

**CLASSIC CHATTER
GMC CLASSICS
WINTER 2013**

**THE PREZ
FRED HUDSPETH**

As we approach the end of the year, may the Christmas and New Year's holiday events be most enjoyable for you and your families.

As is often done at year-end, we do a quick look-back at the events of the year. We started it off at the LaHacienda RV Resort in January at Austin, followed in April at the Twin Falls RV Resort and a "Route 66" theme at Oklahoma City. Then we were at the Buckhorn Lake RV Resort at Kerrville in June and finally the Mill Creek RV Resort at Canton, TX in October. There is an account of each of the rallies in newsletters which followed them, including this newsletter for the Canton rally. Our sincere thanks to the members who volunteered their time and energy as rally managers/coordinators to make these events happen so successfully.

Thanks to Redonia and James Harper, Billy Massey and Sandra and Bob Price for their excellent coordination of the rally at Canton in October. Debbie Massey and Penny Buenger did the early coordination for the rally but later found that neither would be unable to attend. "No host" rallies, such as the one at Canton, feature coordinators who define tasks that need to be done and then invite members to volunteer for them. This was the second rally with this format. The first was at Weatherford in June'12. Members responded enthusiastically at both rallies for the roles that needed to be done. At the Canton business meeting, officers were elected and members named to fill appointed roles for 2014. More on that later.

We will start 2014 at the Oakdale RV Park in Glen Rose, TX, 23-26 January. We are grateful to Patsy and Bob Monk, Gayla and Carroll Shelly and Janie and Dennis Johnston for volunteering to manage this rally.

At Canton, your executive committee (ExCom) recommended and members approved having the Classics spring 2014 rally concurrently with the GMC Motorhomes International Spring Convention at the Lake Conroe Event Center & KOA, Montgomery, TX, 21-27 Mar'14. Classics members will be parked together and will have a "potluck" dinner/business meeting (entrée provided) one evening during the convention. If you would like to be part of the Classics camaraderie but cannot or do not wish to attend the entire convention, Kim Weeks, convention manager/GMC Motorhomes International, can accommodate that.

That takes care of the winter and spring rallies for 2014. Locations and managers for the summer'14, fall'14 and winter'15 rallies are needed now. Please advise Reg Phillips, wagonmaster, and Boyd Mooney, assistant wagonmaster, that you are willing to sign-on for one of those rallies.

The line-up of elected officers and members in appointed roles remains the same for 2014 with the following exceptions: Among elected positions, Reg Phillips is the new wagonmaster, succeeding Bob Price in that role. In the appointed roles, Debbie Massey announced her resignation earlier as newsletter editor. Redonia Harper, a member of the nominating team, is leading the effort to recruit Debbie's successor. The nominating team was unable to name a replacement for Debbie at Canton. Jackie Isenhour, elected as Classic Lady for 2013, advised in early January that she would be unable to continue in that role. Also, Billie Young resigned the Sunshine Lady role in September. Pending volunteers to fill the latter two roles, they will informally be carried out by the rally management teams. We thank those leaving for their service to the club and welcome their successors. For the full 2014 line-up, please go to

<http://www.gmcclassics.com/officers.html>

On a personal note, I was requested by your nominating team to accept their nomination as Classics president for a third consecutive term. I responded that I feel strongly that the club is best served by the infusion of new players, who are qualified and willing to serve, into the line-up for both officers and appointed roles. For the record, your nominating team is committed to that view also. The "willing to serve" is the hard part of the equation for each role to be filled. The nominating team and I sincerely encourage you to consider "what you can do for the club" when approached about filling an elected or appointed role. There are precedents for clubs shutting down when roles necessary for continued operation cannot be filled.

I ultimately accepted the team's nomination to continue serving as your president and was subsequently elected. I will do my best to continue to merit your confidence.

Our reserve fund will be approximately on target at \$6000 at year-end. By waiving rally fees from spring 2012 through summer 2013, we spent down surplus funds that had accumulated over an extended time. All rallies are designed to break-even but variances in attendance and expenses make it difficult to achieve that consistently. Dot Phillips, our treasurer, will be working with rally managers/coordinators to reduce the risk of under-collecting rally fees to preserve the target \$6K reserve account. As expenses are more a function of total people attending rallies than registrations, an alternative approach may be to price rally fees on a per-person basis. There is precedent for this among other owner clubs. Regardless, the rally fees will continue to be designed to breakeven with estimated rally expenses. It, however, is best to risk a slight over-collection of fees and then return that to rally attendees by occasionally waiving (or reducing) the rally fees to maintain the \$6K target.

