

Classic Chatter

GMC Classics



The Prez Seys

Ed Johnson

We're already in September and are coming up on our final rally of the year. The hosts again seem to have the preparation and running of rallies down to a science. The rallies are always great with the perfect mixture of technical, fun, food and entertainment. Thanks to the hosts of the Montgomery rally for including wonderful weather during a particularly hot time of year. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the next rally in Kerrville and know that it will continue the tradition of excellence.

The board had a meeting at the Montgomery rally and addressed various items of interest (see Gay's report). **Jim Grissom** resigned as Treasurer and **Redonia Harper** volunteered to take over the position for the remainder of the year. Thank you Redonia.

As was addressed previously, late, unannounced arrivals at rallies cause problems for the hosts in regard to catering, site assignment, etc. So, please support your hosts by getting rally registrations in on time.

Members are continuing to get together for lunch bunches, dinners and other informal get togethers. We just can't seem to get enough of each other. And, the stories of members traveling distances to assist others that need help keep coming in.

Election of officers for the coming year will be held at the Kerrville rally. A nominating committee consisting of **Redonia Harper**, **Charles Wersal**, **Virgie McHaney**, and **Sharon Jacob** is working to come up

with recommendations. Please contact these individuals with your suggestions regarding candidates. Also, candidates may be nominated from the floor at the general meeting.

I have enjoyed serving as your president. Thanks for the continued support. I'm sure that the incoming President will receive your support as well. We will be having a board meeting during the Kerrville rally so please contact me or any board member if you have suggestions or ideas that you feel will enhance belonging to the GMC Classics.

Ed Johnson

NEXT RALLY -

Dates: **October 15-18, 2009**
Location: Kerrville, TX
Site: Buckhorn Lake Resort
 (830) 895-0007 (800) 568-6458
 www.buckhornlake.com

All reservations are due October 1, 2009

FUTURE RALLIES

WINTER RALLY 2010

Dates: January 28-30, 2010
Location Antique Capital RV Park
 Gladewater, TX

We are always looking for new places to hold a rally. If you happen upon a suitable location while traveling, please let the Wagonmaster know so that he can arrange for hosts.

MONTGOMERY RALLY IN REVIEW

Game Winners:

Chicken Foot:

- 1st **Mattie Driskell**
- 2nd **Carolyn Tipton**
- 3rd **Sandra Price**
- Highest Score **Jo Ann Johnson**

Bolo Ball:

- 1st **Wayne & Charlotte Alumbaugh**
- 2nd **Charles Wersal & Boyd Mooney**
- 3rd **Marvin & Gay Guelker**

Washers:

- 1st **Bruce Farrill & Jerry Reeves**
- 2nd **Dewayne Lugafet & Wayne Alumbaugh**
- 3rd *(tie) **Billy Massey & Dean Hopkins**
Georgene Farrill & Francis Reeves

How Well Do you Know Your Mate/Friend:

- 1st **Charlotte Alumbaugh & Chase**
- 2nd **Sheri & Jim Jackson**
- 3rd **Bill & Ann Marie Carter**

Stanley's Report

By Georgene Farrill

Don't ever let anyone tell you only the young are so foolish as to celebrate their birthday for 3 days. **Jim Jackson** did it for his 70th and survived. Even though Jim planned and executed most of the party (rally), he did not know the immediate families had been invited. Surprises are good. It was great to share this event with them. One of Jim's cakes, designed by **Sandra Hood**, was very telling. The frosting was a picture of him now and in his teens. At that time he was already into cars and looked as tall as he is now, only really really thin. Youth is wonderful!!! It was also **Jim Grissom's** birthday and **Norma** brought decorated chocolate fudge brownies to celebrate for him. So between 2 cakes and brownies and ice cream, we were all on a sugar high and 1 size larger. It was also **Redonia Harper's** birthday but their daughter Kayla had already made big plans for Mom in the city so she skipped out on us.

Since it was a birthday party, we had gifts and games. Guys brought a guy gift and gals brought a gal gift. Everyone knows there are always winners and losers in gift swaps. The moon in the right place for that random pick to turn out perfect. There was one, **Bruce Farrill** got a small palm held flash light that shines bright out of 2 sides. You would have thought he won the lottery. I also saw **Billie Young** admiring some jewelry. **Debbie**

Massey was very excited about the candles she received. And who can ever forget **Emmy Dunlap's** sexy pink underwear!!

