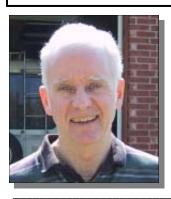
Classic Chatter







The Prez

Wayne Alumbaugh

Food, fun, and fellowship was the theme in 2001 and it was that and more at our May rally in New Braunfels, Texas at the Hill Country RV Resort. There were approximately 83 members and guests in attendance. What a great turnout! Thanks to our hosts and all of you who pitched in to make this another memorable event.

I pray that everyone has had a safe trip home and will have a little time to rest up before we meet again in Durant, Oklahoma for our summer rally. I encourage everyone to come and be a part of this next event and maybe we can call upon some of our members who live nearby in Oklahoma to come and fellowship with us. We look forward to seeing you again.

Thanks to **Sharon Hudspeth** and those who participated in Story Time, which I believe was a great success. Thank you **Billie Young** for your inspiring devotional on Sunday morning. It was wonderful to have many guests and our newest members in attendance during this event. So nice to see **Al** and **Ann Brieger** in attendance.

Until me meet again, **Charlotte** and I wish everyone our best. Have a safe summer.

Wayne Alumbaugh



Rallies

NEXT RALLY:

Dates: July 28-31, 2011 Location Choctaw Casino KOA

Durant, OK



Please see Registration Form included or on the internet: www.gmcclassics.com

FALL RALLY 2011

Dates: Oct 27-30, 2011

Location Gladewater-Antique Capital RV Park

Gladewater, TX



Sunshine Report

Dear GMC Family,

Things have been a little slower this quarter, so hopefully you have all been healthier overall. If not, please advise. Thanks.

Cards & Stamps Used	6
Ecards Sent	15
Emails Sent	65
Info/Response Emails Received	<u>73</u>
Total Official Contacts:	159



Thanks to you, members of our "family" can be encouraged and strengthened by knowing someone is out there who cares. May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He make His face to shine up you and give you His peace. May He touch you in a special way and meet your every need. Until next time, stay healthy and travel safely.

Billie Young Sunshine Lady GMC Classics GMCMI

Classy Ladies

The first meeting of the Classy Ladies was a great success! We carpooled to the Red Rooster Café and Antique Company in New Braunfels, Texas. The Red Rooster has over 14,000 square feet of shopping and browsing through a myriad of antiques, vintage items, and collectibles not to mention the great food.

We had 31 ladies in attendance and most of them strolled through the antiques either before or after the luncheon. The rooms were really buzzing with our chatting and laughter. Be sure to ask **Emmy Rose** about the rumor concerning "free margaritas". Oh Emmy, there were a bunch of disappointed ladies in our group. You really got them this time. Leave it to our "Mischievous Emmy". She is always so much fun!

The large picnic basket was won by **Mattie Driskell**. It was full of items to make her own Cajun meal. Some of the items included were the frozen meat, wine for the meal, and many mixes, even for the dessert. She was the envy of the Classy Ladies!

There will be no Classy Ladies function in July. Hope to see you at Durant!

Jackie Isenhour

New Members

Let's welcome the newest members to our GMC family! **John and Susan Gann** were able to attend the rally in New Braunfels and quickly got into the groove of things. We were very glad they decided to join our GMC family before they left! Looking forward to seeing them again.

We hope to meet **Clark and Patty Southmayd**, who live in Oklahoma, at the rally in Durant.



John and Susan Gann Georgetown, TX 1976 Eleganza II

Clark and Patty Southmayd Tulsa, OK 1976 Glenbrook

Stanley's Report By Georgene Farrill



First a big hand to our hosts. This rally had a hard time getting started. We had hosts, but due to prior commitments and illness, when the dust settled the only two left standing were **Chuck** and **Lexie Ellis**, until **Willard** and **Joyce Murdock** and **Frank** and **Sharon Jacobs** jumped in to help...and others were right there to do anything needed. Of course **Lexie** felt the pressure the most, it was her first rally to host, and she is a very determined person. So now I, **Stanley**, want to make it official. "It was an awesome rally and Thanks to everyone involved."

