick and hope she is better after getting home and to the doctor. Speaking of sick, it was so good for **Debbie Massey** to be back. It has been a long time.. I know for a fact she enjoyed water volley ball a couple of times.

Some people were wondering what happened to **Warren** and **Berrie Mitchell**. They had to leave early on Saturday morning. Warren was in a real live golf tournament and then they left Sunday on a cruise. Warren loves GMC so much he had to be there if only for a day and half. Had a big surprise when who comes driving up in a car ... **John Sharpe** and **Jerry Barnes**. Drove up for the day to see everyone and have a good time. It was cool. They had so much fun John left his chair. But that is OK. It will see him in Perrin.

The theme of the rally was sunflowers, so the craft was to decorate a muffin to look like a sunflower! Approximately 20 ladies participated and I think they all had a good time. Even the people from Kansas (**JoAnn Davis**) couldn't make that color icing look like a sunflower, but we had M&M ladybugs to attach and lots of fun. **Bobby Tietje's** daughter **Tina**, (she is a real cake decorator) was so gracious to jump in and help and then **Joyce Murdock** (also a cake decorator) was helping people at another table. **Ann Brieger** had planned on giving hers to **Al**, but after pictures they got thrown away. Sorry. If nothing else maybe we got some hints for a fun day to spend with grandkids ... they can eat the mess!

Some members did get into Waco to eat, sight see and shop. Our park was about a 100 miles!!! from Wal-Mart. so just to get there was a trip. I know some made the Suspension Bridge over the Brazos and the Texas Rangers Museum. Quite a few went to Heritage Homestead, a religious sect that is self-sustaining so they make and grow everything they use.. AND had air conditioned buildings for us. Even though it was very hot it was a relaxing couple of hours. It was so quiet and serene and they sure do know how to grow a garden. Did anyone else see those 12ft. tall sunflowers? They also had a huge cistern to catch rain water. **Sherry Jackson** and **Sandra Hood** said it was the perfect place for those hard to find Christmas gifts and to be sure and eat in the little tea room. They were raving about the sweet potato soup, so if anyone got that recipe, please pass it around.

We got everything rolling on Thursday night with Chickenfoot. We had 4 tables of 6 and 1 table of 4. After the tournament people were still sitting around playing. The winner was **Gaye Guelker**. She was happy to win me "Stanley Chickenfoot" and I was looking forward to going home to Sweetwater with her until she said this would not be a vacation, no laying-up on my part, there was work to be done!!! Second place was **Emmy Dunlap**. **Emmy** and **JoAnn Davis** are usually on that last winning table. Third place went to **Billie Young**. This was her first time ever to play and she loved it.

It took the guys a little while to find a good shady place for Horseshoes, but when they did, it was a nice comfortable spot for outside. Although it must have been pretty hot on players as some of those horseshoes went a little wild and they advised the bystanders to "MOVE BACK". First place went to **Boyd Mooney** and **Bruce Farrill**. This was Boyd's first time to play so he is hooked! **Wayne** and **Charlotte Alumbaugh** came in second, with **Al Brieger** and **Jim Jackson** taking third place. Again **Marvin Guelker** was the organizer, and **Gaye** score keeper for horseshoes and washers. This is a tough gig!

It was about this hour that things sped up to warp speed. The hosts went into panic, thought they had messed up.....they had not. When they stopped and took a deep breath everything was OK. But now washers was starting and some of the players were not back from sight-seeing. Start without them? WAIT WAIT Check your watches, they still have 12 minutes. All players made it and the game began. It was played inside the air

conditioned watermelon patch.....so there were many more players and LOTS of fans in the gallery. Now **Bruce Farrill** and **Mattie Driskell** wore their 1st Place medals from Tyler games trying to intimidate the other players but it did not work. **Jerry Reeves** and **Bill Wortham** won 1st with **Carolyn Tipton** and **Lillian Wortham** coming in second place. **Ann-Marie Carter** and **Wayne Alumbaugh** finished in 3rd place. I am pretty sure this was Ann-Marie and Bill Carters first time to play and she got to 3rd. If you notice in every game there was a first time player in the Top Three. More people are getting into the activities and they are having fun with lots of camaraderie and laughs with friends.

Like I said, it sped up to warp speed...it is now 5 O'clock and the band is arriving to set-up, the caterers are here and it's time for the Hat Contest. Our members who participated went above and beyond the call of duty. **Emmy Dunlap** had the suggestion of each person giving a small write-up of why they decorated their hat that way. The hats were fantastic and the write ups were funny, short and sweet, educational, and heart warming. **Frances Reeves** was 1st place for female and **Jim Jackson** was 1st place for a man.

