



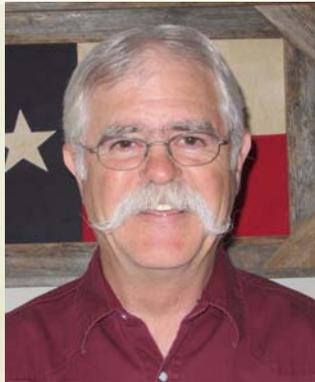
# Classics Chatter

G M C C L A S S I C S , I N C .

**UP COMING RALLY**

*Summer Rally*  
 June 18-21, 2015  
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 Park  
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**LETTER FROM OUR  
 PRESIDENT**

Alan Sanderson and Susan English are working to secure a location for us to rally on South Padre Island for next winter. This location is further away than most of our rallies but promises to be well worth it since it'll be a warm getaway from the frigid winter. Let's give them all the support we can and plan early to attend.

Marketplace". Drop by and join these groups for camaraderie and to possibly help others. Of course, the GMCnet ([www.gmcnet.org](http://www.gmcnet.org) or [gmc.backyardwildlife.com/GMCforum/](http://gmc.backyardwildlife.com/GMCforum/)) is an abundant source of help and social interaction.

Greetings Classics Members. I hope this finds you in good spirits and health. I'm not sure how I got this job, but will try to make a hand at it.

Debbie and I decided to re-do the interior of Sweet Pea and found tearing it out rather simple. Putting it all back together is proving to be a much larger undertaking. In order to use it the other day, I had to re-install the couch and put some trash bags on the windows. It was rather primitive but still nice and comfortable for the 3 day outing. Back to work now to try to finish it up by June the 18th and the Waco rally.

The Spring Rally was held in conjunction with GMCMI in Patterson, LA so there wasn't a Spring Newsletter sent. Several of our members attended but neither I, nor VP Reggie Phillips, were there. Word is that they all had a real good time as is normal for those get-togethers. We are looking forward to rubbing shoulders with all you at our Summer Rally starting on June 18th on the northern outskirts of Waco in Elm Mott, Texas. I was told the park won't take credit cards so be sure to bring a check if you can find one. I suppose cash might work as well. They also said that we don't have to reserve a space as they'll have a section for us.

We had a few GMCs change hands at the Weatherford rally in January and now have some new members with "new to them" GMCs. Please make our new members welcome when you can. Grant Holt of Navasota with his 26' Custom, Bob and Lisa Aduddell of Bryan who bought the Shelley's '77 Royale, Craig and Cindy Bennett of Denton with their '77 Eleganza II, and James and Penny Johnston of Gladewater with their (second cousin to the GMC) '84 Revcon. We're still waiting to hear from the new owners of two other GMCs.

Please try to come to the rallies. Our hosts are always successful in providing us with a good time and plenty of great food. Our Technical Coordinator, Jim Jackson, will have an interesting presentation scheduled for our education and enjoyment. There is lots to see in and around Waco. I can nearly guarantee that you won't be bored and will probably learn something new about your GMC. You'll definitely enjoy the camaraderie which can't be beat!

Take advantage of our presence on the internet. Our web site, [www.gmcclassics.com](http://www.gmcclassics.com) always has the latest information on our club activities. There is a rather new page or two on Facebook, which are continually interesting, "Classic GMC Motorhomes" is very active as well as "GMC Motorhome

BillyMassey

**Welcome to  
 New Members!**

Grant Holt  
 Navasota, TX

Bob & Lisa  
 Aduddell  
 Brian, TX

Scott & Sydney  
 Nutter  
 Montgomery,  
 TX

James(Jim) &  
 Penny Johnston  
 Gladewater, TX





I guess I am the only chicken in the world that has the mantra "You should have been there!" It was another great rally and we had a large turnout. We had a count of 66 or 68 coaches and all three rooms in the park were occupied.

Before I start, let me tell you some of the people that we have been missing. Been awhile for some of these. There was **Bobby Tietje** from Louisiana, been a long time, he looked good and I know he played washers, **Carolyn Tipton**, also from Louisiana, the rally fell just right for her. She had just finished one commitment and had a week before she left on her next mission trip, plus she brought her neighbors, a young couple, **David and Derinda Boham**. **Harry Driskell** made sure to get **Judge Mattie** there for the swearing in ceremonies of new officers. No, Harry did not drive. They were in one of the rooms and he said it was really easy, no hooking up water, lights etc. It is a good option for a member that wants to come and participate but maybe too far to drive or whatever reason. There was **Bud and Judy Doucette**, it has been awhile since we have seen them, and there were those **Snowbirds Patricia and Thomas** from the **KOA** in Indiana. They have actually moved their opening date for their **KOA** to a later