The remarkable thing on this rally, I believe we had the most first time or new members and visitors at one rally in recent memory. We had John Gann and his wife Susan who had purchased one of Billie Young's coaches. They are totally redoing it to make it wheelchair accessible for their son Max. I think they may have gotten many more ideas looking at other coaches at the rally. Tom and Marilyn Phipps, who also purchased a coach from Billie, were rear-ended in their truck on the way to get the coach. They spent some time with Billie, all is now good. Marilyn had to leave early, but Tom stayed over for all of the rally. They were to meet up in New Orleans. They are trying to find their way back to their home in Virginia. There was also Jack Kirsch and Tina Szajko. I missed getting to talk to them, but I did hear she is an artist Also attending were the Gustafsons, Ellon and Lamar with their son-in-law Eddie Lee, who is an old friend of Wayne Alumbaugh. They go way back so they had a nice visit. Norman and Margaret Treude's son Scott came and had dinner with them on Friday night. I think the three of them are planning a little trip out west. Richard and Jackie Isenhower's guests were Bill and Joy McDonald, she is Jackie's niece. Fred and Sharon Hudspeth also had guest but somehow I must have been clucking and missed getting the name. Billie Young's daughter Stacy Chapman and her husband Mark came and then JR, her son arrived. Billie really brought in some great game players, They all made the top 3 of at least one game. Congratulations and Welcome to everyone and hope to see you all again soon. It was also so good to have Al and Ann Brieger. I know a lot of people enjoyed seeing and catching up with them again. Earlene Baker also stopped in for some cards. She lives close by and can really play those cards! We always enjoy having **Earlene!**

New Braunfels is such a beautiful part of Texas and I wish I personally had taken in more of the countryside and local sights. Everyone at home asked, "Oh did you go rafting?" No, but maybe next time. Three days is just not long enough time to see everything. **Wayne** and **Charlotte Alumbaugh**, along with their guests, went to the Old Gristmill Restaurant which is located in the historic town of Gruene, Texas. **Charlotte** said it was so interesting and was like a trip back in time. Hope someone else got to make this trip.

Jim and **JoAnn Davis** and **Mark** and **Stacy Chapman** stayed in cabins. The cabins were real nice but you had to go up about 4 steps which could be a problem sometimes.

Thursdays are sign -in, set up and seeing everyone. But after a big dinner of Bar-B-Q, we began to assemble for chickenfoot. As I always say, this is a great start off to any rally. You will usually get to sit with players you have never played with before, new members or even guests. It is a great get acquainted game. There is some skill to the game but we play so fast, there is no time for strategy, if not we would never finish with the playoffs. New comers can jump right in and not feel intimidated and learn while they play! Hope you will join us next time. Sharon Jacobs was the winner. Stacy Chapman came in 2nd and Janie Johnston was 3rd place. Charles Wersal was the Big Loser with over 500 pts. Whoooeeeee, he got to take Charlie the Dancing Chicken home and put him in the cage with their real traveling bird Beeper. We are making an effort to put dominoes, puzzles or other games out in the game room all the time. We realize everyone does not play cards but may not be ready to go to coach. If you have any thing you would like to have included, please tell any officer or let me know. The rallies are for us guys, so please speak up.

Lexie and Chuck Ellis, Frank and Sharon Jacob, and Willard and Joyce were up bright and early in the mornings to get the coffee, donuts, muffins, juices and fruit ready for everyone. I think they were pretty happy when Robert and Linda Kaufman arrived! Robert is really into the coffee making and early morning breakfast. (In fact he pitches in and helps in ALL areas.) Breakfast time is the best. Good food, good friends, and lots of conversation while you move from one group to another. Next it was time for Tech Session and again they would not let me in, but I heard it was very good The Tech Session is the backbone of the club. I know it is like manna from heaven for the new guys and even some of the older members. They can all learn something new AND they all have so much to offer. Ken Broostin is coming to do the Tech Session at the July rally. He always has so much information!

