



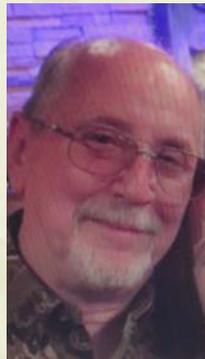
Classics Chatter

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

UP COMING RALLIES

October 27 - 30, 2016
Miller Creek RV Resort
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Johnson City, Texas 78636
email:
info@millercreekrvresort.com
830-868-2622
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January 26 - 29, 2016
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13429 S Hwy. 281
Santo, Texas 76472
940-769-2277



LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Good Morning GMC'ers wherever you are and whatever you are up to I'm sure it is good and will be a success

Our last rally at Glen Rose was a very pleasant one. It was a hostless event under Redonia Harper's guidance. We had 16 coaches in attendance and three cabins for a total of 38 folks including Rob Mueller who was on his way to a rally in California.

The Summer rally is scheduled for July 28th thru the 31st

at the American RV Park in Corsicana, Texas. Be sure and go to GMC Classics under events and print out your reservation sheet and schedule. Be use to get your registration in by the 5th of July so we can get an accurate count of attendees.

The Fall Rally will be held in Johnson City at the Miller Creek RV Resort October 27th thru 30th. This is a new RV park to Dot and I and probably to everyone else and will be interesting to explore.

Hosts and hostesses are already committed to the above two rallies. If any would like to volunteer to host a future rally please call me (972-647-2018) or e-mail philipsreg@att.net, or Wagon Master Carroll Shelley (254-986-1281) or email gaylashelley@twc.com or Assist. Wagon Master Boyd Mooney

(817-431-1363) or email gmc77tm@yahoo.com.

Please say a prayer for the folks in our wonderful state who have been affected by all the recent rains and flooding. Also for our GMC'ers who are ill or suffering medical or personal problems. A little prayer can go a long way toward helping our GMC family.

Keep on GMC'ing and we will see you in July.

Reg

Welcome to New Members!

Martin Castle and Brandy Simpson
Pinehurst, Texas

Katie Daigle
Baton Rouge, Louisiana



Well, as Will Rogers would say, "I never met a man I didn't like". I can say, "I have never met a rally I didn't like". **Ditto** for the **Glen Rose** rally. This was a "no host" rally, which means less structure but more fun and **good, good food**. What can I say! You know how so many people get there on Wednesday, and we are all so busy talking and enjoying. Then someone says, "it's getting late, we need to eat! I don't want to go into town to eat. Me neither but I have a pack of weenies and someone else, I have a pack. Then I have some too. I have some buns, I have an onion, I have a couple cans of chili, I have chips." **A meal is born!** The ladies scatter to get it together, cookies and a salad show up, and in all of this activity, the men are setting behind the table discussing **GMC's** and **never** even know what's going on. When they tell everyone to grab a plate, the men are like, "Where did this come from?" One of the new couples, **Brandy Simpson and Martin Castle**, were there so it was nice to sit around and get acquainted with them in a smaller setting. They are from Pinehurst, TX. She spells her name with a **Y**. **Martin** is going to be a force to reckon with in **washers**. They made turkey burgers look and smell delish! Also that

night we had **Ron Montesi**. Some of you know him from his posts on Facebook, "**Molly, Me and the GMC.**" Interesting story about his **GMC**. He actually inherited it from **Jim Roundtree** after the two of them worked on it for so long. His shake down cruise was like 5,500 miles and he made it just fine. Has some really good stories. Another new couple at this rally was **Brandi and Bryan Oaks** and their 2 children. They are from Burleson, Texas and have been to a luncheon in Arlington. She spells her name with an **I**. **Just how do I know this?** Well, their son **Oliver** (about 12?) told us his mothers name was **Brandi** also, but she spells it with an **i**. He has his own **GMC** hat purchased at the luncheon and wears it faithfully. The little girl, **Emme**, is about 4, **loves watermelon** and is full of energy. She keeps her mom **Brandi** busy. In his, and their spare time, he mines for gold, you heard me right, gold, in **Arizona**. Really interesting! It is really great to have new members at the rallies and we look forward to many more with them.