Another rush through was announcement of winners. We do have them all listed and a Big Hand to all played and enjoyed the games. There were some great prizes, I saw a HUGE can of peanuts....see what you miss out on if you don't play. This was our 3rd night of great food from George's in Waco. The servers watched and enjoyed our Hat Contest. I asked them who they would have vote for.....Best Man was unanimous **Jim Jackson** and tied for Best Woman was **Frances Reeves** and **Emmy Dunlap**. I thought this was great....total outsiders picked the same winners. These were elaborate thought provoking hats. One of the band members asked the question, "This was a hat contest and some great hats, so for the prize you give ...A CAP? " Yea, but these caps said GMC. Ladies winner got a visor that said GMC Co-Pilot.

Ahh, the band. Many thanks to **Pat Summey** for finding them for us. The 6 of them played some great country music and they played way past their scheduled time. They even jumped in to help take down decorations that were high on the walls. We moved out the tables and danced the night away! **Al** and **Ann Brieger**, **Larry** and **Linda Turner** and **Marvin** and **Gaye Guelker** were

on the floor when I looked up and there was **Joyce Murdock.....** cutting a rug with a much younger man. It was **Wayne and Charlotte Alumbaugh's** grandson **Chase Curbo**. He really enjoyed the rally and he really tried to win in Bingo... he was so excited. BINGO is back. We had a big turn-out for our first game. **Nancy Faulks** and **Joyce Murdock** were a big help getting us going and helping to check cards. **Bruce Farrill** can really turn a squirrel cage and **Wayne Alumbaugh** was not bad calling numbers

Carolyn Tipton did our Sunday morning devotional, blessings and prayers for the road before we all went our separate ways. See you in Perrin.

Stanley Chickenfoot



"Eat more beef!"

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German Chocolate Crunch Cake

by Billie Young

- 1 -German chocolate cake mix
- 1 can-Eagle brand Sweetened condensed milk
- 1 jar-Caramel ice cream topping
- 1 small carton-Cool Whip
- 1 package -Toffee bits

Bake in 9 x 13 inch pan.

Bake cake mix as directed on the package. After baking, cool slightly. With a spoon, poke a generous amount of holes in the top of cake. Pour the condensed milk over entire cake and then pour the jar of caramel topping over the top of the cake. Put the cool whip over this and spread. Generously sprinkle the toffee bits over the top of cool whip. Refrigerate at least 4 hours or overnight.

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Tech Notes

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HYDROGEN AS AN ALTERNATIVE FUEL

The technical session at the Waco rally was chaired by GMC Classics member **Ken Rose**. The topic of the discussion was about possible alternative methods of powering our vehicles. This was a very timely subject considering the increase in the cost of gasoline. The discussion touched briefly on the hybrid technology that is currently available on certain vehicle models that are built by a number of automobile manufactures. However, it quickly focused on the potential of hydrogen to power the internal combustion engine.

The theory of hydrogen fuel cell technology to create electricity is well known, if not well understood, by many of us. Much research is going into developing this technology so that it can be used to provide onboard power to a new generation of electric vehicles that are not limited to the relative short range of those few that are in service today.

But, can hydrogen be used to generate all of the power that is necessary to operate the internal combustion engine in existing vehicles? While it *is* possible to do that, the level of difficulty is beyond the capability of the majority of us. Hydrogen systems that produce quantities that are sufficient to power an internal combustion engine are understandably more complex in design. These systems require rather complicated electronic circuitry;

and the more advanced systems require an inverter to supply much higher voltages.

However, it is possible to construct a device which will raise the efficiency of an engine that burns gasoline. This device, called a 'booster', is relatively inexpensive to construct; and, the level of difficulty is much more in line with the ability of those who do the maintenance and upgrades to their own vehicles. The 'booster' creates a hydrogen/oxygen gas mix (called 'hydroxy' gas) which is drawn into the air intake and combined with outside air as it enters the engine. The 'hydroxy' gas enhances combustion of the fuel, maximizing the use of the available energy. Some of the benefits of this more complete burning of fuel are a smoother running, more powerful engine which emits fewer harmful exhaust emissions. This process also improves gas mileage; and, that is what creates the most interest in the 'booster' device. An improvement in gas mileage of 33% might be realistic. However, a wide range of results is experienced with the different 'booster' designs on a variety of vehicles.

The specifics of 'booster' design are not discussed here since there are several different types. For those who are interested in learning more about this subject, there are several Internet sites that provide very detailed information regarding the design of hydrogen 'boosters'.

Keep in mind that these devices are not toys. They create a hydrogen/oxygen gas mix ('hydroxy' gas) that is highly explosive. No suggestion is made or implied that anyone build one of these devices; and, anyone who does so is proceeding at his/her own risk.