The first meeting for the Classy Ladies was a class act. We had 31 ladies to attend. Jackie Isenhour found a unique antique store and restaurant combination, The Red Rooster. They had a lot of unusual and different items like Kip's Big Boy, remember him? Janice Wersal and Minnie Myers nearly missed out on the drawing just looking at all the stuff. They had a nice antique bar set up, dark mahogany with huge mirrors, brass foot rail and all the glasses etc. Sandra Price tried to make us a drink but those bottles were empty!!! We do get involved when we go in mass but we have never been thrown out or arrested.... YET. Well I will have to tell on a couple of our members. You know our dear, sweet, trustworthy Emmy Rose, well she started the rumor this place was so excited to have us they were giving us free Margaritas. This caused quite a stir and we all got there in record time. Was this true? NO. this was just Emmy at work. Most all got the word but not Billie Young and her friends at her table. They kept waiting for their free drinkfor quite awhile... until they heard it was only a rumor. So good we care for each other, we can be mean... LOL, The food was excellent with a varied menu. Most ordered different items and that waitress was amazing....every order was correct. The door prize was a huge beautiful basket full of cajun foods. There was Tony Chachera's Red Beans and Rice Etouffe mix, Rivera Dirty Rice, Louisianan Cobbler mix, Oak Grove Smokehouse Gumbo mix, and Creole Jambalaya mix, Louisiana Crayfish, Shrimp and Crab Boil...there was even more and it was all topped off with a bottle of Pinot Noir wine.. The lucky person to win this great basket was Mattie Driskell. I am sure she said she was going to make us all some Cajun food....didn't you hear her? It was a great day for all the ladies.

We get back in time for washers with **Charles Wersal.** Looks like we had 15 teams participating but we did use 2 boards. This does make the games go faster. You have to really pay attention or you might miss a great play, like when Dennis **Johnston** won the game with 5 points smooth in the hole, he turns to rival Mattie Driskell with a "nananana". There had been some trash talk going on between them. She steps up and, as she throws she said in that trash talk way " Well I could cover you" and low and behold SHE DID! She was so shocked she was actually red in the face. These were 2 great plays! There are so many funny and terrific shots and this is why everyone likes to play or at least watch. Warren Mitchell was keeping score and this is tough with 2 boards going so Jim Davis stepped in to help him. This time we drew names for partners, trying to keep the aces from teaming up. We just have a lot of aces....so it happens. Jerry Reeves

and Bovd Mooney came in first, Jim Davis and Norman Truede came in second, with Marvin Guelker and Mark Chapman taking 3rd place. I loved the fact that Jim Davis and Norman Truede, part of that Greatest Generation and certainly our elder statesmen, came in second. Reminds me...Bruce Farrill and Boyd Mooney found a pool table in the rec area near the office. They went and played a few games. One afternoon a couple of young guys came in. They were carrying their own sticks. Well Boyd and Bruce took them out! They really enjoyed that but I say "don't mess with your elders, give respect" After all of this we went and filled up on Lasagna and the works. You know what is the fun part of the dinner hour? Figuring out which table goes last....and you know it is gonna be you! Also if you come out less than 3rd place in washers you get trash duty..at least that is what Chip Chebuhar and Robert Kaufman say!

After all the above, its Bingo Time. We had a nice turn out and some really good prizes, MONEY. Chuck and Lexie turned the cage and called the numbers. Chuck is a good caller and puts a little chit chat in it but Lexie kept him on pace. Warren Mitchell was strutting when he won the first game but after his wife Berrie took that last big game he was really beaming! Only one of the wins had to be split between Laura Chiebuharand Mattie Driskell. Other winners were Ann Marie Carter, Billy Massey, Georgene Farrill, and Minnie Myers. Congratulations!