Sandra and **C.L. Hood** came up with the perfect game. Six couples (partners) set in the hot seat for the questions Favorite Vacation and Favorite Food. Sounds simple and easy. Those who "volunteered" were: **Charlotte Alumbaugh** and her grandson **Chase, Jim** and **Sheri Jackson, Frank** and **Henrietta Mueck, Jim** and **Norma Grissom, Bill** and **Ann Marie Carter**, and **Jim and JoAnn Davis**. **Charlotte** and **Chase** won first place. **Chase** has a young teenage brain and not as many years to sift through. We also need to give a big hand to the husband and wife teams. These were tough personal questions that required a lot of thought. It was close with a run off between **Jim** and **Sheri Jackson** and **Bill** and **Ann Marie Carter**. **Jim Davis** is probably lucky **JoAnn** didn't take him home and lock him up. Jim was the "normal man" for most of us. Many of those I talked with identified with Jim. Thanks to all of you for a fun evening!

We started Thursday morn off with **Billie Young** in her bright red baker's hat and Red Hat apron laughing and trying to help everyone. It was a fun way to start the rally. This was **Dewayne** and **Judy Lugafet** first time to help host a rally. Everyone knows **Judy** is the smarter of the two and she said, "I'm here and will do anything you tell me" **Dewayne's** hand goes up and he yells, "Give me coffee, give me coffee". This is one of the hardest jobs during the rally. This guy has to get up with the chickens (and other brainless creatures) and get the coffee going, donuts out, and make the coffee to everyone's personal taste. We also expect him to be happy and cheery when we come dragging in early in the morning. Thank goodness he is a happy, go lucky sort of guy and could take the ribbing. He did a great job and I think he really enjoyed it, although I heard him say, "I have never been fired from a job in my life but.." Thanks for a job well done.

Well I don't get to go to the men's Tech sessions, but the ladies craft was a huge winner. We have so many talented ladies in our club that donate their time and effort for us to have a good rally. This time it was **Mattie Driskell**. We made one of the new "Candy Bouquets" that looked like an ice cream float. It was fun, easy and you got to eat candy while you worked plus you had a nice gift to give afterward or maybe just eat it yourself. If you are one that does not attend crafts, you are missing a fun time and a chance to get to know each other better. If you have a talent, Volunteer it.

We ended up playing washers and bolo ball in the building. It made it nice and cool for everyone. Of course being the pros we are, some tried to take out the ceiling fans with bolo balls, but by using tables, the hosts protected all glass and walls from the washers. We had a first in washers this time. We got to choose our own partners, so **Francis Reeves** and **Georgene Farrill** teamed up. Most players would, and did, call this a losing team. But wait....they both made ringers, a hole in one, whatever you call that washer in the hole and went on to tie for 3rd place. Sometimes we get very serious in washers and **Carolyn Tipton's** "Halleluiahs" brought many a smile.

Charlotte and **Wayne Alumbaugh** brought their 14 yr. old grandson **Chase** to the rally and **Warren** and **Berrie Mitchell** had brought their 11 yr. old grandson **Warren III** with them. These two guys played washers against each other. It was really a good match-up. Neither had ever played before! These grandfathers need to teach these young men skills to carry them thru life, you know, washers..not golf. We had another young grandson to attend. Little **Jordan** came with **Charlie** and **Minnie Myers**. Not a washer player but a smart Bingo player, he knew they had all the squares covered THIS time, plus a few of the men tried to get him to loan them a dollar, like I saidsmart.

Good turnout for Bingo. **Jim Jackson** and **Dewayne Lugafet**. did a nice job of turning the squirrel cage and calling numbers in a clear precise voice. How about doing it full time guys? That last big pot, didn't that go to **Bill Carter**? He was the only winner on that pot so didn't have to split, well maybe with **Anne Marie**. Again **Nancy Fulks** and **Joyce Murdock** confirmed winners and helped wherever it was needed. See, full time jobs are not bad.

There was a big group for Chickenfoot and I know deep in my heart it is because they want to take me home!! I would look good on a mantel or the kitchen table. The happy winner was **Mattie Driskell**. Did any of you notice my new plumage? After **JoAnn Johnson** showed up with that Rooster Red hair color, I went in for a touch-up. Check it out. Speaking of **JoAnn Johnson** she won the booby prize..AGAIN! Think about this ...**JoAnn Davis** won Stanley 2 times....**JoAnn Johnson** won the booby prize 2 times. The **Guelkers** have also won 2 times, but once for **Gay** and once for **Marvin**. Trivia, what would I do without it?

