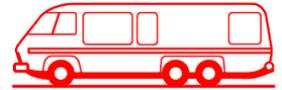


Classic Chatter

GMC Classics



Fred Hudspeth

The Prez

The theme of the Classics' spring rally at the Twin Fountains RV Resort at Oklahoma City, OK was "Get Your Kicks on Route 66". All in attendance at the rally did just that!! The rally was beautifully planned and executed by the team of **Marilyn** and **Robert Musgrove**, **Peggy** and **Fred Pitezal**, **Patty** and **Clark Southmayd** with enthusiastic support of their associates in the **Tulsa Lunch Bunch**. **Glyn Trimble** has provided a fine and entertaining account of that rally elsewhere in this newsletter so rather than risk duplicating his work, please read his account. I, however, on behalf of members present at the rally, extend our thanks to the rally team and their associates for a job *super* well done!!

The summer '13 rally will be at the Buckhorn Lake RV Resort at Kerrville, TX (<http://www.buckhornlake.com/>), 20-23 June'13. This is a favorite park of many Classics members as we have had several rallies there with never any disappointments. It is definitely in the category of premier RV parks. **Linda** and **Larry Turner** are leading the team making the arrangements for this rally and look forward to having a large turnout. If normal weather patterns hold, the timing is before the onset of the hottest part of Texas summers. So, unless you are otherwise committed (as Sharon and I are for our usual summers in Alaska), please plan to attend and show your appreciation to Linda, Larry and their associates, **Richard** and **Jackie Isenhour**, for their commitment to making this rally a most enjoyable experience for you.

As in past newsletters, I report to you on the business aspects of your club in this space. While we held a meeting of the Executive Committee at Twin Fountains,

we elected to forego holding a *formal* business meeting at the rally. There were no matters requiring member attention resulting from the ExCom meeting. The club is obligated to hold at least two business meetings during each calendar year. We held the first one for this year at the January rally in Austin at the LaHacienda RV Resort. **Georgene Farrill**, in her role as GMCC vice president (and in my absence) will conduct a business meeting at Buckhorn Lake if there are actions resulting from the ExCom meeting that require member attention. There will definitely be a business meeting to elect 2014 officers and address other business as needed at the Canton rally at Mills Creek Ranch RV Resort (<http://millcreekranchresort.com/>), 17-20 Oct, 2013.

As always, your executive committee and I work for you, the members of GMC Classics, and welcome your feedback on any aspect of the club's operations – in person, by email, or phone. Our email addresses and phone numbers are in each edition of The Chatter.

Best wishes to all for an enjoyable Texas summer and for safe travels. Sharon and I look forward to rejoining you for the Canton rally in October.

Regards,

Fred

Future Rallies

NEXT RALLY:

Make your own RV reservations.

Dates: June 27-30, 2013
Location: Buckhorn Lake RV Resort
Kerrville, TX

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

FALL RALLY 2013

Dates: October 17-20, 2013
Location Mill Creek Ranch Resort
 Canton, TX



Sunshine Report

Dear GMC Family,

The report is short this quarter. Everyone has been busy with so many activities along the way. Lots of travels, rallies and family events, which is always great. Thanks again for keeping me updated on needs in our family. You are appreciated so much!

Our official correspondence between March 2-May 10 is as follows:

- Cards mailed, 0**
- ECards sent, 14**
- Info/Response Emails Rec'd. 108**
- Emails Sent, 74**
- TOTAL: 196.**

Looking forward to being with everyone next month at Buckhorn Lake Resort in Kerrville. Please stay healthy and travel safely. Hugs.