Saturday morn breakfast, good food, good company, good times and the first thing you know it is Story Time with Sharon Hudspeth. Sometimes a name does not do justice to an event. This is true for Story Time. It is a very laid back, relaxed atmosphere and you will have some good laughs and get to know your friends better, like why Sharon Hudspeth always carries a coach key after a near face to face with a black bear in Alaska. Carolyn Tipton told us how to remove huge tree limbs with your car....on two separate occasions. Fred Hudspeth got Bill Carter to reminisce about early days in TV when equipment was not quite so sophisticated. With a microphone around his neck, he was reporting on severe weather when a surge came through the microphone and knocked him off his feet. No 5 second delay in those days and he was seen by his TV audience. Bet that was a hoot! Al Brieger told of early days of quality control in GMC. There was a big show to introduce this coach to the public, cameras were rolling, and THEY COULDN'T GET THE DOOR OPEN! Sound familiar? There were many other interesting stories but I

will stop. Next time you see Story Time on the schedule, grab your coffee or coke and go ...its lots of fun and will have you crying with laughter.

Well Corky and Virgie McHaney couldn't make this rally so Dennis Johnston and Chip Chebuhar said they would be in charge of Bolo. Well everyone plays the game a little different so the first thing they do is read the instructions!!! We had been putting the wrong count value on the barsso now we are all messed up again. And you know how we women are (mothers and wives), we will try and tell you how to do something. We call this help, God gave us this privilege when He made us female. Poor Laura, sometimes she wasn't even in the room when Chip would say, "Quiet Laura, I've got this." Again we had 2 boards going and it is hard for one person to keep score, Charles Wersal jumped in to help. Dennis, Chip, and Charles did a fantastic job! We all had a good time andlots of laughs. Thanks guys. The winners were Frank and Sharon Jacobs for first place, Sandra Price and Minnie Myers for second place and JR Young and Joyce Murdock for third.

Besides going out for Classy Ladies, a lot of the ladies went shopping at the huge outlet mall and some local places. Janice Wersal and Sharon Jacobs took in the local market place on Saturday. For 2 days Penny Buenger, Berrie Mitchell and Debbie Massey took in a lot of the flavor of New Braunfels. Seems like Penny spent her summers there as a kid and, being the school teacher she was, took them around the town showing them out of the way places, the New Braunfels of old. I heard it was a great guided tour!

White Elephant Exchange and Marshmallow Roast in the same sentence, hmmm, it works. I wasn't there. but I heard some people cheated and put their smores in the microwave. There were some unusual items eg: the white elephant. That was a great gift that a lot of us wanted, so what if it had a small hole in it, everyone was thinking garden or flower beds. Before I forget, Joyce Murdock donated a beautiful handmade afghan. A lot people fell in love with it but Henrietta Mueck won it as a door prize. She is so lucky! Congratulations Henrietta!

Several of our group have a Saturday night send off that features a crazy game of Farkle. Playing at this rally were **Sharon Jacob, Billie Young, Mark** and **Stacy Chapman, Georgene Farrill, Leon and Penny Buenger,** and **Billy and Debbie Massey.** This is a dice game that is fast moving and exciting and does seem to get a bit loud with all the excitement. This time **Georgene Farrill** was presented the Farkle Crown for winning. We want to encourage you to join this group. In past rallies, we have even had 2 tables to play at the same time. Maybe we could even play this game one of the hot afternoons at Durant.

It was another wonderful rally and get together for a lot of good friends. Looking forward to seeing everyone in July at Choctaw RV Park in Durant OK. Hopefully some of our Oklahoma friends can attend. Everyone be safe and stay **cool.**

Stanley Chickenfoot

New Braunfels Rally

(by Lexie Ellis)

Please let me begin by thanking everyone **behind the scenes** that was there to get me through the planning stage.

Janie and Dennis Johnston who volunteered to drive to New Braunfels to obtain a caterer and pick the meals for the 3 evenings if I was unable to verify this had already been done; Jackie Isenhour who kept me laughing through my panic modes; Charles Wersal who took the time to spell out how the games were played and who would probably be able to manage some of the games for me; Dennis who volunteered to do the early morning donut run with Chip Chebuhar as his partner; Redonia **Harper** gave me lessons on how to handle last minute RV and additional dinner reservations; and then just a couple of weeks before the actual rally when it was announced I was all alone in this, Joyce and Willard Murdock called to say they and Sharon and Frank Jacob would step in to help answer any questions I had and stand by me during the actual rally. I hope I did not leave anyone off this list because without all of you, I would not have been able to pull this off.