We were in **Glen Rose, Texas** located on the **Paluxy River**. We have been here before! It's a great place for a rally, lots of interesting things to do, and is so beautiful. I have to tell you right now, today, with all this rain, it's bad in some areas. **Rock Park**, right across from the RV Park entrance, has huge boulders

A WORD FROM STANLEY

By Georgene Farrill

you can't miss! They are now under rushing water. Sad news for so many people up and down the river. But while we were there it was beautiful! A little overcast and some rain so we had to cancel the scooter and bicycle races! Usually you can walk across the dam and there is a wonderful shady walking trail all the way to downtown Glen Rose. **Penny Johnson and Georgene Farrill** did walk, others took a car, but all met up at the Ice Cream ad Malt Shop. since **Linda and Robert Kaufman** took a car, they shared an ice cream sundae. **Penny and Georgene** got **double dip** sundaes and **big malt**. What were they thinking?!! Sure made the walk back to the RV park a little tougher. **Billy and Debbie Massey** also walked to Glen Rose on the trail a couple of times.

We really missed **Willard and Joyce Murdock!** **Willard** was in the hospital, but at last report he was better. Hope to see them in Corsicana! **Joyce**, we talked about you while playing cards, surprise, surprise, and I am sure the guys were talking about **Willard**. You were there in spirit.

We helped to increase **Wal-Mart's** bottom line again. But this was for our health. LOL. **Georgene** showed up with a "Fitbit". Some of the ladies start asking what she thought about it, **Debbie Massey** is still recuperating from knee replacement and

needs to walk more. Next thing we know **Debbie** and **Billy** have gone to purchase one at **Wal-Mart**. Lot of comparing and talking going on. Next day **Billie Kelly** asked if Georgene would run her into **Granbury** to get one so she could surprise **Mike**. By the time I get back with the car, **Gayla Shelly** has decided she wants one also. That was **3 Charger HR Fitbits** sold in 24 hour period. On their way north going home, **Billie** convinced **Mike** he needed one. **Patsy Monk** bought one when she got home. Kind of figured out how to do a **challenge** with multiple people. We find out our **GMC** buddy and friend **Marilyn Musgrove** in Oklahoma also uses one. She kicked our tails in the challenge but it was fun. We are going to do another challenge, I just can't figure out out to get more people on my list. You can do up to 10 and we have 7 right now. **TELL** us we look good and healthy at the rally in **Corsicana**. Lie if you have to. LOL

I don't know about other clubs, but in the **Classics**, we enjoy a lot of games. It's a fun way to spend the time, get acquainted, learn new things, and stay alert till the end. Some of these games actually require great skill! To start there is usually **always** a table of 4 to 8 people playing **Hand and Foot** which is a card game. Everyone is welcome and the table

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expands or shrinks to fit the number of people. Great place to get acquainted. We usually start the rally Thursday night with **Chickenfoot**. **Francis Reeves** was in charge for years, so maybe she introduced it to the Classics. **Horseshoes, Washers and Bingo** are standard Classics games. But through the years, members have brought us new games. Back around 2006 (??) **Corky & Virgie McHaney** brought us **Bolo**. It was a fairly new game at the time and you couldn't buy it anywhere, so **Corky** made the set out of pvc pipe and leather straps with real golf balls tied on the end. Some times a ball would come flying off, luckily no one was ever hit! **Most important**, we had no written rules. With

Virgie's help, **Corky** taught us the game with **Corky rules**. **Lol** After a few years a few new member might come in and tell us we weren't playing the game right. **But we knew better**. It has been a good game for us. Then a couple of years ago, **Janice & Charles Wersal** brought us inside baseball. This has also been a lot of fun! A couple of rallies ago, **Mike & Billie Kelly** introduced **Bra Pong**. She saw it at an outdoor festival, and naturally thought of us. It is new so we will have to see how it goes. The bras are in the trailer, so anytime. At Glen Rose, **Francis Reeves** brought us a new game and, oh my goodness, it was so much fun. A few at the table had heard of it. For most of us it was brand

new. It is called **LCR**. It is a dice game. Each player has 4 quarters and the last man standing with a quarter wins all the money!!!! **26** people played the first game. We had 6 big tables shoved together to sit us all. It is now getting late so some of the people left, and we decided to play again, there was 19 for that game. The next night we played again but we used **4** one dollar bills for each person. **Nice pot that Boyd Mooney won!!** All game winners are listed separate in **Chatter**. One of the many things I like about this game is when the action is not close to you, you can use this time to visit and get to know people. I was close to new members and a couple of

others I don't know very well, it helps to talk. I am sure this game is around to stay. It was a **BIG** hit. Be ready to play. So **Thank you** to all who have brought us something new.