date, 10 days so they can make our January rallies. **Thomas** showed me a "real time" shot of their front gate, all iced and snowed. And believe it or not, our own **Billie Young Kelly** and her hubby **Mike Kelly** got back to God's country, **Texas**. We also had **Kim and Keith Weeks** with **Dale and Jane Ropp**. **Dale** seems to enjoy calling Bingo and has a good time doing it. He always lets you know his race car#, 47 (**please let that be correct**) and usually the year he was born will show up. Makes it fun. Oh yea, **Debbie Massey** made it. She wanted to see **Billy** get sworn in as president, probably what she told them at work anyway, she really wanted to see all of us. Also **Bill and Ann Marie Carter** came and stayed in one of the rooms. They sold their coach about a year ago, headed out to Europe, came home and still come to our rallies. Rooms or cabins are great options. We also had new members **Scott and Sidney Nutter**. They live at Montgomery, I think they're originally from California, transferred with the airline industry. I shared a table with them one night. Her mother told me they always include her on trips, so I say he sounds like a good guy. We all know how **togetherness** these coaches are, looking forward to seeing all of them in **Waco**.

This was a busy rally. Thank goodness our host went to a lot of work planning activities-because it rained the whole time. There was no

sitting out in front of coaches just talking and enjoying ourselves, no scooter riding!

We were at **Oak Creek Park in Weatherford TX**. This is nice big building with very, very high ceilings and when you look up and see that huge fan with blades at least 8 to 10 feet **each**. We're talking 16 to 20 foot across, you think to yourself "That's a Big Ass Fan!" Guess what? That's the name of the company that makes them.

Let's start this rally. On Thursday morn **Jaye Hodges** and quite a few of us got together for **Smart phone** tips. **Jaye** doesn't claim to be an expert but knows quite a bit, she has her whole life on hers, not really, but she does keep all her business records, emails etc. on it, from the State fair ( no More), Classic, International, besides her personal, so she is pretty sharp. Of course there are so many different kinds of phones and service. She did get us all talking and some good one on one with a few who had the same phones. Hopefully what **Jack** doesn't know, **Joe** does. I think it was very helpful that we can share and help each other. Thank the Lord for grand kids and friends in the Classics. In the afternoon, one of our hosts, **Joyce Murdock**, had a flower arranging class. Some people have wanted her to do this for some time and it was a lot of fun! I think we all picked up some very useful information and

certainly some helpful tips to make a floral bouquet for someone and not cost a fortune. This was a hands on class with long stem florist flowers. We cut the flowers to fit our own vases. **Fred Hudspeth** accidentally volunteered to make the first arrangement! He had the only roses to work with and he was good. We probably made 18 to 20 arrangements and then they were given away on Saturday night as door prizes. Next came **Frances Reeves** giving a short demonstration on making a gift basket. This is another money saving tip for gift giving. She showed using any basket or container you have on hand, using large and small items of different shapes and with just a little imagination and a deft hand, you have a beautiful gift. Not only is it a savings to you, but the gift can be personalized to fit the recipient. After a BBQ dinner it was on to **Chickenfoot**. **Gayla Shelly** won **Stanley** and will have him help her and **Carroll** work on their new coach. **NEW coach?** More to come on that subject. **Linda Turner** had high losing score and took **Charlie** home. Thursday ended with a tired bunch looking forward to the next day.

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Friday started with the continental breakfast, (a **fancy name** for **excess** good and bad for you, food) and we did it justice. Then it was time for the **flea market**. Sorry I know nothing, I didn't again. **Classy Ladies** was over the top. We celebrated Valentines with sweetheart desserts and finger foods. **Yes**, there was bunches of chocolate and all kinds of sugary to die for sweets. Even some chocolate covered **mice**. As we demolished all this we had some good "catch up conversations" and then we had a very spirited **Left and Right** game. This is a game where you sit in a circle with your gift in your lap as a story is read and every time the word left or right is said you move the gift in that direction. The story was about some of the people in the circle and was read at a very fast clip...

maybe too fast, but I think we all enjoyed it and it was definitely different. At one time as we quickly moved left, right, right, across, laughing, we probably looked like a bunch of drunks if anyone was looking! Everyone received a neat gift and there was lots of chocolate candy gifts and some very happy ladies. **Linda Kaufman's** daughter-in-law Cheryl was so happy with her **Lady Godiva** Chocolates she would have probably put up a fight for it. Her daughter **Landry (9)** was so lucky, her gift that landed on her lap was a very pretty necklace & jewelry. She was very excited. It was a fun afternoon.