It was good to see **Rosa Barnes**. She has been missing a few rallies because of her business endeavors. It is doing good for her and she is very happy. Of course all of us who have eat her tamales knew what the outcome would be. Congratulations **Rosa**. We have missed your company and Sunday morning devotions.

Another great rally and memories. I know quite a few are going to Pueblo. Everyone drive safely, have a good time, and I will see you in October at Kerrville (I am not allowed to go to Internationals).

Stanley Chickenfoot



Red Hat Tea

Ladies there will be a change of pace for the Kerrville Rally. We did not have a Red Hat Tea in July and before that, April rally; it was very casual for 1st. Monday in Canton. I hope you will enjoy getting dressed up in The Red & Purple attire and go to a restaurant. Afterwards there will be a trip to the James Avery factory. The restaurant is Billy Genes Restaurant which is located on the banks of the Guadalupe River. They have a large diverse menu with a wide price range, so I know everyone can find their favorite. I was looking at the Small salad, cup of soup, and half a deli sandwich for \$6.99. You can check out the restaurant and menu at: www.billygenesrestaurant.com. I know a lot of the ladies are looking forward to the James Avery Jewelry for ourselves as well as gifts for the upcoming holidays. Both places are perfect for us to really deck ourselves out or to just wear your casual Red & Purple. Just come and enjoy a fun, relaxing time with each other. I am still talking to people about cars, so if you have transportation and extra room, please let me know.

"Queen Bee" (Georgene Farrill)

GMC Classics Update

Our Club membership now totals 156. We have had 4 new members to join our group since the last Chatter was printed in July. New members are: **Floyd and Janet Hopkins** of Cedar Hill, TX; **Robert and Grace Lee** of Austin, TX; **Chip and Laura Chebuhar** of Burleson, TX; and **Lamar and Ellon Gustafson** of Bertram, TX.

Secretary Report

President **Ed Johnson** called the board meeting to order on July 23, 2009.

The nominating committee presented the names for the 2010 officers: President **Willard Murdock**, Vice President **Ed Johnson**, Secretary **Gay Guelker**, Treasurer **Redonia Harper**, Wagon Master **Frank Jacob**, Assistant Wagon Master **Warren Mitchell**, FMCA Director **Corky McHaney**, and Assistant FMCA Director **Roger Christensen** with everyone agreeing to serve.

Due to his heavy work load, **Jim Grissom** resigned the job of treasurer effective the end of the July rally and will turn all funds to **Redonia Harper**. Motion was made, seconded and carried for **Redonia** to fill position of treasurer. Motion made, seconded and carried for **Billy Massey** to serve as assistant treasurer.

Corky McHaney stated \$250.00 is insufficient and requested an increase in delegate money to attend FMCA rally. Discussion was tabled until October rally.

Gifts for retiring officers was discussed. Motion made, seconded and carried that officers annual \$25.00 membership fee would be paid by the club instead of buying them gifts at the end of their term.

Audit committee gave report.

Sunshine Lady, **Billie Young** gave her report and all agreed she is doing an outstanding job.

Billy Massey stated the membership is about 150.

Meeting adjourned.

President **Ed Johnson** called for a short general meeting during the evening meal to inform the members of the above information.

Respectfully submitted by **Gay Guelker**, Secretary

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Georgene's Salad

3 pkg Ramen Noodle (original or oriental)
1 pks broccoli/coleslaw mix (fresh)
1 bunch green onions, chopped

Break up ramen noodles and add slaw and chopped green onions.

Mix together:

1 c liquid oil (canola or your preference)
1/3 c vinegar (she used cider vinegar)
25 pkg Splenda (about 1/6th of a cup)

Pour this on top of noodle/slaw mixture.

Let set at least 1/2 a day.

Right before serving you may add:

1/2 c sunflower seeds and
1/2 c slivered almonds

Redonia's Pineapple Cream Pie

2 8 oz cream cheese
1 8 oz Cool Whip
1 Cup powdered sugar
1 Cup crushed pineapple
1 Graham Cracker Pie Crust (large size)

Mix cream cheese and powdered sugar, blending well.