Once we arrived at the Hill Country RV Park in New Braunfels, getting members parked was a challenge but having an experienced member like **Joyce** to help me with this was a blessing not to mention the daily guidance she gave me from sun up to sun down. AND, now I think I can match every coach with a GMCer! Janie Johnston and Laura Chebuhar set up all the tables and decorations and helped with the cleanup each evening along with the guys. Dennis and Chip did an outstanding job handling the donut runs and even worked the Bolo games on Saturday. These 4 were always around to lend a helping hand where ever needed and were so appreciated. I'd also like to thank Sharon Jacob who gave me a quick lesson on how to shop for the breakfast socials, Richard Isenhour and Sandra Price who gave the evening prayers, and Billie Young who did the Sunday morning worship service. A special thanks to Robert Kaufman who showed up each morning to help with the coffee and was there to lend a hand to the caterers helping them load and set up in the evenings.

And special thanks to **Jackie Isenhour** for the wonderful Classy Lady outing to the Red Rooster. This place was fantastic; food was great, service was great and, if you indulged in a desert, you could walk off some of that guilty pleasure looking at antiques on the other side of the building. Mattie Driskell won the Classy Lady drawing which was a very nice picnic basket filled with bunches of Cajun goodies put together with loving care by **Jackie**. Oh gosh, and let me not forget **Sharon Hudspeth** who headed up Story Time with some of her own stories and encouraged others to share some of theirs. This turned out to be a great hour of laughter.

Gosh, what a team effort. Thank you all for such an outstanding job, it turned out great!

Lexie

BREAKFAST IN A BAG

Diced cooked ham
Cooked bacon pieces
Crumbles cooked sausage
Chopped onion
Diced peppers and tomatoes
Sliced mushrooms
Grated cheese
Eggs
Salt and Pepper to taste
Or anything else you like.

Hostess breaks two or three eggs into a plastic resealable bag. Guests break them up by squeezing the bag, then add whatever ingredients they like in an omelet and again mix together by squeezing the bag. Then squeeze as much air as possible out of the bag and seal it shut. Have a big pot of boiling water ready, and drop bags into water and boil for 12 minutes (15 minutes for three eggs). Be sure to keep the water boiling. Don't put too many bags in at once to aid in timing. Use a felt-tip pen to mark on bag when omelet will be done, e.g., 10:53, 11:04, etc. Be sure to put the person's name on the bag also. Remove from water, unseal and slide a perfect omelet onto plate. Have salt and pepper, salsa or other condiments ready to put on omelet.

This is nice served with fruit and breakfast rolls or coffee cake and coffee, juice, etc. For a breakfast get-together, write the invitations on a brown paper sandwich bag and write "Please come for Breakfast in a Bag at -- time and place, etc." This can be done outside on the grill or on the stove. Great for a group of campers,

BEER CAN CHICKEN

<u>Chicken Rub</u>: Combine equal parts of Salt, Pepper, Paprika, and Brown Sugar

Coat skin of a whole chicken with oil and coat with the rub.

Pop open a can of beer (or any juice) and drink 1/2 of it while you are coating the chicken. Poke more holes in the top of the can and then sprinkle rub in the can.

Place can in the bottom of the chicken. Place on grill (indirect heat) and place legs of chicken out like a tripod to hold chicken upright. Tuck the wings in.

Cook for 1 to 1 1/2 hours or until thickest part of thigh is at least 160 degrees.

COCA COLA BBQ SAUCE

1 cup Coca cola

1 cup ketchup

3 T of A-1 sauce

1 tsp onion flakes

1 tsp garlic flakes

Simmer for 20 minutes and serve with the chicken.

BANANA SMILES

Bag of chocolate chips Bag of miniature marshmallows Bananas (enough for everyone) Aluminum foil for each banana.

Slice inside of the bananas while it is still in the peel, using care not to slice all the way through the banana. Add miniature marshmallows and chocolate chips, wrap in foil and grill for a few minutes on each side. Unwrap and eat from the peel ... Enjoy.