Then it's time for washers. We had about **24** people playing. **Boyd Mooney's** grandson **Grant** loves to play the game, When the rally is close to home, he comes to spend time with us and play. He started coming when he was about **14** and he has to be

about **18** now. It was a spirited game with one lady in the top three, **Carolyn Tipton** came in 3rd place, **HUSH UP Boyd**, just because you were her partner means nothing. All winners are listed elsewhere in **Chatter**. **Dinner time**, Southern favorite Chicken Fried Steak, Chicken Fried Chicken, gravy and all the trimmings. Thank goodness for **Bingo** or we would have all gone to coach and gone to bed, but time to go get your cards. There were a lot of us playing so we had some nice pots. The caller **Dale Ropp** will also always acknowledge the year he graduated "**58**". Same for me, except I think he is surviving this trip better than me! **Oh well**. There are always card games going on after most have left the building, so another late night for some of us.

Saturday morn, guess what we did? Pancakes with sausage and trimmings. We do eat good! Guys had their tech session and later we had crafts. I think most all of the ladies showed up, some making bookmarks or jewelry. Some just watching and enjoying the camaraderie of get together. Like I said earlier, we had rain or drizzle most of the time and needed indoor activities, so let's have some ice cream. Guys, we are so bad, but we needed it for baseball. The game was so much fun, hilarious at times. First, we have the toughest umpire in the league (we have leagues?) and he scares some of the players, but they get their act together, you know who you follow and you do not want him to call your name twice! He is also a stickler for touching base.

Keith Weeks forgot to touch 1st and is running fast for 2nd. With everyone hollering

to go back, his captain Billy Massey picked-up the 1st base chair and caught him before he touched 2nd. Umpire allowed it. The whole game was fun like this.

Now in defense of our umpire, **CHARLES WERSAL!** The way he keeps score is very in depth, and complicated and if he has all copies he could give you your stats, hits, runs, RBI, etc. He is thinking about an easier way to do it. Also when we sign up, we need to make sure or name is only on there once, you know how one spouse will sign for both, but we forget to tell our mate and then they later sign up for themselves. Sometimes we sign up and decide to do something else. Anyhow, the umpire is not a mind reader and puts all in line up. This can make problems that have to be fixed. This also goes for washers and setting up of partners. Sorry, not to harp but to let you know some of the problems.

PS: Charles does not know I am writing this, but he gives me the score sheets and all so I, Stanley can write things for **Chatter** and looking at papers I can see what happens.

Now about the Shelley's new coach and other coach sales. **Jim Roundtree** from San Antonio made special trip to rally with computer to show and sell **Ken Roses'** coach. Nice coach and most members know its history and upkeep, pretty with twin beds in the back. People are hopping everywhere, thinking, deciding, what to do. **Debbie and Billy** had already thought long and hard about it, but decided no. **Jerry Reeves** and **Carroll Shelley** are serious and both made their move. Jerry thought too long and by the time he got back to the clubhouse it was a

done deal for Carroll. But **Dennis and Janie Johnston** comes up to Jerry, hey my coach is for sale and it has twin beds. **BAM** .....2 coaches sold. Gayla and Frances are both so happy. Twin beds, nearly as good as diamonds or chocolates. Also I know Jerry has sold his old coach and am Carroll has sold his also. Despite the rain it was a great, fun, exciting, busy, different rally. See why I say "you should have been there!" . Hope everyone makes it to Waco, if not you will miss a good time!

Stanley Chickenfoot

*PS: Telling on Georgene, would you believe, she came to the rally (in January) with no coat. Do you think she thought it was summer?*



Tech Notes from the Spring GMCMI Convention/ GMC Classic Spring Rally by Jim Jackson.

John Sharpe gave a seminar, similar to his winter Classics presentation, on the subject of “rebuilding the upper steering column.” Included with his talk was a detailed color photo step by step procedure. John gave details on how to upgrade from the standard motorhome steering column to a newer 1988-94 GM column that had controls for electric wipers, head light dimmer switch, and cruise control all on the column.

Fred Hudspeth continued his series on basic maintenance and how to make your GMC motorhome last forever. This spring session was devoted to automatic transmission care. There has been a lot of discussion on the proper fluid level and how to measure it, mainly because as the parts age, they break and the tranny dipstick is one of these items. It was agreed that at operating temperature the fluid level should be at the gasket between the transmission housing, and the pan. If you are unsure your dipstick is of the correct length and markings then you can, stop the engine and immediately get under the coach and remove the transmission vacuum modulator and transmission fluid should just barely drip out.

At your next transmission fluid change, you can check the dipstick markings to check that “full” is at the gasket level where the pan meets the housing. It was pointed out that a source for transmission fluid leak is where the dipstick tube enters the transmission case. At fluid change time you can use brake fluid cleaner to clean the area where the tube goes into the housing and then put silicon sealer around the tube. It was pointed out that the maintenance manual says to change transmission fluid at 12,000 mile intervals, yet the GM P-30 chassis manual has a chart that shows transmission fluid at 150 degrees F operating temperature will last over 50,000 miles. When changing the fluid Jim Kanomata suggested that you leave the old o-ring on the transmission filter and add a new o-ring in front of the old one. It was reported that some new filters have quality control manufacture problems and the tube may be an improper diameter. One member said because of this if he finds no debris or trash in the pan when he removes it, then he only replaces the fluid and leaves the old filter in place.