While we are talking about people doing things for the club and always thinking of ways to make the club better a **Big Thank You** to all the ladies who bring new crafts to share, new recipes, and general camaraderie. It all enriches the club!

Stanley

BLAST FROM PAST RALLY

October, 2004, Uvalde, Texas

The GMC Classics honored some of the Charter Members. In 1986, a very important event that still impacts each of us was the beginning of the GMC Classics Chapter. The ones honored were Corky & Virgie McHaney; Al & Eileen Mechana; Jim & Peg Ong, Marvin & Alice Peck; Ken & Ruby Thoma; and Jim & Nancy Rountree.

Sharon Hudspeth talked to each one of these people and asked very specific questions. She took tons of notes. If you still have the **Winter 2004 Chatter**, you will enjoy the write up on each member listed above. She wrote about their first GMC and also some very interesting traveling stories. The ones she talked to all said they "would do it all again because they love the GMC people. They are like family to us. They laughed together, had fun, shared sorrows, worked as volunteers and officers, hosted rallies, traveled many miles together and yes, many, many times repaired the GMCs together. It has opened doors to friendships all over the US and Canada. It has been a long and great journey'.

Sharon is a wonderful writer, she sent our appreciation and many thanks to all the charter members for their foresight in starting this chapter, for their work, time and effort through the years to keep it going. You are great role models for those of us who have come after you. We thank you.

Virgie wrote a most interesting and funny article titled "My Life as a GMC'er". It appeared in three (3) chatters. I laughed reading them. Way to go Virgie.

Virgie also furnished me with a list of the original charter members: Tom & Mattie Mae Bell (Texas); Paul & Novis Coulon (Louisiana); Jack & Billie Curtis (Texas); Bailey & Nina Dunlap (Texas); Howard & Jo Ford (Texas); Harry & Nancy Fulks (Texas); Marty & Marion Hagerstrand (Oklahoma); Justin & Dortha Hill (Oklahoma); Buddy & Betty Houck (Oklahoma); Delbert & Ann Johnson (Oklahoma); Mo & Helen Lewis (Oklahoma); Corky & Virgie McHaney (Texas); Al & Eileen Mechana (Louisiana); Jim & Peg Ong (Texas); Bill & Deanie Parrish (Texas); Marvin & Alice Peck (Texas); Bob & Polly Reichert (Texas); Dave & Allene Reynolds (Arizona/Wyoming); Ray & Virginia Rhodes (Texas) - (FIRST PRESIDENT); Maurice & Ruth Roney (Texas); Jim & Nancy Rountree (Texas); Jim & Pauling Rowell (Louisiana); Bobby & Butler Sims (Texas); Elmer & Mickey Slaughter (Oklahoma); Ken & Ruby Thoma (Texas); Andy & Ruth Whitley (Texas); Earl & Lila Williams (Texas) and George & Barbara Williams (Texas). She stated that there could be others, but she had no record of them.

BATTERY BASICS



The 12 volt automotive battery is a lead-acid batter that is composed of six 2.1 volt cells that makes a fully charged battery equal 12.6 volts. The acid in the battery is 35% sulfuric acid and 65% water. This acid has a specific gravity of 1.265 at 80 degrees F. To accurately measure the state of charge a hydrometer should be used to check the acid specific gravity. Most GMC owners do not carry a hydrometer but we probably have a multimeter or a voltmeter in our

coach.

The following chart indicates the percent of battery charge by measuring voltage.

PERCENT CHARGE	VOLTS	ACID SP.GR.
100%	12.65 - 12.77	1.269
75%	12.45 - 12.54	1.229
50%	12.24 - 12.29	1.194
25%	11.99 - 12.06	1.159
Dead	11.89	1.124

You will see from this chart that a small change in voltage makes a big difference in battery performance. If a battery is above 12.4 volts, it is considered charged and it is considered discharged if below 12.39 volts. Charged batteries have 50% or more charge.

The GMC Motorhome Maintenance Manual in Chapter 6 Y outlines battery specification maintenance, and descriptions. The use of a hydrometer for measuring battery state of charge is also described.

The manual battery specifications state the GMC requires a 12 volt battery with 430 CCA, and 140 minutes of RC. So what are CCA and RC's? The term CCA stands for Cold Cranking Amps and is used to measure cranking power of a battery. This measure is the number of amps a battery can put out in 30 seconds at a temperature of 0 degrees F without dropping the battery voltage below 7.2 volts.

RC is reserve capacity is time in minutes that a battery can deliver 25 amps of current at 80 degrees F without dropping the battery below 10.5 volts.