Billie Young
 Sunshine Lady



Stanley's Report

By **Georgene Farrill**
 (more on the Austin Rally)

I listed washer winners wrong in last Chatter and I have always said I will correct my writings when I am wrong and you know, THIS was a very grievous mistake, nearly a **hanging offense**. Ask any winner of any game. I should have listed **Boyd Mooney** and **Jerry Reeves** in first place, **Carroll** and **Gayla Shelly** came in second place and **Stacy Chapman** and **Georgene Farrill** did come in third place. But also correcting this gives me a chance to finish a couple of things that happened in Austin. I had alluded to the beer tasting at the **Solid Rock Brewery** in Austin. This was **Bob** and **Sandra Prices'** granddaughter's husband and a couple of friends that are starting the business and gave us a **special invite** to the tasting they were having that week-end. I jokingly refer to it as **The Beer Barn** and it did take place in a big metal barn, but this was a very interesting trip. If you don't know, specialty beers are the hottest commodity going right now, so there are micro breweries popping up in a lot of

cities. I like to think we were in on the ground floor of a new

business and they actually wanted our input. There were many more people there than just the Classics. They explained and demonstrated the process of beer making and the ingredients used for fermentation and flavor. Not being a beer drinker, I thought the best thing there were the small bowls of hops and barley for the flavor, I was eating them. Their brew master was also there dressed in the traditional kilt with long white stockings and traditional small black shoes, so I told him **Harry Driskell** and **Dean Hopkins** called him a "sissie". It was fun watching them deny it. **Gaye Guelker's** great niece is a nurse in Austin so she came out for a visit with **Gaye**. It was a fun and interesting trip and would like to give a belated **Thank you** to the **Prices** and their grandson -in-law for inviting us.

The most touching part of the rally was Saturday night when **Ken Broostin** told the story about his granddaughter **Whitney Niemann** and her family. She lives close to Austin, so she and her boyfriend **Phillip Luna** came to visit and have dinner with **Ken** and **Doree**. They live in the **Bastrop** area where the devastating fires destroyed the **Texas** country side in 2012. **Whitney** had just moved back to Texas with everything she owned and then her life changed. Her mother is a firefighter and was out in the field when the fires hit their place. **Whitney** was at home with her two brothers and got them to safety. One of those unusual and heart breaking stories while they were out fighting fires to save the homes of others, their home was totally destroyed and they lost everything. It was a very emotional story for **Ken** to tell, and one I thought others would want to know about. They will always remember the physical exhaustion and emotional drainage of that time, but there was good to come to them **Extreme House Make-over** heard off the story and they were featured on one of the TV shows. They built them a new home and **Whitney** received a 4 yr college scholarship. **Doree** was telling me that **Whitney** had to have a foreign language and she decided to do sign language for the credit. She loves it and is considering it for her future. How our lives are changed and hopefully for the better.....

Stanley Chickenfoot



Oklahoma City Game Winners

- Washers:** 1st - **Boyd Mooney & George Farrell**
 2nd - **Willard Murdock & Reg Phillips**
 3rd - **Bob Musgrove & Frank Jacob**
- Chicken Foot :** 1st **Carroll Shelley**
 2nd **Gay Guelker**
 3rd **Robert Kaufman**
 Boobie - **Frank Jacob**

NOSTALGIA WEEK GMC-WEATHER-OTHERWISE GET YOUR KICKS on 66

Apr 18-20, 2013
By Glyn Trimble

The theme for the Classics rally this week was “get your kicks on route 66”...We think we got a bit more than we bargained for...read on...

This indeed became a week to remember in the annals of the Tulsa Lunch Bunch...unlike any before and we hope never again...

After weeks and more weeks of preparation, including several trips to OK City, a whole bunch of trips to the local “Route 66” tourist traps, numerous planning (gab) sessions, lots and lots of phone calls and a couple of tears or two, we were finally ready for the big day...it says here in fine print!!!

To make it “official” we planned a trip down old Highway 66 to get in the spirit of things...so, bright and early Monday morning a bunch of us gathered around 9:00 AM at the world renowned “Blue Whale” in Catoosa as our starting point.