Fred Hudspeth gave the following pan gasket part number as reported to him by Emory Stora as a “no-leak” gasket.

NAPA part # 14525

Another helpful hint was to use spray paint as a gasket sealer. It is much easier to clean off than permatex when then next fluid change comes due.

The proper amount of fluid to use is difficult to determine and it was suggested the best starting point was to measure the amount drained out and put that much back in. If you leave the pan off overnight and let it drain you will get about another quart of fluid out as the torque convertor drains.

The subject of using a drain hose on the transmission vent that is located at the top of the transmission at the firewall just below the floor access hatch. If a clear vent hose is used one can see if pink fluid is being expelled. Another suggestion was to attach a pill bottle at the end of the hose and to check the bottle for fluid in it.

Additional seminars were held on steering column, proper alignment and care and greasing of the steering cv joint and intermediate shaft. Wheel alignment was demonstrated as well as weighing of all six wheels individually of the coaches. Lastly there was an opportunity to have your coach photographed.

Thanks Jim.

The host, Willard and Joyce Murdock, Frank and Sharon Jacob, Robert and Linda Kaufman and Richard and Jaye Hodges, gave a really enjoyable, informative, and fun rally Everyone enjoyed everything. Thanks for all the hard work.

We had two members show up with full beards, Jerry Reeves and Larry Turner. Everyone had an opinion about the change in there appearance.

Ice cream is good, no matter what the weather happens to be. It really hit the spot, especially when you try different flavors per bowl. Servers, Robert Kaufman, Jaye Hodges, Jackie Isenhour, and Dorenda Baham. Great job people, even the guest gave a helping hand.

It was really great seeing our long time friends, Carolyn Tipton, Bobby Tietje and Burt and Judy Doucette. Hope you will be able to come more often.

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WELCOME TO OUR RALLY VISITORS

We had several visitors at the rally.  
Everyone loves having visitors, Please feel free to join us anytime.  
I'm tired, so I may have missed someone, I am sorry, it was not intentional.

David and Derinda Baham, guest of Carolyn Tipton  
Travis, Cheryl and Landree Kaufman son of Robert and Linda Kauman  
Jamie Rountree, son of Jim Rountree  
Grant Higbee, grandson of Boyd and Sherry Mooney



GAME RESULTS

Thank you Charles and Janice Wersal, for always being ready to help with the games. We know and appreciate how much work you do for the Classics.

CHICKEN FOOT

First Place: Gayla Shelley  
Second Place: Mattie Driskell  
Third Place: Reg Phillips  
Fourth Place: Linda Turner ( Linda won Charlie the Chicken for having the highest score - 399, many of us have had the pleasure of wining Charlie the Chicken)

WASHERS

First Place:Robert Kaufman and Grant Higgsbee  
Second Place:Jerry Reeves and Billy Massey  
Third Place:Boyd Mooney and Carolyn Tipton

BEAN BAG BASEBALL

The two teams were known as "EVEN" AND 'ODD". Even won 22 to 12Everyone not playing are always on the side line cheering everyone. Sharon Jacob was the best, she hit two (2) home runs.

BINGO: Thank you David Robb for calling the Bingo.

Winners this go around were Georgene Farrill, Boyd Mooney, Penny Johnston, Grant Higbee, Jane Robb, Mattie Driskell and Corky McHaney winning the big pot.

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Carroll & Gayla Shelley

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Thu. 18 <sup>th</sup>		All day check-in and registration
	4:00 – 5:00 pm	Executive Meeting
	5:00 – 6:00 pm	Social Hour
	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Dinner: BBQ Dinner with all the fixings, Dessert, Tea
	7:30 pm	Chicken Foot Tournament
Fri. 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast or Park Furnishes Free Full Breakfast*
	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum
**OR**	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Dr. Pepper Museum
	12:30 – 2:30 pm	Ladies' Luncheon
	2:30 – 4:30 pm	Baseball Game
	5:00 – 6:00 pm	Social Hour
	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Dinner: Beef & Chicken Fajitas with all the fixings, Dessert, Tea
	7:30 pm	Bingo
Sat. 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast or Park Furnishes Free Full Breakfast*
	9:00 – 10:00 am	Swap Meet
	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Tech Session
	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch on Your Own
	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Ice Cream Social
	2:00 – 4:00 pm	Washers
	5:00 – 6:00 pm	Social Hour
	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Dinner: Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Picatta, Dessert, Tea
	7:30 pm	General Meeting and Awards Presentation
Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 -8:30 am	Worship Service
		Check-out by 11:00 am

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