As always, your executive committee and I work for you, the members of GMC Classics, and welcome your feedback on any aspect of GMC Classics' 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 Glen Rose rally and express your appreciation to, Patsy and Bob Monk, Gayla and Carroll Shelly and Janie and Dennis Johnston for the work they are doing to make it a most rewarding experience for you.

Regards,
Fred

STANLEY REPORT

By Georgene Farrell

Well, I have been to Disneyland, Six Flags, Ranger game, rodeos and a goat roping, but this was my first time to have a **\$15.00** hamburger. Granted, it was eaten off china plates with real silverware on a nice white table cloth, in basically an open air building. As **Forrest Gump** would say, "....that's all I am going to say about that".

This was a No Hostess rally and again it worked out great. Co-coordinators were **Leon & Penny Buenger and Billy & Debbie Massey**. Back-up was **Bob & Sandra Price** and **James & Redonia Harper**. You know how life gets in the way of all our well laid plans. **Penny and Leon sold their home and** bought a new house, **had** to get moved. **Debbie** got a big promotion at work (**Congratulations**, well earned) **Sandra & Redonia** gave it their all. **Penny & Debbie** had done the preliminary work of securing the facilities and working on activities. They just did not get to come and enjoy their hard work and see all their friends.

Redonia & Sandra did have all the volunteers to help and they are many. For **Bingo** it was **Reg Phillips, Joyce Murdock & Wayne Alumbaugh**. **Wayne** did a good job calling numbers. not too fast or slow. We played 8 games. Washers **Boyd Mooney & Charlotte Alumbaugh** were in charge. Our usual

Go to Guys, Marvin Guelker or Charles Wersal were unable to attend. Get to feeling better you guys, we want to see you in January at **Glen Rose**. **Jerry Reeves** hopes his shoulder is better so he can play. It was pretty chilly and a little damp, so not as big a spectator gallery as usual. Those boards were even cold, the washers just **bounced** right off!!! Even the good players seem to have a hard time. Those in charge of **Bolo** were **Robert Kaufman, Sharon Jacobs and Joyce Murdock**. They did take it inside to play, still pretty nippy in that 3 sided building!. You know, **Bolo** is a great game because it is just squirrely, but a lot of fun. We probably played the game 3 or 4 years when someone finally read the directions of how much each bar counted. So in some ways it is like a brand new game no really, it's not that different besides change is good.

On volunteers, some may not have realized the night **Joyce Murdock** passed around delicious homemade cookies, they were **not** part of the meal we purchased, **Joyce** had made those at home, (for **Willard**) and chose to share with all of us for desert. We had another wonderful volunteer but we do not know who it was, an anonymous gift but, very appreciated, I told you we had basically an open air building for meals and or activities . It had two walls and a counter that ran the length of the 3rd wall & the 4th wall totally open. It turned **cold and wet**. They had those large tall propane burners, but they were **\$35.00** each, each night. We rented two (**\$70.00**) the first night to see if that would be sufficient. **Someone** came forward and paid for two more each night for the next two nights. A big **Thank you** to this person. Without our volunteers our club would go away.... so **Thank you, Thank you, Thank you** This also goes for our elected officers, who volunteer to take on this job. We need new people, so consider a position. I just realized as I am writing this, maybe some of the new members do not realize these are volunteer positions and approved by the membership of our club, So if you are willing, tell someone or if someone ask you say YES.

Chickenfoot was Thursday night with a good turn out. **Frances Reeves & Georgene Farrill** were in charge. Seems like **Sandra Price** was also there helping. To say " in charge " for **Chickenfoot** is kind of a **lol**. These people know what they are doing and get this game on and off. Of course someone does have to gather the score sheets and tally. Hard work. .. Some times these games are pretty spirited when it gets to the end. This was a pretty intense playoff. It was **Jackie Isenhour & Larry Turner** in competition again. Remember the **Derby Cars**.

Speaking of **Larry Turner**, he and **Boyd Mooney** were in fisherman heaven. These two always have their fishing rods handy and they were **busy** catching and releasing. **Boyd** landed a big bass, it was such a great catch he **ran** up hill (he will probably deny he ran) to show it off, thank goodness **Frances** had her camera so there is proof, he had to get it back to water. Hard to guess fish weight but maybe 8 pounds, then **Larry** landed a big catfish. He said it was not as big as **Boyd's**, but others said it looked bigger. You want fish tales, they have them.