Mix with Cool Whip.

Add pineapple and pour into crust.

Let sit in refrigerator for at least 3 hours.

Makes 1 large pie.

Redonia's Chicken Fried Steak

2 or 4 cube steaks

Mix Dry:

1 pkg Ranch Dressing Dip (dry)
1 c flour

Mix Well:

1 c buttermilk
2 Tbsp Ranch Dressing (dry—above)
1 Egg

Dip steak in liquid, then dry mix, and fry like Chicken (browns fast)

Tastes great. Eat with black peppered gravy mix. Mix gravy as usual and pour over steaks.

Debbie's Chicken Salad

4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
4 eggs
1 red apple, diced
3 green onions, chopped
1/2 cup sweet pickle relish
1/2 cup mayonnaise
3 stalks celery, thinly sliced
1 (8 ounce) can pineapple chunks, juice reserved
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro (optional)
1 cup chopped pecans
fajita seasoning to taste (optional)

Boil chicken until cooked and no longer pink inside, approximately 20 minutes. Drain, cool and chop.

Boil eggs. Cool, peel, and slice or dice.

In a large bowl, mix together the chicken, sliced eggs, apple, onions, relish, mayonnaise, celery, pineapple (with just a little juice for flavor), cilantro, pecans and fajita seasoning to taste.



Larry Turner
Technical Seminar Coordinator

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Tech Notes

Lake Conroe/Houston North KOA Montgomery, TX
July 23-26, 2009

This record of the Tech Notes is presented as a service to GMC Classics members and guests. Accuracy is not guaranteed. Independent verification is urged.

Thanks to **John Sharpe** for writing the following report.

“Engine Oils and Lubricants” presented by *Royal Purple* at our 2009 Summer Rally in Montgomery, TX.

Royal Purple was founded by John Williams, a chemical engineer. He worked in the area of providing specialized lubricants needed in industry. He developed anti-wear technology that could be combined with lubricants to allow them to have high film strength to protect under extreme pressure and also possessed the ability to protect from corrosion in wet environments and at high temperatures. The new lubricant would not only prevent varnish and sludge, but would also clean the equipment in the process.

The company, started in Humble, Texas in 1986, outgrew its facility and moved up US-59 to Porter, TX. Their primary business continues to be industrial lubricants as they expand to automotive and other specialize markets.

Royal Purple actually got its name as a result of meeting a product specification. A client found that in maintenance operations that the wrong lubricants were used that caused pre-mature equipment failure. So he requested the lubricant to have a unique color to distinguish it from others the client was using. John had some coloration dyes on hand that were leftover from previous projects. He mixed them together to make a unique purple colored lubricant. ‘And now you know the rest of the story.’

Demonstration- David Canitz and Kyle Neal of Tech Services at *Royal Purple* demonstrated how they test oils lubricating abilities using a device that accurately duplicates friction between rotating metals. The idea was to apply pressure between the rotating metals until noise was heard. That noise was the indication that the lubricant was not adequate for the pressure that was applied. In the first run, pressure was applied until the noise started, no more pressure was applied, the metals continued to score to a point that they actually became welded together and stopped the ¼ hp motor. The result was a major galling of the metal

In the second test Rotella T was used as a lubricant. Pressure was applied to a point that the noise started and no more pressure was applied. After some time the noise disappeared. That indicated that the oil came to temperature and the zinc phosphorus pushed back and the metal polished out at a temperature of 140^o – 160^o F. Then maximum pressure was applied, and there was no indication of lubrication failure. Subsequent starts and stops at maximum level even without lubrication of the Rotella yielded no noise. This indicated that the Rotella left a protective film on the metals and protected them from further damage by the test device. The result was no noticeable mark on the metal surface.

The third test used *Royal Purple* as the lubricant. Pressure was applied to a point that the noise started, no more pressure was applied. After a short time the noise disappeared and pressure was applied to the maximum at a quicker rate than either of the two previous tests. No noise to indicate insufficient lubrication was ever detected. Again after the initial break-in, starting and stopping the device even without lubrication yielded no noise. The result was no sign of anything on the metal.

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The conclusion:

- In the first run there was inadequate lubrication.
- The *Rotella T* and *Royal Purple* left a film on the metals that help to protect them from failure. The *Royal Purple* reached the optimum quicker.
- Do not load the engine down until the lubricant has had sufficient time to coat the metal surfaces and form a protective film. The maximum protection occurs when the temperature of 140^o – 160^o F is reached.