These two (CCA and RC) ratings were made by the Battery Council International to create a standardized group of measurements when comparing batteries. These along with price, physical size, and brand may assist the buyer in selecting their next purchase. Another measure is Amp Hour which is more commonly found on Deep Cycle batteries. A rule of thumb is to divide Amp Hours by 2 to relate it to Reserve Capacity.

The starting battery in the coach is designed for short bursts of high power that is needed for starting. Discharging a starting battery multiple times will shorten its life. Deep Cycle batteries are used for house batteries and are designed to output a steady amount of current over a long period of time. Deep cycle batteries can be repeatedly discharged and recharged without shortening their life. Some Deep Cycle batteries are dual purpose and can be used for starting. If you choose a dual purpose battery be sure to check its CCA rating (430 for the GMC). If you use a dual purpose battery that has both top and side posts the side posts should only be used for starting.

It may be of interest to be aware that the type GMC you have has its battery location determined by how the coach left the factory.

Motorhomes have the starting battery behind the passenger side access hatch. The house battery was located in the generator compartment.

Trans Modes had both starting and house batteries located behind the passenger side access hatch. The starting battery was in the front (near the headlight) and the house battery was behind it (near the front tire). If the Trans Mode came equipped with a generator then a small generator starting battery was located in the generator compartment.

Many GMC owners have replaced the single 12 volt house battery with a pair of 6 volt golf cart batteries wired in series.

When batteries are wired in series the voltage adds to 12 volts, but the amp hours does not. Quite often the two golf carts batteries have more amp-hours than a 12 volt battery. See following Chart. Some owners have paralleled two 12 volt house batteries that add the amp-hours but do not add the voltage. Whenever replacing battery pairs, it is recommended that the both be replaced together. Of interest is that Ragusa makes battery trays that will hold one, two, or three batteries that are available from Ragusa and Applied GMC. Battery case sizes have been standardized by Battery Council International (BCI). Case sizes do; however, tend to be smaller at the bottom than the top and the larger the case the stronger the battery as they have room for more lead for thicker of more lead plates and/or taller plates.

GOLF CART VS DEEP CYCLE BATTERY

BCI GROUP	VOLT	WT. LBS	SIZE (INCH)			CCA	AMP HOUR
			L	W	H		
GC2	6	63	10 1/4	7 1/8	11 1/8	--	225
24	12	46	11	6 7/8	9 1/2	600	75
27	12	53	12 3/4	6 3/4	9 1/2	675	115
29	12	61	13	6 3/4	10	675	125

This chart shows that two Golf Carts (GC2) series batteries have 225 Amp Hour and you must parallel two 12 volt group 27 or 29 to equal or exceed the 6 volt golf cart batteries.

In closing I recommend you take a few minutes to read Chapter 6 Y titled “Engine Electrical” of the GMC Motorhome Electrical Manual.



GMC UPDATED DESCRIPTION

By Billy Massey

The GMC Classics Club is dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the 1973 thru 1978 front wheel drive GMC Motor Coach. These timeless coaches are truly a delight to own, tinker with, and of course travel in. Speaking of traveling, our members travel from four states, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas to four rallies a year. These rallies, hosted by volunteers, are a time for socializing, entertaining, sharing ideas, technical sessions, flea markets, crafts, fish fries, dancing, barbecues, costume parties, card games, dominoes, repairing coaches, showing off coaches, a little bragging about family and anything else fun to do! The Classics Family is made up of wonderful folks from all walks of life brought together by one common interest, “GMC Motorhomes”. Yes, I said “Family”, those streamline little coaches are our vehicles to life long bonds of friendship. We are truly a Family.

GAME RESULTS

CHICKEN FOOT: First Place (Winner of Stanley): Gayla Shelley
Second Place: Billy Massey
Third Place: Pat Monk
Fourth Place (winner of Charlie): Linda Kaufman

WASHERS: First Place: Jerry Reeves and Frank Jacob
Second Place: Penny Johnston and Martin Castle____
Third Place: Craig Bennet and Boyd Mooney

BEAN BAG BASEBALL:
TEAMS:

BAD RUMPS: Captain - Georgene Farrill, players - Penny Johnston, Frank Jacob, Dot Phillips, Cindy Bennett, Francis Reeves, Oliver Oakes, Bryan Oakes, Brandy Simpson, and Mike Kelly

ACES: Captain - Billy Massey, players: Pat monk, Gayla Shelley, Jim Johnston, Sharon Jacob, Craig Bennet, Jerry Reeves, Bob Monk, Robert Kaufman, and Billy Kelly

SCORE: ACES - 27 AND BAD RUMPS - 15

LCR GAME - NEW GAME PRESENTED BY FRANCIS REEVES.
(THREE GAMES PLAYED), WINNERS WERE:

1. Sharon Jacob \$25.00
2. Georgene Farrill \$19.00
3. Boyd Mooney \$108.00

Everyone loved this new game. Bet it becomes a Classics favorite.