This was not **First Monday** in Canton so not a lot going on except **Hatfields Restorations**. We were in Canton one time before during the big week-end and with a lot going on, you miss the hidden Gems. **Hatfields** restore old cars from the ground up from the **30's** to mid **50, 60 and 70's**. The hottest cars right now are the muscle cars of the **60's and 70's**. Some of these restorations are as high as **\$200,000**. It is unbelievable they tear them down to the frames and bring back to factory standards of the year model. Some of them right down to the original nut, bolts and screws **sometimes not**. I think they always improve on the paint jobs...Paints were not that great back then, I think glamour arrived with **Candy Apple Red**. It was a very interesting tour. They split us into groups and took us thru the whole process. These are all cars worth restoring, classics like our **GMC's**. They add to the history of automotive in USA. There is a local **Willys** car club, this is forerunner to **Jeep**, the years are late 20's maybe 30's. They have **wood spoke wheels**. They actually drove them to the shop so we could see and admire. There were **5** of them lined up with their owners available to discuss. They had just returned from a big **Willys** car show up north, but they did trailer that far.

The ladies going to town for Mexican Buffet was a total of 18. After a filling lunch we hit the antique stores. The shops there are very well stocked, more than your usual run of shops, plus in the few I went into I didn't notice that stale dusty smell. I think the big sell was the chrysanthemums plants. The colors were beautiful and the plants were huge and loaded with blooms. Of course you now have to get them home!

Oh yes, we also have new signs for the defibrillator. You know how in the day time it is always in the main building and at night at a **certified** members coach. Now that person will be identified with a large sign in front of their coach. This is good.

Mill Creek Ranch Resort has a beautiful lay-out of the property. It has nice rolling hills with a lot of babbling brooks that run throughout the property into small ponds beautifully landscaped and then continuing on. They do **babble**. If you look closely you will see PVC pipe pumping water over the rocks. I am pretty sure it is all to move water in the rainy season, but really looks nice. Now they need to get some sides on that building! They also have a lot of park model small house to rent or lease on the property. **Bob & Sandra Price** had one and **Barbara Kyle** stayed in one. We had people in just about every motel in town and none of them were over a mile from the park. **Jim & JoAnn Davis, Jim Jackson, Billy Massey, Virgie & Corkey** and **Georgene Farrill** were in all different motels.

Game Winners

Washers 1st..... **Willard Murdock and Jay Hodges**
 2nd..... **Sandra Price and Boyd Mooney**
 3rd.....**Jim Davis and Charlotte Alumbaugh**

Bolo 1st.....**Robert Kaufman and Sharon Jacobs**
 2nd.....**Willard Murdock and Carroll Shelly**
 3rd.....**L.D. McWilliams and Wayne Alumbaugh**

Chickenfoot 1st.....**Jackie Isenhour (Stanley winner)**
 2nd.....**Larry Turner**
 3rd.....**Carroll Shelly**
 High Score....**Harry Driscoll (Charlie winner)**

The prizes this rally, were to die for.....Every first place winner went home with good cookies, they came with decorating jell. I know **Jim Davis** and **Charlotte Alumbaugh** got 4 rolls toilet tissue, **Larry Turner** received Baby Wipes, he referred to them as something else with a “**B**”. **L.D. McWilliams** and **Wayne Alumbaugh** received lighted **Jack O Lantern** necklaces. I am not sure about anything else but you have to admit, this makes **Stanley** and booby prize **Charlie** look like trophies. I am going to say **Jackie** was very excited to get **Stanley**.....she has plans for him.

Stanley Chickenfoot

FUTURE RALLIES

WINTER RALLY 2014 JANUARY 23 THROUGH 25, 2014
 OAKDALE RV PARK
 1019 N E BARNARD STREET
 GLEN ROSE, TEXAS

SPRING RALLY 2014 MARCH 21 THROUGH 27, 2015
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2014 DUES NOTICE

December 12, 2013

Greetings,

It's time to renew your membership in the GMC Classics Motorhome Club. There are some great rallies planned for 2013 and the Classic Chatter will continue to be mailed each quarter full of fun and useful information. You won't want to miss a single rally or newsletter.

Your annual dues are **\$25** and are due now. If you haven't paid them, send a check right away to:

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or

Use your credit card or PayPal balance by hitting the PayPal button at www.gmcclassics.com/application.html. (Sorry, we are only able to accept credit cards online through PayPal).

Along with your check, please include any roster updates / corrections and an updated portrait if you'd like it to be printed in a future roster.

Please attend to this **as soon as possible**.

Thank you,
Billy Massey
Administrator

*Note: This notice is only sent to those who I haven't already received dues for.