The original engines that power our coaches were built like most others of the era with a flat tappet cam and worked quite well. However, oil specifications have changed and most oils on the market today will not perform in these engines of earlier times. Specifically, the reduction of ZDDP (zinc) as a friction modifier is the problem.

Synthetic oils are recommended. Synthetic oils currently comprise 5-10% of the motor oil market but that continues to grow. Synthetic oils are man-made from the ethylene in natural gas. Because the oil is synthesized under controlled laboratory conditions, the molecules of the base stock of synthetic oil are all the same — their size is uniform and there are no impurities. This makes synthetic oil more stable and enables it to lubricate better because the smaller molecules are not forced to divert around larger molecules that are obstructed by small tolerances in the engine.

Since all synthetics are produced the same way, what make them different are the additives. Royal Purple's additive package, *Synterlec*, is proprietary sorta like the Coca Cola formula. It's a non-corrosive extreme pressure additive. We were only told that it is not: sulfur phosphorus, higher concentration of zinc phosphorous, Teflon (Slick 50), Mr Molly, heavy metals like lead, soft metals like copper or zinc that are found in an anti-seize or 'Restore'.

There are oils marketed by several manufacturers that work in our coaches. They are made by *Mobil 1*, *Shell Rotella T*, *Royal Purple*, *Amsoil* and others.

Smaller oil lubrication manufacturers can compete against the big oil 'Giants' because the production of lubrication products is such a small percentage of the 'Giant's' business. These smaller companies even supply specialized lubricants to the 'Giant's' production facilities as well as markets around the world.

API Service Rating recommendations- Be sure to research and use those who's service rating (API), zinc (ZDDP) content, and SAE weight ratings meet the specifications for our coaches. The recommended API rating should contain 1100+ppm of zinc (ZDDP). The following information on API service ratings applies to *Royal Purple* products. Research your choices with the manufacturer's data sheets to make sure that it contains the 1100 ppm minimum. As a general rule most service ratings contain close to the same amount of ZDDP. *Royal Purple* now markets a *Break-In Oil* that has a greater level of friction modifiers for newly restored engines.

- "SJ" rated at 1225 ppm of ZDDP
- "SL" rated at 1100 ppm of ZDDP
- "SM" **Do Not Use** as the ZDDP is capped at 800 ppm
- "CI-4" rated at 1300 ppm of ZDDP
- "CJ-4" rated at 1100 ppm of ZDDP

SAE recommended weights-

- Use 15W40 or 20W50
- Straight weights of 30, 40, and 50 were not recommended because these are for continuous operation and not for short trips. However, I deduced that if you generally drive your coach on

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trips that last more than an hour at a time and not short commutes or do extended idling then these single weight oils might also be acceptable especially on higher mileage engines.

Engine Oil Service recommendations-

- Change oil every 12,000 miles or 1/yr. Oil breaks down because of heat, contamination from air, fuel, and water that is created by combustion. This break down is exasperated by extended idling, short trips, and the current use of ethanol.
 - Use a quality filter
 - Change oil if stored for more than 2-3 months. This is a good excuse to drive your coach to a 'lunch bunch' every few months to save on environment and the cost of an oil change.
- Many other retailer. Royal Purple does not sell direct.
 - Some *Wal-Marts*—*Royal Purple* refuses to sell directly to Wal-Mart/Sams
 - *Hyper Fuels*, Houston, TX seems to carry all lines at the best prices. Sold by the case of 12 for ~\$7 per qt. www.hiperfuels.com

ATF Recommendations-

- Use synthetic ATF because it works at higher temperatures and runs cleaner.
- Synthetics are compatible with regular ATF.
- To get the full benefits of the synthetic ATF, use a flush system to install in order to fill the torque converter with fresh fluid.
- If you are unable to flush fill, then change the fluid and filter, run for 5000 miles, change ATF and filter, inspect and re-change every 5000 mi as needed until fluid is clean.
- Change synthetic ATF every 50,000 mi

Where to purchase Royal Purple-

- *Napa, O'Reilly, Summit, & Jegs* will order most any of the products
- *Pep Boys, Advance, Autozone, Murrays, & Flying J* have a more limited selection