SPRING RALLY ATTENDEES:

Craig & Cindy Bennett, Martin Castle, Brandy Simpson, Georgene Farrill, James & Redonia Harper, Frank & Sharon Jacob, James & Penny Johnston, Robert & Linda Kaufman, Mike & Billie Kelley, Billy & Debbie Massey, Bob & Pat Monk, Ron Montesi, Boyd & Sherry Mooney, Rob Mueller, Brian & Brandi & Oliver & Emmeline Oakes, Reg & Dot Phillips, Jerry & Francis Reeves, Franz & Sandra Resch, John Sharpe, Carroll & Gayla Shelley and Charles & Janice Wersal.

Please take the time to share with me any articles of interest and/or things regarding your experience with your GMC, that I can add to the newsletter. I know there are lots of interesting/ funny/ exciting things that have happened, one time or another. People would enjoy reading about your experience in our Chatter. It does not have to do with your GMC experiences. It could be about your travels, reunions, family, fun, camping, shopping, etc. Give it to me at a Rally, or email it to me at: redonia.h@gmail.com

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CLASSICS THROUGH THE YEARS





REGISTRATION

GMC CLASSICS SUMMER RALLY

AMERICAN RV PARK
4345 W. Hwy. 31 (W. 7th)
Corsicana, Texas
903-872-0233

You are responsible for your own reservations and paying for your space (\$25.00/ night)
July 28-31, 2016

MAIL THIS FORM, ALONG WITH A CHECK PAYABLE TO GMC CLASSICS TO:

DOT PHILLIPS
2510 VEGA
GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS 75050
972-647-2018 or 817-564-3679

FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY
(Check your math)

Please check here if you require a handicap site:

YES

Member's Names: _____

Check #

Guest's Names: _____

Rally Fee:		\$25.00
Thursday Night Dinner:	\$10.00 each x _____	= \$ _____
Friday Night Dinner:	\$10.00 each x _____	= \$ _____
Saturday Night Dinner:	\$10.00 each x _____	= \$ _____
Ladies Luncheon:	\$10.00 (incls tip) x _____	= \$ _____
GRAND TOTAL		\$ _____

Please indicate if you are interested in the Civil War and Western Museum Tour.
(Senior Tickets \$4)

Reservations are due by **July 5 2016**

GMC Classics Summer Rally 2016 Schedule

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July 28 – 31, 2016

Thur. 28th	All day check in and registration	
AM	7:30	Continental Breakfast
	10:00	Executive Board Meeting
	12:00	Lunch on your own
	2:00	Wreath Making Workshop (Bring wreath base, ribbon, and any items to add to your wreath)
PM	5:00 – 6:00	Social Hour
	6:00 – 7:00	Dinner - Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, macaroni and cheese, fried okra, tea and dessert
	7:00	Chickenfoot
Fri 29th AM	7:30	Continental Breakfast
	9:00	Swap Meet/Flea Market/Book Exchange
	11:00	Classy Ladies Luncheon @ Uniquely Yours Tea Room & Shopping (Meet outside Hall at 10:45)
PM	3:00	Washers / Ice Cream Social
	5:00 – 6:00	Social Hour
	6:00	Dinner – Bar-B-Q Brisket, Sausage, Beans, Potato Salad, Fried Cabbage, Tea and Dessert
	7:00	Bingo
Sat. 30th AM	8:00	Pancake Breakfast
	9:00	Tech Session
	10:30	Silver Slippers
PM	12:00	Lunch on your Own
	1:00	Tour Pearce Civil War and Western Museum (Senior Tickets \$4)
	3:00	Bolo / Watermelon Cut
	5:00 – 6:00	Social Hour
	6:00	Dinner – Italian Combo – Lasagna, Manicotti & Ravioli served with homemade garlic rolls, salad, tea and dessert
	7:00	Business Meeting and Awards
	8:00	LCR Game
Sun. 31th AM	7:30	Continental Breakfast
	8:30	Worship Service