Those rendezvousing were **Fred and Peggy Pitezal, Ron and Sharon Eimen, Clark and Patty Southmayd, Bernie and Renée Baldwin, Ken and Doree Broostin, Clyde Jones and Glyn Trimble**. So, after a bit of picture taking, we were off to the “races” so to speak, GMC style. **Glyn** stayed behind, to join them on Wednesday, and **Bob** and **Marilyn Musgrove** joined in the entourage on the west side of Tulsa.

So, pokin’ along, “gawk” style, we enjoyed driving down the old Highway 66 as much as possible, reminiscing about the “good ole’ days” and recalling those precious days of our youth and experiences along this fabled roadway though all those crooks and crannies of the towns along the way. Needless to say, we looked at them as much as they looked at our caravan as we stretched out from one end of each town to the other as we drove through!!! Route 66, you will never be the same again!!!

Reservations had been made for lunch at the (soda) Pops restaurant in Arcadia, a unique treasure in its self, with a myriad of flavors of soda being served, all alongside that giant bottle of soda pop which can be seen for miles. We did arrive a tad late but, surprise, surprise, they still took our money. Just ask Bob Musgrove!!

Arriving at our campsite, the Twin Fountains RV Park in NE OK City, we began to set up shop, putting up posters, hanging this and that, checking with the caterers, plus remembering what we forgot to bring...oh my!!

With heavy heart we bore down, as we kept glued to the TV with the Boston Marathon tragedy unfolding before us. Suddenly our problems became very, very minor, as did everybody’s everywhere!

Tuesday was more of the same, and it now became that old child’s game, “ready or not, here we come” , and by late Wednesday, almost everyone registered had arrived. No more surprises now, right? Wrong Again!!

Wednesday night brought us a real ole’ fashioned “gully washer”, None of us had ever been in our coaches with a rain like this one. The next day most did admit to a “little teensy” leak here and there!! All that rain made one ponder about our early pioneer ancestors enduring such rains in their canvas topped covered wagons, their tar covered little shanty houses, their sod roofs. Would we be so brave!!

Thursday morning breakfast was a teaser, with dinner Thursday evening a real crowd pleaser!! Homemade chili with all the trimmings! Dare say that seconds were the order of the evening...yea!!

Forgot to mention that Wednesday eve we were treated to an oldie’ “I Love Lucy” film. Seems as though we learned how to laugh all over again. We really needed that, too. Great time!!

Friday was a special day. The guys attended a marvelous Tech Session headed up by **Bob Musgrove** and the gals went on a safari across OK City (actually they toured the chihuly glass exhibit at the OK City Museum of Art and then had lunch at the museum but “safari” sounds more daring and adventurous, don’t you think)....

All that culminated in a fantastic BBQ dinner Friday eve . It was more than one could eat...and a bunch of us tried to do that too!! For those sitting at Black Bart’s table...he entertained us with tales of what not to do, especially during prohibition days of yore!!

Folks, if you do nothing else, you have got to stop and go look at the pics of the wait staff taken at the rally meal times...the girls were dressed ‘50’s style, hair-do’s and all... the guys...well, their aprons still didn’t hide that “slight” paunch in front...but they looked great anyway!!

Saturday rolled around all too quickly, another special breakfast and a surprise luncheon...leftovers from Thursday and Friday...temptation, get thee behind me!!!

Saturday night brought a real big favorite...pans and pans of fried chicken with gobs and gobs of mashed potatoes and gravy, with a “little” bit of pie and ice cream. Made a fellow not want to go home, especially when those cute servers kept bringing around “seconds” on the ice cream.

Sunday morning and almost time to say “goodbye” and head for home. Our own chaplain, Col **Claude Farris**, brought us a most inspiring message that seemed to fit right in with our innermost thoughts as well as the unfolding saga on the national scene. Thank you Claude!!

One by one we began to pack up and head home. The Lunch Bunch crew stayed behind to assist in the clean up, pack up, and return of borrowed goodies.

