

# Classic Chatter



Fred Hudspeth

## The Prez

Thanks to all who attended the June rally at the Buckhorn Lakes RV Resort. Sharon and I had already departed for usual summer escape to Alaska at the time of this rally and did not attend (we are still at our Alaska post as I write this column). The club was in good hands, however, with **Georgene Farrill** at the helm. **Larry and Linda Turner** were the lead managers for this rally. Thanks to them and their team for a well-planned and executed event.

With the next rally, we will resume collecting a rally fee to cover club expenses not itemized in the registration fees. Members present at the combined GMC Classics/GMC Motorhomes International spring 2012 event in Shawnee, Oklahoma, voted to temporarily suspend collection of this fee. The reserve fund over many years had grown to almost twice the amount needed for operation of the club. The goal is for each rally to break-even on expenses. When that does not happen, a surplus at some rallies is necessary to offset deficits at other rallies. The purpose of the temporary suspension, then was to rebalance the reserve fund to an amount more consistent with the club's needs.

Now – on to the next rally. Rally coordinators, **Penny Buenger** and **Debbie Massey**, working with wagonmaster **Bob Price (and Sandra)** have secured the Mill Creek Ranch RV Resort, Canton, TX for the 17-20 Oc-

tober rally. As this is another premier RV facility, attendance by at least sixty people (approximately thirty coaches) is necessary to cover advance payment required by the resort for the meal service. While this is an important driving force for your attendance, Penny and Debbie have assembled an interesting array of activities as further incentives for you to attend this rally. One special feature is a tour of a classic/collector car restoration shop in Canton. The shop is Hatfield Restorations. The owner, Gary Hatfield, has invited Classics members for a tour of his shop. The time is 0930, Friday, 18October. He and shop manager, Dale Barnes, plan to split us into two groups to allow a closer look at their operations.

Please note that Penny and Debbie are serving as coordinators rather than managers for this rally. This means, in short, that they will define the tasks that need to be done and then request volunteers for those tasks. Penny and Debbie introduced this concept at the Weatherford rally in June 2012. They had great cooperation from members attending that rally.

The Nominating Team of **Redonia Harper**, **Debbie Massey** and **Sandra Price** will be assembling a slate of nominees for 2014 officer roles at Canton. Election of officers will be during the business meeting. Also, members filling the appointed roles will be named. If you would like to be considered for either an officer or an appointed role, please contact a member of the nominating team. Also, when approached by a member of the nominating team about serving in either an elected or appointed role, please seriously consider their requests.

**Billie Young** has long served as the Sunshine lady for GMC Classics and GMC Motorhomes International. She has advised that she is resigning that post effective with this newsletter as part of the beginning of a “new chapter” in her life. She is quick to point out that while she is resigning this post, she will continue to be involved with Classics and International but just not in an “official” capacity. Billie, we thank you for your always caring and

enthusiastic service to the ownership community and extend you our best wishes for the "new chapter"... Billie's role, then, is one we will need to fill at Canton.

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 and by email/phone. Our email addresses and phone numbers are in each edition of The Chatter.

Please plan to attend the Canton rally and express your appreciation to Penny and Debbie for the work they are doing to make it a most rewarding experience for you.

Regards,  
Fred

**Future Rallies**

**NEXT RALLY:**

*Make your own RV reservations.*

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

**Please see Registration Form included or on the internet: [www.gmcclassics.com](http://www.gmcclassics.com)**

\*\*\*\*\*Canton motels are as follows\*\*\*\*\*

*South side of I 20*  
**Best Western** [903 567 6591](tel:9035676591)  
**Days Inn** [903 567 0909](tel:9035670909)

*North side of I 20*  
**Super 8** - [903 567 6567](tel:9035676567)  
**Motel 6 Suites** - [903 567 0455](tel:9035670455)  
**Quality Inn and Suites** - [903 567 0909](tel:9035670909)

**WINTER RALLY 2014**

**Dates:** January 23-25, 2014  
**Location** Oakdale RV Park  
Glenrose, TX

**Sunshine Report**



Dear GMC Family,

It has been my joy and delight to serve you as your Sunshine Lady for the past 8 1/2 years. Due to The Lord opening a new chapter in my life, I need to "let go of the past so I can embrace the future" that He has for me. Thank you so much for your loving support. I know you will treat your "new" Sunshine Lady the same way. You'll still see me at our rallies and conventions, and get emails and Ecards, but in an unofficial way. So here are my final totals:

Between May 10 to Sept 1	
Cards Mailed	13
ECards Sent	17
Emails Sent	110
Info Emails Rec'd.	149
Total	289 Official Correspondence

Then between April 27, 2005 to Sept 1	
Cards Mailed	370
ECards Sent	222
Emails Sent	1,053
Info Emails Rec'd.	1,173
GRAND TOTAL	2,838 Official Correspondence

May the Lord continue to richly bless you, meet your every need, keep you safe and healthy, and set a special watch-care over you. Never forget that you are "always" in my heart and prayers, and know that I love all of you dearly!



Billie Young  
Your ex-Sunshine Lady

**Note from Art and Carroll Owens' Daughter**

Dear Charles and GMC Classics,

I would like to thank you so much for putting the news of Dads passing in the newsletter, also thank you very much for the card.

Could you please put a thank you in the newsletter for all the cards that were sent. I was really touched by the kind words from everyone about both my parents. With them being a part of the GMC Family, which they talked about often, I know you all felt the loss as well.

Thank everyone so much for their kindness and caring for 2 wonderful people that touched so many lives.

Love & Safe Travels To All  
Lori, AJ & Vicki



Please help me welcome these new members!

**Steve and Randy McAnally**  
Fredericksburg, TX

**Larry and Joanna Potts**  
Tulsa, OK

**Rob Kress**  
Willis, TX



### Kerrville Rally

Attendance at the Kerrville Rally was about 27 motorhomes and 49 people.

Mike Kelly, of Illinois, was a guest and it looks like we will be seeing a lot of more of him in the future. It was also good to see Lisa again. I know it's a hard job keeping Georgene in line. Hope to see everyone in Canton!

### Chatter Editor Needed

Looks like we need a new Chatter Editor! I informed the Board Members via email a little over a week ago. This will have to be the last Chatter that I will be doing. My promotion at work has me working a lot more hours. With that, and the family issues we have helping our parents, I just do not have the will power or time to continue. Guess I'm pooped! ☺

It has been a pleasure doing it for many years but I feel it is time to pass the torch. The Chatter can be done by someone who knows Word, Microsoft Publisher, or any other program they desire. I have templates available for MS Publisher if the new person is interested. I will gladly help and guide my replacement.

Thanks,  
Debbie Massey

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