WORLD'S EASIEST CHOCOLATE CAKE

1 Box Chocolate Cake Mix 16 ounces Cola drink

In a mixing bowl, combine your favorite chocolate cake mix and 16 ounces of a cola-flavored soft drink. Stir for two minutes and follow the box directions for baking in the pan size of your choice. Spread ready-made chocolate frosting on top when cool. You won't believe how good it tastes.

You can also use a white or yellow cake mix and lemonlime flavored soft drink with the same wonderfully easy results. The *Classics Chatter* is published quarterly for the membership of the GMC Classics. The club is a chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association and primarily draws it's membership from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Arkansas. It's purpose is to promote the preservation of the GMC Motorhome and to bring it's owners together for their exclusive enjoyment and common interests.

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GMC Classics Tech Notes

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

Our Tech Session in New Braunfels was presented by Tom Landis of Pearland TX, an ex-Marine, Electrical Engineer and all around great electricity "guru". The subject was electricity and in particular, trouble shooting.

He started with advice for having the right tools, most readily available at Harbor Freight, many hardware and auto supply stores. A continuity checker in the form of a buzzer can be built cheaply and is invaluable for tracing circuits. A good investment of no more than \$30.00 for a voltmeter is a necessity.

Tom showed several examples of how to make good connections that will hold up and not generate heat. He mentioned having a set of medical forceps to hold wires together for connecting, soldering, and shrink wrapping...cautioning us to not forget to slip the wrap on before connecting, something we've probably all done at one time or another. He covered crimpers and cutters and gave a website for Packard connectors that are invaluable for multi-wire connections and making a good and sanitary connection (classictrucks.com). He added, "be sure to put a small terminal block when adding several circuits or rearranging old ones and "fuse that block". Many times we overlook the importance of fusing added circuits and it can be a dangerous deletion.

Tom covered the dangers of not recognizing the power of electricity. He said, remember electricity is just two things " Fast and Quick". It is the amperage not voltage that is the most dangerous. He used lightning as an example of it's intensity. In the starting of the engine of our GMCs, for that moment, the starting circuit is drawing 400 plus cranking amps..and a serious short there, can cause fire, or worse, an exploding battery. In another area, he cautioned to check your ground fault plugs frequently as these can deteriorate and even be rendered useless after actuating.

The grounding subject brought comments by a several. Fred **Hudspeth** stated that he had been under his unit at one time and felt a tingling on his arm as he was reaching up and took this as a message he'd better look further for a grounding problem.

It was noted too, that the number of grounds is very limited on our GMCs to avoid ground loops in your system. Usually, grounds should be limited to one at the engine/ battery and one in the back at the ONAN.

Several lively discussions ensued. One about batteries, the care and feeding, and types, from conventional to maintenance-free. It seems most everyone has their own opinions on this subject as to advantages, disadvantages, attention required and cost differences. Some thought the hard to reach batteries would be the ones to have maintenance-free.

As the program was nearing the end, Tom asked if everyone had or used a good battery maintainer and that they can be obtained at Camping World, Harbor Freight, Ace Hardware and many other stores at, generally, a reasonable price and make a wise investment. Tom's question and answer session led to good participation and the feeling of a fine program. Our thanks to Tom, for a great job!

NOTE from the Tech Coordinator: I received my packet from GMCMI and found a few items that I thought might be of interest to our group that some may not be aware of.

Several of you have found that in bigger cities and some states the EPA requirements for the big barreled rubber nozzles at the gas pumps, don't like our GMC. I remembered that Larry Turner had improvised a PVC 45 elbow fitting that did the job and the GMCMI bulletin said a one inch slice of a kids 'water noodle" would also suffice.

It also mentioned that Michael Bozardt was not out of business but that his inventory had changed and can be reached at www.gemrecs.com.

Finally, I found that Byron Songer (many of you know) has posted online an article addressed to a "HARD TO CON-TROL GMC" not that any of us have ever had that problem. www.gmceast.com/technical/muellersteeringinspectionguide.pdf

The Tech Session in Durant will be on ONAN's by Ken **Broostin** of Claremore OK. I'm told he is MR. ONAN, with GMC, from the beginning.