We would be remiss if we did not thank the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the loan of those fantastic Highway 66 signs which hung so magnificently from the rafters of our rally room!!

Truly this was a special time for all of us and our theme “get your kicks on Route 66” was both a brilliant and sobering reminder of our great Oklahoma history that we all treasure and hold deep in our hearts!

Everybody is safely back home now, all tuckered and worn out, but full of precious memories and, we might add, not very hungry right now!! Bye, Bye!

Your Tulsa Lunch Bunch



P.S. Be sure and take a gander at the pics: WARNING-do not show them to the grandkids...they simply wouldn't understand...

<http://www.gmcmhphotos.com/photos/g6360-oklahoma-city-rally.html>

New Members

Please welcome new members since the last Chatter. Hope to see you at the Kerrville Rally!

Bill and Peggy Prince

Uvalde, TX

(Bought **Becky Tracy's** GMC)

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Tech Notes

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Following report by Bill Carter.

This time of the year can offer challenges almost anywhere you want to schedule a Rally and going North to Oklahoma this year said it in spades. We were a day late getting to Oklahoma City due to a meeting I had to make on Thursday morning. However, those that arrived at the regular time, a day or so earlier, got the works and missed snow by only a near miracle. I'm always amazed by the stamina of the "Classics". A sizable group "weathered the storm" literally. Our Oklahoma hosts showed us a good time and the weather co-operated. By all accounts all got home in good shape.

Bob Lee, our new Tech Coordinator, was unable to make the Rally and I am helping to put this epistle together, with the help of **Bob Musgrove's** note and a note from **Jeff Fraisure**.

Bob Musgrove led our session with a great account of taking on a task we've most all faced or worked around the edges," replacing the headliner". These three words belie the action that had to be taken. He found, as many of us have, that the cabinets are not as secure as we think they are, even though we hear them or see them wiggle a bit on rough roads. So, we learned how they are attached or should be and how to refasten them in most cases. He addressed what to do when you find old leaks, the damage that was done, and what to do to repair.

This was the perfect time to re-insulate the roof, as even the minimal original insulation had become almost non-existent. He talked of the decision to custom-cut the headliner in and around the bathroom rather than attempt to jack the roof up to put the headliner above the bathroom walls in one piece. The finished product was a near work of art. Bob went on to install 3 point seat belts, replace the stove, refrigerator, Corian countertops, and a Honda 6kw generator. He moved the propane tank from under the dining table to the right rear.

Each time I go to a rally, I can't get over how we all started with very similar coaches but how different they are now reflecting the individual personalities of each owner. Although shaped the same, the paint jobs, graphics and interiors show something far from the original.

Bob and I discussed the improvements we have all made reflecting what we, meaning our spouses, want our coaches to accomplish in comfort, uniqueness, and reliability. Seldom do we reflect on "at what cost". Most of us feel the enjoyment we get and the pride of accomplishment more than make up for the expense (hope **Anne-Marie** isn't listening).

Bob and **Marilyn** have a GMC to be proud of and we appreciate their sharing his handiwork with us.

On another note, Bob recognized **Fred Pitezal** of Tulsa as having built what he called a "Junk Yard Throttle Body" Conversion. We've all given thought to some kind of fuel injection or carburetor adaption/conversion and several have done it with varied success. Fred's answer must have put a lot of miles on his vehicle just running down parts, unless he lives across the street from the salvage yard. But he accomplished an improvement in reliability and performance, at a very reasonable price, not counting his time, I'm sure. Reliable and GMC may be an oxymoron. It seems that the heart of this TBI is the chip that Bob Musgrove custom designs for this application.

There is a lot I don't understand about TBI, either new or junk yard, but from the pictures of the installation and resulting performance, it seems like a worthwhile project. I must pass on a fitting quote that Bob said **Bill Bramlett** made regarding a different project "it's not for the faint of heart."

Pictures and the general working instructions on this conversion are located at:

http://www.gmcclassics.com/tech/Junkyard_TBI.html